

September 7, 2009

Dear Fellow Alumna:

It is hard to believe that it is already the beginning of a new club year for the Saint Mary's College Alumnae Club of Buffalo and Western New York. We have over 70 graduates in the Western New York area, and many of you have been able to participate in our local club activities during the past few years. In addition to our regular club events, we also have a popular book discussion group. It is a great way to reconnect, reminisce, and make new friends who truly understand the joy of Saint Mary's College.

The following officers will be serving during the 2009-2010 club year:

President – Lynn Busse Comerford '04 L737837@aol.com  
Vice President/President Elect – Mary Ellen Kreuz '84 MEKREUZ@aol.com  
Secretary – Kathy O'Donnell '74 kro4par@yahoo.com  
Treasurer – Mary Maloney '84 MARMALONEY@aol.com

We have already planned some annual events for the coming year. Please note these dates on your calendar:

Thursday, September 24, 2009 at 7 pm – “Book Club 2009-2010 Organizational Meeting”

Join us at Transit Valley Country Club in East Amherst as we discuss the book People of the Book by Geraldine Brooks. We will also set the dates and select books that we will read and discuss during the year. For more information, contact Jan Vogel at 634-4192.

Sunday, October 25, 2009 at 9:30 am – “Founders' Day Mass and Brunch”

Alumnae will meet for Mass at Saint Peter & Paul Church at 5480 Main Street in Williamsville. Alumnae and friends will meet at Park Country Club at 4949 Sheridan Drive in Williamsville following the Mass. PLEASE CONTACT MARY ELLEN KREUZ AT MEKREUZ@aol.com BY OCTOBER 19 TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION.

Saturday, February 6, 2010 at noon – “After the Holidays Luncheon” / Community Service Project

This is always a very popular event--- a sure cure for those winter blues! Relax and enjoy a delicious lunch while you chat with old friends or make new ones. We will also collect personal care items for Saint Luke's Mission as our annual service project. (Location TBA --- we will notify you at the number or e-mail address that you specify in your membership form.)

Spring/Summer 2010 – Cultural Arts Event – TBA

This annual event is a trip to Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario for shopping, lunch, and a play at the Shaw Festival. (Date, time, and play will be announced when the 2010 schedule becomes available.)

Please support our local club by completing the information on the enclosed form and returning it with your dues. Your name will then be added to our membership list, and you will receive information about the upcoming events.

I hope that you will be able to participate in one of our future activities. If you don't currently know anyone in the club, please do not hesitate to join. If you have any questions please contact me at 812-5256 or L737837@aol.com. (You will also receive a roster of members after you return your membership form and dues.) There are no strangers here --- only friends you haven't met!

I look forward to seeing you soon!

Sincerely,

Lynn Busse Comerford '04

# **Saint Mary's College Alumnae Club of Buffalo and Western New York Membership Form 2009-2010**

Please mail this completed form and \$15 dues by October 26th to:

Kathy R. O'Donnell  
18 Fox Meadow Drive  
Williamsville, NY 14221

Please make checks out to Kathy R. O'Donnell. Your dues helps to pay for mailings, the junior book award at local high schools, care packages for current students, etc.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Saint Mary's College Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Best Way To Be Contacted: \_\_\_\_\_

The club officers discussed the potential for having more club events to get more alumnae involved. We suggested a Social Service Project like a mini Urban Plunge or helping out in the Soup Kitchen, and the possibility of a family picnic or even attending a baseball game next year. Please let us know what you think or if you have any other suggestions for our club. We greatly appreciate your feedback.

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August 2006

Dear Saint Mary's Belle,

Presently, local alumnae are undertaking a process to revitalize the Saint Mary's College Pittsburgh Alumnae Club.

Attached, you will find a questionnaire that we are using to survey the numerous alumnae located in the Pittsburgh area. In total, there are approximately 250 alumnae residing in the area. Of those, there are approximately 75 "young" alumnae, that is, those women who graduated from the College between the years of 1990 and 2006. It is our hope that this survey will enlighten us on your ideas of what a potential club would be like, as well as giving us a general idea of the vested interest you may have in organizing and sustaining an Alumnae Club in Pittsburgh.

Your response to this survey is crucial in our efforts to restore the Saint Mary's College Pittsburgh Alumnae Club. We hope that you will take the time to respond to this survey, sharing with us your thoughts and ideas about the club. We look forward to hearing from you and working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

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