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## *The Path Ahead*

*Jan Cervelli follows her heart  
home and to Saint Mary's*





*“This is a  
blessed calling  
and I hear the call!”*

*—President Jan Cervelli*



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On the cover and inside cover: Who is that coming up The Avenue? It's Jan Cervelli, 12<sup>th</sup> president of Saint Mary's College. Cervelli came into office on June 1 and was formally installed on November 12. Her vision for Saint Mary's comes into focus inside the pages of this issue of *Courier*. Photos by John Tirota.

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Saint Mary's College is a Catholic, residential, women's undergraduate college in the liberal arts tradition, founded by the Sisters of the Holy Cross in 1844. The College offers three co-educational graduate programs in data science, speech language pathology, and nursing practice. According to its mission, Saint Mary's College seeks to educate students, develop their talents, and prepare them to make a difference in the world. Visit [saintmarys.edu](http://saintmarys.edu) for more information. "Like" Saint Mary's College on Facebook and follow us on Twitter (@saintmarys and @saintmarysnews) and Instagram (SaintMarysCollege).





Mother M. Pauline O'Neill

# UPON REFLECTION

It is my privilege as president of the Sisters of the Holy Cross to formally welcome President Jan Cervelli to Saint Mary's College. Saint Mary's is the "eldest daughter" in the congregation's family of sponsored institutions, which span four continents. As an alumna, Saint Mary's holds a treasured place in my heart. I am confident that Jan's presidency will continue the legacy of strong and visionary leadership that has been a hallmark of the school from its beginning in 1844.

For thousands of years, people in every society have celebrated significant moments through ritual. As Saint Mary's College marks the important transition of presidential leadership, we call upon the power and grace of ritual to help articulate the mission, values, hopes, and dreams of an institution that has pioneered women's education in the Catholic and liberal arts traditions for 172 years. The inauguration ritual carries a profound impact for all involved. It is one in which Saint Mary's engages with jubilant and solemn resolve. President Cervelli and Saint Mary's College mutually commit themselves to the sacred ministry of educating women, empowering them in the Holy Cross tradition to help create a world better than our own.


Blessed Basil Moreau entrusted the sisters with this mission as they began this "school for girls." From those earliest days, the sisters recognized that success would be a collaborative effort, and sought committed laywomen and men to join them in their endeavor. The congregation continues to value collaboration in its sponsored ministries, and we proudly and confidently entrust the leadership of Saint Mary's College to Jan Cervelli as its 12<sup>th</sup> president.

Passing on the mantle of leadership is never done lightly. Jan takes her place in the procession of Sisters of the Holy Cross and other women and men who have read the signs of the times in women's education and have responded with visionary and bold leadership. Mother M. Pauline O'Neill, the first and longest serving president of the College, remarked at the beginning of her tenure, "The old days are gone, but it is well to renew them, for the spirit which prompted them we cannot afford to lose." Jan brings that pioneering spirit to her leadership embracing values that have always been part of the Saint Mary's mission: intellectual curiosity and a love of learning, aesthetic appreciation and creativity in the search for truth and beauty, religious sensibility in working for the common good, and social responsibility in contributing to a sustainable and just world order. While it is true that she stands on the shoulders of strong leaders of the past, of builders and dreamers, poets and global educators, it is equally true that Jan adds her own strength and passion to that legacy.

Welcome to Saint Mary's, Jan. To paraphrase the famous words of long-serving president, Sister M. Madeleva Wolff, CSC: May your journey of discovery — discovery of yourself, discovery of the universe, and your place in it — continue each day as you travel The Avenue and the many places it leads you.

— Sister Veronique Wiedower '70, CSC  
President, Sisters of the Holy Cross



A full-page photograph of a statue of Father Basil Moreau, CSC. The statue is a light-colored, possibly stone or plaster, standing figure of a man with a serious expression, looking slightly downward. He is wearing a long, buttoned robe with a wide sash. He holds a long, dark staff with several leaves attached to it, cradling it in his arms. The background is a dense forest of trees with vibrant autumn foliage in shades of yellow, orange, and brown, with some blue sky visible through the canopy. The lighting is warm, suggesting late afternoon or early morning.

*“It is God’s hand which has  
guided everything, and it is God  
whom we must thank above all.”*

*— Father Basil Moreau, CSC*





*The Lan*



# Landscape of a New Era

By Kara Pavlik Kelly '96

As hundreds of alumnae gathered under a tent on the Le Mans Green during Reunion weekend, up The Avenue came a hunter green 1950s vintage MG, top down. Classic and modern, like the driver.

Jan Cervelli, the 12<sup>th</sup> president of Saint Mary's College, parked the British sports car in its new spot, at the curb in front of Le Mans Hall.

Cervelli, the former dean of the University of Arizona College of Architecture, Planning, and Landscape Architecture, moved from a career at a large, public university to a liberal arts women's college just across the St. Joseph River from her childhood home in South Bend.

She never imagined making such a change, but the opportunity to lead Saint Mary's felt like a spiritual calling more than a mere career move.

"I think God made a decision for me," Cervelli said. "I got a unique calling and I paid attention to it."

The "grit" Saint Mary's women have shown in working toward a better world for themselves and those in need ultimately inspired her to heed the call.

"I can say with pride, Saint Mary's women are impolite in their insistence on making an impact," Cervelli said in her Inaugural Address on November 12. "Today we call that quality grit, the ability to assert oneself regardless of external circumstances, the will to transcend what might otherwise cause us to retreat. Few things make me pump my fist with pride quite like seeing young women exhibit such resilience and determination."



## South Bend beginnings

Cervelli, the youngest of three children, grew up on South Bend's near northwest side, in a ranch-style house.

Her mother, a former professional dancer, was active in her children's school, Holy Cross, one of the oldest Catholic elementary schools in Indiana. Through the school, her mother formed close relationships with a number of Holy Cross sisters. The sisters made an impression on the young Cervelli.

"There was so much love around many of the sisters who taught us — the love of life and the love of learning," Cervelli said. "They inspired us to take on the world and make a positive impact."

Saint Mary's College President Jan Cervelli poses in the garden west of Lake Marian. Cervelli has always loved the outdoors, an interest she shared with her late father, Renato. Her mother, Theresa, pictured above, had a great admiration for the Sisters of the Holy Cross, who have also inspired Cervelli.



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A guitarist for many years, Cervelli played in a student-faculty band at the University of Arizona and still picks up the instrument in her office to relax.

Her father, a California native and graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, worked for more than 40 years as an aeronautical engineer for Bendix Corporation in South Bend. An avid environmentalist, he also served as president of the Michiana Watershed Association, a non-profit that protects and restores South Bend-area waterways. His legacy project was helping to implement a 3.5-mile trail system, which runs behind Saint Mary's, along the west bank of the St. Joe.

When Cervelli was in eighth grade, she and her father took a two-day paddling trip on the river in the family canoe, camping along the way.

"My dad had a great love of nature and always made it a priority to enjoy the outdoors," Cervelli said. "So whether it was a canoe trip or visiting national parks on a family trip to California, he instilled in me a love for the environment."

## A Confluence of Influences

While Cervelli's older sister, Patricia, graduated from Saint Mary's in 1972 with a degree in mathematics, Cervelli herself received an academic scholarship to Purdue University, where she graduated in 1979.

There she discovered landscape architecture through the work of Frederick Law Olmsted. The field combined her early influences — engineering, art, and the natural sciences.

"I loved to draw, I loved music," Cervelli said. "I remember how inspired I was by our national parks and beautiful urban areas."

At Purdue, Cervelli served as a teaching assistant for Dr. Harrison Flint, a world-renowned expert in "woody ornamentals" — trees, shrubs, and ground covers.

Cervelli was encouraged when, under his direction, she was put in charge of her own lab section, taking fellow undergraduates around campus to learn about trees, shrubs, and ground covers.

"Professor Flint was a great mentor in showing his teaching assistants how to teach," Cervelli said. "I fell in love with teaching by motivating students in January, freezing to death walking across West Lafayette's campus, to look at twigs."

After a summer in South Bend working for a tree nursery where she manned front-end loaders, and another summer where she was part of a digging crew that cleaned out irrigation ditches, she went north, and enrolled in the Master of Landscape Architecture program at the University of Guelph in Ontario.



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She became a faculty member at the University of Kentucky, where she earned the school's Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award and also began devoting herself to administrative work through a faculty advisory group.

Cervelli said she was fortunate to have several university presidents as mentors, including David Roselle, former president of the University of Kentucky and the University of Delaware, and Shirley Raines, former president of the University of Memphis.



*"We must bring different types of knowledge together in creative, forward looking ways to create a sustainable future."*




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She also became an American Council of Education Fellow, where she was to spend a year learning directly from a university president. Cervelli spent the year observing two: Robert Glidden at Ohio University and William English "Brit" Kirwan at The Ohio State University. She appreciated learning from leaders with distinct styles at very different institutions.

"Bob Glidden was a warm, charismatic leader and I got to go everywhere with him and engage in all matters of the university," Cervelli said. "Brit Kirwan was a strong, principled leader who was a champion for civil rights and ethnic concerns. I watched Brit in some difficult situations and how he would always respect student and faculty rights."

A common thread throughout her career in higher education has been a commitment to the liberal arts and its role in preparing students to make a positive impact in the world. An advocate for expanded science education at Saint Mary's, she's also proud that it's situated in a liberal arts curriculum that informs the human concerns at the heart of the College's mission.

Inspired by Pope Francis, Cervelli says she wants to lead Saint Mary's with what he calls the "integral and integrating vision" necessary to combine different ways of knowing in the service of a more humane and equitable world.

"Through the liberal arts, we come to understand not only the challenges we face, but develop the strength of will to pursue solutions that have the greatest benefit, even at a cost to ourselves," Cervelli said in her Inaugural Address. "We come to see the context in which we live our lives, our place in the continuum of humanity's past and future, through history and theology and philosophy and literature and the creative arts and the sciences." 



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# The Inauguration of



Above: Following the Inaugural Ceremony, President Janice A. Cervelli processes out of O'Laughlin Auditorium with Chair of the Board of Trustees Mary L. Burke '85. Go to [saintmarys.edu/Courier](http://saintmarys.edu/Courier) to see more Inauguration photos and to watch the Inaugural Address.



# Janice A. Cervelli



On a crisp, sunny November day in Notre Dame, Indiana, Janice A. Cervelli was formally installed as the 12<sup>th</sup> president of Saint Mary's College. Before the assembly of trustees, students, faculty, staff, administrators, and delegates from dozens of colleges and universities, President Cervelli declared from the podium, "I promise you that I will put all my strength into living up to the tradition of excellence that I have inherited, and carrying it forward with the same indomitable spirit."

Sitting among the dignitaries on the O'Laughlin Auditorium stage was **President Emerita Carol Ann Mooney '72**, who served 12 years as president of this Catholic, women's, liberal arts college. The president thanked her for nurturing its vibrant, thriving, ambitious atmosphere. "It's like receiving the keys to a classic car with a new engine, tuned and humming. We're in for an exhilarating ride!"

## A daughter of South Bend returns home

Cervelli is homegrown, having spent her childhood in South Bend where Saint Mary's College was one of her "playgrounds." She attended Holy Cross Grade School and Saint Joseph High School and earned landscape architecture degrees at Purdue University and the University of Guelph.





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She comes to Saint Mary's from the University of Arizona, where she served for eight years as Dean of the College of Architecture, Planning, and Landscape Architecture. Previously, she was Dean of the Clemson University College of Architecture, Arts, and Humanities from 2000 to 2007.

**Kelly O'Shea Carney '84**, president of the Alumnae Association Board of Directors, said in her welcome, "As an accomplished academic leader whose career has demonstrated vision, strength, conviction, and commitment to the same values that have guided Saint Mary's over the last 172 years, Jan is exactly the kind of strong, smart, principled leader we expect and appreciate at Saint Mary's."

### **Educating to heal a divided world**

Inclusion was a theme of the Inaugural Address. The Inauguration came days after the national elections. Cervelli reminded the audience that education is the key to healing and to the human flourishing that flows from it.

"An education that values *who* our students become, over *what* they become; an education that defines success by the richness of spirit that we possess and the wealth of opportunity that we create — that is the soul of Saint Mary's."

Cervelli noted that through education of the mind and heart, in the Holy Cross tradition, "understanding and unity can and should come from paying respectful attention, in our divisive climate, to the ways in which we are alike. We must be open to learning about each other. Our college named for Saint Mary, can be a bridge to that learning, helping to guide a wounded, divided world toward healing by shining a light on our shared humanity."





Far left (pg. 10): Students carrying international flags led the academic procession into O'Laughlin Auditorium. The flags represent the international students and study abroad programs at Saint Mary's.

Left: President Janice A. Cervelli at the Inaugural Dinner with her mother Theresa Cervelli, sister Patricia Cervelli Lombardi '72, and brother Robert Cervelli.

Below: As the Inaugural Ceremony is about to begin, students give the president high fives as she finds her place in the academic procession.



## Fostering a spirit of creative problem solving

Inclusive dialogue about the future of our planet, as outlined in Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common Home*, was also woven into the Inaugural Address.

"The liberal arts are an education in the common good, where we raise and wrestle with humanity's biggest questions. Addressing the environmental crisis that threatens to destabilize the world for generations will not be simply a matter of developing the needed technology. We must summon the moral will to deploy it in the face of forces that might doubt its necessity, let alone the sacrifices required to make a scalable impact."

She added that different types of knowledge must be brought together in forward-looking ways to create a sustainable future. To help cultivate such a culture at Saint Mary's, Cervelli announced the "Promise of Discovery Award," a \$50,000 grant to be presented each spring to a faculty member for a fresh, interdisciplinary idea that advances teaching and research.

"I feel called to develop a culture of innovation, to fully support trail blazers throughout the College, and to foster a spirit of creative problem solving that meets the needs of our time."

Meanwhile, Chair of Board of Trustees **Mary L. Burke '85** entrusted Cervelli with the charge of leading Saint Mary's College and then surprised her with a framed Apostolic Blessing from His Holiness. It states that Pope Francis "invokes an abundance of heavenly graces and the continued protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary" on Janice A. Cervelli.

An unabashed fan of Pope Francis, Cervelli said his blessing was the capstone of the day. **C**

*"We wish you God's  
abundant blessings,  
courage, and strength  
as you begin your  
tenure in this precious  
legacy that is  
Saint Mary's College."*

Sister Veronique Wiedower '70, CSC  
President, Sisters of the Holy Cross

— Gwen O'Brien



# “The Right Woman for the Job”

By Haleigh Ehmsen '16

President Jan Cervelli and her dog, Pearl, were the guests of honor at a fall Garden Tea Party hosted by student government. The event, planned for Le Mans Green, was held in Reignbeaux Lounge due to rain.

No worries.

Lawn games were simply assembled on a rug instead of grass.



Student body president **Emma McCarthy '17** escorted Cervelli from her office to the party down the hall. McCarthy wasn't sure how many people to expect since it had been moved inside.

When they rounded the corner, she couldn't believe it. Reignbeaux was filled with hundreds of Belles cheering and waving — clearly excited to meet the 12<sup>th</sup> president of Saint Mary's College. “I hope she felt what I did in that moment. It was validating and important for her to see that the students want to get to know and support her,” she said.

McCarthy noted that Cervelli, likewise, wants to get to know students and all aspects of student life.

“The president is genuine. She is so good at interacting with us and dives right in and recognizes that an institution is only as strong as its students. President Cervelli knows that in order to represent us, she has to know us.” **Roni Darling '17** describes Cervelli as humble. She was excited that seniors were invited to march in the procession at the opening and closing of Inauguration.

“Inauguration is so much more than just an installation ceremony, it's about supporting President Cervelli and being a part of the history here.”



McCarthy appreciates Cervelli's vision. “I love how passionate she is about women's leadership. She sees a sustainable future for Saint Mary's and that this women's college is needed in the world. That is very exciting. I couldn't be more confident as a soon-to-be alumna that the

College is in good hands. She is one hundred percent the right woman for the job.” **C**

Visit [saintmarys.edu/Courier](http://saintmarys.edu/Courier) to see more photos from the Garden Tea Party.



## Dual Degree in Engineering Program Celebrates 10 Years



**Carolyn Etienne '17** is studying mathematics and computer science at Saint Mary's and mechanical engineering at Notre Dame as part of the Dual Degree in Engineering Program. This past summer Etienne interned at Cummins, Inc., and got to drive a semi-truck one afternoon.

The Dual Degree in Engineering Program offered by Saint Mary's College and the University of Notre Dame is 10 years old. According to the articulation agreement between the schools approved in 2006, a student earns a bachelor's degree at Saint Mary's and then completes a bachelor's degree in engineering from Notre Dame after a fifth year. Chemistry professor Toni Barstis, program director of engineering at Saint Mary's, and the late Catherine F. Pieronek, former associate dean for academic affairs and director of the Women's Engineering Program at Notre Dame, designed the program.

**Nicole Marie Gifford Lowe '06 (ND '07)** came back to campus in September for the 10-year anniversary celebration. Since completing the program she has worked as a process, project, and/or plant engineer for Morton Salt and PacMoore Products.



"Having the chemistry degree makes me a better chemical engineer because I understand the fundamental interaction of atoms or molecules, which enhances my designs. Plus, attending this women's college gave me confidence, which has helped me in a male-dominated field. I am often the only woman in the room and I am comfortable."

Lowe says she owes much to a favorite professor. "Thanks to Dr. Barstis, there are two generations of Saint Mary's engineers out there. She introduced me to the program and affected the trajectory of my career. She helped me reach all the goals I set for myself."

Since 2007, 40 Saint Mary's students have graduated from the Dual Degree program and 72 are currently in the program. Graduates have majored in anything from chemistry to mathematics to economics to philosophy at Saint Mary's and earned degrees at Notre Dame in chemical, civil, environmental, mechanical, electrical, and aerospace engineering.

## The Convent Versus the College



The Sisters of the Holy Cross met the Saint Mary's College Board of Trustees on Angela's volleyball court on October 13 for a match that raised \$27,000 for the congregation's missions. The sisters defeated the board two sets to one in an event that celebrated the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Women of Holy Cross. The sisters have missions in eight countries.

Visit [saintmarys.edu/Courier](http://saintmarys.edu/Courier) to see a photo gallery from the event.

## "Sold Out" Christian Culture Lecture



Within 24 hours of announcing that this year's Christian Culture Lecture speaker was Doris Kearns Goodwin, all of the tickets were spoken for.

The world-renowned presidential historian and Pulitzer Prize-winning author presented her talk, "Leadership Lessons from the White House: Doris Kearns Goodwin on the American Presidents," one month before this year's historic presidential election. Presented by the Department of Humanistic Studies, the Christian Culture Lecture honors the late Professor Emeritus Bruno Schlesinger and is made possible by the generosity of **Susan Fitzgerald Rice '61** and Donald B. Rice.



# Presenting, the Improved

The new and improved Science Hall was celebrated with a dedication ceremony and blessing on a glorious October afternoon. With the crowd of students and faculty gathered on the lawn in front of the building, you would never guess it was the Friday before fall break.

“Our students and faculty now have a space worthy of their passion, devotion, and knowledge,” proclaimed **Jennifer Mathile Prikkel '95** from the podium. She represented the Mathile and Prikkel families who were the investors in the extensive improvements.

## A much needed makeover

It's been 30 years since the last renovation and expansion to Science Hall, and the building was in desperate need of attention. One lab hadn't been touched since the building went up in 1954, and faculty were making do with three unfinished, partitioned classrooms in the basement.

Now the hall is a modern, high-tech center of science learning and research. Physics has a dedicated floor, occupying the newly refinished basement. Thanks to the addition, the chemistry and biology programs on the first and second floors each boast 4,000 extra square feet of collaborative laboratory and classroom space. Plus, there is a new greenhouse with climate zones, which is twice the size of the former structure with a better layout.

Biology major **Cassie Libbing '17** feels privileged to learn in the new classrooms and labs.

“The facilities allow for a drastic advancement in techniques that students can use for their senior comprehensive research, encouraging us to pursue our curiosities on a level that was not possible before the renovations.”

## Building community in Science Hall

If there is one word that describes the transformation, it is community. Students learn in community, in laboratories with multiple stations. Study and lounge spaces, absent in the former floor plan, allow students to collaborate and build friendships within their majors.

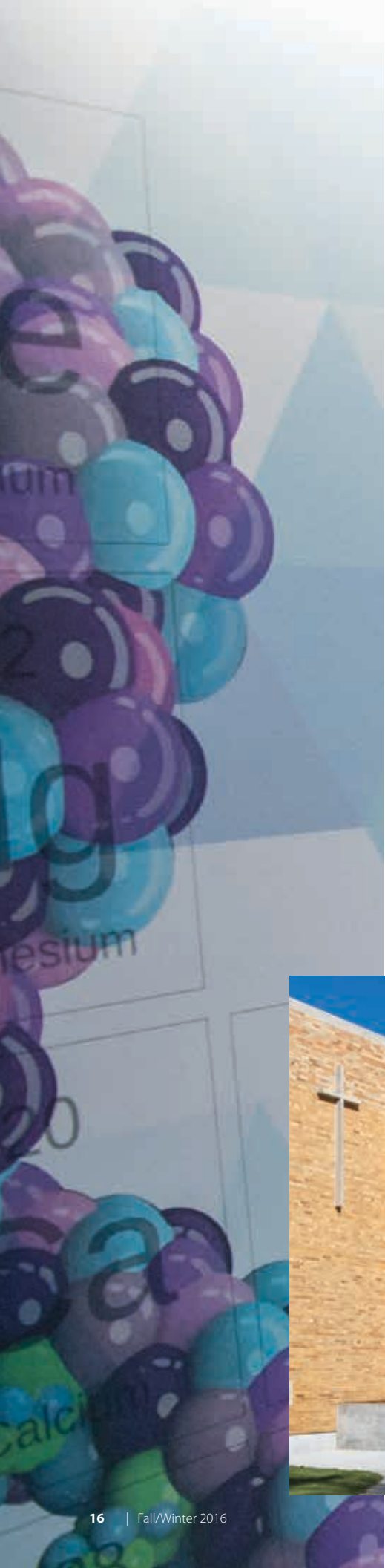
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# Science Hall



Father Steve Newton, CSC, with Campus Ministry blesses the new space inside Science Hall on October 14.



“Something as simple as study spaces has made such a difference,” said Don Paetkau, associate professor and chair of the Department of Biology. “Students live in this building, especially as they get into their junior and senior years.”

A more tightly knit community is also developing between the disciplines, as the biology, chemistry, and physics programs delve into interdisciplinary research, made easier by the larger labs and advanced technology.

“The interface between the science disciplines is where the most exciting discoveries are made, and our new spaces make this interdisciplinary science easier in both our teaching and research,” noted Christopher Dunlap, associate professor and chair of the Department of Chemistry and Physics.

## Science across the disciplines

Research includes the Paper Analytical Device (PAD) project. Chemistry professor Toni Barstis, her students, and counterparts at the University of Notre Dame invented the PAD, which can detect substandard, even harmful ingredients in potentially counterfeit drugs. The College and Notre Dame recently received a patent for the device, which is Saint Mary's first ever. Over the summer, Barstis and **Natalie Hartman '16** traveled to Nepal to screen pharmaceuticals with PADs. They brought back hundreds of drug samples and PAD results, which students and faculty in the new Science Hall analyze using computational image analysis and validate using gold standard instrumental methods.

“The PAD project has become a large, multidisciplinary research project, with physicists, chemists, biologists, mathematicians, and computer scientists working together to solve serious global health issues,” Barstis said.

The project will expand next summer with Barstis, assistant professor of biology Reena Lamichhane Khadka, and students traveling to Nepal to test pharmaceutical and water samples for harmful substances. Again, PAD results will be further analyzed in Science Hall.

“Now we have suitable facilities to house our large undergraduate research group and conduct this important work,” noted Barstis.

Many other important projects are underway within the hall.







Assistant professors of chemistry Kathryn Haas and Jennifer Fishovitz use the interdisciplinary teaching lab space to engage students in research where they use chemistry to tackle health issues like mitochondrial disease, antimicrobial resistance, and Alzheimer's disease.

Joel Ralston, assistant professor of biology, is leading research on how climate change may impact birds found in the Upper Midwest. The research includes genetically analyzing blood samples and using computer modeling to understand what's going on.

Meanwhile Khadka is hard at work in the new Biosafety Level II Microbiology Research Lab, teaching students the mechanisms of bacterial resistance to antimicrobial agents. The clean lab has an elevated safety level and limited access, enabling safe research of bacteria like staph and salmonella. The lab also provides space for collaborative research with nursing faculty and students on improving cleanliness protocols in hospitals.

## A gift with ties to science and God

Prikkel could not help but notice the enthusiasm of science faculty and students.

"I just met **Makayla Schmitt '17** who has Crohn's disease and is doing research on Crohn's in the new labs. She intends to eventually find a cure for her own disease. It's exciting to think that she may discover answers right here at Saint Mary's," said Prikkel following the dedication event.




Makayla Schmitt '17 shares her research and future plans at [saintmarys.edu/Courier](http://saintmarys.edu/Courier).

The family's investment in the science building made perfect sense to the alumna.

"I grew up around research," Prikkel said.

Her father, Clayton Mathile, is an entrepreneur. He and his team of scientists, many of them women, developed world-class pet food for his company, Iams. When he sold the company to Procter and Gamble Company in 1999, it allowed him, his wife MaryAnn, and their family to greatly enhance their philanthropic efforts.

The Mathiles share a strong belief in serving God by helping others.

"St. Teresa of Calcutta said, 'I can do what you can not. You can do what I can not. Together we can do great things.' Well, Lord knows I can't do the science," Prikkel quipped from the podium, "so thank goodness we could provide the funds to make the Science Hall project happen." 

— Gwen O'Brien

Visit [saintmarys.edu/Courier](http://saintmarys.edu/Courier) to see more photos of the Science Hall transformation and to read the speech **Jennifer Mathile Prikkel '95** gave at the dedication.



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Jennifer Mathile Prikkel '95

## Features in improved Science Hall:

- Expanded chemistry floor
- Expanded biology floor
- New physics floor
- New greenhouse
- Five new classrooms
- Collaborative labs and study spaces
- Student gathering areas

**Laura Williamson Ambrose**, associate professor of humanistic studies, invited presentation, "Moved by God: Mobility and Spiritual Agency in Anna Trapnel's Report and Plea (1654)," symposium on "Early Modern Journeys — Practices and Everyday Experiences of Early Modern Travel, 1450–1800," Helsinki Collegium for Advanced Studies, University of Helsinki, Finland, October 2015.

— article, "Crossing and Communications in Shakespeare's England," ed. by Bruce R. Smith and Katherine Rowe for book, *The Cambridge Guide to the Worlds of Shakespeare*, Cambridge: Cambridge UP (2016).

— conference presentation, "'Paths to Dwell in': Maps of Memory and Lady Anne Clifford's 'Way,'" Shakespeare Association of America Conference, New Orleans, April 2016.

**Susan Baxter**, senior lecturer of communication studies and theatre, presentation entitled "Writing for the Actor: Stanislavski Teaches Playwriting," with **Jennifer Vosters '16**, at the international Stanislavski Centre Conference, Rose Bruford College, London, March 18–20. (Partially funded through a grant from the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership.)

— related presentation, with **Jennifer Vosters '16** and Richard Baxter, April 2016 on campus.

**Ian Bentley**, assistant professor of physics, article, with **Sarah Cunningham '16** and **Yeilyn Colon Rodriguez '15**, "Shell structure from nuclear observables," *Physical Review C*, April 2016.

— article, "Particle-hole symmetry numbers for nuclei," *Indian Journal of Physics*, September 2016.

— article, with **Jenna Wilson '16**, **Tabitha Ricketts '15**, and Ewa Misiolek, associate professor of mathematics, "Four-Square Fiducial Markers Used in the Analysis of Paper Analytical Devices," *American Journal of Undergraduate Research*, June 2016.

**Jamie Caporizo**, adjunct professor of music, solo debut, singing Stravinsky's "Pulcinella" and Vivaldi's "Gloria" with the South Bend Symphony's Chamber Series, conducted by Nancy Menk, music professor and Mary Lou and Judd Leighton Chair in Music, Saint Mary's College, DeBartolo Performing Arts Center, University of Notre Dame, October 23, 2016.

— soloist, Dante's "Paradiso," a world premiere by composer Robert Kyr, conducted by Carmen-Helena Tellez, professor of music, University of Notre Dame, DeBartolo Performing Arts Center, University of Notre Dame, October 8–9, 2016.

**Insook Chung**, professor of education, research paper presentation, "Investigating Korean and US Third Graders' Length Measurement Concepts and Process Skills," 13<sup>th</sup> International Congress on Mathematical Education (ICME-13), Hamburg, Germany, July 26, 2016.

— served on organizing committee and co-chair for research paper presentation sessions, Topic Study Group 9: Teaching and Learning of Measurement, 13<sup>th</sup> International Congress on Mathematical Education (ICME-13), Hamburg, Germany, July 24–31, 2016.

— presentation, "Helping Children Develop Mathematical Concepts and Early Number Sense," National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) Regional Meeting, Indianapolis, April 9, 2016.

**Nancy L. D'Antuono**, professor emerita of Italian, paper presentation, "Commedia dell'Arte and Spanish Golden Age Theater," Theater Symposium. Journal of the Southeastern Theater Conference, reprinted in *The Routledge Companion to Commedia dell'Arte*, eds. Judith Chaffee and Olly Frick, Routledge: London and New York, 2015, pp.238–245.

— presentation, "The Evolution of Literary Interdependence in Bandello, Lope de Vega and the Commedia dell'arte," *Bulletin of the Comediantes*, 44 (1992), reprinted in the series *Literary Criticism*, Layman Poupard Publishing, Columbia, SC. In press.

— presentation, "La comedia nueva nel Seicento," I rifacimenti multilingue (Italiano, Calabrese, Napoletano, e Spagnolo) di Andrea Perrucci. "Nápoles y la cultura teatral hispánica," Convegno internazionale di Studi. Napoli, Italy, Dec. 3–5, 2015.

**Dawn M. Farmer**, visiting professor of music education, poster presentation, "Decoding the Discourse of 'Urban' Music Education," Indiana Music Educator Association Annual Professional Developmental Conference, Fort Wayne, January 15, 2016.

— poster presentation, "'Urban' Music Education: A Critical Discourse Analysis," Ohio Music Educator Association Annual Professional Developmental Conference, Cincinnati, January 29, 2016.

**Kathryn Haas**, assistant professor of chemistry, award and grant, "Transporting Cu(I) as Cargo and Using Cu(III) as a Killer Cofactor: Histidine-rich Motifs in Ctr1 and Histatin 5 Control Cu Oxidation State and Reactivity," 2016 Cottrell Scholar Award, Research Corporation for Science Advancement, February 2016.

— grant, Cultivating Cultures for Ethical STEM (CCE STEM) Collaborative Research Grant, "Comparison of Communications across Campus Cultures (4C Project): Toward Evidence-based Customization of Learning Experiences for CCE STEM," 2016–2020, National Science Foundation, September 2015.

— article published, "Sequence proximity between ATCUN and bis-His of Ctr1 model peptides define Cu(II)-peptide reactivity with ascorbate and O<sub>2</sub>," with **Stefanie Schwab '13**, J. Shearer, S. Conklin, and B. Alies, *Journal of Inorganic Biochemistry*, April 2016.

— article published, "Model Peptide Studies Reveal a Mixed Histidine Methionine Cu(I) Binding Site at the N-Terminus of Human Copper Transporter 1," with M. J. Pushie, **Katharine Shaw '17**, K.J. Franz, and J. Shearer, *Inorganic Chemistry*, August 10, 2015.

**Suzanne Hinnefeld**, coordinator of collection development, reference, and instruction librarian, presentation with Terri Suico, assistant professor of education, "Expanding Language Arts Outside of the Classroom: Forming Partnerships between English Education and College Libraries," National Council of Teachers of English Annual Conference, Minneapolis, November 21, 2015.

**Helen Ho**, assistant professor of communication studies, paper, "The Model Minority in the Zombie Apocalypse: Asian-American Manhood on AMC's 'The Walking Dead,'" *The Journal of Popular Culture*, February 2016.

**Eva Hooker**, professor of English and writer in residence, book published, *Godwit*, A Taos Press, January 2016.

**Phyllis Kaminski**, professor of religious studies, paper presentation, "Towards a Trinitarian Divine: the Challenge of God in Luce Irigaray," Catholic Heritage and Post-modern Challenges Conference, Loyola University, Chicago, April 15, 2016.

**Renée Kingcaid**, professor of French, essay "Rachilde's *L'Animale*: When Beastly Behavior is Just Dandy," *Rachilde (1860–1953): Weibliches Dandytum als Lebens- und Darstellungsform*, ed. by Anne-Bernike Rothstein, Böhlau Verlag & Cie, translated from English to German by Andreas Hemming and Anert C. Oelschlägel, pp. 161–83, 2015.

**Laura Kloepper**, assistant professor of biology, award and grant, "Biologically Inspired Approaches to Overcome Mutual Interference by Active Sensor Systems," Office of Naval Research Young Investigator Award, March 2016.

— article with M. Linnenschmidt, Z. Blowers, B. Branstetter, J. Ralston, and J.A. Simmons, "Estimating colony sizes of emerging bats using acoustic recordings," *Royal Society Open Science*, March 9, 2016.

**Frances Kominkiewicz**, professor, director of social work program, and chair of Department of Social Work and Gerontology, paper presentation, with E. Blue, "Continuous Improvement: The Role of Curriculum Mapping," 33<sup>rd</sup> BPD Annual Conference, Dallas, TX, March 31, 2016.

— paper presentation, with E. Blue, "The Role of Mentoring in Improving Field Faculty Leadership Development," 33<sup>rd</sup> BPD Annual Conference, Dallas, April 1, 2016.

— paper presentation, with B. Bruster and D. Hanssen, "National Survey: Funding Faculty and Student Research," 33<sup>rd</sup> BPD Annual Conference, Dallas, April 3, 2016.

— developed online teaching module, "Multiple faces of feminism," with T. Chiarelli-Helminiak, M. Blake, J. Hamilton-Mason, D. Hodge, S.R. Lane, E. Silva-Martinez, & C.A. Simmons. Prepared for the CSWE Learning Academy, Teaching Social Justice Series, Washington, DC, 2016. Retrieved from [learningacademy.cswe.org](http://learningacademy.cswe.org).

**Michael Kramer**, professor and chair of the Department of Communication Studies, Dance, and Theatre, paper presentation, "Embracing Opportunity, Embracing Difference: The Role of Family in the New Ms. Marvel," Annual Meeting of the National Communication Association, Las Vegas, November 21, 2015.

**Cassie Majetic**, associate professor of biology, article, with **Andrea Feters '16**, **Olivia Beck '16**, **Elizabeth Stachnik '16**, and **Katelyn Beam '16**, "Petunia floral



trait plasticity in response to soil nitrogen content and subsequent impacts on insect visitation," *Flora*, August 2016.

**Aaron Moe**, assistant professor of English, book of aphorisms, "Protean Poetics," Parapoetic Series, Broken Dimanche Press, Berlin, December 2015.

— chapter in book, "The Work of Literature in a Multispecies World," *The Educational Significance of Non-human Animals and Human Animal Interactions*, Palgrave Macmillan, New York, December 2015.

— grant to overhaul Academic Experiential Learning (AEL) English Literature/ Environmental Studies course "Animals in Literature and Society" to include website where students will post reflections, discoveries, and breakthroughs, Scholarship of Engagement Grant, Indiana Campus Compact, March 2016.

**Sarah Noonan**, assistant professor of English, presentation, "Contemplating Emptiness in Two Early Manuscripts of the Cloud of Unknowing," 20<sup>th</sup> Intl. Congress of the New Chaucer Society, London, England, July 2016.

— presentation, "Silent Emendations: Modern Foliation and the Obscured Sophistication of Late-Medieval Strategies of Mise-en-page," 51<sup>st</sup> Intl. Congress on Medieval Studies in Kalamazoo, May 2016.

— presentation, "Theorizing the Nature of Scribal Work: Teaching with Manuscripts in the Digital Present," 42<sup>nd</sup> Sewanee Medieval Colloquium, April 2016.

— presentation, "Navigating Unfoliated Manuscripts," 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Center for Medieval Studies at Fordham University, March 2016.

**Linda Paskiewicz**, professor and director of nursing science, poster presentation, "The Integration of Social Entrepreneurship and Health Care Analytics for DNP Education," AACN Doctoral Conference, Naples, FL, January 21, 2016.

**Annette M. Peacock-Johnson**, associate professor of nursing, poster presentation, "Traditional versus Flipped: A Study of Two Teaching Methodologies," 2016 Elsevier National Faculty Development Conference, Las Vegas, January 3–5, 2016.

— podium presentation, "Traditional versus Flipped: A Study of Two Teaching Methodologies," The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Midwest Conference on the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning, IU South Bend, April 1, 2016.

**Cheryl Periton**, visiting lecturer in mathematics, hands-on workshop performing calculations on a late medieval/early modern counting table using questions from contemporary texts, Scientiae 2016, St. Anne's College, Oxford, England, July 2016.

— presentation, "Elementary Education in Early Modern Kent: Theory versus Reality," Midwest Conference on British Studies, Detroit, MI, September 2015.

— presentation, "Sir William Boreman's Greencoat School: For the good of the people or the good of his soul?," Midwest Conference on British Studies, Ames, IA, September 2016.

— led 2-week summer school for middle school STEM teachers, with Joseph Bellina, professor emeritus of chemistry and

physics, Saint Mary's College, and Gordon Berry, professor emeritus of atomic physics, University of Notre Dame, Bannekar Achievement Centre, Gary, IN, July–August 2016.

**Catherine M. Pittman**, associate professor of psychology, book published, *Rewire Your Anxious Brain: How to Use the Neuroscience of Fear to End Anxiety, Panic, and Worry*. Pittman, C.M., & Karle, E.M., Oakland, CA.

— webinar presentation, "Your Anxious Brain on Drugs: Wise Use of Medication in Managing and Overcoming Anxiety Disorders," Anxiety and Depression Association of America's national webinar series, 2016.

— refereed paper presentation, "Targeting Areas of the Brain for Change: Techniques for Assessing Sources of Anxiety in the Brain," the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual National Conference of the Anxiety and Depression Association of America, Miami, 2016.

— workshop, "Medications in the Anxious Brain: Explaining the Strategic Use of Medications in CBT," 36<sup>th</sup> Annual National Conference of the Anxiety and Depression Association of America, Philadelphia, April 2016.

— presentation, "Benzodiazepine Addiction and the Withdrawal Process: What We Can Learn from 'Benzobuddies' Social Networking Site," presented with J. Crant, at the 86<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Indiana Academy of Social Sciences, Evansville, October 2015.

**Thomas Platt**, professor emeritus of biology, article, "Effect of Infection Duration on Habitat Selection and Morphology of Adult *Echinostoma caproni* (Digenea: Echinostomatidae) in ICR Mice," *Journal of Parasitology*, 102: 37–41, 2016.

— article with **Francesca Gifford '12**, "The role of light and dark on the dispersal and transmission of *Echinostoma caproni* (Digenea: Echinostomatidae) cercariae," *Comparative Parasitology* 83: 197–201, 2016.

— article, "New genus of blood fluke (Digenea: Schistosomatoidea) from Malaysian freshwater turtles (Geoemydidae) and its phylogenetic position within the Schistosomatoidea," *Journal of Parasitology* 102: 451–462, 2016.

**Sean J. Savage**, professor of political science, paper presentation, "TR and FDR as Presidential Party Leaders," Roosevelt Century Conference at Louisiana State University, Shreveport, October 2015.

— finalist, "The Senator from New England: The Rise of JFK," political science category, Foreword Reviews INDIEFAB Book of the Year Award.

**Kathy Saville**, director of instructional technology, chapter, "Technology and Generational Learners: From Baby Boomers to Next Generations, Millennials, to Generation Zs, to Guess What is Coming!," ed. by Dr. J. Ana Donaldson, for book, *Women's Voices in the Field of Educational Technology: Our Journeys*, Association for Educational Communications and Technology annual convention, Las Vegas, October 19, 2016.

**Bettina Spencer**, associate professor and chair, Department of Psychology, article, "The impact of class and sexuality-based stereotyping on rape blame," *Sexualization, Media, and Society*, 2016.

— chaired and presentation with **Tatum Beaton '16**, "Conducting meaningful undergraduate research: Pitfalls and Solutions," Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Meeting, San Diego, January 30, 2016.

— chapter, "Intelligence testing and ethnicity," *The SAGE Encyclopedia of Theory in Psychology*, 2016.

— grant, Grants-in-Aid, Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues, 2015.

**Terri Suico**, presentation with Suzanne Hinnefeld, reference and instruction librarian, "Expanding the Language Arts Outside of the Classroom: Forming Partnerships between English Education and College Libraries," National Council of Teachers of English Convention, Minneapolis, November 21, 2015.

**Calli Davison Versagli '09**, assistant professor of biology, article, with J.A. Mason, A.K. Leliaert, D.J. Pape, C. McCallister, J. Zuo, S.M. Durbin, C.L. Buchheit, S. Zhang, Z.T. Schafer, "Oncogenic Ras differentially regulates metabolism and anoikis in extracellular matrix-detached cells," *Cell Death and Differentiation*, August 23, 2016.

— presentation, "Abstract 2811: Antioxidant compounds and their effects on EMC-detached ovarian cancer cells," American Association for Cancer Research, New Orleans, April 19, 2016.

**Michael Waddell**, associate professor of philosophy and the Edna and George McMahon Aquinas Chair in Philosophy, lecture, "Personhood, Identity, and the Autism Rights Movement: A Catholic View," Blackfriars Hall, University of Oxford, and at St. Edmund's College, University of Cambridge, May 10, 2016 (Oxford) and May 12, 2016 (Cambridge).

— lecture, "Thomas Aquinas and the Resurrection of the (Disabled) Body," Saint Anselm College, Manchester, NH, June 8, 2016.

**Ty West**, assistant professor of Spanish, presentation, "Translation and Travel in 19<sup>th</sup> Century Mexico," Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies (SECOLAS), Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, March 9–13, 2016.

— presentation, "Translation in the Romantic Notion of Possibility," American Comparative Literature Association (ACLA), Harvard University, March 17–20, 2016.

— paper presentation, "Textos que regresan: la política de la traducción en el México decimonónico," Pacific Ancient and Modern Language Association (PAMLA), Portland State University, November 6–8, 2015.

**Sue Wiegand**, periodicals librarian, book review, "Working on earth: class and environmental justice," ed. by Christina Robertson and Jennifer Westerman, University of Nevada Press, Vol. 53 No. 1, September 2015.

— book review, "Why women will save the planet: a collection of articles for Friends of the Earth," ed. by J. Hawley. *Choice: Current Reviews For Academic Libraries*, Vol. 53: No. 12: pg. 1807, August 2016.

## IN MEMORIAM



### Marcia Sue Burns

Marcia Sue Burns passed away on July 29. She worked at the College for 42 years as an acquisitions librarian. She was a world traveler and went many places including Vietnam, India, and parts of Africa.

Librarian Kate Ward '75 recalls Burns' fiery spirit. "She proposed to her husband, Arvie, because he was taking too long getting to the point. She may have acted quiet but she was a rebel at heart. I liked that about her."



### Sister Jeanette Lester, CSC

At the age of 97, Sister Jeanette Lester, CSC, passed away on July 9. She joined the College in 1967 as an assistant professor of education, business administration, and economics. She later served as assistant dean of first-year studies before transitioning to director of the Office of Institutional Research for 16 years. Since 2007, Sister Jeanette resided at Saint Mary's convent devoted to a ministry of prayer.



### Anne Marie Poinatte

Anne Marie Poinatte, 84, passed away on October 6. She was born in Paris, where she grew up during World War II. She moved to the US in 1956 to attend graduate school at the University of Notre Dame, and began teaching French at Saint Mary's.

At the College, she met her husband Charles Poinatte, a young history professor. The couple, pictured left, raised three children in South Bend while she earned her PhD at the University of Chicago. She resumed teaching French at the College from 1964 to 1969. Anne Marie was beloved by her students and kept her native country dear to her heart.

Charles passed away on February 3.



### Sister Agnes Anne Roberts '51, CSC

Sister Agnes Anne Roberts '51, CSC, passed away September 16 after 64 years of ministry with the Sisters of the Holy Cross. She served her alma mater as director of space management and planning since 2001 and served on the Saint Mary's Board of Trustees since 2010.

She served on numerous boards and committees, including St. Margaret's House in South Bend. Saint Mary's College honored her in June at Down The Avenue, an event that recognizes individuals who exemplify the College's mission to prepare women for roles of leadership and action.

Caroline Rech '16 remembered Sister Agnes Anne this way, "She was my mentor, my cheerleader, and my family. She showed me what it means to devote your life to service and to others through her constant efforts to help others, whether it was on campus or in the South Bend community."



### Melba Ann Ross

Melba Ann Ross passed away on July 9. She served as part-time lecturer in the Department of Education and supervised teacher candidates in their schools, drawing from her own experience working at Brandywine Elementary School in Niles, Michigan.

Professor Nancy Turner, chair of the education department said, "She was always so kind and positive and did a lot to prepare our teacher candidates for their future classrooms. She modeled professionalism and lifelong learning and engagement in the field of teaching."



## Family Deaths

Margaret Ann Ahler, mother of Mary Margaret Ahler Spagnolo '89, August 17, 2016.

Eugene Alleshaski, father of Nancy Alleshaski Bradley '74 and Carol Alleshaski Kelly '77, grandfather of Camille Kelly Esmacher '06, June 8, 2016.

George Bindner, husband of Patricia McNulty Bindner '55, June 25, 2016.

Helen Bontempo, mother of Lisa S. Bontempo '83, July 29, 2016.

William C. Brown, father of Kathryn Brown Ryan '75 and Carol Brown Morrisette '81, August 25, 2016.

James Canny, brother of and Ellen Canny Werner '58 and Irene Canny Lange '63, uncle of Colleen Marie Canny '86, July 26, 2016.

Ruth Christenson, mother of Kathryn Christenson Janiszewski '64, mother-in-law of Maryanne Kearns Christenson '69, August 1, 2016.

Joseph Coffey, father of Sharon Lynn Coffey '91, July 23, 2016.

Eleanor Wolfe Conaty, mother of Mary Kathryn Conaty Leicht '74 and Anne C. Selvaggi '82, mother-in-law of Mary Wolf Conaty '76, aunt of Mary Ellen Stumpf '74, grandmother of Colleen Conaty Bowen '03, Julie Conaty McDonald '05, Caitlin Conaty Eldridge '07, Meghan Anne Conaty '09, Amy Elizabeth Leicht '10 and Kelly Marie Conaty '12, July 22, 2016.

Frances Deasy, mother of Joyce Helen Deasy '77 and Frances Deasy Coll '87, December 6, 2015.

Marion DePiero, mother of Roberta A. DePiero '81, April 11, 2016.

Joseph Depman, husband of Mary Cucchi Depman '50, August 17, 2016.

William Devlin, father of Michelle C. Devlin '86, June 7, 2016.

John Difino, father of Nicole Difino Nugent '94, August 12, 2016.

Barbara Fleece, mother of Brenda Fleece Sohlich '78, September 16, 2016.

Walter Hrastnik, father of Heidi Hrastnik Berke '90, August 18, 2016.

James D. Hughes, father of Kathleen J. Hughes '75, July 22, 2016.

William Kreps, husband of Hannah Storen Kreps '58, brother-in-law of Joan Grasberger Ansley '69, July 25, 2016.

Kay LaMalfa, mother of Lisa LaMalfa Bertagni '89, June 11, 2016.

Frank J. Lipo, Jr., father-in-law of Theresa Guarino Lipo '86, June 7, 2016.

Frank Manderscheid, father of Sarah Manderscheid Irwin '96, July 15, 2016.

Thomas R. McCarthy, husband of Patricia Scanlon McCarthy '59, July 21, 2016.

Edwardine Murphy, grandmother of Courtney Elizabeth O'Neill '12 and Kasey Hesburgh O'Neill '16, June 5, 2016.

Richard A. Nemeth, father of Kimberly Nemeth Klimczak '99, June 21, 2016.

William F. Oxenreiter, Jr., father of Jeanne G. Oxenreiter '74, Janet Oxenreiter Donahue '78, Joanne Oxenreiter Fallon '78, and Mary Beth Oxenreiter Gordon '83, August 19, 2016.

Sister Anne E. Patrick, SNJM, sister of Mary Patrick '83, July 21, 2016.

Ira W. Pyron, Jr., husband of Anne Reynolds Pyron '50, July 28, 2016.

Pearl Rizzardi, grandmother of Mary Catherine Faller '14 and Margaret Elizabeth Faller '16, June 12, 2016.

Donald Rose, father of Linda Rose Herber '78, July 13, 2016.

Robert P. Scott, husband of Lynda Leigh Scott '58, July 12, 2015.

Peter F. Simon, husband of Deborah Eisenmenger Simon '64, April 2, 2016.

Jane Stephenson, mother of Norma J. Stephenson '67, Martha Stephenson Walsh '69 and Mary Stephenson Powers '78, June 9, 2016.

Walter Szwarc, husband of Marilyn Riordan Szwarc '72, January 26, 2016.

David Treder, father of Kathryn Treder Vertin '07, July 3, 2016.

Wilfred Tremblay, father of Kathryn Tremblay Bell '79, May 25, 2016.

Edward Twohey, husband of Margaret Cook Twohey '48, September 24, 2015.

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## Alumnae Deaths

<b>1933</b>	Dorotha Zaback Vettel	March 16, 2015	<b>1949</b>	Joan Farley Midkiff Chappell Edith Peck Mitchell Norma C. Sallee	July 21, 2016 June 10, 2015 August 26, 2015
<b>1939</b>	Jane Cahill Dorgan Gorman O'Brien	June 26, 2016			
<b>1940</b>	Pauline Sommerfeld Liebel Jeanne Kamm O'Neill	August 4, 2015 May 26, 2015	<b>1950</b>	Bernadette Lang Fareri Alice Flynn Osberger Joan Baker Sphire Virginia Koschnick Tuohy	March 30, 2016 June 30, 2016 November 27, 2015 July 19, 2016
<b>1941</b>	Mary Dunlap Greene Dorothy Taylor Illsley	July 31, 2016 March 12, 2015			
<b>1942</b>	Catherine Shermak Block Gail McCarthy Gavigan Peggy Donnelly McConnell	April 4, 2015 February 24, 2015 July 6, 2015	<b>1951</b>	Nancy Ruhl Carroll Sister Agnes Anne Roberts, CSC Virginia Knight Walsh	July 26, 2016 September 16, 2016 June 10, 2015
<b>1943</b>	Clarice Ann Weis	July 30, 2016	<b>1953</b>	Mary Frances Bath Sister Margaret Rita Brennan, IHM Darlene Herr Cullen	February 18, 2016 April 28, 2016 July 8, 2016
<b>1944</b>	Ruth Habig Green Agnes Eckhardt Nixon	July 5, 2016 September 28, 2016	<b>1955</b>	Kathleen Willett Diebels	May 20, 2016
<b>1945</b>	Ruth Hession Chumbley	July 27, 2015	<b>1956</b>	Beverly Shanle McCarthy Kathleen Dailey Ronan	August 29, 2015 November 18, 2015
<b>1946</b>	Mary Gavin Osmanski Mary Coquillard Potteiger	June 23, 2016 November 11, 2015	<b>1962</b>	Sister M. Berenice Trachta, CDP	February 13, 2015
<b>1947</b>	Ann Russell Deardoff Margaret Martin Fletcher Mary Gremillion Gerard Tula Callas Tsopels	May 5, 2015 July 6, 2016 November 21, 2015 September 7, 2015	<b>1963</b>	Mary A. Carpenter Mary Ruth MacKinnon Renehan	August 13, 2016 September 11, 2016
<b>1948</b>	Rosemary Nedeau Baty Jo Koehnemann Bronson Marilyn Doran Dennig Virginia Gabriel Hinders Dolores Gress Kranick Mary Baltz Luckett Harriet Enneking Moster Barbara Bolinger Trinkley	January 9, 2015 November 18, 2015 September 6, 2016 December 5, 2015 March 15, 2015 May 31, 2015 July 2, 2016 January 26, 2015	<b>1965</b>	Sister M. Joan Elizabeth Johnson, CSC Martha Nygren Mester Gail Wegman Tobin	September 18, 2016 September 2, 2016 July 23, 2016
			<b>1968</b>	Wanda L. Callahan Kathleen Butler Zamarelli	May 30, 2015 June 17, 2016
			<b>1969</b>	Jolan Mayorchak Litzenberger	January 19, 2016
			<b>1977</b>	Kaaren Arkangel	July 12, 2016

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**For births and weddings please visit Baby Belles and Wedding Belles at [alumnae.saintmarys.edu](http://alumnae.saintmarys.edu)**



## Carolinas

In January, our club came together for a second time at the home of **Mary McGlinch Schilli '85** where we welcomed Stephanie Burke from the College's development office. We had an enjoyable evening toasting the New Year and munching on desserts while talking about Saint Mary's.

In March, our Charlotte-area discussion group read *Citizen: An American Lyric* by Claudia Rankine. It is a provocative book of prose about the racial aggressions in daily life. **Kathryn M. Schwillie '74** invited us to Charlotte Lit, a non-profit organization for readers and writers, to discuss the book. Afterward, we chatted over drinks.



In August, this discussion group met at JR Motorsports, the NASCAR race shop of Dale Earnhardt, Jr. for a behind the scenes look and to talk about racing. **Jody Jennings Letourneau '97**, who is the marketing project manager there, led the discussion and tour. Alumnae ate barbecue at a local favorite, Lancaster's, feasting on fried pickles and pulled pork.

## Central Virginia

On August 12, area alumnae hosted current students and incoming first years at the home of **Mary Ellen Stumpf '74**. We enjoyed an old-fashioned southern lunch including tomato pie, coleslaw, and corn bread. We shared Saint Mary's stories and some of Sister Madeleva's poems.



Beth Coggeshall '86 and her daughter Catherine Coggeshall '17, Mary Ellen Stumpf '74, Tina Donahue Hatch '90, Patty Cindle-Boyd '72, Dolly McCaffrey Thomas '53, Sophie Mcdevitt '20, Liz Escalona '17.

## Chicago South

This August, we had a great turnout for our Student Send-off, with six alumnae, 10 students from the Class of 2020, and one from the Class of 2018 as well as some parents. We had a great day of fun connecting with new friends while enjoying some beautiful homemade French Cross cookies. The alumnae in attendance were: **Julia Dunford '15** (who opened her home to us), **Lynn Daly '90**, **Dana Dearth Christiano '07**, **Kelly Mahoney '98**, **Erin Carsele Fiorini '05**, and **Sabina Russo Fitzgerald '92**.



We have a few more social events planned, so keep an eye out for emails. Also, we hope to prepare goody bags for our Belles for their upcoming finals.

## Columbus

The Columbus Club Belles enjoyed a warm, but productive spring and summer.

The Spring Brunch in May was co-chaired by **Katie Vincer Sears '03** and **Annie Sofranko '11**. It was a huge success with over 30 people enjoying the event. The brunch was held at Lindey's Restaurant in German Village. We held a silent auction, featuring lovely gift baskets, and then discussed the 614 Challenge, which took place the next month. Both auction and the challenge fund an endowed scholarship for local Belles.

The 614 Challenge took place on 6/14 (June 14). **Erin Gibbons '86** offered to make a sizable contribution if we could motivate 25 local alumnae to donate that day and we reached our goal. We are proud to say that we have been able to increase the amount of the scholarship awarded to a local Columbus area Belle each year.

We will post details about upcoming fall/winter events on our Facebook page and via email. **Erin Gibbons '86** will roll out as a Founders' Day Service Project to benefit J.O.I.N., which provides material needs for low income families in Franklin County.

Other fall events include the Exam Packages Project for Columbus-area Belles, organized by **Julie Feasel '89** and the Current Student Picnic held during the College's fall break and hosted by **Julie Vieta '95**. The annual Christmas Mass and Brunch, co-sponsored with Notre Dame's local alumni club, will be chaired by **Jennifer Hadden '96**.

Like the "Saint Mary's College Alumnae Club of Columbus, Ohio" on Facebook and we'll keep in touch with you.



Members of the Columbus Alumnae Club celebrating their local students with a beautiful Send-off.

## Dallas

The Dallas Club was busy over the summer getting to know some newcomers to the club and planning for events for the remainder of 2016. We kicked things off with our club's Leadership

Planning Meeting, with **Linda Kawecki '79**, **Mandy Strauss '98**, **Mary Holland '05**, **Erin McGinty '04**, and **Amber Looney '04**.

We held our Send-off event on August 14 with first-years **Elyse Paul '20** and **Allie Schmidt '20**. **Kathy Ogden '19** and recent graduate **Marissa Pie '15** were in attendance and gave our new students lots of great information. The mothers of our new students were also there including alumna **Deanne Paul '90**. The Send-off was hosted by **Jennifer Holloran '92** and organized by Linda.



## Des Moines

The Des Moines Club celebrated Founders' Day on November 11 with a gathering that featured a presentation on immigration given by Lori Chesser, head of the Immigration Department at Iowa's largest law firm. Alumnae and spouses enjoyed both social time and a chance to learn about this important topic.

Later in the year the club will engage in a project providing service to a portion of Des Moines' substantial immigrant population. For further information, contact **Aimee Beckmann-Collier '75** [aimee.beckmann-coller@drake.edu; (515) 222-1516].

## Detroit

The Detroit Alumnae Club sent off 15 first-year Belles on August 11. We celebrated at the beautiful home of **Chrissy Forester '93**. Over 50 new and familiar faces were in attendance, including alumnae **Harriet Cronin '68**, **Kerri Koellner '93**, **Sally Teppert '58**, and **Maureen Sullivan '55**. We also had one special guest, **Jennifer Bero '89**, attending the event as both an alumna and parent (**Erin Bero '20**). **Bridget Bealin '79**, our club secretary, hand-embroidered gorgeous towels with a French Cross as a gift to the first-years for their new homes this fall. Thank you Chrissy, Bridget, and everyone that joined us on this wonderful evening.



Please remember to like "Saint Mary's College Detroit Alumnae Club" on Facebook, if you haven't already, and please send any personal updates and/or inquiries to smcdac@gmail.com. Bridget, Kristen,

Moira, and Nicole look forward to seeing everyone in November when the club celebrates Founders' Day.

## Fairfield/Westchester

The Westchester/Fairfield Club hosted its annual Send-off lunch for all returning students, which included three incoming first-year students. The group gathered at Oak and Almond Restaurant in Norwalk, CT. Big sister and alumna, **Kelsey Osinski '15** accompanied her sister to the lunch and gave insight into life on campus and after graduation. First-year students and upper classmen were presented with back-to-school gifts.



The Fairfield/Westchester Club is pleased to support nine students this year. Go Belles.

## Fort Wayne



The Fort Wayne Saint Mary's Alumnae Club celebrated its local students return to Saint Mary's on August 2 with the Notre Dame Club. More than 40 supporters attended the event and recognized its incoming class of 2020. The Fort Wayne Club hosted its annual Founders' Day Celebration on November 13 at Biaggi's Wine Room. For additional information about upcoming events, contact [smcfortwayne@gmail.com](mailto:smcfortwayne@gmail.com).

The Fort Wayne board would love some fresh, new faces to create new ideas for the club. There are a variety of positions to look into, so please contact the board if anyone is interested. For questions about board positions, please contact **Sarah Aguilera '08**, club co-president, at [smcfortwayne@gmail.com](mailto:smcfortwayne@gmail.com).

## Grand Rapids

The Grand Rapids, MI Club held its Annual Freshman Send-off on August 9 at the home of **Rebecca Jawahir Sypniewski '96**. Seven class of 2020 students and their parents joined alumnae and current students to celebrate their road to Saint Mary's. Many questions were answered regarding move in day, faith, safety, clubs on campus and healthy study habits. The older alumnae learned a few things too.



In July, our alumnae book group met at the home of **Tara Melichar Millar '90** to discuss *The Gift Counselor* written by **Sheila Cronin '71**. At the meeting, we enjoyed our usual SMC camaraderie, and we also had a chance to video conference with Sheila. What a fun night meeting with Sheila while discussing her book.

If anyone is interested in learning more about the Grand Rapids Club, please contact **Tara Melichar Millar '90**, club president at [tmillar@comcast.net](mailto:tmillar@comcast.net).

## Los Angeles

The Los Angeles Club had great success with the first year sales of the five-year Christmas ornament project, celebrating the Heritage of the College. The club sold out all 2015 ornaments and inaugurated the 2016 ornament at the Shaheen Bookstore on campus during 2016 Commencement Week.

We hosted Carol Mooney for her presidential visit in January, a reception for high school seniors admitted to Saint Mary's in March; and our annual Send-off in August. Please visit [saintmarysclub.com](http://saintmarysclub.com) to learn about this year's limited edition heritage Christmas ornament.

## San Diego

There is a feeling of fall in the air with cool breezes with our sunny skies. Our San Diego alumnae have moved into planning mode for the last quarter of 2016. We finished the summer with the combined ND/SMC Student Send-off on July 30. The Notre Dame Club of San Diego hosted a special Mass and picnic to introduce our new students and wish all current students a happy and successful school year. The event was held at Spreckels Park in Coronado, beginning with a lovely Mass across the street at Sacred Heart Church. We are happy to say that we have 10 local students currently attending Saint Mary's, two of whom are Class of 2020.



Members of the San Diego Alumnae Club enjoying their Annual Fundraiser.

We have to again recognize **Peggy Battle Burns '81** and her husband Chris (ND '81) for hosting the very successful (and really fun) annual fundraiser at their beautiful home in May. Because

of their generosity, and the participation of 20 alumnae and their guests, we are able to provide a \$1,000 merit-based scholarship to one of our 10 current students.

Our fall events include Founders' Day in October, an annual event that brings us together to celebrate Saint Mary's at a special Mass and lunch afterwards. Details will be emailed to alumnae, pictures of this wonderful event will be in the next issue of the San Diego Club News.

**Marilyn Dargis Ambrose '52** will host our Annual Christmas Cookie Exchange in her lovely home in Leucadia on December 7. We will share cookies and Christmas cheer, followed by our general meeting where club president **Sandy Parry Kesser '06** will update the alumnae on what's new with the club and at our alma mater.

**Lynn Ambrose '52** continues to host the SMC Book Group. A nice group of alumnae meet monthly to enjoy stimulating discussion along with refreshments and lively fellowship. A recent book the group discussed was the best seller, "Boys on the Boat." This discussion coincided with the Summer Olympics. Also, alumnae watched the PBS special featuring the rowers from The University of Washington who distinguished themselves at Hitler's 1936 Berlin Olympics. All local alumnae are welcome to join the book club. Lynn sends out a monthly update complete with all information.

As we make our way into fall, we are always welcome at the Notre Dame Game Watches at Prospect Bar and Grill in La Jolla. Always very fun and exuberant celebrations. Go Irish.

Our club continues to thrive, and we welcome all alumnae to join us for our activities. Please contact **Sandy Kesser '06** at [Sandykesser@gmail.com](mailto:Sandykesser@gmail.com) or **Barb McKnight '77** at [barb.mcknight@gmail.com](mailto:barb.mcknight@gmail.com) for more information. Join us.

## South Bend

The South Bend Club started the year by celebrating the Class of 2020 at their Annual First-year Send-off. This year the club was thrilled to co-host this event with Holy Cross College and was joined by our new Saint Mary's College President Jan Cervelli, who enthusiastically welcomed incoming first years and their families. We extend our many thanks to Chrissy and Roger Klauer for hosting this lovely event at their home.

The club is looking forward to an exciting year, full of new activities including: the Welcome Home Tailgate, Zumba on campus, Founders' Day Panel and Dinner, *One Book, One Saint Mary's* dinner and discussion, happy hours, Party with Santa, service events, and many more opportunities for all alumnae to enjoy.

Our ongoing fundraiser continues to be a success. The South Bend Club has partnered with ADesign & Sons, owned by **Anne Husslau Dondanville '82**, to offer alumnae the original French Cross jewelry, including necklaces, earrings, and bracelets. These beautiful pieces are the perfect gift for a fellow Belle or even yourself. The best part — 40 percent of each purchase goes to the South Bend Alumnae Club Scholarship Fund that awards annual scholarships to current Belles from the Saint Joseph County region. Jewelry can be viewed and purchased on our website ([smcsclub@gmail.com](mailto:smcsclub@gmail.com)).

Yearly dues are \$30 and new alumnae are free for the first year. Dues are not required to attend events but are encouraged to help defray event costs and help build our scholarship fund. Dues-



paying members will also see additional incentives at events throughout the year. Dues can be paid online at [smcsclub.com](http://smcsclub.com) or by mailing a check to **Regina Mauck '14** at 1321 Enchanted Forest Street, South Bend, IN 46637.

If you are new to the South Bend area, or live here and want to join the fun, please contact the Club at [smcsclub@gmail.com](mailto:smcsclub@gmail.com), visit our website [smcsclub.com](http://smcsclub.com) and like "Saint Mary's College South Bend Alumnae Club" on Facebook for upcoming events and club news.

## Washington, DC

What a wonderful first year we've had as a rejuvenated DC Club. Thank you, DC Belles, for making it so fabulous.

In June we supported our Saint Mary's student leaders participating in The Study of the US Institute (SUSI) on Women's Leadership by attending their event held at the Melrose Hotel. Afterwards we had a lovely evening socializing with these amazing students and Saint Mary's professors.

At the end of July, we hosted the Student Send-Off for our 29 area students. Despite the rain, a fantastic group of current students, families and alumnae welcomed incoming first years into our Saint Mary's family. Good luck to our newest Belles.



On August 27 we cheered on the Washington Nationals (who were, at the time, first in the National League East) after a pre-game networking event in the Bullpen Fairgrounds. The perfect way to end an amazing summer.

Have you already read this information in our quarterly newsletter? **Gianna Burkhardt '14** designs this gem, keeping us updated on Saint Mary's events, local and on-campus, as well as entertainment options "Around the Town." In the Summer 2016 edition, please take a minute to fill out our First Year Survey, created by **Julie Steinke '96**, to ensure we offer programming and events that you want to attend and/or help plan. Don't hesitate to email us at [smc.dc.club@gmail.com](mailto:smc.dc.club@gmail.com) with any additional suggestions.

## Youngstown/Warren

In early August the Youngstown/Warren Club met for dinner and student Send-off at a new restaurant in Youngstown. While enjoying some time together, this was also an opportunity for the club to collect dues from members, and make a few plans for the year. We are hoping to do a Sip-n-Paint event, assemble student care packages, and some other fun ideas. All around it was a wonderful night of reminiscing and chatting about our love of Saint Mary's.



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Out of the 70 students who entered our class in 1936, there are about 12 of us alive. Bravo, we are amazing women. Possibly all of us have some aging challenges. In addition to myself, the other 1940 classmates are:

**Betty Reed Argus, Patricia McCarthy Boettcher, Eleanor Reitz Borzilleri, Sister M. St. Brigid Bromeling, CSC** (aka "Our Puggy"), **Dorothy Ann Kirley, Elizabeth Ann Kemp, Jeanne Becker King, Mary Fran Shaff Meekison, Lucy Flynn O'Brien, Jeanne Kamm O'Neill, Patricia O'Neil Stewart, and Madeleine Daughton Thompson.**

Whew! It has taken me hours to write the above, as I am just learning to type on a computer. I am hopeful that you or some close friend or family can send a sentence or two about our alma mater. The information may be about you or your experiences or some other SMC lady. I have written for our Class of 1940 for almost 50 years, having started at the request of the late **Marion McCandless** (Class of 1900) herself. She was our first editor of *Courier*. The late **Sister Maria Pieta Scott '22, CSC** was encouraging of *Courier* and this outside communication to link us all.

The Class of 1940 has distinction! Let's let those behind us hear from us at this time of life. You may want to write about your college experience, what effect the world had on us in those younger years, or a funny story or college prank that you can talk about now. Or what do you wish for before you meet God? Do you have information on a classmate? How similar or different do you feel the SMC experience is for women today versus the mid 1930s to 1940s? Let's hear your thoughts.

I am still living in my home of over 70 years. Most of my friends are in heaven. My hundred-year-old red climbing roses are more prolific than any other year. I can be reached at P.O. Box 253, Napoleon, OH 43545, and by telephone in the late afternoon and evening at (419) 592-6591. Let's hear from you.

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In June, **Joanne Hickey Fazel** died, the day before her 86<sup>th</sup> birthday. Her husband, Jerome (Jerry), had recently died, and Joanne had been living in a retirement facility near her daughter, a nurse. We will miss Joanne at our 2017 Reunion.

**Mary Berners Kishler** wrote of visiting over Easter with **Faith Kilburg McNamara, Barb Callahan Johnson** (who came from Idaho to visit her son Msgr. Tom in his parish near Detroit), and **Julie Skelly Fries**. The three enjoyed reminiscing and planning their trips to Reunion. In June, Mary and her brother, a retired ND physics professor, went on a Joan of Arc pilgrimage from Paris to sites from Joan's life, including Rouen, Domremy, Orleans, Rheims, and Chartres, staying in monasteries and taking part in monastic services along the way. She is looking at the one coming up for 2017.

**Lynn Dargis Ambrose** wrote of taking a "grandma trip" with Amelia — her last and youngest grandchild. Over the years, Lynn has visited Hawaii, Costa Rica, Chicago and the Indiana dunes, Grand Canyon country, the Oregon coast (dune buggies), and CSI (a TV program), in which a murder mystery was solved. Lynn wrote, "On this program, they were producing an original movie in the Hollywood area. None of us will ever watch another movie without seeing a whole new perspective. Today we visit Sony studios and edit our own movie plots with dialogue, action, music, and other sound bites. We are meeting other grandparents from around the country with their grandkids, sharing various new experiences." I hope to see many of you at our 2017 Reunion.

**Toni DiSalle Watkins** visited Lynn while in San Diego to see a daughter. They reminisced and hope to come to Reunion also.

**Joanne Bryan McDonald** wrote that she has been receiving eye treatment at the clinic at the University of Wisconsin. She wrote, "My one working eye became inflamed, causing enough blindness to prevent me from reading, writing, watching TV, or walking. My vision is now back to what I had previously, but I'm still seeing cornea and retina specialists. Who can know what tomorrow may bring! I'm hoping to come to our 65<sup>th</sup> Reunion. We've lost so many classmates since our 60<sup>th</sup>, but no matter how small the gathering might be, it's always a special time to return to the campus and share memories!"

**Mary Ann Scherger Fairlie** and her husband traveled during the summer visiting their extensive family (19 grandchildren) around the country, climaxing in a family reunion of 30 in St. Louis on July 16 for the wedding of a granddaughter. In September they went on a cruise from New Orleans to St. Paul.

**Marie Galoney** and I have lunch together often. She talked to **Emmy Lou Roach Majewski**, who is doing fine, living with her husband, looked after by two caretakers.

**Dor Murnane McMahon**, whose sister **Marie Murnane Walsh '49** died in March, was in Chicago in July, visiting her many relatives. She spent a day — lunch and a movie — with me and **Patt Geraghty Kowalski '61**.

**Loretta Jo Brazaitis Ebert** wrote that she finally retired on July 31. "It's bittersweet but definitely time. There's a parish celebration (I hope not too much joy that I'm going) on the 26<sup>th</sup> of June. I feel like it's my funeral but I'll get a chance to watch." Jo has been the choir director in her parish for so many years; she deserves a big farewell party.

I continue my singing and have been in several concerts including with Cantante di Chicago on June 20. I later sang "The Last Rose of Summer" (solo) with the group at Make Music Chicago. While Cantante was on vacation, I joined the Encore Chorale for several concerts in July and August, mainly to get to sing "Va Pensiero." In mid August, I sailed on the *Maasdam* with Garrison Keillor's *A Prairie Home Companion* Alaska cruise for all the Wobegon fans who love singing, storytelling, poetry reciting, and performing humorous skits and games. "On the road to Glacier Bay."

Looking forward to 2017, our 65<sup>th</sup>! Please stay well!

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**Bernice Boucher Hopp** certainly isn't in retirement in Indianapolis. She is active in the Chapel at Marquette, was recently elected president of the Catholic Chapel Board, and is looking forward to the Indiana State Fair. She plans menus for the Cottage meetings and will feature a bicentennial menu for Christmas dinner.

**Carol O'Brien Scheller** is still in remission from lung cancer and delighted that their daughter Beth is now only two hours away in Louisville. Vince is still doing therapy in hopes of making walking again more than a dream. Carol asks for prayers for **Rosie Gohmann Szumilas**, who is recovering from recent surgery. Rose lives in a retirement home in South Carolina near her daughter Peggy.

**Sue Hartmann** is involved in rehab, as so many of us are, but she is still out and about, even with oxygen. She continues volunteering at a nursing home, is still part of a comedy routine (a possibility for next Reunion?), plays bridge, and will probably attend grandchildren's ball games in the fall. She and **Mary Fran Koehnemann Nolan** talk frequently.

We have a Cubs fan! **Jane Flynn Carroll** and Patrick and Nancy and their families were going to the game the day she emailed. Jane asks if we've read Patrick Bachman's *A Man called Ove?* and adds that *Tell The Wolves I'm Home* by Carol Brunt is another unusually good story.

**Sister Jo Lucker, MM, and Mary Shane Helfrey** had a good touchdown lunch together when they attended the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress in March. A book she would like to recommend is *The Advance of Love: Reading the Bible with an Evolutionary Heart* by Bruce Sanguin. Jo suggests we might like to invite two or three others to share it with us to be enriched by their shared insight and experiences.

**Margaret Keller Howells** writes that she will be a great-grandmother this year, a girl in September and a boy in November. She's looking forward to babies since her youngest grandchild is 17. She's still active in her prayer group (**Barbara DiSalle Lindskold** joins them in the summers), her parish's Meals on Wheels, and a group doing contemplative photography, also called Visio Divina, which is described on the internet. It's a great way to get to know people, for the sharing is good and deep.

**Patt Gannon Scully** sent some book titles. *Through the Year with Pope Frances: Daily Reflections*, an *Our Sunday Visitor* publication, Patt says it is very inspiring and a must for a bedside or chairside table. Switching genres, Chet is the marvelous dog narrator in *Dog On It* by Spencer Quinn, and Patt says she'll be highly surprised and definitely disgruntled if you don't love Chet. Give it a try.

I've found another *American Pickers* aficionado in **Mary Fran Koehnemann Nolan**! (Most of my friends laugh at my taste.) Mary Fran is not only a faithful viewer, she has been to both *American Pickers* Tennessee stores. M is now living in a Catholic assisted living home in Nashville, where son Michael lives. She says she remembers SMC frequently and fondly and how much she loved her time there.



The usual ending for this time of year: **Joan Rossi, Janell Wenzel O'Barski, and Rose Marie Murphy Foley** and Ben will attend The Canadian Shaw Festival in August.

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The husband of Patty McNulty Bindner, George, died in July. Her children have been keeping her very busy, which includes taking her up to her favorite place on Lake Michigan.

**Barbara Bridgman O'Connor** is still doing tours in and around downtown Chicago. Some of her children are still in the area and she is happy to be able to plan get-togethers with them. She provided the following information on happenings in and around Chicago. A group of our classmates met in the Chicago area when **Mary Patterson Pickert** arrived from Orlando. She had recently returned from a Marian tour with her daughter. They had a wonderful time visiting places which included Medjugorje, Lourdes, Fatima, and Avila, Spain. She called **Lora Pagliari Mraz**, who arranged for a group of them to get together for lunch. Lora and her husband, Ed, sold their Lake Geneva condo and moved to Schererville, IN. They still have their farm in Wisconsin. **Jane McCormick Nilles** has moved to a retirement home and loves retirement living.

**Sarah Struett O'Keefe** helped make my job easier. She made several calls and provided the following information. Sarah is fine and enjoying the summer. Her SMC daughter, who lives in Europe, is home this summer. Her last son, Bobby, who graduated from Notre Dame, did not "discover" Saint Mary's until his senior year. That is when he met Sophia, whom he married the following December. Sarah is still involved in Misericordia as a member of the Women's Board. They conduct several fund-raising activities throughout the year for the people who live in community homes in Chicago.

Sarah called **Pat Cutter Reynolds**, who spends the summers in Chicago and the winters in Florida. She plays tennis a couple times a week, is performing in small venues, and does storytelling. She plans to go to Cuba this fall with friends from Florida.

**Wilma Burke Epstein** is still performing and is involved in a documentary currently in production.

**Mary White** has some medical problems; however, she is happy to talk with people on the phone and visit in person when she can. She is excited about the upcoming election. I spoke with **Carol Graham Moran**, whose husband is very ill. They spend the winters in Florida, but are now back at home in Michigan, where their children are able to be of help when necessary. Keep them in your prayers, thanks.

**Mary Anne McManus Harahan** has moved to a new retirement community in Bloomfield, MI, to join her sister, who was one of the first residents last December. **Mary Ann Tominovich Randall** lives in Granger, IN, and has not attended the regular Reunions because she joined the Holy Cross Central School of Nursing program after her first year at SMC. Several of our first-year classmates did likewise

and many of them keep in contact with each other. Mary Ann mentioned the late **Mary Jo Carmody Herendeen, Nellie Weigand Wildeman, and Amelia Fields Casmier**. Other names mentioned were **Bernadette Tracy Crowe** and **Rita Gould**. It was fun reminiscing about our first year in our very interesting conversation.

I spoke with John, **Carol Wiseman Smith's** husband. Carol has some serious health issues and would love receiving mail from any of her classmates. John was in a serious car accident a couple years ago, but is recovering and they both enjoy visits from their children. They have 24 grandchildren.

**Mary Beth Croxall Wahl** is enjoying her new home in Georgia and is well and happy. She will be there two years next February and has accomplished a lot. She supervised the building of her new house. She says her house is lovely and she enjoys where she lives with the exception of the summer heat. She said that one can be as involved as one wants and she likes that. She takes exercise classes and walks, as well as other activities. Her son lives about 30 minutes away and she enjoys spending time with the grandsons.

I am busy as usual with a schedule that gets me in and out of South Bend on a regular basis. I had a very wonderful trip to Australia and New Zealand with my niece and her husband earlier in the year and look forward to the ND football season.

Please remember to drink plenty of water each day and remember the slogan, "Early to bed, early to rise, makes us wealthy and wise." Let's hope so in this day and age!

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I love starting our column on a positive note. Three cheers for the Class of '57! What a wonderful class we are. As most of you are aware, in honor of **Dr. Carol Ann Mooney's '72** retirement last May as Saint Mary's president, a campaign was launched with the goal of having 35 percent of alumnae give to the College. Participation was stressed, not the amount. Our class led the way and finished first, with an amazing 48 percent of us contributing. It was even more impressive when you realize we weren't a reunion class. That will be in June 2017 and of course we will be asked again, but for now, let's celebrate our accomplishment.

The "For the Record" section of the Spring 2016 *Courier* announced the death of **Barbara Heckethorn Bouley** in December 2015. Barbara was a thoughtful and talented artist who came from Littleton, CO, and went on to a successful career in the publishing business in New York City. After 20 years, she went back to school, earning two master's degrees, one each from New York University and Fordham in occupational therapy and social work, leading to another 20-year career in OT/mental health. Barbara and her husband, Raymond, moved to Woodbury, CT, after her retirement. Raymond, a reference librarian, preceded her in death in 2012.

In April 2016, we heard of the death of **Mary (Chicki) Taylor Spalding**. Chicki is survived by her husband, Tom, their three children, their spouses,

and eight grandchildren. The Spaldings had recently returned to the St. Louis area after making their home in Bluffton, SC. When the news of her death spread, classmates spoke of Chicki's sense of humor, energy, and just being so much fun. **Alice Quinn Kalafut** roomed with Chicki in our first year (across the hall from **Irene O'Leary Van Beckum**), and Chicki was her maid of honor.

In May, **Mary Reedy Ahlering's** husband, Dr. David Ahlering, passed away after a long illness. Dave was a dentist in suburban Chicago, where they lived for most of their almost 60-year marriage. He is survived by their two children, their spouses, five grandchildren, and two greats. Our sympathy to all classmates in their sorrow.

In response to one of my emails regarding another loss in our ranks, **Julie Bohan Allen** wondered if we had ever considered having an annual Mass said for our living and deceased classmates. "I think it would be comforting to all of us," she said. I thought this was a great idea and began checking. I was directed to Saint Mary's campus minister, Regina Wilson, who immediately arranged for a Mass to be said last March 23 at 9:00 p.m. in Holy Spirit Chapel in Le Mans Hall. The email I sent about our Mass brought the biggest response I have ever had. Obviously, Julie's idea was spot on. Many said they would join in prayer that day. **Mary Camblin Crean** said she would get out her yearbook that day, focusing on all of us. **Joan Gibson** said, "It was a blessed and comforting idea." **Sarah Carey Cutting** commented that she would join us in prayers of gratitude. **Sara Trippel Funck** lives about an hour from South Bend and had intended to be at the Mass but sadly her sister Betty died in Wisconsin the day before.

Many chuckled with me at the thought of a Mass at 9:00 p.m. on a Wednesday evening when we were students. **Ann Schultheis Massey** said she thought even the library was closed then. Obviously, this works with current times and needs. I am further delighted to report that this memorial Mass will be an annual event. Our deceased classmates will be remembered yearly at Mass on the last Wednesday of March.

It is always great to hear of travels and connecting. George and **Marge Smith Broucek** drove from Minneapolis to Notre Dame recently for George's 60<sup>th</sup> reunion, staying at the Inn at Saint Mary's. They were amazed, as all of us are, to see all the construction and changes at both campuses. The Brouceks have enjoyed lunch with neighbor **Mary Baker Culhane** several times and plan to see her again soon to hear about Mary's June trip.

Mary met her daughter **Kathleen Culhane Battis '83** and Kathleen's husband, Tim, in Bordeaux, France, and spent 10 days touring the area.



Mary Baker Culhane and her daughter, Kathleen Culhane Battis '83, took a trip to Bordeaux, France in June with Kathleen's husband, Tim.

**Dee Kiley LeFevour** had an amazing opportunity to appreciate Italy with her siblings this July. Her brother Roger Kiley (ND '58) and brother-in-law Jamie Carey were teaching at Loyola's law school in Rome and were joined by their wives, another brother and sister-in-law, and Dee. One highlight was a visit to Netunno where American soldiers from World War II are buried. Among those interred there are Dee's uncle and godfather, John Burke, who was killed at Anzio in 1944. Aside from the great food and opportunities to sightsee and explore, Dee said the best part was sharing the experience with family.

Proving that nothing is too far or too much effort when it comes to family, **Peggy Kearin Carey** traveled to London in June for the First Communion of her twin grandchildren, Nora and Seamus. Business brought their parents, Peter and Molly Carey Johnson, and brother Patrick to England, which gives Peggy a great travel destination.

Jim (ND '57) and **Fran Cappabianca Carideo's** grandson Max Linnville graduated from Holy Cross College this year. He has been accepted into a program sponsored by Notre Dame and Holy Cross to work with the Passionist Fathers. He will be going to Jamaica for a year to further educational opportunities there, and the Carideos plan to visit him. As a spiritual director in her parish, Fran will do another class this year called "Challenge... A Daily Meditation Program Based on the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius," which she says is rewarding and transforming.

Travels of a different type were on **Pat Smith Parish's** agenda this spring. She moved from her long-time home in Phoenix back to Anchorage, AK, where she had lived in the 1980s. Pat enjoys being near her son David and his family and continues to promote the sale of her interesting and entertaining book, *Dutchman and the Devil: The Lost Story*. If you haven't already done so, you can buy the book on Amazon. What fun it is to read and share a good book by a classmate!

Let me close this column with a reminder, if it's needed, that our, gasp, 60<sup>th</sup> Reunion will be June 1-4, 2017. It's hard to believe, but true. I know that we would all like to be there. Let's pray that we do!

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**Jane Eyerly Kozuszek** wrote to tell me of the death of her daughter Carey Jane Kozuszek, age 43, from cancer on December 23, 2014. Carey's partner and their two young children survive and continue to live in Berkeley, CA. Jane and Larry see them regularly and also their son and wife and 5-year-old grandson, who live about 20 minutes away. Jane and Larry have moved to a retirement community and their new address is 758 Eckrich Place, St. Louis, MO 63119. Please pray for them.

On May 12, 2016, Saint Mary's College announced the largest bequest in its history. Our classmate **Mary Lee Sheftic** from Boswell, PA, donated more than \$6 million toward renovation and expansion of the Angela Athletic & Wellness Complex, and a scholarship in her name. Mary Lee, who majored in commerce and minored in speech and drama, died on May 11, 2015, at age 78.

While at Saint Mary's, Mary Lee appeared in plays and starred in *The Long Christmas Dinner*. She was also an officer of the Columbine Club. Following graduation, Mary Lee earned a master's degree from Penn State University and taught school in Virginia for several years before working as the vice president of the Peoples Bank and Trust in Boswell. She also served on the board of directors of First Commonwealth Financial Corp. She lived with her brother Charles J. Sheftic, an ND graduate, until his death on May 6, 1998, and continued to be active in theater. In fact, her father had owned two movie theaters and his first was named "Mary Lee."

I attended a dinner in the Noble Family Dining Hall to mark the acceptance of the gift. Also representing the College were **Carol Ann Mooney '72** and her husband, George Efta; Shari Rodriguez, vice president of college relations; Anne M. Morgan, director of gift planning; Mona Bowe, vice president of student enrollment; and Karen Johnson, vice president of student affairs. Jeff Berkey, attorney for the Sheftic estate, and Debra Phillippi, executor for the Sheftic estate, were honored guests at the dinner. Mary Lee did not want any special attention but I would love it if class members who appeared in plays with Mary Lee or were commerce majors would write me with their memories. I will share them with our classmates and with the College. **Paula Lawton Bevington** commented, "Her spectacular gift to Saint Mary's assures that students like her, serious about academics and artistic as well, will enjoy the best of both those worlds."

**Marlene (Martie) Slavin Fogarty** just called to tell me **Marilyn Miller Waud** died from cancer on June 10 in her home in Lake Forest, IL. Martie and **Kay Duffy O'Leary** had a wonderful visit with Marilyn in April, and Martie had spoken to Marilyn early in June before Martie came north to sell her cabin in Wisconsin. Mike Fogarty died just a year ago and Martie was stopping for a June 12 Mass for Mike in Chicago on the way to her cabin.

While Martie was in Chicago, she and Kay arranged to visit Marilyn and they arrived at her house just a couple of hours after Marilyn had died. Martie and Kay were present at Marilyn's beautiful funeral Mass on June 14, which was attended by a number of priests and sisters, and a full congregation. After the funeral, Martie continued to Wisconsin, listed her cabin, and sold it within five hours. After a garage sale, Martie intends to return to Florida. Martie and I thought any classmates who wished to remember Marilyn might consider a donation to the Sister M. Alma Peter, CSC, Memorial Scholarship Fund in Marilyn's memory.

The scholarship has increased from the original sum of \$161,218.15 to \$208,703.87 as of June 30, 2015, and \$15,300 has been distributed. The University of Notre Dame manages the funds, which gives Saint Mary's the advantages of a much larger pool.

I had the pleasure of meeting the new Saint Mary's president, Jan Cervelli, at the annual Down the Avenue gala, which I attended with my daughter **Mary Catherine (Kate) Willson Voelker '81** and her husband Mark. **Sistie Doherty McEnery's** daughter **Mary McEnery Harding '84** was co-chair.

I had a call from **Sistie Doherty McEnery** this week with the sad news that **Hannah Grasberger Storen Krep's** husband, Bill Krep, died July 25,

2016, of heart failure. Bill had been ill but they were having a good summer. It was a peaceful death, which is a blessing for Bill. Our condolences to Hannah and both her family and Bill's children. Sistie also gave me the news that **Ellen Canny Werner's** brother Jim Canny (ND '57) died this past summer in Jackson, MI. Ellen came up from Florida for Jim's funeral.

My daughter, **Ellen Willson Hoover '90**, is a freelance writer and just had another article published in the online magazine *Aleteia* that mothers and grandmothers might read and pass along to women of all ages they care about. It is titled "Why I'm finally telling my own Brock Turner story." The incident took place while she was a first year at Saint Mary's. No school names are mentioned in the article but the schools are Notre Dame and Saint Mary's. Needless to say, she had never mentioned the incident to me and my reaction after reading the article is rage and sadness. I hope other women can learn some valuable safety tips from the article. Best wishes to all.

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Not much news to share this quarter. As reported in the last issue of *Courier*, two of our classmates were listed as deceased: **Mary Fey Crawford** passed away September 2, 2015, and **Patricia Molumby Gosling** on August 18, 2015. Please remember them in your prayers as well as the families they left behind.

I also heard from **Rose Marie Cassmeyer Hutches** regarding her son John Curtis Hutches, who passed away on April 18, 2016. John suffered a disabling stroke in 1986 but as Rose writes, "He was remarkable for 29 years, cheerful, upbeat, interested in everything his family and friends were doing. However, the last six months he has had repeated bouts with aspirational pneumonia and failed quickly. He wanted to go. I'm just happy he didn't have to go to hospice and linger." I'm sure his passing leaves a huge void in the lives of his family, friends, and caretakers. More prayers requested.

**Jeanne Pflaum Gnuse** and her husband, Tom, were honored at the Tourette Association's gala in New York City in November 2016. They became involved with the Tourette Association of America in 1982 after learning about it on a television "magazine on the air" program. After tracking down some small research programs that were investigating this syndrome, they concluded that Tourette was the basis of Tom's physical and verbal tics. They have been personally involved ever since to increase awareness among the broader public, as Tourette is one of many conditions overlooked by major government and endowment funding sources. Congratulations to Jeanne and Tom.

I spoke with **Sarah Sceales Mulcahy** today. She is out of rehab after six months in therapy and is settled in a two-bedroom apartment in her new home at Newcastle Place in Mequon, WI. It's part of a "continued living/assisted living" community not far from her home, which is on the market. She says her hip is not healing as well as she'd like but with the help of a walker she gets around pretty well.



I also spoke with **Sharon McGee Sitton Bradshaw's** daughter recently, who told me that Sharon suffers from a frontal lobe disorder called Alexia, known as a "reading disorder." Sharon is legally blind but with the help of her husband, Murray, and daughter Suzanne she leads a full and productive life. She spent Mother's Day weekend in Texas with one of her sons.

**Teresa Nutting Marcy** reports news of a big family reunion, the first ever, organized by her late husband's family. "It's a huge family, 70 or so attending. Two days in July, near Gap, in the South of France. All but one of my husband's living siblings came and most of their children, grandchildren, and significant others. My entire family went. My three children are fluent in French, went there often, and know their relatives well. The four older grandchildren (7 to 11½), had done a teeny bit of study, and the youngest (4½) had had a year of pre-K at the Lycée Français de Chicago. She clearly understands everything, but doesn't speak it much. The three families and I came and went separately and some went to other parts of the country before or after (which allowed me to visit Paris twice, first with one family and then another). We all had a wonderful time."

Thanks to all of you who donated to the Class of '59 Endowed Scholarship Fund; \$23,700 was distributed to three deserving Saint Mary's students during the 2015-16 academic year.

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News from **Jeanne Fontana Ferrini**: "It's time for me to touch base with SMC classmates, so here goes. Jim and I have been married for 53 years this June, have five children and 16 grandchildren, all of whom live near us. I think that is quite unusual in this day and age. You can believe that we are never bored!"

Jeanne's daughter **Mary Caren Ferrini D'Anniballe '90** graduated from Saint Mary's College and later acquired an EdD, enabling her to not only teach but to become a reading specialist. Jim has argued as an appellate attorney in 50 states, including before the US Supreme Court.

Jeanne has been a mom, a "grammie nanny," a parish volunteer, and a writer. Recently, her book *My Three Shepherds* was published under her full name. She believes she will never be too old to follow her own passion. "The beautiful walkways and buildings of SMC often cause me to go back in time, especially when I think of the close friends I made there," she says. She visits with **Marcia Kolby Passaglia** once a year. Last spring, Jim and she stayed with Marcia and Don for five days. This year the visit will be at Jeanne's house in September. Jeanne always enjoys reading about fellow classmates in *Courier*.

## From the Courier Office

**Sheila Higgins Botti and Nancy Higgins Keenan '61** have been volunteering at The Courtyard since they founded the consignment shop 25 years ago. The Courtyard has generated more than \$4 million for Wellness House, which supports people facing a cancer diagnosis, cancer

survivors, and their loved ones. Congratulations on The Courtyard's silver anniversary!

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News from our friends: **Jane McClelland Sawtell** and **Margo Vitalich Manley** enjoyed a lovely walk and lunch at a Saratoga, CA, café when Jane visited her daughter's family recently. Though Jane was diagnosed with macular degeneration some years ago, Margo saw no signs of it. Jane has scaled down her highly successful floral design business — known as Garden Greenery — but she accepts special assignments. Golf is still a passion. Margo's passion is definitely travel — she's been to Cuba, Scotland, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island this year and there are still months to go in 2016!

**Virgie Burke Gannon** sent news of herself and other friends. "John suffered a stroke in June and with his previous brain injury of nine years ago, he has presented a great challenge to all of the doctors and therapists. Believe it or not, I ran into **Cathy Ryan Condon** at the RIC (the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago), where John is still a patient. Cathy was there because her husband, Ed, suffered a grand mal seizure from all of his surgeries and treatments for brain cancer. Cathy and I had many visits until Ed was discharged and they returned to Florida where they now reside."

Virgie had also just heard from **Ruth Schnaus Smith**, who is handling a comparable challenge. Her husband, BJ, suffered a stroke mid summer but Ruth said the prognosis was positive. Virgie underscored what we've probably all experienced along the way: "Life's struggles demand a great deal from all of us." She feels most fortunate in "the support of my wonderful children and the great gift of faith." She concluded on a special note: "Our great friendships bring out the best in all of us (and) my prayers go out to all of our dear classmates who have made our lives so worthwhile and meaningful." Virgie's courage and resilience shine through her message. Email addresses for Virgie and Ruth are [vagannon@sbcglobal.net](mailto:vagannon@sbcglobal.net) and [ruthasmith@msn.com](mailto:ruthasmith@msn.com). I do not have new contact information for Cathy, unfortunately. If anyone does, please send it on to me.

I've become an enthusiast of two online treasures that I want to pass on to folks. Transcripts of *On Being*, the NPR program by Krista Tippett, are now available on a regular podcast and website for your listening or reading pleasure, and I have found them breathtaking ([www.onbeing.org](http://www.onbeing.org)). *On Being* bills itself as "a spacious conversation — and an evolving media space — about the big questions at the center of human life." Tippett has received the National Humanities Medal at the White House for "thoughtfully delving into the mysteries of human existence." Tippett was also the 2013 Christian Culture Lecturer at Saint Mary's College. The other resource is web-based and a cultural treat: *Brain Pickings Weekly* ([www.brainpickings.org](http://www.brainpickings.org)). Both have enlarged my world, and I think you will find them intriguing as well.

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**Barbara Koch Dumit** volunteered to take 15 teens from her parish in Oak Harbor, WA, to Krakow, Poland, for World Youth Day. Three million people were expected! They traveled on to Auschwitz and to see the Black Madonna. **Auralea Sharrar Carroll** and her husband, Rick, have moved from Denver to Salida, CO, and are remodeling his family home and adjusting to small town life.

**Susanna Hayes** has moved to Needham, MA, to be close to her niece and a 2-year-old nephew. Her new parish is St. Joseph. **Kay Christenson Janiszewski** urged us to read *The Gift of Years* by Sister Joan Chittister to appreciate our age and what we can still accomplish and do for others. Kay and her family are "walking her mother to the door of heaven" (98 years and 4 months). Kay spent time with **Janet Walton Gisleson** in New Orleans. In July, Kay and Janet are going to Cincinnati to see **Joann Bukovic Wess**, whose husband has passed. **Mary Jane Foley Brisbane** and **Mary Beth Allen Sweeney** already have visited with Joann. As Kay says, "That's what we do: support and love each other!"

**Pat Powers Gowdy** and **Pat Malone Nathe** both sent me birthday greetings, and life was good for them that day.

**Ellen Brown McBride** is a great-grandmother to Brady, son of oldest granddaughter, Lauren McBride Lapaz. Ellen, **Mary Whealan Burd**, and **Roberta Limarzi Weinsheimer** met **Mary Kay Flynn Bowling** to enjoy another excellent play directed by Mary Kay's son, Nick. **Mary Kay Brady Turner** entertained Mitri Raheb, a pastor from Bethlehem, in Jackson Hole, WY. **Mary Vertin O'Neill** took eight people (ages 8 to 74) to Japan for two weeks this spring. They hiked the Nakasendo Trail during cherry blossom time, stayed in temples, ryokans and country inns, took the fabulous trains and subways, and are looking forward to another multigenerational trip.

**Jinx Hack Ring** spent August at the Cape, visiting friends and Peter's family in Groton Long Point, CT. All is well with her family but she is "discouraged about our troubled world...may peace and compassion rain down on us all and may we be able to put aside our fear and anger." **Molly Follis Tuton** was in Hilton Head for a party and now has her second grandson: James Wiley. **Karen Mortimer Williams** celebrated her birthday and her 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary at the Broadmoor in Colorado Springs with her family (17 total with new baby David Joseph). Several SMC ladies sent notes.

In May, Kent and I went to Israel and Jordan. It was outstanding and extremely educational. We saw the political problems up close, visited **Mary Kay Brady Turner's** University of Bethlehem project, and stopped in the towns and memorable spots of Jesus's life. We felt uplifted and renewed.

In order for me to keep in touch with you, please send me your updates: emails, addresses, phone numbers, and, of course, any news.

PEACE, LOVE, HOPE, ENJOY!

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Please remember in your prayers the family of **Mary Delaney Willer**. Mary's husband, Ed, recently passed away. He was surrounded by his loving family. Know that your classmates share your loss and that we will keep you and yours in our thoughts and prayers, Mary.

Greetings from **Beverly Senda Defoe**: "We are stay-at-home grandparents this summer. Dean and Patrick and families will be at Pop Pop's beach for two weeks. We are excited as it will be the first time the cousins have met. Love having family time."



Lyn Swetish Froning, Cindy Brown Scott, and Barbara Kurien Wolfe

**Barbara Kurien Wolfe** says that she, **Lyn Swetish Froning**, and **Cindy Brown Scott** met this past July 2. "The three of us meet at least once a year. This year was at Cindy's house on Camano Island, WA (north of Seattle). Next year we hope to get together at my home in Sarasota, FL. We have a great time catching up as well as pondering deep questions like the meaning of life!"

"Thanks, Sheila," writes **Molly Martin Mannino**, "I was in Massachusetts with our daughters on my birthday, so came home today to your lovely birthday note. I'm looking forward to a good year."

**Elise Meyer** sends Denver news: "Had a fantabulous time with **Kathleen McAnaney Campbell** and **Sheila Flynn Boone** yesterday. Kathleen looks so good and seems to be as energetic as ever. We all seem to love to shop and went to the gift shop at the Art Museum, which was wonderful." And more recently, Elise had lunch with **Valerie Maracz Perrone**, **Mary Sullivan**, **Georgiana Huisking Feely**, and **Carla Aderente**. They had a great get-together and caught up on each other's news. Seems Carla is making a solo drive to all the public buildings where her grandfather painted large, beautiful ceiling murals. As she travels, Carla is staying with classmates and during this visit she was staying with Valerie.



Carla Aderente, Kathleen McAnaney Campbell, and Pat Farrell Wareham enjoy catching up on life in Kansas City. Carla was on the tail end of a trip to see her grandfather's murals out west.

**Nancy Wagner LaValle** kindly sent news: "Luke and I had a wonderful dinner and visit in Chicago in early June with **Barb Leahy Sutton**. Barb is our ambitious traveler, with trips to Hawaii and Montana in the winter, Maine and Wisconsin in the summer, every year. She is going to northwestern Canada in the fall to see polar bears in their natural setting. This is one of the first years she hasn't been off our continent — how do we count Hawaii? **Joan Marskey Slattery** and husband Bill (ND '65) celebrate 50 years of marriage in August with family and friends, including the LaValles, in Minneapolis. A family reunion took place afterwards in Hawaii. **Darlene Maria Currier** visited us in early August on Long Island. She just completed a stint as interim head librarian for the Austin, TX, school where she volunteers. Darlene is now in Wilmington, NC, for the summer months, renovating her new condo on the ocean where her children and grandkids love to visit. Luke and I are so fortunate to have our sons, daughters-in-law, and two+ grandchildren living within a few blocks/miles of us — a joyous reason for us to stay in New York. Had a nice note recently from **Helen Reichert Restovich**, who couldn't make our 50<sup>th</sup> due to her retiring from teaching at that time. Helen sees her 'old' students who drop by periodically. Some of them are now students at ND, where her George went. She happily plays the fun and loving grandmother to her grandkids."

**Sheila Flynn Boone** and husband Michael paid me a wonderful visit in Dixon over Memorial Day. I was so pleased they were able to stay overnight and go to dinner. They were on their way to Michael's 50<sup>th</sup> ND reunion and taking their time driving around to see extended family. It was a great visit with lots of laughter.

"Not too much going on but grandkids and kids... sound familiar?" writes **Sara Johnson Walz**. "Nick and I had dinner with **Mary Delaney Willer**. She shared pictures and lots of stories of her just-completed trip to Cuba. Also, **Deirdre Hayes Spalla** and her husband, Denny, stopped by and spent an evening with us. We caught up on kids and grandkids. That's about it."

This is just the most wonderful news from **Kathleen McAnaney Campbell**, who lives in Denver for part of the year. "Hi Sheila! I hear about you from **Elise Meyer**! Hopefully you can get out here and we can all visit. I am feeling well and progressing with regard to my autoimmune encephalitis. Unfortunately, with one step forward I have had two back. Recently diagnosed with thyroid cancer, for which I will have surgery in August, and last month went to the ER for what turned out to be angina, for which I had a cardiac cath and got two stents. I consider all my setbacks small blips compared to my acute illness this last year. Have seen Elise and **Sheila Flynn Boone** a few times and **Val Maracz Perrone** and looking forward to having **Carla Aderente** visit in KC in early August. Have rented a home in Ocean City, NJ, for two weeks in July to show my children and grandchildren how I spent my summers growing up. Will see all eight of my siblings there and get to celebrate a brother's 70<sup>th</sup> and baby sister's 65<sup>th</sup>! Life is very good!" We all had serious concerns about Kathleen's health last year at Reunion. It's wonderful to know she is progressing so well. She is one very positive lady who has an amazing outlook on life. Treasuring, always, our Belle friendships.

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The 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion for the Class of '66 has become a memory. For our classmates, thanks to our fearless leaders: **Barbara Borchers Bernath**, **Liz Bermingham Lacy**, and **Marilyn Kozmer Sommers**, this Reunion will remain in our memories forever. **Patricia Hilger Zeigler** cemented these memories by making a 24-minute video. It contains pictures that we viewed in the hospitality room with some extra pictures added. It is truly fantastic. Special thanks to Pat for all her hard work.

In chatting with fellow classmates after Reunion, I heard that the biggest pleasure of the weekend was spending time with a special roommate. I was blessed to once again room with my roommate of three years **Pam Smith Malone**. **Jane McCoach McKee** said she enjoyed spending time with her roommate of many years **Mary Dunn Finneran**.

**Carla Johnson Lewis** and her roommate **Kathleen Macelwane Wernert** cherished their time together. Carla lives in Charlotte, NC, while Kathleen hails from Lincoln City, OR. Kathleen thinks that this might have been her first return to Saint Mary's since graduation.

Of course, we had the quads, such as the one that housed **Pat Guccione Conway**, **Ronnie Henehan Hagerty**, **Carol Senda Damaso**, and **Ellen DeRaedt Hoover**. Pat and her husband recently retired to Nashville from the Chicago area. Pat meets with fellow classmate and Nashville gal **Pam Smith Malone**. Ellen spends the summers in Holland, OH, and the winters in Estero, FL. Carol just retired as library director, but still doing some National Library Administration consulting in Scottsdale, AZ. Ronnie lives in Houston. **Christine Nichols Donohue** rotated in this grouping for one year. Christine roomed this Reunion with her delightful husband, Bill.

**Anne Sheehan Garbarino** loved spending time with her roommate **Mary Grieb**. Anne lives on the water in Eagle Bay, NY, where she spends time swimming or showing her youth by canoeing on a team. Mary recently retired from teaching in her hometown of Clinton Township, a suburb of Detroit. Anne spent some special time with **Diane Sulzbach Pexa**.

**Kay Casellini Wasinger**, **Carolyn Hart Irvine**, and **Suzy Scanlan Eiben** shared a dorm room during their time at Saint Mary's. They have kept their friendship alive by attending the majority of the class reunions. Like **Mary Grieb**, Kay resides in Grosse Pointe, MI. Suzy hails from the south side of Chicago. Carolyn calls San Mateo home. Her three children live within minutes of her and, obviously, each other. Kay's daughter **Rebecca Wasinger Wills '92** is a graduate of Saint Mary's College.

**Mary M. Guillot Carr** brought her new roommate of many years to reunion. We had the pleasure of meeting Maurice Carr. Mary recently retired as a school principal in Bunkie, LA. **Sheila Brennan McGann** brought her roommate of 50 years. Sheila's husband, Bill, is a deacon in their church in Gales Ferry, CT. Sheila assists her husband in his duties and she enjoys teaching CCD.



**Anne Liess Hoover, Louann Kennedy Keenan, Jessie (Kathy) Smith Wondergem, Maureen LeJeune Harty,** and I graduated from Marywood School for Girls in Evanston, IL. We took a group picture at the class dinner. This Reunion was a first for Anne, who hails from Baltimore, and Kathy, who lives in Bradenton, FL. Louann recently retired from teaching and moved from La Grange to Oakbrook, IL. Maureen spends her days in Boise, ID, and is crafting the ultimate mystery book.

We owe a big thank you to **Patti Carey Bannister**, who asked her uncle, Father Carey from Notre Dame, to officiate at our Mass on Friday night. Patti is a principal at Diable View Middle School in Clayton, CA. Patti completed a master's in education leadership and raised six children, all of whom attended the University of Notre Dame.

**Barbara McCusker Poole** retired as a principal of a Catholic school in Atlanta, GA. At this moment, she and her husband, Bill, are living on a farm, caring for chickens and hens and other wild farm animals.

**Margot Ostheimer Hammond** retired from teaching in 2013. Recently, she co-founded a Newark Educators Community Charter School that she describes as a progressive, professional development, family-centered institution. Margot lives in East Hampton, NY.

**Shirley Yancey Kloepper** has a PhD in Spanish from Indiana University. She works at La Casa Amiga, affiliated with Ohio Valley Opportunities, as their coordinator. La Casa Amiga is a cultural hub for Jefferson County, IN. It is a place to help Spanish-speaking newcomers gain services they need. Shirley's daughter **Natalie Kloepper Hill '93** is a graduate of Saint Mary's College.

**Marybeth Scheid West** splits her time between her many grandchildren and being a substitute teacher in Deerfield, IL, public schools.

**Mary Fran Petricca Gleason** continues her teaching career as a substitute in the Cicero, IL, District 99. Mary Fran specialized in reading intervention. She received her master's in education from Concordia University in River Forest, IL.

One busy lady is **Marge Diamond Gaberino**, who travels among her five children to visit her 12 grandchildren. Marge did not finish at Saint Mary's but graduated in history from the University of Oklahoma. We are thrilled that Marge considers Saint Mary's so close to her heart. Marge does make it back to South Bend, as two grandsons are attending Notre Dame.

For those who did not sign up or just learned about Facebook, we do have a closed Class of '66 Facebook page. Contact me at [marykgott@aol.com](mailto:marykgott@aol.com) for an invitation to join the page. More news on the Reunion in the next *Courier*.

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**Leigh Malone Tomaszewski** expressed her gratitude for the Belles68 who told her she felt compelled to represent our fellow classmates at the services for Leigh's husband, Cliff, who died suddenly in December 2014. Ironically, Leigh had been visiting in New Jersey in January 2015, read about the death of my mother, and expressed

her condolences.

Leigh was glad that at last she had news to report. In June 2016, **Sue Hoevel Diefenbach, Jean Jacob O'Reilly**, and she attended the retreat weekend at Saint Mary's. They joined a group of 30 alumnae from '63 to '15 for talks, discussions, and activities and were surprised to discover that even though the years separated their time at Saint Mary's, all had much in common and much to share. They stayed in the new senior apartments. Opus was built in 2005 with the first residents from the Class of 2006. They were very impressed with the accommodations including the second floor outdoor patio, where some wine was shared during after-hour discussions. Leigh would highly recommend the retreat to all who feel the need for a little down time back home at Saint Mary's. She and Jean continued a mini reunion at Sue's home in Fort Wayne, IN, with a little more wine and a lot of talk about grandkids and what keeps us busy now. They took Sue's grandson Luca to the zoo; nothing like three grandmas entertaining one little boy. Leigh continued her travels to Boise, ID, to attend the wedding of her great-nephew Christopher (grandson of **Pat Malone Nathe '64**). Leigh keeps busy taking classes, volunteering, and, of course, traveling.

**Sally Blackley Clemmer** writes from hot, hot Florida (in the mid to high 90s) that she and Dayne still continue to cruise. They returned from another transatlantic voyage to England, with extra nights in London and Prague. After their regular volunteer work for the elections, they look forward to a delightful getaway, flying to Spain and cruising the Mediterranean. Next year, they have plans for a Pacific cruise, starting in Tokyo, and a river cruise to the Christmas Markets that should bring back memories of South Bend weather. They hope to get together with Richard and me in fall 2016 for our annual ND home football game. Sally reminds us that there are only two more years until our big 50th Reunion and hopes that all are practicing their "beeps" for the trivia game; love those beeps.

**Margaret Piton** just wanted to let us know that she has started publishing a travel memoir on [www.wattpad.com](http://www.wattpad.com). She advises us that the sign-in is somewhat challenging but it's a good free self-publishing platform for anyone interested. She would appreciate reads and votes on her stories and will return the favor for any memoir of other writers.

**Mary Bartlett Wolf** writes from Williamsport, PA, that September 2016 marks two years of retirement. The transition has been filled with domestic and foreign travel (she loved Sydney, Australia!), golf, volunteer boards, and definitely more time with the four grandchildren in Michigan and Indiana. Mike (ND) and she are sorting and organizing pictures and memorabilia from their Saint Mary's and Notre Dame days for a collective 70th birthday party with his gang this fall. She reminisces that their 40th birthdays seem so recent yet now our 50th class Reunion is only two years away!

Richard and I were able to get to campus for the farewell dinner for President **Carol Mooney '72**. It was a short stay as I am still working at Stockton University (previously Stockton College) but did include the Blue and Gold game. In March, I ended my two-year term as a member-at-large of the Executive Committee of the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education ([www.aghe.org](http://www.aghe.org)),

but continue to earmark some of my annual contribution to support gerontology in the social work department at Saint Mary's. I also continue as director of the Stockton Center for Economic and Financial Literacy. I would be glad to recommend resources to teach the younger members of your family. Richard and I were able to take a 12-day trip to Greece with Rocco and **Elizabeth Christopher Palasky DiPoalo '06** that began in Athens and went on to Mykonos, Santorini and finally Crete. You can email me at [econprofessor@aol.com](mailto:econprofessor@aol.com) for highlights that I would be happy to share, request to be added to our Belles68 Facebook page, or to provide updates for our next class news in *Courier*.

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Hello, dear classmates! As always, a big thank you to those of you who contributed news. It's always so interesting to read what you all are doing...far from slowing down in retirement!

Our first contributor, **Angela Mead Marvin**, confirms that observation. "I've just finished my third year of retirement after 30 years of teaching grades 2-10 in the Pittsburgh Catholic schools. I'm keeping busy with pro-life advocacy and with ancestor research and documentation. My husband, Doug (ND '69), says I'm not really retired."

**Kathy Winter Wolfe** re-connected and is already looking ahead to our 50th Reunion. Kathy wrote that she missed Reunions for many reasons including a daughter's graduation from high school and college and then that daughter's wedding. Here is her update. "We are now living in Jacksonville, FL, as well as Glassy Mountain in the Cliffs community near Landrum, SC, and we still have our lake home at Lake Tippecanoe, an hour from South Bend. I love returning to SMC and ND each year. I retired from American Airlines in 2003. After September 11 it was just too difficult. I had had a 35-year career in addition to substitute teaching along the way. My husband, Royce, loves golf and I love bridge, playing every chance I get. We have a 3-year-old grandson named Dylan, and our daughter Stephanie welcomed a little girl at the end of August. We have been very blessed! I love hearing news about former classmates but since I was only at Saint Mary's half of junior and then senior year, there are a lot of names I don't know. SMC and ND had a huge influence on my life and I will always be grateful for that." I replied by email to Kathy to thank her and she sent another note with additional news. By the time you are reading this column, Kathy and Royce will have gone to London to welcome that new grandchild! Her daughter Stephanie lives there and is a buyer for TKMAXX, the European division of our TJMAXX. Thankfully, Kathy wrote, her career at American Airlines makes such trips much better. She added that her sister **Joanie Winter Rogge '80** will join them in Jacksonville from Atlanta for the ND-Navy game in November. She also mentioned fond memories of "hanging out" with **Carolyn Schlipf Uanis, Cathy Lund Moore**, and **Julie Weger**.

**Janet Krueger** and her husband Bruce went on a train trek this summer. They traveled out to



Mary Alice Herod Lajoie, Susan M. Martin, Mary Ann Taverty, Katie Garrity Leatherman, Ann Hollander Sedlacek, Joyce Kenny Young, and Nan Raaf pose together at Mary Ann's house in Denver on August 10.

California and had a terrific time in Marin with **Georgia Florin**. Janet shared that Georgia "has a great condo in San Rafael, very spacious and comfortable." They visited the following places: "the Golden Gate headlands, Stinson Beach, Taylor State Park (redwoods!), Tiburon, Angel Island, drove by Robin Williams's home, the San Rafael Macy's (Georgia and I both had some Macy's dollars to spend), Sonoma (Viansa Vineyard and the little town), the Marin Farmers Market (where everything seemed to be organic and gluten-free), a hike in the redwoods in Larkspur, Mount Tamalpais, and China Camp State Park (historical site.)" Janet and Bruce also borrowed Georgia's car and visited friends of Bruce's in Palo Alto and Boulder Creek. One day, Georgia's daughter Emily, her husband, Greg, and their two little boys, Francis, 3½, and Gabriel, 1½, came to visit. Janet gave high marks to the gorgeous scenery from Denver to San Francisco. A few days ago, Janet sent me some wonderful photos of her and Bruce visiting **Kathy O'Donnell Effler** and husband, Steve, on vacation in Michigan.

I have a bit more vacation news to report. **Joanne Leonard Scharf** and husband, Dan (ND '69), celebrated their 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in July, hiking in the Green Mountains of Vermont.

**Mary Alice Herod Lajoie** wrote that "all" she wanted for her July birthday was chocolate cake and Sadie, her granddaughter! Mary Alice and Dick (ND '69) were en route from Cincinnati to Denver, planning to spend a month out there. She also added that **Alison Whittaker Rink** had just welcomed her first grandson.

From Alexandria, VA, **Elise Stephens Reeder** reported that she saw **Meg Gootee Keyes** and **Kathy Malone Beeler** last February in Naples, FL. She also got together this summer with Meg in Connecticut. Elise wrote that **Nancy Carlin Figel** and her husband, Tom, joined Elise and her husband in July in Canada and then continued down to Alexandria for more fun. She added that she often sees **Carol Denison Dyer** in Washington, DC.

Many thanks again for your news, friends. Keep it coming! God bless!

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Sadly, I am opening this column with the news of the passing of **Sally Shodron Walsh** on May 22, 2016. Fortunately, we were able to enjoy Sally's company at our 45<sup>th</sup> Reunion. Sally had a close

group of our classmates (**Sally Fogarty Hasbrook**, **Becky O'Connor Chandler**, **Rosemary Nugent Hanratty**, and **Sara Bateman Koehler**) who supported her during her 20-year fight against cancer. In addition, she had a group of high school classmates from Regina Dominican High School in Wilmette, IL, including **Sue Gudgeon Reilly** and **Louanne Scanlon Mauro**, who journeyed with her to SMC in September 1966. Sally leaves behind three children and nine grandchildren. Her daughter **Amy Walsh Kern '93** was one of the first alumna daughters from our class. Please keep Sally and her family in your prayers.

**Diane Wallace McKee** writes that "my husband of 45 years, Peter, passed away February 8 this year. He fought a valiant five-year battle with an autoimmune disorder. He was a devoted husband, wonderful provider, and caring father to our dear children, Christopher and Katie. We met at an SMC mixer the night before my classes started my first year. Two days after my SMC graduation, we got married in the Log Chapel at Notre Dame."

Diane continues: "Besides Peter's many accomplishments in the engineering field, he also served as the director of purchasing for the Diocese of Buffalo for 23 years, as well as key positions in our parish, and for many years in our town. Peter's love for his alma mater was well known across this area. Along with a classmate, Mike Neumeister, Peter ran a football weekend bus trip to ND for 100 people for more than 40 years. He loved introducing people to Our Lady's university and always gave personal tours around campus. He also served on ND's National Alumni Board. We are genuinely blessed to have had Peter in our lives. We know he's up there, no longer in pain, smiling down, and standing ready to intercede. I'm doing okay. My kids have been great!"

"My mantra is 'God's mercies are renewed each morning, so great is His faithfulness...Therefore, I will hope in Him.' (Lamentations 3:22-24) Not sure all I want to pursue yet; still getting used to this new phase of my life. So many possibilities! When I'm ready...Surely a return to volunteering, maybe again back to Catholic Charities to work with the refugees here. And most certainly my life will include my love, writing."

**Diane Daly McGarry** has bought a place in Long Beach, CA, and is now living there several months a year. Diane grew up in northern California so this is coming home but with warmer weather!

**Judy Johnson Crates** has been almost as busy in retirement as when she finished her career as an elementary school principal in Mountain View, CA, three years ago. She is currently a part-time instructor at Foothill College, teaching noncredit parent education courses to Spanish-speaking parents in low-income schools. She also works for the Bring Me A Book Foundation, distributing high quality literature to poor families. She just accepted a position working with high school students through a local community foundation. These jobs and serving on the board of directors of two local nonprofits and visiting her daughter and grandchildren in Spain don't leave her a lot of extra time. But who needs extra time when there are so many meaningful things to do?

**Terri McBirney Begas** has welcomed a new member to her family. Her daughter Lauren delivered her second child, a little boy, three weeks early. He joins his 2-year-old sister. Terri's other

daughter, Suzy, also has two children, who are in the first and second grades. Lauren's and Suzy's families live near one another in Silicon Valley (Milpitas and San Jose) so Terri and her husband are able to enjoy a two-for-one visit when they come from Nevada.

**Rosemarie Rinella Stocky** and I look forward to having lunch with Terri when she visits again in September. I hope that other classmates living in the Bay Area will be able to join us.

**Gwen Gill Caranchini's** daughter Kelly and her two daughters, Maggie and Nola, spent two weeks with Gwen in Kansas City in August.

As for 50<sup>th</sup> high school reunions, Gwen attended hers in June at Ursuline Academy in New Rochelle, NY. They had the full regalia including a formal sit-down dinner.

I attended my 50<sup>th</sup> at Bishop Feehan High School in Attleboro, MA. We were the second graduating class for this regional Catholic high school. Last year, BFHS began the tradition of having the 50<sup>th</sup> reunion class dress in gowns with special gold stoles, seating us on the field, and calling each classmate up one by one to receive our golden diplomas. What a special evening! The rest of our two-day event was much more informal but gave us a great opportunity to catch up and reconnect. Please share the news on your 50<sup>th</sup> high school reunion!

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Welcome back to *Courier*, Class of 1971. Sixty of us gathered for Reunion 2016, our 45<sup>th</sup>, and had a great time. I offered to be our class reporter so please send me any personal information you would like to share!

A special "thank you" to **Patty Gill Webber** and **Cathy Martin Baiardi**, who facilitated the session "Coping with Loss" for our class on Friday of Reunion. On Saturday, many came back for the picnic luncheon. On Saturday night, our own **Sarah Belanger Earley** was honored at the Reunion dinner with the Distinguished Alumna Award for being a woman who exemplifies the standards, ideals, and mission of this Catholic liberal arts women's college and who has given outstanding service through ongoing work for the Alumnae Association.

John Keys, Jr. (ND '70), husband of **Sue Gies Keys**, died suddenly and unexpectedly on May 16. He leaves behind his wife, Sue, two daughters, a son-in-law, and two grandchildren, whom he adored.

**Virginia (Dewey) Vatterott McConville** retired from her P.A. practice but continues to volunteer with mental health patients. **Patsy Moran Allen** and husband, Andy, recently purchased a home in Cleveland but spend winters in Arizona. **Kerry Meyer Destino** is busy with visiting grandchildren all over the country as well as moving into a new home. Kerry bicycled through Spain with a group of women earlier this summer. **Christine Balousek Dixon** is a chaplain at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, MI. **Kathleen Larkin Hickey** is slowly closing her psychotherapy practice and retiring. She and John recently had a great vacation in France. **Sue Fetick Hoffman**



and John were at Reunion and celebrated John's retirement. **Shirley Johnson Morand** loves caring for her granddaughter after retiring as a school librarian. **Eileen Muench** is helping children and the elderly through her job as an attorney in Colorado advocating for quality guardians and care. "Dr. Pat" — **Patty Gill Webber** — is choosing to work less to spend more time with family. She and Bill recently sold their home in Pennsylvania. Patty spends most of her time at home in Tucson, AZ, but summers near New York City so she can enjoy her grandchildren.

**Maureen Cassidy** wrote that she has been working at Loyola Marymount University for 25 years. She is active in the ornament project for the SMC Alumnae Club in Los Angeles, which contributes to their scholarship fund. Ornaments are available at the Shaheen Bookstore.

**Sheila Cronin** is a published author! Let's do an all-class read of her book, *The Gift Counselor*. Sheila recently was the guest author at the Grand Rapids Saint Mary's book club.

**Geri Bush** wrote that she and Brian have been in Colorado for 14 years after an Army career that had them living all over the world. Since retiring, Geri is donating her accounting skills to local organizations.

**Mary Ellen Burke**, now retired, is highly involved in the Soroptimist Club and has traveled to Japan to visit women in a sister club there.

**Kathleen Rodriguez Maloney** retired from teaching and is enjoying time with grandchildren.

**Marilyn Becker Porcino** is a parish pastoral minister working with families.

**Nan Kavanaugh Poore** is retired and now living in Omaha, NE. Nan enjoys being near three of her grandchildren. **Sue Herbert Timmons** is retired and living in Roanoke, WV, but her favorite place is her home on the beach in North Carolina. Nan and Sue are going together on the Saint Mary's College tour to France this fall.

**Maureen Schimizzi** is volunteering at the Chicago Institute of Art and taking a river cruise in Germany this summer.

**Mary Patt Glass**, although retired, is actively volunteering in her parish, helping the poor in their area.

**Gini Maloof Cascarilla** is still creating beautiful art and helping others to draw and paint through workshops in Cleveland, OH. Gini also does weekend workshops all over the country for Saint Mary's College clubs and other organizations. I think a weekend at Saint Mary's next summer for our class would be a great idea. Write me if you are interested!

I am retired after teaching for 20 years in the Des Moines Public Schools. I am in Chicago often to see our five grandchildren and their parents. I am active in the Des Moines Women's Club and Alpha Delta Kappa International Sorority.

I saw many more people but did not have a pen and paper with me, so write me an email with your latest news. If you want a class list with our addresses, I would be happy to email it to you.

It has certainly been a long, hot summer and it will continue in Florida through the fall. We escaped the heat on an Alaskan cruise a few weeks back. Seeing glaciers and ice floes and wearing a jacket was a wonderful break. We had one unusual sighting of humpback whales who were bubble net feeding. Several whales dive below the surface and swim in a circle around a school of fish blowing bubbles. This action causes the fish to rise up and then the whales open their mouths wide and take a big gulp of fish!

I had a nice "catch up" email from **Terrie McLaughlin Patterson**. Terrie and husband, Kevin, traveled and lived overseas for many years. In February of 2015, they moved into a newly built home in Ballard, CA, near Solvang in Santa Barbara County. The house took two and a half years to plan and build and required many miles of driving to the site and to meetings. They are delighted to be sitting still for once in a home they love and are "so happy not to be packing and unpacking as often." The home holds a lot of travel memorabilia and also has aspects of their overseas life in the architecture and interior design (pictures, Terrie?). They enjoy hiking and cycling and volunteer with outdoor education groups. In their spare time, Kevin throws pottery and Terrie does stained glass. Terrie said travel will resume in October with their third, and probably last, trip to Bhutan. She invites any classmates who are heading to the coast to visit! Her email is [pattersonballard@gmail.com](mailto:pattersonballard@gmail.com).

Carl and **M. Gloria (Daisy) Duckworth Davis** are full-time residents at a beautiful golf community, Harbour Ridge, here in Palm City. And yet we only see each other at church or, most recently, at Publix, the local grocery store. While we stood outside the store in the blazing heat, Daisy filled me in on their summer travel (i.e., escape from Florida) plans. They will be outside of Montreal in Mont Tremblant in the Province of Quebec for nine weeks. Daisy has been practicing her French by listening to language tapes. She said she is speaking "fluently" after her sessions and then, an hour later, has forgotten almost all of it. We reminisced about French classes at Saint Mary's. She was a student of Madame Dwojeski. I am sure that name is incorrect but you all will remember her. I had Mr. Marcy and nearly failed the class! Daisy and Carl are driving from Florida to Canada because they have an elderly cat they cannot leave and cannot fly. Her local vet doesn't give shots to elderly cats, so Daisy spent time calling Canadian vets to see if they could bring the cat into the country without shots. The answer was "no" so the cat got a mild vaccination. All she could picture was being stopped and turned away at the border with poor kitty in the car!

**Mary Jean Gorman** wanted to send a big "thank you" to all for your wonderful participation in the last fund-raising event. The goal was to achieve 35 percent alumnae participation in gift-giving during classmate **Carol Mooney's** last year as president. Our class had a more than 44 percent participation rate and came in second to the Class of '57 with 48 percent. Good for us! Please remember that we have another reunion next June — our 45<sup>th</sup> — no, cannot be! We will be reaching out to you for our class gift. Last Reunion, we were edged out by a bunch of younger women who had a boost of one very large gift. Start saving your dollars and get ready to give. Be sure to mark your

calendars for Reunion — usually the first weekend of June — and let nothing stand in your way of attending. It will be a remarkable gathering of remarkable women.

Sending love and wishes for a happy fall.

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I had the great pleasure of joining **Janet Caldemeyer** and her husband, Rick, in Florida this past winter, and we had a marvelous time recounting some funny old stories, things we hadn't gotten to share over the years. It was supposed to be lunch, but it lasted five hours and I think Janet and her hubby and mine all look forward to catching up again next winter. **Natalie Dwyer-Haller** missed joining us by one day: She was arriving the day after I left. Next year, we will need to work out schedules in advance to coordinate and maybe get **Jackie Zale Parker** to join, too!

**Jeannelle Naquin Brady** and husband, Brian (ND '74), seem to be enjoying life in Jackson Hole, WY, this summer. I've seen great, fun photos of them with their grandchildren and their own "boys" and spouses. It looks like they are having a great time (not) roughing it out West.

Speaking of out West, some of us '74-ers got together in Steamboat Springs, CO, in June and had a blast. I was joined by **Jackie Schimizzi Ehlert**, **Mary Ellen Raphael**, **Judie Moore Green**, **Julie Griffin Murphy**, **Jan Gabler Cranfield**, and **Bobbi Kuhn Riconosciuto** for a four-day weekend of hiking, a bit of wine, sun/pool sitting, and a little wine.



Jill Fahey Birkett was joined by Jackie Schimizzi Ehlert, Mary Ellen Raphael, Judie Moore Green, Julie Griffin Murphy, Jan Gabler Cranfield, and Bobbi Kuhn Riconosciuto for a four-day weekend in Steamboat Springs, Colorado in June.

A few brave souls even did the hot air ballooning over the magnificent valley. And a little more wine.

We had a FANTASTIC time. Don't you feel like you can get together in these mini-reunions and no time has passed; you are connecting emotionally immediately? It's great fun!

Earlier in the year, I was able to meet up with **Carol Longo Kaupp** at her home in Dana Point, CA. I had a great time hanging with her, Phil, and their two wonderful daughters. Carol and Phil are in the process of finishing designs on their new home overlooking the Pacific. I am lucky to be a friend because I'm hoping to be invited back. It's such a magnificently beautiful place and, of course, the margaritas were great, too.

A few friends have connected on Facebook. I'm there as Jill Birkett, not Jill Ann Birkett, if you are looking for me and would like to share info for

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future columns. **Ellen Hanahue Popit, Mary Clare Molitor, Jackie Leskovec,** and **Patti Kampsen** are a few friends who have connected there on Facebook. It's fun to share what's going on in your life.

By the time you read this, one of our own will be the new president of the ND Club of Chicago. I'm sure it's the largest club; a lot of responsibility will fall on the shoulders of **Dolores (Dede) Lohle!** Dede is also the '74 class reporter for ND, since she transferred into ND junior year with roomie **Carol Longo Kaupp.** Let's wish Dede a great year(s) as president!

What are the rest of you doing, as many of us approach a 65<sup>th</sup> birthday next year? Weren't we the generation that said "Don't trust anyone over 30"? Yikes! I wish you all good health in the year ahead.

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Reunion weekend at SMC was a whirlwind. Lively election discussions, talk about retirement, updates on family news. Forty-year reunioners have the choice of staying at the hotel or dorms. Some of us opted for the air conditioning and private baths at the hotel, but many of us elected to share the weekend in the familiar surroundings of Le Mans Hall. This was our year to enjoy a few rides across campus aboard golf carts driven by SMC staffers. Our new president was on hand for her first SMC Reunion weekend and she wowed us both in her address and with her amazing vintage convertible!

**Mary Sheeran** leads a very creative life in New York City — singing, acting, and writing. She has authored several books that are available on Amazon!

**Mary Schirmer Strembel** is a retired teacher. Mary and her husband just sold their house and bought two condos so they could be near their children and their families. So now Mary will split her time between Atlanta and Iowa. Goodbye, Indiana.

**Kimberlee Olmstead Ostrowski** was a chemistry major at SMC and went on to work in product development. Her second career is teaching third grade in a Catholic school in the Chicago suburbs.

**Teresa LaCava Gaydosz** is a retired teacher in Elwood City, PA. She loved teaching and is happy to now have time with her growing family. The business that her husband, Steve, launched many years ago now employs all of their children!

**Mary Reynolds O'Connor** is beginning another school year in West Chester, PA, but has an eye on retirement. One of Mary's daughters, Flannery, got married this summer. Both Flannery and her new hubby work in Philadelphia inner-city charter Catholic schools.

**Mary Angyus McLaughlin** lives in Hammond, IN, a short ride from Saint Mary's. Mary was a med tech for years after graduation, then taught high school science. Now she is back in the lab!

**Jane Meagher** lives in Longmont, CO, and is delighted to be so close to hiking and kayaking opportunities. Jane has three sons, one of whom currently runs an orphanage in Rwanda.

**Eileen Klee Sweeney** has always been an artist — working as a photographer, creating using

computer software, and quilting as a hobby. She is delighted to report that her quilting hobby has turned into a profession and she enjoys her job at a local quilting business.

**Melinda Montesi Chalmers** was a long-time FedEx employee in Memphis. She served as a high school principal at a Catholic school and is now developing training for FedEx in Memphis.

Roughly 25 percent of '76 graduates attended reunion. Being on campus, seeing the school in its June beauty, and witnessing the construction and re-creation of college spaces is gratifying. I think it is always worth the effort every five years to reconnect with classmates and the college grounds and buildings. It is wonderful that so much is happening here! If you weren't on campus, we missed you. If you still have the survey we sent with the reunion packet, take a few minutes to fill it out — or email me with your news. We'd love to know what you're up to!

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**Francine Gidel Sellinger** reported: "Jim (ND '78) and I have lived in Baltimore, MD, for 23 years. Our three kids, Laura, Stephanie, and Jim graduated from Notre Dame in 2003, 2005, and 2010. Each of our children married ND spouses. Two of the three were married at ND and presently we have five grandkids — one boy and four girls. Four of the five grandkids were baptized in the Log Chapel at ND. I am hoping one of my granddaughters attends SMC!"

**Maureen Morris Bowman** was kind enough to provide an update: "My husband and I have two children (my stepchildren), Jimmy and Jennefer, who are married with wonderful spouses. They have blessed us with four grandchildren (Courtney, 15, Brianna, 13, Dylan, 11, and Ethan, 8). They live nearby and are the joys of our life. My work life is hectic as I serve as the vice president and chief nursing officer at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, MI, one of the largest (1,070 beds) and busiest hospitals in the US and which has received numerous national and Academic Medical Center achievements and rankings. Of note, for nursing, we were the first hospital in Michigan to achieve the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Magnet designation, of which only 1 percent of the hospitals in the world have achieved. Our SMC group (**Nancy Mogab, Pat Caserio Clark, Mary Rost Gorecki, Shelagh Crook Merenius, Mary Pat (Pitty) Wilson Russell,** and I) have remained close since college. We have really tried to meet up every year for a girl's weekend away. In October, we all were in Philly attending Patty's daughter wedding, which was lovely. Shelagh lives nearby and we had dinner together on Friday. Of note, Patty's daughter is in town while her husband is doing a surgical residency so we now see Pitty more often, which is really wonderful.

**Maureen Sajbel Wallenfang** emailed me this update: "My husband, Mark, and I are celebrating 18 years of marriage and we're looking forward to the upcoming wedding of his youngest son, Ansel, this spring. I'm a reporter for a Gannett newspaper/website, Post-Crescent Media, here in Appleton, WI. Mark owns a photo lab/custom framing studio.

When we're not working, we go to Green Bay Packers games and love to jump in a little Mini Cooper and take road trips. We also survived recent renovations of our 1939 house.

Despite my general dislike/distrust of Facebook, I've found it a fun way to reconnect with some Rome program classmates — **Susan Margiotta Salem, Cynthia Florman Hamre, Janet Israel Borst, Lisa Maglio Brown, Barbara Abell Epps, Priscilla Cudillo Zenn, Laurie O'Dell Rollinson, Rosemary Rappelli Mandrici,** Kevin Hoseny, and John Street (though John never posts anything). I also got a handwritten note from **Julie Ann Shabi** after the July 2014 passing of our wonderful drawing teacher, **Sister Cecilia Ann Kelly '49, CSC.** I was fortunate to have seen Sister Kelly after Mass at our 2013 reunion. She and **Sister Eva Mary Hooker '62, CSC,** were fantastic teachers, strong women and great role models for me at Saint Mary's. They taught me how to be fearless, a trait that carried me through my career in Los Angeles and New York. I hope to see everyone at the 2018 Reunion.

Mini Rome reunion in Nashville, TN: In June, seven members of the 1975-1976 Rome program gathered for a mini-reunion in Nashville. The group comprised **Patti Marie Frawley, Cynthia Florman Hamre, Janet Israel Borst,** Sheila Foss Graveel (ND '78), John Street (ND '78), Tim Martin (ND/IU '78) and Kevin Hoseny (ND/UC-Davis '78). Kevin, a native Tennessean, was the event planner and guide for the weekend. The memorable weekend included wine tasting at Arrington Vineyards, visiting the Parthenon, sampling Southern cuisine at Monell's, and listening to live music at the Station Inn. The best part of the reunion was just spending time together, laughing, and reminiscing. The Nashville gathering was one of several reunions the larger group has had over the years. The spirit of the year abroad in Rome made a strong imprint on all of us. Reconnecting with others who shared the experience reconnects us with the spirit of that year.



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Over the years, **Patti Marie Frawley** has been on other extended adventures that were kindled by Rome abroad. Last summer, in celebration of the move into the sixth decade, she recaptured that spirit again with a month-long road trip out West visiting national beauty spots, friends, and family. She's been living in Kalamazoo, MI, has raised two daughters there who now live in LA and Chicago, and serves as a psychotherapist in a private practice that includes various holistic services.



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**Cynthia Florman Hamre** lives with her family in Eden Prairie, MN. Cynthia is a senior sales executive with School Space Media and is married to Jack. They have two children. Her son, John, will be a senior at Sykes School of Business at the University of Tampa and her daughter, Thea, will be a senior in high school. Cynthia celebrated turning 60 in Rome this year! Cynthia also spent time in Nashville with her former roommate **Jean Petrillo Waddill**, who recently sold the family business and retired. Jean, who is married to Steve, has two children — daughter, Mary, who is in grad school at the University of Tennessee for nutrition and son, Stephen, who is a junior in high school.

Kevin Hosey lives in Knoxville and has been married for over 30 years to Yvonne Hosey. They have two great kids, Olivia and Eamon. Kevin works as a regional sales rep for SeedWay LLC selling vegetable seed to conventional and organic growers in four states. He loved showing off Nashville and hosting some old friends and reliving our time together in Rome. In retrospect, the Rome program was one of the best experiences in his life and where he made lifetime friendships.

### '79 From the *Courier* Office

This year our annual mini reunion occurred in September and was held in Cincinnati, OH, where we stayed in a lovely home in Mt. Adams overlooking the Ohio River. Those who attended were **Maria Tan Mitchell, Mary Anne Dempsey Poinsett, Susan McKinney, Mary Beth Higgins Williams, Pam Eisenlohr Moul, Jean Kyle Fulcher** and me, **Barbara (Bunny) Blankenburg Kiep**.

We had an awesome time together beginning with dinner at Nada's Mexican Restaurant the first night, where we were treated with a surprise dessert resembling the SMC emblem made with powdered sugar.

That was the nicest beginning to a wonderful fun-filled weekend! While in Cincy, along with much gabbing and reminiscing about our former special SMC days, we also took in the American Sign Museum, Findlay Market, dinner at the Montgomery Inn Boathouse, as well as embarking on an enjoyable evening dinner cruise on a BB Riverboat that was also a fun way to see the city at night so beautifully lit up. Our weekend ended with going to Mass at Holy Cross-Immaculata church on Sunday followed by a nice breakfast together before departing. It was another special time shared and filled with many smiles and much laughter as well as the sharing of many precious photos (both intentional and unintentional! ha ha!). We are already looking forward to next year's get together — and to Sue's delicious traditional omelettes!

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It seemed like forever for the first weekend in June and Reunion to get here, and then it was over in a flash, just like college and the 35 years that have passed since we were all saying our goodbyes in 1981. Reunion 2016 was a great experience. The campus looked spectacular as always. We



Maria Tan Mitchell, Mary Anne Dempsey Poinsett, Susan McKinney, Mary Beth Higgins Williams, Pam Eisenlohr Moul, Jean Kyle Fulcher and Barbara (Bunny) Blankenburg Kiep enjoying a mini-reunion in September in Cincinnati.

had an opportunity to meet our new president, Jan Cervelli, and the accommodations in Le Mans were pretty much the same as 1981. The planned activities offered something for everyone. But the best thing and the most fun was catching up with old friends as well as getting to know other grads who we really didn't know that well as students. We missed everyone who couldn't make it to Reunion this year; however technology like Facebook and Twitter made it possible to share our experiences and the beauty of our campus with them in real time.

Saturday afternoon at Reunion, our classmates gathered on the lawn between Le Mans and Regina to dedicate a tree to the memory of **Julie Evans Detmer**, who passed away this spring. Her husband, Marty, and parents were on hand for the ceremony. Sadly, nine other members of our class have passed away. The Alumnae Office also provided their names. They are **Paula Barron Arce, Sheila Braun Reynolds, Deborah Braunlich Cousino, Kathleen Duffey Fogarty, Kathleen Farro, Suzanne Hughes Fitzpatrick, Laureen**

**O'Connor Fratus, Patty Raaf, and Mary Whalen McMickle.** Three of the deceased alums were in the Ireland program so when the group gathered for their own mini Reunion Saturday afternoon, they were remembered in the traditional Irish way.

The alumnae office sent out a questionnaire with the Reunion packet so many of you could update us on your lives since graduation, and I received a great response for my request for news. As I read the emails and questionnaire responses, I was struck by so many similarities — the multiple careers that most of us have had, the importance of our families and faith, and the significant time spent on volunteer activities. And, there are a lot of legacies carrying on the Saint Mary's tradition!

Here's the news.

**Amy Kronenwetter Gruis** lives in Utah with her husband, Brian, and has two children. Her daughter graduated from ND in 2016 and will attend UC Berkeley in the fall for a master's. Her son will be a freshman at Gonzaga this fall.

**Carol Barry Cawley** is an account manager with Chicago Ideas Week. She and husband, Tim (ND '76), have three grown sons.

With three friends, **Anne Callan Trunzo** founded Impact 100 Greater Milwaukee, a women's collective giving group.

**Marguerite Quinn Zappa** works in development for the Archdiocese of Chicago.

**Christy Frank Murphy** is married to Tom. They

have three daughters and she sells residential real estate in Rye, NY.

**Barbara Biehl Mitchell** lives in Edgewood, KY, and is a mortgage loan officer. She and her husband, Brendan, have a daughter.

From **Suzanne Scheiber Nawrocki**: "My oldest, Daniel, is living in Lubbock and working with high-risk youth while attending Texas Tech for graduate school in education. Laura (ND '09) is working in Chicago for Credit Suisse after graduating from NC law school. She recently moved to the Windy City when hubby, Dan Krcmaric (ND '09), graduated from Duke with a doctorate. Michael, a chemical engineer from Utah, wouldn't consider South Bend for school. He works in Angola, Africa, building a natural gas plant. Evan, the youngest (SMU '14), works for Goldman Sachs in Dallas. So, the nest is empty and the schedule is our own. I am enjoying a second career as an adjunct professor of homiletics for Aquinas Institute of Theology. I travel for speaking engagements and to accompany Jim on his trips when time permits. He is still easing out of his Houston firm IPFC. Life is good and full! I am anxious to return to campus for our Reunion."

**Kathleen Tighe Miller** is married to Kurt and works for AbbVie in market research.

**Susie Eckelkamp** is a consultant and living outside of St. Louis.

**Mary Rose Carroll Campobasso** is married to Fred, lives in Glenview, IL, has four children and is

involved in the volunteer organizations Clearbrook and The Josselyn Center.

**Maureen O'Brien Kohler** has lived in Philadelphia for 29 years. Two of Mo and Jeff's (ND '79) four daughters graduated from SMC, **Katie Kohler Dalhoff '09** and **Madeline Rose Kohler '16**. They also have a 1-year-old granddaughter named Rachel Elizabeth. Maureen and **Mary Jo Norton Ciuni** chaired the Reunion Gift Committee for our class this Reunion year. Thank you to both for your efforts.

**Roseann Enyedy Cyngier** lives outside of Cleveland, is married to Peter, and has eight children: Michael, Christi, Edward, Sam, Kevin, Natasha, Elona, and Nick, and three grandchildren. Roseann's first career was as a research chemist with Standard Oil. Now she is president of Cyngier Systems Management Inc. In 1990 during the Gulf War, she organized Operation Homefront, through which many companies donated services to spouses and families of our deployed troops. When the troops returned, she organized a welcome home dinner prepared by a master chef. More recently, she has traveled to Chiltipun in El Salvador on missionary trips. Roseann writes, "I am now a certified scuba diver and have been diving in Belize and St. Lucia. I love the underwater world of fish and coral. Twelve of us recently vacationed in St. Lucia." Roseann is also a talented photographer and recorded Reunion 2016 with pictures of our



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beautiful campus and Reunion activities along with some great candid shots of all of us. For those of you on Facebook, the photos are posted on our class page and allow us all to relive the weekend.

**Kathy Sweeney** is an attorney in private practice living in Indianapolis.

**Patty Meagher Clare** is an executive recruiter living in Glenview, IL.

**Mary Ellen Gallagher Gavin** is a case manager for a medical rehab center in Connecticut. She and husband, Jim, have two daughters: Mary Kate, who is living and working in Manhattan, and Maggie, who recently graduated from college and is studying for the CPA exam.

**Teri Hill Etzel** attended Miami University for grad school and is currently living in Ann Arbor, MI.

**Michelle Diener Filicichia** has her own consulting business and lives in suburban Chicago.

**Susan Powers** is the marketing and communications manager for the National Corn Growers Association, and her primary client is NASCAR. She has two children: Aileen, a senior at DePaul, and John, a junior in high school in St. Louis. She is active in the St. Louis St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, founded by her father along with some classmates from ND, and the St. Louis/Lyons France Sister Cities Committee. She recently returned from meetings related to both organizations in Ireland and France.

**Patti Koch Corn** and **Rosalie Bellanca Posselius** both have daughters currently at Saint Mary's.

**Dawn Parker Santamaria's** youngest daughter, Samantha, will be a freshman at SMC this fall, continuing the Belle tradition. She is the fourth of Dawn's girls to attend Saint Mary's.

**Maureen Campbell Lopina** is a lactation consultant and avid cyclist.

**Christine Scully Allen** is an attorney who works as a mediator in Laguna Niguel, CA. She and her husband have two grown children.

**Barb O'Connell Hoyt** works for the Naperville, IL, school district. She has two daughters who are SMC grads living and working in Chicago. **Clare Marie Hoyt '06** is an attorney with Winston & Strawn and **Maura Bridget Hoyt '07** is a nurse at Rush Medical Center. Son Matt is an Afghanistan vet. The youngest, Neil, is working.

As for me, I have been job hunting since my company was sold. While I look for a new role, I have been volunteering a couple days a week at a local Catholic grammar school in the library and pre-K program and I love it.

From **Diane Beck Lewis**: "I just returned from Cleveland where I was an alternate for the 14<sup>th</sup> congressional district of Georgia. I have never done anything like that before, and it was an amazing experience. It was a great opportunity to meet people from across the country who are passionate about defending religious liberty. One of the three delegates from our district happened to be an ND law '81."

From **Michelle Taylor Holman**: "I was sorry to miss the Reunion but had a lot of family and graduation activities at that time. Excited to say I will be at Saint Mary's in two weeks dropping off my freshman daughter, Claire Michelle Holman. She is my youngest and follows her sister **Caitlyn Patricia Holman '13**. Feeling lucky that both of my girls followed the tradition.

From **Mary Ryan Buddig**: "Our second daughter, Jennifer, married Christopher Sizer on April 23. They went to Miami of Ohio together. They got engaged in May of 2015 a week after Jenny graduated with an MBA from ND. Sarah, who married Michael Swanson in 2014 (also Miami grads), and Jenny and Chris got married in Palmetto Bluff, Bluffton, SC. Our daughter Erin, who has been on staff for Young Life for the last two years, will be getting her master's in social work at Loyola University of Chicago in the fall. Our daughter Margaret is going to school and getting her patient hours to apply to PA school. Bobby is graduating August 6 from Auburn University. Bob and I are enjoying being empty-nesters, spending time in Chicago, South Carolina, and Michigan with our family and friends. I was disappointed to miss Reunion. It has been the year of weddings for family and friends.

**Elizabeth Kerrigan O'Neill** writes: "Since my husband's retirement, we have been spending our winters in Hutchison Island, FL." She missed Reunion to celebrate her parents 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary — congratulations to them!

**Mary Stoll Oelerich** has retired from a nursing career. She is very involved in raising money for breast and ovarian cancer that took the lives of her sister, Nini Stoll Lyman, and her mother. She has five daughters: oldest daughter Molly (ND '11) works for the Chicago Cubs and is married to Andrew Kidd (ND '11). Daughter Margo is teaching at Sacred Heart grammar school and performing improv at Second City. Madeline (ND '16) is an aerospace engineer and on ND's Rocket Team. They built and launched Hesburgh I at Space Camp in Huntsville, AL. She will be working at the Johnson Space Center in Houston. Megan is at DePauw and Mamie is a junior in high school with no idea about college.

**Anne Lynch Pittman** is a physician specializing in allergies at the University of Kentucky. She is glad to be back in patient care after spending 10 years as a business administrator. She and husband, Thomas, have a daughter, Brigid, who is starting college in the fall. She is involved with volunteer activities with the Sayre School in Lexington and the American Lung Association.

From **Catherine Fenoglio Kelly**: "I was unable to make it to Reunion this year, but was happily sailing in St. Maarten with a daughter, sister and other family members. (No SMC grads to note, however.) I am glad to be connected through Facebook but unless classmates travel along I-80, we usually cross paths with alums at campus events. (Our door is open and we overnight many friends of our children on a moment's notice, so let us know if you are in the neighborhood!) Our daughter Rosemary Kelly (ND '13) married triple-Domer Matthew Meagher (ND PhD '15) and they are happily living in Chicago. Past/current members of the ND glee club sang at the wedding, while Irish dancers and a generous showing of their friends brought the ND spirit. My husband Joe (ND '81) and I are very active in the ND Club of Omaha. Our son Kieran is a junior at ND and our sixth heads off to college as a frosh to study piano at...USC! Our holiday dinners are sure to be spirited with the cross-table rivalry upon us! Hope to catch up with SMC classmates at football weekends this fall!"

Hope you enjoyed reading this as much as I did. If anyone has any additional news to share, or if you

are inspired to send news after reading this, please do so. We also have a Facebook page created by my predecessor, **Cindy Jones Helgason**, if you would like to be connected that way.

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**Ann Kiefer Casey** writes that she and her husband, Don (ND '82), live in Columbus, OH, and spend part of their time in Jacksonville Beach, FL. Daughter Meghan (ND '10) lives in Norfolk, VA, while Katie (ND '11) and Bridget (ND '15) both live in Chicago. Anne was recently able to meet up with **Judy Barrett Mahoney**, **Kerry Hutchison Lecker '84** and **Mary Kiefer Thayer '84** (below) at The Players Championship golf tournament in Ponte Vedra Beach, FL. Anne was also able to recently catch up with **Carole Hatstrup Cunningham**, whose daughter **Sara Rose Cunningham '16** graduated from Saint Mary's in May.



From **Elisabeth Johnson Holod**: "I went to our 30<sup>th</sup> Reunion, got so excited to reconnect with everybody, and now here I am, three years later. I've been living for 29 years in St. Paul, MN, with my husband, Doug (ND '82). We have four kids: **Anna Victoria Holod '12** is in graduate school for occupational therapy in Chicago (and she was GREATLY inspired by our priceless Saint Mary's professor, Dr. Nancy Nekvasil). Monique is a student at ND; Daniel is a student at Cornell; and Adam is 13. My most recent noteworthy journey has led me to expand my somewhat athletic yoga practice to complete a more holistic 200-hour teacher training in Soma Yoga. My classes now actually begin on the floor with deep breathing exercises. And if at the end of the hour we have made it to standing, or tadasana pose, it's been an ambitious class! I just want you all to know that I carry you with me in my heart. Any chance to reconnect is a gift."

**Mary Eileen Shelley Morrissey** writes that a few classmates had a reunion in Washington, DC, in June when **Sara M. Wachter** traveled from Omaha to the DC area for a visit and they got together with **Elisabeth M. Keeley-Cain** and **Mary T. Loeser Shawhan**. "This is the first time we have seen her since our fifth reunion. We had a great time catching up on the last 20+ years!"

**Cathy Murray Lattimer** writes: "Our oldest son, Chris, graduated from ND in May with an architecture degree and is working in Pittsburgh. Our daughter Erin is currently a senior at ND. She



Elisabeth M. Keeley-Gain, Mary Eileen Shelley Morrissey, Sara M. Wachter and Mary T. Loeser Shawhan enjoying a reunion in Washington, D.C. in June.

interned last summer with NBC Sports for the Olympics in Stamford, CT. Our youngest son, Tim, will be a junior at DePaul University and studied in Sydney, Australia, during the fall semester."

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Hello, Everyone! By all accounts, Reunion was a great time. I'm sorry I didn't see you in person this year, but I'm happy to send along this batch of updates from our classmates. It was terrific to have so many of you check in and let us know what you're up to. Here goes:

**Anne-Marie Boblick Maida** is a family nurse practitioner in Chicago, where she lives with husband, Joseph, and children Anthony, 14, and Charlie, 7. Anne-Marie shared this recollection: "Saint Mary's gave me so much but most of all the dearest friendships. And even now, 30 years later, our friendships are stronger than ever and I feel so blessed with these amazing women in my life."

**Shannon McNamara Prestage** and husband Norm — parents of twins Claire and Erin, 21, and Caitlin 16, live in Glen Ellyn, IL. Shannon, my former next-door neighbor in Holy Cross Hall, generously served as the chair of our Reunion gift committee this year (working with her former SMC roommate **Mary Skelly Malik** and others). In her update, Shannon included this remembrance: "Dr. Black in the history department was my favorite professor. The summer trip to Europe was a highlight of my Saint Mary's experience because of him."

Marymount School of New York in Manhattan is where **Kellie Dovich Carroll** is teaching, putting her master's degree in science teaching to good work! She lives in Bronxville, NY, and is mom to John, 21, Paul, 20, Mia, 17, and Ella, 14. She gave a shout-out to Dr. Schlessinger in her update.

**Mary Moran Ketterer** checked in from Bay Village, OH, where she lives with her husband, Jeffrey. They have three children: Samantha, 21, Jane, 19, and Jacob, 18.

In Mattawan, MI, **Colleen M. Benjamin** is working as an RN-MBSCR bariatric coordinator, marking a recent job change. She has fond SMC memories of going to see the band Chicago at Notre Dame, football games, SYR dances, the Tunnels, early morning clinicals, and Mass in the dorms. Colleen and her husband, Robert, are busy following their kids' (Margaret, 18, John, 16, and Michael, 15) sports and activities and taking time for family travel whenever possible.

**Janet Makey Frego's** daughter Katie Mollie Frego will be a junior at SMC in fall 2016. "She thoroughly enjoyed studying abroad in Seville, Spain, during her spring semester," Janet wrote. Janet sent congratulations reminding us that chemistry professor Dorothy Feigl will soon be celebrating 50 years of teaching at SMC. In Northfield, OH, Janet teaches cooking to middle school students at St. Barnabus School. She and her husband, Jacob, are parents to Jacob, 24, Mark, 23, Katherine, 20, and Claire, 17.

**Therese Ryan Rooney** and her husband, Michael, live in Hinsdale, IL, with kids Meghan, 17, Nora, 16, and Michael, 14. Therese is a practicing attorney.

**Mary Beth Marske Nixon** works as a registered nurse in Fort Wayne, IN, where she lives with her husband, Jeffrey. Their two children are Sarah Nixon-McKague, 24, and Daniel, 22.

**Robin Rodi Creevy** sent a note remembering her favorite professor, Dr. McElroy, who passed away in 2014. "He traveled with us junior year on the London Program," she wrote. "I still exchanged Christmas cards up until his death, and still keep in touch with his wife, Birdie." Robin also keeps up a Christmas-card correspondence with her former SMC French professor, John O'Neal. Robin is a teacher at Queen of Martyrs School in Evergreen Park, IL, where she lives with her husband, James, and their son Ryan, 15.

**Cami Trafficanda Hurlbut** and her husband, Phillip, reside in West Hills, CA, where Cami teaches at Chaminade High School. They share five children: Rita, 24, Ned, 22, Toby, 20, Gus, 17, and Hardy, 16.

Wakefield, MA, is home for **Theresa Lucy Gaffney** and her husband, Theodore, who have five kids: Michael, 23, Megan, 21, Marie, 18, Maeve, 12, and Matthew, 10.

**Laura Ann Uebelhor Roggenkamp** writes that she and her husband, Kelly, reside in Georgetown, IN, with their children Liam, 14, and Nicholas, 11.

**Mary Lynn Bettinger Pitzer** manages a construction firm in Dublin, OH, which is where she and her husband, David, and their triplets, Mary, Joy, and Noah, 14, call home.

**Lisa Wozneak To**, a registered nurse and executive director for Hospice of Warren County in Pennsylvania, shared a recollection of one of her favorite instructors. "I was failing organic chemistry," she wrote. "Dr. Dillon worked with me to develop a tutoring plan with him, one-on-one. It brought my grade to an A. I've always remembered his kindness, concern, and way of making chemistry understandable to me. He taught me that with effort, I can achieve anything!" Lisa and her husband, Eric, are living in Warren, PA.

A string of memories came to mind as **Francie White Quigley** reflected on her time at SMC. Here's the list she jotted down: "God bless Jerry McElroy, who made learning economics so much fun. Senora de la Torre hosted dinners in her home for Spanish majors. Living in the dorm was a blast. We used to do aerobics in the giant hallways at 10 p.m. to great '80s tunes! Forming friendships that have lasted decades, which I treasure!" Francie and her husband, Chris, live in Atlanta and are parents to five boys: Patrick, 27, Andrew, 25, Phillip, 22, Kevin, 20, and Paul, 13.

**Elizabeth Zimmer Kinsella**, who earned both her bachelor's and master's degrees in finance, is

president of a flooring company in Schaumburg, IL. She lives in nearby Barrington Hills, IL, with her husband, William, and kids, Kathleen, 12, and William, 9.

**Louise Berezny Juckniess** is CEO and president of Shop Melee, Inc., a full-service consignment corporation that features an eBay store, an e-commerce site specializing in luxury and contemporary collectibles, and an estate sale component. She and her husband, Robert, who live in Willowbrook, IL, have two children, Robert, 24, and Keeley, 23.

That's it for now. Remember you can drop a line anytime. It would be swell to have your news!

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In my new role as president of my local teachers' association, I have had a shorter summer and a more hectic business travel schedule. But the summer wasn't all work. To celebrate my half century, I took a river cruise with my husband down the Rhine River. I was thrilled **Anne Borgman** was able to join me for a birthday party before my trip (I hadn't had one of those in decades!). It sounds like many of us are reaching out to our SMC sisters to mark the big occasion.

**Anne Lipsett Kennedy** writes: "Thirteen SMC '88 friends danced and sang their way through Nashville, TN, for a collective 50<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration. In attendance: **Jill Winterhalter Fraggos, Kristin Schmitz Cunningham, Liz Sexton, Anne Lipsett Kennedy, Diane Gambacorta Brendza, Leigh Ann Donnelly, Margaret Galvin Loughran, Megan O'Brien-Stanley, Frannie Thompson Kunkel, Anna Lamberti Holmes, Diane Hammel Linkowski, Mary Dodd Mellem, and Julie McNish O'Keefe.**" The beaming smiles in the photo below show they are taking this birthday in stride.

**Regina Rudser Hoyt** traveled to Chicago to connect with **Jamie Smith Taradash, Clare Van Hecke Korte, and Jill Winterhalter Fraggos.** Regina notes: "The hilarity of getting together with this crew was a ridiculous and joyful way to celebrate turning 50!" The photos make me wish I had been there.



It's not all play, though. **Kathleen Moran** writes: "I went back to work last winter. I was substitute teaching and then I got a job at my daughter's school co-teaching. I am certified for both special education and general education. So, I'm working at Piece as a diverse learner teacher." In other news, Kathleen is now officially **Kathleen Moran Feeney.**



Moving from teaching to "studenting," I have news of college-bound kids. **Heather Hypes O'Bryan's** daughter Delaney O'Bryan got accepted early admission to Notre Dame and will be starting there this fall. And **Sherry Green Antonetti's** daughter Mary Marta Grace Antonetti is starting her Saint Mary's journey this fall, making her a fourth generation Belle.

Please watch for an email from me to gather more information. Feel free to share news at any point by emailing [marykay\\_scheid@yahoo.com](mailto:marykay_scheid@yahoo.com).

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Right now it's HOT outside. But as you read this, the season has changed to a much cooler variety and classes are well underway at Saint Mary's. That's where several classmates dropped off their daughters in August.

**Katherine Koller Brophy, Mary Hollies Benchik, Jennifer Sante Soller, and Jennifer MacDougall Bero** are all moms of Saint Mary's first-year students! Jennifer Soller dropped off Katherine, Mary dropped off Hannah, and Jennifer Bero dropped off Erin. Hoping they're enjoying a wonderful year!

These new Belles joined **Julie Wagner Feasel's** daughter who is a senior living in Opus, and another of Katherine's daughters who is a junior. Katherine is looking forward to attending Junior Moms weekend in the spring and catching up with any classmates who will be there at that time.

Also on the move were **Cathy White Renedo**, husband Marco, and their two sons. They moved from Lake Forest, IL, to Westport, CT, in the New York City area. Their sons, ages 10 and 8, are excited to meet new friends and explore their new home in the Northeast. If any classmates are nearby, Cathy would be happy to reconnect.

Scott and **Theresa Prieshoff Warren** spent the summer traveling. They took their first trip to New York City, made a surprise visit to their niece's fourth birthday party in Greenville, SC, and stopped in Pigeon Forge, TN, on their way home to Elwood, IN. And then they spent the 4th of July weekend on southwestern Lake Michigan. Sounds like a wonderful summer! Hope everyone is doing well. Please keep in touch.

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**Colleen Mooney McGee** and I were able to catch up when she visited Chicago twice earlier this year. The first time was en route to campus for the farewell dinner for **Carol Ann Mooney '72** (no relation). While there, we caught up with **Mary Kay Gaido Werner** and her husband, Bob (ND '89), who were on campus with their daughter and recent Saint Mary's grad, **Jackie Ann Werner '16**. Mary Kay and Bob are living in Edina, MN, and in addition to Jackie they have a son, Patrick, at Marquette University and a daughter, Bridget, who's in high school. We also joined **Margaret Cushwa Haller**, who was at our table. Margaret and her husband,

Herb, live in Hudson, OH, with their two children, Brigitta and Kurt. Much silliness ensued at the affair, culminating in Dr. Mooney holding a pink duck that was part of a school project for Colleen's 13-year-old son, Seamus.

Colleen returned to Chicago over the 4th of July with her husband, Paul, Seamus and the rest of the McGee children — Catie, 10, Maeve, 7, and Declan, 5.

On both of Colleen's visits, we were able to catch up with **Lisa Michele Heintzelman**. Lisa is an agent in the artists division of Ford Models in Chicago and a proud aunt to her niece, Lula. Lisa lived for years in New York, where she worked as, among other things, an assistant to *Vogue* editor-in-chief Anna Wintour.

With each turn of the school year, we see new daughters of '90 grads enter Saint Mary's and others leave. **Anita Knebel Ehmsen's** daughter **Haleigh Marice Ehmsen '16** just graduated from Saint Mary's and is working for the marketing team at Saint Mary's. Her daughter **Keighley Marie Ehmsen '18** is a junior. **Deanne Isabelle Paul** and her husband, Chris (ND '90), will have their daughter Elyse Marie Paul, join Saint Mary's in the Class of 2020. (We'll see you at future Reunions, Elyse!) **Tina Donahue Hatch** and **Jen Retoske Keller** recently met up at Saint Mary's. Jen had brought her daughter Anna Keller up from outside Nashville for a college visit and Tina was there with her daughter Blair Darrah. And while Tina and Jen didn't know each other well, their SMC bond remains strong — despite a 25-year gap in when they last saw each other. Outsiders would've thought they were best friends, as they walked to the grotto and bawled their eyes out at the prospect of their daughters applying to Saint Mary's. Tina is living outside of Richmond, VA, and working in pharmaceutical sales for South River Compounding Pharmacy.

**Barbie Jeffers Battershell** went viral last fall. Her picture of a melting Speed Limit sign was viewed hundreds of thousands of times and picked up on news programs nation-wide — including the Today Show! I think Barbie would agree that sometimes your 15 minutes of fame can come in strange ways.

Please join our SMC '90 group on Facebook if you haven't already. We're 170 members strong and it's a great place to reconnect with your fellow Class of '90 Belles!

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What a GREAT silver jubilee Reunion, Class of 1991! It was nice to see that so many of us could come and reconnect. I felt like I was living in the lap of luxury at the Opus apartments compared to living at Campus View my senior year! I was able to get updates from some of you in person and also from the paper updates that were sent in, for those who could not make it. I had so much fun catching up with **Maureen K. Callahan**. We both lived our first year in Holy Cross in 4T. She is a dentist, has six gorgeous children, as I saw pictures, ages 3–18, and looks fabulous! Whatever you are doing, Maureen, it is working!

It was so nice at the dinner on Friday night to

be able to eat outside in such beautiful weather. I was able to connect with **Kristin Napoletano Schween** about our children's love for the theater. Her youngest son is a freshman at Southeast Missouri State University and is studying theater, and her oldest son is at the University of Arkansas and is studying kinesiology. It was interesting to compare notes on acting, dancing, and voice lessons, as this is what my daughter does. I found out after the Reunion that the daughter of **Shannon Welcome Martin** is also going to be a freshman at Southeast Missouri State University, studying theater. What a coincidence!

It was also nice to catch up with **Kristen J. Lynch**, who was not only attending the Reunion, but was also working for Saint Mary's during it. She was quite busy. She has been a major gifts officer in the development office since April. She is based out of Chicago. She has three children, a 16- and 17-year-old attending Whitney Young High School and a 13-year-old at Loyola Academy. I would also like to thank my roommates at Opus, **Ann Marie Volz, Amy McCarthy Carney, and Stephanie Ley Pfister**, who have been my dear friends for 25 years; I can't imagine my life without them. I had just as much fun with them at the Reunion weekend as when we were attending SMC.

Other information was passed on to me by the Office of Alumnae Relations. **Heather Tetlow Cleary** lives in Manlius, NY, with her husband, Matthew, and children, Jacob, 17, Adam, 15, and Chris, 10. She received her master's in education in 1995 from Duquesne University and is a kindergarten teacher at Holy Cross School in the Diocese of Syracuse. **Kathryn Killilea Lindenman** lives in South Bend with her husband, Thomas, and her 16-year-old triplets, Hannah, Mary, and Virginia. She teaches at St. Joseph grade school. **Laura Anderson Musser** lives in Canfield, OH, with her husband, Thomas, and five children, Alexander, 18, Jackson, 15, Robert, 14, Adam, 13, and Abigail, 11. She received her DO from Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1997 and is an ob-gyn. She was excited to have her niece (and godchild) become a Belle; her niece played host to her little sister and Laura's daughter on Little Sibs weekend. **Monica Lynch Eckrich** lives in Granger, IN, with her husband, David, and children, Miles, 17, and Charlie, 13. The boys both enjoy playing hockey. She works as a realtor in Indiana and Michigan. She is married to the brother of **Jody Eckrich Julian**.

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Congratulations to **Kristin Schultz Short!** Kristin is the vice president of philanthropic leadership for Girls Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana — where they build girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place!

**Lisa McConnell Orsinelli, Julie Scully Tucek, and Amy Rushin Kolar** spent a girls' weekend at Amy's cabin in Minnesota. They enjoyed great winter walks, a spa day, and lots and lots of laughs. Julie and Lisa were able to see each again when Julie's daughter Grace played softball at a tournament in Columbus.

**Katie Elizabeth Stanton** and Rick Fickert were married on May 14, 2016. They were so blessed that 11 members of the "12 pack" could make it: **Chrissy Nauman Sever, Susan Donalds O'Brian, Sarah Boyle Powell, Colleen M. Smith, Kelly F. Giacolo, Carrie Herber Genovese, Annemarie Matthews Erkman, Victoria Erkman Bowermaster, Sarah Downey Olson, and Tracey Seppi Passet.** They definitely missed **Maureen Anne Lowry-Fritz**, who unfortunately wasn't able to make it.

**Bonnie McLeod Scheckenbach** and Greg (ND '92) live in Centennial, CO, with their three kids. Bonnie is in her 18<sup>th</sup> year at South Denver Cardiology Associates as a nurse practitioner. She has been working two days a week since their 16-year-old daughter Brynn was born. Brynn has just entered the driving world as a sophomore in high school and keeps them busy traveling the country for club volleyball. She just got her first college postcard in May from SMC! Their son AJ is 14, an eighth grader, and is very busy with football and club basketball. Their youngest son Ty is 11, in sixth grade, and plays football, basketball, and club LAX.

**Beth Harvey Preston** and Bryan recently bought a 99-year-old house in Ravenswood Manor, Chicago, and are settling in with their two boys, Owen, 4, and Nate, 3. Beth has enjoyed redesigning their house and has been asked by several friends to help them with theirs. She recently started a small interior planning and design business, Pomegranate

Design. Good luck, Beth!

**Greer Gilliland Skasko** has three boys, so no future SMC grads. Her oldest is a freshman at Wake Forest. Greer recently started a new sales job at a great startup this March and is really enjoying it. **MK Larsen Moscardelli** visited Greer over the summer when she came to Pittsburgh for a family baptism. Greer still plays soccer in a summer league with some great girls she grew up playing with way back when. When not on the soccer field, her time is busy watching her 16-year-old play tennis and her 14-year-old play competitive soccer just like their mom.

**Jennifer Stimson Hite** and Keith live in New Carlisle, IN, with their three kids. Jaden is at IUPUI for pre-med and Anastasia is in her first year at college, too. Jennifer and Keith are not empty nesters yet as their daughter, Lily, is in fourth grade.

Finally, so happy to pass along the wonderful news of three future alum: **Sabina Russo Fritzgerald's** daughter Austin, **Kelly F. Giacolo's** daughter Abby Smedley, and **Jennifer Stimson Hite's** daughter Anastasia are in their first year at Saint Mary's. Best of luck to these three lucky ladies and welcome to the Saint Mary's family!

Please send in your updates or post some pictures on our Saint Mary's College Class of 1992 Facebook page. Hope to see everyone at Reunion next year!

**Jean Frances Powers** is the senior HR manager at The Pokemon Company International, Inc. It is a subsidiary of The Pokemon Company in Japan and as you perhaps have heard or read, Pokemon Go has been a huge hit. The game combines location-tracking technology and augmented reality so hunters can seek Pokemon on a digital map and view the monsters blended into the real world by looking at their phones. Jean has had quite an interesting career.

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*Bonjour, tout le monde!* I hope this finds you doing well. It is early August and I don't have any updates to share this time; however, I did want to remind you that our 20<sup>th</sup> Reunion is coming up in June (unbelievable, I know!). It will take place June 1-4, 2017. I hope to see many of you there!

The campus is looking as beautiful as ever — I had the opportunity to spend a day there in May, a few days after graduation. I hadn't been there in four years (our last reunion). It always brings me great joy to visit.

I look forward to being back on campus with you in June. For now, have a wonderful fall and remember to send me your Courier news. Email is usually best though you may also send me a message via Facebook. Take good care and à bientôt!

**'95 From the Courier Office**

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**Leslie Zielinski Walsh**, husband Ed Walsh, Jr., and big brother, Leo, welcomed their second son, Oliver Anlon, on June 7, 2016.

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Greetings, Belles of 2001! Exciting news to share: wedding and baby Belles!

**Kathleen Kennedy** married Thomas Keefe on October 11, 2014, at St. Gertrude Catholic Parish in Chicago with a reception at Columbia Yacht Club. Kathleen's husband is an avid sailor who grew up sailing on Lake Michigan. They have a sailboat at Monroe Harbor and now spend most summers sailing on Lake Michigan, traveling for business with her own environmental consulting firm, and supporting her husband's regattas (especially the afterparties!). After their wedding, they moved to Evanston and hope to call it home for many years.

**Tara Butz Bowden** and husband, Darren, share, "We are thrilled to announce the arrival of our son, Lee Daniel Patrick Bowden. He was born on May 26, 2016, and has completely captured our hearts."

**Natalie Caruso Sanford** and husband, Ryan, adopted their 7-year-old son Kai from China in November 2015. He joins his brother Garyn, 10, and sister Gianna, 8. Natalie says, "We are all adjusting beautifully to our new family of five. I will continue my full-time job as a Stay At Home Mama as we move our family to Franklin, TN, this month."

**Colleen Sullivan Schaefer**s and husband, Scott, welcomed baby girl Eileen Grace on January 11, 2016. Eileen Grace has been such a gift and the family feels so blessed. Eileen has a big sister, Mary Jean, and two brothers, Andrew and Johnny. Colleen shares, "Life is a bit nutty but pretty fun."

**Molly Kahn Allen** and husband Jim welcomed Warren Claude Allen on April 13, 2016. He joins big sisters Olivia, 10, and Mary, 16 months. Eileen and Warren attended Reunion and already broke parietals!

**Molly Banahan Edwards** and husband Andy welcomed to the world Mary Catherine Banahan Edwards on April 18, joining older siblings Aidan, 9, Finley, 6, and Brendan, 2. **Katie Maire Hummer** welcomed daughter Elin Grace on March 19, 2015. **Jennifer Chulski Rood** shares, "We've been keeping busy the past year adjusting to life with our new addition, 'Mack.' We welcomed McCormack James Rood on August 8, 2015. Taking after both parents, he arrived late — nearly two weeks after his due date. It's been great fun watching him grow, explore, and develop his own little personality — he is one happy baby!"

**Brigid Phelan Smith** wrote with a wonderful changes for her family: "We moved back to the East Coast in March 2015. I love being back by family again. We also bought our first house and love

being homeowners despite all the work! We also welcomed our fourth baby girl in April, Patricia Elizabeth Renee Smith. She's overwhelmed with love from her three older sisters, Abigail, Mackenzie, and Margaret." And **Jennifer Chamberlin Sowell** also has blessed news, "Just a quick update from Crestwood, KY. On April 2, 2016, Shane and I welcomed our third baby girl, Emma Jean. Big sisters, Alyssa and Becca, just adore their new baby sister." I also heard from **Amanda Shock Johnson**: "My husband Matt (ND '01) and I welcomed a baby girl in March named Clara Josephine. She has been such a joy and immediately loved by her big siblings, Marian, 5, and Teddy, 3. I am coming up on 15 years of living in Chicago, and we recently bought a home in the Roscoe Village neighborhood. It was great to see so many familiar faces at Reunion and to spend some quality time with my SMC friends from near and far."

**Angela Finke Pingel** also shared some great news: "I have my debut line of quilting fabric with Windham fabrics. It will be available for shops to order in August 2016 and in shops for purchase in December 2016. This follows a book publication on quilting, episodes on PBS on quilting, and an online quilting class with Craftsy. Basically, I really love fabric!" Everyone should check her out at <http://angelapingel.com/>.

**Amanda Myers Babin** and husband, Nathan, welcomed Avery Grace on February 26, 2016.

**Alyson Leatherman**: "I had a great end to my 10<sup>th</sup> year as a school counselor (!) by running a half marathon with my after-school running club that is in its ninth year. I'm proud to report that 48 students crossed the finish line. So far, my summer has been fun-filled and I have enjoyed traveling, playing outside, spending time with friends, and practicing yoga. Until next time, my best."

Congratulations to everyone on the newest additions. It was wonderful to see so many 2001 Belles at Reunion. Until next time, blessings to you and yours.

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**From Amanda, Amy, and Meganne:**

Thank you to everyone for sharing your news with fellow alumnae!

**Annie Elizabeth Kelly** continues to work for many nonprofit organizations like First Shift Justice Project and Postpartum Support Virginia (PSVa). Annie hosted LUNAFEST Arlington 2016 last March. Annie has helped bring in record amounts of donations for PSVa and other nonprofits through donor challenges and events. Beyond work, Annie has visited friends in Chicago during summer 2015 when she stayed with **Ann Hoover Sinclair** and

saw **Robyn Grace Riconosciuto**. Annie also met in Kansas City her cousin Lt. Cmdr. (Dr.) Joe Schwartz (ND '02) with the Blue Angels Air Show. This mini reunion included **Meghan Nash Cannavan '99**, Brian Cannavan (ND '98), **Heather Nash Dountas '98**, and Susan Clark Schwartz (ND '02).

**Shannon Nelligan Yarish** was married on April 30, 2016, to Benjamin Yarish at St. Ignatius Church in Port Tobacco, MD. **Allie J. Higgins** and Amber Cerveney (ND '03) were in the wedding party. Other guests from Saint Mary's included **Christine LaVigne Osburn** and her husband, Matthew Osburn (ND '03), **Sarah Nestor Babcock**, **Joanne Elizabeth Morse**, **Jennie Elizabeth Buehler**, and **Lindsay Mollan Durham**. Shannon honeymooned in Italy and was fortunate to have a *sposi novelli* papal blessing by Pope Francis.

**Alison Joseph Small** moved to Chicago three years ago and is teaching at Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine and practicing in the northern Chicago suburbs. Alison and her husband, William (ND '03), welcomed sons Hunter James in October 2014 and Noah William this past May. Big brother Carter has been a huge helper.

**Allie J. Higgins** and her family relocated to Nashville, TN, in July after living in the DC area for 11 years. Allie's boys are happy to be closer to their grandparents and they are adjusting to life in the South.

**Melanie Burke Cameron**'s nonprofit, St. Anthony's Bridal, moved into Fairfax, VA, in May 2016. Finally, they have a home of their own, and they are reaching out to brides in the Northern Virginia area as more than just a bridal shop. They provide hope and empowerment to brides on a budget.

**Emily Jane Hemberger Dennison** is currently working as a forensic pathologist in the Nashville medical examiner's office in Nashville, TN.

**Janelle Koop Keller** shared that Hannah Marie Keller was born on April 17, 2016. She was 8 pounds 10 ounces and 22 inches long. Big brothers Jonah and Henry are crazy about their little sister.

## '04 From the Courier Office

Last year, **Michelle Biersmith Hennings** was promoted to human resources manager of the US District Court, Northern District of Illinois. Michelle was also the godmother for the June 2016 baptism of Jay Michael Dubsy, son of **Annie Basinski Dubsy** and Chad Dubsy. Annie recently accepted a vice president position at Spong PR in Minneapolis, where she leads accounts for several national consumer brands.

Annie also mentioned: "The baptism was June 4, 2016, at The Basilica of Saint Mary in Minneapolis. We were fortunate to have the newly installed archbishop of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, Most Rev. Bernard A. Hebda, baptize our son. Archbishop Hebda is from Pittsburgh, where I grew up. My family has known him for many years; in fact, he was kind enough to give us a tour of Rome when my parents and brother came to visit me while I was there with the Saint Mary's Rome Program. As Michelle mentioned, she is the godmother — and a lifelong friend — whom I met first year in McCandless Hall! I am forever grateful for my time at Saint Mary's College."

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**Lindsay Greene Gayle** and husband, Dan Gayle, welcomed their first child, Jackson "Jack" Gayle in July 2016.

**Mary Pat Chmiel Dvorak** writes, "I wanted to give an update regarding my career change. After just under 10 years of working at NCSA Athletic Recruiting in Chicago, I made the decision to switch industries to follow my passion. I've accepted a role at Brilliant Earth, a company that sells sustainable, ethically sourced diamonds and custom fine jewelry. I am the GM of their soon to be opening Chicago showroom, which will be located at Oak and Rush streets in the Gold Coast. I'm beyond excited about it and hope to help lots of my fellow SMC ladies with their fine jewelry!"

## '07 From the Courier Office

**Angie Ellison Keefner** reported that on January 24, 2016, she and Aaron welcomed Gloria Antoinette Keefner into the world. The future Belle of the class of 2038 visited campus for the first time at five weeks old for the BOLD (Belles Of the Last Decade) Committee meetings and got to meet **Carol Ann Mooney '72!**

Harper Grace Kocian was born on November 19, 2015, to **Anne Spyhalski Kocian** and Brandon Kocian.

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**Megan Welsch Cummings** graduated from Northeastern University with her master of science in nurse anesthesia. She will begin her career as a CRNA at Tufts Medical Center in Boston this summer.

**Ali Clay Zakrzewski** received her PhD in cognitive psychology at the University at Buffalo, SUNY. She is currently living in Dayton, OH where she works in the Air Force Research Laboratory at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base and is applying to postdoctoral programs in Europe.

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Hello, Class of 2009! For the past few issues you all have been very generous in your responses to calls for updates and I've had to try to fit you all in. Forgive me, but I'm going to do some housecleaning and make sure I've shared everyone's news with this issue.

I'm currently packing for a Peruvian adventure with fellow Belles **Mary Ellen Toth '10** and **Beth Ann Murphy '10**. As I write this, I'm leaving US soil in less than 14 hours for a two-week backpacking

trip along the coast, to Machu Picchu, into the rain forest, and down to the southern part of the country. It's been a whirlwind summer of planning, but I've managed to sneak in some time to catch up with some classmates as well.

**Deanna Marie Molosky** visited as she drove through town for a family wedding in April. She's spent the past seven years in St. Louis, and is currently working as a community support worker at a community mental health agency.

**Jessica Sobczyk Bulosan** and husband Jared (ND '08) welcomed baby Ethan to their family on April 1. Jared is already having too much fun thinking of April Fools' Day pranks he can mix into birthday celebrations, and the couple are enjoying 2-year-old Carter learning how to be a big brother.

**Kathleen Quinlan Yager** and husband, Luke, have been enjoying their new addition, Hannah Elizabeth, since December. Kathleen is hopeful that Hannah joins the Saint Mary's Class of 2038. I think she'll be in good company with some fellow Class of 2009 babies.

**Marye (Molly) Goldsmith Sutton** changed positions in October 2015 and now serves as the annual giving coordinator for Avera Queen of Peace Foundation, part of the regional Catholic hospital in Mitchell, SD, where she lives with husband, Tyler.

**Bryn Kathleen Cartmill** graduated from the Western Michigan University physician assistant program. She's working as a certified PA in emergency medicine in both Hastings and Battle Creek.

Last summer, **Francesca Johnson Robinson** came back to campus to marry John Robinson on July 11, 2015. Based on pictures on Facebook, it looked like quite the party!

I believe that's caught us up on all the news that has been shared that may not have made it into columns. As always, please get in touch if you have news or are passing through South Bend. I'd love to catch up!

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**Kelsey Jane Knoedler** started a travel blog in November about repurposed places. It's called Hipstorial ([www.hipstorial.com](http://www.hipstorial.com)). It combines her passions for travel, writing, and all things vintage, and she is hoping to someday make it her full-time job!

**Jamie Teresa Peterson** married Floyd Rose, III (ND '09), on June 18. They currently live in Milwaukee.

**Ellen Marie Pfister** married Michael Gries on July 30. Bridesmaids were **Mary (Molly) Pfister Pasquali '08**, **Laura Janet Kaminsky**, and **Caitlin Smith**. It was a bit of an SMC reunion at the wedding for the following Belles: Ellen's mother, **Margie Lohmuller Pfister '82** and Michael's mother, **Lisa Kerwin Gries '77**, **Elizabeth Reinert Ferris**, **Mary Cavadini Lauck**, and **Shelia Maher Hope '77**. **Mary Beth Gallagher Flaherty '77**, **Ann Coryn Lohmuller '81**, and **Kate Lohmuller Decker '05** were also in attendance. The wedding took place in Fort Wayne, IN; however, Ellen and Michael currently live in San Francisco, CA.

Keep sharing the exciting news, Belles!

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It was wonderful seeing and catching up with many of you at our 5-Year Reunion.

My husband Adam and I are thrilled to announce the birth of our son, JT (Josef Thomas), born on July 25 at 4:31 a.m. He weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces, and was 20.5 inches. We are over the moon in love with our little one. As always, if you have any news that you would like to report, feel free to contact me anytime. Congratulations to everyone below on their exciting updates!

Go Belles!

**Karolyn Wojtowicz Gore** married Matthew Gore (ND '10) at the Sacred Heart Basilica on Notre Dame's campus on May 7, 2016. In attendance were **Becky Anne Johnson**, **Colleen Margaret Golden '12**, **Kara Marie Tharpe**, **Ashley Lynn Crish**, **Caitlin Marie O'Neill** (maid of honor), **Caitlin Marie Gorman** (bridesmaid), **Sarah Michelle Horn**, and **Theresa M. McLoughlin '10**. The newlyweds are currently living in Seattle, WA.

**Stephanie Smiy** married Adam Miller on May 7, 2016, in Winchester, KY. Fellow Belles in attendance were **Jenna Leigh Lewanski**, **Christina Jean Robakowski**, and **Molly Jean Gahagan**. The newlyweds currently live in Owensboro, KY, where Adam is a land surveyor and Steph is a physician assistant in the emergency room.

**Chelsea Victoria Mitchell** married Carter Whitton on May 28, 2016. **Lauren Elizabeth Easton** stood up in the bridal party. The newlyweds are currently living in Shelbyville, KY.

**Lisa Renee Sommers** of South Bend, IN, married Christopher Nier of Green Bay, WI, on June 25, 2016, at Saint Casimir Roman Catholic Church in South Bend. Fellow Belles **Desiree Jeanine Fischer '10**, **Michelle Susanna Catenacci '10**, and **Katie Susan Hoolsema** were in attendance. The wedding cake was made by Michelle.

**Mia Van Nostrand Gorrell** and husband, Alex, welcome daughters Isabel Alexandria (6 pounds, 6 ounces) and Grace Emelia (6 pounds, 2 ounces), born on December 11, 2015. They joined big sister Harper, who was born on January 5, 2014.

**Mary Hill Harrison** and husband Kyle welcomed their first baby, Eleanor Marie, to the world! Nellie was born May 29, 2016, at 5:13 p.m. and weighed in at 7 pounds, 9 ounces.

**Alicia Wilkins Sullivan** became a board-certified behavior analyst in May 2016.

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**Jillian Serena Barwick** recently started working as an associate for Golin, a public relations agency in Chicago. **Libbie Jo Gilliland** has taken a new job as a math teacher at Laporte High School in Laporte, IN; she also will be coaching girls' golf at the high school. **Ciara Marie P. O'Halloran** is a new homeowner in South Bend! She is transitioning from her previous job as the director of operations for men's soccer at Notre Dame into the director of sports operations and



project management for the athletic department at ND. **Bethany Mae Emehiser** has been busy presenting at conferences! She was a presenter at the National Trust for Historic Preservation Conference as a student scholar. Congrats on all of your accomplishments, ladies!

The wedding "Belles" are ringing; congrats to the following women who have tied the knot! **Silvia Melissa Cuevas** married Adam Ryan Conner; they live in Saint Paul, MN, and work for 3M. **Kathleen Arens Foster** married Benjamin Foster (ND '13) at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on October 24, 2015. The couple also welcomed their first child, Hannah Jean Foster, on June 25, 2016. **Annie Doyle Clohisy** married John Clohisy (ND '13) on January 2, 2016, in LaGrange, IL. **Heidi Etzel Buchberger** was wed to Kyle Buchberger on May 21, 2016, on the campus of the University of Portland. **Liz Litke Waldorf** and Isaac Waldorf celebrated their wedding on June 25, 2016, in Liz's hometown, Cloquet, MN. **Molly Ryall Matthews** married Zach Matthews in the Le Mans chapel on July 9, 2016.

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It has been another season of new careers, babies, graduate school adventures, and wedding Belles for the class of 2014!

**Brooke Vail Kostielney** and Tommy Kostielney (ND '12) celebrated the arrival of their son, Henry, in December 2015. Brooke has also recently taken over as director of marketing and outreach at Mahoney Family Dentistry. Congratulations to Brooke and Tommy on some very exciting news!

**Kathleen Klauer Kenefick** recently married Kevin Kenefick (ND MBA '15) on June 24, 2016, at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. The newlyweds also moved to New York City together, and Kathleen started a new job as a clinical oncology infusion nurse at Mount Sinai Dubin Breast Center. We wish you both so much happiness together!

After finishing The Orr Fellowship, a two-year post-grad professional development program, in June of 2016, **Sara Ann Napierkowski** made her next career step and joined Innovatemap as an operations partner. Innovatemap is a product agency located in the heart of Indianapolis that helps companies of all sizes dream, design, and scale digital products and services. Sara's role focuses on business development, internal operations, and marketing. Aside from Indianapolis being a fun and growing community, it's just a hop, skip and jump away from South Bend, which gives Sara the opportunity to visit our alma mater and stay involved with the college. Go Belles!

**Alli Christine Gerths** recently departed for 27 months of service in the Peace Corps on August 1. She is serving in the Youth and HIV/AIDS Capacity Building Program, where she will teach life skills to students at a school in Botswana. We cannot wait to live vicariously through your travels, Alli!

**Jarusha Ann Lang** recently took a leap of faith to fulfill her dreams. Until most recently, she worked at a clinical research company and though it was a wonderful and large company, she did not feel fulfilled. After almost two years at her job, she made the decision to follow her heart and moved to Bethlehem Farm. This is a nonprofit organization in Appalachia that she had volunteered with a couple of times in the past and she felt she needed to divulge into the experience a bit more. Notre Dame actually sends a group out here for a volunteer week every fall break! Jarusha is happier than she ever has been and feels like her life has a purpose. If you have any questions about the organization, Jarusha loves talking about it so feel free to reach out!

We have many Belles taking their next steps in life by both completing and starting a number of master's programs!

On August 5, **Regina Catherine-Anne Mauck** completed the Lalanne Program through the University of Dayton and received her master of science in education and educational leadership with a focus in special education. In June, she moved back to South Bend from Cleveland, OH, and now lives with fellow 2014 Belle **Kelly Townsend Courington**! Regina will begin teaching at Saint Matthews Cathedral grade school, splitting her time between teaching art to kindergarten through eighth grade students and working with the other special education teacher in the building on helping those students receiving accommodations.

**Rose Katelin Krzemien** completed a master's in gerontology this past spring from the University of Southern California. She is thrilled to begin her journey as double Belle at Saint Mary's in the fall of 2016 for her master's in communicative sciences and disorders. In September, **Katie Ann Haemmerle** moved from Boston to Eugene, OR, and is excited to pursue her MFA in poetry at the University of Oregon.

**Jordan Ashley Diffenderfer** has been at HarperCollins Christian Publishing in Grand Rapids, MI, for the past year, working with Spanish-speaking customers from all over the world. Jordan will soon begin a mentorship program with one of our acquisition editors at HCCP and hopes to transition into the fiction department before long. She also began Ashland University's MFA in creative writing program this past July. Jordan currently lives in Grand Haven, MI, where she volunteers in the high school ministry at her church, coaches a U12 girls' travel soccer team, and generally stays busy enjoying life at the beach.

Thank you to everyone who has continued to send us their updates. We are so grateful to share the adventures of how the class of 2014 is taking on the world. Remember, "Once a Belle, Always a Belle!"

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Hey, Belles! We have lots of exciting news to share with you about our classmates.

**Chloe Kristina Venskus** accepted a new job as a behavioral health specialist at Timberline Knolls rehabilitation center for women. She is also enrolled in her second year of a master's program for a clinical psychology degree at Governors State University in University Park, IL. Congratulations, Chloe!

**Paige Daniel DeRouin** was hired and placed in the Management Training Program at Sherwin Williams after graduation. Within only 14 months after being hired, Paige was placed as an assistant manager in Englewood, FL. She recently received a store manager promotion and starts on August 7 in Cape Coral, FL. BELLE YEAH, PAIGE! Congratulations on your success and enjoy that Florida sun!

**Jackie Haley Voltz** was accepted into the Master's of Nursing/Clinical Nurse Leader program at the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee. The MN/CNL program is one of two in the state of Wisconsin. She is loving summer Milwaukee life, living close to the beach, and all of the festivals! Jackie is also looking forward to attending her first SMC Milwaukee Alumnae Club event in August.

Hope you're all doing well. Don't forget to email bellesnews2015@gmail.com with your updates. #GoBelles

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Although it's only been a few short months since graduation, the Class of 2016 already has some exciting news to report.

Major congratulations are due to two Belles who celebrated their weddings this summer! **Anna Cronin Lacey** married Justin Lacey on June 25 in Sioux Falls, SD, where the couple now live. Seven Belles of the Class of 2016 attended the ceremony, for which **Olivia Mary Beck** served as a Eucharistic minister. On August 4, **Emily Rojas Zelaya** married Henry Zelaya in a ceremony along the Mishawaka Riverwalk. **Courtney Camille Lamar** was the bride's maid of honor. Emily and Henry are currently living in Mishawaka.

Many of our classmates have returned to South Bend as graduate students at Saint Mary's and Notre Dame. **Angela Christine Dainelli**, **Theresa Jane Albert**, **Bethany R. Fenker**, **Nicole Anastasia Roulo**, **Barbara Farrell Morrison**, and **Katie Marie Hecklinski** are pursuing master of science degrees through the two-year speech language pathology graduate program at Saint Mary's, which is now in its second year of operation. Across the street, **Madeline Ann Nancy Corsaro** and **Megan Elizabeth Dolan** are candidates in the master of science in management program at Notre Dame's Mendoza College of Business. They are set to graduate next spring.

Several Belles have also returned to campus as employees. **Haleigh Marice Ehmsen** joined SMC's staff in June as a media relations associate; she now manages the College's social media, writes press releases, and works with local media outlets to cover College news. **Colleen Kathryn Burke** and **Cara Brooke Firestein** began working as admissions counselors in July to help usher in the next generation of Belles. Next time you're in South

Bend, be sure to stop by to say hello!

Two Belles have begun their post-collegiate endeavors abroad this summer. **Eleanor Jones**, the Alumnae Association Board of Directors' 2016 Outstanding Senior Award recipient, arrived in South Africa on August 5 to begin working at the Open Arms Home for Children in the Eastern Cape. She works beside the children who reside there and assists with tutoring and extracurricular activities, among other jobs. Eleanor, who spent her sophomore year at Saint Mary's studying abroad in South Africa, expects to stay for about a year.

Also this August, **Sinead Michela Hickey** began her two-year assignment in Timor-Leste with the Peace Corps, where she will be working on community development for the young nation (which only gained sovereignty in 2002). Her work

includes teaching the importance of sanitation, supporting small businesses, and setting up some form of community enrichment like clubs or sports teams. She will return to the United States in October of 2018.

Even as they start new adventures, Belles still manage to make time for our SMC sisters. **Alexandra Nicole Vizard** and **Kathleen Elizabeth Quick** met up in Nashville for the Labor Day weekend as they prepared to take on their new roles as a CPA for Ernst & Young in Chicago and as an audiology doctoral student at Vanderbilt, respectively. **Jennifer Anne Vosters** and **Maria Ann Welser**, both working as actors in the 2016 Notre Dame Shakespeare Festival, were thrilled to see classmates **Claire Rae Bleecker**, **Ashley Carmel Fuller**, and **Madeline Ann Nancy Corsaro**

in the audience for the Young Company production of *Pericles, Prince of Tyre*. We're already counting down until our first reunion in 2021... are you?

Don't forget to submit your news items to [smc16news@gmail.com](mailto:smc16news@gmail.com)! Great things to report include (but are not limited to) marriages, births/adoptions, new jobs, moves, continued education, job accomplishments/promotions, life achievements/events, deaths in the family, vocations, and events where Belles gather to meet. If in doubt about its newsworthiness, send it in! Your classmates are anxious to hear from you!

## Excelsior

**Mary Lou Gorno '72** has been re-elected Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees of the University of Chicago, and continues as a member of the Executive Committee and Chair of the Phoenix Society of the University.

**Rachael Jarosh '90** has been named the new president and chief executive officer of Enactus, an international nonprofit dedicated to nurturing the next generation of values-driven leaders with 69,000 participating college students across 36 countries who are improving the world through entrepreneurial action.

**Kylie Jungles '16** was one of just two people across the country to be named a 2016 Cornaro Scholar. Kappa Gamma Pi, the National Catholic College Graduate Honor Society, hosts the scholarship competition. Jungles, who graduated in May with a biology degree, is studying medicine at Rush Medical College of Chicago.

**Jody Matousek Padar '94** received the Outstanding Accounting Alumna Award from the Saint Mary's College Department of Business Administration and Economics for her many outstanding accomplishments through her accounting career, especially as CEO and Principal of the New Vision CPA Group, a public accounting firm based in the Chicago area.

**Nicole Milos '98** was recognized by Worldwide Branding for demonstrating dedication, leadership and excellence in law. She has been noted for her achievements, leadership abilities, and the credentials she has provided in association with her Worldwide Branding membership. Worldwide Branding is the world's leading international personal branding organization.

**Jingqiu Guan '11** had her dance film, *Afar*, selected as one of the 10 student works around the world at Jumping Frames International Dance Video Festival in Hong Kong.

**Emily Schmitt '12** recently had her play, *Spinoza's Ethics*, run for three weeks as part of New York City's Dream Up festival. *Spinoza's Ethics* follows the character Ruth as she weaves in and out of marriages, vocations and states of existence accompanied always by the early Enlightenment philosopher Baruch Spinoza. Emily dedicated her script to her Saint Mary's College philosophy professor, Patrica Sayre.



# Let me tell you about my best friend, Jan...

By Kathy Reddy White '79



I proudly sat in the front row the day Jan Cervelli was presented as the new president of Saint Mary's College in February.

I watched as my childhood friend came on stage in the Student Center Atrium to great applause. I saw the moistness in her eyes as she absorbed, in awe, the joy emanating from the crowd.

And when she spoke, I heard an echo that rushed down through the decades, all the way from our beginnings as friends at South Bend's Holy Cross Grade School. Jan summoned the young women of Saint Mary's to take on the world, saying: "I want to help you dare to be whatever you want to be. We need you to be daring in this world." In that moment I flashed back to our shared youth, when Jan would challenge my friends and me with, "I dare you."

How many times did she say that very phrase to my friends and me? I cannot even begin to count. We had a tight pack of six girls in our Riverside neighborhood — me, my identical twin **Patty Reddy '79**, Jan, **Kristin Darden '79**, Diane Hollis, and Jan Hanyzewski. Jan was without a doubt our fearless leader and coach. She always encouraged us to reach higher, throw harder, run faster, and sing louder.

Though we've been apart many years, Jan is still the same person she was back when we were pint-sized and pony-tailed — but with the added benefit of having experienced a tremendous slice of this world, experience I know she will share with those around her.

Jan understood early on the power of women — to add our voices to the issues of the day. That's why she and Diane were successful in their campaign to get a classmate, Patty Kiskowski, elected the first female class president in our senior year at Saint Joseph High School.

As a teenager, Jan Cervelli was an athlete, a loyal friend, and a fearless leader. Nothing has changed, says Kathy Reddy White '79. Above is a photo of Cervelli as a softball player and with the Reddy sisters. From left to right are Cervelli, White, and Patty Reddy '79. The trio is pictured in the same order on Cervelli's Inauguration Day.

Her fearlessness — and talent — also propelled her to become the lead singer in a local band in her teens. One of her favorite songs was "Gimme Shelter" by the Rolling Stones with the line "It's just a shot away." Not an easy song to perform but she always nailed it.

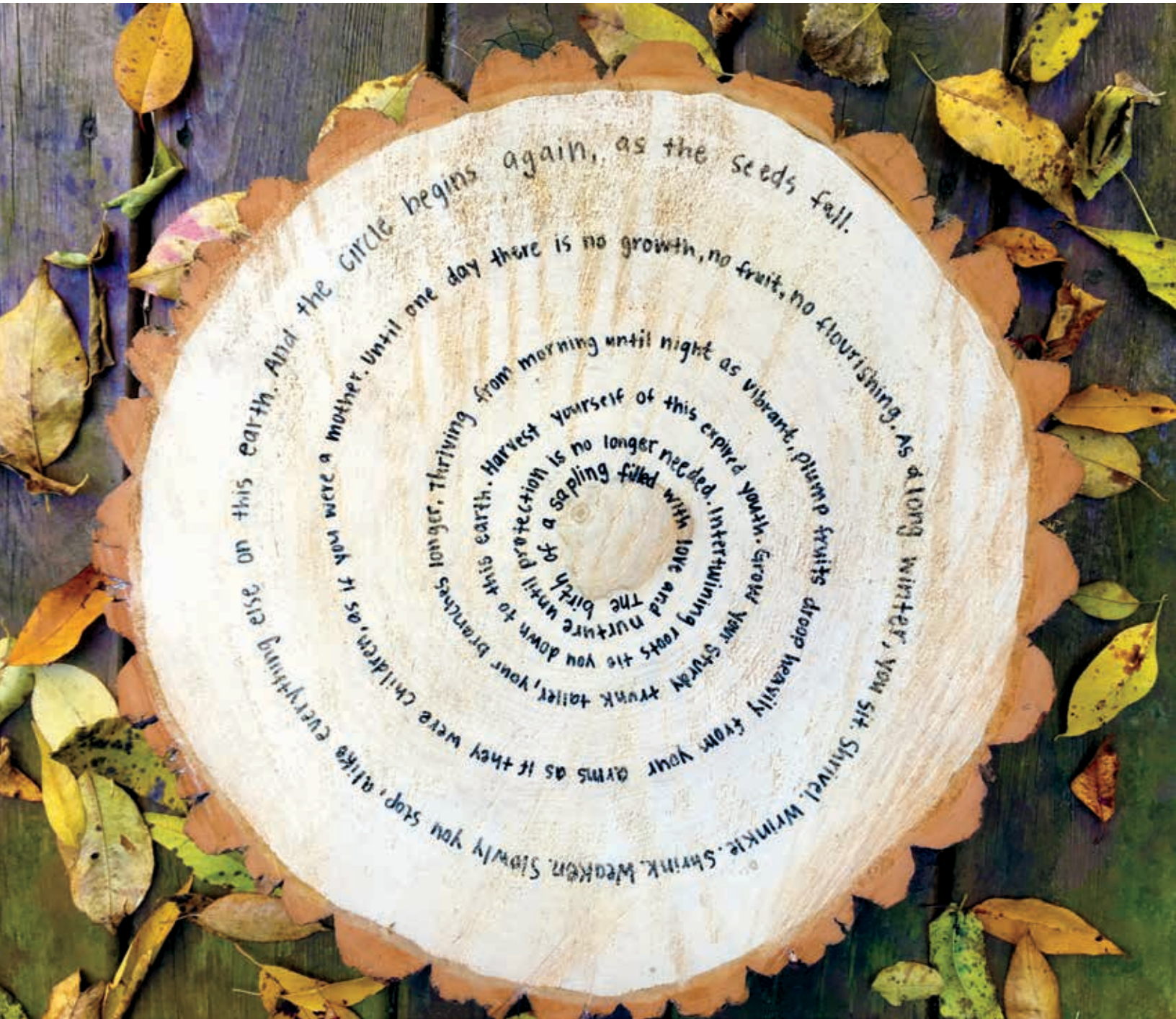
And then there's Jan's spontaneous, adventurous spirit. She pushed boundaries just to see where they would take her. I remember another girlfriend sharing how she and Jan were riding bicycles when they came upon a field with horses. On a whim, Jan tossed down her bike, jumped the fence, mounted a horse, and rode off! Who does that?

She is a true Renaissance woman, excelling at whatever she puts her mind and heart and hands to — sports, music, landscape architecture, teaching. And now she is putting her mind and heart and hands to Saint Mary's.

So, Jan, the task is before you. Impart to these young women all the breadth and depth of your boundless spirit, your sparkling effervescence, and your deep faith in the goodness of life.

I dare you. **C**





A course focused on the environment and sustainability, English professor Aaron Moe's "Ecopoetics in the Age of the Anthropocene" encourages students to look for inspiration everywhere. *Wooden Life* by Meg Brownley '18 is just one example of how language and nature can create art. For more student work visit [saintmarys.edu/Courier](http://saintmarys.edu/Courier).