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ST. ANNE'S HOME
300 Lake Street
San Francisco, CA



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Serving the elderly poor in San Francisco since 1901.

Queen of Buttons

BY MARIA CUNNINGHAM

Creativity has no expiration date. At age 96, Peg Webber, our Queen of Buttons, is a clear testament to that. From a stock pile of thousands of buttons donated to St. Anne's over the years, came the genesis of her creative enterprise with buttons. They came to St. Anne's in sewing kits, boxes, bags, and in all shapes and sizes. She started by simply sorting them, but sorting them without purpose was not quite enough. She decided to put them to use by making bookmarks and cards and even some jewelry, but her true inspiration came after going to a mosaic art show at the Legion of Honor in San Francisco. The masterpieces at the exhibit truly intrigued her and, alas, the concept of a button mosaic was born. Her idea: to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Golden Gate Bridge on a 48 x 36 canvas with buttons!

Eight months and 4,587 buttons later, Peg created her very own masterpiece, which now graces the lobby of St. Anne's Home. She worked on her project under the direction of our Creative Arts Director, Tim Lobacz. Together they sorted buttons, tinted glue, and as needed, even painted the buttons, but it was Peg who devoted an average of 7 hours per day for 8 months toward the endeavor. Peg speaks fondly of her time devoted to her recently completed work and is looking forward to her next project. She eagerly exclaims, "I'm back to sorting buttons with some good ideas in mind for the next venture!"



The button mosaic of the Golden Gate Bridge is a remarkable work of art created with admirable imagination, patience and precision that is not only rich in inspiration, but also a true visual delight.



Peg Webber proudly putting the finishing touches on her masterpiece.

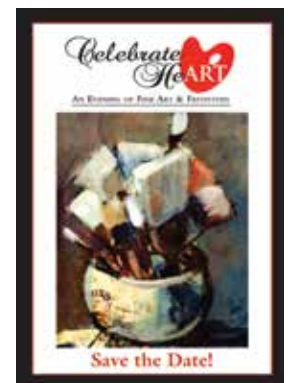
An Event Not to be Missed

Celebrate HeART

Thursday, March 14, 2013

6:30 p.m.

St. Anne's Home



This evening of Fine Art and Festivities will showcase works from the *Brown and Campbell Collection*, many of which have never been seen in public, along with the works of other notable San Francisco artists. The elegant evening will begin with a cocktail reception featuring hosted bar and gourmet fare, culminating with a wide-ranging visual art experience that is sure to delight all interests.

Invitations coming soon!

For more information please email marisamizono@hotmail.com

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

Ukulele Debut



Resident Edith Hartnett (center) with Full House Singers, Shannon Quinn and Jared Manini at her New Year's Eve Debut Performance.

BY MARIA CUNNINGHAM

The New Year's Eve Mass at St. Anne's Home this year featured a very special musical treat — accompaniment by ukulele. It was a special treat for many reasons, not the least of which was because it was the musical debut of Resident, Edith Hartnett on the ukulele. Edith was the lead player accompanied by her teacher, Shannon Quinn and her son, Jared, who have been providing volunteer musical entertainment at St. Anne's Home as part of the Full House Singers for over 30 years.

About one year ago, Shannon started providing ukulele lessons each Friday

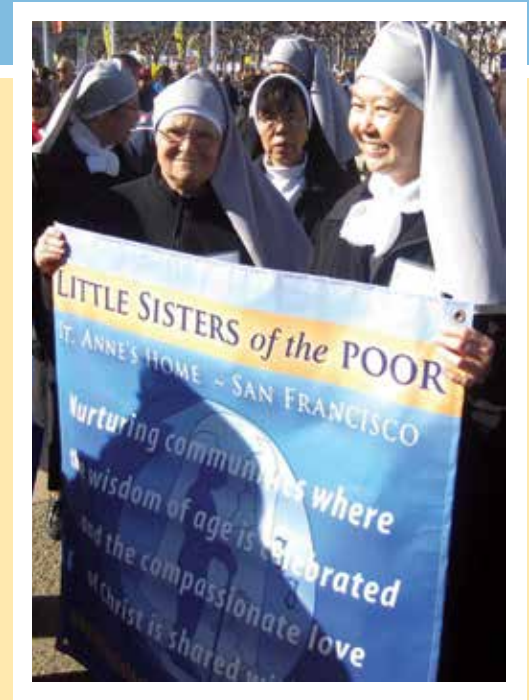
to all interested Residents. The group started enthusiastically with about six Residents, but before long it became clear that learning to play the ukulele was not as simple as it seemed. Slowly, the group trimmed down to one student. Edith remained as the sole student and religiously attended practice each week for one year. Her dedication was commendable, but even more admirable is that due to Edith's limited vision, she learned to play completely by ear. "She has mastered it better than most people who can read the notes," says Shannon, "and Edith continues with her weekly practices."

The Little Sisters Walk for Life

In its ninth year, the 2013 Walk for Life West Coast took place on January 26th in San Francisco. For the Little Sisters, the day began with a standing-room only Mass at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption. Archbishop Cordilione was the principal celebrant joined by Vatican Ambassador to the United States, the Nuncio, Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano, who read a message from the Pope and gave the Papal blessing to the congregation that came from all over the United States.

Mass was followed by a rally at Civic Center Plaza and the walk with a record crowd, estimated at over 50,000 people, filled the streets of San Francisco from City Hall to the Ferry Building. Many parishes and religious congregations were represented, but of significant note were the overwhelming number of young people present.

Five of our Little Sisters and a novice had the joy of being a part of this important gathering of people that represented not only different geographic locations, but also different cultures and age groups united together celebrating the sanctity of life.



Sr. Anna Marie and Sr. John Elise at Walk For Life West Coast Rally.

SAVE THE DATE



Celebrate HeART
Thursday, March 14, 2013
St. Anne's Home

Carriage House Sale
Friday, April 12
Saturday, April 13, 2013
St. Anne's Home

**A Swing and Prayer
Golf Tournament**
Friday, April 26, 2013
Presidio Golf Course

**Spring has Sprung
Auxiliary Luncheon**
Monday, May 6, 2013
St. Regis Hotel



Our Little Sister Novice

BY MARIA CUNNINGHAM

As part of her noviate, Sr. Elisabeth is at St. Anne's Home on her first of two required six-week apostolic experiences. A native of Quebec, she first became acquainted with the Little Sisters of the Poor at the Home in Montreal.

"As a young girl, summer activities for my sister and me regularly included playing music at different homes for the elderly. I did not know at that time that I wanted to enter religious life, but I did know I wanted to work with the elderly," she says. It was not until she was seriously discerning religious life that a priest told her about the work of the Little Sisters of the Poor. She was quite moved by the story of St. Jeanne Jugan, and the love in her heart. She knew she had been pointed in the right direction and began working at the Little Sisters Home in Montreal. "I have always felt the Providence of God. If he wants you somewhere he gets you there," she explains. "Mother Bernice in Montreal suggested that I attend a discernment retreat in the United States for Easter. I was a little nervous because I did not think my English was strong enough, but it was the most wonderful decision. I felt very close to God." She entered the community soon afterwards.

"This is my first visit to California and I was fascinated to see a real palm tree," she says, "but to see a palm tree and a beautiful replica of the Lourdes Grotto is something very special." She says of St. Anne's Home: "Everyone looks so happy and well-cared for, everyone is loved and part of the family community. The Home is very open, yet provides for individual privacy. Everything from the architecture of the building to the daily activities is nicely thought out and planned. You feel at peace right away."

Sr. Elisabeth spends a large part of her time at St. Anne's assisting the Residents in the skilled nursing area. Her kind and gentle demeanor is a gift to all, and the prayers of the Little Sisters and Residents at St. Anne's will go with her as she continues her work following in the footsteps of St. Jeanne Jugan.



Resident Jonathan Curtis and Sr. Elisabeth having a special visit during supper.



Restaurant Owner, Marie Duggan, and Resident Fr. Hayes, OP, who are long-time friends where delighted to spend a little time catching up.

Original Joe's North Beach Treat

BY LORRAINE O'HARA

On Tuesday, January 22nd, the Little Sisters of the Poor St. Anne's Home Auxiliary treated 27 Residents of the Home to lunch at Original Joe's, a popular and classic Italian-American restaurant recently resurrected in the North Beach section of the City. Other guests at the event included three priests: Fr. Martin, Fr. Hayes, Fr. Cassidy, and some staff members. Many members of the Auxiliary were also in attendance.

Owner John Duggan thoughtfully reserved the entire front of the restaurant for the group. This allowed all attendees to look out upon Washington Square Park, the historic heart of North Beach, as well as the stately and elegant church of Saints Peter and Paul just beyond the park.

The Residents were charmed by restaurant owners, Marie and John Duggan, who cheerfully greeted the Residents, as well as by the introduction of legendary bartender/mixologist Mike McCourt, who graciously posed for photographs.

A special menu was devised and printed for the occasion, featuring a choice of soup or salad, starring four of the entrée selections for which the restaurant is famous, and of course, a decadently delicious dessert. Prior to the meal, Fr. Hayes said grace, and Fr. Martin gallantly added welcoming remarks.

Many thanks to Original Joe's for creating a very special memory for the Residents of St. Anne's Home. It was a great day for all!

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

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Mother's Message

By: Mother Margaret



Dearest Friends and Benefactors,

As we celebrate this Year of Faith, inaugurated by Pope Benedict XVI, I ask God's blessings on you and your loved ones. Here at St. Anne's Home we are experiencing this time of grace in a particular spirit of gratitude to God for the gift of our vocation as Little Sisters of the Poor and the happiness that is ours in taking care of the elderly poor, assisting them to discover the blessings of the Lord and the riches they bring, knowing that living is beautiful even at their age despite some "aches and pains."

Through God's grace and the support of generous benefactors, we continue to witness His love and compassion, and to continue His work in the here and now. We especially extend our most heartfelt thanks to all of our Christmas Angels, Women Who Care and the ladies of the Little Sisters of the Poor St. Anne's Home Auxiliary who have helped us raise \$200,000 toward the replacement of our Nurse Call System. We are more than halfway there thanks to you! May each day of this beautiful Year of Faith find us more open to God's grace, ready to respond to his love.

May God and our Mother St. Jeanne Jugan continue to bless all those who collaborate in our mission day by day!

Gratefully yours in Christ,
Sr. Margaret, lsp

We, the Little Sisters of the Poor, invite you to join us on our annual spiritual pilgrimage of renewal and hope ...

From Ashes to Easter

We invite you to observe this Lenten journey with an offering in support of our work for the elderly poor.

Daily Offering

Please consider an offering of \$1.00 a day for each of the 40 days of Lent.

Weekly Offering

An offering of \$10.00 could be made for each week for the 6 weeks of Lent.

Easter Triduum Offering

Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday could be marked with an almsgiving of \$100.00.

Easter Sunday Offering

In celebration of Easter Sunday, consider a gift of any amount to express your thanksgiving to the Lord for His gift of eternal life.

Join us as instruments of God's love, journey with us through the 40 days of Lent to the Glory of Easter, and share this prospect with your relatives and friends. Invite them to also follow in your footsteps on this Lenten Journey.

The Little Sisters of the Poor and the elderly for whom they care and prepare for eternal life, wish you a Holy Lent and a Blessed Easter!

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