

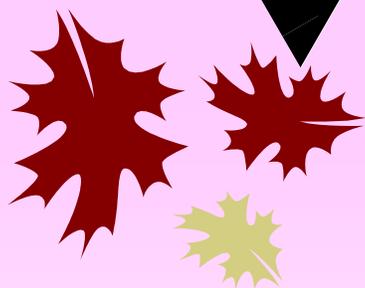


Newsletter

October 2013

Dignity & St. Ignatius Liturgy Schedules

Ravenna United Methodist Church 5751-33rd Ave NE Seattle
Every Sunday → 10:00 a.m. St. Ignatius (UPSTAIRS)
Oct. 13, Nov. 10 → 6:00 p.m. Dignity/Seattle



Food Lifeline Volunteer Night
Tuesday, Oct. 1, 6:00—8:00 p.m.
1702 NE 150th St, Shoreline

Our bimonthly volunteer activity is not only fun, but tangibly helps the hungry in our region. Since we need to inform the organizers of how many people can help, please call Dignity/Seattle 206-659-5519 if you plan on attending.

2015 Convention Committee
Wednesday, Oct. 2, 6:30 p.m.
718 W Halladay St, Queen Anne

The first local D/Seattle Convention Committee meeting will be at Delia's home on Queen Anne Hill. We are looking for people interested in helping to plan the 2015 Seattle Convention, which will be held at the Renaissance Hotel downtown. Come share your ideas. Your time commitment to this can vary according to your needs, but please let us know if you are interested in helping in any way.

Monthly Dignity/Seattle Mass
Sunday, Oct. 13, 6:00 p.m.
(location & address above)

Please join us for our monthly liturgy!



Saturday, October 19, 6:00 p.m.
China Harbor Restaurant
2040 Westlake Ave N, Seattle

Cost \$40
Attire: Business casual
Speaker: Marianne Duddy-Burke,
DignityUSA Executive Director

RSVP by October 15 and mail a check for \$40 / person to:
Dignity/Seattle
PO Box 20325
Seattle, WA 98102

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Board Members & Contact Info

Dignity/Seattle Board Members

Paula Lavallee	President
Paula Hills	Vice-President
Delia Vita	Treasurer
Denise Arceneaux	Secretary
Alan Scott	Member, Social chair

DignityUSA Board Members from Seattle

Paula Lavallee	Secretary
Leo Egashira	At large (Publications)

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We provide a safe environment for people to reconcile our God-given gifts of sexual orientation and our Catholic faith through gay-affirming liturgies. Being part of the Dignity/Seattle family means claiming ownership of our faith and living up to the responsibilities of that ownership.



President's Report 2012-2013 September 22, 2013

Dignity/Seattle celebrates its 40th Anniversary this year. Our roster stands at 19 active members. This is down by three from last year. We hope that with the DignityUSA National Convention coming to town in 2015 will help to get people involved and wanting to join.

We continue to meet on the second Sunday of each month. Gary S. and Fr. Philip continue to rotate as our main presiders. We are still warmly welcomed at Fr. Philip's parish of St. Ignatius and continue to be invited to join St. Ignatius and Ravenna United Methodist for combined ecumenical celebrations on major feasts. Thank you to Denise for the overall coordination of the liturgy and presiders and to Paula H. for continuing to provide great music to help us in our celebrations.

Our quarterly birthday/anniversary celebrations continued this year. Our fourth quarter 2012 celebration was a potluck and holiday party. Ray once again generously allowed us to use his home for our party. A large group gathered to celebrate. We collected toys for Toys for Tots again this year. Laure donated some light balls that

were auctioned off, with the money raised going to Toys for Tots. The first and second quarters were celebrated at local restaurants, and in the third quarter we met at Woodland Park for our fourth annual picnic. It was a glorious Seattle summer day. Thanks to Alan for reserving a shelter and coordinating the food and to Tom S. - our barbequing chef extraordinaire.

We celebrated our 25th Pride Week Breakfast in June netting proceeds of over \$2100 – up just a bit from last year. We donated \$700 each to Rosehedge/Multifaith Works and Bailey-Boushay House. The remainder we put into a convention scholarship fund to help get our members to the DignityUSA National Convention in Minneapolis. Thank you to all who worked so hard to make this breakfast another success.

We have continued to volunteer at the Food Lifeline warehouse in Shoreline helping to repackage bulk food items into smaller packages for distribution at various Western Washington food banks. Eight to twelve members, friends and family met once every other month. We are scheduled to continue this volunteer activity this year. Come join us – it is fun work for a good cause.

DignityUSA's 2015 National Convention will be in Seattle. The theme of the convention is: God's Love: Enduring as the Mountains, Endless as the Sea. Seven members of our chapter went to this year's convention in Minneapolis and promoted the convention. We pre-registered 130 people for the 2015 convention. The group entertained the convention goers with a song Paula H wrote. It was a big hit! We are starting to organize volunteers. Please let me know if you are interested in helping out on the planning.

Our 40th Anniversary will be celebrated on October 19th at the China Harbor Restaurant. Guest speaker will be DignityUSA's executive director, Marianne Duddy-Burke.

I would like to thank our board of directors - Denise, Delia, Alan and Paula H for your leadership and commitment. And a very special thanks to Leo for continuing to be our newsletter editor and keeping us all aware of what is happening locally and nationally in our community.

I look forward to a new year and new opportunities for Dignity/Seattle to grow and thrive. I welcome any suggestions or input from members and friends. Thanks for another good year.

Paula Lavallee
President, Dignity/Seattle



Dignity Seattle Treasurer's Report 10/1/12 - 9/22/13

Checking Account

Beginning Balance	10/1/12		\$5,930.17
Deposits			
	Collection		707.00
	Donation from members & friends		1200.00
	Donation to Toys for Tots		110.00
	PW Breakfast & Raffle		2110.25
	PW Hall Deposit Refund		100.00
	PW Donation		617.75
		Total Deposit	<u>4845.00</u>
		Sub-Total	<u>10775.17</u>
Expenses			
Operations:			
	PO Box Rental		144.00
	LiturgY Expenses		0.00
	LiturgY- Stipend		330.00
	Newsletter Printing/Mailing		286.72
	Web Design-Annual Fee		88.00
	Rent-RUMC		1200.00
	Summer Picnic/Christmas Dinner		144.25
	Supplies		10.00
	Donation to toys for tots		110.00
	Advertisement with SGN during prideweek		75.00
		Subtotal Operation Expenses	2367.97
	40th Anniversary Deposit		500.00
	National Convention Promo Material		95.81
	National Convention Scholarship		1158.22
PW Breakfast Expenses/Donation			
	PW Breakfast-Food		198.25
	PW Breakfast Supplies/mailling/solicitation letters		90.90
	PW Breakfast Advertisement (SGN)		75.00
	PW Breakfast-Hall Rent		200.00
	PW Breakfast-Donation Rosehedge Multifaith Works		700.00
	PW Breakfast-Donation Bailey Boushay		700.00
		Total Expenses	<u>6086.15</u>
Ending balance			<u>\$ 4,689.02</u>
Restricted funds			
	John Petersen-Membership Scholarship Fund		50.00
		Total Restricted funds	<u>50.00</u>
Total Available unrestricted funds			<u>\$ 4,639.02</u>
Savings Account			
Beginning Balance	10/1/12		\$ 1,602.92
	Interest income		1.27
Ending Balance			<u>\$ 1,604.19</u>

Submitted by Delia 9/22/2013

Delia Vita - Treasurer

D/S Membership Meeting Minutes Sept. 22, 2013

Meeting was called to order at 1:55 p.m. at Delia Vita's house. A quorum was present. The Dignity Prayer was read.

Paula Hills handed out the President's report and went over highlights. Leo asked about the Convention Committee. Paula said that we will be providing ideas about the Convention to the National Committee. Leo said that he will be advertising in the SGN for upcoming events.

Delia passed out the Treasurer's report. Convention Fund money was distributed to those who went. Collections were down approximately \$500 this past year.

Paula H. said that the Convention Planning Meeting will be after the Board meeting at Delia house, October 2nd.

Alan Scott said that the Christmas party will be on December 7th at Ray Curry's house.

Election results: Paula Lavallee received 11 votes. Alan Scott received 11 votes. Delia Vita received 11 votes.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 2.

Meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
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October 7, Monday, 7:30 p.m. Business Meeting. Vincent W. 604-325-1554

October 13, Sunday, 4:00 p.m. Mass celebrated by Roman Catholic Women Priests. Our Lady of Guadalupe Tonantzin Community. The Listening Post, 382 Main St, Vancouver.

October 14, Monday: Thanksgiving Day Holiday.

October 18, Friday, 7:30 p.m. Worship liturgy. Dennis B. 604-669-3677.

October 26, Saturday, 6:30 p.m. Potluck Supper/Social. Gerry W. 604-435-1950.

October 27, Sunday, 4:00 p.m. RCWP Mass. See notice for October 13, above.

Gary Southerton marries David Isla

Dignity/Seattle presider, Gary Southerton, married long-time partner, David Isla, in a joyful celebration on August 18, at Magnolia United Church of Christ. The presiding minister was the Rev. Jane Sorenson.

Gary's former status as an Archdiocesan priest meant that several Catholic priests and nuns and parish ministers either officially participated in or attended the celebration.



Above: David and Gary exchanging vows. In the center is Teresa Gregory of Sun Valley, Idaho, one of Dignity/Seattle's most thoughtful and powerful homilists in the 1990s.

Right: Leo Egashira, Gary & David, and friend Bob R. at the reception.

