

Reuniunea Femeilor
St. John The Baptist Romanian Orthodox Church
501 East School Street, Woonsocket, Rhode Island 02895

Dear Reuniunea Femeilor members,

February 19, 2023

In the beginning of each year has traditionally been the time when the Officers of the Ladies Auxiliary present information about our organization's functioning during the past year-2022.

First of all, as the President of Reuniunea Femeilor, I would like to begin with thanking all the ladies-members and non-members- who have supported the organization and helped during this year; special thanks go to my fellow Officers (Psa. Anca Morar, Mihaela Ratti and Mariana Radu); I also want to thank all of you who are staying strong at this times and want to keep our mission and organization alive.

Although we did not have lots of events in the past year, we still were able to gather our members together in June and have a mini picnic, which raised around \$3000. In 2022 we had the great honor to be together with God's blessing to celebrate the 110th Anniversary of our parish.

I want to remind you at this time that the women were always laboring for their family and cared for the church. Over the years, they worked diligently to meet the needs of the parish and to improve and beautify the church and its property. They were always first to answer and help with any projects the Parish Council engaged in.

Next year our organization will celebrate 90 years since its foundation. We need to think how we are going to continue our ancestors' devotion.

That is why I believe the key questions for this new year are:

How are we going to keep our organization ALIVE? Who is going to pass on our traditions, who is going to carry forward our tradition, so our daughters and granddaughters can have a solid foundation in the Ladies Auxiliaries organization?

That is why I urge you all to leave aside personal likes and dislikes and to open your minds and your hearts and welcome back faith, love, and respect. Together we can revitalize and continue what others started and will inspire the next generation to continue our work.

With Love and Respect,

Adriana Jordache, President