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To: Community Life Standing Committee Chairpersons
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**Our life spreads light when it is given in service. The secret of joy is living to serve.”
Pope Francis**

Dear Sisters in the League

I have just read the April 2023 On-Line Ontario Provincial News Letter. Our provincial president Linda Squarzolo shared information that she wanted to ensure was received ahead of time, since often comments were that not enough time to act was given.

So here it is: St. John Chrysostom states, “The bee is more honoured than any other animal, not because she labours, but because she labours for others.” The United Nations has declared May 20th as “World Bee Day.”

The bee population is under threat and needs to be protected. Three out of every four crops, which produces fruit or seeds for human consumption depends on pollinators like bees, birds and bats.

When planning your next meeting in May, raise awareness of members and encourage them to:

- Learn about the importance of bees
- Encourage the preservations of old meadows
- Plant nectar-bearing flowers
- Bees are attracted to the colour blue, so plant rosemary and lavender
- Buy honey, wax, and other hive products
- Change the kind of pesticides used to ones that are not harmful to bees
- Spray plants in early morning or late at night during calm conditions

Let's all raise the “buzz” for “World Bee Day”

I direct your attention to an article on "Keeping safe for those travelling alone or with a sister, submitted by Paddy Fitzgerald Nolan, Provincial Communications Sub-Committee

Here are just a few suggestions:

- 1) Always back your vehicle in, its easier and faster to move
- 2) Try to park under or close as you can to lights
- 3) Hotel scams, once you arrive in your room, someone will call your room and say, Ms. Your credit card didn't work, could you please read it off for me now. Never ever, simply reply I will be down in a few minutes and take care of it. Please do let the front desk know this happened, as this is a request the hotel will never ask for.

Check out the Newsletter for more of the safety tips.

Looking forward to seeing you at convention!

"Your smile is your logo; your personality is your business card. The way you make others feel is your trademark." Jay Danzie

Blessings

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