

Annual General Report **Palanca** September 25th, 2024

I am very happy to report that this year has been filled with weekends world-wide. Obviously, despite diminishing numbers in candidates here in Canada, the rest of the world, especially the United States, Brazil, and Argentina are having record numbers.

When I took over the position last year I found that most alarming numbers of pi were being requested. Aside from the few weeks surrounding Easter and Christmas when there have been fewer weekends the number of pi requests could range from 30-91 requests per week. A quick count was approx. 3,609 messages of hope and promises of prayer that went worldwide this past year. I may be a fast typist but there was no way with my busy life I could meet that need.

SO, I put on my delegator hat, consulted the board for permission, and asked some people to help me. A friend, also a Cursillista, Jeannette Bird, came on board and every other person that sends pi and prays is from our last weekend (#129th). They are Gillian Mattock, Lise Friesen, Dot Sweeney, Kim Labelle and me. These women both pray (the palanca) and send pi from all of us, the OACM. If you would like to join us I would love it as some weeks 2 or more of those women might be away so it can add up.

The icing on the cake is the second arm in our endeavour which are our extra prayer warriors. They are led by Linda Denham and they are Carol Magee (also on our weekend) and all the rest were candidates at the table of Harriet Tubman & Anne Frank. (Let's hear it for our table rah!) . Their names are Paula Ennis, Trish Kirch, and Shelagh Vaughan (who is in her nineties).

So, we are a team of eleven women who are keeping our movement honest, when we say that the OACM is praying for them, there at least two women (one from each team) who are praying in depth for each weekend around the world. I am so incredibly grateful to each and every one of you. Don't let last year's weekend show your weekend up now. Time to get involved. 😊

I am wondering, and would love hearing, if there are people who would like to be part of one of our crews....the more people we have the shorter the list can be, and more time can be spent in prayer for each and every weekend. You can reach me at patricia@patriciahalford.ca.

So, I got to thinking (and my husband says that is 'bien dangerous') and I wondered if we might put the list of requests each Monday on the Facebook page and those of you who have time..... Hmm.

Praying and thinking of new ideas.....ultreya!

Respectfully,

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