



## President's Report for 2018-2019

Our roster is now at 19 active members. We have averaged around 18-20 members over the past several years.

In October we celebrated our chapter's 45th Anniversary with a dinner at Ivar's Salmon House. Eighteen attendees enjoyed the excellent food and social event. A slide show of pictures taken during the more recent years provided continual entertainment during the celebration. Thanks, Alan for preparing the slideshow and thanks Delia for organizing the dinner.

Our quarterly birthday/anniversary celebrations continued this year with attendance continuing to be about the same – anywhere between 6 to 20 attending. Our fourth quarter 2018 celebration was a potluck and holiday party hosted by Delia and Annah. A group of 13 gathered to celebrate. We collected money and provided 21 blankets for the homeless at Tent City 5, which Alan delivered to the residents there. Thank you, Delia and Annah, for graciously sharing your home for our celebration. The first and second quarters of 2019 were celebrated at local restaurants – The Village Inn and McMenamin's. The third quarter was once again our annual picnic. We gathered at Woodland Park on a beautiful July day. Thanks to Delia and Annah for coordinating the food and to Tom - our barbequing chef.

We held a new activity this year – our Three Kings Game

# Newsletter

## August — September 2019

### Save the Dates!

**Food Lifeline Volunteer Night**  
Thursday, Oct. 3, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
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**Talk by Heidi Schlumpf, NCR reporter**  
Sunday October 13, 2:00 – 4:30pm  
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**Holiday Party at Delia's**  
Sunday, December 1, 2:00 p.m.  
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Day. We gathered and shared food and fun while playing games. Thanks, Jerry for providing a great meal. We had a wonderful time and hope this will become an annual Epiphany event.

We celebrated our 31st Pride Week Breakfast in June. Attendance was much better this year. We netted proceeds of around \$2100 and were able to donate \$750 each to CareTeams, A Program of Samaritan Center of Puget Sound and to Food Lifeline. We also were able to add to our conference scholarship fund to help get our members to the DignityUSA National Conference. Thank you to all who worked so hard to make the breakfast another success.

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

We again participated in preparing backpacks loaded with supplies for the homeless children at Mary's Place. Working with several other organizations and church groups we packed 400 backpacks for K through 12 students. Dignity/Seattle again donated flash drives for the high school students. A group of 5 Dignity members helped with the packing, having fun meeting lots of people working to serve the children at Mary's Place.

DignityUSA celebrated its 50th Anniversary at our Biennial Conference in July in Chicago. Several Dignity/Seattle folks attended and had key roles at the conference. Delia, with the help of Annah, chaired the registration for the conference, Laure created the beautiful stage setting and decoration, Leo was a delegate and helped coordinate the Global Network of Rainbow Catholics – an international group that gathered before the Dignity conference. I was chair of the National Conference Committee and had assistance from Tish. A great showing for our small chapter. The next conference will be Aug. 19-22, 2021 in San Diego. We are hoping a lot of Seattle folks will join us there.

Thanks go to Alan for keeping our website ([www.dignityseattle.org](http://www.dignityseattle.org)) current. Also, thanks Delia for keeping our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/DignityofSeattle](http://www.facebook.com/DignityofSeattle)) up and current.

I would like to thank our board of directors - Delia, Alan, Laure and Paula H for their leadership and commitment. 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. And a very special thanks to Delia and Annah for opening their home many times over this year for meetings and gatherings. They have given our chapter a place to be. Thank you!

The board is looking at different ways to get our members and friends active and engaged in our community. If you have any ideas of activities or events to participate in, please contact us via email at [dignity.seattle@gmail.com](mailto:dignity.seattle@gmail.com).

I thank all our members, friends and supporters for your support. I look forward to a new year and new opportunities for Dignity/Seattle to grow and thrive. Hope to see all of you at our events during the year.

In Peace,  
Paula Lavalley  
President, Dignity/Seattle

### Dignity/Seattle Contributes to the Annual Backpack Drive for Mary's Place

On Saturday, August 17, five Dignity/Seattle members joined other volunteers from several parishes in packing 400 backpacks with school supplies. Dignity/Seattle contributed eighty 16GB USB flash drives that were included in the backpacks specifically going to teenagers. All backpacks were distributed the following Saturday during a ceremony at Mary's Place. Mary's Place provides, safe, inclusive shelter and services for women, children and families.



Dignity Seattle Treasurer's Report 10/1/18-9/15/19			
Checking Account	2017 - 2018	2018-2019	
Beginning Balance	\$5,038.54	\$5,081.56	
Deposits			
Donation from members & friends	600.00	645.00	
Donation from 45 Anniversary		895.00	
Donation - Tent City	215.00	220.00	
PW Breakfast & Raffle	1,700.00	2,383.00	
PW Breakfast food Donation	125.44		
Total Deposit	2,640.44	4,143.00	
Subtotal	7,678.98	9,224.56	
Operations Expenses			
Supplies		21.34	
Website services		14.95	
PO Box Rental	166.00	176.00	
Membership fee		50.00	
Summer Picnic/Christmas Dinner	118.20	112.00	
Summer Picnic Site Permit		105.00	
Subtotal Operations Expenses	284.20	479.29	
Special Events Expenses			
DSUSA DonationConference Brochure		250.00	
D/S 45 Anniversary Dinner	60.71	1,176.25	
National Convention Scholarship		1,449.30	
Donation to Tents & Socks	183.20		
Donation to Mary's Place-USB	310.38	220.28	
Jubilee Meetings-Dinner	74.03		
Blankets for Seattle's Tent City 5		228.05	
Subtotal Special Events Expenses	628.32	3,323.88	
PW Breakfast Expenses			
PW Breakfast-Food	125.44	100.00	
PW Breakfast Supplies/mailling/solicitation letters	59.46	38.50	
PW Breakfast Advertisement (SGN)	100.00	100.00	
PW Breakfast-Hall Rent	100.00	100.00	
Subtotal PWBreakfast Expenses	384.90	338.50	
PW Donation			
PW Breakfast Donation to Food LifeLine	650.00	750.00	
PW Breakfast Donation to CareTeams	650.00	750.00	
Subtotal PWBreakfast Donation	1,300.00	1,500.00	
Total Expenses	2,597.42	5,641.67	
Ending balance	\$5,081.56	\$3,582.89	
Savings Account			
Beginning Balance	\$1,621.54	\$1,622.03	
Interest	0.49	0.52	
Ending Balance	\$1,622.03	\$1,622.55	
Submitted by: Delia C. Vita	Date: September 15, 2019		



## Board Members & Contact Info

### Dignity/Seattle Board Members

Paula Lavallee	President
Paula Hills	Vice-President
Delia Vita	Treasurer, Social Comm.
Alan Scott	Secretary, Social Comm.
Laure Hauge	At-large

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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.

### Dignity/Seattle Board Meeting Minutes September 15, 2019 (*edited for publication*)

Meeting was called to order at 4:15 p.m. at Delia Vita's house. Board members Paula Lavallee, Paula Hills, Delia Vita, Alan Scott, and Laure Hauge were present.

**M/M/S/C:** To approve the July 18, 2016 meeting minutes.

#### Secretary's report (Alan Scott)

- Renewed Dignity/Seattle's contact information in the Gay Yellow Pages
- Updated the website to include the Newsletter and various events.

#### Treasurer's report (Delia Vita)

**See Annual Report on p3.**

**M/M/S/C:** To accept the October 1, 2018 to September 15, 2019 financial report

#### Committee Reports:

Social Committee: (Alan Scott and Delia Vita)

- Summer Picnic in July was well attended.

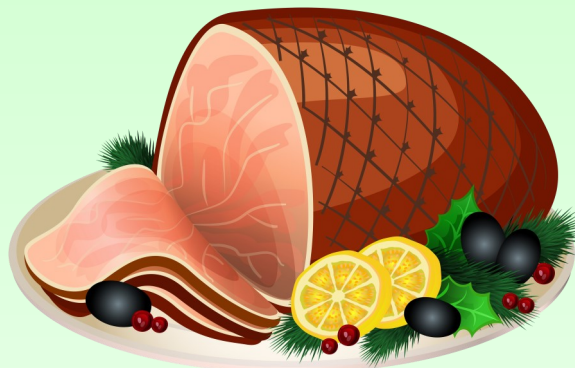
#### New Business:

- The following board member positions were elected for the 2019—2020 year:
  - ◇ Paula Lavallee, President
  - ◇ Paula Hills, Vice President
  - ◇ Alan Scott, Secretary
  - ◇ Delia Vita, Treasurer
  - ◇ Laura Hauge, Board Member at large

## Dignity/Seattle's Holiday Party

**Sunday, December 1, 2019, 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.**  
**718 W Halladay St (Queen Anne)**

Paula L will bring the ham. Alan S will e-mail the invitations. Collected donations will be for the purchase of blankets for Tent City 5 at Interbay.



## Three Kings Game Day

**Sunday, January 5, 2020, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.**  
**718 W Halladay St (Queen Anne)**

Food will be provided by Jerry and Dignity/Seattle. Alan will send invitations to members on the social list.



**Next Board Meeting will follow the Three Kings Game Day, at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, January 5, 2020 at Delia's home**

Meeting adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Alan Scott

### Food Lifeline Night "No Flying Fish"

But plenty of canned salmon to feed the hungry in Western Washington. Paula, Tish, Laure, and Alan joined with volunteers from other organizations on Tuesday, August 6 to inspect and repackage canned salmon for distribution to Food Banks the following morning. Over the two-plus hours four pallets were stacked about five feet high each with product of various can sizes.

We're looking forward to the next Food Lifeline volunteer evenings on

- Thursday, October 3, and
  - Thursday, December 5,
- at 815-S 96th St, in Seattle's South Park area.

Please let us know if you can help: [Dignity.Seattle@gmail.com](mailto:Dignity.Seattle@gmail.com), or 206-659-5519.

### Thank you note from Food Lifeline

July 31, 2019

I'm writing to sincerely thank you for your gift of \$750.00 to support the work of Food Lifeline from the funds raised at the Pride Week Breakfast in June. Your generosity will be used to provide our neighbors in Western Washington with nutritious food this summer!

Did you know that nearly 90 percent of families depend on the security of free or reduced-cost school breakfast and lunch lose those meals during the summer? That's why your support is so appreciated—you're ensuring that children and their families in our region have access to the nourishing meals they need all summer long.

Your gift will help kids and adults across Western Washington access the food they need to thrive. Thank you for helping us address summer hunger!

Gratefully,  
Eric Thorn  
Senior Manager, Donor Engagement  
Food Lifeline







# CALL TO ACTION

Western Washington

Inspire Catholics, Transform Church

## WELCOMES...

**CTAWW  
Fall Gathering**

**OCT. 13th**

**2019**

**2 to 4:30 PM**



## Heidi Schlumpf

**Heidi Schlumpf** is national correspondent for the National Catholic Reporter. She has three decades of experience covering religion, spirituality, social justice and women's issues, and is the author/editor of three books, including a biography of feminist theologian Elizabeth Johnson. She and her family are members of St. Gertrude Parish in Chicago.



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### *TOPIC: Resistance Within and Outside the Church*

#### **St. Patrick's Church**

**2702 Broadway East**  
 On north Capitol Hill, Seattle

**Suggested  
Donation \$25**

**FREE: Young Adults/Students**

\*Checks payable to CTAWW

\*Mail to Betty, 2045 East Bay Dr.  
 Olympia, WA 98506

The Women's March, the #Metoo movement and the Parkland students have attracted young, energetic activists in a post-Trump America. Meanwhile, church reform movements, like CTA, are linking younger and more seasoned reformers to continue to press for change in the church in the era of Pope Francis.

**What can these movements learn from one another?**  
**Heidi Schlumpf will offer some tips and hold up some role models from both "secular" and church resistance movements.**