

## Women Weaving

Weaving Our Lives Together – an opportunity to share their faith and their spiritual journeys.

**First Thursday of the month**  
September – May  
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.



**Our Annual Candlelight Vespers Service and Open House was held December 11, 2015. We warmly welcomed over 100 guests! The event was the final opportunity to purchase tickets for our quilt raffle before the winner was drawn. Barb Haselhorst of Aviston, IL was the winner of the beautiful quilt donated by Retreat Captain Patricia Brandmeyer, and her friend Barb Lammers. Thank you to all who purchased tickets and helped us raise additional money!**

**Raffle Winners:**

October	David Latinette Maureen Tepen Judy Hauschildt James Albrecht
November	Ray Gawedzinski Albert Rehagen Sue Pitti Jerry Van Loo Joan Fry
December	Mary Jefferson Tony Kuenstler Esther Eckart Marietta Winkeler
<b>2016</b>	
January	Kenneth Bernsen Carole Haislip Maggie Phillips Rich Schmitt Lee Niehaus
February	John Barth Marjorie Kolb Vaughn Meister Joanne Williamson
March	Pauline Albers Mary Gladis Catherine Zwilling Julius Holthaus

# REFLECTIONS

THE NEWSLETTER OF KING'S HOUSE RETREAT & RENEWAL CENTER

2016 SPRING ISSUE

**Don't forget to register for your Summer 2016 Retreat!**

**“God is Full of Mercy and Compassion”**  
Women Religious Retreat with Fr. Lon Konold, OMI  
May 2-8, 2016

**Directed Retreats**  
June 20-27, 2016 and July 11-18, 2016

**“Come, Drink Deep of Living Waters: Faith Seeking Understanding in the 21st Century”**  
with Sr. Barbara Fiand, SNDdeN  
July 18-24, 2016

**CANCELLED RETREAT:**  
A Retreat-Celebration of the Life and Work of Thomas Merton  
July 25-31, 2016



**Something's “Fishy”**

If you have been to visit lately, you may have noticed our new friends *swimming* around! A fish tank has been added to the sitting area next to the grandfather clock.



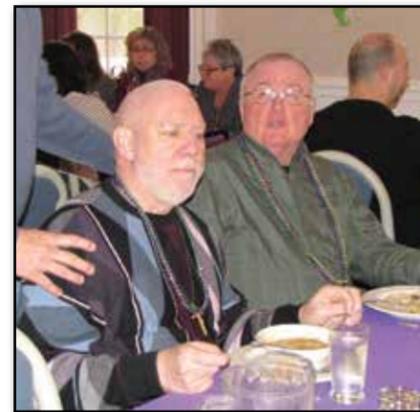
**Mark Your Calendar for These 2016 Upcoming Events:**

- Men's Quiet Retreats: April 22-24 and November 4-6
- Women's Quiet Retreats: April 1-3, April 8-10, Sept 16-18, Sept 27-29, Sept 30-Oct 2 and Oct 14-16
- Women Weaving: April 7 and May 5
- Taizé Prayer: April 13, May 4, June 22 and July 13
- Spiritual Cinema: April 12
- Charismatic Retreat: August 26-28
- Days of Prayer: April 11 with Bro. Pat McGee, OMI and May 13 with Paul Coutinho

**Check our website for upcoming Summer listings**

## Spare planting bulbs? Send them to King's House!

We receive many compliments throughout the year regarding our grounds and the beauty they behold. This is made possible by the donations of bulbs, flowers, shrubs and trees from our guests. As you make your spring flower/bulb purchases, please remember us and donate a few for our continuing abundance of blooms. If you would like to make a monetary donation instead, we are certainly grateful as well. Please call (618-397-0584 or 800-779-7909) or just stop by and surprise us!



Each year, King's House is happy to have the opportunity of welcoming more than 100 people for a Mardi Gras celebration. Those invited are from our many partnered groups, such as MAMI, the Shrine, Oblate Associates, OMSI, The Apartment Community, St. Henry's, etc. The atmosphere is certainly a sight to see!



## DIRECTOR'S CORNER

At this time of year, there are signs all around us of NEW LIFE – a fresh smell in the air, greening of grass, buds opening, a new surge of energy: all coincide with our Easter celebration of the Resurrection. We who have journeyed through Lent to Easter have once again come close to the power of God's love in the life, death and Resurrection of Jesus: through death to life.

However, it is not just something we watch like a movie. We are always invited to live it; to enter into the dynamic and be transformed by it. This is where the radical nature of our faith shows through! Jesus shows the way to live; we are invited to make our lives like his: by dying to self, living for others, creating a new world.

As we live this holy season of Easter and Pentecost, may we find in the ordinariness of each day opportunities to reach out to others in kindness, in compassion and in mercy. And as we breathe the fresh air of NEW LIFE may we remember that our faith in the Risen Lord shows itself best in the small-but-good works that we do for others.

Happy Easter from King's House!

*Patrick M. McGee, OMI*

## Sustaining Friends – HELP!!

We want to extend a huge **THANK YOU** to those who responded to the Sustaining Friends campaign. We are very grateful for your generosity.

Our goal is to increase our annual revenues by \$120,000 to support our operating expenses and necessary maintenance. Since November 2014, when the campaign was launched, a number of generous individuals have responded to our invitation to join us! But the help cannot stop there. We continue to need help to support our home – YOUR spiritual home away from home. Please help us honor our commitment to you and to our retreat ministry.

Donations are accepted by phone (800-779-7909 or 618-397-0584), online (KingsRetreatCenter.org) or stop by and make your donation in person. We'd love to see you!

### REFLECTIONS King's House Newsletter

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## NACORRC, what's that you say?

Each year, members of the North American Conference of Oblate Retreat & Renewal Centers (NACORRC) meet to deepen and support Oblate Retreat House ministry in North America. King's House, Belleville, IL is the host for the 39th Annual Conference to be held in May 2016. The theme for this year is "Leave No Stone Unturned: Retreat Centers as Touchstones of Mercy." Members will enjoy a three-day retreat listening to guest speakers, joining in prayer and participating in faith sharing. This bond is so important and treasured by all who attend. We look forward to being the host for this event!



## Day of Prayer April 11, 2016

"The world is charged with the grandeur of God!"

Come away for this Day of Prayer in the Season of Easter and Springtime, as we seek to be in harmony with the new life all around us and the New Life in our Risen Savior.

Brother Pat McGee, O.M.I., will offer a couple of reflections, using three poems of Gerard Manley Hopkins – *God's Grandeur*, *As Kingfishers Catch Fire* and *The Blessed Virgin Mary Compared to the Air We Breathe* – and scripture texts, to help us reflect on how to live the resurrection in our daily lives.

The day will include some time for quiet and prayer, small group sharing, a nice lunch and conclude with the celebration of the Eucharist. Please join us!

**8:30 a.m. Registration and settling in; 3:30 p.m. Departures. Fee: \$30**

## Day of Prayer May 13, 2016

with Paul Coutinho

How often do we hear an expression like "May is the Month of Mary" without giving it a second thought? On a deeper level, we are invited to see in Mary the presence of God-with-us, a loving and caring presence for each moment and each stage of our lives.

*"Woman is the radiance of God  
She is not a creature  
She is the Creator"* (Rumi)

On this day of renewal, Paul will guide us into a deeper meditation on Mary and ourselves. Join us!

To register: send registration form to:

King's House, 700 N 66th St., Belleville, IL 62223  
OR e-mail with credit card information to info@KingsRetreatCenter.org

## We Remember in Prayer

*A memorial has been placed in the lobby of King's House in memory of:*

*Marie Ziolkowski  
Janet Kay Davis*

### Insure the Future

*Please remember King's House in your Wills, bequests and gifts. Occasionally, someone remembers us in their Will. These gifts are added to our long-term fund that is invested through our religious order, the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate. This fund will help insure retreat ministry for years to come.*

## Annual Raffle Information

It's that time of year again for our annual monthly raffle. The King's House Raffle will start in July and we want you to be a winner! With each ticket purchased:

- A winner is drawn each week and all names are returned to the drawing.
- 52 chances to win: 12 chances to win \$500 and 40 chances to win \$50.

Your raffle ticket purchase makes King's House a winner, too!

We are blessed to welcome several thousand people to our spiritual programs each year. This includes our signature

Quiet Retreats, Catholic High School and College/University retreats, Women Religious and clergy of

several denominations and dioceses, 12-Step groups, church staff, catechists and others. With your prayers and financial support we will continue to welcome people from across the region. Along with welcoming the many groups, the support from this raffle, helps us to beautify the grounds and complete landscaping upgrades.

