

## The Communicator January 19, 2023

**Saint Michael and All Angels Anglican/Episcopal Church aspires to be a beacon of inclusive Christian spiritual growth and service in our beloved State of Morelos.**

Sunday, January 29, 2023 will be a Red-Letter Day in the history of SMAAA. After nearly 25 years as Music Director, Organist, Choir Director, **Andrea McAllister Carr** will be retiring. Father Doug has declared it "Andrea Carr Honors Sunday" and is inviting all present and past choir members to be at church for this celebration. Many of you know that for many years **Charlie Goff** and I wrote a column for The News entitled "Charlie's Digs." We wrote about Andrea several times and I'm embedding my favorite of those essays written at the time Andrea retired as Head of the Music Department of La Salle University. This particular essay about Andrea tells a bit about the beginning of the choir. Sadly, I believe I am the only person left in Cuernavaca - other than Andrea - from its beginnings. I'm inviting **Steve Spencer** and his wife **Georgia** (also founding members) to visit us that Sunday and will hope they make it. If you can not open the article I have sent please let me know and I will send it to you separately. It is a lovely bit of local history.



During the pandemic Andrea and **Kay Godfrey** put together a book on the history of the SMAAA choir. It is still available for sale either as a digital or hard copy. Please let me know if you are interested. Alternatively, contact Kay Godfrey directly at [kay@lanlink.com](mailto:kay@lanlink.com).

Father Doug will be hosting a choir luncheon in Andrea's honor after church on Sunday, January 29. We hope past choir members as well as present choir members will RSVP.

La Mancha will be hosting its annual Icon Retreat beginning on January 24. I believe all iconographers will be attending Saint Michael's on January 29 so we should have a VERY full house that festival day. I certainly hope so.

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Yesterday I received a very interesting article from Choir member **Ian Thomas**. Saint Mike's always has a grand celebration for the Feast Day of Saint Francis when we invite our animals to



church with us. Who knew that Saint Anthony's is also a major celebration day for animals... at least in Mexico. Maybe next year someone in our congregation will bring a duck???? Or maybe we can take our burro to them?



Last issue I sent **Harriet Edmond's** Canadian address and a letter from her niece asking that we send letters. Serendipitously our **Thomas Esakin** is going to Canada next week and has graciously offered to carry mail for us that he will post in Canada. If you have a letter for Harriet please either bring it to church on Sunday or put it in the Saint Michael's mail slot on the wall of the church. Again, Harriet's address is: **Harriet Edmond, PO Box 836, Ucluelet BC, Canada, V0R 3A0**

If you haven't yet visited the Tiles Tell the Tale wall outside the library, please do. Didn't have a photo for the last issue. Thank you again to **Kay Godfrey** and **Jim Blanchard** for the hard work of making this happen.



Our annual meeting is now scheduled for February 5, immediately following Sunday services and then a potluck. The potluck will be

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coordinated by **Adrienne Socorro**. We will need main dishes, salads and desserts. Please contact Adrienne (WhatsApp 777-367-4245 or [adrienne\\_socorro@hotmail.com](mailto:adrienne_socorro@hotmail.com)). In the past (pre-pandemic) the annual meeting rivaled Christmas and Easter for attendance. We hope to return to those days and a big crowd for the Annual Meeting would be most welcome!

Your Vestry has been hard at work. At the Annual Meeting there is a budget to vote on, new Vestry members to approve as well as other important items. Saint Michael and All Angels is an Anglican Church (Episcopal) and follows the Canons of that denomination. We are also an inclusive church that means all are welcome to worship with us. That said, attendance at the Annual Meeting is an important part of the commitment to our church and shouldn't be seen as a social event you may or may not attend. We hope all members will have made an annual pledge\* before the meeting.

We are excited to announce that **John Stelly** has agreed to be our new Junior Warden. Although his appointment must be approved at the Annual Meeting he has already talked to Father Doug about the installation of an irrigation system that will both save us water and that he can install for a fraction of an outside contractor. We are thrilled. Thank you John for your continued commitment to Saint Michael's.

We've also been blessed with the appearance of a new face on campus. Maintenance Guy Marco! **Marco Antonio Flores** (WhatsApp 777-256-1067) has a wonderful, highly recommended maintenance service that I have been using for about six months. His team is reliable and he is personable, always has a big smile and speaks quite a bit of English. Marco Antonio or a member of his team can do most any job a home requires. More than that he sees deferred maintenance and brings it to your attention. After months of work at LaMancha he began to do work for **Alistair Richardson's** condominium and then at Saint Michael's. Everyone is equally pleased and the good news is: He's fallen in love with us. Marco Antonio has offered to give 30% of any money he receives as a result of our recommendation back to Saint Michael's. This is a very generous offer! I hope you will take advantage of his excellent services **and** be sure to mention Saint Michael's when you do.

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Do you need a new directory? Do you know people who should be added to the Directory? Doctors who should be added to the list of recommended professionals? Please let me know.

**\*Pledging is considered an important part of our church life. It is a way for us to give back to God some of the blessings we have been given. It is also important for the church to know what income it will have for the coming year. The overhead of our campus alone is more than our income. We provide a place for the English-speaking community to gather, the housing of the library, AA, etc. In addition we have the overhead costs of music, clergy and our social outreach. Father Doug graciously subsidizes his own salary which makes this possible. Otherwise we would be in a deeper hole than we are. So, how do you pledge? With the advent of our new website there will be a place to put in a pledge and to do an automatic monthly, quarterly or annual donation through your bank. Some will choose to still do their pledge using the envelopes at the back of the church. Please talk to Father Doug, Judy Frothingham our Sr. Warden, Alistair Richardson or Carol Hopkins, Stewardship co-chairs with any questions you may have about pledging or the finances of the church.**

**Coming up Next Issue: Exciting Inauguration of the Saint Michael's website.**