

Jeannette Marie Borges was born September 18, 1954 in Oakdale, California to Frank V. and Caroline Borba and grew up in a house of five brothers. She had to help her mother, Caroline with the cleaning and cooking and that is why she is such a great cook. Jeannette enjoyed growing up going to Portuguese Festas. When her father was Festa President she was Festa Queen for Oakdale and Sacramento. She graduated from Escalon High School in 1972. After graduating she went to work at the local bank as a teller.

Jeannette met her husband, Manuel through her brothers when they visited Terceira, Acores in 1969. He would come by to visit with her brothers and Jeannette caught his eye. They were married on April 26, 1975 and they have four children: Michelle, Melissa, Nicole and Justin. The children kept her busy with being involved with their school, sports, and being a 4-H Dairy Leader, Eucharistic Minister, CCD Secretary while doing books for the dairy along with cooking and cleaning. When the kids were older she ran the Lone Tree Cafe for eleven years at the Escalon Livestock Yard.

Besides enjoying cooking, Jeannette loves to play cards and travel. She and Manuel have traveled to Acores Islands, Alaska, Mexico, Hawaii, New Orleans, New York , Europe and many more places. All their children are married and they have twelve wonderful grandchildren, which keep her very busy. Jeannette said that her greatest accomplishments are her Family, Faith and Friends.

Jeannette joined Our Lady of Fatima #179 in Escalon on October 1st, 1985 and was happy to finally have “Sisters”. She was a Trustee for many years and said she never wanted to be President. On July 1st, 2007 she became President. She was President for the next seven years. Then she became Institute Deputy and District Deputy. During her time in YLI she has recruited her cousins, friends, Mom, three daughters, daughter-in-law and granddaughter to join YLI, and many more. She has been Chairman of the Annual Fall YLI Pancake Breakfast for the last twenty four years, with which we are able to give to many organizations and families in need during the Christmas Season.

In 2011 Jeannette went to her first convention and was hooked by meeting so many new YLI Sisters. She was co-chairman of Modesto Convention in 2015, where the Past Grand Presidents saw the great a job that she did. They asked her to become a Grand Officer so that someday she could become Grand President.

Jeannette was Grand Director for just one year in 2017 and was convinced to run for Grand Second Vice President, in which she was in 2018. In 2019 and 2020 she was Grand First President for two years due to Covid. Jeannette is looking forward in being your 2021 YLI Grand President, meeting all of her YLI sisters and sharing her Love of YLI.