

News from Sr. Kay...



Dear Friends,

So many things have happened since our last newsletter back in June, including the recent death of our dear Sister Celine Steinberger who was instrumental in the printing and distribution of our newsletters. I know that many of you have known Sister Celine through her words of thanks and encouragement and join with us in our prayers for her eternal rest. There are no words that truly express our respect and gratitude to this deeply committed Sister of the Holy Names who so closely followed our foundress, Mother Mary Rose Durocher.

Sister Kay Burton

Service Activities We continue to carry on our many service activities in Jonestown.



The 7th and 8th grade members of Girls to Women plan lessons to teach their siblings and cousins.



The members of Boys Volunteer Club help in so many ways it cannot be contained in this newsletter. They help in the Community Garden, in setting up and cleaning after program events in the resource Center, in packing and delivery of meals and gifts, in carrying the banner in the monthly Peace Vigil walks, etc.



The young ladies have always done many service activities throughout the years and now is no exception! They are wonderful!





Music

Ms. Delores Fields Mason has returned to teach piano to eleven students! The children performed in a Christmas recital and are now preparing for the up coming spring recital.

College Scholarships

Over many years several of our donors have made it possible for our Jonestown students who give of themselves in community service to attend and complete college. One of the criteria is that these young men and women continue to volunteer.

Recent Graduate

Michelle Taylor graduated in late December with a BA in English. She will soon be teaching high school English!

Summer School

Preparing to help teach Summer School is the work of several young men and women, all of whom are in 11th and 12th grades or college students.



My life in Jonestown continues to be wonderfully fruitful. Thanks be to God for good health and thanks to my SNJM Congregation and all of you for generous support. I pray daily in gratitude for each of you. May the Lenten and Easter season be blessings for one and all!

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Peace Vigil

One of my blessings this January, 2018 is spending time in Mississippi. An example of life in Jonestown that I especially enjoyed took place on Sunday afternoon, January 7th, a special day. Although it was quite cold and blustery, that did not prevent a full dozen hardy (and hearty!) souls from making their way to the Ruby Armstrong Brown Resource Center for the monthly Durocher Service House peace vigil. The shared prayers and song, this time, were prepared by an 11th grade student who led it very well. Those gathered were invited to reflect on and share personal experiences of peace in their own lives. An abbreviated-by-weather march with the Peace banner carried by the young men had some of the neighbors coming out on their porches or looking out their windows in solidarity and/or curiosity and thereby having their peace consciousness raised! The marchers returned to share good hot pizza and warm fellowship. God is good!



Cathy Leamy, SNJM

Where are They Now?

Congratulations to Artidra Hubbard! Once a participant in Durocher Program activities, she now is teaching elementary school! Following her high school graduation, she received BA and MA degrees in Education and is pursuing her Specialist in Administration! I've know Artidra from 6th through 12th grade in after-school tutoring, Summer School, weekly sessions in Girls to Women, trips to cultural programs, softball, etc. How proud we are!



6th Grade Graduation

Teaching School