

Welcome



Monica/Tiger Paws

100th Anniversary

Celebration

For the LORD is good, his
steadfast love endures
forever, his faithfulness to all
generations. Psalm 100:5



Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Thomas Chisholm

William M. Runyan

Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther; there is no shad-ow of
Sum-mer and win-ter, and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and stars in their
Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, thine own dear pres-ence to

turn-ing with thee. Thou chang-est not; thy com-pas-sions they fail not.
cours-es a - bove join with all na-ture in man-i-fold wit-ness,
cheer and to guide, strength for to-day and bright hope for to-mor-row:

13
As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be. Great is thy faith-ful-ness!
to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love,
bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand ha - side!

19
Great is thy faith-ful-ness Morn-ing by morn-ing, new mer-cies I see. All I have

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need-ed thy hand hath pro-vid-ed. Great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord un-to me!

Doxology

OLD 100TH L.M.

Thomas Ken, 1637-1711

Louis Bourgeois c. 1510-c. 1561

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all crea - tures here be - low;

Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains the first two lines of music, and the second system contains the last two lines. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The lyrics are placed between the staves of each system. The music is a simple, homophonic setting of the doxology.

Monica Society

The Monica Society of the Orange City Christian School was organized in 1921 with the purpose to serve various Christian institutions with financial and prayer support. The name of the society was chosen by Mr. and Mrs. C. Aué and was so named because Monica was the faithful and praying mother of her wayward son, St. Augustine. So also, this ladies auxiliary which bears her name, has labored faithfully, and with prayerful consecration, to help the cause of Christian education. Here in Orange City. No other group has so diligently persevered throughout the years or contributed so much time and effort on behalf of our school. And the Lord has blessed those efforts which is evidenced by the thousands of dollars that the Monica Society has raised and given throughout the years of its existence. From the years 1934-1979 the society has given approximately \$267,750,00 to the school. Records for the 12 previous years are not available.

In 1929 a decision was made to work solely for the Christian School, instead of for various Christian causes. The meetings were held in the homes of members where many hours were spent making rugs, blankets, etc. for their annual sale which we still hold every year. They also raised money from rallies, picnics, banquets, or whatever other occasion presented itself.

The Dutch language was used until 1934. Here are a few excerpts from those minutes: "De koop en knip commissie werd gelast om gold to koopen en te zorgen er wat voor eerst noodig was." The big annual event was "het jaar feest." We read, "Er were besloten om dit jaar chicken sandwiches, koffie en koek te hebben op het fiest. De koeken, de chickens en de cream zal gegeven worden door de leden. Er werd verzocht om zoo veel mogelijk witte koeken to bregen."

One of the highlights of those earlier years was an all-day picnic which was held in either the Reinsma grove, Ter Horst grove, or a nice spot along the Floyd River.

The Monica Society was also noted for its dialogues, humorous Yankee Dutch readings, and renditions on the musical saw.

We now have a 3rd generation working for the school with 79 active members and 150 associate members. Some of the present day projects include: food stands at the Tulip Festival and the Ball park, buffet and chicken suppers, bake sales and our annual sale of handiwork. More recent projects are a very busy food catering service and a Cash for Trash project.

So Monica goes on working and praying; as busy as ever, and faithful in a worthy cause. Membership is open to all ladies interested in supporting Christian education and willing to contribute her time and talents. May the Lord richly bless the Monica Society that it may continue to be a blessing to our school.

Irma Fedders, President

Constitution of Tiger PAWS (Parents and Advocates Willing to Serve)
(revised September, 2020)

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name shall be "Tiger PAWS (Parents and Advocates Willing to Serve)".

ARTICLE II - BASIS

The Basis of the Tiger PAWS (Parents and Advocates Willing to Serve) is the infallible Word of God as interpreted by the doctrinal standards of the Reformed Churches.

ARTICLE III - MISSION & VISION

- A. Tiger PAWS mission is to build the OCCS community through prayer, service and financial support.
- B. Tiger PAWS vision is to provide prayer, service opportunities, and financial support for our school because of our commitment to Christian education.

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

- A. Members include:
 - a. All parents who have child(ren) attending Orange City Christian School.
 - b. Associate members (anyone not a parent of a current OCCS student) who wish to be involved through service opportunities or financial support.
- B. All members are invited and encouraged to remain informed by attending all open meetings of Tiger PAWS, or by contacting a Tiger PAWS board member.

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS

- A. The Officers (Tiger PAWS Board) of Tiger PAWS shall be as follows:
 - a. President
 - b. Vice President
 - c. Secretary
 - d. Three Treasurers (one retires each year)
 - e. Three At-Large (one of these will be the past president for their third year)
- B. The officers for the following year shall be determined by discussion by the current Tiger PAWS Board at a spring meeting.
- C. The Tiger PAWS board shall be represented by as many churches as possible; the majority of the board shall at no time be from one church. At least one board member should be from the Partner Society.
- D. All board members will serve for three years.
- E. Notwithstanding the fact that Tiger PAWS has its own membership and its own officers to govern itself, PAWS shall be subordinate to the Orange City Christian School Board of Trustees, and ultimate authority for decisions relating to Tiger PAWS shall rest with the OCCS Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE VI- MEETINGS

- A. The Tiger PAWS Board shall meet a minimum of four times during the year, more often as required. Meeting minutes shall be provided to the OCCS board for review and information.
- B. Tiger PAWS shall meet each fall at the OCCS Society Meeting to review the prior year's information and approve any major changes.
- C. The full board shall review the general financial ledger of the bank account and income/expense reports at their meetings.

ARTICLE VII- AMENDMENTS

This Constitution, with the exception of Article II may be amended or revised by Tiger PAWS by a two-thirds vote in favor thereof, a quorum of members being present.

MONICA MEMORIES

From Carol Noteboom:

Monica was not a mandate, you only joined if you wanted to as far as I could remember, I don't think parents were required to be a member. I joined when our children were in school and I know I got to know lots of other parents by working together, I was on the catering group and we did a lot of catering at that time and it was the main fund raiser beside tulip time and soup supper. I was also an officer at one time but I did not enjoy that so much. I would rather do work things and still do.

From Esther Visser:

Here's some things I remember about Monica.

When I think back to my time as a Monica member, they are very good. You became a Monica member when you had a child in school. After I'd been a member for a number of years, there were a few families who asked if they could pay a lump sum of money so they wouldn't be asked to help with fund raisers. This did not happen.

Our meetings were usually in the afternoon and were held in the old gym or now the music room. Our meetings were usually well attended as most of us were stay at home moms. After our meetings there was always lunch.

One fund raiser was Monica providing catering service for anniversary, birthday celebrations and Christmas parties. Monica moms prepared the food, like peeling potatoes so real mashed potatoes could be served! These were kept warm in roasters. We didn't use paper plates, so washing plates and silverware took time!

Monica also served tavern and hot dogs once a month to the students. The students would pick up their food from the old kitchen, now the teachers work room, and carry their tray back to their room to eat.

Another fund raiser was making Pig-in-the-Blankets to be served at the Tulip Festival. I remember making these in the basement of 1st CRC. These would be put on trays that would have to be carried up the steps to be brought to Woudstra Meat Market to freeze! This continued until they had to be made in an inspected kitchen. They are now made in OCCS.

Another fund raiser was Cash for Trash. This was 1st in the basement of Bernie and Lorna Reinders home. After it was there for a time, it was in a garage type building on the west side of OCCS. Here we would cut off coupons that were on soup cans etc that could be redeemed, and this money applied to tuition.

At times this seemed like a lot of work but doing it as a fund raiser for our children - priceless!!

I was never on the board but enjoyed meeting other moms at meetings and fundraisers.

From Lois Huitink:

You probably know all of this – but here are a few of my memories of the Monica Society. Some of my early memories of Monica was that they met on Wednesday afternoon and the ladies did handwork and had coffee until the kids were dismissed from school. Then those of us who lived in the country had the treat of riding home with our moms instead of taking the bus. This was back in the day when we all had lunch pails and took our food along from home. Once a month we enjoyed a hot lunch of Hot Dogs or Taverns prepared by the Monica moms. We had to “order” ahead of time, so that there was just enough for everyone. In the fall there was a huge auction. Farmers would bring in farm items i.e.: Bales of straw or hay; eggs; meat etc. Items that the women made were also auctioned. Dish towel sets were a big favorite (7 to a set). Every item was sold above market value and if the auctioneer felt it wasn't bringing in enough money he would say “that's cheaper than a broom” to encourage more bids. Soup suppers were also a big fund-raiser. Later, when my children attended OCCS, Monica offered a catering service.

From Maria Byker:

I enjoyed working in the Straatmarket...unless it was pouring rain ☹️ but even then it was good. It's fun to see many different people.

From Gina Poppema:

I always enjoy the soup supper. It is fun to see families sharing a meal & catching up. Short work shifts too 😊

From Kay Kleinhesselink:

The Bazaar – Lots of crafts & getting to know lots of people (men & women)