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SIGN UP NOW FOR THESE FANTASTIC ARTISAN CHRISTMAS EVENTS!

The Artisan Christmas Party

In Association with St. John's Assembly #28

Friday, December 11, 2009

Join Us for this Western-Themed Event!

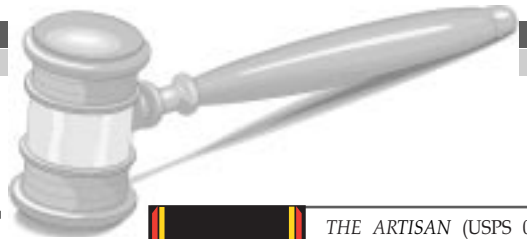
Celebrate the Christmas season with us! This festive event will be held from 7-11 p.m. at Rosewood Caterers, located at 8888 Frankford Avenue in Philadelphia. Your ticket will include a host bar, hot buffet and music to fit the occasion. You can pay the full cost of \$30 per person, a portion using your production credits and cash, or all production, based on the production credit system that has been established for 2009. Non-members pay \$40. Tickets are now available through the Main Office at 8100 Roosevelt Boulevard, Philadelphia, PA 19152 or call 215-708-1000. **See you at the party and don't forget to dress in your western garb!**

Join Us for Disney on Ice "Celebrations"

Tuesday, December 29, 7 p.m.

Join us Tuesday, December 29 at 7 p.m. at the Wachovia Center to see your favorite Disney characters at this fabulous Junior Artisan Christmas Activity. The cost is \$10 for Juniors and \$15 for Seniors. Non-members of all ages pay \$17. Only 300 tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Send in your check to the Main Office along with the registration form on page 4 to secure your seats now.

The Voice of the Gavel



Dear Brother and Sister Artisans,



Can you believe it? Another summer is gone. But what a great time we Artisans had. First was the Family Picnic at Adventureland Picnic Park in July, another sold-out activity. As we continued using the power of positive thinking, the weather was an absolutely fantastic summer day. This year, not only were we able to reduce the price of the picnic, but we added babyback ribs to the picnic fare. At \$15 per person, it was a great bargain. Congratulations to Brothers Fred Frascatore and Steve Rimdzius of Keystone Assembly, this year's picnic horseshoe champions once again!

In August, 105 Artisans occupied 43 rooms at the Fulton Steamboat Inn in Lancaster. There was so much to do, from the Strasburg Railroad to the Buggy Rides (and boy, was that an expensive ride for our Most Excellent Inspector). The hospitality room on Friday night was fantastic. During the evening we held a raffle to help fund research for Juvenile Diabetes. Many Artisans were very generous and we raised a total of \$400.

Don't forget this year's Christmas Party on Friday, December 11, 2009 at Rosewood Caterers. The theme will be "A Cowboy Christmas." Any costume relative to the old west will do. Make sure you get your money for tickets into the Main Office before the event sells out.

Without a doubt, the economy has been tough and everyone is watching their spending. We are extremely grateful for all the sold-out events and we will continue to give our members the most bang for the least buck. Come out and take advantage of the good deals and good times.

Fraternally yours,
Harry J. Flanagan, *Most Excellent Master Artisan*

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The Artisans Extension Committee Presents Radio City's Christmas Spectacular

On Wednesday, November 18, 2009, the Artisans Extension Committee is sponsoring a one-day Christmas tour to Radio City's Music Hall Christmas Spectacular. This trip includes round-trip motorcoach transportation, orchestra tickets to the performance and a full dinner buffet at Hometown Buffet. There will be two departure times and locations.

This fun-filled day will proceed as follows:

8:30 a.m.: Depart from Penrose Plaza on Island Ave.

9 a.m.: Depart from The Artisan Main Office at 8100 Roosevelt Blvd.

11:30 a.m.: Arrive in New York City (approximate)

11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.: Free time for shopping, browsing and lunch on your own in Rockefeller Center

2 p.m.: Radio City Music Hall's Christmas Spectacular

5 p.m.: Full dinner buffet at Hometown Buffet

6:15 p.m.: Depart from Edison, NJ to return home

The total cost is \$100 per person. Tickets will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Please send your check to AOMP, c/o Radio City's Christmas Spectacular, 8100 Roosevelt Blvd., Philadelphia, PA 19152

Artisan Aides Annual Banquet

Save the Date: January 23, 2010

This year our banquet will be held at the Twining Hall on Street and Trevoise Roads in Trevoise, PA. It will feature a host bar starting 6 p.m., a buffet dinner starting at 7 p.m. and music for your dancing pleasure. The cost will be \$28 per person. For more information please call or see any member of our Banquet Committee:

Agnes Flanagan: 215-637-5955

Ginny Hewes: 215-788-0405

Terry Ludwig: 215-729-6451

Elaine Mauro: 215-464-9051

Lynn Turner: 215-342-7698

Remember to mark your calendar and join us for a night of fraternalism and fun! Please make checks payable to the Artisan Aides and mail it along with the form below to: Terry Ludwig, 6828 Paschall Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19142

Artisan Aides Annual Banquet Ticket Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Number of Tickets: _____ Amount Enclosed: \$_____ (check payable to Artisan Aides)

Please Donate to Toy for Tots

First, I would like to thank everyone for their overwhelming response to the 2008 Toys for Tots Campaign. Although it is only early fall, it will be Christmas before we know it. That is why I am starting my campaign now. I am writing to ask you to once again open your hearts and wallets to the 2009 Toys for Tots Campaign. Last year, thanks to your help and the help of people just like you, Toys for Tots had a great year. In these days of economic troubles, no child should have to do without. I am asking

you to please join me in making sure this does not happen, by supporting and giving to the 2009 Toys for Tots Campaign.

Donations can be dropped off at the main office during regular business hours or any assembly meeting night.

Fraternally yours,
Robert J. Noble

Don't Forget...

The one-hundred and thirty-first Most Excellent Assembly Session will be held at the Radisson Hotel Philadelphia N.E., Route 1 at Old Lincoln Highway in Trevoese, PA, on Saturday, February 6, 2010.



Junior Artisans Christmas Event Walt Disney's "Celebrations" December 29, 2009



Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____

Assembly: _____

Number of Junior tickets: _____

Number of Senior tickets: _____

Other valid information: _____



Artisans \$500 College Scholarship Assistance Awards

In 2010, the Artisans Order of Mutual Protection will award \$500 scholarships to 12 of our high school graduates enrolling in any accredited four-year college or university. As an added bonus, the Artisans Dining Club, Inc. will award an additional 12 scholarships. The Artisan Aides will also participate by adding one additional scholarship, bringing the total first-year scholarship money awarded to \$12,500.00.

The Following Rules Apply:

1. Applicant must be a high school senior who has been a Junior or Senior member of the Artisans for at least 2 years preceding the date of application.
2. Applications shall be made on official forms available at the Main Office and must be returned to the Main Office before March 31, 2010. The Program begins December 1, 2009.
3. The applicant must be enrolled as a full-time undergraduate day student in an accredited 4-year college or university before payment is made. All payments covering Scholarship Awards will be remitted to the student however made payable to the College or University. The Award may be applied to tuition, fees for books or room and board.
4. No officer or member of the Artisans has any control over the selection of the recipients of the Scholarship Awards. This is an exclusive responsibility of the Selection Committee, who are not members of the Artisans.
5. The basis of selection will be the relative merits of the applicant's qualities of character and leadership, estimated cost of attending college, family income, number of other children in the family, applicant's résumé, grade point average, rank in class, scores on the College Board Test, and counselor's recommendation.
6. The decisions of the Selection Committee will be final and the winners announced as soon as the Committee has finished their selection.
7. The Artisans Order of Mutual Protection reserves the right to change, suspend, or discontinue this scholarship program at its discretion and without prior notice.

Congratulations to the 2009 College Scholarship Winners

We are pleased to announce the winners in the 2009 College Scholarship Assistance Award Program. These awards are presented through a cooperative effort of the Artisans Order of Mutual Protection, The Artisans Dining Club, Inc. and The Artisan Aides.



Alyssa DePascale
Pennsylvania Assembly #3
Villanova University



Jacqueline Lukas
Pennsylvania Assembly #3
East Carolina University



Marilyn I. Beatty
Northeast Assembly #11
Arcadia University



Julia A. Hennessey
Northeast Assembly #11
Gwynedd-Mercy College



Amy L. Bryson
Red Rose Assembly #22
Bloomsburg University



Drew M. Schanz
Lancaster Assembly #27
Penn State University

Congratulations to the 2009 College Scholarship Winners



Jonathan Hanson
St. John's Assembly #28
Millersville University



Nathan Hanson
St. John's Assembly #28
Millersville University



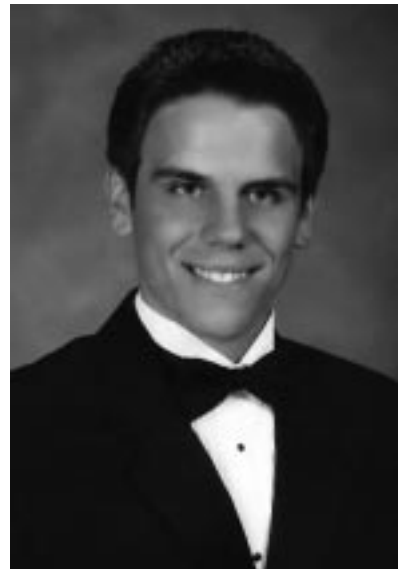
Katherine Lisiewski
St. John's Assembly #28
University of Maryland



Jacqueline Martorano
Delaware County #31
Neumann University



John T. Newton
Delaware County No. 31
Villanova University



Gerald K. O'Neill
Northwestern Assembly #54
University of South Carolina

Congratulations to the 2009 College Scholarship Winners



Nicolette Stratton
Lehigh Assembly #56
Stockton College



Alison Campbell
Member-at-Large
Temple University



Jessica Levin
Member-at-Large
Case Western Reserve
University



Andrew Noon
Member-at-Large
Rider University



Congratulations to this year's winners and best wishes for a successful college career!

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Nursing Award Application

Artisans Dining Club, Inc., of the Artisans Order of Mutual Protection
George J. Listner, Most Excellent Recorder
8100 Roosevelt Boulevard, Philadelphia, PA 19152 • Phone 215-708-1000 or toll-free 800-551-1873

Please print or type

The purpose of this application is for (please check one): assistance award continuing education

Name _____ Date _____

Assembly _____

Social Security No. _____ – _____ – _____ Certificate No. _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Daytime Phone (_____) _____ – _____ Evening Phone (_____) _____ – _____

School/College/University Data

Name of nursing school attend(ed) or (ing) _____

Where are you currently enrolled? Name _____

Location _____

Year (sophomore, junior, etc.) _____ Expected date of graduation _____

Cumulative grade point average _____ (Transcript of grades from last semester must be included)

List school activities/honors _____

List extra curricular activities _____

Father's occupation _____ Mother's occupation _____

Annual family income _____ Dependents _____

On a separate sheet, please explain why the award should be presented to you and why you want to be in the Allied Health Field. Also please indicate which college or university has approved your request for admission as well as the duration of the course for which you have applied.

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Nursing Award Applicant's Statement

- I have been a member of the Artisans Order of Mutual Protection for at least one year prior to application submission.
- I have read the rules and regulations governing the requirements for an award.
- I understand that first consideration for an award will be given to one whose personal or family finances would not permit the expenditure necessary to take this course unless assisted.
- I understand that my application for an award is based upon my answers to these questions, the results of the physical and mental tests as required by the college of nursing or hospital school, my scholarship standing, submission of a recent transcript, provision of a letter of acceptance from a college of nursing or hospital school, and further, that my application is in competition with other eligible persons and the decision of the artisans dining club, inc. is final.
- If I receive the award, I agree to make a written report and forward same to the address shown on this application at the end of each semester as to my academic progress and advancement for the award to continue; I agree to remain a member of the Artisans Order of Mutual Protection in good standing while I am receiving this award; and further, I agree to conduct myself during my course of training in a way to bring credit to myself, my family, and the order; and to strive faithfully and diligently to excel in my chosen profession of nursing.
- This application is completed with my knowledge and consent and false information will void the award.
- The information provided in this application is true and complete:

(Signature of Applicant): _____

Dated: _____

Note: Letter of recommendation from school official, employer, etc., may be included with this application. Application must be received by May 1, for the Nursing Assistance Award or one month prior to the starting date of the course for the continuing education award.

Artisans Dining Club, Inc., of the Artisans Order of Mutual Protection
8100 Roosevelt Boulevard, Philadelphia, PA 19152 • Phone 215-708-1000 • Fax 215-708-1779
Assistance and Continuing Education Award Rules and Regulations

These rules and regulations govern the award application process for the Artisans Dining Club, Inc. Forward the completed application and requested supplemental information to the person and address indicated on the application.

- Applicant must have graduated from a four-year high school.
- Applicant must be a Junior or Senior member of the Artisans Order of Mutual Protection for at least one year prior to completing the application.
- All requirements of the Hospital School, College or University must be complied with regarding scholastic standing, physical and mental test, etc.
- These awards are intended to assist the successful applicant in attaining the education required in an Allied Health Field Course of Training in a Hospital School, College or University.
- Requests for clarification or further information regarding the above rules and regulations should be referred to George J. Listner at the Headquarters Office.
- An applicant will be considered for an assistance award or a continuing education award. Requests for a continuing education award will not be considered unless the applicant submits proof of prior accreditation.
- All monies will be paid to the school, college or university in equal amounts during the course of training, annually and at the beginning of the semester.
- If the applicant receives another award, scholarship or grant, the Artisans reserves the right to reconsider its award, and it is incumbent on the recipient to notify the Artisans. Failure to disclose this information will void the award.
- An applicant's most recent transcript must accompany the submitted application.
- A letter of acceptance from a hospital school, college or university must accompany an applicant's submitted application.
- All entries must be received prior to May 1 of the year for which an applicant intends to be given consideration for the Nursing Assistance Award.
- All entries must be received one month prior to the starting date of the program for the continuing education award.

64th Annual Ocean City Weekend

Wow! The weather was great, and so was the entire 2009 Ocean City Weekend. It was a well-attended and very enjoyable weekend. After arriving at the various hotels on Friday, we were treated to a "Love Boat theme," with Captain Harry Flanagan. The music was spun by Tony Dee and of course the refreshments were served in the hospitality suite above the Bloom-n-Tulip.

Saturday morning began with over 1,000 Artisans participating in the amusements at Gillian's Wonderland Pier from noon-2 p.m. During the weekend there were also more than 600 Artisans taking advantage of the miniature golf at Gillian's Island Adventure Golf Course on the boardwalk.

On Saturday morning the Miss Artisan Pageant contestants enjoyed breakfast at the Bloom'n Tulip Restaurant while getting acquainted. Then with the direction of hostesses Terry Ludwig and Mary Sheehan they got down to the business of rehearsing for the evening's festivities at the Music Pier.

Saturday afternoon we were treated to music and poolside water ice at the Impala Hotel, with the music again being spun by DJ Tony Dee.

Saturday evening began with the Miss Artisan contestants, attendants, hostesses, Most Excellent



Officers and chairpersons riding the trolley to the Music Pier for the Pageant. The evening's activities were opened by the Chairman of the Artisans Extension Committee, Brother Gene Geary, who first thanked everyone for coming then introduced the Pitman Hobo Band, our evening entertainment. Following the band's performance Brother Geary introduced the chairperson of the Ocean City Outing, Sister Pat Hortman. She introduced the Officers and then performed the duties of Mistress of Ceremonies for the remainder of the evening. Mark Soifer then presented a jacket from the Ocean City Beach Patrol to M.E.M.A. Harry Flanagan. On behalf of the Artisans, Brother Flanagan then presented a donation to the Ocean City Food Cupboard. Sister Hortman began the program by introducing each of the 12 contestants as they made their grand walk along the runway. As part of the program, each of the ladies came



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to the microphone and spoke about themselves, their background and their aspirations. Then they were brought up in groups before the judges. We then had an intermission with music provided by Tony Dee.

After the intermission, Sister Pat called on the judges to name Miss Artisan 2009. When the ballots were handed in, the results were given as follows:

Second Runner-up
Miss Tri-County, Alyssa Wheeldon

First Runner-up
**Miss Delaware County,
Gillian Rhoads**

Miss Artisan 2009
Miss St. John's, Rebecca O'Hanlon

Miss Artisan was crowned and presented with a bouquet of roses and many lovely gifts. Trophies were awarded to the winners by M.E.M.A. Harry Flanagan, M.E.S. Tom DiLauro and M.E.I. Robert J. Noble. Special thanks to hostesses Terry Ludwig and Mary Sheehan for all their time and hard work to make the pageant a great success. Following the pageant, a reception was held at the Impala Hotel in honor of all the contestants and hard-working committee members.

A special thank you to the Boardwalk Retail Merchants of Ocean City whose cooperation makes our treasure hunt so much fun. To the Mayor of Ocean City, Sal Perillo, we sincerely appreciate your cooperation and support of the Artisans each year.



And finally, our heartfelt thanks to Public Relations Director Mark Soifer for all his hard work, assistance and participation in all of our outings. Mark's continued interest and support helps keep our Annual Ocean City Family Outing alive and exciting. See you next year!



See more photographs of the weekend on the following pages!

The opening of the pageant with Miss Artisan 2008 and attendants.

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2009 Miss Artisan Pageant Contestants



Miss Delaware County, Gillian Rhoads



Miss G.A.A., Katherine Kurtz



Miss Haddon, Kelsey Chase



Miss Lehigh, Danielle Haim



Miss Northeast, Jenna Kraemer



Miss Northwestern, Elizabeth Arleth