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EARLY CATHOLIC HISTORY OF  
SCOTTSDALE. A STILL POINT  
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# Docent Connection

SEPTEMBER 2010

DOCENT NEWSLETTER

## Docent News

A meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, October 7th at 5:00 p.m., at the Mission. We are looking forward to seeing you as well as meeting our new docents. We are aware of how valuable your time is, therefore; the meeting will end promptly at 6:00 p.m.

Gloria has been busy assembling new folders for all of the docents. The folders will contain some new information, as well as policy and procedures you are all familiar with. Included in the folder will be a Volunteer Information form and a Driver Information sheet to be completed by all docents. An explanation of the need for the Driver Information will also be included.

Mary Christmas has taken over the position of Secretary, once held by Bernice Miller. Thank you Mary for volunteering. Mary will hold this position for two (2) years.

The Miracle of the Roses Pageant will take place on Saturday, December 11th at 4:00 p.m., at the Mission. We are currently reaching out to our wonderful actors, dancers and choir for confirmation regarding their availability. It has been mentioned that we should bring back the bleachers. Great idea, we are working on getting this confirmed.

The Special Permit Event Application for the Pageant has been submitted to the City of Scottsdale and we await the

await the final approval from them.

Brian, of the Mission Restaurant, is aware of our event and is in agreement of our closing a section of Brown Avenue.

Gloria, Johanna and Mary are in the process of contacting the docents regarding their scheduling of time for November through May. At the October 7th meeting we will have a sign up sheet. You may want to wait until then to make your decision for a day and time that works for you.

We prefer two docents at all times, and 3 docents are always welcome. The Mission hours remain the same: 10 a.m.—1 p.m., Monday—Saturday and 1:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Please bring someone you know to our meeting. So much has been accomplished. The new display case and the restored confessionals.

## Recruiting New Docents!

My dearest docents and volunteers,

The following paragraph will be appearing in our bulletin (subject to editing for space), at St. Maria Goretti and St. Daniel's in order to increase our number of docents. We will need to fill five new slots. Please recruit your friends and neighbors! I would like to welcome Judy Waldo and Raquel Rodriguez to our new roster. They are being trained and will be ready to begin in November. Thank you for your help.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help's original church, now renamed the Old Adobe Mission, located on the SE corner of Brown Avenue and First Street, in Old Town Scottsdale, would like to invite you to become one of our wonderful docents. Every year we open the Spanish Colonial revival style church to the public to remind Scottsdale of its Catholic beginnings. The church was founded in 1933. We will fully train you on the history and restoration efforts that the little church has undergone. We need you! If you are looking for a great social and rewarding experience with the public, please contact Gloria Argueso at (602) 618-1189 for more information. Re-opening date will be Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Come join our outstanding team!



# Happy September Birthday

*Happy Birthday to Docents & Volunteers in September*

*If your birthday is in October, we want to celebrate you!  
Please call Theresa at (480) 874-3710.*

## Marian “Mims” Rowan

This past Sunday, September 19th, 2010, at 3:45 a.m., Marian “Mims” Wheat Rowan triumphantly entered the gates of Heaven. Marian and her husband, Joe, worked the afternoon shift at the old Adobe Mission.

Mary Diane Coury expressed her sentiments in this fashion, “How saddened my heart is with this information about our dear Marian. She and Joe would “take over” for Josie and I at the Mission on Thursday afternoons. We enjoyed their great positive spirit and were blessed to know both of them.” Johanna Warner, Robert Breen, Mary Ann and Bob Minton and Mary Christmas promptly sent messages of support and continued prayers for the

family.

Marian, may she rest in Peace, was from Missoula, Montana, and she and Joe had nine children, all of whom she was able to visit this past Fourth of July holiday. She shared those precious days with 52 members of her Weeth and Rowan families. But Joe puts it best, “She was the “Jalapeño of My Life”...I thank the Lord for providing me with the privilege of spending 56 glorious years with this wonderful individual.” And she certainly was! The sparkle in her eyes was inspiring to all of us.

Mims passed away at her home in Scottsdale, surrounded by Joe, family and friends. Joe is organizing funeral prayers for Mims through Messinger’s. A

Celebration of Life will be held at 5:30 p.m., on Saturday, October 2nd, at the Old Adobe Mission.

From our wonderful docents and volunteers: May she rest in eternal glory! You will be missed, Marian.



In her loving memory  
Marian “Mims” Rowan

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## Please pray for:

Frances Burruel, Jack Donovan, Mr. Christmas, Estelle Golder, and Chris Swanson

(If you, a family member, or friend needs our prayers, please let us know.)