

News From Sister Kay...

Dear friends,

Many months have passed since the last Durocher Program newsletter. Those months continued to be very busy with activities; I'm sure you will be interested in knowing about them as your support is key. From the beginning of September, we have continued to plan for June, 2019 Summer School. This significant process, a bit documented by photos, will only be completed when the opening bell "rings". Other educational programs can be glimpsed in the pages that follow. It is with gratitude that I can carry on, but only with your help. Thank you in the names of Jesus and Mary,

Sister Kay Burton

Summer School Preparation

Young men and women who were trained for summer school teaching last year have agreed to train others for the 2019 Summer School..



First planning meeting of teacher trainers.



Decisions made: who will do what when?



Shall the Summer School field trip be to the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum? Yes, said the trainers after a site visit.



Marquette making sure everyone knows how to teach chess.

Jonestown Volunteers From Here & Beyond

Student and adult volunteers from St. Mary's Academy, (Portland, OR), Michigan State University, Purdue University, the Academy of the Holy Names, Tampa, the Masters School, Dobbs Ferry, NY and Santa Cruz, CA came to learn and to give of themselves. Student and adult volunteers from Jonestown are the mainstay of what it means to help others in the community.

As has become tradition, our teens participated in delivering over 100 Thanksgiving dinners and 30 Christmas groceries.



On October 6, 2018 we in Jonestown joined SNJMs and friends throughout the Congregation in giving service.



Some of the young ladies who packed and delivered grocery items for Senior Citizens.

The day following, several young adults signed a commitment to give back to the Jonestown community. Two of those are teaching praise dancing to young girls and taking children to the garden.



The "Royalties" with their mentors, Carrie and Destiny.



Children planting seeds to be grown in the greenhouse.



Terrisheka with friends, who are volunteers from Tampa and Jonestown.

Piano

Ms. Delores Fields Mason is her 20th year of teaching piano with students. They are working hard to prepare for the May recital with the same intensity as that which produced beautiful success to the Christmas recital.



One of the younger students practicing at home.

Where Are They Now?



Shamfa, as a 6th grade student, getting help with math.

Shamfa Jones: where is she now? When Shamfa was young, she came for tutoring, piano lessons, softball, etc. Now, she is the mother of three daughters, all of whom take piano lessons and are involved in other Durocher activities. She and the twins helped the "Santa Cruz Adults" in the business of home rehabilitation.



Shamfa, with twin daughters and volunteer from Santa Cruz, sharing the work of rehabilitation.



In front of Brown's Chapel, Selma, where Dr. Martin Luther King spoke before crossing the Pettus Bridge.

Civil Rights Trip

On the 54th anniversary of the famed March for Voting Rights, Carolyn Brunt, eight young ladies, and I made a weekend trip to Selma, Montgomery, and Birmingham, Alabama.



After walking across the bridge, Destiny, happily, found a memorial to the person she is researching.



D'Ashanti, at Dexter Ave. Church, in Montgomery.



Tekia and Kiana, both college students, grateful for the persons who did so much to attain the Voting Rights Act.



The group gathered around the Civil Rights Memorial Center in Montgomery.



In Freedom Park, Birmingham, our group joined in honoring the four little girls who, in 1963, gave their lives.



In front of the 16th Street Church in Birmingham where four little girls were murdered.



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*With gratitude
and prayers for all
with whom I interact
and for those who
help us in anyway,
God bless you!*

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Community Garden

We planted five dozen cabbage seedlings the last Saturday of March. We included young and not-so-young persons from Jonestown and helpers from Santa Cruz.



You probably noticed that some persons are repeatedly pictured in the newsletter! There is good reason for this! Several current 12th grade students have been part of the Durocher Program since they were promoted from 5th grade to 6th. We have been a part of each other's lives for years. They are headed to college; I will miss them not only because they truly are beautiful human beings but because they participate in activities and they have given and continue to give volunteer service. The young men and women coming along are hope for the future!



Some of the 9th and 10th grade members of Girls to Women.