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Saint Mary's College is a Catholic, residential, women's college in the liberal arts tradition. A pioneer in the education of women, the College is an academic community where women develop their talents and prepare to make a difference in the world. Founded by the Sisters of the Holy Cross in 1844, Saint Mary's promotes a life of intellectual vigor, aesthetic appreciation, religious sensibility, and social responsibility. All members of the College remain faithful to this mission and continually assess their response to the complex needs and challenges of the contemporary world.

# UPON REFLECTION

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I used to volunteer with a local children's center. A young mom who has always loved children, I was constantly outraged—still am—by news stories of abuse and neglect. I felt moved to comfort children who had suffered such unimaginable hurts. *If not me, who?* I thought. But with my over-scheduled life I knew I could only do it one child at a time. Start in your own backyard, right? I think Mother Teresa said that.

The little boy I began taking to Mass each Sunday was called Chris. He was eight, kind of wild, a bit buck-toothed, and had a huge, dreamy smile. He always *wanted* to follow the rules, but couldn't quite manage it consistently. It was okay. I loved him anyway.

The thing about these little guys, children who've been wounded, is that their scars are revealed in odd moments of their choosing. We had a tradition of going out to lunch—Chris, my son Jacob, and I—after Mass. The experience was a good one for Jacob, who, being loved and well provided for since birth, learned that some other kids come from not-so-stable homes. One afternoon in the parking lot of a local greasy spoon, Chris was explaining that he learned how to play a certain video game from his most recent foster dad. “But when he got mad he choked me and the social worker took me away.”

That's how the story ended. The image weighed on me. No one there to comfort him after the incident. Knowing that had happened to him—was happening to lots of kids, all over the world, regularly, based on statistics I'd read—made me feel small. What could one woman do?

So often I (and other women I know) have felt overwhelmed by the wealth of suffering in the world and the small scope of our ability to help. That's why it is important for us to remind one another that we *can* help. We *are* helping. The students and alumnae in this issue of *Courier* are helping children, specifically. Some work one at a time. Some work on a global level. They are foster moms, teachers, volunteers, etc. They may be working with neglected children or simply providing the best care available for the children in their charge. All of them are giving kids more hope and more love, better chances to become productive, happy citizens, and to live full, creative lives. This issue is a celebration of the helpers.

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*Shannon E. Brewer Rooney '03 is editor of Courier.*



## SISTER EVA HOOKER, CSC

BY LAURA CORRIGAN '13

Not many 72-year-old women live in the dormitory where they also spent their first years of college. You can find Sister Eva Hooker '62, CSC, in her apartment in Holy Cross Hall sharing space with her cat who stretches out on her cozy furniture. Sister Eva's experiences at Saint Mary's span decades, from her first year as a student in 1958 to her present role as a Sister and English professor.

As a student at Holy Cross High School in Washington, D.C., in the '50s, Sister Eva was pushed to apply to Saint Mary's, "one of the best women's colleges," she was told. Upon receiving a full scholarship, she boarded a train, venturing to the Midwest for the very first time.

Sister Eva anxiously entered the cars especially reserved for returning Saint Mary's and Notre Dame students and happened to sit down next to another first-year student. After some casual conversation, she realized her new friend Gale was also her assigned roommate. They shared a taxi to campus.

Upon arriving at the College gates, Sister Eva recalls, "There was a big old cornfield on both sides of the front gate where there is [now] that beautiful green field and we both started crying hysterically." The girls wondered how they could possibly spend the next four years surrounded by nothing but corn.

Despite the shaky first impression, Sister Eva remembers her time as a student fondly.

In those days, Belles dined in Reinbeaux Lounge for all meals. Sister Eva remembers the large oak tables and bay of windows at the front where Sister Madeleva Wolff, CSC, then College president, would sit with the senior students. Dressed in their tailored Abercrombie & Fitch uniforms, specially ordered from Chicago, students were expected to have conversations over the dinner table with Sisters or faculty. "I can remember Sister Madeleva quickly finishing her lunch and always heading down to her garden, tucked in by the lake, [where she planted] trees and magnificent flowers." Called Madeleva's Garden, it's now often referred to as the Sunken Garden and it is Sister Eva's favorite place on campus.

Throughout her education, Sister Eva grew to respect the Sisters' commitment to intellectual life. "They were degreed up to the gills and were wonderful teachers that seemed like they had read everything on God's green acres," she says. Sister Eva entered the Holy Cross community after her sophomore year. The formation program took five years, and in that time she finished her master's in English at Notre Dame. She moved on to teach in Washington, then earned a doctoral degree in English at SUNY Buffalo. She came full circle when she returned to teach as an English professor at Saint Mary's.

In June 2012 at their 50th class reunion, Sister Eva and about 15 of her classmates discussed their lives, which, she highlights, included careers. Jobs outside the home were generally not expected of women who came of age in the 1950s, but Saint Mary's women have always had a penchant for bucking trends. Both in Sister Eva's heyday and today, students are a community of empowered women; that's one thing that hasn't changed.



## Second Global Women Leaders Institute

This year's U.S. Department of State Study of the U.S. Institute (SUSI) brought to campus 19 undergraduate women from Egypt, Libya, Tunisia, Iraq, and Jordan.

Organized and facilitated by the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership (CWIL) at Saint Mary's, the four-week residency program is followed by a week of educational travel to the Women's Rights Museum Historic Park in New York, and to Cambridge, Massachusetts, and Washington, D.C. "Saint Mary's [was] honored to conduct the institute once again. As a women's college, where intercultural leadership is valued and fostered, we feel this is an ideal environment for these international women to learn about the U.S.," says Elaine Meyer-Lee, director of CWIL.

The institute included intensive academic study of U.S. history, government, and society with a particular focus on U.S. women's history, global women's movements, leadership, and intercultural skills. Participants also served at one of eight local agencies (St. Margaret's House, the YWCA, South Bend Center for the Homeless, El Campito, Hope Ministries, Sister Maura Brannick Health Center, Hannah's House, and Chiara House).

Six Saint Mary's students participated in SUSI for six hours of college credit and five students served as student coordinators for the institute.

The SUSI program is made possible by a grant from the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs under the Fulbright-Hays Act. The program is part of a broader State Department initiative to promote a better understanding of the U.S. abroad and help develop future world leaders.

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## Laboratory School Network partnership with Elkhart Community Schools



Dara Marquez '15 works with students in the Laboratory School Network program.

Over the summer Saint Mary's partnered with Elkhart Community Schools (ECS) for Laboratory School Network, funded by a grant provided by the Elkhart County Community

Foundation. Ten rising seniors and recent alumnae served as teachers in the lab, and two ECS teachers who are alumnae, Andrea Washington '11 and Beth Lenihan Allen '84, served as mentor teachers. About 125 students are enrolled in the program, which is based out of Cleveland Elementary School.

The program was designed to prevent learning loss over the summer and spark a life-long love of learning. Saint Mary's teacher candidates created engaging lesson plans and field trips, including a trip to Saint Mary's campus. Fifth-grade students participated in science experiments and first- through fourth-grade students enjoyed hands-on learning activities.

"This was an exciting opportunity for both the children and for our Saint Mary's teachers and teacher candidates. Children engaged in learning experiences designed to reduce or eliminate summer learning loss. The teachers gained valuable experience as they integrated reading, writing, and math instruction with hands-on science based on assessment data," says professor Mary Ann Traxler, chair of the education department.

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## Christian Culture Lecturer Krista Tippet



Peabody Award winning journalist Krista Tippet visited campus on September 24 to deliver a lecture titled "Civic Healing and Christian Virtue in the 21st Century." The lecture explored the ways Christian tradition and virtues are equipped to promote healing and provide wisdom in this young century. Tippet shared findings from her Civil Conversations Project about bridging the gap in our differences.

Tippet broadcasts her radio program, *On Being* (formerly *Speaking of Faith*), weekly on National Public Radio. Her journalism career began as a reporter for *The New York Times*, *Newsweek*, *The International Herald Tribune*, and the BBC. In addition, she served as a special political assistant and chief Berlin aide to the U.S. Ambassador to West Germany. Completing her master's of divinity from Yale University in 1994, she conducted a notable oral history project for the Benedictines of Saint John's Abbey in Collegeville, Minnesota. Tippet then published two books, *Speaking of Faith* (2007) and *Einstein's God* (2010). Her first book addresses the reasons religion matters in a twenty-first century world. Her latest book argues that science and religion are far from mutually exclusive realms of inquiry.

In both her published and broadcast work, Tippet strives to engage in thoughtful, intelligent conversation about the role of faith and religion in everyday life.

## Continuing the legacy



Julie Kozlowski Sanchez '93 and Allison Sanchez '17

Room number 250 in Holy Cross Hall has welcomed many women in its history, and to Julie Kozlowski Sanchez '93 and her daughter Allison Sanchez '17, it represents their shared legacy. Julie, an elementary education alumna, spent her sophomore year in that room. "I loved living in Holy Cross. Some of my best memories are of sitting in the hallway outside of our room with all of the girls in my wing," she says.

This August she moved Allison, an incoming first-year, into that same room. "I could not be more proud of her. It is such a blessing to be able to see her walk through the campus of Saint Mary's," says Julie. Allison, an intended nursing major, says, "I remember my mom telling me about how much fun college was for her and sharing funny stories, so I'm so happy and excited to be carrying on the legacy."

This is just one interesting story of many about Saint Mary's incoming class. Visit [saintmarys.edu/2017](http://saintmarys.edu/2017) to learn more about the Class of 2017.

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## Le Mans cross refurbished

Struck by lightning in 2006, the cross that sits atop iconic Le Mans Tower was refurbished in August. Ziolkowski Masonry Division donated the labor and material to restore the cross. A 135-foot lift was used to reach the cross in order to take measurements of the broken limestone top section. Ziolkowski searched their stone stockyard and found a piece of limestone large enough to replace the top stone on the cross. The stone had to be hand cut to match the design. Stonecutting with hand tools has become a lost trade and—lucky for us—Ziolkowski convinced a retired stonecutter to return just for this job. The result is a beautiful custom top stone that sits proudly on Le Mans Hall.

Le Mans was dedicated in 1926 and built under the presidency of Mother M. Pauline O'Neill, CSC, the College's first president.

## Students perform, rehearse on brand new Steinway concert grand piano

The music department received a special gift this fall. On behalf of Louise E. Addicott and Yatish J. Joshi, the Georgina Joshi Foundation donated the family's Steinway & Sons Model D Concert Grand Piano in honor of their daughter Georgina.

The gift celebrates the contribution Georgina made as a member of the South Bend Chamber Singers, a College-sponsored group directed by Nancy Menk, music professor and department chair. The instrument will be named "Georgina" in tribute to Georgina and her love of all types of music.

"We are thrilled with the donation of this wonderful instrument to our Department of Music," says Menk. "Our students will benefit from the Joshis' generosity for years to come. Georgina was a superb singer, and now our singers have an excellent instrument bearing her name to accompany them in rehearsal and performance."

In addition, the Foundation is funding the rebuilding of the College's own 38-year-old Steinway D concert grand piano. Both gifts mean that Saint Mary's students will have access to these beautiful, high-quality instruments for practicing and performing. The pianos will play major roles in students' lives as they are used in opera productions, concerts, musical theatre, recitals, and even audition recordings among other uses.



Piano major Sara Balogh '17 (pictured) played the piano for the first time in October. "It's an absolute dream to play on a Steinway concert grand. Having played at home on an old upright, it's such a blessing to be able to play an instrument that sings like this."

In November the music department hosted a recital by Jeffrey Jacob entitled, "Four Centuries of Keyboard Music," to dedicate the Joshi family piano and celebrate its gorgeous sound. Professor Jacob performed classical selections including Bach's Prelude and Fugue in C Major and Schumann's *Carnaval*.

# The Status

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## OF GIRLS IN INDIANA

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By Adrienne Latson

Picture a sick five-year-old girl. Now that she has health insurance, her worried mother can take her to a doctor who prescribes the necessary medication. The little girl is back at school in a few days, laughing with friends and learning in the classroom.

Picture a female high school student sitting at a computer video chatting with friends. She stands and pulls out her cell phone, checking her social media sites. A way of socializing, these forms of media are a way for her to stay in touch with friends and family.

Picture a middle school aged girl sitting at her desk with two sharpened Number 2 pencils preparing to take the ISTEP+ exams. She'll likely receive a pass or pass+ on the English/language arts section, an area where girls excel.

Imagine these scenarios as snapshots of the daily lives of some girls growing up in Indiana. Based on *The Status of Girls in Indiana 2013* (SGI), a new report commissioned by Saint Mary's, we know that the number of girls ages six–17 in Indiana that did not have health insurance in 2011 was lower than the past two years. We know that 83 percent of girls ages 12–19 use a social networking site, a higher percentage than boys. We also know that Indiana's girls are more likely than boys to receive pass and pass+ ratings on ISTEP+ exams given in grades three through eight.


More than two years ago, College president Carol Ann Mooney '72 challenged the College's Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership (CWIL) with leading the way for an Indiana report after learning about similar studies done by women's colleges in other states. The report features data specific to Indiana females ages 10–19 concerning issues such as education, physical and mental health, media usage, and substance, alcohol, and physical abuse. "CWIL was delighted to mobilize faculty and students and we applaud their work, which takes seriously the intersection of gender, race, and socioeconomic class affecting girls in Indiana," says Elaine Meyer-Lee, CWIL's director. Meyer-Lee was recently elected to the board of directors at NAESA: Association of International Educators, the world's largest association of international education professionals.

Data was compiled from various state and federal government agencies and nonprofit organizations. Among the data reported, there were a few surprising discoveries. While Indiana's girls were less diverse than national averages, the populations within minority groups were the main force behind the increase in the

state's child population. Indiana was one of only four states in the Northeast and Midwest that saw an increase in the child population. The number of girls ages 10–17 in Indiana grew by over three percent from 2000 to 2010.

Gina Deom '13, a statistics and actuarial mathematics major who spent a year gathering information and writing the education section of the report, notes a particular point of interest. Girls scored equally as well as boys in science and math on ISTEP testing in elementary school, but on ACT, SAT, and AP exams, Deom found a large gender gap, where girls scored lower than boys. "As a female in mathematics and a native of Indiana, I hope that this is a topic that is taken with concern and research is done to investigate why such a large gap exists," says Deom.

The SGI report acts as a data warehouse for educators, policy-makers, and agencies that provide healthcare and myriad other social services to Indiana girls and their families. "In identifying these more significant causes for concern by gender, intervention and prevention efforts may be more effectively administered," says Kristin Kuter, assistant professor of math. Kuter led the data collection, analysis, and writing of the report. Each data set indicates and provides information on areas of concern from which agencies can work to create and implement solutions.

As a women's college, Saint Mary's is uniquely qualified to commission this report. "We know that early intervention is the key to successfully changing behaviors and attitudes," writes President Mooney in her message at the beginning of the SGI report. "Awareness of both the achievements made in Indiana, and the opportunities that still exist to create a better environment for girls, will help us move forward in an informed way. Our girls deserve every chance to improve their lives and achieve their dreams." 

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**Visit [saintmarys.edu/StatusOfGirls](http://saintmarys.edu/StatusOfGirls) to read the full *Status of Girls in Indiana 2013* report.**



## BY THE NUMBERS:

SOME STAND-OUT STATISTICS  
from *The Status of Girls in Indiana 2013*

Indiana has the  
**3rd largest**  
population of Old Order Amish in the nation.



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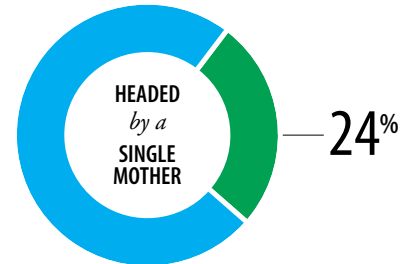
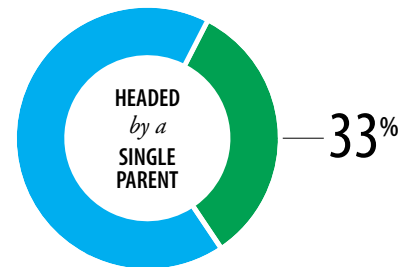
THE METRO AREA OF GARY

is more diverse than the nation overall.

27% OF GIRLS  
**WATCHED**  
**TV**

for 3 or more hours a day,

**SIGNIFICANTLY LESS**  
than girls nationwide.



Children today, in Indiana and the U.S., are more likely to grow up in a single-parent family than they were a decade ago.

*In the month prior to being surveyed,*

**16%**

of Indiana's girls had  
smoked a cigarette

**34%**

of Indiana's girls had  
consumed alcohol

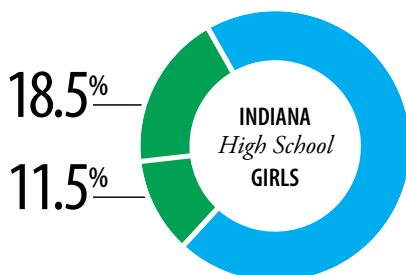
**16%**

of Indiana's girls had  
used marijuana

## 20 PERCENT OF HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS IN INDIANA

*did not participate in at least 60 minutes of physical activity on any day of a given week.*

## Overweight HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS



18.5% of high school girls are overweight and an additional 11.5% of girls are obese.

**91%**  
of female

GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL,  
compared to 86 percent of male students.

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# GOING

## Where We Are Needed

Saint Mary's students are dedicated to helping kids in need. They volunteer their time through the Office for Civic and Social Engagement, field study through various major programs, and in collaboration with their residence halls. That's just the tip of the iceberg. Below is a list of the many ways in which our students work with children in our community. It is as comprehensive as we could get it, though it doesn't necessarily capture every smile flashed, every hug given, every story read by Saint Mary's students to the kids whose lives they impact every day. The idea of going where we are needed stems directly from the Holy Cross charism. In their mission the Sisters affirm, "Compassion moves us to reflect on the signs of the times, discern needs, and respond."



Sarah Hossfeld '15, a nursing major from Oswego, Ill., bakes with girls at St. Margaret's House in South Bend. St. Margaret's is a day house for women and girls whose mission is to help women and children in poverty get back on their feet. Hossfeld started Girls' Club there in the summer of 2013 with the goal of boosting girls' self-esteem and helping them to envision a bright future for themselves.



### **Dance Marathon**

Each spring student participants pull an all-nighter to raise funds for Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis. The 12-hour event is the culmination of a year of fundraising. Last year students raised a record \$104,374.83, through a 5K run/walk, a concert, coupon book and apparel sales, mini-marathons hosted at local high schools, and Give Back Nights at local restaurants where a percentage of sales benefited Riley.

### **Residence Hall Service Organizations**

Students living in each of Saint Mary's five residence halls partner with a local service organization, volunteering their time and treasure together. Organizations include Hannah and Friends, Hannah's House, Hope Ministries, and Center for the Homeless.

### **Hypatia Day**

This annual (sometimes bi-annual) event brings girls from local schools to campus to learn about math and science. Saint Mary's math and science majors and minors organize and host Hypatia Day, which was established by Holy Cross Sister Miriam Patrick Cooney in 1991. It is named for the first known female mathematician, Hypatia of Alexandria.

### **Service Abroad**

Opportunities to serve people in other countries provide students with first-hand experiences of other cultures. Through programs like the Honduras Spring Break trip and the Uganda Summer Practicum for nursing and education majors, students gain an understanding of the needs of people in these countries.

### **Time Out**

Time Out participants are nursing students who provide respite services, or temporary care, to families with children with special needs. Each student enrolled in the Child Health Nursing course is required to provide 16 volunteer hours of respite care to an assigned family throughout the semester. They help fill a huge void of respite care services for parents of special needs kids.

### **College Academy of Tutoring (CAT)**

Through this program Saint Mary's students partner with local Title 1 elementary schools in the roles of tutors, teacher's assistants, reading partners, and special program coordinators. CAT also provides partner schools with resources like school supplies, clothing, software, and more, as well as training and cultural events for parents, staff, and community members.

### **Speech-Language-Hearing Services at Saint Mary's College**

Students in the communicative disorders major diagnose and write treatment plans for children receiving services through this program. They work with kids to implement their therapy plans, heightening their small clients' potential for meaningful relationships and helping improve their self-esteem, dignity, and independence.

### **Summer Camps**

Student counselors work with girls through Saint Mary's popular summer camps: Fine Arts, Athletics camps, and the Summer Academy. Each is an opportunity to mentor young women in their area of interest and maybe inspire them to become Belles one day too.

### **Athletic Teams Service Projects**

Each of the eight varsity athletic teams performs one on-campus and one off-campus service project every year. Teams have chosen a variety of projects over the past several years: reading for an elementary school class, serving dinner at the South Bend Center for the Homeless, and running in Race to Zero, a 5K sponsored by Family and Children's Center in an effort to bring the total number of child deaths by abuse to zero in the state of Indiana.

### **Field Study and Required Volunteer Experience**

Some students work with children daily through practicums in their major fields of study. Many courses also require a certain number of volunteer hours. For example, nursing students work with clients at the South Bend Center for the Homeless, St. Margaret House, a local center for women and children, and Hope Ministries. College programs that may (or must in some cases) involve work with kids include: communicative disorders, education, music education, nursing, and social work.

Visit [saintmarys.edu/ocse](http://saintmarys.edu/ocse) for more information on service at Saint Mary's.







By Shannon E. Brewer Rooney '03

Becky Mocas O'Connell '68 can set up a home nursery in five minutes. Literally. She brings down a crib or bassinet from the attic of the Chicago home she shares with her husband Ed. She sets it up in the dining room, places a changing pad on top of a dresser, and pulls out a few clothes from said dresser. O'Connell describes herself as "hyper-organized" and she has to be. A baby could fall into her lap at any minute.

Well, not any minute. O'Connell is a temporary foster caregiver who works with the non-profit Chicago agency Adoption Center of Illinois at Family Resource Center (FRC) to provide care for babies who are in the process of being adopted. Since 2002 she has cared for more than 80 babies, usually newborns, some for just a few days, and some for months at a time.

For the most part, the babies for whom O'Connell cares are not the stereotypical foster care kids one sees on the news. "They weren't being abused and that kind of thing. I don't get phone calls in the middle of the night," says O'Connell. In fact, she has only taken care of two officially abandoned babies. Most are handed over to FRC by their mothers in the hospital after they are born. That's when FRC calls O'Connell, who will often accept more than one baby at a time if it suits her schedule.

The phone calls she does get usually come during business hours. O'Connell has a close relationship with the employees at FRC, a small, professional, and friendly adoption agency. She feels free to say no at any time. When she says yes, a social worker usually phones her up, gives her some basic details about the baby that needs temporary care, and sometimes delivers the baby in a matter of hours.

The first thing O'Connell does is bathe the new baby. "I undress them, check them out, write down notes about any little detail I might notice," she says. She cleans the baby, files the baby's nails, and outfits him or her from her store of baby clothes. "My husband would say I have too many," she laughs. O'Connell fosters babies on a volunteer basis. She isn't paid and she and Ed buy supplies—formula, diapers, clothing, pacifiers, and toys—themselves.

It's hard work but O'Connell is a self-proclaimed "baby nut" and says she is just doing what she enjoys. The newborns are assimilated into her and her husband's busy schedules. When there is an event to attend, the babies come along. And with O'Connell's special talent for quieting a crying baby—the

*Chicago Tribune* quoted an FRC agent who called her "the baby whisperer" in a February article—they pose no real interruption of the O'Connells' daily lives.

O'Connell has worked with children for most of her adult life. Before she and Ed became licensed foster caregivers, O'Connell helped run a parenting program for underprivileged families in Chicago. She raised her two sons and has volunteered at hospitals and other programs for children.

One of the first things people ask O'Connell when they find out what kind of work she does is "How do you not get attached?"

But O'Connell says she does get attached to the benefit of the babies in her care. "It's my job to get attached," she says. O'Connell indulges in the kinds of moments all mothers enjoy with their newborns. She feeds and rocks them, sings to them, bathes them, and gets up with them in the middle of the night. But she has a sort of mental trick she practices for her own good. "From the minute they get here, I get out a diaper bag from my collection," she says. From time to time she adds a piece of clothing or a small toy to the bag. "It's a reminder that this is not my baby. This baby is going home." O'Connell also keeps a log for each baby in which she writes detailed statements about the newborn's feeding and sleeping schedules and other helpful notes.

The log, along with a collection of photos of the baby, goes home with the adoptive parents when the time comes.

O'Connell knows the "emotional danger," as she puts it, going in. "But I'm a big girl. I can take it," she says. "These babies have no one to love them right now. I'm not a martyr but I'm willing to do that."

The babies are just one part of her life, O'Connell says. She and her husband Ed, an attorney who specializes in adoption law, are theater lovers. They lead a busy life with family and friends; in addition, O'Connell is a passionate reader and volunteers at a local hospital maternity ward. Including her beloved newborns in that schedule is just "business as usual," she says. "It's busy. Busy but peaceful." **C**

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Becky Mocas O'Connell '68 cared for Mari Wu (4) and Gabe Wu (6) when they were infants. Here, O'Connell spends time with Mari, Gabe, and a newborn in her care when they visited.

# Who Cares *for the* Caregiver?

By Adrienne Latson

Four alumnae who spend their days caring for others share how they care for themselves too.





## THE GIFT OF FRIENDSHIP

"All at once, I was responsible for everything we did." Alumna Barbara Hilger Hanahan's ('58) husband Mike (ND '59) was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease four years ago and life has changed drastically. Hanahan's days in their town of Walloon Lake, Michigan, revolve around driving Mike to doctor's appointments and therapy several times a week as well as dispensing his daily medications and helping him with other basic tasks. She also took charge of the household chores that were once his.

"We had always shared things and took turns doing grocery shopping and other chores. No longer. One thing I discovered is that I really had never done much of the night driving. I had never thought about it. Mike did most of the driving for our social events which were on weekends and in the evening," says Hanahan.

Hanahan is a full-time caregiver. The job comes in many forms: parents caring for children; professionals caring for patients; spouses caring for spouses; adult children caring for their parents. Caregivers often fit into more than one of these categories and, while the work can be rewarding and fulfilling, it can also be stressful and overwhelming.

With so many demands on her time, how does a woman turn her focus on herself? It is just as important for a caregiver to meet her own needs as it is for her to meet the needs of the spouse or children or parents for whom she is caring. And there are as many variations of "me time" as there are caregivers.

In her position, Hanahan found she needed the support of people in similar situations. She met her friend Helen through a local Parkinson's support group and they quickly became close. The Parkinson's support group provided "friendship, understanding, information, companionship, and courage," says Hanahan. And her friendship with Helen has sustained her through the daily challenges of caring for her husband.

Both teachers, mothers, and steadfast Democrats, Hanahan says she and Helen need each other. "She is like me and will go out to do things on the spur of the moment. Of course, we drag our husbands along." They may have met because of a similar caregiving situation, but their friendship progressed because of their similar interests and personalities. They provide each other with a sympathetic ear and first-hand knowledge of each other's caregiving situation.

Michelle Morfin Wilson '88 also relies on friendships for support. She is a nurse practitioner for a pre-surgery unit at Akron Children's Hospital in Akron, Ohio. Wilson was recently promoted to lead nurse practitioner. She's also enrolled in the Doctorate of Nursing Practice (DNP) program at the University of Akron. And she's the chair of the Advanced Practice Counsel Advocacy Committee. But that's not all. She and her husband have two daughters, ages 6 and 9, who are active in ballet and gymnastics.

In spite of all the demands on her time, Wilson makes room in her busy schedule for her friends. "Maintaining my female friendships is very important to me and they tend to nourish my soul," she says. Like Hanahan, Wilson nurtures herself by

cultivating meaningful relationships with women who support each other through the ups and downs of lives that are largely devoted to caring for other people.

## GETTING PHYSICAL

Many women find that the only surefire way to snag some "me time" is to break a sweat. Like time spent with friends, time spent working out can be restorative and help a busy caregiver maintain a healthy lifestyle. Meagan Temple Hartman '10 is a licensed teacher who works as an English as a second language teacher for the Penn Harris Madison school corporation. In addition to work, she is one of the committee chairs for the South Bend Alumnae Club of Saint Mary's College.

To de-stress after a busy day in a demanding teaching position, Hartman turns to physical fitness. She swims with the University of Notre Dame masters swim team and kickboxes at a local taekwondo academy. "I think it kind of stinks that my 'me time' has to be a scheduled workout time, but what better way to relieve tension and stress than to kick, hit, and punch the heck out of a 200 pound bag?" says Hartman. She particularly enjoys swimming. "It gives my mind a chance to take a break from everything else."

## DO WHAT YOU LOVE

Jennifer Paluszak Hadden '96, stay-at-home-mom to two boys, ages 4 and 2, spends her "me time" pursuing a passion for service. It may seem counterintuitive to spend your time away from caregiving doing more caregiving. But because Hadden loves what she does, her volunteering is more energizing than draining.

Hadden graduated from Saint Mary's with a BBA and worked in marketing for several years before she realized her passion for service work. She went back to school, earned a master's in social work from Ohio State University-Columbus, and worked in that field until her first son was born. Now Hadden fulfills her desire to serve through volunteer work at the local library, her son's preschool, and North Market, a farmer's market near her home in Bexley, Ohio. Participating in causes close to her heart keeps her passion for service alive.

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**As for the Hanahans, they are selling their retirement home and moving closer to two of their four children who can provide Barbara Hanahan with some respite care. "I think as a caregiver it's very important to be nearer family. They love their dad and would give me a much needed break," she says. That support system is key for caregivers, whether they are parents, teachers, or spouses—and some are all of the above. Outside help provides a caregiver with time and sometimes a needed reminder to put herself first, helping to maintain a balance between caring for others and caring for herself. **C****



# Lacrosse 101: *A Quick Guide*

## to Saint Mary's Newest Varsity Sport

This coming spring the Saint Mary's lacrosse team will take the field for the first time as a varsity sport. The College has sponsored lacrosse as a club sport since the early 2000s, and the program has continued to grow since its inception. Last spring, the club had more than 70 students try out for the team. Saint Mary's joins the other eight Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) members in fielding a varsity women's lacrosse program.

"Our fall practices are going well and we're excited to start playing games in our spring season," says head lacrosse coach Amy Long. "The best way to understand what our sport is all about is to come watch us play."

### Here are a few pointers before the Belles step between the lines for their first game this spring:

- The object of the game is to score by shooting the ball into an opponent's goal. Players use a lacrosse stick to catch, carry, and pass the ball.
- Women's lacrosse games consist of two 30-minute halves. If overtime is needed, six-minute overtime periods are played until there is a winner.
- 12 players are on the field at a time for each team.

— Sarah Miesle '07

# Down the Avenue

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## RAISES \$330,000

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*for Scholarship and Volunteer Efforts*

The Down the Avenue gala on June 19 raised \$330,000 to support the College's Office for Civic and Social Engagement (OCSE), which facilitates local volunteer efforts, and to establish a scholarship for students who are active volunteers in Michiana. It is the largest amount raised from a Down the Avenue event and the fifth time the College has held it. More than 540 community and business leaders, Saint Mary's College Board of Trustee members, alumnae, and friends attended the dinner.

"The spirit of service is an integral part of the life of Saint Mary's College. In fact, 80 percent of our students volunteer their time to service," says President Carol Ann Mooney '72. "The funds raised at Down the Avenue will help support our volunteer efforts so that the College and its students can continue to make a difference in Michiana and beyond."

### Saint Mary's recognized three women with the Spirit of Service Award.

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From left: President Carol Ann Mooney '72; Tricia Barry, tri-chair; Maeva Alexander '13, student honoree; Sister Mary Turgi '69, CSC, Sisters of the Holy Cross honoree; Chrissy Klauer, tri-chair; Laura Brems Flynn '79, tri-chair

The late **Patricia George Decio** was recognized for her exceptional service to the nearby community of Elkhart. A strong supporter of special education, Decio volunteered for more than 16 years at Aux Chandelles, now part of the Association for the Disabled of Elkhart County (ADEC). She was recognized by ADEC on their Wall of Fame and with their Outstanding Kindness Award. Decio gave many hours to the Elkhart General Hospital Auxiliary, Elkhart Community Day Care, and the Urban League and helped to bring the Women's Care Center to Elkhart. She was a life member of the NAACP and received the Elkhart chapter's 2004 Community Service Award. Decio served on the College's Board of Regents from 1981-1987 and received an honorary degree from the College in 1996. The 2013 Down the Avenue scholarship is named in honor of Decio.

**Sister Mary Turgi, '69, CSC**, taught mathematics at the College and worked in Campus Ministry. She is currently the director of the Holy Cross International Justice Office and serves on the board of South Bend's Near Northwest Neighborhood.

**Maeva Alexander** graduated in May 2013 with a major in communicative disorders and a minor in intercultural studies. During her four years at Saint Mary's she devoted more than 800 hours to the College Academy of Tutoring (CAT) program, which places Saint Mary's students as tutors in local elementary schools.



The family of Patricia George Decio, posthumous community honoree, from left: Jamee Decio, Jay Decio Christman, Art Decio, Lindy Decio Reilly, Terry Decio, Leigh Decio Laird

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Visit [saintmarys.edu/down-the-avenue](http://saintmarys.edu/down-the-avenue) to read more about the 2013 honorees.



# A Montessori Story:

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Emily James Sandock '03 graduated from Saint Mary's SPARK program and opened her own Montessori school this fall.

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By Emily James Sandock '03

I had my first exposure to the Montessori philosophy while working on a master's degree in early childhood education. It was merely a small part of a class on curriculum but it changed the course of my career. I left the degree program and enrolled my daughter Yofi, and eventually her sister Lucy, in The Montessori Center (TMC), a small Montessori preschool near our South Bend home. When a position for an assistant opened there, I jumped at the chance.

I'd had lots of experience working with young children, having worked at the Early Childhood Development Center at Saint Mary's as a student, and for several years after, and as an assessor for The Family Connection, a local non-profit dedicated to supporting early childcare settings like Head Start preschool classrooms. But seeing the Montessori method in action blew me away.

The children and teachers walked slowly, voices were quiet, and the environment wasn't just tidy but beautiful. Everyone was busy and happy. The children worked independently or in pairs mostly, showed a deep respect for their classroom materials, and took part in the upkeep of the school. There was very little plastic and there were no "toys." I began to learn more about the specific "works" the children did and observed the teachers giving the children "lessons" on each individual activity silently. I enjoyed going to work each day and being surrounded by happy children in such a beautiful place. My husband and I started implementing some of the methods at home as we noticed Yofi and Lucy becoming more confident, independent, and overall happy.

My third daughter Sylvie soon joined the community from her Moses basket. As she got older and began crawling and walking, the preschool Montessori environment was no longer suited to her and I began to wonder what an infant community would look like guided by similar principles.

One morning, while I sat washing the floor at TMC, I suddenly felt with strength that this was the path God meant for me. Just a few hours later, my mom called to tell me about a program called SPARK, which was screening for participants the very next day. SPARK is an entrepreneurial intensive course for women through the Women's Entrepreneurial Institute at Saint Mary's. Even though I only had a vague idea of what I

wanted to accomplish, the program inspired me to dive in. I decided to pursue opening a small Montessori infant/toddler program in a residential setting.

During this time I also enrolled in a correspondence certification in Infant and Toddler Montessori through the North American Montessori Center. The more I learned about Maria Montessori, the more inspired I became. Dr. Montessori was the first woman doctor in Italy, worked passionately on behalf of poor and institutionalized children, and stood up to Mussolini when he tried to misappropriate and change her methods (he then sent her into exile). She based her philosophies on her observations of children, and regarded children as young humans deserving of respect in a time when most people wanted children to be seen and not heard. Europe and most of the world were amazed by the children in her schools. They seemed to learn faster, all while cleaning and happily performing daily tasks. Montessori maintained that they did this because their needs were met (physical, emotional, etc.), the environment or classroom was thoughtfully prepared so as to be ready for them to succeed, and the adults kept back, observing so as to be ready if adjustments were needed. Through her observations she designed educational materials that are still used today in their original design in Montessori classrooms. Above all, she believed in respect and kindness and the power of positive, peaceful interaction. I knew for sure that I wanted to make this type of interaction my everyday work.

Through the SPARK program I was able to access resources that propelled my dream into a reality. I recently purchased a beautiful bungalow near Saint Mary's and downtown South Bend and Little House Montessori opened this fall. My care-giving partner, Hanna, and I will care for five infants and toddlers in a beautiful environment that is 100 percent dedicated to fostering peaceful, independent interaction.



Sandock's charges include her daughters Sylvie (nearly 2) and Lucy (4).

Bringing Montessori methods into such a young community looks something like this: loving and calm interactions between caregivers and children; small, light furniture that toddlers can move as needed; mobiles to inspire infants to focus their attention and encourage movement; a tidy, organized, beautiful environment; daily exposure to nature, art, and music; defined spaces for working like kitchen rugs, large placemats, or cloth napkins; a flexible eating and sleeping schedule that is dictated by the child.

Not everyone will be as moved by Montessori surely. Some people might find it unnatural for children to work quietly and orderly at a young age. Some may like the philosophy but prefer to seek more “traditional” schools. Being accustomed to that style of education, they may feel that a Montessori setting lacks formality. Montessori, for instance, doesn’t use standardized testing.

But I think if they were to visit a Montessori school they would find that it is a very natural and effective way to educate that helps children reach their potential. Overall it has been a good fit for our family and is helping us work towards being our best selves, together. **C**

# Meet JINGJING



Jingjing Guan '11 works with students in the CCI pilot program at a school in Haiti.

We're not sure if "Renaissance woman" quite covers 2011 grad Jingqiu (Jingjing) Guan's interests and talents. It comes close though. A native of Chengdu, China, Guan left Saint Mary's with degrees in French and economics. She went on to graduate school at Harvard where she developed her passion for helping kids, which led her to found her own organization, Creative Capacities International (CCI). All her work, and that of the other CCI staff, is performed on a volunteer basis.

## **You received a Master's degree in International Education Policy from Harvard Graduate School of Education. That's a mouthful. What does this degree qualify you for?**

The degree in International Education revealed to me existing problems and challenges facing global education and the need for changes. It taught me skills in conducting educational research, performing educational consulting, and essential networking and leadership skills that can be applied to almost all professions, including the field of educational entrepreneurship.

## **What inspired you to found CCI?**

During my studies at Saint Mary's, I found my passions in both arts and international development. I started to brainstorm possibilities for combining these passions, applying arts in the field of international development. I believe CCI is the product of many pieces of experiences and encounters. For example, leading arts activities with village children in India proved to me that arts could be an engaging tool to help children learn and create in spite of their living circumstances. Having conversations with entrepreneurs empowered me to take risks and create my

vision. Traveling in a few developing countries allowed me to see the need for life skill development, especially through arts.

## **You're so young—how did you get started?**

Starting an organization has definitely been a learning process. Brainstorming this idea with like-minded classmates helped me refine this concept and gain courage to really pursue it. In March of 2012, I was on a study trip in Jamaica working with the Ministry of Education with twelve other students from the Harvard Ed School. I happened to start a conversation with one of my friends on the trip about this idea. It turned out that she had always had similar visions as well. We worked together to develop this project. In the same semester, I took a course on social entrepreneurship in education. I learned how to start a new venture, which has been extremely helpful at the beginning stage of building the organization.

## **What do you love most about your work?**

My favorite part of my work is that it allows me to dream big and also forces me to take actions to solve problems along the path. My co-founder, Shua Marquis, and I love day-dreaming about what our organization will look like in the short and long run. However, we also know that each step leading towards a vision involves a large amount of new knowledge that needs to be acquired. Therefore, we constantly ask questions, make connections, and have conversations with more experienced people in the fields, and learn from every step we have already taken.

## **Creative Capacities promotes an arts-based curriculum. Why is creativity important?**

Creativity is so much more than painting a picture or choreographing a dance. Creativity actually has to do with the way we think and is crucial to cognitive development. The process of creative thinking concerns alternating between two different modes of thought, between divergent and convergent thinking. When faced with a problem, divergent thinking mentally restructures the problem to discover alternative strategies to solve it, while convergent thinking would then relate and direct such unusual ideas to create a useful solution to the problem. In this way creativity enables a person to think both analogically and associatively, to come up with something new that is meaningful and effective. This can be anything from a piece of art, to a solution method, to a new kind of machine or design. Thus, the ability to be creative has tremendous implications as businesses, technology companies, even governments are looking for creative individuals who are able to think about increasingly complex and important problems.

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**Guan is currently pursuing her MFA in dance performance at the University of Iowa. Learn more about her work with CCI at [creativecapacities.org](http://creativecapacities.org). **

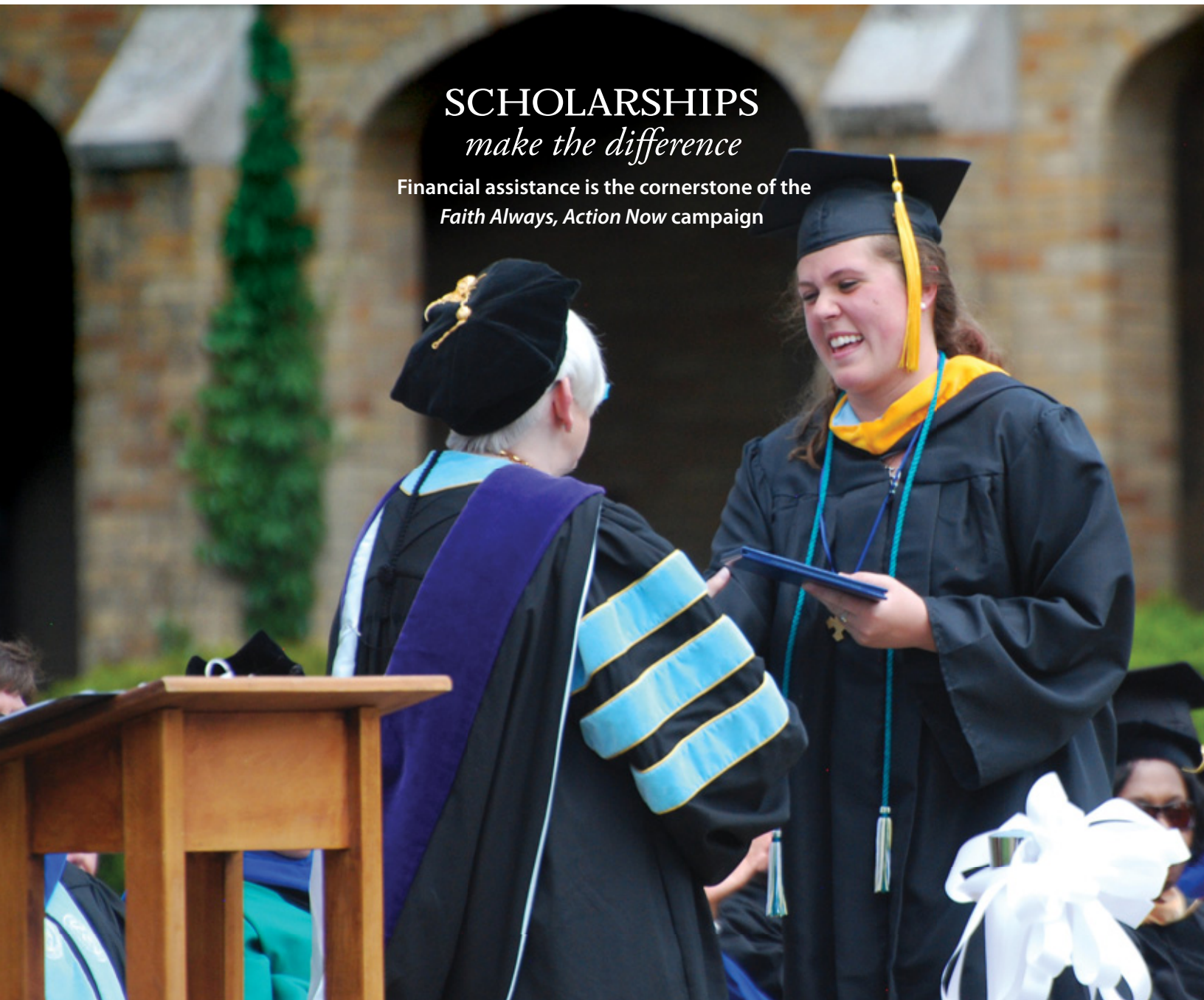


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Liz Palmer receives her diploma from President Carol Ann Mooney '72 at Commencement 2013. Earlier in the ceremony, Palmer received the Lumen Christi medal, the highest student award. Palmer, a biology and psychology double major, says she could not have attended Saint Mary's without substantial scholarships and financial assistance. "I will always be grateful. Scholarships made Saint Mary's possible for me," she says.

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— CINTHYA BENITEZ '16



*"My prayer was, 'God, send me somewhere I'm meant to be, that I can afford, where I can do well.' The Moreau Presidential Scholarship allowed me to come to Saint Mary's. I am incredibly blessed."*

— CAROLYN DUBEAU '16



## A BIRTHDAY SURPRISE SUPPORTS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

John Veihmeyer established and named the Beth Lichtenfels Veihmeyer Scholarship in 2009 as a surprise birthday gift for his wife. This is the first year that the scholarship has been awarded, and Shannon Weyer, a first-year student, is the recipient.



The Veihmeyer family is shown from left: John, Bridget, Eileen '13, Beth '77, and Patrick.

*"I cannot count all the ways  
Saint Mary's has enriched  
my life and blessed my family.  
John and I consider it an  
honor to be able to pass this  
opportunity on to others  
by supporting a scholarship."*

— BETH LICHTENFELS VEIHMAYER '77

*"This scholarship has given  
me the opportunity to find  
my new home at Saint Mary's.  
I am very grateful, and I  
am looking forward to  
the next four years here."*

— SHANNON WEYER '17





## OPENING DOORS *for outstanding young women*

Mary Mortimer Meany '67 and her husband, John, support two scholarships for Saint Mary's students. Shelby Matison '16 receives the Frank C. and Marion C. Callahan Presidential Scholarship, established in honor of John's uncle, a former College trustee, and aunt. Brigid Feasel '17 receives the John and Mary Mortimer Meany Presidential Scholarship. Additionally, the Meanys have committed to establishing the Meany Family Study Abroad Scholarship.



Mary and John Meany are shown with Shelby Matison '16 (left) and first-year student Brigid Feasel '17.

*"As a student, I knew that attending Saint Mary's was an honor. John and I are eternally grateful and want other young women to have the same opportunity I had. That's why it is important to us to support scholarships."*

— MARY MORTIMER MEANY '67

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## Marriages

Colleen Condon Huston '93 and Sean, February 18, 2012.

Jessica Stuifbergen Piser '99 and Larry, August 3, 2013.

Christina Holdvogt Wiencke '02 and James, May 11, 2013.

Erin Weldon Wilton '02 and Bill, October 27, 2012.

Martha Mihalovits Siping '03 and Phillip, May 18, 2013.

Kristin Hansen Jablonski '04 and David, July 11, 2013.

Melissa Buss Ochs '04 and Melvin, November 3, 2012.

Elizabeth Eufemi Burkavage '06 and Andrew, May 11, 2013.

Anna Hancock Connolly '06 and Shawn, July 13, 2013.

Kathleen McCall Mezwicki '06 and Andrew, June 15, 2013.

Esther Probst '06 and Daniel McSwain, December 1, 2012.

Sarah Medina Steimer '06 and Sean, October 1, 2011.

Megan Staley Lunne '08 and Patrick, June 22, 2013.

Patricia Daly Borg '10 and Brian, September 1, 2012.

Allie Hensley Clark '11 and Tyler, November 11, 2011.

Paige Fairchild '11 and Darrin Rosenthal, June 8, 2013.

Megan Kraft Gray '11 and Matthew, July 27, 2013.

Alison Chudzinski Miller '11 and Kyle, December 1, 2012.

Alicia LeRoy Olejnik '11 and Jason, July 6, 2013.

Alicia Wilkins Sullivan '11 and Patrick, August 22, 2013.

Bonnie Sanders Knuth '13 and Greg, August 10, 2013.

## Adoptions and Births

Michelle Martino Morris '94 and Timothy: Teagan Alyssa, July 3, 2013.

Jennifer Abbate '95 and Max Huffer: Vivienne June, May 17, 2013.

Julianne Lenzo Bellettini '95 and Paul: Lily Marie, May 7, 2013.

Stephanie Krizmanich Webber '96 and Tad: Presley Alexandra, June 3, 2013.

Jody Jennings Letourneau '97 and Chris: Lucas Christopher, May 29, 2013.

Courtney Reagan Crawford '98 and William: July 12, 2013.

Karen Kellner Birling '99 and Christopher: William Oliver, July 4, 2013.

Jennifer d'Arcy Ness '99 and Randy: Collin Ryker, March 7, 2013.

Kelly Fennewald Olszewski '99 and David: Eli David, June 27, 2013.

Vanessa Indriolo Vreeland '99 and Jonathan: Oliver Charles, January 22, 2013.

Helen Yearwood Dever '00 and James: Margaret Mary, May 7, 2013.

Mary DeKever Murphy '00 and Frank: Theresa Anne, June 29, 2013.

Erin Vartabedian Zick '00 and Brandon: Edward James, April 11, 2013.

Julie Scheib Martin '01 and Scott: Cullen Joseph, January 23, 2013.

Jennifer Chamberlin Sowell '01 and Shane: Rebecca Grace, May 29, 2013.

Kaitlin Duda King '02 and William: Cecilia Marie, February 13, 2013.

Meghann Robinson Kirzeder '03 and Brian: Samuel James, April 3, 2013.

Mary Kartheiser Galyon '04 and Addison: Grace Elizabeth, June 15, 2013.

Laura Coristin Shimer '04 and Cliff: Michael Robert, August 9, 2013.

Sarah Brown '05 and Kevin Baker: Wesley Montague, June 24, 2013.

Renee DiNovo Bagdon '06 and Mark: Daphne Marie, March 10, 2013.

Monica Beil Critell '06 and Matthew: Madelyn Kate, March 6, 2012.

Christine Weyforth D'Amato '06 and Mark: Brayden Mark, April 30, 2013.

Maureen Zimmer Guziec '06 and Douglas: Daniel Joseph, December 19, 2012.

Meredith Casey Hardt '06 and Kevin: Caroline Rose, June 20, 2013.

Kelly Nelis Nicholas '06 and Ryan: Blake Ryan, April 16, 2013.

Meghan White Pesce '06 and Anthony: Giuliana DeMarco, February 22, 2013.

Maricarol Phipps '06 Michael: Madeline Marie, December 13, 2012.

Rachel Tignanelli Smith '06 and Derek: George Patrick, June 6, 2013.

Kelly Sigler Watson '06 and Brian: Ella Ann, December 10, 2012.

Christine Dietz Weiler '06 and Nicholas: Mary Grace, July 11, 2013.

Bridget Spore Faulk '08 and Denver: Michael Denver, October 1, 2012.

Maggie McNicholas Sayles '10 and Mike: Ava Marie, April 9, 2013.

Stephanie Waite Flach '11 and Jakob: Mary Claire, April 26, 2013.

Chelsy Rhoades Parker '11 and Jeff: Sawyer Ross, January 4, 2013.

## Alumnae Deaths

Dorothy Plotz Becklenberg '33, mother of Rosemarie Becklenberg Biagi '76, August 25, 2013.

Mary Klusmeier Sweeney '37, May 24, 2013.

Gee Gee Mulcahy Hoffman '39, June 13, 2013.

Angela Courter Raaf '39, mother of Angela Raaf Widdel '72, Barbara Raaf Wolff '75, Maria Raaf Medlock '78, Susan Raaf '82, aunt of Nanette Raaf '69 and Monica Raaf Huso '73, July 10, 2013.

Patsy Donahue Leyes '40, sister of Barbara Donahue Dillon '48, mother of Mary Pat Leyes Nussbaum '75, grandmother of Kathryn Nussbaum '07, May 19, 2013.

Evelynn Zink Bergen '42, mother of Kathleen Bergen '70, April 26, 2013.

Mardianne Wilson '42, February 6, 2013.

Mary Bergman Mosher '43, June 1, 2013.

Mary Theresa "Mease" Voll Coquillard '44, sister-in-law of Mary Coquillard Potteiger '46, cousin of Patricia Crowe Randall '40, Mary Ann Tominovich Randall '55, Nancy Hanley '65, aunt of Susan Voll Galbraith '74, Mary Voll Fisher '76, Virginia Voll Prochaska '76, Patricia Voll McBride '77, Sally Voll Rowley '82, August 12, 2013.

Marilynn Reaves Proctor '45, August 4, 2013.

Loretta Grogan Faehnle '48, August 27, 2013.

Laura Ronald Harpring '48, December 11, 2011.

Elizabeth McEniry Gillmeister '49, May 26, 2013.

Agnes Haney Johnston '49, December 20, 2012.

Shirley Rowan Schultz '49, May 7, 2010.

Iolene Messman Denton '50, July 10, 2013.

Joanne Fink McLaughlin '50, July 18, 2013.

Mary Ann Fanning Dee '52, May 14, 2013.

Mary Barnet Large '52, sister of Barbara Barnet Tincoff '54, May 30, 2013.

Jackie Harle Etling '53, mother of Patricia Etling Suprenant '85, mother-in-law of Maria Frigyesi Etling '80, grandmother of Emily Suprenant '12, July 19, 2013.

Mary Jane Farrell Haas '53, July 24, 2013.

Margot McNicholas Schlenker '53, cousin of Anne Hesslau Dondanville '82 and Kathleen Hesslau Miller '85, March 20, 2013.

Marilyn Parker White '53, January 17, 2011.

Suzanne Mulvihill Higdon '54, May 25, 2013.

Margaret "Susie" Simons Sasko '55, August 29, 2013.



June Redell Kessler '56, June 13, 2013.

Julianne Knappe West '57, cousin of Ann Leonard Molenda '58 and Ellen Willson Hoover '90, August 6, 2013.

Ellen Dooley Cowperthwaite '58, niece of Mary Terry Bader '51, cousin of Jill Terry Martin '90, July 20, 2013.

Sister Mary Paula Donovan CSC '58, June 6, 2013.

Barbara Patrick O'Toole '59, aunt of Seanne Patrick Buckwalter '95, Colleen Patrick-Lenart '99, Ashley Breen DiGiannantonio '10, September 5, 2013. Distinguished Alumna 1999; Chicago Alumnae Advisory Council 2001-2013.

Martha Pieszak '61, June 23, 2013.

Joan Berndt '65, aunt of Carol Berndt Kruszewski '68, Mary Berndt Lovett '70, Joy Trinkley Heffernan '74, Bridget Heffernan Labutta '00, Rachel Trinkley '06, May 15, 2013.

Dorinda Pelaccio Malone '66, August 30, 2013.

Fairfid Romeo Johnson '68, July 30, 2013.

Margaret Lamb '68, July 24, 2013.

Lillian Perry '69, May 30, 2013.

Margaret Homer Hathaway '76, May 15, 2013.

Janet Thirway Greco '77, December 27, 2012.

Shannon Kennedy '80, sister of Elizabeth Kennedy Holt '79 and Margaret Kennedy Bradley '88, niece of Helen Kennedy Ryan '50 and Elizabeth Finneran Kennedy '59, cousin of Mary McCoy '82, and Kathleen Kennedy '87, May 27, 2013.

## Family Deaths

Marguerite Elias Arenz, mother of Mary Jane Elias '72, August 18, 2013.

Bill Bapst, husband of Suzanne Brown Bapst '59, brother of Christine Bapst Leuck '67, uncle of Meredith Leuck '93 and Gretchen Leuck '03, July 15, 2013.

Thomas Barrett, father of Kathleen Barrett New '80, August 27, 2013.

Olga Barry, mother of Nora Barry Fischer '73 and Linda Barry Cumpston '74, May 26, 2013.

Mary Bathje, grandmother of Stephanie Bathje Berch '95, July 10, 2013.

Jeanne Bodkin, mother of Susan Bodkin Tompkins '65, mother-in-law of Lynn Paterson Bodkin '69, June 29, 2013.

Frances Castrogiovanni, mother of Roslyn Castrogiovanni Hill '69, September 8, 2013.

Heidi Coe, daughter of Marty Thompson Coe '64, July 16, 2013.

Arthur Dobson, Jr., husband of Nancy Roberts Dobson '70, brother-in-law of Ann Roberts Jesick '64, Jean Roberts Brown '66, cousin of Susan Moore Legge '70, June 11, 2013.

Donna Fitzpatrick, mother of Laura Fitzpatrick Torosian '94, September 3, 2013.

Stanley Fleece, father of Brenda Fleece Sohlich '78, August 11, 2013.

Timothy Flood, husband of Mary Bruegge Flood '70, father of Cathleen Flood McManamon '97, Elizabeth Flood '98, July 10, 2013.

Eugene Garvy, father of Maria Garvy '79, March 9, 2013.

Tom Gates, husband of Mary Lally Gates '87, July 15, 2013.

Joseph Good, father of Mary Good Palmer '96, July 29, 2013.

Bernard Hank, Jr., husband of Joyce McMahon Hank '52, father of Kathryn Hank Lauterbach '75, brother of Marie Hank McKellar '62 and Jeanne Hank Dale '67, June 27, 2013.

David Hunter, father of Jill Hunter '97, August 21, 2013.

Richard Hyde, father of Jane Hyde Farley '78, uncle of Melinda Hyde Girardi '77, May 25, 2013.

John Hyduk, husband of Linda McMahon Hyduk '74, father-in-law of Jessica Hyduk '11, July 27, 2013.

Irving M. Karp, husband of Eileen Cox Karp '54, February 13, 2012.

Charles Kavlock, father-in-law of Helen Kerwin '83, July 18, 2013.

Hayes Kennedy, father of Elizabeth Kennedy Holt '79 and Margaret Kennedy Bradley '88, brother-in-law of Elizabeth Finneran Kennedy '59, uncle of Mary McCoy '82 and Kathleen Kennedy '87, August 21, 2013.

James Kennedy, husband of Elizabeth Finneran Kennedy '59, father of Kathleen Kennedy '87, July 11, 2013.

Pat Kilian, mother of Kathleen Kilian King '76 and Ann Kilian Clark '80, June 12, 2013.

Robert Kolimas, husband of Monica Stallworth-Kolimas '74, June 19, 2013.

Donald Knust, father of Lindsay Knust Barnicle '06, June 22, 2013.

Robert A. Laatz, father of Deidre Laatz Desideri '89, August 3, 2013.

Mary Jane Lyons, mother of Nora Lyons Burke '58 and Theresa Lyons Brosnan '65, September 4, 2013.

Debra Madden, mother of Kelly Madden Manzo '99, July 9, 2013.

David Malone, husband of Dorinda Pelaccio Malone '66, April 19, 2013.

Robert Manning, father of Lauren Manning Donlan '78, July 22, 2013.

Dorothy McInerney, mother of Joan McInerney '72 and Patricia McInerney Brennan '74, May 31, 2013.

Thomas Mulcahy, husband of Sarah Sceales Mulcahy '59, grandfather of Caile Mulcahy '07, August 24, 2013.

Patricia Mullins, mother of Maureen Mullins Modzelewski '85, March 26, 2013.

Donald Mulvihill, husband of Jill Kane Mulvihill '78, brother of Kathleen Mulvihill Walsh '82, July 19, 2013.

Christopher Namtze, brother of Jennifer Namtze Helmen '77, uncle of Nina Helmen Cooper '05, May 10, 2013.

Robert Noonan, father of Donna Noonan '79 and Joanne Noonan '85, July 21, 2013.

John O'Brien, father of Bridget O'Brien Anderson '80 and Kerry O'Brien '87, June 1, 2013.

Robert O'Grady, husband of Beverly Troxler O'Grady '63, brother of Anne O'Grady Curtin '60, Virginia O'Grady Forrester '60, Mary O'Grady Den Dooven '63, Carol O'Grady Weld '66, Patricia O'Grady Justeau '69, brother-in-law of Margaret Curtin Hutchinson '53, uncle of Elizabeth Forrester '91, June 14, 2013.

Richard Peterson, husband of Nancy Barker Peterson '53, brother-in-law of Barbara Barker Dooley '57, June 23, 2013.

Raymond Reed, father of Dianne Reed Troup '90, August 26, 2013.

Ned Rockwell, husband of Amy Hartzell Rockwell '80, May 17, 2013.

Dominico Schimizzi, father of Maureen Schimizzi '71 and Jacqueline Schimizzi Ehlert '74, uncle of Kelly Portolese Murphy '86, February 9, 2013.

Robert P. Searfoss, father of JoAnn Searfoss Hulett '98, June 14, 2013.

Katherine Sieren, mother of Alysann Sieren Johnson '92, August 13, 2013.

Michael E. Smith, husband of Nancy Root Smith '68, father of Kathleen Smith Hogerty '00, June 23, 2013.

Edward Solecki, father of Mary Solecki '74, June 11, 2013.

Henry "Rick" W. Urrutia III, husband of Barbara Wolfston Urrutia '74, August 28, 2013.

Virginia Voll, mother of Susan Voll Galbraith '74, Mary Voll Fisher '76, Virginia Voll Prochaska '76, Patricia Voll McBride '77, and Sally Voll Rowley '82, mother-in-law of Ann Vandemotter Voll '76, sister-in-law of Mary Voll Coquillard '44, May 28, 2013.

Joseph Waltner, father of Katherine Waltner Harig '77 and Terese Waltner Brandenburg '81, August 22, 2013.

Mildred Zielinski, mother of Michelle Zielinski Schori '76, June 17, 2013.

## Bay Area



The Bay Area Notre Dame Alumni Club honored Christina Tecson '98, for her work planning countless meals that the Saint Mary's and ND clubs provide to the JW House. Christina has worked tirelessly coordinating cooks and shopping for monthly sponsored dinners at JW House. Pictured left to right: Barbara Wolfston Urrutia '74, Mary Kim Koch '88, Fr. Edward "Monk" Malloy, Christina Tecson '98, and Susan Margiotta Salem '78.

The Saint Mary's Bay Area Alumnae were represented at University of Notre Dame Night with President Rev. Edward A. (Monk) Malloy, CSC, President Emeritus, University of Notre Dame. The event was in San Jose on Sunday, July 7th. Reverend Malloy celebrated mass and spoke at the dinner that followed. The ND Club honored Christina Tecson '98 for her work planning countless meals that the Saint Mary's and ND Clubs provide to the JW House. Christina has worked tirelessly coordinating cooks and shopping for our monthly sponsored dinners at JW House. JW is a home that provides families of children in treatment at Kaiser Permanente Santa Clara campus with a guesthouse where families of patients are welcome to seek overnight or daytime respite while their family member is undergoing treatment. We are all proud to participate!

Barbara Wolfston Urrutia '74 entertained 17 Bay Area alumnae at her annual brunch on August 11th. She invited the incoming Saint Mary's first year students and the SF Bay Area alumnae members. It is a beautiful event every year and we all look forward to connecting with our local alumnae. We enjoyed a lovely brunch and welcomed Aya Lakers '17 to the Saint Mary's family while sharing our memories of our Saint Mary's years. A great time had by all! Our thanks to Barbara for keeping this tradition going strong.

## Boston

The Boston Alumnae Club is excited to announce its revival and the transition of leadership roles. Beginning in October, the Boston Club will host monthly socials and other events to connect Belles in the greater Boston area. The Club officers are thrilled to enhance the Belle network in one of the nation's most vibrant academic and professional communities. The Club is also excited to continue to live the mission of the College beyond the campus through service work and volunteer opportunities. Upcoming events will be listed on the Club website, Facebook page, and email newsletter. Please contact Sarah Gunn '10, Emma Brink '12, or Megan Welch Cummings '08 at smcbostonalumnae@gmail.com for more information and to be added to the newsletter listserv. We look forward to reconnecting with old friends and meeting new ones among our community of outstanding women!

## Chicago East

The Chicago East Club has had many changes come about since the last *Courier*. On September

10, the Chicago East Club held its quarterly board meeting. We met the new Executive Board, went over the goals for 2013–2014, and a call was put out for new members and chairwoman positions.

On October 22, the Club hosted its quarterly happy hour at Theory. Many young alumnae attended and enjoyed drinks, appetizers, and trivia. Thanks to all who came out and made this event such a great experience for our new Chicago alumnae.

The Club's Founders' Day event was held November 17. This event commemorates the founding of Saint Mary's College and raises money for the Chicago Endowed Scholarship. The event included Mass at St. Mary of the Angels with a luncheon and silent auction that followed. We would like to thank all who donated and attended the event.

The Club is sad to announce the passing of one of our most beloved and supportive members, Barbara Patrick O'Toole '59, who passed away on September 5, 2013. Barbara most recently hosted and underwrote the Chicago East Alumnae Club Spring Tea in June, which raised over \$5,000 for the Chicago Endowed Scholarship. Barbara could always be counted on to donate tickets to her adored Chicago White Sox to the scholarship silent auctions, and to mentor young alumnae.

We would like to extend a big thank you to the 2012–2013 Club Board. Their dedication and leadership brought the Chicago East Club to where it stands today. We would also like to wish Kelly Zenere '11, Maureen Barrett '06, Camille Kelly Esmacher '06, and Sara Crandall '11 the best of luck for the 2013–2014 year as president, vice president, treasurer, and secretary.

Interested in becoming a member or taking on a leadership role? Want to receive our newsletter or attend a monthly board meeting? Need more information about our monthly events? Please send your inquiries to our general Club email address: smcchicagoeast@gmail.com.

We wish all Saint Mary's College students and faculty a wonderful holiday season, full of meaningful memories with friends and family!

## Chicago West

It was a busy summer and fall season for the Chicago West Alumnae Club. The Club enjoyed a day at Cantigny Park in Wheaton coordinated by Joanne Tracy Marsh '69 in June. It was a relaxing and beautiful day to hang out with and make new friends. We had a successful Student Sendoff in August, hosted by Shannon Maloney Giovingo '04. The incoming first-year students and their parents were able to network with each other and Saint Mary's business professor John Cerngul. Our best wishes in their lives and studies at Saint Mary's!

Our Founders' Day wine tasting event was held at SavWay Fine Wines and Spirits in Oak Brook on October 17th. The crowd enjoyed a large sampling of select wines and hors d'oeuvres as hosted by Mary Claire Malloy '90 of SavWay and the Chicago West Alumnae Club. This was a great night out with friends and spouses to network, purchase wines, and appreciate Saint Mary's. Our appreciation goes to Meaghan Barrett Grimes '90 for chairing this event, our friends at SavWay, and to all who attended.

Our final 2013 book club meeting was held in October where we gathered ideas for the 2014 list in addition to discussing our last book. Thanks to all our 2013 hostesses. Our new format included discussion leaders—thanks for keeping us on track! There may still be openings, so if you're

interested in hosting next year, please get in touch with Anne Murray McDermott '85.

Luckily, there is still time to join the Club for a few activities! First, we encourage everyone to send in their dues and support the Club's efforts. Next, the Club's annual Christmas Party will be held at the home of Joanne Tracy Marsh '69 in Naperville on Thursday, December 5th at 7pm. We'll assemble care packages for the students and collect gifts/donations for the PRC's Share the Spirit Christmas campaign. Please check the Club website for details and to RSVP.

Additionally, our Service Saturday event will be held on Jan 25th at the PRC in Wheaton. We encourage you to take a few hours to volunteer at the food pantry with us from 8:30 a.m.–noon. The group usually follows with lunch at a local restaurant. We appreciate Patty Piercy Cushing '90 for coordinating our PRC activities.

We wish everyone a wonderful Christmas season and look forward to seeing you at an event in the new year! Please keep our Club in mind for events you may want to host or sponsor and contact Alison Spohn Kavulich '93 at irishannie93@yahoo.com for more information.

## Cleveland

On August 8th, the Club hosted a gathering at Mavis Winkles Restaurant in Independence to welcome the class of 2017. Incoming first-year students and upper classwomen attended. The Club wishes all the students a successful academic year. The Club celebrated Founders' Day on Sunday, October 27th at Saint John's Cathedral followed by brunch. Many thanks to co-chairwomen, Kathy Korhumel Dise '75 and Katie McVoy '03. On Sunday, November 24th, the Club watched the Pittsburgh Steelers play the Cleveland Browns at First Energy Stadium. This matchup between the Steelers and the Browns has become a yearly event that is very well attended.

We encourage all alumnae to attend our many events planned for 2013–2014. For further information, contact Cheri Petride Miller '79 at smcosu@earthlink.net.

## Colorado

Are you interested in meeting other Colorado Belles? Contact the Office of Alumnae Relations: alumnae@saintmarys.edu.

## Columbus

The Saint Mary's College Columbus Club wants to thank Dr. Katie Vincer Sears '03 for being president for the last years and revitalizing our Club. Katie is having baby number two any day now and we are trying to keep the spirit alive as she passes the reins along to others.

We will be using a governing board structure for the Columbus Club for the next few years. We have had volunteers offer to direct the various activities that the Club presently organizes. Our hope is that many hands will make light work. Any time that an alum can offer to help will be greatly appreciated. All chairs welcome and need help with these projects. Below are the chairs and their activities/projects (in order of happenings).

Founders Day Celebration—Erin Gibbons; Care Packages to students—Julie Feasel; Christmas Mass—JoAnn Buttler, Kathleen Gibbons; Spring Brunch—Katie Vincer Sears; Student Send Off—Julie Radcliff Vieta; Prayer Chain—Lisa Orsinelli; Book Club—Christina Simone; Social Media Coordinator—Caitlin Albany; Treasurer—Amy Mundt; Chair-

man—Marilyn Messick

Keep in touch by liking us on Facebook at: Saint Mary's College Alumnae Club of Columbus, Ohio.

## Dayton

The Dayton Club has been active lately. We hosted a Mother/Daughter Social to welcome incoming students and their mothers on July 21 at the Community Room at the Dorothy Lane Market in Springboro. Several incoming and current students and their mothers attended. On August 4, we co-hosted a Freshmen Send-off with the Notre Dame Alumnae Club of Dayton at the home of Robert and Bernadette Volpe Mitsch '71 in Kettering.

We also hosted another book club on Monday, September 30 at the Panera on Far Hills in Kettering. We discussed *The Book Thief*, by Markus Zusak. We will be discussing *Mrs. Dalloway* by Virginia Woolf, the One Book One Saint Mary's selection for this year, at our winter book club some time in January or February. As always, evites will be sent at least one month prior to the event to provide time to read the book. We encourage all alumnae to attend! For more information feel free to contact Peggy Frericks Thompson '77 at pjthompson1986@gmail.com.

## Des Moines

The Des Moines Club celebrated Founders' Day and the feast of All Saints with a Mass at the home of Aimee Beckmann-Collier '75 on Friday, Nov. 1, 7:00 p.m. Fr. Tim Fitzgerald was the celebrant and presented a brief session discussing ecumenism and the Church's outreach in that area since Vatican II. This event also served as a service opportunity since each alumna was asked to bring a casserole for the Salvation Army's twice-a-week breakfast canteen for homeless in our city.

The Club plans to participate in the One Book One Saint Mary's book reading and discussion again this year and will participate in a service project in the spring.

## Detroit

Twenty-six Saint Mary's Detroit alumnae, along with family and friends, cheered on the Detroit Tigers the evening of July 30th at Comerica Park. We always enjoy this event and it is a great opportunity to catch a ball game.

On Tuesday, August 13th, twelve incoming first-year students from the class of 2017 joined us at the home of Diane Demasi Meagher '82 for this year's Freshman Sendoff. Current students and alumnae shared their experiences and wisdom with the incoming class and their parents. Thank you to the Meagher family for opening up your home and making this a very successful event. A special thank you to Bridget O'Brien Bealin '79 for the beautiful embroidered blue and white bath towels given as gifts to the first-year students. And finally, thank you to all the alumnae and current students who were present to wish the newest class of Belles the best of luck!

## Fort Wayne

Thank you to all the Saint Mary's alumnae and students who attended our student send off with the Notre Dame Club of Fort Wayne! We had an excellent panel of students including Anne (Oe) Kenesey '16, Monica Thomas '16, and Maddie Ehlerding '16, who shared advice for incoming first-year students.

The Fort Wayne Saint Mary's Alumnae Club celebrated Founders' Day on November 10th at



Sally Disser Weigand '52 and Margo Lawrence Ludwig '65 enjoyed meeting new and current students at the Student Send off for the Fort Wayne Alumnae Club.

Sweet Violets.

The Fort Wayne Saint Mary's Alumnae Club will be joining with the Notre Dame Fort Wayne Club once again for a Mass in December. More information will be coming to the Fort Wayne alumnae soon.

## Grand Rapids

Our annual Freshmen Send Off party was held on August 13th at the home of Club president Luci Staples McCall '78. Our incoming first-year class were joined by their parents for the celebration as well as current students and local alumnae who assisted with many lively discussions on current campus life. We continue to enjoy our book club meetings and our most recent meeting was held on September 23rd at the home of Janie Eaton Boeschstein '89. We welcome any new and interested alumnae to our local events. Contact Luci Staples McCall '78 smch78@yahoo.com or (616) 949-7166.

## Houston



The Houston Alumnae Club gathered at the home of Emily Pernotto Raley '05 for the annual Student Send-Off. New Belles, current Belles, and Alumnae Belles shared stories and good food, like "McCandless Meatballs."

In August the Club was warmly welcomed at the home of Emily Pernotto Raley '05 for our annual Student Send-Off. We sent off two new Belles, Ally Karaffa '17 and Yaritza Vidaurre '17. These two women, their parents, as well as Sara Montelongo '10, Sarah Sult Kurtz '07, hostess Emily Pernotto Raley '05, and Amy Tidwell '01 and her mother Judie Gabler Tidwell '67, enjoyed a wonderful Sunday afternoon sharing stories and appetizers such as "McCandless Meatballs." Six other Houston students will continue their extraordinary education during this academic year. We wish them the best of luck!

The Club met on September 16th for a group happy hour. Ashley Fant '07, Mary Borden King '07, Jennifer Kincaid '02, Sara Montelongo '10, and Emily Pernotto Raley '05 were in attendance.

You can contact the Saint Mary's College

Houston Alumnae Club at houstonsmc@gmail.com or follow us on Facebook at "Saint Mary's College Houston Alumnae Club." New members are always welcome and we encourage members to host or plan an event. Let us know if you have any questions or suggestions for the Club. Go Belles!

## Indianapolis



The Saint Mary's Indianapolis Book Club has been going strong for 19-plus years. We gathered at the lovely home of Mary Anne Madden Hoffman '73 in June to celebrate the start of summer and to enjoy a visit from Ann Callaghan Kerby '62, a club member who relocated to Virginia.

Members pictured include: Betsy Burke '85, Mary Camblin Crean '57, Mary Sue Sheets Klinkose '59, Jill Gillig Folstrom '87, Ann Harwood Callaghan-Kerby '62, Karen Mahakian '78, Lisa Paunicka '79, Dorothy Nebel Smith '61, Mary Anne Madden Hoffman '73, Mary Chmielewski Golichowski '67, Sarah Bateman Koehler '70. Other members of the club who were unable to attend include: Christine Hackl Walsh '73, Marianne Hielscher Underhill '73 and Jeanine Underhill Ritter '80.

## Knoxville

The Knoxville/East Tennessee Club tries to meet four times a year. We had our St. Patrick's Day luncheon at the Irish Times in Knoxville. On August 3rd we had our back to school luncheon at the Apple Cake Tea Room. The luncheon was attended by seven alumnae and one student and her mother. This fall we discussed *Half the Sky* and will have a Christmas Party in early December with spouses/guests invited. We are a small group but committed to Saint Mary's. All communication is done via email. If you are not receiving our emails, the address is: knoxsmc@gmail.com. You can also call Maggie Sullivan Slankas '68 at 865-483-7896. If you are in the area, please feel welcome to join us.

## Los Angeles

Katy Kronenberg Penna '88 and her family, including Elizabeth Penna '16, hosted the southern California student send-off at their home in Coto de Caza. Forty guests, including alumnae, students, and parents, came from Los Angeles, Orange, and Riverside Counties to kick off the new school year. Lots of laughs and memories were shared. It was a great opportunity for parents to meet and the students enjoyed the opportunity to get to know one another better.

A small group of alumnae gathered in San Dimas for an open house on September 14. Two women, members of the Class of '54, joined more recent graduates (2002 and 2006) with host MaryKay Scheid '88 to talk about the old days. Sister Josephine Lucker, MM '54 and Mary Shane Helfrey '54 talked about





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wearing uniforms and receiving calls when properly attired-suitors came to call (one young man wearing a cashmere sweater was sent home to put on a tie and jacket). They recalled conversations with Sister Madel-eva and shared stories of where their education took them (Sister Jo lived as a missionary in Africa for 34 years). More recent grads shared fond memories of the tunnels (and mourned their closing), echoing the sentiment that their Saint Mary's education has opened many doors. The open house preceded a "Wine Walk" event in Claremont—though not all continued on.

On October 13, the LA Club celebrated Founders' Day at the Long Beach Yacht Club. The Club invited Linda Timm, director of major gifts, and Julie Schroeder-Biek '88, director of athletics, as their special guests. We celebrated and honored the heritage and future of Saint Mary's and its commitment to wholeness and wellness. Everyone enjoyed learning more about the athletic programs at Saint Mary's and the proposal for new Angela Athletic & Wellness Complex.

Celebrate the Christmas Season with the LA Club at Disney Hall. The Club has tickets to 2 concerts: The Blind Boys from Alabama on Tuesday, December 10th, or Holiday Sing Along with Julie Andrews on Saturday, December 21st. For tickets, contact Susan Fitzgerald Rice '61 at sfrice@sfrconsulting.com or visit saintmaryslaClub.com.

Please visit saintmaryslaClub.com for more information on the Club and future Club activities.

## Milwaukee

The Milwaukee Club student send-off was wonderful. God graced us with perfect weather. We had three incoming first-year students and three current students in attendance, plus ten alumnae and several spouses and parents. Students appreciated gifts from the Club and they enjoyed chatting with the current students. It was nice to have Linda Timm, director of major gifts, here to answer questions and provide some college/campus updates to the parents.

Finally, the Saint Mary's Alumnae Club of Greater Milwaukee hosted its annual Founders' Day Reception on Tuesday, October 22nd, from at the Downtown Milwaukee Athletic Club. This very popular event, which continues to draw a big crowd, is a night to enjoy great food and drink in the company of good friends before the hustle

and bustle of the Holiday Season. This year we asked our alums in attendance for a small donation to cover the cost of gift bags for our current students to help them through their finals!

## New Jersey

After eight years at the helm of organizing Saint Mary's Club events here in the Garden State and with our sisters across the Hudson, I'm looking to transition leadership for the NJ Club to another Belle at the end of the year. If you're a proud alumna looking to get engaged with your fellow Jersey alumnae and re-connect with Saint Mary's on the College level, please contact me at dawn@sistersundersail.org. It has been my honor and so much fun to represent and get to know so many of you over the years. Thank you for your support of our Club and of Saint Mary's. Let's keep what we've started going forward! Fair winds, Dawn Parker Santamaria '81. PS. \$25 annual Club dues are due! Please send check made out to "NJSMC Club" to 2 Gravel Hill Road, Asbury, NJ 08802.

## New York City

The NYC Club had a gathering at a local Irish watering hole (Public House) on August 27 with a kickoff-to-fall and back-to-school theme. We were thrilled to see some new faces and recent grads and looked forward to more fall fun as the Saint Mary's volleyball team visited at the end of October and the Club planned a get together to cheer on our favorite ballers!

## Omaha

Are you a proud Saint Mary's Belle living in Omaha? Contact the Office of Alumnae Relations at alumnae@saintmarys.edu about a possible event this year.

## Philadelphia

The Philadelphia Alumnae Club hosted a Send-Off for returning students in August, and we are busy planning events for the upcoming year. Up next was a private tour of The Barnes Museum, hosted by alum and Barnes Museum docent, Annabelle Logue Curran '74, on November 17.

Please be sure the Alumnae Office has your current email address so that you get notifications for all Club events. If you are interested in helping plan an event, please contact Bridget Heffernan Labutta '00 at bridgetlabutta@hotmail.com.

## Pittsburgh



Local Pittsburgh alumnae volunteered with Beverly's Birthdays this past August, hosting a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles theme party!

Greetings Pittsburgh Alumnae! The Club was very active during the summer months of 2013.

Thank you to all who participated in our happy hours held at Carson Street Saloon and Mullaney's Harp and Fiddle. Look for more get-togethers in the upcoming months.

A few members of the Club put in their time helping to host a birthday party as part of the Beverly's Birthdays program. Beverly's Birthdays is a Pittsburgh non-profit organization that hosts monthly birthday parties for underprivileged children. Many thanks to Club members who donated items for this volunteer program. The Club hopes to continue to offer a variety of volunteer programs for members and area alumnae.

The Club will also be sending Starbucks gift cards to the Pittsburgh students currently enrolled at Saint Mary's. 2013 will be the fifth year that we have provided our students with a pick-me-up during Finals Week. If you are interested in donating, please contact Colleen Miles '03 at pghsmcClub@gmail.com.

The Club is always looking for local alumnae to volunteer as board members or program coordinators. To become more involved in the Club, please contact Colleen at pghsmcClub@gmail.com.

## South Bend

Happy fall, South Bend Alumnae! Our Alumnae Club has had an exciting fall. Two "SMC's In The City" events were held this fall and were well attended. The "Flourish and Mosaic Salon Fashion Show" was held at Papa Vito's Italian Restaurant on September 11, and a Wine and Canvas event took place on November 8 at the "U Can Paint 2" location in South Bend. Attendees painted a scene from Saint Mary's Campus.

We celebrated our roots as Saint Mary's women by hosting a Founder's Day event on October 27th. Alumnae attended mass at Our Lady of Loretto and followed up with brunch at Historic Tippecanoe Place in South Bend.

As in past years, the South Bend Alumnae Club will be distributing goodie bags to local students during finals week. If you would like to contribute, please contact President-Elect Charmaine S. Torma '99 at cstorma@gmail.com by December 2nd.

Exciting events are planned for the spring, including a Community Carnival (held in conjunction with Special Olympics and Hannah and Friends), a possible Trivia Night, a community service event at Hannah's House, and our annual summer picnic! Stay tuned!

We are always welcoming new members. Contact President Jennifer Urgonski Keck '04 at jennifermkeck@hotmail.com if you are interested in attending an event or becoming involved in the Club for 2014–2015.

## Twin Cities

The Twin Cities Club celebrates and looks forward to supporting eight new young women that chose Saint Mary's to further their education this fall.

This fall they also joined with the Notre Dame Club for tailgating and game watches in downtown Minneapolis. On November 16, the group joined together to support "Dress for Success," a local organization that helps woman develop the skills necessary to get a job. The Club has more fun planned for the new year including a One Book One Saint Mary's discussion about Virginia Woolf's, *Mrs. Dalloway* on Thursday, February 20th. To learn more, watch for evites or contact Kellyroles@comcast.net.

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I was very grateful to receive an email on May 8th from **June Mulvihill Williams** in Potomac, Maryland, in which she told of a surprising visit with **Dorothy O'Connell Kelly**. June used to see Dorothy years ago at their area Saint Mary's meetings. After John died some years ago she tried to reach Dorothy—as did I—to no avail. June was listening to a TV news broadcast recently and the story featured was about a group who brought pets into nursing homes for visits. A picture was briefly shown of patients with the pets and she heard the name "Dorothy Kelly" mentioned. June followed up with a phone call to the home and then went for a visit, bringing our latest Reunion picture with her. June said Dorothy didn't remember her but was very happy to see her and June promised her she would return. June's number is (301) 299-8022 if you want more information.

**Sue Caron Riley's** son Michael died very suddenly and unexpectedly on July 4th. The family was all gathered for his father's birthday awaiting Michael's arrival when they received a call from the hospital. They all rushed to the hospital and were there when Michael passed away. Sue's brother-in-law is staying with them for the summer. He is a Dominican priest who has lived and worked in Nigeria for fifty years—many interesting stories to live their days.

**Mary Amberg De Trempe** died in February in Peoria, Illinois. Dave, who was ahead of us at Notre Dame, died months before. I have no other particulars. If it wasn't for **Claire Daley Archibald**, I could not keep up at all.

For the first time I have made no cold calls to some of you for information, so you can see why the column is so short. Remember, we now have three columns a year instead of two, so let's hear from some of you ladies who have been too busy to call in the past.

Our 65th Reunion is coming up next June. Plan ahead.

'50

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May brought a welcome letter from **Mary Cucchi Depman** stating she and Joe are fine, and both are hiding the challenge of age. "Cookie" gets to the Detroit Saint Mary's alumnae club meetings and occasionally talks with **Rosie Foley Bigelow**. The letter also included news that *Trivium* has been republished as an e-book available on Kindle, Google e-book, Nook, and iTunes for any of us wishing to revisit the skills of cherished class days.

**Mary Alice Flynn Osberger, Mary Agnes Garside Liebscher, and Dorothy Skemp Heberlein** were present at the 2013 commencement ceremonies to see their granddaughters graduate. I was there for my great niece, who is the 12th descendant of my mother **Margaret Schwertley Nolan '25**, to receive her degree at Saint Mary's.

In July, I stopped in LaCrosse, Wisconsin, to see **Dorothy Skemp Heberlein** and the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in which Dorothy has

considerable interest. It was a warm beautiful day. Several days later, I had a very pleasant visit with **Helen Johnson Frings** in Door County at her lovely lakeside home.

Please send me news for the next issue!

From the Courier office: Alice Flynn Osberger self published a book, *The Genealogy of a Flynn Family of St. Joseph, Missouri 1792–2013*, which includes stories of her family's connection to Saint Mary's and Notre Dame.

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Dear Classmates: My husband and I moved to the Erickson Senior Center in Novi, Mich., in April, 2013 and are trying our best to get settled in a different kind of living. There is no time to write a column for our class since you send me no news to compose it with. Sorry about this, but I may have more time in a few months if you send me some news. As always, God bless you one and all.

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Dear Classmates, I apologize that we haven't been in the past few issues, so I'm sending on all the news that I have heard since the last time we appeared in the *Courier*. Please let me know if anything in your lives has changed. We're at that time now when we really need to keep supporting and praying for each other. It means a lot to us to think that our classmates remember us in our heyday.

We will want to remember **Thelma Hausman Dunlevy**, who died in December, 2012, of pancreatic cancer. She came to Reunion and joined in the fun, and even brought her son Patrick. She and I attended some events together and I had no idea she was ill. I assume she had not been diagnosed yet with pancreatic cancer. Her obituary in the Louisville paper said that she was the loving mother of six children and devoted grandmother to 13 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Also remember **Rosemary "Alabama" Mundi Nicastro** died in Huntsville, Alabama, in February. She had been in the hospital with respiratory problems and pneumonia and had come home, where she died, surrounded by her family. Her obituary read that she was devoted wife of Larry Nicastro (d. 1989) and loving mother of six, as well as a successful businesswoman. She was a member of the Huntsville Board of Realtors from 1974 to 2008 with Landmark Realty. "Her sweetness and hospitality were attributed to her deep faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. She was an inspiration and role model to many." Her daughter Marianne Castellanos lives in Chicago and joined our classmates for lunch after a Mass for Thelma and Alabam on May 16 at Assumption Church, as did Sarah McGee, **Mary Jo Struett Bowman's** sister.

**Eleanor Fails** had surgery in the spring and was in rehab at the Sanctuary in South Bend for a while. I talked to her there, and she was looking forward to getting back to her home in Holy Cross

Village (her boyfriend Pete lives there as well).

**Mary Jule McGlinn Nothdurft** is in an assisted living facility in Vero Beach, Florida. She would love to hear from anyone too, at Consulate Health Care of Vero Beach, 1310 37th St., Vero Beach, FL 32960.

If you saw the movie *Amour*, you will understand and sympathize with what some of our classmates are going through. Jim Richardson wrote that **Marie Balfe Richardson** is in the memory facility of the retirement community where she and her husband now live. She has not recognized her Arizona children who visit almost every weekend.

A touching letter followed from Joe Straub (who came over to visit our class at Reunion): "When I read the information that **Marie Balfe Richardson's** husband sent you regarding Marie, it encouraged me to bring you and her other classmates up to date on **Mary Caryl Straub**. As you know, she was not able to be at the 60th reunion last year. Actually, it was only her Alzheimer's problems that prevented her from going because otherwise she is in pretty good health and looks very good. People who meet her for the first time are amazed that she is the mother of fourteen children and she loves to go out to dinner and other places as long as it does not take too long. Her attention span is very poor. She is very friendly and tries to strike up conversations with people but after a word or two she is unable to express herself. I think she just plain forgets vocabulary. She rarely remembers any of our children, even two who live very close and whom she sees several times each week. Most of the time she does not know who I am but it is not unusual for her to ask, "Where's my husband?" and when someone says, "Joe is right here" and points to me, Mary gets a big smile on her face and looks so happy. Someone has to be with her 24/7 so I have a retired nurse come in three mornings each week so I can get some things done. I'm just so thankful that she can still live at home and that we can still do some things together. May God bless the Saint Mary's class of 1952."

Cliff Rompf wrote that **Sherry Palmer Rompf** fell and broke her hip in January and has been in a rehab center since. "She is frail and has been having trouble getting back her focus and energy. She had badly wanted to come to Reunion last year, but a stroke two years ago had left her not feeling up to it."

We can all help with our prayers for our classmates who are going through the struggles of getting old. And now even our children need our prayers. **Jo Brazaitis Ebert** asks prayers for her daughter who has lung cancer and has been going through chemo. The doctors say they can help stop the spread of the cancer and shrink it. Jo adds that she is definitely going to retire from her parish choir directing at the end of the year.

**Betty Foley McGlynn** moved into the San Camillo Retirement Community last year on September 6th and has found she loves it. She managed to downsize from a four-bedroom, three-bath house with a full basement, where she'd lived for 40 years, in three months, with help from daughter Maureen. She sold her house too, in seven days. And her new apartment was one she redesigned herself during renovations that the Order of St. Camillus was making to the facility. She still does all the things she used to do, traveling to visit her family, and actually lives closer to the parish, doctor, beauty shop, Mayfair Mall, Bookfield

Square, etc. Best of all, she's living right across the street from the Milwaukee County Zoo; with her own Zoo Pass, she gets plenty of exercise walking to visit the animals.

For those of us who remember Dr. Schlesinger fondly, there's good news. *Bruno Schlesinger: A Life in Letters and Learning* by Philip Gleason, a retired history professor from ND, will be available on Amazon later this year. I read an advanced copy and especially enjoyed reading about Bruno's escape from Austria during the war and his early years in the U.S. It was a miracle that he ended up at Saint Mary's to teach us all history of art and other history courses. Much of the boom is about the founding of the Christian Culture Program, which became Humanistic Studies. I think everyone would enjoy reading it and hope Saint Mary's gets it in the bookstore.

I called **Astri Knudsen Hagenes** in Norway to say I would be in Trondheim this summer (on a cruise through the Norwegian fjords) and hoped we might have a visit. She sounded full of energy. Her husband died a few years ago, but her daughter comes to visit and her 19-year-old granddaughter stays with her when she's in college. She needs a cane and has a little trouble hearing, but at 86 what can you expect? I will keep in touch and may get to see her.

I had a visit with **Dor Murnane McMahon** when she was in town to visit with her sister and family and to attend a family wedding. She still teaches English as a second language to some Mexicans and loves it. **Nancy Byrnes Riley '49** and I sit near each other at performances of the Chicago Symphony. Dor's sister **Marie (Sis) Murnane Walsh '49** was in her class and lives in the western suburbs and keeps in touch, so we always exchange news about Dorothy and Sis.

Hope to hear from more of you. Keep smiling!

'53

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I was going to wish you all a happy midsummer, but I think I have missed the boat. It's the middle of August! My school-principal daughter told me that she is starting her school two weeks early, to accommodate A.P. exams for seniors, and I am so glad I never worked for her!

I did get to Reunion, along with about eighteen others, because Jack drove me out. We drove to Michigan on Sunday to visit my brother, his wife, and some of their children en route home, thus completely missing the *Courier* deadline. I have even more excitement in my life! Our oldest granddaughter graduated from Cornell's Vet school at the end of May and is getting married next week. She and her engineer husband will live a couple hours away in Connecticut. Jack and I celebrated one other event this year with all our family—every one of the 30 members came to a dinner to celebrate our 60th anniversary.

The sad news comes now. **Muriel Flanagan Cullen** sent me a copy of the **Pat McCarthy Bush** obituary. Pat died April 27 this year. You all remember **Janell Wenzel O'Barski '54** who went to class with all of us, but who graduated with the class of '54. I had a letter from her just this week. She reminded me that her friendship with **Jackie**

**Harle Etling** started long before college. Jackie died at the end of July. Jackie phoned me earlier in the summer, and I had a premonition that this was coming because for what—50 years?—I have been phoning her. We didn't talk about this, and had a nice visit. But Janell's letter didn't surprise me, I was just grateful that I wasn't making a call to a disconnected number. I did that once, and I still remember it. In our last conversation, Jackie told me she had three generations of Saint Mary's grads in her family, as well as an ND granddaughter graduation this year.

I had a note from **Mary Maher Stablein** that she and Bill have lived in Fairfield, Conn., for over ten years and just moved to a condo. Bill has Parkinson's but is doing well. **Joni Hoffman De-Crane** is living in Vero Beach, Florida permanently. I learned from **Pat Kerper Moriarty** that **Mary Jane McKeon Gray's** sister has died, and that Pat has been in touch with **Ann Haskins Kelly** and **Ellen Sheehan Berek**, as well as **Pat Doyle Muligan** and **Mary Curley McDougal**.

I am trying to write three times a year. When you get your next *Courier*, stop right then and there, and call or write me. You will get much more interesting reading, I promise!

'54

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We lost two of our classmates recently. **Sue Mulvihill Higdon** had been living in Holy Cross Village but her brother had taken her home to Iowa where she died. **Liz Kiley Wilson** died in late June. **Cathy Wilson Oppen**, Liz's sister-in-law, gave one of the readings at the funeral and wrote a tribute: "Solstice." **Joan Rossi**, **Rose Marie Murphy Foley**, and Ben and **Janell Wenzel O'Barski** attended the funeral. Cathy sent a beautiful account of Liz's last days and death, which I'll save for Reunion. Please remember Sue and Liz and their families in your prayers.

**Ann Murray O'Neill** and John ND '52 celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary in July. She says that after an undiscovered water pipe broke, they now are living in a new house inside a 1920 one.

**Bernice Boucher Hopp** and Jim continue to enjoy life at Marquette Retirement Center in Indianapolis. Bernice has become active in assisting and managing the Chapel. They live in a cottage which makes it possible to have flowers and a vegetable garden.

**Gloria Kennedy Hermann** is still pet-sitting and loving it! Her first great grandchild is 1 1/2 years old and, of course, is the smartest and prettiest little girl in the world!

**Jane Flynn Carroll's** daughter Lucy and her girls spent a week with Jane and her sisters.

**Judy Jones Sullivan**, Dick, and daughter Erin and family visited western Colorado when Dick received a distinguished alumni award from his high school. Judy has had phone visits with **Beth O'Hanlon Ruden** and **Marilyn Austgen Thompson**, both of whom live in the San Francisco Bay area.

**Lorraine Nigro Cervanyk's** niece, Elizabeth Groppe Sniegocki, is the new director of the Center for Spirituality at Saint Mary's: "It is nice to have family connected to Saint Mary's once more." Lorraine speaks routinely by phone to **Betty**

**Galloway** and **Mary Lee Vorce Stenstrom**.

**Margaret Keller Howells** writes from at Riderwood, a retirement community. She's still involved in the prayer group she joined in 1975; the last several summers **Barb DiSalle Lindskold** has joined them. New for Margaret is that she's now a Washington Nationals baseball fan!

**Mary Wieland Scheetz** had a good winter in Arizona and some good times with **Barb DiSalle Lindskold** at cultural events she finds for us to attend. Mary has had Thanksgiving and Easter dinner with Barb's family.

**Midge Myler Russo** was just back from a family trip to the Outer Banks celebrating her 80th with 29 offspring, spouses, and grandchildren. She says she's in good health except for knees but not thrilled about surgery.

**Nancy Gibbon Ross** reminisced about several of the cruises she's taken and how she especially liked St. John's. But she left room to speak of her five grandchildren, college students, and grads.

**Mary Carolyn Shane Helfrey** says she hasn't seen **Sister Jo Luckner, MM**, since they visited the Huntington Library in San Marino, touring the Mansion and the Art Collection and lunching in the Tea Room. She says she's good, "as long as my arthritis likes Tylenol."

Earlier this month I literally ran into **Sister Terese Fabbri** at a local restaurant. Terese was there visiting with a Holy Cross friend.

As too many of you know, my computer got hacked and you got mail. Thanks to those who emailed and called. I liked the visits! A favor: Would those who have new or changed email addresses, please notify the alumnae office and me?

'55

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A phone call and subsequent letter from **Juliette Noone Lester** came with news of Julie's Presidential Award from the National Career Development Association. Juliette had been the Executive Director of the National Occupational and Information Coordinating Committee in Washington, D.C., from 1986–2000. NCDA is a primary government partner in providing labor market information, professional development, research, and coordinated projects originated from the creative and progressive thinking of Juliette. Wow! Congratulations, Juliette. She adds that she has returned to Columbus as her second home. And that **Sue Mitchell Crowley** comes to visit her daughter for holidays and they have a nice reunion. Columbus is where it all began for these two. Juliette mentioned that we are all (or mostly all) celebrating our 80th birthdays this year. Mine was in June as was **Jane McCormick Nilles'**. Jane's family had a birthday party for her. Herb and her children and grandchildren were all in attendance as were Ed and **Lora Pagliari Mraz** and I. It was a reunion of many of our South Side friends and great fun. Happy birthday to all.

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As usual our class is maintaining a strict code of silence! How difficult would it be to drop me a line and let me know that our class still exists? **Rita Conley Bourjaily** and I are in frequent touch. Rita recently attended the funeral of **Liz Kiley Wilson '54**. At the mass Rita ran into **Bunni Hennessy Griffin**. Liz was Bunni's Big Sister and all of us who knew Liz remember her fondly.

I received a surprise phone call from **Marilyn Minch Weber**. Marilyn was with us for one year (or maybe two—my memory is slipping) but wanted to reconnect with her class. She and Gene live in Findlay, Ohio, where she is involved in the travel industry. As you can imagine, much of their time is spent cruising and visiting such wonderful places like Monaco and Capri. They celebrated their 50th anniversary in Monte Carlo.

Far less exciting, I volunteer three days a week at a local hospital. Two days I do pet therapy with my two great Danes (130 pounds and 155 pounds) and one day in Emergency. I'm sure many of you do similar and probably more worthwhile activities with your time. Please drop me an email or note or call. Let me know that '56 still ticks!

'57

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Our wonderful 55th Reunion was over a year ago but the memories remain. Happily I also have Reunion surveys to share. **Noella Bidwell Smith** received her graduate degree at Florida Atlantic University. She is a retired school counselor and psychologist and lives in Boca Raton, Florida. **Theresa Binckley Byrne** enjoys her family and volunteering in her community of Oceanside, California. **Sallie Costa Ineich** and Paul remain in Jacksonville, Illinois, where Paul retired from his dental practice after 49 years. Their grandson will be a freshman at ND in the fall, in the third generation.

**Pat Faulkner Werner** responded from Lindenhurst, Illinois. Health issues have kept **Nancy Frank** close to home in Glendale, Arizona, but not from tutoring at the school where she taught for 34 years and volunteering at Church. **Marybeth Jones Schmitz** still resides in Monroe, Wisconsin, where she enjoys her five grandchildren, ranging from a college graduate to a kindergartner. Memories of playing bridge in the Pebble or Rec and those memorable charcoal gray uniforms remain clear!

**Anne Keating Groves** responded from New York City. Anne and Ray have eight grandchildren. You may recall that they share three of these "grands" with **Janet O'Connell McCue**. **Alice Quinn Kalafut** and George have been living in Atlanta for 23 years. They enjoy a second home in Marin County, California, and other traveling. Alice keeps up with **Chickie Taylor Spalding** and **Mary Lou Reedy Ahlering**. **Mary Jane Schoen Mowle** remains in West Lafayette, Indiana, where Fred retired as professor of electrical and computer engineering at Purdue. **Margi McCarthy Rice** is now living in Madison, Wisconsin, where she moved to be closer to two of her daughters and their families. Margi was a real estate broker for 19 years but also studied to become an alcohol and drug abuse counselor. **Nancy Vivian Wallace** continues to enjoy living in Sudbury, Massachusetts, appreciating New England and particularly the Boston area. Nancy's eight grandchildren are

her "special delights." **Sister Margaret Andre Waechter, CSC**, responded from Ventura, California, where she continues to give voice and piano lessons, plays the organ for daily Mass, and accompanies a children's string group.

In June I emailed news of the sudden death of Jim Meagher, husband of our late classmate, **Marie Lyman Meagher**. Last year on Reunion weekend, Jim had thoughtfully included our class in the ceremony interring Marie's ashes in the Notre Dame Cemetery. **Anne White Maysak**, who has remained in contact with the Meagher family, alerted us to Jim's death. You may have noticed in the spring *Courier For the Record* that **Mary F. Stoeckinger** died October 17, 2012. Our sympathy to both families.

Dick and **Therese Kachur Miller** still reside in Burlington, Wisconsin, where, as Therese said, "we are fine, moving around a little more slowly but good enough to have a garden and tend to it." Sounds good to me! They are very active in their parish, Adoration, with Therese teaching Religious Ed. for special needs parishioners and Dick on Building and Grounds. All five children and their families live in Wisconsin. **Jeannine Timko Lechner** and Gene enjoyed their first cruise this spring, exploring the Eastern Mediterranean. Tom and **Marita Reising Dieter** spent a week this summer in Flagstaff, Arizona, with their four children and four granddaughters. All families are so scattered that this reunion is a yearly event in changing destinations. Marita and Tom spent time afterward "wandering around the west." Another "western wanderer" this summer was **Jody Donohoe McGoldrick**, who flew to Denver, drove to Cheyenne and then Douglas for her reunion, visiting many relatives and childhood friends. Cape Cod was next on her agenda, seeing old friends where she and Bob used to own a vacation home and including a visit with **Peg Balfe**.

This Spring I checked in with **Jacque Buckley Hobbs** to see how she and John and their families had survived the very bad weather that seemed concentrated on Oklahoma. They were fine but in July their daughter, who also lives in Oklahoma City, had a terrible house fire. Luckily she and her husband and their ten-year-old twin boys survived "with the clothes on their backs." They are gratefully being aided by friends, family, and their church. **Irene O'Leary Van Beckum's** daughter and two grandchildren, ages 12 and 16 live in China, where her son-in-law works. They are spending their summer vacation with Irene since last winter the pipes in their Wisconsin home froze and caused major damage. She is delighted to have their company during the repairs before they return to China for one more year. This summer, **Dee Kiley LeFevour** and I attended a funeral (we all do too much of that these days) and had a wonderful chat with **Margaret Brown Anderson** and her daughter, Kathleen, who was in on a visit from Sweden.

I know you will be happy to hear that **Pat Smith Parish's** new book *Dutchman and the Devil: The Lost Story* is now available as an e-book and by print on demand. Pat is not only the author of this intriguing, well-written book but the illustrator as well, a double use of her talents. Congratulations, Pat!

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**Hannah Storen Kreps** "missed everyone at Reunion, and prays we will be together for the next." This was the first Reunion Hannah has missed. She and husband Bill were on an "exceptional cruise" aboard the Aegan Odyssey. Hannah writes that shortly before the cruise she was in her hometown of Lynchburg, Va., and saw quite a bit of **Pat Kinney Doyle** and Tom's sister Cele. "Pat continues to amaze me. I think she is really doing well although she certainly misses Tom." Hannah writes that she was in Houston for the world premiere of the ESPN movie *SWOOPES* on July 24th. Daughter Hannah Storm conceived the idea for the movie and sold it to ESPN as part of the "Nine for IX" series celebrating Title IX and the career of the WNBA star Sheryl Swoopes of the Houston Comets. Hannah Storm directed the movie and I have personally heard rave reviews from my own daughter Fran Willson Bedan and her husband Rick.

Our classmate **Ellen Dooley Cowperthwaite** of Fairfax, Virginia, died July 20, 2013 after a brief illness. Ellen grew up in South Bend, but lived abroad in Morocco and Italy and briefly in South Bend. She spent her career as a travel agent for AAA. Ellen leaves three children and eight grandchildren. Ellen loved travel, attending plays and concerts, and volunteering at The Lamb Center, Wolf Trap, and Ford's Theater, and taking classes at George Mason University. **Sue Lipetska Cierzniak** attended the August 13, 2013 service at the Church of Our Lady of Loretto.

Before signing off, I want to let people know I found six 3 x 3 1/2" black and white photos left in our class meeting room in The Inn at Saint Mary's. Please let me know where I can send them. They are from freshman year and are priceless. Best,  
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Sadly, **Betsy Finneran Kennedy's** husband, Jim Kennedy, M.D., ND '57, passed away July 11 from complications of Parkinson's disease. He leaves 11 children and 28 grandchildren. He was an accomplished surgeon and beloved community servant and **Sarah Sceales Mulcahy** told me there were over 500 people at the funeral in Michigan City, Ind. **Gerry Dunn Leinenweber** and **Carol Podesta Foley** were also in attendance. Shortly before that I had heard from my roommate **Sue Brown Bapst** that her husband, Bill ND '57, was in hospice suffering from liver disease and the prognosis was not good. He passed away a few days later on July 15, in Jasper, Ga., and leaves seven children and 16 grandchildren. One of Bill's sisters, who predeceased him, was my other roommate, **Vicki Bapst Henzy**. I have spoken to both Betsy and Susy and they were comforted that all their children were able to be with their fathers toward the end. Please keep them in your prayers.

Had a nice visit with **Sharon McGee Sittin Bradshaw** on Balboa Island, where we both spend our annual beach week—me with four girlfriends and a sister (this was our 29th year) and Sharon with her entire family numbering about 22! She was pleased to announce that one of her grandsons will be enrolled this fall in the Priestly Discernment

Program at Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio. She and Murray are off to Spain next month.

Aaron and **Marty Gillis Esrig** have sold their beautiful hillside home of many years in Laguna Beach and moved to nearby Tustin, Calif. Many of her nursing classmates, myself included (I am an honorary member), have enjoyed many a gorgeous sunset viewed from their bar while sipping Aaron's delicious margaritas—great memories. I'm sure their new house is one level and low maintenance.

In mid-April, **Peggy Broughton McGrath** and **Julie Franden Fitzgerald** traveled together to Berlin, Wittenberg, Meissen, Dresden, and Prague. Julie also did a post trip to Poland. "We were amazed at how well we managed in our tiny ship's cabin— even smaller than the dorm rooms at Saint Mary's. We told the people on the ship that we were college friends, and all about Saint Mary's, but we did NOT tell them when we graduated!"

Gerry and I have made plans to attend the Michigan State game in September with Tom and **Sarah Sceales Mulcahy** and other SMC/ND friends. Thank the Lord it isn't a night game this year. Sarah was excited to tell me that her widowed son with three small children will happily remarry this summer. I met the bride-to-be last year at Sarah's 75th birthday and she will fit beautifully into the Mulcahy family.

Also, pleased to announce Gerry and I are proud first-time great-grandparents to Theo Oliver Centanni, born July 23, 2013—one day after George.

Next deadline: before Dec. 1

From the *Courier*: Saint Mary's College Community was saddened to learn of the death of **Barbara Patrick O'Toole** on September 5, 2013. Barbara was a devoted alumna and member of the Chicago East Alumnae Club. She was selected as the Alumnae Association's Distinguished Alumna in and served on the Chicago Advisory Council from.

In her professional life, Barbara was a specialist in freedom of speech issues as an attorney with the American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois for more than 40 years. In recent years, she worked nearly full time as a volunteer lawyer with the ACLU, specializing in First Amendment matters and supervising the agency's intake department. The thoughts and prayers of Saint Mary's College are with Barbara's family and her classmates.

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Greetings once again from north central Minnesota.

**Cee Cee Grimes Van Hecke** wrote that she and husband, Buzz, were at Saint Mary's in July for the Sisters Jubilee Celebration. **Sister Marietta Umlor, CSC '65**, whom Cee Cee has worked with the last 26 years was celebrating 50 years as a Sister of the Holy Cross. Cee Cee was happy to see **Sister Mary Ellen Vaughan** there who has only two more years until her 50th celebration!

**Susan Eyerly Pichler** sent word from Cincinnati, Ohio, that she had reconnected with **Meg Scott O'Neill** at our 50th Reunion and they have been exchanging emails. In May Meg and a friend came from Sacramento to Louisville for the Kentucky Derby and Meg added a side trip to Cincinnati for an overnight. They had great fun talking,

walking, touring, and dining. In January, Cee Cee and husband, Joe, enjoyed a visit from **Hodgie Shaw Bricke** and her husband, Jack.

From **Beth Mackin Baxter** in Bonita Springs, Florida, came news that in January she had pneumonia and a chest X-ray showed a spot on her lung which was small cell lung cancer. Following chemotherapy and radiation, she was fortunate to learn a PET scan, brain MRI, and chest X-ray showed no cancer. Other than being bald and easily tired, she feels fine and has a good wig. She'll be glad though when her hair grows back. Other good news is her new novel, *A Detoured Life*, will be released in September.

**Peggy Hill** in New York City reported she had a wonderful time attending the Swedish Royal Wedding in June. She had been invited by the King and Queen of Sweden to attend the wedding of their daughter Princess Madeleine to Christopher O'Neill, the son of Peggy's very close friend, Eva O'Neill. Peg's daughter, Stephanie, her husband, and also Peg's son, Nicholas, were invited also. At the dinner the night before the wedding, Peggy sat with the King of Sweden, his sisters, and the Queen of Sweden's brother.

I received a very amusing email from **Sandy Graham Bartlett** in Ridgewood, New Jersey. She filled me in on the activities and accomplishments of their grandchildren. Her husband Bill is still working in Market Research in the Willowbrook Mall in New Jersey. Sandy works for him and also continues to volunteer as a crossing guard since the kids are too cute to give up. A recent conversation: "Guess what, Sandy?" "What Matthew?" "My mommy's bed broke in the middle of the night."

Thank you for your news. My next deadline is December 1, 2013. Please keep me updated on any changes in your email address and also let me know of email addresses of classmates I may not have in my listing.

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Here is my next chapter of class news from my Reunion '12 Update Surveys and our Reunion '12 "Then/Now Memory Book." **Sara Baker Fagan** is married, has four children, four grandchildren. She lived in South Bend for six years after graduation, then Columbus, Ohio, and now Dallas for 36 years. She has worked in museums in exhibits, PR, and volunteer management, and did technical writing for the training dept. of a national jewelry corporation. She is now retired and does volunteer work, tutoring, as well as traveling for pure pleasure.

**Carol Holtmeier Erb** married Jack Duggan in '62, had four children: Richard, Anne (deceased), Cassie, and Jim. Graduated from Xavier U. with a M.Ed. in '74 and returned to work as a chemist following a divorce. She earned PhD in '89 from College of Medicine at U of Cincinnati and worked in pharmaceutical industry until she retired in 2005. Married Dick Erb in 1992; he died in 2003. She has five grandchildren.

**Lorene Janoski Rathnau** taught French for seven years until embracing motherhood after 1 1/2 yrs. of marriage to Joe. Of her three daughters, two are Saint Mary's graduates—**Claire Rathnau-Min-**



Three 1962 classmates joined Joan Lewis '62 at her place in Rome overlooking the dome of St. Peter's Basilica. What a beautiful dinner and special evening it was! Thank you, Joan. Pictured from left to right: Carol Holtmeier Erb, Phyllis Sullivan Van Herset, Joan Lewis, Joan Brickman Palazzolo

**nella '91** and **Joy Rathnau '94**—and youngest is Notre Dame grad. All children are married, and they have five grandchildren including two boys. She enjoys travel, especially family cruising and "Golden Girls Gatherings" with Saint Mary's friends (which started in 2000).

**Anna Rose Kearney** taught junior high school in Penn. while working on her MA at Notre Dame, moved to South Bend in '66, where she was the first lay woman admitted full time to the ND History Dept. grad program. After one more year, she became an assistant in ND History Dept., completed her PhD, but with no jobs available, she worked in the Hesburgh Library for 10 years while completing an MLS degree. She then moved to Louisville, KY, worked at U. of Louisville Ekstrom Library while teaching history part time at Jefferson Community College. She got a full time position at JCC (now JC Tech College). She completed a JD at U. of Louisville, and was admitted to the Indiana Bar. She moved to Bremen seven years ago to be close to family and continues teaching, but now online, while doing part-time work as an attorney.

**Maura Kiley** has had a busy, varied life—she taught French, English, and art for 22 years, from elementary school to Jr. College, including two years in Japan and S.E. Asia. From 1972-1977 she worked in public relations for not-for-profit Chicago Dept. of Public Works; Mayor's Office of Manpower; (79-'90) Real estate broker: sales and management. She purchased, rehabbed, and ultimately sold 4 buildings, and as Northside Real Estate Board salesman trainer, won top 10 award for sales. In 1990 she got her BFA and did Post grad. (painting and drawing) from Art Institute of Chicago, then moved to rural Wis., where she painted and joined an antique mall. She returned to Chicago in '95 after 35+ years of full time employment! She has also been involved in politics, established programs for the poor, her parish, and education.

**Liz King Thurbee** earned her Masters of Social Work in '64; married Lee Thurbee '66, were blessed with 4 children, Jessica, Kathryn, Allen (died of cancer at age 7), and Evan; 3 grandchildren, Kenan 2, Abigail 6 and Claire 7, was happily married for 24 1/2 yrs. before Lee's sudden death ('91). After a variety of social work jobs in public and private sector, she found her niche with Catholic Social Services of Diocese of Charlotte, worked there for 30 years, the last 17 as Executive Director. She retired Dec. 31, 2010 and is thoroughly enjoying

retirement and freedom to explore new opportunities. She continues to be involved in fund raising and service projects for CS Services where she successfully managed non-profits through many ups and downs, establishing an international adoption program in Russia, resulting in placement of over 1,000 children; also successful in establishing a housing program in the Diocese—one Senior housing complex and 2 others under construction. She also volunteers for Children's Advocacy program and is active in her local parish.

**Jean Kollman Gendron** writes that her first life's work was teaching, and then in 1984 she became an RN. Her education includes an MS in Biology ('67 at ND) and Nursing Diploma, Montgomery College, MD ('84). In '88 she married George and enjoyed 13 years with him until his death in 2001. She has been active in parish and local Catholic Charismatic Community.

**Libby Knapke Salamone** met her husband Ron at a Halloween party! At the time, she was working in Chicago for the Children's Division of Cook County Public Aid. She and Ron have a son and daughter. In '78 she began a career in real estate—that has been challenging and rewarding, as well as FUN! They now live and work in St. Petersburg, which has its shuffle board courts image, for a vibrant, exciting lifestyle and beautiful beaches. Now, as through the years, she works for charitable and social organizations, serving on various boards; she writes articles/columns for advice about real estate matters for local publications. Her husband, her children, spouses, and grandchildren all bring joy and happiness and make her life sweet!

**Joan Lacey Egan** tells her life in a "nutshell": Family First: 50 years. One and only spouse: John, four in-laws and 10 grandkids. Academics: M.A., College Writing Instructor: M.A.T., high school English, and AP European History teacher; K-12 Gifted Education Coordinator, Vir. and Shanghai. Homes in 26 locations around the globe, horse breeder, English water gardener, and art sponsor.

**Maria Laboe Hanson** is a retired attorney. After Saint Mary's she attended the University of Michigan Law School and worked for the Atomic Energy Commission legal department in Washington, DC, from '65-'67. She married Will Hanson in 1966 and had children: David, Stephen and Catherine. She moved to Houston in 1971 and is still there! She has worked in Commercial Construction/Development law from '80-'98. "Finally arrived where I belong—volunteer at parish work in '92!"

**Mary Lenaway Eschelbach** only attended Saint Mary's her freshman year. After she and husband Karl raised 4 daughters, she continued her education at Illinois Central College, graduating with an associates degree with emphasis on writing. Her employment history includes 26 years in the editorial dept. of the Courier Publications and several yrs. as a correspondent for her community with the *Pekin Daily Times*. Presently, she is studying classical music through lessons with a grad student at IL State U. Her year at Saint Mary's as a staff student was very enjoyable.

**Linda Leydorf Woodruff** is married to John Woodruff and has four children: Courtney, John, Harper, and William. She is retired from a real estate career.

**Ginny Lynch Collins** met Dick Collins in summer '62. They married in '63, raised two boys, two girls, now all married and parents of her 9

grandchildren, all local and her greatest joy and pastime. She stayed home, volunteered for "the usual" including Saint Mary's. Later, her work in ESL tutoring led to a Masters in '94 and community college teaching until the present. She treasures her Saint Mary's years and friends.

**Carole Madden Ortman** retired from teaching and counseling in 2000 and has four children: **Catherine Ortman Hirsch '90**, Christopher, Daniel and Tom; 7 grandchildren—one to 10 years. Her husband of 43 years died Jan 2, 2010. Activities include church, parish council, and faith formation, and volunteering at local hospital.

**Ann Maher Lee** married Davis Lee (ND '61), and had four children. She taught art in their schools and in a parish school, and spent many years working in a local homeless shelter. Sadly, David died in 2001. Now retired, she paints, plays tennis, and plays with her seven grandchildren who live close by. A photo in our Memory Book shows her family on a recent trip to Ireland.

**Sharon Mattes Bacon** wrote that for the past 40+ years, she and Peter made their home in Dayton, Ohio, where he was professor of finance at Wright State U. and she held administrative and development positions with several non-profit organizations. Their four daughters and five grandchildren are scattered from New York to Salt Lake City. They recently relocated to their summer home on Elk Lake in northern Mich., a good base from which to do things they love—travel, play bridge and golf, read, and eat good food!

**Joan Lewis** sent news after I wrote and asked her about her days since Pope Francis' election. She wrote in her email that she has been, "following every moment 'shadowing' as it were, our new and wonderful Holy Father! What a ray of sunshine, joy, and hope he is!" And that alone has kept her ultra busy. Add to that, friends visiting Rome, projects and just daily work for EWTN, and she has no idea where the days go, but does know they go by rapidly.

Life is GOOD with me and my husband Jean, with a busy spring '13, spending time with and being entertained by our four children's families/nine grandchildren in Wisconsin and Illinois, attending granddaughter Becca's Confirmation; vocal and music concerts (Luc and Danielle), dance recital (Sarah and Meghan) and four graduations: grandsons Casey, 8th Grade, and Luc 5th; granddaughters Isabel (3 years), pre-school, and Meghan (5 years) kindergarten. We just returned from a week at a condo "up North" in Eagle River, Wis., with daughter Sue, Greg and Casey, and Danielle. We will leave in late Aug. on our annual late summer/fall vacation driving west again this year. We will spend two weeks in Sept. in Lake Tahoe area condo, hoping to visit Glacier N. Park on the way west. Stay tuned for MORE news from Reunion '12 Notes. Send me news anytime. Next deadlines will be Dec. 1 for Spring *Courier* 2014; Apr. 1, 2014 for Summer issue, and Aug. 1, for Fall/Winter 2014 issue.

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**Margie Nutting Ralph** wrote post-reunion thoughts after her all-too-short briefing last June on her new book *Why the Catholic Church Must Change: A Necessary Conversation* (Rowman &

Littlefield, 2013). She sent the following reflections: "I know a lot of us are still living in the glow of our 50th Reunion. I left particularly grateful that my classmates and the College bookstore had shown so much interest in discussing and making available my recent book. . . One of the greatest gifts we received at Saint Mary's was the encouragement to think, to ask questions, and to respectfully discuss issues that were all important to our lives. Since, in those days, we all had a minor in religion, and since we were actually living through the Second Vatican Council, we all knew that change was not only possible, but necessary, if the Catholic Church was going to continue to be a credible and vibrant witness of Christ's good news to a changing world. Now, half a century later—Can you believe it?—the same thing is true. What is even more exciting is that I think Pope Francis would agree. . . Many of us want to participate in the conversation necessary for Church reform, not only for our own sake, but for the sake of our children and grandchildren. We know that we have received a treasure, and we want to pass that treasure on to future generations."

Another classmate weighed in on her thoughts about the groundswell for reform in the Church and the activity in many areas of the country as ten lay organizations sponsored a speaking tour for Father Helmut Schuller in July and August.

**Joann Vanek** wrote: "I wonder if (others) were able to hear Father Schuller during his fifteen city Catholic Tipping Point tour across America. For those who do not know his name, Schuller is founder of the Austrian Priests' Initiative that issued a global "Call to Disobedience" in 2011, calling for lay leadership and preaching in parishes without a priest, permitting divorced and remarried Catholics to receive the sacraments, and support for the ordination of women and married people. He visited the U.S. to share his experiences and to learn about the Catholic Church in America. . . and gave me and all who heard him new inspiration to work toward the Church reforms of Vatican II."

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Our 50<sup>TH</sup> Reunion: May 29<sup>TH</sup>-June 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2014!  
**Fran Bardello Craig** wrote that the April meeting of the gift and reunion committees focused on the goal of leading everyone to a meaningful Reunion for as many classmates as possible. "The Reunion is/can be a life moment—recapturing our youthful expectations and recognizing the journeys we have pursued/survived." **Denise Cavanaugh** promised that you will all be called to participate in our 1964 Jubilee Class Scholarship and gift giving for a redo of Angela Hall. These few days will be a wonderful time to reconnect, reflect, and move forward.

**Sharon Dowd Miller** has retired, visited with **Kathy Gallagher Patzke** and **Patsy Powers Gowdy** this spring, loves her new freedom and credits Saint Mary's as a big role in her life. She plans to attend Reunion. **Patricia Rothermich O'Connor** loves what she does (PhD professor in psychology) and her grandchildren (!), and will attend—not sure if she'll have bells on! **Kay Chris-**



**tenson Janiszewski** just returned from a trip to Sweden where she tracked down her great-great grandparent's area and met some cousins. She visited Denmark, the Baltic states—loved Estonia and Iceland. Kay called **Janet Walton Gisleson** who has downsized her home in New Orleans. Kay plans on being at Reunion!

**Marianne Elliott Morin** feels isolated in Schuylar County, NY, till she catches up on *Courier* updates. She applauds all of you who are tech savvy and wonders if there has been a study about Saint Mary's women and how they age. In her parish, she feels that the skills she developed at Saint Mary's give her the courage to jump in and do whatever needs to be done.

**Jean Canizaro Enochs** is planning on coming to Reunion and has just had a fabulous time traveling with **Sue Badaluco Gerhard** to Tuscany to visit Jean's daughter, Elaine, and cousins, and then all three of them went to Sicily to Erice where Sue's grandparents had lived.

**Patrice Cassidy's** husband, Louis DeVito, passed away in April 2011. Her daughter, Kate, lives in R.I., is a midwife and has a one-year-old daughter. Patrice retired from teaching and lives in N.Y. **Mary Ann Roach Butkovich** has a grandson, Charlie Geary, in the freshman class of ND and wants to know if anyone else has grandchildren at ND or Saint Mary's. **Margaret Diver Mastros**, John, and

Mo are going to Las Vegas to see their son, Andy, who is head of props in the musical *Priscilla, Queen of the Desert*; then he joins *The Wizard of Oz*.

**Jinx Hack Ring** and her husband Peter just spent two months in Paris where Peter teaches a course and hopes to be at the Reunion. **Laurie Susfalk Andrews** hopes to attend—she wonders if it really is 50 years. **Mary Vertin O'Neill** plans on Reunion but first is taking her 70th birthday trip to France—if you have to be 70, have fun! **Pat Malone Nathe** plans to come and so does **Robin Keyworth**, who loves being at her Minn., cabin and having her son, Ben, home after 20 years of teaching international law in Korea.

**Ginny Leyes Kortenkamp** hopes to come but too far off now to commit. **Quita Olsen Carmouche** is coming to Reunion and also will be at the ND-Temple game with three of her eldest grandchildren. Quita asked for prayers for a family member with cancer.

**Barbara Koch Dumit** is enjoying life in Wash., and traveling with her family. **Suellen Trumbour-Cheney** is semi-retired in Sedona, Ariz., and is seeing some clients for Polarity Therapy and teaching for AZ School of Integrated Studies in Flagstaff and Clarkdale. **Kathy Cullinan Seggerson** and **Jeanne Kozmer Marszalek** are signed up for a Saint Mary's tour of Lombardy in September.

**Carol Sazama** wrote a mini-profile of her

careers which have included renaissance music, sacred music publishing, biomedical science at the Scripps Clinic and Research Foundation in La Jolla, then to Sloan-Kettering Institute for Cancer Research, to the Oklahoma Medical Research and finally back to Children's Hospital of Philadelphia for 22 years. Now, Carol lives in Longmont, Col. and raises Aussie Terriers and is involved with the Aussie National Club.

Make certain you have our Reunion dates on your calendar and are making plans to attend! Looking forward to hearing from more of you—remember, every issue has room for us! PEACE, JOY, and ENJOY!

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It seems like a very short time ago that I was wishing our class a "Happy 65th to the class of '65!" Well, it's now time to wish us all a happy 70th. Wonderful milestone; I can feel it in every bone in my body.

Lots of thoughtful news from **Terry Miltich Murphy**: "Jack and I are really enjoying life in Williamsburg. Besides all the history, beauty, and



Terry Miltich Murphy '65 organized a luncheon for some of her classmates living in the Williamsburg area. It was great fun to catch up on everyone's busy lives! Pictured left to right: Terry Miltich Murphy, Janis McCale O'Neill, and Janine Renaud Burns.

culture, there are a number of Saint Mary's grads in the area. Several of us met for lunch in May including **Mary Kay Dineen '70**, **Maureen O'Brien Doyle '67**, **Janis McCale O'Neill**, and **Janine Renaud Burns**. It was great fun to catch up on everyone's busy life. Jack and I just returned from a week in Baltimore for the "Piano at Peabody" program which was challenging and inspiring. I had my first lesson in over 50 years—now it's back to the keyboard for more practice!"

Always good to hear from **Corolyn Clark Foster**. "All's fine here—busier than the proverbial one-armed paper hanger but what else is new? I keep threatening to retire but I think I already did that. I keep saying I'm not going to give in and say 'okay' to teaching 'just one more' online course for St. Joseph's University (my former full-time employer for 30+ years), but then I go ahead and do it again—this time I agreed to update and teach the Federal tax planning course starting the end of August so I'm currently totally immersed in the joys of the latest tax legislation—luckily, I'm not prone to nightmares. I sincerely hope all this is having the desired effect of keeping my aging brain from atrophying. Of course I should talk—my 84-year old husband has apparently caught my 'can't say no' disease as he just agreed to teach an online securities analysis course this fall for good old SJU so they got him too!"

News from **Teffy Lyons Brosnan**: "My sons gave me a surprise birthday party yesterday, and it was so much fun. My sister came in from Calif., and a longtime friend from Fla., also came. Of course, my mom was there. She turned 102 on March 3. I just returned from Greece a week ago. It's such a beautiful country, and the people are so warm and friendly. I just finished leading a men's retreat weekend in our county jail on Cape Cod. It was a first since men's retreats are usually run by men, but the men didn't seem to mind! They know me well since I go every Tuesday night to visit them. I decided after the weekend to try to open a Catholic halfway-house for men who leave the prison and need to go to a program. I feel that this is where my ministry is leading me at this time, so please pray if it's meant to be, it will happen. I'm looking forward to our 50th reunion, but before that I'm planning a Holland river cruise next year and hopefully will be going to China as well."

"I've finally completed the permanent move to Tucson," writes **Regina Parks**. "Enjoyed a wonderful reunion and meal with **Betty Ann Rice Kaminsky**

and Matt in their lovely home looking out at the Santa Catalina and Rincon mountain ranges.

**Sheila Flynn Boone** had a wonderful lunch with **Valerie Maracz Perrone**. "We talked and laughed, and fondly remembered our days at Saint Mary's, and all our friends that we don't see often, and those that we have lost. We only live 25 minutes from each other, so we plan to get together more often. Michael and I took a fantastic cruise in April, the best one ever. We went from Dubai to Venice, by way of Qatar, Luxor, Cairo, Petra, Suez Canal, Jerusalem, Istanbul, Athens, Cyprus, and Montenegro. I celebrated my birthday during the trip, and decided that a cruise was a fun place to turn 70! **Terry Miltich Murphy** and I are anxious to start "co-chairing" our 50th Reunion festivities. So, if anyone has any suggestions, please let us know. We hope to make this the best Reunion Saint Mary's has ever seen—only fitting, since we have the best class ever!" Anyone who is interested in helping with the Reunion plans, contact Terry or me. Thanks. **Sheila Flynn Boone** sfbmfb@comcast.net, **Terry Miltich Murphy** teressa\_murphy@yahoo.com"

"Wish I had some really interesting news to share with you. The one thing I thought of when I received your message was that this will be the first year in three that our granddaughter will not be going to Saint Mary's for summer camp," writes **Joan Marskey Slattery**. "It has been such a fun time for the two of us to fly down to South Bend from Minneapolis and have her spend the week on campus. Of course, I hope that a seed is being planted. Arianna has loved her times there and has gone down without knowing anyone and always felt so comfortable."

I love my emails from **Cille Sorrentino Bucolo**: "**Marcia Black McMahon** and I are on a riverboat cruising through Germany. We've already been to Prague. So much fun!!!! Hope to see you before the summer is over. Be happy ~Cille!"

"I see **Regina Parks** pretty often," writes **Betty Ann Rice Kaminsky** in Ariz. "Her new townhouse is just about three miles away from us; so nice to have a classmate close by. She is busy trying to fit all her Ohio stuff into her new home and get everything up and running!!! Matt and I are beginning to talk about a trip east to see all the children and grandchildren. We figure it might take a month! We have a big family! Love to all the classmates."

**Rosann Gorman Conroy** and husband made the move to smaller digs. "We signed the papers to put our Flossmoor house on the market. We will be staying in our Michigan City summer home now when we visit from Florida. Just last Sunday we had a nice visit with **Sara Johnson Walz** and Nick after Mass in Michigan City. We all seem to be adjusting to our new decade. As my aunt used to say, 'Enjoy each birthday, remember the alternative.'"

Mini-reunion news from **Barb Leahy Sutton**: "Continuing a wonderful tradition, **Nancy Wagner LaValle** and I joined **Joan Marskey Slattery** and **Darlene Currier** in January for our annual mini-reunion, this time in Austin, Tex. Darlene, who splits her time between Austin and Wilmington, N.C., kicked off the weekend with cocktails in her beautiful art deco condo. Then we were off to nearby Barton Creek where Joan and her husband Bill (ND '65) come each year to golf and escape the Minneapolis winter. Darlene and Joan's packed itinerary included a whirlwind lesson in Texas history at the Bob Bullock museum and reminders

of our own history at the Lyndon Baines Johnson Library. It was sobering to see photos of Johnson taking the oath of office and realize that we all shared that moment at Saint Mary's. The next day we drove through the Hill Country to Johnson City and on to LBJ's Texas White House, again immersed in the history of our times. As always, though, the best part was catching up with each other over wonderful meals. When she is not in Austin or Wilmington, Darlene travels to California, Colorado, and Michigan to visit her children and grandchildren. Nancy loves spending time with her granddaughter, Abigail Rose, who lives near her in Manhattan. Joanie also lives near her granddaughters, Shannon and Arianna, and enjoys every minute she spends with them."

"Sheila, I promised Lil I would try to track down the 'day' students in our class so we would have a good showing for our 50th." This from **Pam Wegner Alexander**: "Will begin work in earnest in the fall, so if you could give a shout out for email addresses (or snail mail for that matter) for 'day' students, that would be the start of my efforts. My email is pmalex178@aol.com. Thanks." Pam Alexander, 178 Water Street, Stonington, CT 06378, 860-535-9158

"**Theresa Smith Harron**, **Patsy Callahan Berry**, **Kate Della Maria Weidner**, and I met in Chicago in June," writes **Kathleen McAnaney Campbell**. "Unfortunately, **Cathy Haenn Shannon** could not join us. Theresa was a day late. At midnight, before she was to get an early flight, a 50' tree fell on her house with substantial damages. Kate was a day late because of an eye infection. But they did make it and we had a great reunion—wonderful food and conversation. Had dinner at **Katherine Zeller Nicklin's** gorgeous new condo downtown—that was NOT an early night. All looking forward to our 50th in 2015!"

**Joan Bilal Boettcher** writes that her mother is going to be 100 October 27th. The nursing home did a wonderful story on her life. They will have a special luncheon for all the residents who are 100 or older.

"Thanks so much for all your recent prayers and good wishes during my recent surgery and during the radiation periods that followed," writes **Cathy Haenn Shannon**. "I was blessed by so many of you. Luckily all the health challenges are now in the past. We have had our daughters and their families (which might contain children or dogs) with us since the end of June. It is a complete joy to have our very active grandchildren explore the woods, swim in the lake and have daily connections with their cousins. For them, Eagles Mere is perfect. We have a huge contrast between winter and summer here. Our year-round population is only 120 people and in the summer it goes over 3000. Both times are nice but I do like the summer better when there are more people around. I hope all of you are enjoying yourselves and making happy memories."

I attended husband Dave's 50th reunion at ND this past spring. It was a wonderful, memory-filled weekend. It was a great trip down memory lane. Dave and I also attended the beautiful wedding of **Anne Harvey Lewis's** youngest daughter in Rockford, Ill. We had a wonderful time with **Cille Sorrentino Bucolo** and **Sara Johnson Walz** and Nick on this special occasion.

Ladies, please remember our Class of 1965 Memorial Scholarship Fund. It is a yearly tuition assist to a young woman with her Saint Mary's

education. We also want to thank **Lil Chard Beshel**, once again, for her Prayer Circle petition emails. So many of us are so grateful for the prayers flowing from our class. And, think, 50th reunion in 2015! The 45th was so wonderful, I know the 50th will be even more special. My new email is 1965smc@gmail.com.

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In May, I received a delightful email from **Marge Diamond Gaberino**. She found that recovering from surgery allowed her some extra time. She was sorry to miss last Reunion, but a cousin's wedding was the same weekend. In her note Marge plans to attend our 50th Reunion.

Marge lives in Tulsa with her husband, John, who recently retired from a law practice. John keeps a presence at his office and is deeply involved in the community. Now, both Marge and John have time to help with their son's third and sixth graders. Marge said that these grandchildren attend the same school as her children attended. Marge added that her four girls live in Boston, Pittsburgh, Chicago, and Fulton, Mo. Her youngest daughter had their 12th grandchild in August. Marge and John now spend time traveling to visit all these grandchildren. On a proud note, Marge mentioned that her oldest grandson, Jake Grefenstette, is a sophomore at Notre Dame. He is a Hesburgh-Usko Scholar, a member of the Glynn Family Honors Program, and will lead his Sophomore class as their president. For anyone planning to attend the Notre Dame/Oklahoma game, please look for Marge and her family.

**Kathie Donovan Dur** sent me an email to say that she had lunch with Dr. Shannon Garrigan whose mother was **Barbara Bracco Garrigan**. Sadly, Barbara died in 1985 of cancer. Kathy has kept contact with Barb's family and especially Shannon. Dr. Garrigan, who resides in San Francisco, is a general practitioner employed by the State of California. As Kathie mentioned, Barbara would have been extremely proud to see her daughter today. Kathie, a resident of Washington, D.C., spends a great deal of time visiting her son Philip and his family in the San Francisco area. **Amy Bertorelli**, who lives in California, joined Kathie for this special dinner.

**Mary Dunn Finneran** kindly wrote a piece about several classmates and their 50th High-School reunions.

**Dee Cotter Delany** attended her 50th Stanbrook Hall reunion in Duluth, Minn., last July and had a fabulous time reconnecting with many old friends including **Kate (Kitty) Buckley**. Kitty and Dee went to school together from kindergarten through sophomore year at Saint Mary's when Kitty transferred. Dee was thrilled to spend time talking to Kitty.

**Jane McCoach McKee** attended her reunion at St. Pius X High School in Atlanta last September. Jane commented that it was the first reunion she had attended in 50 years. Everyone there was still in shock about the untimely death of our high school classmate **Pat Harvey Howells**. Jane visited with **Barb McCusker Poole** and **Carol Smither Mansfield**. The trio remembered their overnight train trip in 1962 from Atlanta to South Bend.

**Mary Dunn Finneran** joined a small group of classmates from Saint Mary's Academy in Scottsdale last April. Originally there was a large group from the academy to attend the College, but only **Cherri Gaff Ries**, **Diane Dineen Pacella** and Mary attended the reunion. Mary, who lived in Morris, Ill., boarded through high school. As a side note, Diane's parents were both professors at Saint Mary's. Her dad, Dr. Clarence F. Dineen, taught from 1956 until the early 90's. Her mom, Margaret Carney Dineen, started in 1957 to the early 90's.

Please send any news from your high school reunion, highlighting fellow classmates from the class of 1966.

On a happy note, **Mary Dunn Finneran** was a beautiful mother of the bride when her son EJ married Ellen Buller in Portland, Oreg., in early September.

Also in September, **Sharon Priester Lewert's** son John married Tara Piekos in Barrington, Ill. Both Mary and E. J. Finneran attended as well as my husband Larry and myself.

Please remember our upcoming 50th Reunion in 2016. Get it on your calendar now.

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I was unable to attend Reunion 2013 but thanks to my annual very-mini-reunion with **Sally Blackley Clemmer**, email, and Facebook, I was able to piece together a report for our class.

Sally and Dayne have been coming out for one ND game a season since Reunion 2003; last fall it was for Michigan. They both continue to volunteer during elections and want to stay close to home for hurricane season. This year they arrived ahead of us and had more time to walk around Saint Mary's. Spent the drizzly Friday night at an ND reception and the next day they joined Richard in a few tailgates taking rain gear. It came in very handy for that victory in the eventual undefeated season.

I had my first communication from **Dr. Angela Maynard Sewall**, dean and a professor in the College of Education at UALR, well ahead of the *Courier* deadline. Angie is widely recognized in Arkansas for her contributions to the education community. Her expertise in school law and the area of desegregation is sought after by other districts across the state and nation. Her pursuit of knowledge in all aspects of education policy and accreditation and her dedication to excellence in education were among the factors in her being awarded the 2013 Edward C. Pomeroy Award for Outstanding Contributions to Teacher Education from the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE) presented at the 65th Annual Meeting in Orlando, Fla., on February 28. The award recognized her more than 40 years of distinguished service and exceptional contributions to education, starting with her work as a teacher in the Little Rock School District, to AACTE, to the teacher education community for the development and promotion of outstanding practices for the state and national collegiate organizations, including: her service on the Boards of AACTE, the Reading Recovery Council of North America and the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education, and the development of exemplary teacher education initiatives. Angie's

pursuit of knowledge in all aspects of education policy and accreditation and her dedication to excellence in education made her an admirable winner for the Pomeroy Award for her distinguished career in Teacher Education.

I was disappointed not to attend Reunion 2013 and was visiting with friends when I received the first Facebook notification (one advantage of the phone app) from **Marnie Roark Roche** during Reunion about her conversations with **Sharon O'Connell Guiltinan** with whom I had lost contact over the past five years. I know that she had moved from Granger to live on Lake Michigan after Joe earned emeritus status from the University of Notre Dame while she continued to work as a special education teacher at Penn Madison High School. Then **Judy Miles** began to post wonderful photos from Reunion in our Belles '68 Facebook group set up after our last Reunion. I can add anyone to this group if you send me your Facebook information.

The remainder of our news is thanks to **Donna de Manbey Boynton**, whom many of our Reunion Committee members (**Maureen Hunter Bone**, **Mary Donoghue Brueggen**, **Sue Shouvlin Caldwell**, **Sally Blackley Clemmer**, **Harriett Hillebrand Cronin**, **Sue Hoevel Diefenbach**, **Betty Christopher Elmore**, **Sherry Knight Ferree**, **Peggy O'Connor**, **Marne Roark Roche**, **Maggie Sullivan Slankas**, and **Ann McMahon Sutliff**. **Ann McMahon Sutliff** was also unable to attend.)

How interesting that 45 or our class attended our 45th Reunion! The small group afforded the opportunity to get to know our classmates better. Donna herself made a new friend of Maureen Hunter Bone with whom she will be visiting the Museum 911 in the fall. At the Wine & Cheese Party in their honor could they sing! They remembered the words to The Belles of Saint Mary's and Notre Dame, Our Mother. Maureen belted out a funny song that had everyone laughing. **Amy Dardinger '07**, our Saint Mary's liaison, notified Donna that our class—310 living Belles—officially raised \$75,000 with actual gifts and many three-year pledges. We came in second for the amount given. Hopefully for our 50th we will be No. 1. Now where does the idea of being No. 1 come from?

Those who could not attend can complement Donna's descriptions of the campus with its beautiful green park-like settings with the **Judy Miles** photos on Facebook. There is much construction activity: Angela Athletic Facility and Madeleva are under renovation, the Spec Unica academic building had been in use since our last Reunion, and Le Mans Hall has new plumbing. Our Class Headquarters was in the air-conditioned Hilton Garden Inn just next to The Inn at Saint Mary's, perhaps in deference to our status as Senior Alumnae. And Donna wrote that the use of golf carts also made the weekend a bit less exhausting from the walking on Saint Mary's and Notre Dame campuses. There were many activities including a trivia game Friday night.

Wine and Cheese Party also attended (although I am unable to explain more about BEEP **Sally Blackley Clemmer's** proficiency), the Saturday picnic (more photos complements of **Judy Miles**), the Saturday night Awards Banquet and the concluding Mass at the Church of Loretto and the closing Breakfast.

Donna also wanted us to know that she obtained information through **Moir Cronin '06**



(daughter of **Harriett Hilenbrand Cronin**) about the purchase of the Saint Mary's French Cross designed for the Holy Cross sisters and those to their congregation and our college. Those interested can go to: [www.adesignandsons.com/french-cross-pendants.html](http://www.adesignandsons.com/french-cross-pendants.html)

I obtained this information from the campus bookstore about the company of **Anne Hesslau Dondanville '82** about 10 years ago and was very pleased with the special ordered pin/pendant.

**Mary Halpin** writes that she anticipates a happy outcome from her medical treatment that will end on December 31, 2013. For the first time in 45 years, Mary missed Reunion because she was too sick and cranky to attend but on Wednesday, August 7, Mary will be taking advantage of a great Cunard promotion on 7 day transatlantic crossings from New York to Southampton on the The Queen Mary 2, the last ocean liner in service. She'll sail back to New York, dock in Brooklyn, and fly home to Chicago. It will be so nice to have lots of people around to whom to say hello, with whom to play bridge and trivia. QM2 has a planetarium and other nice places to perch and watch the ocean go by.

I received thanks from **Mary Munsell Abroe** for the birthday wishes and owe thanks to **Mary Halpin** for this reminder. Mary M. was away from home so did not get news to me in time for this report.

I renewed contact with **Margaret Piton** after receiving what appeared to be an email from a hacker using her account. Margaret is still living in Canada and writing a travel blog ([www.travelwriterforhire.com](http://www.travelwriterforhire.com)). Last year she published an e-book, *Budget Travel Tips for Russia*, available on her blog. She has been working on *Siberian Spring*, a crime novel that is a sequel to *Canal Murders*, which is finished but in need of an agent/publisher. She had a great trip to Russia, including Siberia, in summer 2011, her first time there. Besides writing, Margaret also spends her time closer to home mainly playing tennis and reading. She was not able to attend Reunion 2013 and as an international alumna does not receive a print copy of the *Courier* but tries to stay connected with the online issue.

**Sally Blackley Clemmer** writes that Reunion was so enjoyable, seeing and talking to all who returned for our 45th and marveling that it's been 45 years—where does the time go? Remember our motto, "Alive in 5," ladies, as in five more years we'll hit the big "50." Donna de Manbey Boynton did a great job as chair of the fundraising for our class. Sally wants the committee members to know she is diligently practicing her "beeps" for the next trivia game, keeping busy scanning for Nielson ratings and doing what she loves (traveling, scrapbooking, and enjoying friends).

**Ginny Ward** writes that her nest is now empty. She moved to a condo in Denver a year ago near the old Stapleton Airport. She loves letting someone else mow the lawn. On the bright side, "Two of my nine kids are married, two engaged, two in college, one in high school and two working or in training. So life continues to happen around here at a challenging rate. I have six grandchildren. I also became a great grandmother for the first time earlier this year. Tamiyah Isis lives in North Carolina with her parents, so it may be a while before I see her." Ginny sent photos of her family which I hope she will post in our Belles 68 Facebook page.

Ginny also writes of some sad events. Her sister, Mary Pat Schmidt, died of melanoma after a

long illness. Learning there was no hope, Mary Pat jumped on a plane to Ireland with her daughter Katie and went to a pub for her first real Guinness! Her older sister, Jane, has chronic lymphoblastic leukemia, but is doing OK. Ginny's son, John, age 22, has Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (parentprojectmd.org), a rare progressive disorder. So when she could not understand a treatment called "Exon skipping using oligonucleotides," she went back to school to take a pre-nursing curriculum. Such a wonderful, interesting time to be a biologist! There is a great pipeline of possible treatments, but they may not arrive soon enough. Finally, her youngest grandson, age 11, has Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia Ph+, a rare form of a rare cancer, so her pre-nursing education is getting a lot of use. Chemo has been rough, but so far so good. Ginny asks for our prayers. She will be in South Bend in August 2013 for wedding anniversary celebrations for three of her siblings.

**Virginia Schleuter Jones** sends her "Hello to the class of '68." She is slowing down a bit and enjoying her five grandchildren, all who live close by. And she is still singing with her medieval group, Vox Feminae. Her new email address is: [giniajones@live.com](mailto:giniajones@live.com).

Henry Johnson, spouse of **Fairfid Romeo Johnson**, wrote to let us know about her death on July 30, shortly after midnight, from complications of the atypical Parkinson's disease, which had really felled her over the past three-four years. He was with her at her peaceful passing, mercifully ending the multi-year struggle which had so ravaged her body and mind. Caroline and he are

at peace—plenty of tears but lots of family and friends around us sharing memories and Fair-isms that will reside with us forever. It was a moment they dreaded facing but one that has brought immense relief—especially for Fair.

Fair was clear about her wishes (she was always clear about almost everything!). They will have a private service for the immediate family led by the hospice chaplain amongst Fair's gorgeous flowers and departed pets (They have a large pet cemetery above her gardens). They will also scatter her ashes there per her oft-repeated request. Towards the end of August (now tentatively Friday August 30 at 4 p.m. at the Henderson Country Club), they are planning a celebration of life/reception for family and friends.

Fair and Henry would have been married 25 years in just three more weeks. He has had a blessed life throughout, but the years with her were the best, hands down. Caroline and he will miss her deeply, but we cherish the home she made for us, the examples she set for us, and the love she gave us. I sent a copy of her obituary to the *Courier* office so that should also be included in this issue.

Another passing sadly noted was of Michael Smith, the spouse of **Nancy Root Smith**, at 9:35 a.m. on Sunday, June 23, 2013, at Tampa General Hospital in Tampa, Fla. Thanks go to **Marne Roark Roche** for keeping us informed through our Belles '68 Facebook page.

To end on a more cheerful note, I received an email from **Linda Yetzer Valentine**, trying to reconnect especially with **Gwynne Morgan**, **Susan Dickey Smith**, and **Barbara Gibson**



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**South.** Linda actually thought about getting to the reunion this year, but other plans precluded that...maybe she can attend our 50th. She now lives in Scottsdale, Ariz. with her husband of 44 years, David. They have been in Arizona since 1971, in Tucson until 1997 before moving on up the road to Scottsdale. Her mother lives in Sun City West and the move made it much easier to see her more often. She has two sons, both living in the Phoenix area and finally one granddaughter who will be one the end of August. What fun! She and Dave are both now retired, enjoying some travel and more outside activities. She worked as a med tech for most of her working life and retired a year ago from the Mayo Clinic hospital in Phoenix.

If I am interpreting the follow-up emails from our Committee members, the motto for our class is now "Alive in Five!" Please do send more news (econprofessor@aol.com) for our next *Courier* and let me know if you would like to be added to our Facebook page.

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Hello, Classmates!

**Margaret Roberts Richards** asked me to convey her gratitude to you for your messages and support. She said she does not have email addresses for many people, but wanted to make sure you knew she was so thankful. Margaret and **Mary Alice Herod Lajoie** share a July 26th birthday and celebrated this year along with Mary Alice's husband Dick plus **Cathy Kearney Buser** and Steve. Margaret noted that last year at the same time they were with her while she was in a coma. Please continue your prayers. It is easiest to connect with Margaret through Facebook.

**Meg Burke Downing** sent her news from Maine where she has retired from paid work but is a full-time volunteer working on developing affordable housing for seniors in Maine and social justice issues in Guatemala. "My older son just had a baby at the tender age of 41—our first grandchild. Our younger son is a hot shot working for the US Forest Service out west. My husband and I continue to enjoy long distance hiking, biking, cross country skiing nationally and internationally, and our beautiful home state of Maine."

My "soulmate cousin" **Kathy O'Donnell Effler** recently visited with Kathy's college roommate **Anne Stiens Duff** and her husband Lewis. "We were on our way to Crystal Lake for a family vacation, and we stopped at their home in Rochester Hills, Michigan. Anne is a first grade teacher, her favorite grade to teach! We also visited recently with **Janet Krueger** and her husband Bruce Goodman at our daughter's house in South Bend. Our daughter Erika is a faculty member in the sociology department at Notre Dame. **Joan Bartczak Cannon** and I are in frequent contact. Joan is still teaching at the University of Massachusetts and makes frequent trips to her summer place in Cape Cod."

I also heard from my co-little sister of Saint Mary's days, **Deirdre Simpson DeRossett**. Dee and I had **Alyne Ricker '67** as our big sister while in college. Dee wrote, "I retired four years ago after 31 years as an elementary teacher. My husband Ned (ND'69) retired in 2007. In retirement we have enjoyed traveling to Europe, Canada, and seven U.S. National Parks. In addition, I enjoy gardening, reading, and ringing in our parish handbell choir. The highlight of our retirement has been caring for our two grandsons (4 1/2 years and 11 months) twice a week. Jaxson and Brady keep us active and busy, and they bring laughter to our lives."

**K.T. Cannon-Eger** says she is not retired, but rather changing careers again! "I've turned over most of my landscape design and maintenance jobs to a younger couple so I will have time to pay attention to a growing love of mine... Japanese gardens. Bill and I are helping to form a non-profit, Friends of Lili'uokalani Gardens, to get ready for the centennial in 2017. There's lots to be done including an asset inventory, working with volunteer groups on maintenance, building partnerships with other community groups such as the Japanese Community Association, Lyman Museum, Urasenke Society, Pacific Tsunami Museum, Hawaii Plantation Museum, Rotary, and on and on... all to give our county a hand in caring for this absolute jewel of a pond-and-stroll Japanese style garden that's more than 20 acres in size."

We are planning another train trip to look at more North American Japanese gardens—this time to the east coast. In September we will visit Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Richmond, and Washington, DC. I had hoped to visit one of our professors, Jim Flanagan, but learned to my dismay that he died suddenly last September at his home in New Jersey. His daughter Rachael posted his letter to his grandchildren that's gotten around quite a bit on the internet.

The last stop is of great family importance. Our son, Lt. Col. Bill Eger, is marrying his sweetheart Anita Ho in the National Press Club at the end of September. For classmates who want to keep up with our journeys, we have a blog at <http://us-japanesegardens.com> that begins with gardens we saw last year in May and June and again in October."

All is well with us here in Wilmington, N.C. Our family was together over an extended 4th of July weekend, which thankfully included some pretty Carolina blue skies for beach and boating opportunities. My husband Roy and I are looking forward to our every-other-summer drive out to the Midwest and many points to and from, visiting family and friends—AND... YOU... at our 45th class Reunion! Send me news anytime for our column. Here's your reminder for our deadlines, which are now three times/year: the first of April, August, and December. Take good care and God bless!

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From **Mary: Liz Megnin Neil** wanted to share with us that she had, "a delightful reunion with **Deb Fetter's McLane** at the 2012 Notre Dame-Michigan game in South Bend. Though we planned on getting together before the game, we'd failed to make firm plans on where to meet, and cell service being what it is on game day, we were unable to connect that morning on campus. So I began to revisit beloved places, which of course included the Grotto. I have never run into anyone when I've visited campus on game days in the past 38 years. That streak ended when there I found Deb, two of her sons, her mom, sister, brother, and two nieces! More Fetter's joined us at her mom's tailgate, and it was wonderful all around. Deb and I have gotten together in Chicago in 2010 and 2011 when she and her husband John have been there on business. Though we hadn't seen each other in more than 20 years, we picked right up where we left off, sharing memories and family updates, and discussing favorite books, observations on life, and lots of laughter. She and John have made their home in Scottsdale, Ariz., for more than three decades and have three sons and several grandchildren."

In April 2013, Liz and **Kathleen Campbell Lorenz '80** joined 10 other women for a quilting and scrapbooking weekend at a house on the shores of Lake Michigan. "We'd met in the late '80s when we lived in the same neighborhood in Chadds Ford, Penn., and saw that we were wearing identical Saint Mary's College class rings."

**Tricia Lauerma Nobbe** writes, "I was able to make it to two games last fall, Michigan and Wake Forest, and then Pam Strode Nosbusch (ND '75) and I travelled to Miami with her daughter, Kate, for the National Championship game. We met up with Chuck Katter (ND '75). Chuck's daughter, Anna, is a Notre Dame alum, and his son, David, is a freshman at ND. We had a great time in South Beach and tailgating before the game. In March, I travelled to Saint Mary's to spend the night in LeMans with my niece, **Brittany Wise, '13**. So much is the same, and a lot is very different. **Carol Ann Mooney '72** is doing an amazing job. After leaving Saint Mary's, I headed to Winnetka for what we try to make an annual reunion at **Lynn Farrell Major's** home. **Livy O'Neill Korte** comes up from the St. Louis area and we hang out, shop, watch basketball, eat, and of course, drink. My daughter, Lauren, and I surprised Brittany at her Saint Mary's graduation this month. Of course, we made all the comparisons between then and now and had our picture taken on Mom's bench, which is right outside the student entrance to LeMans: **Helen Ridgely Lauerma '41**, you can't miss it. I already sent out the two-year warning until Reunion 2015 email. Hope to see many of you there!



Members of the class of 1975 gathered on campus to dedicate a tree to their deceased and beloved classmate, Amy de la Torre. Pictured, left to right: front row: Erin Donovan, Maureen Kenney, Jill Dannemiller Feeney, Peg Tallet-Myks; back row: Mary Ann Strotman, Becky Masterson Saad, Mary Rittinger Burke

**Ellen Connolly Arens** writes that her daughter, **Kathleen Arens '13**, just graduated from Saint Mary's with a Nursing major/Biology minor. "We spent a wonderful graduation weekend on campus. I spent lots of time reflecting on what Saint Mary's has meant to me and marveling that it has been 38 years since we walked the same commencement path. This past weekend (in July), **Ann Blacker** spent her birthday weekend in Chicago and we had a great time with family and friends.

**Judy Sullivan Bayer** wrote: "Sorry to say, but no news is good news." And she was right. "My husband and I are empty nesters in Clifton Park, N.Y., and have no complaints. We are both still working full time but looking forward to retirement in a couple of years."

I hope all of you have the same kind of no news! But write anyway! (I don't have any news, either, come to think of it! Just writing, walking, and hoping to see friends from Saint Mary's when I go to Washington, D.C., next month.)

**From the Courier: Mary Burke, Maureen Kenney, Becky Masterson Saad, Mary Ann Strotman, and Peg Tallet-Myks** were joined by Erin Donovan (ND '75) and Jill Feeney (Bowling Green '75) for a bittersweet reunion as we dedicated a beautiful tree at Saint Mary's in honor of our wonderful friend, **Amy de la Torre**, who passed away last September after a valiant battle with cancer. The weekend began with cocktails and conversation, leading to a decision to order in pizza rather than move to a restaurant! ("Deja vu all over again!") An early morning walk around the spectacular ND campus prepared us for a lovely ceremony (complete with champagne) at the side of Amy's tree. Later, we enjoyed a high-spirited lunch at the Student Center and a (long) walk around Saint Mary's visiting every room any of us had lived in ("Where we almost failed out of school playing pinochle!"), the Church of Loretto, several dorm chapels ("We used to study and sing in here...oh yes, and pray, especially during football season and finals!"), the mail room ("Packages from home and letters from HTHs."), reception rooms

("Blind dates and long good nights."), etc. We nursed our sore feet over more memories at The Linebacker, followed by dinner at a friend's condo with more love, laughter, and reminiscing. The night ended, as so many have since we all met in 1971, with a raucous game of Charades ("Ok, I realize that 'fire' does not have two syllables in the case of *Mrs. Doubtfire*, but it does in various rap songs!"). What a time it was!

**From the Courier: Rita Murphy Carfagna** wrote: **Carol Ann Mooney '72** and her husband George Efta joined my husband, Peter, and I, and '71 classmates **Virginia Gibbs** (and her mother), and **Diane Johnson Speck** for a Lake County Captains game in Eastlake, Ohio, in celebration of our 60th birthdays (shh!). We were obviously joined by the mascots, Skipper and the Captain.

As for my husband and me, we are in the baseball business—co-owners of the Cleveland Indians Class A affiliate in Eastlake. We are the proud parents of four grown children and proud grandparents of our 15-month-old granddaughter, Sienna.

**Diane Johnson Speck** writes: I am the proud mother of Alison Speck Shah in Chicago Ill., Suzanne Speck Murray in Portland, Maine, and twins Stephen Speck and Bradley Speck in Indianapolis, Ind.

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From **Susan**: The holidays are upon us and it will be nice to receive a few more Christmas cards from the reconections we made at Reunion. The Class of 78 had a stellar presence at Reunion with a turnout of 91 women. Our class was awarded the Highest Class Gift to the annual fund with a total of \$182,291 restricted and unrestricted gifts. That is a class participation percentage of 38 percent.

Sadly, we have lost 10 of our classmates since our last Reunion, hard to imagine. They are **Maria-Lisa Mignanelli Brown** in 2010, **Karen Marie Clark** in 2009, **Vivian Elortegui Zapfel** in 2008, **Denise Hogan Garvey** in 2008, **Margaret Kabbes Norgren** in 2008, **Honey McHugh** in 2009, **Anne D. Mullaney** in 2011, **Diana Papiernik Cunneen** 2009, **Theresa M. Rebata** in 2008, and **Susan Rohn Groden** in 2012. Please remember them and their loved ones in your prayers.

**Deborah Basara Price** is an RN at the hospital of the University of Pennsylvania and lives in Moorestown, N.J. She is married and has two children, Aaron and Megan. **Jane Hyde Farley** lives in Naperville, Ill., and is very busy with four children, Ryan 30, David 27, Anne 22 and Robert III is 19. **Ellen McSweeney Bingham** is a retired medical technologist. She and husband Kipp have three children. They are James 29, Kip Jr. 27, and Margaret is 23. She stays in touch with **Beth Carey Kish**, **Beth Welch Robenalt**, **Joan Obiala McFadden**, **Linda Fromm Kirke**, **Rosaleen Muench Ostrick**, **Barb O'Neil Backscheider**, and **Mary LaBar Rohde**.

**Amy Jane Kosnar-Parker** is an advanced practice nurse FNP in ER at Rush Hospital and lives in LaGrange, Ill. Amy and her husband Paul have two children, Matthew 23 and Emily is 22. Amy did attend Reunion and enjoyed it very much.

**Karen Renz Klug** works in sales at Sample House in Dallas, Tex. She and husband Jonathan ND '78 have three children all of whom graduated from UND: Jonathan in 2007, Kara in 2010, and Kristen in 2013. Last June, Karen and Jonathan attended the wedding of Jim and **Francine Gidel Sellinger's** son at Sacred Heart. Their daughter, Kara, was the maid of honor. They enjoyed seeing **Mary Rost Gorecki** at the wedding.

**Julie Ann Shabi** is an artist with Signature Painting LLC and is living in Kalamazoo, Mich.

**Christine Dziwura Martinez** is a homemaker and mother of three in Norfolk, Va. She and her husband are proud parents of Javier 23, Pilar 18, and Sebastian 15. **Laurie O'Dell Rollinson's** daughter Caroline ND '09 got married on August 3rd and will live in NYC.

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As summer winds down I have heard from a few of you. Please keep the information coming so we can keep updated on everyone!

**Sue Turcotte** and her husband, Fred, moved to southwest Colorado in May 2013 from Connecticut. They are really enjoying their new home next to Mesa Verde. Desert living is very different, but they love the sunny, warm weather. Per Sue, visitors are most welcome! Sue was fortunate while in Connecticut to be able to see her former roommate, **Katie Driscoll Jacullo**, often. They went to a concert together just before Sue and her husband moved away which was a real treat. Katie's two children are now lovely young adults. In the fall of 2013, Katie's son will be a senior and her daughter will be a freshman at Notre Dame. Go Irish!

**Kathy Horgan Hennessy** and her daughter, **Kaitlin Hennessy '12**, had their book, *Anything But Silent, Our Family's Journey Through Childhood Apraxia of Speech*, published last May 2013, and it has already gone into its second printing. Kathy and Kate began working on this project quite some time ago with no thought that it would ever be published or be more than something they had fun working on together. Kate and her brother, Andy, were both diagnosed with childhood apraxia of speech when they were toddlers and their book relates some of the challenges their family faced, each from their own perspective. Kathy and Kate were excited to experience their first book signing this summer and will be speaking at several gatherings this fall. Look for Kathy and Kate's book and get an insight into her family's challenges and eventual successes with childhood apraxia of speech.

**Meg Broderick Olsen** has been named Director of Admissions at Rosary High School in Aurora, Ill.

**Margaret Turk Wallach** writes, "I now have a third SMC chick in the family. My youngest, Molly, is a freshman, in nursing, following my oldest, Kate Wallach Schmieg '07, who is now a nurse practitioner. I am a physician assistant, practicing in rheumatology. All three of us have served on



medical mission trips together, and are privileged to continue to serve.

Molly's first visitor to her dorm was a surprise guest, my granddaughter, Caroline, dressed in Saint Mary's colors. She presented a gift (beside herself) with a hand art creation of Saint Mary's colors. The photo captures the surprise, and the delight of seeing a fourth SMC chick in line, Caroline.

Mark (ND '77) and I were lucky to welcome our first granddaughter Sloane Christina Barnes in March! Her mom, Betsy Lucas Barnes (ND '03), husband, Nick and their two sons are overjoyed! Will she be a Belle or a Domer? If Grandma has her way, Sloane will be a Belle all the way.

Hope everyone is well. Have a great fall and maybe we will see each other at a football game!

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From **Roseann Enyedy Cyngier**: I just returned from hiking in the High Sierras with sons Kevin and Nick. We had a terrific time in Yosemite, Sequoia, Kings Canyon, and Death Valley National Parks. We also hiked among the oldest trees in the world (over 4,800 years old) in the Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest, and sat back on the dunes in Death Valley for stargazing where we could see thousands of stars, even the Milky Way. We also admired the tufas at Mono Lake. It was wonderful to be out in nature, even when we were in Death Valley during its new hot June record week of 129

degrees. Yosemite is my favorite place in the world and I was glad to share the experience with two of our sons.

**Tricia Burke** reports: My husband George Van Arsdale and I live in Louisville, Ky., in the Cherokee Triangle neighborhood and thoroughly enjoy having our friends and family (and Saint Mary's alumnae) join us on our front porch. With the help of some adult beverages and appropriate porching snacks, the world's problems are normally solved. In 2013, I have enjoyed visiting with **Bernie Ryan**, **Mary Burke '85**, and Tim Mitchell ND '81. Our granddaughter Sloan is 6 1/2 years old and she is a performing artist in the making. My family business, Office Environment Company, is a 106 year old local, independent office furniture (Haworth) and office products dealership that is experiencing positive growth. So, life is good, we are blessed...and I am still unable to get everyone who wants tickets to the Kentucky Derby (Sorry, folks).

From **Catherine Fenoglio Kelly**: My husband Joe Kelly ND '81 and I hosted the Notre Dame Glee Club in Omaha during their Spring Break Tour. It was a capacity crowd on the eve of Saint Patrick's Day. **Betsy Boyle Flood '86** and Tracy **McAuliffe Schilling '79** were in attendance. Helen Jenkins (Father Jenkins' mother) and I are chums and we sat in the front pew of Saint John's Church and enjoyed classic and contemporary spiritual and Irish favorites. The after-party at our house was full of fun and fellowship well into the night!

Our daughter Rosemary graduated from Notre Dame this spring in geological sciences/engineering, the same program as **Missy DeCrane Gary's** daughter Joan. At commencement I also saw **Karen**

**Dechant Thompson** whose son graduated from ND.

My husband is the new president of the Notre Dame Club in Omaha, which makes me executive assistant yet again! I recently moved to the College of Business at Creighton as executive assistant to the dean.

'82

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From **Susan**: To join the Facebook Group—well, first you do need to be on Facebook (**Sue Murdock Egan**). She will find this funny because I actually ran into Sue in O'Hare Airport this May (without having posted on FB where we were). We were both headed home on separating connecting flights, leaving at the same time—and both were delayed two hours. We had time to catch up and share a cocktail! I then posted the picture on Facebook and had some great comments sent our way. It really is a fun way to stay connected with all your Saint Mary's friends. So, just Facebook friend me when you get on (or if you already are) and I will add you to the group!

**Beth Makens Long** wanted to pass along to everyone that they started a scholarship fund at Saint Mary's under **Nini Stoll Lyman's** name. Anyone making a donation to Saint Mary's College can easily identify that they would like their contribution to go toward this fund in memory of Nini. Nini courageously battled ovarian cancer for eight years and passed away in May 2008. Beth recently posted a picture on Facebook of Nini's college-age daughter with her daughter, alongside an old picture of Beth and Nini at Saint Mary's. Resemblances were easy and heartwarming to see.

I also heard from **Mary Ellen Shanley Whelan** whose son lived in a house of eight including the son of **Patti Brandy Connor** and friends with **Beth Armstrong Perron's** daughter who all graduated from Notre Dame together this past May. Coincidentally, my son now lives in O'Neill Hall where Mary Ellen and Patti's sons lived; as well as **Anne Hesslau Dondanville's** son.

There was a very timely Facebook post from **Sue Brennwald Crimi** who lives in San Jose/Silicon Valley, Calif., with her husband Steve and two daughters. She had just come from a trip to Chicago where she got together with a group of 20 Saint Mary's and ND friends! She caught up with **Lynn Cern Graham**, **Mary Jones**, and **Anne Letcher Greif**. Lynn lives in Downers Grove and works as a nurse. Lynn has traveled to Russia the past few winters with a team of pediatric doctors. Mary is a fourth grade teacher in Park Ridge and just got back from a 2 1/2 week trip to Mongolia. Mary takes exciting trips to faraway places every summer and it is always fascinating to hear about them! Ann lives in Appleton/Neenah, Wis., and has three sons and works part time at her parish.

**Joanne Cullina** posted that she had just enjoyed a wonderful dinner with the Saint Mary's SUSI students—some amazing young women.

Back in the spring, there were some great pic-

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Enthusiastic endorsements from her four alumnae sisters made Saint Mary's an easy choice for the youngest Boyce sister, Mary Kate '11.

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tures posted from a Saint Mary's reunion weekend with **Susan Malone Feeley, Molly Thompson Cole, Mary Beth Donnelly Long, and Nieci Koslow Hogan**. Great whenever our Saint Mary's friends can get together... seems just like old times. And we all love to see the pictures posted. Keep them coming.

'83

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**Erin Foley Almanza** writes: "My children are currently in grades 8, 10, and 12 at St. Stephen's Episcopal School in Austin, Texas. Boone and I have been married now for over 18 years and have three great kids. Boone is an attorney and is a managing partner in his own firm, Almanza, Blackburn & Dickie. We got married, had our first child, and he started his own firm all in the same year—and we haven't slowed down since. All three of our children are very active. Albert, our oldest, has been playing select basketball since he was 12; he is now 6'6" and has offers to play for a number of NCAA D-1 universities around the country and is hoping to sign for one of them come this November. My sophomore girl, Madalena, is an honor roll student, made the varsity volleyball and varsity basketball teams as a freshman, and is hoping to play both sports again this year. Maddie also plays select basketball and at 6'0"—who knows what she will finally choose; it's all just getting started for her and we are thrilled. My youngest, Isabella, is coming up right behind these two. She is a high honor roll student, plays select volleyball for Austin Juniors, and made the top middle school volleyball team. As you can probably gather, my husband and I are very busy with three kids and their schedule. I will be working full-time by the time the *Courier* is in print—at least I hope so anyway. Our favorite vacation, when we aren't traveling for sports, is our spot in Florida along the panhandle and we try to get there whenever we can. I have enjoyed seeing the pictures from the Reunion—thanks for posting on Facebook! What fun to see you all together! I was disappointed to have to miss the Reunion and being able to catch up with everyone."

From **Elizabeth Sinnott Pash**: "I live in New York and have an antiques/interior design business (Elizabeth Pash Antiques and Decoration). I'm married to Jeff Pash, who is general counsel at the National Football League. We have four children: Justin, 21, a senior at Harvard; Lucy, 18, a senior at Riverdale Country School; Michael, a sophomore at Loyola School; and Sally, who's in grade eight at Chapin School."

From **Ann Kiefer Casey**: "I just wanted to thank everyone who contributed to the Reunion Gift Campaign, and I appreciate all those who helped me call fellow classmates! It was great to see everyone at the Reunion and especially all those at the Oaken Bucket! Good idea—I never even knew that place existed. Saint Mary's really is a special place 30 years later! Great to see everyone!"

From **Sue Poss Harrison**: In July it was great fun to be reunited with dear Saint Mary's friends **Jill Daley Gibson, Mary Laue Iberle, and Beth Ferstel Strotman**. Since family obligations prevented the four of us from attending the

Reunion, we met in Chicago a few weeks later and had a blast hanging out, catching up, and enjoying each other's company. Jill was in town to move in her oldest son, Michael, at Loyola University School of Law. (Her younger son, Peter, is a sophomore at the University of Vermont.) Mary's oldest, Tim, is a personal trainer in Chicago, while Beth's oldest, Jack, is an investment advisor downtown. While we were in Chicago, Jill, Mary, and Beth discovered that their three sons who live in Chicago are all in the same neighborhood! Mary's middle daughter, Jenna, is in her first year of a doctoral program in physical therapy at Creighton University, while youngest daughter Jenna is a senior at the University of Iowa. Beth's second son, Mark, also lives and works in Chicago; son Luke just graduated from high school and her youngest Mathias is in middle school.

As far as Harrison kids are concerned, our oldest, Peter, who graduated from college a couple of years ago, has gone back to get his certification in elementary education; this year he's teaching at a charter school in Washington, D.C. Our middle son, John, lives and works here in St. Louis and his hobby is brewing craft beer, which my husband and I are now becoming somewhat knowledgeable about thanks to John! Our youngest, Mary, is a junior at Stanford; she studied abroad in Madrid last spring and Brad and I enjoyed an excuse to travel to Spain to visit her! Thanks to everyone for sending in news—for anyone who hasn't sent in news in a while—you don't have to wait for an invitation from me—send me a note with your updates anytime!

From the *Courier*: **Elizabeth Kentra Gorey** works as an Ear, Nose and Throat Physician in Carrollton, Ga. She has two children, Erin, 21 years old and Aiden is 17. Elizabeth visited Boston in May and visited **Kathleen Peartree Moon '82**, her mother, and three children. Elizabeth missed Reunion as she took her son Aiden to Honduras for a medical mission.

'85

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Greetings Classmates! Since I last wrote, I've gotten three great email updates. Keep 'em coming! We still have a year and a half before we gather together again at SMC for our 30th Reunion!

To begin with, **Jeanne Budak Jasper** took the time to share that she teaches first grade in South Bend, and often supervises student teachers from Saint Mary's. This year, she worked with Annie Doyle '13, who revealed that her mom had graduated from Saint Mary's as well—our classmate **Mary Blaha Doyle**!

Jeanne also connected with **Cynthia Minot** on a visit to Florida for Star Wars Weekend at Disney World with her son James over Memorial Day weekend. Cindy lives in Rockledge and works for a company that helps people find employment.

The first weekend in June, **Gerrilu Barrows Hughes, Debra Bryant Tetzloff '86**, and Jeanne met in Fort Wayne for a weekend to catch up. Gerrilu teaches kindergarten in Killbuck, Ohio, and Deb is a stay-at-home mom in Cincinnati, Ohio... currently home schooling her youngest son.

And in the spirit of reporting on connections,

**Nanci Reiland Peek** shared that her daughter Jessica had a great time participating in a summer service-learning project through Notre Dame. The project was actually in Sioux Falls, S.D. Nancy was pleasantly surprised to find out that her daughter's host family was none other than our very own

**Moirra Finnegan Zahn** and family.

**Theresa Kloska Thomas** also sent in an update, and I'm happy to report she has not stopped writing even after publishing her first book. She's now written and released her second book, titled: *Big Hearted: Inspiring Stories From Everyday Families*, published by Scepter Publishers (<http://bit.ly/11jcsV>). She had a lot of fun writing it, and met some amazing people along the way. Updates on her family include her oldest, David, 25, has been working for three years at a major Hollywood talent agency in Beverly Hills, Calif. Second son Mike is working at GE in their financial management program. Third child Caroline graduated with her BA in Fine Art and English and is in Ireland to pursue her masters in creative writing. Matthew is son number three, and recently went to Los Angeles this summer for a music internship, though he's majoring in marketing. Melissa has just graduated from high school and will be studying art and animation. Rachel is in high school and she and sisters Grace and Theresa (homeschooled) are company dancers in a local pre-professional ballet company. Angela is the youngest and is giving soccer a try.

I hope you have enjoyed a safe and interesting summer! Let us know the latest, soon!

'86

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From **Kathi Hartweger Mimlitz**: **Micki Skupien** wrote: "**Peggy Golonka Nicholson, Kathleen Juckniess, Alessandra Dwyer, Maureen Klemens Sullivan, and Micki Skupien** met in St. Helena, Napa County, Calif., for a few days in June for some fun, sun, wine, and a lot of laughs. We are deciding our next year's trip to celebrate our milestone birthdays. Wherever we decide, it is going to be exotic and tropical. In the interim, we will see each other in November when Ali and Peggy run the NYC marathon. Peggy is living in Chicago, working as an interior designer and trying to keep up with her teenagers (she does a great job of it). Maureen is an executive in hospital administration at Cleveland Clinic and a mother of three. Kathleen is buzzing around the U.S. working in consulting at IBM. Her permanent residence is

in Chicago if you can ever catch her there. Ali is in commercial real estate in New Jersey and in her spare time she keeps herself and others fit as a personal trainer, and Micki is living in Boston and working in biotech for a French company which takes me on great business trips and adventures overseas." Please send updates for Courier to me at Kathi@mimilitz.com.

'88

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From **Mary Kay**: With all the visiting and reminiscing we did at Reunion, I wasn't able to include the news shared by those who returned their Class of 1988 Information Updates in my last submission. Here is what I read: **Ann Austria Bockrath** is a dentist in Dayton, Ohio. **Molly Stanton Witt** shared: "My son Alex will be attending OSU in the fall." This year, **Heather Miller Moriconi** celebrates 17 years of employment at The University of Notre Dame.

Others had more to tell. **Gretchen Burud Bottrill** wrote: "I married Mark Bottrill on December 30, 2011 in Charlotte, North Carolina. We both lost our spouses of 20 years in 2008, and are so grateful to be able to love one another now. He has two wonderful boys, Russ (19) and Luke (16). My son Alec (19) and daughter Gracie (14) and I moved to Charlotte in June 2012 and we have enjoyed our own version of 'The Brady Bunch.' I am still with Bank of America (23 years!), working in their Commercial Bank. My life is very full and I feel richly blessed!"

From **Eileen Lawrence Johnson**: "After living in Chicago and River Forest, Illinois, for 16 years together, my husband and I moved to Iowa City, Iowa, with our two sons, where Brad accepted the position of Vice President of Operations for Knutson Construction. I was able to keep my position as Vice President of Sales for Agate Publishing and I now work remotely out of Iowa City. In 2012, I joined the Board of Directors for the UNESCO City of Literature - Iowa City, and I am the chairman of the 2013 Iowa City Book Festival."

**Mitzi Morfin Wilson** has received multiple awards for her work: "In 2012, I was the recipient of a Nurse in Washington Internship (NIWI) Award by National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners. This year, I was awarded the Ohio State Advocate Award from the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) as well as the Partner in Care Award from the Northeast Ohio Nursing Initiative (NEONI). All 3 awards are for the nursing advocacy work I have been participating in, specific to advanced practice nursing."

**Nancy Kloc Genovese** wrote: "I have been living in northern California with my husband Mark (ND '88) for the past 20 years. We have 3 girls: Alex (16), Danielle (14), and Lauren (10). Currently, I am retired from my career in high-tech marketing and enjoy spending time with all my girls!"

Using the email addresses you provided to the Reunion coordinators, I will be sending out an email request for more updates about a month before my next deadline. Please make sure my

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'89

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A little housekeeping first: Please be sure your email and postal address are up to date with Saint Mary's...because our 25th Reunion is May 29-June 2, 2014! You'll be receiving information about Reunion plans, weekend activities, and to participate in the Reunion Gift Campaign. Keep in mind that the "giving year" runs from June 1-May 31, so all Reunion or campaign donations you make right now count toward our reunion giving total—we're aiming for 100 percent participation! I encourage everyone to come to Reunion and to be as generous as your situation allows for the class gift campaign...remember, no matter how much you can give, participation is important! If you are interested in helping out, please let me know. And, if you are asked to help out, please consider giving a little of your time to make our Reunion a big success.

Now on to the news...Lots of daughters off to college, including a few carrying on the Belles tradition!

Over the summer, **Meghan Feasel '13** and her mom, **Julie Wagner Feasel**, hosted the Central Ohio Alumnae Club Freshmen Send-Off, which was quite convenient as Julie's youngest daughter, Brigid, is now a Saint Mary's first-year majoring in art and playing basketball. Meghan took a teaching job in Las Vegas in the Clark County School district, so if there are other alums in Vegas, Meghan would like to start a club! In late July, the three Feasel ladies met up with **Kathleen Gibbons** for dinner and shared their Saint Mary's stories.

**Karen Krok Hasler** and Doug ND '88 sent the oldest of their five children off to college. Becca is a freshman at Ball State University where she plans to study exercise science and pre-med. **Trish Tierney Keilman** and Karen caught up over a summertime lunch. Trish's daughter, Courtney, is a freshman at Indiana University. Karen also enjoyed a visit from **Anne Williard Armstrong '88** and **Maria Kelty Candelaria '88** over Reunion 2013 weekend.

**Cara Calzolano-Ross** and her husband, Richard W. Ross, Jr., live in Medford, N.J., and are proud parents to four children: Megan, a junior at Saint Mary's College living in Le Mans Hall; Jonathan, 18, is a high school senior at Fishburne Military Academy in Waynesboro, Va.; Robbi-Anne, 12; and Sean, 9. Cara is the founder of Diamond Athletics All-Star Cheerleading and Tumble Center in Southampton, N.J., home of many nationally ranked competitive cheerleading teams. She recent sold DA to spend more time with her children who keep her very, very busy!

**Katie Gugle** took her daughter, Malina, to Saint Mary's for Fine Arts Camp in July. They arrived a day early to spend time with **Sheila Feeley Dodds**, **Barb Bolla Kopko**, and **Lynne Lauer Kasperan**. Katie had a wonderful time showing Malina the Saint Mary's and Notre Dame campuses for the first time. Katie, Sheila, Barb, and Lynne had a fabulous mini-reunion and lamented that Eddy Commons wasn't there when we were students. Most importantly, Malina greatly enjoyed the camp. And Katie was impressed with the perfor-

mances given on the last day in O'Laughlin.

**Penny Falaschetti Dolan** has completed her 16th year at the University of Chicago working in GYN/ONC clinical trials. She loves that her job focuses solely on women's care! Last fall and winter were spent touring colleges with her oldest daughter, Erin, who is now a freshman at Marquette University. Last Thanksgiving, Penny caught up with **Caroline Piatak Sinclair** when the two met for lunch and drinks near Caroline's home in Rochester, Mich. And this past July, Penny had the "awesome pleasure" of having **Kelly Glavin Zeh** visit from Pittsburgh for a couple days. Kelly was touring the Midwest while her daughter, Makenzie, was at Notre Dame's cross country camp. Kelly and Penny spent a day in Chicago at Millennium Park and walking on Michigan Avenue "looking" for Channing Tatum and Mila Kunis who were filming their new movie. Talk turned to Reunion next year, and they hope to convince some dear old friends to come to campus to join them on campus that weekend!

'91

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Thank you to everyone who sent updates! I really appreciate it and had lots of news to share throughout the last few class news sections. However, I now need more! Please send me more updates. There are so many of you that I have not heard from. Thanks!

**Ranya Baramki Tarazi** lives in the Jerusalem area with her husband and three children, Sama (16), Sari (14), and Leen (8). She works as a vice principal in a school that caters to socially/economically challenged children. She plays on a co-ed volleyball team and has learned "dabke," which is the traditional Palestinian dance.

**Toni Olivieri Barton** is the library teacher at Woodmen-Roberts Elementary in Colorado Springs, Colorado. She spent a year teaching and going to school in Shanghai, China. She has two children, Frank and Margaret. Her husband, Matt, is an English teacher.

**Kimberly Rajske Beistle** and her husband, Eric, have four children: Matthew (17), Luke (15), Celia (13), and Erika (10). They live in Big Rapids, Michigan. She is an associate professor at Ferris State University. She directs the dental hygiene program. Kimberly earned her PhD in higher education leadership from Western Michigan University in April, 2012.

**Julie Smith Stotzer** lives in W. Columbia, S.C., and has worked as a financial planner for over two decades. She had a visit with **Ann Patzke Gray** when she went to Washington, D.C., with her husband, Mike ND '91, and daughter Lilly, 8.

**Lowell Lehmann** lives in Cincinnati, Ohio. She is a partner in an IT consulting firm called Resolvit that she helped to start. She has been recognized as a "Woman to Watch" by the Cincinnati Enquirer.

**Anne Korson May** lives in Muncie, Ind., with her husband Jason and their four children. She works part time as a chiropractic assistant.

**Michelle Cheney Loudon** lives in Missouri with her husband, Kurt, and three children: Lucy (9), Noah (7), and Justin (2). The kids keep her busy, but she still likes to play tennis when she can.



**Laura Brietzke Dunbar** received her master's in education in 2005 and works in Elmwood Park, Illinois teaching gifted students in 7th and 8th grades. She lives in Chicago with her husband, Jim, and children, Millie (19), Megan (17), Jim (15), and Adeline (12).

**Terri Hartstein McKendry** lives in North Carolina with her husband, Bill ND '90, '91, and two boys, Colin (19) and Kevin (17). She received her master's in education, community counseling in 1994 and works as a college counselor at Cardinal Gibbons HS in Raleigh.

**Kathleen McDonough** lives in the Bucktown area of Chicago with her husband, John Mundo ND '88, '91, and three children, Isabel (9), Michael (6), and Caroline (4).

**Heather Briggs Stancil** works as an IT Telecom analyst for MidAmerican Energy Company in Urbandale, Iowa. She has served as city councilwoman for the town of Earlham, Ia., and was nominated to be the chair of the city finance committee.

**Alissa McDowell Dern** lives in Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin, with her husband, Chad. She is very busy raising 4 boys, Mack (14), Charlie (12), Andy (9), and George (7). The family is very active at their church and the boys' schools.

**Jennifer Osborn Schmidt** lives in Redmond, Washington, with her husband and 2 teenage daughters. She is a stay-at-home mom that loves yoga, tutoring, and volunteering with the Assistance League.

**Sara Harker Greene** lives in Fishers, Indiana, with her husband, Tony and 3 boys, Jack (16), Charlie (14) and Michael (10). She teaches at Cathedral High School in the fine arts department.

'92

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From **Patsy: Kristin Schultz Short** is working part time as a consultant for Laurus Strategies in Chicago. Kristin recently met up with **Maureen Schneeberger McDaniel** and **Beth Hamilton McGlenn** in Kansas City this summer and had a great time. Kristin and Dave ND'92 live in Glen Ellyn, Ill., with their four children. Their oldest daughter is starting high school this year! Their youngest daughter enjoyed fine arts camp at Saint Mary's and stayed in the Holy Cross dorm.

**Sharon Zint Marts** graduated from the University of San Francisco in May 2013 with an Education (EdD) degree in organizations and leadership. Her dissertation was on sandwich generation caregiving. Sharon recently started with a Silicon Valley startup firm called Recruiter.net. Sharon's kids are 12, 8, and 5.

Congratulations to **Beth Harvey Preston** and Bryan who welcomed their second son, Nathaniel (Nate) Edward Preston, on July 10, 2013. **Meg Whitty Molloy** and her husband, James, are the godparents.

Congratulations to **Chris Bacon** on the birth of her first baby, Max Parker Bacon, on June 13, 2013. It's been a busy year for Chris as she also just

moved back to Phoenix from New York City.

**Debbie James Rosmarin** passed along the news that **Barb Young Gerdenich** and her family recently relocated to Boston from Ohio. They are living in temporary housing as they wait for their new house to be built. Debbie visited her parents in Wisconsin in the summer. She and **Mary Failor Kennard** were able to meet for dinner in a town half way between Wis., and Mary's house, about two hours away.

**Lori Corirossi Hazen** met up with **Natalie Hultz Aubry** for a day of shopping in Chicago. Lori also ran into **Annie Lopez Kiperman** at a dance convention where both had daughters competing. In July, Lori, **Heather Pflanz**, and I had dinner at Lori's house in Naperville, Ill. It was such a great night and so much fun to catch up. Lori celebrated her oldest daughter Courtney's sweet 16 by taking her to New York for a weekend in August. Lori's daughter Emily will be 14 in November and her son Brennan is 9.

As for me, by the time this column appears, my husband Jim will be home from his nine-month deployment to Afghanistan. I'm very proud of him and I know he has done a great service for our country. Many thanks for all of the prayers for his safe return. Thank you also to the husband of **Ann Jasper Dromsky**, who has returned from his second deployment to Kandahar, Afghanistan. **Kathleen Golski Coolman's** husband also returned some time ago from his Afghanistan deployment. On those long nights while Jim was gone and unable to communicate with us, I thought of Ann and Kathleen often and felt better knowing that this was a time that would eventually end.

So ladies, please take a few minutes and email me your latest updates or join us on our Facebook page. Hope everyone is having a great year!

'97

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Bonjour tout le monde! I hope this finds you doing well and having had a good summer. It was a busy one for me as I spent much of it developing our department's first online French class, which I will be teaching this fall along with two face-to-face classes. I have been asked to develop the next two courses in the sequence as well, which we will launch in spring 2014 and fall 2014. This has been my first experience with online education—I am looking forward to seeing how everything works out.

Ignacio and I enjoyed travels in France and Spain after my coursework was done—it was wonderful returning to Alsace (where I had not been in over 10 years) and spending time with Ignacio's family in Spain. Now that we have returned from our trip, I keep seeking out ways to go back and food seems to work really well. So far I have bought spaetzle, a kugelhupf (which replaced birthday cake for me this year), and several bottles of Alsatian wine. Ignacio made gazpacho last week and berenjenas fritas con miel are being planned for tomorrow.

Time passes so quickly—it is hard to believe it is August and that classes begin a week from today. As I need to prepare for them, I am going to end my updates here and share those of our classmates. Enjoy!

From Cleveland, **Peggy Lenczewski Miller** writes, "I wanted to drop you a line for an update for

the *Courier*. I've been busy since I got married seven years ago: John and I have a daughter, Delaney Rose, who will turn five in July. We also have a little boy, Johnny, who will be two at the end of August. I have been at home with the kids since 2010 and I'm very grateful to have this time with them. I got together with **Christina Novak '96** a few weeks ago for a yoga class and then sushi, because who doesn't crave sushi after they do yoga? She is still working at PNC Bank and is completing her MBA. We had a lot of fun comparing notes about yoga classes, fitness centers, and our favorite beers. But we also talked about how Saint Mary's had prepared us to be able to adapt to this changing world with grace and intelligence and determination. That has served us both very well.

I keep in close touch with **Catherine Bohan Opel '98** as well—she had a little boy, Zachary Wallace, in January. He joins Nathon, Max, and Caitlin, so Catherine has her hands full. I'm looking forward to making a trip up to Kalamazoo to meet Zach as soon as the school year ends for Delaney."

**Chris Knych Ugo** also sends news from the Midwest: "**Jill Reidinger Cole** has more exciting updates than we do, Amy! Not much with us! Jill, her husband Matt, and their beautiful children, Tanner (4) and Madison (born June 12, 2013), met us for lunch in Louisville as we traveled back to Indy from a trip to Myrtle Beach!"

Many congratulations to all and also to **Corinne Hanrahan Mieszcza** and her husband Mike, who welcomed their son, Cameron James, on May 13th. Cameron joins big sister Natalie (2 1/2). Corrie and her family live in Brookfield, Ill.

South Carolina seems to have been a popular vacation spot for our classmates this year. I received the following note from **Kim Pohlman Meske** a few days ago: "We are in Hilton Head Island until Friday and then leave to see **Jennifer Kovalick Paterno** in her new home in Charlotte, N.C. Sophie starts preschool on Aug. 30th...where does the time go? I don't know who is going to have a harder time, Sophie or me!"

**Jody Jennings Letourneau** writes: "My husband Chris and I welcomed our first child, Lucas Christopher, on May 29. We live in Cornelius, N.C. We were married on Dec. 31, 2011 at the Childress Vineyards in N.C. **Mary Pat Buckenmeyer Krupitzer** was my maid of honor. Mary Pat and I went to high school together in Toledo, Ohio, and were roommates one year at Saint Mary's. Needless to say, we are still the best of friends after all these years!"

Mary Pat Buckenmeyer married Tom Krupitzer on November 14, 2012. They were grade school friends who reconnected while living in the D.C. area. They are, hands down, the cutest couple ever! The only downside is the nine-hour drive that separates us. Lucas and I have already made the trip twice to visit!

Last but certainly not least, **Amberly Hershberger Nichols** sends the following update from Indiana: "Greetings to everyone from the Nichols family! We are having quite the eventful year. Milo just turned five and is starting kindergarten while Ethan just turned eight and will be starting 2nd grade. Everyone is right when they say time flies with these little ones! I'm working as a clinical therapist in Mishawaka and just received my credentials as a Certified Autism Specialist. Mike continues to enjoy his practice as a financial advisor in Granger. We've had an excellent summer enjoying all of the typical summer joys—camping, beaches, cookouts, friends, and loved ones. We are



Members of the Class of 1998 catch the perfect moment that sums up Reunion 2013.

truly blessed! I can't wait to read what the rest of my classmates have been up to!"

Amberly, I couldn't have put it better. I always look forward to receiving news from our classmates—thank you for sending them! Speaking of that, our next deadline is December 1st. Please send me your updates the week before at the latest—I look forward to receiving them!

Take care for now and have a wonderful autumn. It is always a beautiful time of year, especially at Saint Mary's. À bientôt, mes amies, Amy.

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From **Jennifer: Vanessa Indriolo Vreeland** and her husband Jonathan welcomed their first child Oliver on January 22nd.

**Jenn D'Arcy Ness** gave birth to Collin Ryker Ness on March 7, 2013. He was welcomed home by older siblings Nolan, 8, d'Arcy, 6, and Dillon, 3.

**Kelly Fennwald Olszewski** welcomed a new baby on June 27. Eli David was born at home and welcomed by siblings David, 8, Rachel, 5, and Naomi, 3. The family had a relaxing summer before starting up the homeschool year again.

On July 9, 2013, **Kelly Madden Manzo's** mom, Debra Madden, passed away unexpectedly of natural causes. Debra is also survived by sister-in-law, **Carole Madden Ortman '62** and niece **Katie Ortman Hirsch '90**.

**Kelly Galassi Gilbert** completed her doctorate in education with a superintendent certificate from Argosy University. This amazing professional accomplishment was a dream come true for her.

After 2 months of hospital bed rest, **Karen Kellner Birling** gave birth to William 'Will' Oliver Birling by emergency C section at just 32 weeks on the 4th of July. Will was in the NICU for three and a half weeks then came home to join proud big sister, Lydia.

**Jessica Stuifbergen Piser** married Larry Piser on August 3, 2013 in the Holy Spirit Chapel in Le Mans Hall. Larry is a furniture designer in South Bend. Guests enjoyed a fun reception in the Saint Mary's dining hall after the ceremony. Belles present included **Jo Ann Grima Mackenzie '69**, **Kate Simonds Stratigos '79**, **Kara O'Leary '89**, bridesmaid **Jessi Lentych Loyd '98**, **Rachael Sederberg Ferrell '98**, **JudeAnne Wilson Hastings, '96**, **Sarah Miesle '07**, **Wendy Betz Chapman '95**, **Sarah Hoshaw '02**, **Kathy Reddy White '79**, and **Lisa Reed Peppers '87**.

**Jennifer Mazurek Miles** took a position in March with Sweet Ali's Bakery, a small family owned Gluten Free Bakery in Hinsdale, Ill. She is working in sales and business development and is absolutely passionate about her new position. If you need any guidance with gluten intolerance or celiac disease, feel free to contact her at [jmiles@sweetalis.com](mailto:jmiles@sweetalis.com).

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From **Alyson:** Dearest 2001 Belles, enjoy the updates! **Katie McGillis Love** shared joyous news, "I got married at a winery in Michigan on September 29, 2012 and **Kara De Decker Monson** was there! I also went back to school at Eastern Michigan and have been working as a pediatric nurse at University of Michigan, CS Mott Children's Hospital, for almost two years. I couldn't be happier. I have the best job in the world—terrifying and exhausting at times, but nothing better than getting hugs and helping make miracles happen every day! My husband, Chris, and I are going to Ireland in September for a honeymoon/one-year anniversary."

And **Lori Fournier-Norem** shared, "I am still working at Saint Joseph's High School in South Bend and am also teaching as an adjunct French professor at Ivy Tech Community College. I have earned my MA from Middlebury College in VT. However, most importantly, my husband, Paul Norem, and I welcomed our second son, Jensen, into the world on October 29. Our first son, Tidus, is in first grade, in an awesome Spanish immersion school, and is doing well!"

Congratulations are in order for **Cindy Traub** and her husband who welcomed Margaret Elizabeth (Maggie) into the world on August 9th. Big brother Ryan is already a big fan of his little sister. And **Julia Scheib Martin** shared, "Scott and I welcomed our third son, Cullen Joseph Martin, on January 23, 2013. Big brothers Griff and Tanner are enjoying the new family addition. I am entering my 12th year of teaching high school social stud-

ies this fall. Between teaching and three little boys, life is busy, but fun!"

And **Jennifer Chamberlin Sowell** added another great update, "Last year, in September, I decided to leave my position at Amgen to pursue other opportunities. It was a tough decision to leave Amgen after 10 years but I am excited at what my next job may bring. I now work as a QA Technical Manager at the Louisville, Ky., distribution center for Genentech (a member of the Roche group). On May 29, 2013 my husband, Shane, and I also welcomed our beautiful daughter, Rebecca Grace, to the family. She is truly a blessing and our 2 1/2 year old, Alyssa, just loves being a big sister. And our cats, Stanley and Stewy are adjusting well too!"

**Amanda DeMeester** checked in, "After 10 years of working in nonprofit in NYC, I made the leap into NY's booming tech scene and am working as a content manager at a startup that is creating an events listings app." And **Anne Senger Perna** also wrote, "Things here in Michigan are great! Lila is 14 months old already and growing so quickly. She started walking a few weeks ago and has been constantly on the move ever since. I am coming up on my two-year anniversary at Enzo Life Sciences in Ann Arbor and I am still loving my job as a research scientist in the RandD department."

Belles are also on the move. **Mary Ellen McGowan Landry** wrote "My husband, Jim, and I have relocated our family from the Washington DC metro area to Indianapolis, IN." And **Colleen Borkowski Fontaine** added, "Things are good, but busy here in Milwaukee, WI. Our big news is that my husband has been transferred to the Charlottesville, VA area where he'll be running one of his company's manufacturing plants. Caitlyn is just two years old and Evan is 6 months—needless to say, things are a bit crazy while we try to sell our house, so we can join him hopefully soon!"

And lastly, I am doing well in my little corner of the world. I've had a great summer—how it flies by—and I'm gearing up for my 8th year as a school counselor. This summer, I was able to spend time with friends and family, travel around Oregon, hike, bike, wine taste, run Hood to Coast, learn to hula hoop, and begin practicing yoga. Not too shabby. Until next time, my best.

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From **Katie: Christina Holdvogt Wiencke** reports, "I married James Wiencke on May 11, 2013 at the Basilica of St. Mary in Minneapolis. We met singing in the choir at the Basilica and we live near Minneapolis. For the last three years I've worked as a student affairs administrator for the MBA program at the Carlson School of Management, University of Minnesota."

The class of 2002 has experienced a baby boom! Lots of updates from our class and their growing families! **Sara Duffy Pensinger**

announces "On June 11th, my husband Joe and I welcomed Matthew Joseph Pensinger into the world. He is such a sweet baby and we are so in love."

**Liz Kocourek Dunleavy** and her husband Brian are excited to announce the arrival of their 3rd child! A little boy Thomas Patrick born in April 2013. That makes 3 children three and under! Their days are nonstop, with little to no down time, but they are still smiling. They still live in Greenwich, CT but are working toward a move to Minnesota so they can be back by Liz's family.

**Lori Marso Cuomo** was sad to miss our 10 year reunion last year but reports that she was busy delivering her third child, a girl, Margaret (Maggy) Kay Cuomo, joining big brother Joey and big sister Katy.

**Jessica Klink Severino** and Anthony Severino welcomed Greta May Severino on March 21, 2013. She says, "We are so happy and thrilled with our little bundle of joy! Maybe she will be in the graduating class of 2034?"

**Katie Corsentino Newberger** is still with PepsiCo, most recently in a global marketing role for the Quaker brand. Her role has taken her to London, Mexico City, Toronto, Shanghai, and Sao Paulo to visit with local teams and see the consumer first-hand. While an amazing experience to visit all of these international markets, she's ready to enjoy some downtime with her family this winter.

After 10 years with Feld Entertainment (*Disney On Ice* and *Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey* circus), **Tracy Graf** made a career switch to work for Vail Resorts. "I am the Marketing Director for Vail Resorts' Urban Ski Areas division, which currently includes Afton Alps in Minneapolis and Mt. Brighton outside of Detroit. I am getting to incorporate my passion for skiing into my job with a great company here in Colorado and travel back to the Midwest some also."

**Mary Brennan Stiers** reports that after 10 years of living in the City of Chicago she and her husband, Ben, finally made the trek to the burbs. They now live in Naperville with their four year old daughter, Lucy, and nearly three year old

son, Andrew. "I still work for BP and commute downtown every day." They are having a blast with their munchkins, managing working life, making new friends, and keeping up with the old ones!

**Erin McGarry Hardison** is still developing, writing, and editing standardized language tests and speech therapy materials at LinguSystems. Her daughter, Quinn, turned one in June and is busy walking, talking, and being sassy. Erin's 75-year-old mother, Marianne McGarry, passed away of a sudden heart attack in February. The Saint Mary's community has been a great source of strength for our family during this time of grief. To honor Marianne's memory, in lieu of gifts, diapers were collected at Quinn's first birthday party and donated to low-income families in the Quad City area. Scott, Erin, and Quinn continue to live in Davenport, IA.

Some news on my end is that after 12 years of living in Chicago, I recently relocated to New York City. While it's been a big change of pace from Chicago I am excited for the challenges and opportunities it brings as I help expand the east coast practice of AArete.

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Hello, 2006 Belles! Thank you all for your submissions and photos. Please feel free to contact me with updates anytime. I have a new mailing address, but my phone number and email address are the same.

**Emily Fannon** earned her MBA from Boston College in May 2013.

**Kathleen McCall Mezwicki** works in Charlotte, North Carolina, as a social worker serving homeless youth and their families. She married Andy Mezwicki on June 15, 2013 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The wedding was a mini-Saint Mary's reunion with the following classmates in attendance: **Lauren Condon, Lauren Rosenbach Host, Megan O'Neil, Nicole Gifford Lowe, Casey Campe,**

**Megan Kennedy Shanley, Melissa Adams, Becky Feauto LaLiberte, and Megan Mattia.**

**Sarah Ann Medina Steimer** accepted a job at the University of California Davis Medical Center as the clinical research coordinator in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. She moved with husband, Sean Steimer, from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to Sacramento, California, in October 2012, where they recently purchased their first home.

**Kelly Sigler Watson** and husband, Brian, welcomed future Belle, Ella, on December 10, 2012. She was born in Alexandria, Va.

**Esther Maria Probst** currently resides in Washington, D.C., and works at The Phillips Collection as a museum educator. She married Daniel McSwain (ND '05) on December 1, 2012 in her hometown of Miami, Florida. Bridesmaids included Saint Mary's classmates **Ximena Williams Olivera** and **Margaret Barreto**. Other Saint Mary's Belles in attendance included **Suzie Schught '05, Saundra Alaniz '04, Joan McAuliffe McCaughan '77, and Mary Campbell Carnevale '79.**

**Stephanie Hile Allen** and husband Dan (ND 07, 11) welcomed a second son, Mark Francis, on July 16, 2013. He joins big brother Benjamin who turned two on August 18th.

**Christine Weyforth D'Amato** and her husband welcomed a son, Brayden Mark D'Amato, on April 30, 2013. He was 8 pounds and 4 ounces, 21 inches long. Christine completed her master's degree in October 2012 and is now a certified registered nurse anesthetist in Chicago.

**Lisa Helmholdt** and husband Jeremy welcomed a son, Caleb, on November 15, 2012. After finishing her seventh year of teaching art at Goshen High School, Lisa resigned and is currently at home with her son and teaching part time at the South Bend Museum of Art.

**Megan McDiffett Vannoy** and husband Matthew welcomed a son, Grayson Scott Vannoy, on June 11, 2013.

**Elizabeth Eufemi** married Andrew Burkavag (ND 06) at the Basilica on May 11, 2013. **Maura Schoen** was maid of honor and bridesmaids included **Shannon Culbertson Thompson, Jillian Roth Gill, and Carrie Orr.**

**Rachel Tignanelli Smith** and husband Derek (ND 05) welcomed their first child, George Patrick Smith, on June 6, 2013.

**Marion Kate Sajewich** became a credentialed actuary at the end of 2012, earning the credential of FCAS (Fellowship of the Casualty Actuarial Society). This took 8 years and 9 examinations to achieve. Kate points out that the pass ratio on each exam is between 20-30%; what a great accomplishment!

**Kelly Nelis Nicholas** and husband Ryan welcomed their first child, Blake Ryan Nicholas, on April 16, 2013.

**Jennifer Mayer Titekmeier** and her husband have relocated to Colorado Springs from Washington, D.C.

**Erin McQueen Young** and her husband have completed their residencies in Family Medicine at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital. They have moved to Big Rapids, MI, to begin practicing medicine there.

**Rebecca Lindrew** completed her master's in art history and museum studies at Georgetown University and Sotheby's and has competed four years of professional fine art consultation in

## Excelsior

**MARY ANNE WISINSKI-ROSELY '92** was recently awarded the Commercial Alliance of Realtor's Realtor of the Year Award for 2012. The award is voted on by her peers from an organization of approximately 350 members. Wisinski-Rosely also served as the association's board president in 2012.

**EMILY SPORE LOWDER '04** recently completed her PhD (defended in August 2012) in nursing at the University of Illinois, Chicago. Her dissertation was titled "The Quality of Life of Primary Caregivers of Children with Chronic Conditions." Emily is currently a nursing administrator at the University of Chicago medical system. She was also selected to deliver the keynote address, titled "Training and Transformation: Preparing a Workforce for a Move into a New Healthcare Facility" at the 2013 Annual Conference, "Pulse," held October 17-18 in Atlanta, Ga.

**REGAN DOHERTY '97**, Qatar Correspondent for Thomson Reuters, was named, with a group of Reuters colleagues, a finalist for the 2012 Pulitzer Prize in international reporting for their coverage of the revolution in Libya.



London. She has returned to the states to work for the Potomack Company in Old Town, Alexandria VA, where she is responsible for forming the first young collectors' initiative at auction in the United States of America.

**Meredith Casey Hardt** and husband Kevin (ND '05) had a beautiful baby girl, Caroline Rose, on June 20, 2013 at the University of Chicago.

**Meghan White Pesce**, husband Anthony and son, Donovan, welcomed Giuliana DeMarco Pesce on February 22, 2013 in Highland Park, IL.

**Monica Critell** and husband Matthew welcomed a daughter, Madelyn Kate, on March 6, 2013.

**Christine Dietz Weiler** and husband Nick (ND '06) welcomed their first child, Mary Grace, on July 11, 2013. Her "aunties" **Mollie Lavelle Kisselburg**, **Jenny Nugent Ganser**, and **Mary Buehl Saghaft**, are all excited for her to join the Saint Mary's class of 2035!

**Amelia Campos** started a fellowship in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center in July. She and husband, Roberto, are living in Villa Hills, Kentucky. Amy is currently serving as the treasurer of the Saint Mary's Club of Cincinnati.

**Renee DiNovo Bagdon** and her husband Mark welcomed daughter Daphne Marie Bagdon on March 10, 2013. She already had her first visit to SMC this summer!

**Anna Hancock Connolly** married Shawn Connolly on July 13 at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Chicago, Illinois, where the couple resides. Quite a few Saint Mary's ladies were in attendance and in the bridal party, including **Mary Hancock '09**, **Kate Treder '07**, **Kelly Haggerty '08**, **Anna Hickner**, **Megan Carroll**, **Jamie Smith Missant**, **Jackie Paunicka Ferguson**, **Erin O'Brien**, **Alison Kessler Roberts '08**, **Maria Cuda '09**, **Elizabeth Singelyn '09**, **Julie Paunicka '08**.

**Susan Mitchell** is currently working as a Women's Health Nurse Practitioner in private practice in St. Louis, Missouri.

**Maureen Zimmer Guziec** and husband Doug Guziec welcomed a new baby boy, Daniel Joseph, into the world on December 19, 2012. Daniel weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long.

**Maricarol Williams Phipps** sends a picture of daughter Madeleine Marie Phipps, born on December 13, 2012 in her Saint Mary's best.

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**From Cate: Noelle Whiteside Goedde** married Paul Goedde (ND '07) on September 29, 2012 in Evansville, IN. Bridesmaids included **Kelly MacDonald**, **Cassie Callon**, **Erin Brady**, **AlexaRae Antekeier**, and **McKenna Corrigan**. The couple lives in Phoenix, AZ.

**Emma Moore Wendt** married Steve Wendt in January 2013 in California. The couple met as interns for the Helena Brewers, the minor league baseball team of the Milwaukee Brewers. They live in Sacramento, CA, where Emma is in sales for an industrial facilities maintenance company.

## A Special Gift



Mary Desmond Liddell '85 and Teresa Moriarity Kosse '85

"We named the kidney Shari, because we share it," says Mary Desmond Liddell '85. Diagnosed with Wegener's granulomatosis in 1992, Liddell progressed to Stage IV kidney disease in March 2012. Faced with dialysis or a transplant, Liddell and her family put out the word, hoping for a live donor match. During this difficult time, Liddell leaned on her close friend Teresa Moriarity Kosse '85 for support. Kosse and Liddell met in 1981, roomed together in Le Mans their senior year, and have been close ever since—being in each other's weddings, taking vacations, and returning to Saint Mary's for Reunion.

Several people in Liddell's life were tested for donor viability and eliminated, including her four siblings and another Belle, Cindy Zappia Hershberger '93. "In spite of my caution about getting my hopes up, I felt that Teresa would be the one; she would be my donor. The Holy Spirit had put us together," she says. On June 28, 2013, in Indianapolis, the kidney transplant surgery went well. "Teresa saved me. She saved my family from worry and heartache," says Liddell. Kosse feels the donation was "the most gratifying experience of my life. You can't imagine how wonderful it is to visit your friend immediately after surgery and see a healthy glow returning to her face and know it is because of you."

Liddell bought matching charm bracelets to commemorate the surgery, the times they've spent together, and their futures together. The charms include a Bourbon Street sign for their senior trip to New Orleans, a racehorse for all their outings to the Kentucky Derby, and a kidney. "There is room for more charms to represent our future adventures together," says Kosse. Their connection holds strong, now bound by this life-saving gift.

**Megan Staley Lunne** married Patrick Lunne on June 22, 2013 in the couple's home church (where they met!) in Kettering, OH. Megan's sisters, **Sarah Staley '06** and **Emily Staley '11**, served as Matron and Maid of Honor. Bridesmaids included **Audrey Ballinger, Sarah Griffin, Jennifer McLean Morgan,** and **Connie Walsh.** **Sarah Barnes '09, Mary Esler Bortman, Cate Cetta, Meghan Corcoran '09, Corey Duff, Annie Davis, Katie Good,** Mary Mathile ('06), and **Jen Mathile Prikkel '95** attended.

**McKenna Corrigan** earned her Master's in Educational Administration at Notre Dame in July 2013. She is now the principal at St. Genevieve Catholic School in Chicago.

**From Natalie: Erin Hartman** has graduated from Rush University with her acute care nurse practitioner. She is now working at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago with an epilepsy group.

**Marisa Gross** graduated in May 2012 from the University Of Michigan College Of Medicine. She is currently in the U of M Family Medicine Residency Program.

**Kathleen Sabol** ran the Walt Disney Marathon in Orlando. In May, she graduated with a master's in Women's Studies from The George Washington University in Washington, DC, where she worked for a Catholic lobbyist organization and a women's organization focusing on workplace discrimination. This summer she returned to Saint Mary's as a Teaching Assistant for the Global Women's Leadership Institute, sponsored by the SMC Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership.

**Jeney Anderson Christensen** earned her master's in Sport Management from North Dakota State University in April.

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Hello Class of 2010. I will be teaching in Elkhart schools this year as an interventions Teacher for grades 3-6. I am excited to see many fellow Belles in the area. I look forward to hearing where the rest of you are on life's great journey! —**Penelope Mattice**

**Nori Drach** graduated in December 2012 with her Master's in Social Work in Management of Human Services/Community and Social Systems from the University of Michigan. In her research and time there she founded the Social Work and Sport Association.

**Maggie McNicholas Sayles** and Mike Sayles (ND '10) welcomed their daughter, Ava Marie, into this world on April 9, 2013.

**Megan Hayes Morfessis** married Michael Morfessis on May 25, 2013. In attendance were fellow Belles **Caitlin Hussey** and **Catherine Meadors.**

**Michele Peterson** moved back to Philadelphia in March.

On January 26, 2013 **Anne Busillo Ungaro** got married to Vito Ungaro. She is currently teaching Preschool and loving it!

**Meagan Temple Hartman** married Michael Hartman (ND '11) August 9, 2013 at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Notre Dame.

'11

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The past couple months I have loved hearing what everyone in our class has been up to; as you will read below, there has been some really exciting news from our classmates! On July 14th, I celebrated my first wedding anniversary with my husband Adam (ND '10). In the past year we have bought a home in Okemos, MI, and are having a great time playing with our new puppy.

**Alicia Wilkins** married Patrick Sullivan on August 22, 2013.

**Megan Kraft** married Matthew Gray (ND '10) on July 27, 2013 at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Belle bridesmaids were **Meghan Lehr** and **Katie Klein.** The newly minted Mr. and Mrs. Gray now reside in Austin, TX.

**Carolynn Smith** married Nick Oblizajek on July 27, 2013 at St. Joseph Parish in Sylvania, OH.

**Lisa Jaworski** stood up as a bridesmaid for the newlyweds. The happy couple is living in Toledo, OH.

**Alicia LeRoy** married Jason Olejnik on July 6 2013 in South Bend. The newlyweds are now living in South Bend, IN.

**Kristy Kucharski** married Dan Parker June 15th, 2013. **Angie Bronicki Wilfert** and **Emily Sauer** were bridesmaids. The newlyweds are living in South Bend, IN.

**Lizziey Brown** married Troy Sherk on September 15, 2012. **Monica Aguirre** and **Jamie Thordsen** stood up as bridesmaids. The happy couple is living in Mishawaka, IN.

**Angela Regan** married Mike Mattingly (ND'10) on August 4, 2012 at the Cathedral of St. Paul in MN. **Christina Losasso** stood up as a bridesmaid for the new Mr. and Mrs. Mattingly. Angela and Mike recently bought a home and are living in Louisville, KY.

**Allie Hensley** married Clark Tyler on November 11, 2011. **Sara Boochever** was a bridesmaid for the happy couple, who are living in Columbus, IN.

**Sarah Weber Furtado** married Nathan Furtado (ND 11) on July 9, 2011 at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart and is living in sunny Florida!

**Stephanie Waite Flach** and husband Jack are delighted to announce the birth of their baby girl, Mary Claire Flach, born April 26, 2013.

**Chelsy Rhoades Parker** and husband Jeffrey are thrilled to announce the birth of their baby boy, Sawyer Ross Parker, born January 4, 2013.

**Meghan Lehr** moved to Dallas, TX, and is working as an Assistant Broadcast Buyer for Mo-roch Advertising.

**Eliscia Filice** has been accepted to Northwestern University for graduate studies.

**Courtney Helmer** graduated from Harvard with her masters in special education.

**Lizzy Klee** started graduate school for school counseling at IPFW in Fort Wayne.

**Sarah Horn** finished her master's in education at University of Colorado Boulder and earned her secondary teaching license. She is excited to be starting her teaching career off by teaching algebra and geometry to freshman at Aurora Central High School in Aurora, CO.

After graduation, **Ashley Crish** transferred to Notre Dame as part of the dual-degree engineering program and graduated from ND with her Bachelor of Science in Computer Science degree in May 2012. She now works as a Software Engineer in Kansas City, MO.

**Stephanie Smiy** is currently living in Lexington, KY and attending the University of Kentucky to obtain her Masters in Physician Assistant Studies. She also launched a blog, White Coat Wardrobe, which chronicles her adventures and outfits of clinical year.

From January to June 2013, **Celina Tolson** was located in Hong Kong, China on a 6 month rotation working for Abbott Laboratories. She has worked for Abbott since June 2011 and recently took a new position with the company back in Chicago. During her travels, she had the opportunity to visit Beijing to climb the Great Wall, snorkel in the Philippines, explore Singapore, ride elephants in Thailand, and gamble in Macau.

Congratulations to everyone with their fantastic news. I can't wait to hear more exciting things from the class of 2011.

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Hello ladies! It is hard to believe that we are now Alumnae! **Amy Tiberi** and I have tried to get in touch with everyone but if one of your friends hasn't gotten in touch with one of us to update us on life, tell them to get on it! A lot of us are still figuring things out and are living at home, some are going to grad school and some have already started careers!

**Bethany Emenhiser** is going to grad school at the Savannah School of Art and Design. **Annie Doyle** is also going to grad school at Vanderbilt in the fall. **Gina Deom** is working on her Masters in Applied Statistics at Bowling Green State University.

People are also joining the workforce (eek!) like **Abby Coombs**—she is working as an RN at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. **Nichole Clayton** is a first-year fellow with the Orr Entrepreneurial Fellowship program which helps develop Indiana's next generation of business leaders and entrepreneurs. **Bri Tepe** is going to be teaching at a small private school in New Buffalo, Michigan, and **Ashley Hannapel** is teaching close to South Bend. Also teaching in South Bend are **Sarah Copi, Anna Capannari,** and **Emily Fairchild**—all at different schools. **Kathleen Frechette** is stationed in Ft. Huachuca, AZ, as a 2nd Lieutenant in the US Army for Basic Officer Leadership Course (BOLC) until next March 2014. **Kaley Braunsdorf** is participating in the Disney College Program. **Jill Barwick** and **Meaghan Daly** are both interning with the same company in Chicago. I have moved to Las Vegas and I will be teaching 3rd grade starting in a few weeks. Amy is going to grad school in Pittsburgh at Duquesne University.

Congrats to the following ladies who have recently tied the knot! **Emily Boaz Schmale** married Trenton Schmale on July 6th in Holy Spirit Chapel in LeMans Hall. **Bonnie Sanders Knuth** married Greg Knuth on August 10th in Fort Wayne, IN.

Keep the news coming ladies! Look out for our emails in the future and keep doing great things!

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# At Least We're

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## GOING TO BE OKAY

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I remember the months after my premature son Mikan's birth as a litany of meaningless "at least" statements:

"At least he doesn't need a ventilator," followed by:

"He may need a ventilator, but at least he doesn't need steroids to breathe."

"Hopefully the steroids will work quickly. At least he doesn't need a trach to breathe—that sounds disgusting."

"At least the trach will help wean him off of the ventilator."

At six months old Mikan was finally discharged (still with a ventilator), and I continued this "optimism" at every stage of his development. When he wasn't walking at age two, I dismissed it as a delay due to his prematurity. After all, at least his MRIs and head ultrasounds were all normal.

"He'll walk soon, at least he doesn't need leg braces." Soon after he was fitted for braces.

"He'll only need the braces until he learns to walk."

But when Mikan couldn't walk at age three, he was diagnosed with ataxic cerebral palsy, fueling my renewed insistence on "mild symptoms" and pushing his doctor to admit the chance for normalcy. He *might* still walk normally. He *might* be able to play sports, she admitted.

But as Mikan grew and the doctor's visits continued, we faced yet another medical label. Mikan's precocious interest in memorizing all of the states and capitals and his fascination with reading street signs, which I had disregarded as quirks he would outgrow, led to a diagnosis of autism at age four, and I began using the word "mild" a lot more often.

"It's mild autism."

"He has cerebral palsy, but it's mild."

But one day, as I sat down with a stack of new patient paperwork from yet another specialist's office, the medical history section was especially daunting. For the first time I

had to list two different diagnoses: Cerebral Palsy. Autism. Something about having a son with two big labels overwhelmed me. I realized I wasn't in control and it was then I decided to let God guide me. At first I viewed this surrender as "carrying my cross," and tolerating the suffering of life. My job was to provide everything I could for my disabled son no matter how often his peers ignored him or how often I was quietly (or not so quietly) judged by the lady behind me in the grocery store. (I often purchased Pringles for Mikan or chocolate because his oral aversion was too severe for him to try anything else.) It was my plight, and I accepted it.

But since then my perspective has changed. This shift was the gradual result of repeated marveling at Mikan's progress on the part of our family and friends. I also spoke with several adults who are proud of their autistic identity. And, above all, I experienced the daily joy of Mikan's unique personality and skill set. I am now ashamed to admit my past "optimism" for normalcy since it ignored his true, miraculous identity. I have loosened the grips on my agenda for my son and am now learning how to shape his environment, to be as accepting and supportive as possible so that his abnormalities are not necessarily crippling.

It's not that I needed help seeing his humanity and intrinsic value despite his disabilities. In fact, I think I separated him too much from his labels. I often hear hails for "person-first" language or to "see *people* rather than their disabilities." I think these advocates mean well, but can unintentionally offend those who identify with their labels. By recognizing someone's disability, communities can acknowledge a part of that person's existence and help shape their environment to help them live more comfortably.

I know that my husband and I have lost one aspect of normalcy by parenting a special needs child, and my other children have lost it by living with Mikan. We live normally in the sense that there's nothing more normal than loving another person and helping him succeed. But typicality is no longer our goal for Mikan. Autism is okay. Cerebral Palsy is okay. Mikan is okay.

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