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Summer 2016

*"Three girls, a dog,  
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and some bats...  
what could possibly  
go wrong?"*

CASSI MARDIS '17

*To the Bat Cave!*

*Professor leads students in  
pioneering research*







No one scribbled on your *Courier*. That's yarn seemingly knitting itself into a sweater! This photo is part of a summer research project on object-oriented ontology by art student **Elise deSomer '17**. A gallery of 15 conceptual scenes by deSomer, which depict objects floating autonomously, independent of human interaction, can be found at [saintmarys.edu/Courier](http://saintmarys.edu/Courier). A summary of summer research, including this project, can be found on pages 8–9.



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On the cover: **Cassi Mardis '17**, assistant professor of biology Laura Kloepper, her dog, Kaipo, and **Stephanie Dreessen '17** pose outside a cave in Aetna, KS, during their bat echolocation research adventure this summer in the Southern Plains and Southwest. *Photos by Levi Fettig.*

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# UPON REFLECTION

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Do you remember the summers between your college years? For me, memories of summer employment, squeezing in weekend camping trips, or forays to the beach flood back. In the '70s some of my girlfriends took trips all over Europe using Eurorail passes or spent months at a family summer cabin. It was an opportunity for us to work, play, and travel, renew our friendships, and touch base with our families. Typically, we did not attend 6–8 weeks of summer courses, much less engage in undergraduate research with one of our professors.

The pioneering spirit at Saint Mary's College has changed our summers here, with a variety of academic endeavors available to students. Many work with their professors on research teams sponsored largely by the Marjorie A. Neuhoff '61 Summer Science Research Communities, established in 2011. There are other student-faculty pairings, open to any major, sponsored by Student Independent Study and Research grants, known as SISTARs. (See pages 8–9 for examples of summer research.) This summer we also have student-faculty research occurring off campus in bat caves in the Southern Plains and the Southwest (pages 4–7) and bird research in Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan (*pictured on right*).

It's the fifth year that our Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership hosted the Department of State-sponsored Study of the US Global Women's Leadership Institute. Twenty women from Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, and Tunisia joined eight Saint Mary's students for four weeks of intensive academic study of US women's history, leadership, and intercultural skills. Meanwhile other students have returned from nursing and education practicums in Uganda and environmental science research in Ecuador.

The word *pioneer* comes from the French word *pionnier* or foot soldier. It refers to those who take risks in stepping out and ahead of others. Within the last nine years, Saint Mary's has done this by offering more than 25 undergraduate online courses in the summer and, starting this past academic year, hybrid graduate degrees where students come to campus during the summer as a complement to online components. Our first Data Science Symposium in August will feature some of our graduate students' practicum work in industry or with their employers.

Summer at Saint Mary's has indeed changed over the past decade. It is a busy and exciting time for our pioneering faculty and students. I may have glorified the lazy, hazy days of summers in my past. The funny thing about memories is that they focus on the essence of our experiences. I'll just bet that our students will cherish the essence of their summer experiences as well. They are an energetic lot!

— *Patricia Fleming, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs*

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Kathryn Marshall '17 handles a Magnolia Warbler in the Ottawa National Forest in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan as part of her senior comprehensive research this summer. Here she is taking a blood sample. The samples will be genetically analyzed in the fall and used to determine if and how changes in climate are impacting the genetic diversity of this species across the country. More on page 8. *Photo by Joel Ralston, assistant professor, biology.*



A woman with blonde hair, wearing a light-colored long-sleeved shirt, olive green pants, and brown boots, stands in a field of dark, jagged volcanic rocks. She is reaching her arms up towards a massive flock of birds, likely frigatebirds, that are filling the clear blue sky. The birds are silhouetted against the bright sky, creating a dramatic scene. The woman is smiling and looking up at the birds. In the background, there is a flat landscape with some green vegetation and a dark, rocky horizon line under a clear blue sky with a few wispy clouds.

# To the Bat Cave!

By Kathe Brunton



Dusk falls.

Quiet descends.

On a hot July evening in the Texas backcountry,  
the air is heavy and close.

Before you, the black maw of a cave  
stands silent and brooding.

You wait.

*Then...it begins.*

With a whoosh of thousands of wings, a tumultuous horde of bats swoop toward you and over you, skimming your head, pushing forward a breeze that whispers against your face and ruffles your hair. Skin rises in goose bumps and your breathing shallows as you turn and stare at the seemingly never-ending swarm swirling across the sky in search of prey.

Assistant professor of biology Laura Kloepper (*pictured left*) knows well this dusk and dawn ballet of bats and it never fails to amaze her. This summer, she has the thrilling opportunity to watch two of her students experience this same phenomenon as they observe a bat emergence for the very first time.

“I am beyond excited. I cannot wait,” said **Cassi Mardis ’17** about a month before their departure.

“I was thrilled from the second Dr. Kloepper presented the idea,” added **Stephanie Dreessen ’17**.

The two rising seniors are with Kloepper on an eight-week research project to study the dynamics of flight and echolocation on Mexican free-tailed bats in Kansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Colorado, and Texas.

One of the more unique aspects of this journey is the very fact that the students accompanying Kloepper are undergraduates — an uncommon practice in the academic world.





- A** Sturdy footwear for fieldwork in and around bat caves is required.  
**B** A bat emergence takes place in the Southwest.  
**C** Cassi Mardis '17 uses an anemometer to measure wind speed.  
**D** Stephanie Dreessen '17 and her professor, Laura Kloepper, prepare equipment before an emergence.  
**E** The research trio and trusty dog Kaipo journey across the Southern Plains and Southwest in the "bat mobile".  
**F** Kloepper, Mardis, Dreessen, and Kaipo stop for a photo during a bat emergence.

"If I mention this to my colleagues at other schools, they ask, 'Are you crazy? Undergrads can't do that,'" she said. "But the students here at Saint Mary's are so different from other colleges. The women here, compared to their peers across the country, are so mature and so eager. I have zero hesitations about doing this. Cassi and Stephanie are motivated and have worked hard to prepare for the trip. It's a testament to Saint Mary's as a whole that I can give them this amazing experience."

Both students are biology majors and grew up in northern Indiana. Mardis said she's always liked biology, anatomy, and physiology. Dreessen, who plans to enter veterinary school, says she spent much of her youth outside, happily shoeless in the warm months.

Kloepper can relate. During a time her family lived in Alabama, her father received a call from the elementary school principal who couldn't understand why this young girl played in a nearby stream at recess instead of cheering on the boys playing football like all the other girls.

"I think if you ask my parents, they would say I was always destined to be a biologist," she said. "I never wanted to be inside."

On June 8, the trio — along with Kaipo, Kloepper's 4-year-old, 75-pound lab mix — departed South Bend and drove 14 hours southwest. First stop: Aetna, KS. This 5,000-mile summer adventure is the beginning of a three-year research project funded by a US Office of Naval Research grant. A Marjorie A. Neuhoﬀ '61 Summer Science Research Communities grant also provided support.

"The Neuhoﬀ grant is great because the students don't have to make a choice between this experience and paying their bills," Kloepper said.

The main focus of the research is echolocation, which is a method of using reflected sound to locate objects.



"When bats are flying out in these great densities and they are echolocating, we want to understand how they are using information from their sounds to make a picture of that environment," Kloepper said. "We want to understand how the individual sounds from each bat are not interfering with each other. What we know about biology says they shouldn't be able to echolocate in these swarms. It should be too confusing."

In addition to assisting their professor, the students are also conducting their own research. Mardis is studying how environmental factors affect emergence times in the Mexican free-tailed bats. She measures barometric pressure, altitude, temperature, weather conditions, and other factors. Dreessen is examining how population density affects emergence.

Ultimately, the research will further the field of biomimicry, which involves studying "things in biology that we can mimic in order to improve technological devices," explained Kloepper. "Most people don't realize the uses we have for sonar — fish finders, mapping the ocean floor, finding shipwrecks, even backup sensors on cars use a form of sonar."

But while the three of them — and Kaipo — are on their own for eight weeks, anyone can follow their journey on their blog accessible at [saintmarys.edu/Courier](http://saintmarys.edu/Courier). "The blog is for anybody and everybody," Kloepper said. "It's like a research field diary, but we are also including funny stories. I want to show the real side of field research. You have things that go wrong and things that go right. You laugh. You get messy, dirty, and grumpy with each other. I want people who can't physically be with us feel like they are there."

The blog writing began before the trip with updates regarding the prep work, challenges, and excitement on the horizon. Mardis summed up the anticipation well when she blogged: "Three girls, a dog, the open road, and some bats ... what could possibly go wrong?" **C**

Follow their journey at [saintmarys.edu/Courier](http://saintmarys.edu/Courier)





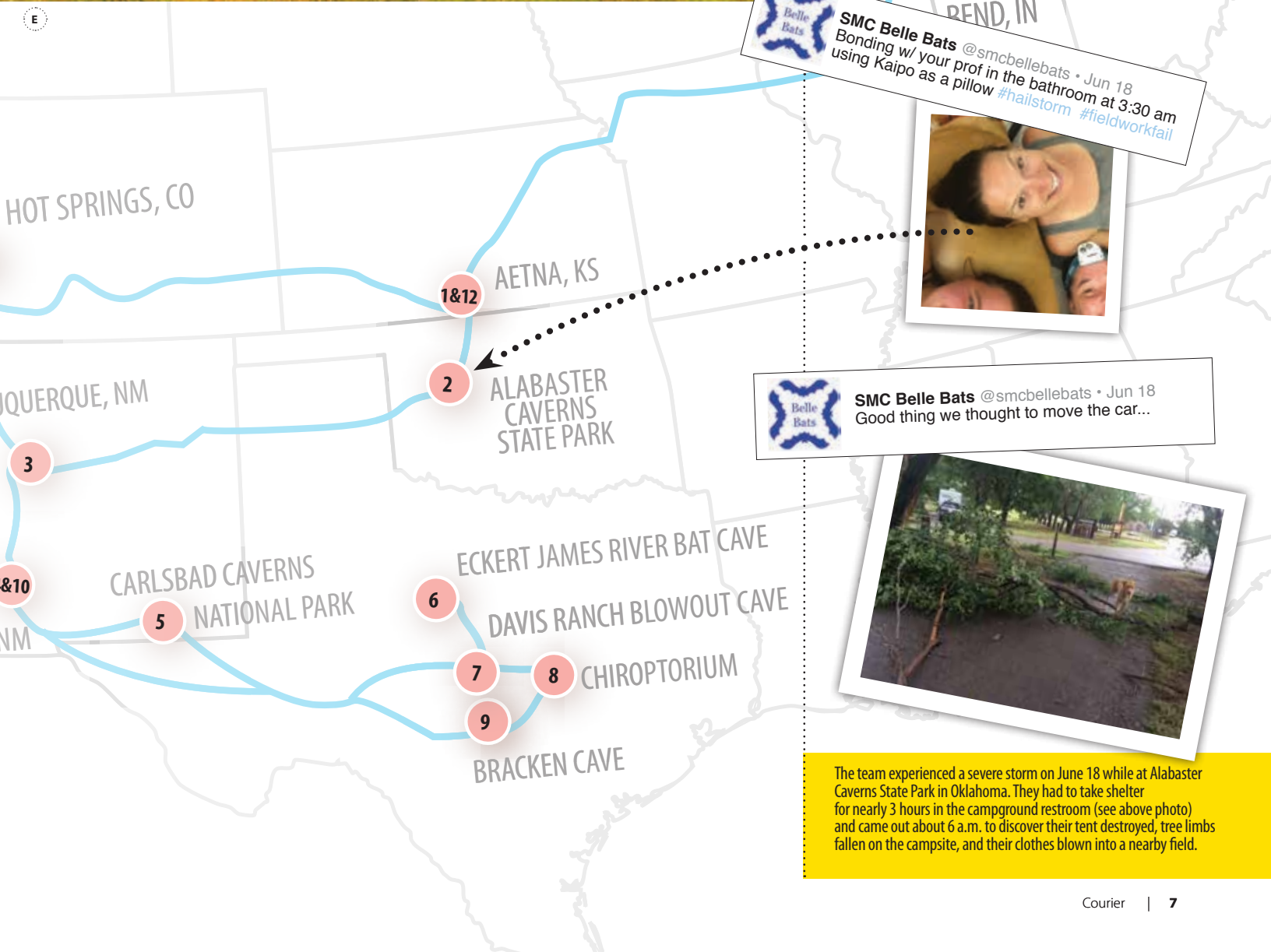
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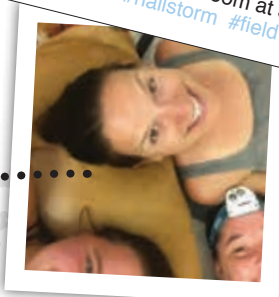
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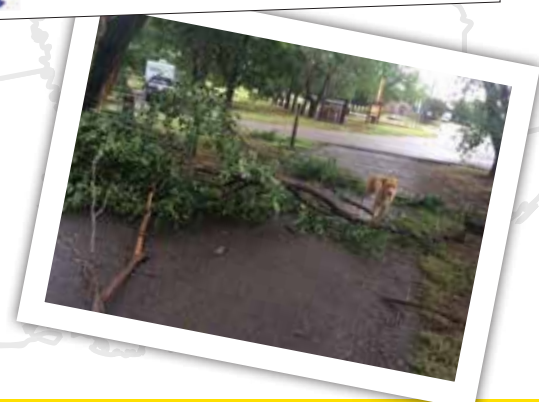
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**SMC Belle Bats** @smcbellebats • Jun 18  
Bonding w/ your prof in the bathroom at 3:30 am  
using Kaipo as a pillow #hailstorm #fieldworkfail



**SMC Belle Bats** @smcbellebats • Jun 18  
Good thing we thought to move the car...



The team experienced a severe storm on June 18 while at Alabaster Caverns State Park in Oklahoma. They had to take shelter for nearly 3 hours in the campground restroom (see above photo) and came out about 6 a.m. to discover their tent destroyed, tree limbs fallen on the campsite, and their clothes blown into a nearby field.



# SUMMER RESEARCH TAKES FLIGHT



## *Student Independent Study and Research (SISTAR)*

The National Endowment of Humanities or the Maryjeanne Ryan Burke '56 and Daughters Pre-tenure Faculty Endowment sponsored this research:

**“What Is It Like To Be a Thing? Creative Research into Object-Oriented Ontology”**, Elise deSomer '17 and Krista Hoefle, associate professor, art (*pictured left; an example of deSomer's art is on the inside front cover*)

**“What's 'Natural' in Childbirth and Infant Feeding Options for Mothers?”**, Alyssa Santos '18, nursing, and Ann Marie Alfonso Short, assistant professor, English and gender and women's studies

**“Analysis of Antioxidant Enzymes as Potential Therapeutic Targets for Metastatic Ovarian Cancer”**, Cassandra Libbing '17, and Calli Versagli, assistant professor, biology

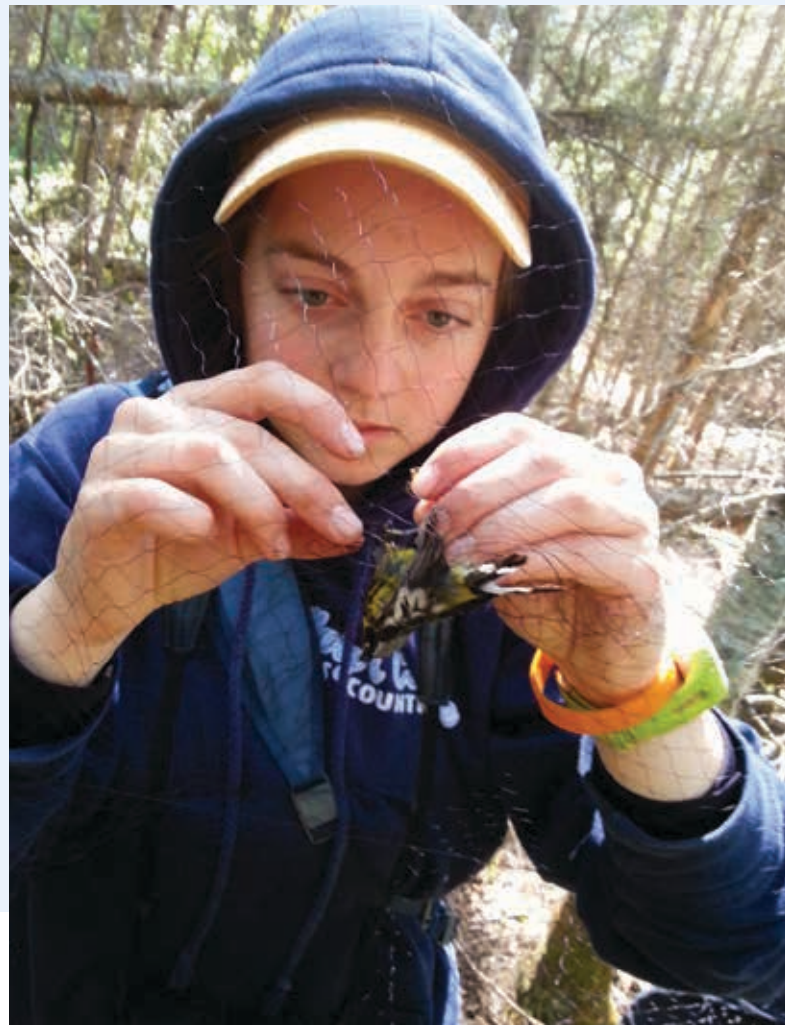
## *Science research*

The Marjorie A. Neuhoﬀ '61 Summer Science Research Communities or the Wilson Ornithological Society supported the following research:

**“Development of Rainbow Quantum Dot Solar Cells”**, Yaqi Song '17, Samantha Ayala '19, and Matt Becker, assistant professor, physics

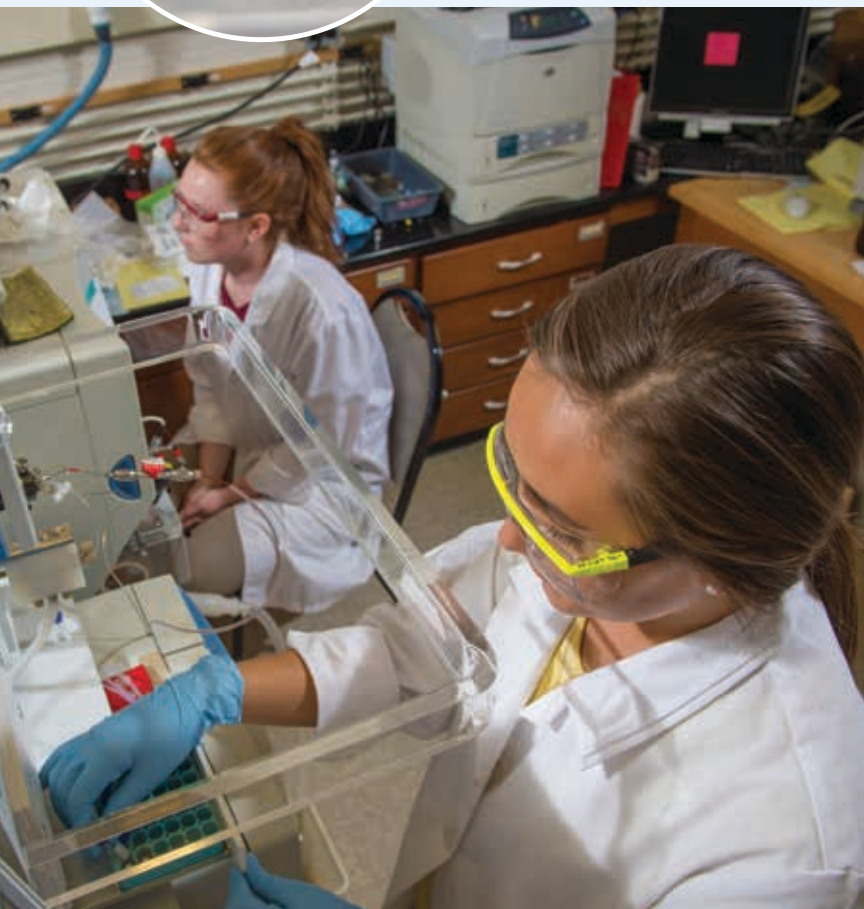
**“The Effects of Climate Change on Boreal Forest Birds at their Southern Periphery”**, field research in Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, Kathryn Marshall '17 (*pictured right*) and Joel Ralston, assistant professor, biology

**“Dynamics of Flight and Echolocation in Mexican Free-Tailed Bats Emerging from Large Maternal Colonies in Kansas, New Mexico and Texas”**, Cassi Mardis '17, Stephanie Dreessen '17, and Laura Kloepper, assistant professor, biology





DOZENS OF SAINT MARY'S STUDENTS AND FACULTY USED THE SUMMER BREAK TO BROADEN THEIR RESEARCH, FUNDED BY COLLEGE ENDOWMENTS OR OTHER GRANT SOURCES.



### *Paper Analytical Device (PAD) research*

The US Patent Office recently approved a patent filed by Saint Mary's College and the University of Notre Dame for a Paper Analytical Device (PAD). It's the first time the College applied for and received a patent. The inexpensive paper-based tool has many uses, including the ability to detect low quality pharmaceuticals that could compromise the health of people, especially in developing nations where counterfeit drugs are prevalent.

This summer student-faculty teams (*pictured left*) conducted PADs research funded by the Marjorie A. Neuhoﬀ Summer Science Research Communities, the Jen and Pat Prikkel Fund at the Mathile Family Foundation, as well as a Lilly Undergraduate Research Grant. (Jen Mathile Prikkel '95 is an alumna of the College.) Below are the projects.

**"Sampling and Analysis by Liquid Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry of Potentially Counterfeit Medicines and Validation of PAD Analyses"**, Taylor Lashbrook '17, Gina Pernesky '17, (*pictured below left*) and Christopher Dunlap, associate professor, chemistry

**"The Collection and Analysis of Antibiotic and Anti-worming Medicines from Nepal Using Chemical PADs and Instrumental Analysis"**, Natalie Hartman '16 and Toni Barstis, professor, chemistry

**"Chemical PAD Prototype Development"**, Eli Barstis (Hamilton College) and Toni Barstis, professor, chemistry

**"Computer-assisted Image Analysis for PADs"**, Catalina Vajiac '18, and Ian Bentley, assistant professor, physics

**"The Development of a Prednisone Sensing Bio-PAD"**, Kaitlyn Morris '17, Megan Eggebrecht '17, and Don Paetkau, associate professor, biology

**"The Development of Micro Bio PADs for the Summer 2018 Assessment of Water Quality in Nepal"**, Alyssa Wyatt '18 and Reena Lamichhane-Khadka, assistant professor, biology

For more academic endeavors that have kept students and faculty busy this summer, check out the #SMCsummerlearn social media posts on Instagram and Twitter, or go to [saintmarys.edu/Courier](http://saintmarys.edu/Courier).







# Seeking Peace in the Extreme

By Kathe Brunton

Quest for answers  
to life's troubling  
questions took  
Tori Murden McClure  
to the South Pole and  
across the Atlantic

George Mallory's immortal response to "Why climb Everest?" was "Because it's there."

For **Tori Murden McClure**, the 2016 Commencement speaker for Saint Mary's College, her South Pole and Atlantic Ocean expeditions had much less to do with the fact those places exist than with her need to leave a crazy world behind.

The president of Spalding University in Louisville, KY, McClure is a wilderness pioneer — the first woman and American to both ski to the geographic South Pole and row solo across the wide expanse of the Atlantic Ocean.

"I have a very stormy soul," McClure explained. "The wrongs and injustices in civilization make me so angry that I feel I have to leave civilization."

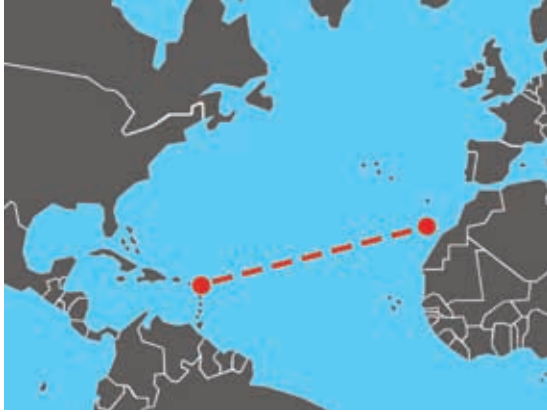
This driving urge to escape first came to her while attending divinity school at Harvard University, which she called "probably one of the most privileged environments on the planet." McClure and other students took the Metro into tough neighborhoods to work with the homeless.

"It just seemed absurd," she recalled. "On one side of the city was opulence and privilege, and on the other side, people were actually living in dumpsters. It made me so angry, I had to pack up my stuff and leave civilization."

McClure took off three months from her studies in 1989 to join the International South Pole Overland Expedition. She was the youngest member of a nine-person team that skied cross-country, 750 miles in 50 days.

That monumental physical challenge taught McClure an important lesson — the very things she had to master in an extreme environment are what it takes to make a difference in the world: a spirit of resourcefulness, the capacity to be persistent, the ability to endure hardships, and the willingness to do the right thing day after day after day.

*(continued)*



(left) Map shows McClure's rowing journey from the Canary Islands to the Guadeloupe Islands, a total of 3,000 miles. (middle) President Carol Ann Mooney, left, and McClure at Commencement. (bottom) Tori hard at work in her boat, *The American Pearl*.

“ I rowed across the Atlantic to find my heart, but in the beginning, I wasn't aware that it was missing.”

—Wilderness explorer Tori Murden McClure, in her book *A Pearl in the Storm*.



McClure has wrestled with the world's injustices since childhood. Her brother, Lamar, is intellectually disabled and kids can be very cruel. She would stand up to bullies, even throwing punches to protect him. Over the years, a feeling of helplessness toward his condition evolved into despair that she couldn't right the many wrongs in the world, like homelessness and cancer.

Ten years after the South Pole, McClure's frustration peaked again while working in city government.

She explained, “Louisville applied for a \$100 million Empowerment Zone grant to turn around distressed neighborhoods, but we did not get it. Instead, the grants went to cities with powerful political connections.”

This time she took to the water. McClure launched her 23-foot boat, *The American Pearl*, from the Canary Islands, off the coast of northwestern Africa, and rowed solo for 3,000 miles. She arrived on the Caribbean island of Guadeloupe 81 days later. It was her second attempt to cross the Atlantic; a hurricane interrupted her first try.

McClure chronicled her Atlantic excursion in a book titled *A Pearl in the Storm: How I Found My Heart in the Middle of the Ocean*. The book took her eight years to write because, “I had to overcome the success of rowing across the ocean before I could get back to the authentic story of rowing across the ocean.”

It is this quality of authenticity that she encourages young women to pursue.

“The challenge for any young woman today is to find a voice that is authentic for them,” she said. “I want them to know if they are willing to do their homework for whatever the challenge might be, there's nothing standing in their way.” **C**

Go to [saintmarys.edu/Courier](http://saintmarys.edu/Courier) to watch McClure's Commencement address.





## The Office of Academic Affairs selected the following student as the recipient of the Saint Catherine Medal.



Art major **Yaqi Song '17**, a junior from Chengdu, China, was surprised at Honors Convocation with the Saint Catherine Medal. The award recognizes a sophomore or junior who demonstrates high standards of personal excellence and scholarship and contributes to the College community in the spirit of Christian leadership. According to the citation, Song "has a deep sense of responsibility and sets very high standards for everything that she does."

## The Academic Affairs Council selected the following faculty members as recipients of some of the College's most illustrious awards.

### Spes Unica Award

**Laura Haigwood**, professor of English, is the 2016 Spes Unica Award recipient. The award, announced at Honors Convocation, recognizes a faculty member's eminent service to Saint Mary's College in the areas of teaching, scholarship, creative activity, and/or service. Haigwood has served the College for more than 25 years.



### Maria Pieta Award

**Marianne Hahn**, senior lecturer in the Department of Modern Languages for more than 30 years, is the 2016 recipient of the Maria Pieta Award. This award, also given at Honors Convocation, recognizes the quality of teaching in courses for first-year students and sophomores. The award is in honor of Sister Maria Pieta, CSC, who was a faculty member and administrator at Saint Mary's College.



### Kevin J. and Marijo Rogers Kelly '77 Faculty Service Award

**Peter Checca**, senior lecturer in Italian, is the recipient of the Kevin J. and Marijo Rogers Kelly '77 Faculty Service Award. He served as the on-campus counselor for Rome Program for 37 years.

### Carmi & Chris Murphy Faculty Award for Student Mentorship of the Senior Comprehensive

**Susan Alexander**, professor of sociology and gender and women's studies, received the Carmi & Chris Murphy Faculty Award for Student Mentorship of the Senior Comprehensive. She has taught at the College for nearly 25 years.



### Donald R. and Nora Barry Fischer '73 Faculty Award for Teaching Excellence

**Bettina Spencer**, associate professor of psychology, has been part of the faculty for nine years. She was recently awarded the Donald R. and Nora Barry Fischer '73 Faculty Award for Teaching Excellence.







# Pioneering Belles

Pioneers are risk takers, inspired to step out of their comfort zones and stand up for what they believe in. Something ignites deep inside a pioneer and tells her to go for it. As a member of the Class of 2016, I'd like you to meet three newly minted alumnae who exemplify the pioneering spirit of Saint Mary's women. By Melissa Fitzpatrick '16

## A commanding leader : Caroline Rech

Don't let the unassuming demeanor of nursing alumna **Caroline Rech '16** fool you. She's tough. The kind of tough that got her through Air Force ROTC field training the summer between her sophomore and junior years — 23 days of military trainers barking orders and blowing whistles. Wakeup calls at 4 a.m. that jolted her from her bunk, into her uniform, and then into line, standing at attention, in less than one minute.

"First I learned how to follow. Then I learned how to learn. Next, I learned to lead."

Four years as a cadet with the "Flying Irish" Air Force unit at the University of Notre Dame made Rech very disciplined. The experience has also afforded her many adventures. One summer she studied Russian at a California university. The next summer she was in Estonia perfecting her Russian.

"Through ROTC I've had the opportunity to study abroad and experience cultures I never imagined encountering," she said.

Rech, of Blair, NE, was commissioned into the Air Force as a nurse in July.

At the top of her ROTC class at the University of Notre Dame, Rech was presented with the unit's most prestigious honor, the Commander's Leadership Award, a sabre, during the President's Pass in Review ceremony in April.

She is the first Saint Mary's student in the unit's recorded history to receive the award.

At her commissioning she was honored as a distinguished graduate of the program.

Saint Mary's, meanwhile, recognized Rech with the Evelyn McGuiness Award for Excellence in Nursing for her consistent scholastic achievement, leadership qualities, and her effectiveness in communication and interpersonal relationships.

"Discipline, flexibility, organization, and professionalism are principles that ROTC instilled in me. These traits have carried over into my nursing career and will continue to develop in my future profession."



**Caroline Rech '16** is the first Saint Mary's student to receive the Commander's Award, a sabre, as a member of the University of Notre Dame's Air Force ROTC unit.



## A survivor and scholar: Olga Niyibizi



**Olga Niyibizi '16** was born in Kigali, Rwanda on April 16, 1994 — nine days after the genocide began that would take 800,000 lives, including family members she'd never know.

"After I was born, my parents fled the country with my brother and me. From the day I was born, my parents taught me what it means to struggle, survive, and persevere."

Settling in Michigan, the Niyibizis made Grand Rapids their home.

"My family doesn't often talk about our time in Rwanda. We are focused on the future."

Niyibizi is a first-generation college student and a first-generation child of immigrants. Neither fact is lost on her.

"I have always felt this pressure to prove that my parents' sacrifice was worth it. They left behind everything that they had in order to give me the chance at a better life. The desire to give back to my parents is what kept me going through all the late nights and tough courses."

Niyibizi earned a degree in mathematics and computer science and works in the IT department at a biopharmaceutical company in Chicago.

"When I walked across the stage to receive my diploma, it was to honor my parents and all their hard work."



# A historian and activist

Nellie Petlick



Ukraine is often in the headlines, with pro-Russian rebels threatening to upset an unsteady peace. **Nellie Petlick '16** will go there anyway, to spend two years teaching English in service with the Peace Corps.

“As I discerned my future, I became focused on this idea of making a difference with my life, to affect people in a positive way. It came together in the answer of the Peace Corps,” said the history and theatre double major.

Petlick, of St. Joseph, MI, credits her cultural curiosity and activist spirit to her underlying love of learning.

“If you can understand the mindset and the history of the nation, you can then understand the community, and then the individual human. Historians are privileged with that knowledge and have a duty to use it to change the world little by little.”

The president of Ukraine declared 2016 the year of the English language. Peace Corps volunteers will create and implement an effective curriculum that will continue for years to come.

“My primary goal is to teach English. But more than make good students, I want to form good humans who think critically, are curious, question things, think for themselves, and treat those around them with kindness, love, and equality.” **C**

Do you know an alumna we should write about?  
Tell us about her: [Courier@saintmarys.edu](mailto:Courier@saintmarys.edu)







## Class of 2016 honorees

Three awards capture the excellence of a graduating class. The Valedictorian represents the mind, the Lumen Christi Award recipient personifies the soul, and the Outstanding Senior embodies the heart of the class.

### Valedictorians

**Alexandra Nicole Vizard '16**, of Portage, MI, (*above left*) graduated *summa cum laude* with a degree in accounting with a concentration in finance and a minor in mathematics. She accepted a position with Ernst & Young and hopes to earn her licensure as a Certified Public Accountant.

**Annie Rose Cavalier '16**, of Youngstown, OH, (*above center*) graduated *summa cum laude* with a degree in chemistry with a concentration in biochemistry and a minor in biology.

She will attend Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine and intends to specialize in cardiology or interventional cardiology.

**Emily Paige Abel '16**, of Manistique, MI, (*above right*) graduated *summa cum laude* with a degree in chemistry and mathematics. She is enrolled in Michigan State University's nuclear chemistry graduate program to pursue a career as a professor and researcher.



### Lumen Christi

**Cinthya Benitez '16**, of Los Angeles, was honored at Commencement as the outstanding Christian woman in her class. She earned a degree in biology. Benitez is applying to osteopathic medical schools.



### Outstanding Senior

**Eleanor Jones '16**, of Valparaiso, IN, graduated *magna cum laude* with a degree in global studies. Jones will volunteer in a South African orphanage for the next year.



## Four Honorary Degrees Conferred



President Emerita **Carol Ann Mooney '72** was recognized with an honorary doctorate for her outstanding personal and professional accomplishments and her transformational 12-year presidency. See page 23 for honors that Mooney received before her retirement.



Commencement speaker **Tori Murden McClure**, president of Spalding University, was recognized for her athletic accomplishments, her devotion to public service, and her passionate commitment to the transforming power of education. See profile on pages 10–12.



**Sister Joan Marie Steadman '67, CSC** received an honorary doctorate for her mission-focused and tireless efforts to preserve the legacies of the College and the congregation. She served as president of the Sisters of the Holy Cross and on the College's Board of Trustees. She is currently the executive director of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR).



**Portia Prebys '66**, director of the College's Rome Program, was celebrated for her life's dedication to the student cultural exchange between Italy and the United States. She served the Rome Program since its establishment in 1970.



## Multiethnic Graduation Celebration

**Delia Garcia '93** gave the address at the ninth annual Multiethnic Graduation Celebration. Garcia is director of communications for Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. and serves on the College's Board of Trustees. She told the 33 multicultural students in attendance, "Saint Mary's shaped the person I became, and the person I became helped me to meet each of life's unexpected turns with confidence and grace and, most importantly, with faith." The Office of Multicultural Services and the Student Diversity Board hosts the event.

To read Garcia's speech, go to [saintmarys.edu/Courier](http://saintmarys.edu/Courier). She was featured in the fall/winter 2015 issue of the *Courier*, also available online.



# C O M M E N C E M E N T



Pictured above, Jackie Werner '16, left, and Ashley Watkins '16 stand with their social work classmates during Commencement, held inside Angela due to cold and rain. Pictured below, left to right: Molly Sweeney '16 poses with her father, Joe Sweeney, after the ceremony. The three valedictorians hold up "SMC" at the end of their address, which suggested a new meaning for the acronym: Success, Mentorship, and Confidence. Emily Rojas '16 shows her diploma to her family as she crosses the stage. Happy graduates stop for a selfie outside Angela.



For more Commencement photos go to [saintmarys.edu/Courier](http://saintmarys.edu/Courier)



# 2016 LEGACIES

Our legacy graduates celebrate along with their family members: mothers, grandmothers, aunts, and other women who all attended Saint Mary's. (*Mothers are listed in italics; deceased alumnae denoted with an asterisk.*)

**Rebecca Marie Adams**, *Elizabeth Freidheim Adams* '86, Mary Riegler Adams '61\*

**Maria Isabel Almanza**, Alejandra Almanza '15

**Alexis Imelda Alvarez**, Melissa Alvarez Stevens '03

**Kaitlyn Marie Baker**, *Kristie O'Shea Baker* '93

**Colleen Morgan Barry**, Julie McNish O'Keefe '88, Megan O'Keefe Magee '00

**Madeline Elizabeth Bliha**, *Karen Hanson Bliha* '88, Laura Hanson Louder '93, Melissa Hanson Wright '99

**Claire Adams Bowe**, *Joan Adams Bowe* '78, Jean A. Adams '74, Jane Adams Arseniadis '76

**Molly MacKinnon Briody**, *Brigit Renehan Briody* '87, Joan Renehan Thompson '58, Mary Ruth MacKinnon Renehan '63, Kathryn Marie O'Connell '02, Meghan Kathleen MacKinnon '07

**Miranda Stephanie Bronicki**, Angela Karlene Bronicki '11

**Therese Marie Burke**, *Cecilia Walsh Burke* '76, Marie Murnane Walsh '49\*, Dorothy Murnane McMahon '52, Dorothy Murnane Wehmer '76, Laura Barry Walsh '81, Margaret Catherine Wehmer '07

**Colleen Kathryn Burke**, Nora Lyons Burke '58\*

**Sarah Eileen Burke**, Kelly Jean Zenere '11

**Katelyn Marie Calhoun**, Christina Calhoun Augustine '96, Emily Jean Kieffer '12

**Annie Rose Cavalier**, *Suzanne Cavalier* '88

**Madeline Ann Nancy Corsaro**, *Bernadette Calarco Corsaro* '81, Harriet Calarco Rodenback '43\*

**Mary Margaret Cortesio**, *Clare Boesen Cortesio* '84, Angela Cortesio Harrington '88, Martha Boesen Trout '88

**Molly Anne Crampton**, Anne Hesslau Dondanville '82, Kathleen Hesslau Miller '85, Jean Marie Miller '14

**Maggie Therese Crowe**, Cailin Ann Crowe '13

**Christine Marie Cummins**, Christine Larkin Huthwaite '79, Amanda Kathleen Huthwaite '10

**Sara Rose Cunningham**, *Carole Hattrup Cunningham* '83, Kathleen Donoghue Hattrup '75, Joanne M. Hattrup '76, Rosemary Hattrup McNelis '86

**Lauren Elizabeth Cushing**, *Paulette Mitros Cushing* '82, Leslie Pillar Mitros '82, Kellye Lynn Mitros '06

**Angela Christine Dainelli**, Sister M. Marilla Dyer '47, CSC

**Brianna Kelly Dalessandro**, Cristen Nicole Dalessandro '10

**Mairead E. Delaney**, Katharine Miller Quinn '02, Tracey Ellen Quinn '02, Erin Rosemary Quinn '04, Elizabeth Kelly Quinn '06

**Kelli Lynn Diffenderfer**, Jordan Ashley Diffenderfer '14

**Megan Elizabeth Dolan**, Kathleen Ellsworth Olsen '97

**Mary Grace Domagola**, Megan Rose Domagola '13

**Bridget Mary Doyle**, *Mary Elizabeth Blaha Doyle* '85, Maureen Doyle Toner '84, Sheila Doyle Tully '87, Lisa Cellini Doyle '90

**Allison Mary Dudek**, *Mary Dunne Dudek* '79, Mary Ellen Deibler Gleason '49, Mary Jayne Kowieski Dunne '75, Jean Dudek '76, Kathleen Dunne Baetz '77, Kathleen Ellen Dudek '09

**Haleigh Marice Ehmsen**, *Anita Knebel Ehmsen* '90

**Bridget E. Enright**, Judith Halter Enright '61, Sheila M. Diamond '82, Erin Diamond O'Sullivan '83, Brigid Diamond Hanson '90

**Samantha Joan Fairchild**, Paige Catherine Fairchild '11, Emily Susan Fairchild '13

**Margaret Elizabeth Faller**, Mary Catherine Faller '14

**Andrea Marie Fettes**, Patricia Ferry Harris '90

**Margaret Mary Frantz**, Kelly Frantz VanCura '04, Mary Catherine Frantz '08, Anna Rose Frantz '11

**Keeley Erin Frost**, *Lynn McCarthy Frost* '84, Erin McCarthy Sheridan '90

**Stephanie Marie Fultz**, Janine Anne Kingsbury '11

**Isabella Waters Gagnon**, *Patricia M. Colbourn Gagnon* '87, Kathleen Colbourn Kelly '85

**Morgan Elizabeth Gagnon**, Brigid Anne Byrne '00, Nora Therese Byrne '01

**Anna-Marie Brigit Gainey**, Molly Anne Gainey '09

**Marissa Bree Galloway**, Jenna Nicole Galloway '10

**Mary Duffey Gerth**, *Margaret Duffey Gerth* '85, Kathleen Duffey Fogarty '81\*

**Madeline O'Hara Gibbs**, Rita Dunigan Gibbs '39\*

**Lauren Marie Gomez**, Stephanie Patricia Villarreal '10

**Alexandra Casey Hall**, Erin Louise Hall '15

**Moranda Marie Hegedus**, Nichole Kristin Stewart '02

**Katherine Margaret Hennelly**, Loretta O'Connell O'Malley '87

**Erika Maria Herman**, *Sandra Heminger Herman* '88, Heidi Heminger Bradley '90, Cynthia Herman Doherty '95

**Anna Reid Higgins**, Rebecca Kapsa Higgins '75, Sarah Elizabeth Weinkauff '91, Ellen Higgins Reilander '02, Claire Higgins Ackerman '05, Mary Catherine Higgins '05

**Theresa Ann Huber**, *Ann Bower Huber* '82

**Margaret Rose Hudson**, *Maureen Rowley Hudson* '87, Allison Louise Rider '09, Elizabeth Anne Hudson '13

**Adrienne Suzanne Huschke**, *Susan Avitabile Huschke* '86, Carol Avitabile Votaw '83, Sarah Michelle Votaw '16

**Rachel Nicole Huser**, Sarah Elizabeth Scott '13

**Maureen Nicole Hutchison**, *Melissa Morin Hutchison* '90, Marlynn Brookman Morin '66

**Courtney Marie Johnson**, *Christine Sweeney Johnson* '85

**Margaret Ann Kane**, Laura Kane Buel '86

**Katherine Rose Kelly**, *Aimee Rittenhouse Kelly* '80, Marybeth Rittenhouse Vargyas '82

**Anne Olivia Kenesey**, *Amy Moren Kenesey* '90, Grace Elizabeth Kenesey '11

**Paige Nicole Kennedy**, Beth Kennedy Sullivan '73, Jayde Ashley Kennedy '09

**Caitlin Anne Kieilty**, Colleen Elizabeth Kieilty Lintz '08, Caroline Jeanne Kieilty '13

**Mary Elizabeth Kimball**, *Mary Ann Murray Kimball* '79, Carolyn Murray Powley '44\*, Jo Anne Murray Libert '51\*, Eileen Murray Froehke '81, Meaghan Kathleen Froehke '06, Maura Kathleen Kimball '14

**Colleen Marie King**, Sister Margaret Michael King '66, CSC\*

**Theresa Ruth Kinney**, Laura Kinney Maher '09

**Kelsey Ann Kirbie**, Kate Alycia Kirbie '12

**Madeline Rose Kohler**, *Maureen O'Brien Kohler* '81, Kathleen O'Brien Miller '75, Colleen O'Brien Scheidler '79, Eileen M. Metzger '84, Christeen O'Brien Paulison '90, Charleen O'Brien Vierhile '91, Kathleen Miller Kuhn '04, Kathleen Kohler Dalhoff '09, Kristen Marie Metzger '11, Megan Miller Stickley '11

**Adeline Krieger**, Ann E. Dandurant '38\*

**Courtney Camille Lamar**, London Paige Lamar '13

**Kathleen Rose Leeuw**, Elizabeth Marie Leeuw '12

**Kristin Anna Linkowski**, *Diane Hammel Linkowski* '88, Catherine Hammel Frischkorn '75

**Angela Maria Loebach**, *Gina M. Ameduri Loebach* '81, Rosemary Rappelli Mandrici '78, Julianna Teresa Loebach '12

**Allison Natalia Lukowski**, Angela Little Berg '00

**Maureen Agnes Malarney**, Mary L. Willis Malarney '36\*

**Elizabeth Mae Manning**, Ann Manning Oates '11

**Diana Marie Matuszak**, Natalie Matuszak Emmanuel '12

**Molly Casey Mazza**, *Sandra Carpenter Mazza* '82

**Katherine Lori McCaw**, AnneMarie Catherine Root '13

**Veronica Rose McDowell**, Mary Erdmans Black '81

**Margaret Ann McLaughlin**, *Nannette Koslow McLaughlin* '84

**Clarisa Azalia Medina**, Cecily Anastasia Reyes '15

**Colleen Juliet Michael**, Jeanne Ann Michael '11

**Elisabeth Marie Miller**, Jamie S. Massa '76

**Lorena Miramontes**, Lydia Miramontes-Loyd '01

**Katherine Elizabeth Morley**, Nancy Flynn Masters '76

**Kasey Hesburgh O'Neill**, *Jayne Murphy O'Neill* '80\*, Courtney Elizabeth O'Neill '12

**Bridget McCue O'Rear**, *Mariana Hussey O'Rear* '85, Maureen Hussey Key '76, Kathleen Vilona Hussey '80, Kristina Berg Borger '95, Kerrienne Hussey Key '12, Kelsey Farish Key '15, Mary Kathleen Hussey '15

**Victoria Ellen Otteson**, Sheila Lejeune McGee '62\*, Maureen Lejeune Harty '66, Shannon D. Lejeune '74, Angela Lejeune Puetz '88

**Madison Ann Overly**, Kathleen Overly Steinbach '82, Karen Overly DeJonckheere '85

**Abigail Lynn Palombaro**, Allyson Marie Palombaro '03

**Elizabeth Marie Penna**, *Kathryn Kronenberg Penna* '88, Marilyn Miller Kronenberg '47

**Rachel Mary Perna**, *Rhonda Calnin Perna* '80, Mary Ann Farina Vanderbrook '71, Kristen Calnin Kerns '04

**Helena Therese Petlick**, Alexandra Ruth Petlick '11

**Rebecca Anne Reis**, Rachael Kathleen Bridgman '14

**Holly Michelle Rensberger**, Terri Ann Rensberger '11

**Anneliese Julia Rice**, *Wendy Rice Bank* '85, Jeanne E. Rice White '87

**Caitlin Ann Rosencrantz**, *Maura Hickey Rosencrantz* '87, Mary Ann Saxe Hickey '58, Mary Ann Hickey Walsh '69, Margaret Hickey Chlystek '93, Margaret Mary Walsh '99

**Shannon Ruth Schalk**, Kelilyn Phillips Nowicki '07

**Juliana Marie Schott**, Susan Eileen Salazar '03, Angela Yvonne Schott '13

**Maria Victoria Skokna**, Clare Marie Skokna '10

**Marie Adela Smith**, *Carol Pratten Smith* '85

**Caroline M. Stickell**, *Colleen Siegel Stickell* '88, Karen Siegel Cunningham '85, Cathleen Mary Siegel '88, Caitlin Margaret Vaughan '16

**Catherine Louise Smith**, *Louise Foley Smith* '88, Barbara Borkowski Denny '79, Sarah Foley Kurup '11

**Kaitlyn Nicole Stankiewicz**, Sara Cwidak Kurzhall '00

**Erin Marie Taylor**, *Margaret Rodgers Taylor* '78

**Courtney Ann Thornton**, Meghan Arlene Thornton '15

**Margaret Ann Van Slochem**, *Margaret Doyle Van Slochem* '73

**Caitlin Margaret Vaughan**, Karen Siegel Cunningham '85, Cathleen Mary Siegel '88, Colleen Siegel Stickell '88, Caroline M. Stickell '16

**Morgan Alizabeth Vieta**, *Julie Radca Vieta* '95

**Jennifer Anne Vosters**, *Jane VanGilder Vosters* '83, Sandra A. VanGilder '76

**Sarah Michelle Votaw**, *Carol Avitabile Votaw* '83, Susan Avitabile Huschke '86, Adrienne Suzanne Huschke '16

**Kathleen Elizabeth Waller**, *Paula Ballantine Waller* '86, Elizabeth McDermid Cronin '36\*, Claudia Cronin Waller '61, Kathleen McLaughlin McInnis '86, Kelly Aithorpe Waller '86, Maribeth McLaughlin Cullinane '87

**Ashley Marie Watkins**, Jessica Kosco Schwab '04

**Cristin Joel Welch**, Elizabeth Mazzone Welch '59, Carrie Rogalski Martin '94, Nicole Marie Persyn '02, Kerry Ann Quinn '12

**Jacqueline Ann Werner**, *Mary Kathryn Gaido Werner* '90

**Sophia Rose Wilk**, Lori Cira Gallant '86

**Caroline M. Witik**, Madelyn Therese Ternes '13

**Kaitlin Elizabeth Woods**, Mary Dahm Kearney '56, Megan Margaret Woods '16

**Megan Margaret Woods**, Mary Dahm Kearney '56, Kaitlin Elizabeth Woods '16

**Katherine Elizabeth Zielinski**, Kathleen Vales Pasman '00



# A Spirit for Service Discovered on the Field

By Sarah Miesle '07

If home is where the heart is then for Angela Dainelli '16 home stretches far beyond its geographical base.

In high school the South Bend native discovered her passion to help others in a familiar place — the softball field. Since then her spirit for service has affected the lives of people near and far.

Dainelli got involved with the local Swing Like a Girl clinic and its softball team, Smash, while she was an athlete at Riley High School. Swing Like a Girl offers a free, multi-day introduction to the fundamentals and skills of softball. The clinic grew into Smash, a developmental and competitive softball program for girls ages 9–12.

“I loved teaching the basics of the game to girls who are just picking up softball, and for some it was the first time ever,” Dainelli said. She continued to volunteer with the clinic and the team during her time at Saint Mary’s, where she also played softball. The connections built with the girls through communication laid the foundation for her future.

A few years later, while studying abroad in Ireland during her sophomore year, she took part in a club where Spaniards, also studying in Ireland, worked on their English skills. Through helping her fellow students, her love for the Spanish language and the art of communication sparked into a career aspiration: to become a bilingual speech pathologist.

A study abroad experience to Puerto Rico a year later further supported her second major of Spanish to complement her communicative sciences and disorders major. During her

junior and senior years, she served as a conversation partner to three natives of Mexico through the Center for Women’s Intercultural Leadership’s English Language School. She went beyond teaching them English. Dainelli shared with her new friends all that South Bend has to offer, while continuing to expand her cultural boundaries by learning more about their lives and experiences.

“There is beauty in this world for those with eager, spontaneous, adventurous spirits to experience other cultures and perspectives.”

Wherever Dainelli ends up, she will share her heart and be at home as she makes a difference in others’ lives by fostering communication and understanding.





## A time of *transition*



Portrait painted by Daniel Adel.

### Thank you, President Mooney, and well wishes!

President Emerita Carol Ann Mooney '72 retired on May 31 after 12 years at the helm of Saint Mary's College and a total of 36 years in Catholic higher education. Mooney received numerous accolades in the spring. She was surprised to receive an honorary doctorate at Commencement and, at a dinner where her official portrait was unveiled, the Board of Trustees awarded her the Moreau Medal for her extraordinary leadership. The Board also honored Mooney with Emerita status. The Alumnae Association Board of Directors named her husband, George Efta, an Honorary Alumnus. In May the College planted a tri-colored beech tree on Le Mans Green as a

tribute to Mooney. Notre Dame Law School, meanwhile, honored her with The Rev. Michael D. McCafferty Award. She earned her JD from the law school in 1977 and served on the faculty there for more than 15 years, including as assistant and associate dean. She also served as Notre Dame's vice president and associate provost for eight years. Mooney says she may eventually take on some consulting opportunities and volunteer work on boards, but for now she plans to spend time with family and traveling.



President Jan Cervelli, second from the right, visits with alumnae at the Reunion picnic. From left to right are Heather Atkinson Schneider '91, Annie Parker Baker '91, Laura Nield Birmingham '91, Cervelli, and Susie Smith Gilbert '91.

### President Cervelli begins term with alumnae at Reunion

*A party isn't a bad way to start a new job.*

Saint Mary's College President Jan Cervelli began her term on June 1 and Reunion started the next day. Alumnae had the opportunity to meet her during the weekend's festivities, which included the picnic, banquet, champagne brunch, and her first address as president. During the talk, the president asked alumnae for one word to describe their individual experience at Saint Mary's. They responded with: life-changing, nurturing, enriching, enlightening, empowering, community, unforgettable, holistic, providential, stimulating, and sisterhood. Cervelli will be formally installed as president at her inauguration. She comes to Saint Mary's, most recently, from The University of Arizona where she was Dean of the College of Architecture, Planning, and Landscape Architecture. Follow her @SMC\_JanCervelli on Twitter and at President Jan Cervelli on Facebook.

# Reveling in Reunion



This year's Reunion was one of our largest ever, with 891 alumnae and 135 guests on campus. The 25-year class is typically the best represented, and that was the case this year with 108 alumnae from the Class of 1991 on hand. The Class of 2011, celebrating five years since Commencement, came in a close second for best attendance with 107 returning to The Avenue.

The Class of 1966 had the highest donor participation of any class at Reunion, with 43 percent of the class taking part in the Class Gift Campaign. The Class of 1961 offered the largest Class Gift, with \$1,030,216 given back to the College. Go to [saintmarys.edu/Courier](http://saintmarys.edu/Courier) to see the Alumnae Memorial Scholarship Honor Roll.



Susan Combs Dampeer '72, left, and her sister, Beth Combs Martin '76, stop for a photo during Reunion. Dampeer retired from her position as Special Assistant to the President on June 14.

To see a gallery of Reunion photos, go to [saintmarys.edu/Courier](http://saintmarys.edu/Courier).



THE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE RECOGNIZED FOUR NOTABLE ALUMNAE WITH AWARDS DURING REUNION WEEKEND. THE DISTINGUISHED ALUMNA AWARD IS THE HIGHEST HONOR THE ASSOCIATION BESTOWS ON AN ALUMNA.



(Left to right) Elizabeth (Liz) Bermingham Lacy '66, Marilyn Wolter Laboe '61, President Jan Cervelli, Shannon Culbertson Thompson '06, and Sarah Belanger Earley '71.

## Distinguished Alumna Award

**Sarah Belanger Earley '71** has generously shared her business acumen, leadership abilities, and financial support with the College in her 45 years as an alumna. She joined the Alumnae Association Board of Directors in 1998, becoming president in 2002. In 2004 she was elected to the Board of Trustees, where she continued her dedicated service for a decade. As a tri-chair of the Campaign Steering Committee for *Faith Always, Action Now* campaign, Earley worked tirelessly to generate interest in the College's greatest needs and priorities. She and her husband Tony initiated a \$1 million challenge match to help raise funds for the new Angela Athletic & Wellness Complex.

## Alumna Achievement Award

**Elizabeth (Liz) Bermingham Lacy '66** has led a distinguished career as an attorney and judge and has always found time to serve her alma mater. In 1989 she became the first woman justice on the Supreme Court of Virginia and transitioned to the role of Senior Justice of the Supreme Court of Virginia in 2007. At Saint Mary's she joined the Alumnae Association Board of Directors in 2005 and served as president from 2008 to 2010, during which time she also served on the Board of Trustees. Lacy encouraged the Alumnae Association Board of Directors to explore new ways to connect alumnae with each other and the College, which led to several new programs including Welcome Home Tailgate, Spiritual Reflections, and *One Book, One Saint Mary's*.

## Humanitas Award

**Marilyn Wolter Laboe '61** has devoted her life to Catholic education and service, all while being a tireless advocate for Saint Mary's College. For 20 years she worked as school office associate and attendance secretary at St. Mary Catholic Central High School in Monroe, MI. She also delivered Meals on Wheels to the elderly, served on the Habitat for Humanity Women's Leadership Initiative, as well as on committees and school board at the high school and parish. At the College, she served on the Alumnae Association Board of Directors for six years and worked as chair of her 50<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion Program Committee. Through her mentorship and recruitment efforts in her community, Laboe has helped to bring more than 40 young women to Saint Mary's.

## Outstanding Young Alumna Award

**Shannon Culbertson Thompson '06** has quickly ascended the corporate ladder, while finding time to serve in her community and for her alma mater. Thompson began her career at General Electric Aviation in 2006 as community relations specialist and currently is the organizational communications manager. Thompson received the GE Aviation Leadership Award by the CEO of GE Aviation in 2015. In the Cincinnati community, she volunteers with the Evanston Academy Tutoring Program and the Big Brothers Big Sisters program. For Saint Mary's she serves on the leadership board of the Cincinnati Alumnae club as vice president. Shannon also serves students and other alumnae through the Alumnae Resource Network.

# Inspired to start Parkinson's Support Group

By Megan Eifler



After a devastating diagnosis, most people circle the wagons. **Taylor Ellerbrock '16** widened her circle.

As a junior enrolled in a neurology class, the communicative sciences and disorders major's aunt was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease, a neurodegenerative brain disorder that affects movement, including speech. Fueled by the news, Ellerbrock was inspired to do an independent study on Parkinson's under the guidance of professor Sandra Schneider. Halfway through, Ellerbrock realized she was looking for more. "I wanted to go beyond a literature review," she said. "I talked with my aunt, and she mentioned she was struggling to find a support group where she lives for people with Parkinson's."

Ellerbrock, of Waterville, OH, wondered if the issue was large-scale and whether she could do something about it locally. She found several exercise groups dedicated to Parkinson's patients in South Bend, but nothing to nurture the spirit.

So Ellerbrock started a support group to give Parkinson's patients a voice. Her classmates pitched in to help. The group first met in April 2015, with four people in attendance. By its next meeting, the group had ballooned to more than 25 people.

"There are speakers each month, and at each meeting we ask group members who they'd like to have as a speaker in the future," she said. At its December meeting, Ellerbrock and

fellow communicative sciences and disorders students, as well as graduate students in the Master of Science in Speech Language Pathology program, hosted a party with themed trivia. The group members' faces lit up when students yelled out clues.



One group member told Ellerbrock that while his diagnosis was overwhelming, he was encouraged to see how she turned her aunt's diagnosis into an opportunity to make a difference. "That's the impact we're hoping to make," she said. Her

aunt, Jennifer Traver, has started her own young-onset Parkinson's support group near her home in Michigan.

Ellerbrock graduated in May, but is confident that Saint Mary's students will continue the support group. "Even though you're not going to find a cure in a support group, you're still making an impact," she said.

True to the Sisters of the Holy Cross' mission, Ellerbrock saw an unmet need, met it — and buoyed the spirits of others in the process.

*Taylor Ellerbrock '16, who earned a degree in communicative sciences and disorders in May, is pictured with her aunt, Jennifer Traver. Both women started support groups for those, like Traver, who have been diagnosed with Parkinson's.*



## IN MEMORIAM



### Rosemary Jantzen Doherty

Rosemary Jantzen Doherty, 97, passed away on December 19, 2015. A professor of English, she taught at the College for 21 years. Doherty was a feminist all her life, even before she knew the word. She taught literature courses including Children's Literature, Images of Women in Literature, Fairy Tales and Romance, as well as Methods in Secondary Education.

She served as the first-year dean from 1971-1978 where she "saw to it that each young woman could learn her own magic," Sister Eva Hooker, CSC wrote in the citation for the *Spes Unica* Award Doherty received in 1982.

Her daughter, Lillian E. Doherty '74, recalls taking a class with her mother during her first year as a student. "She was teaching the course in epic [poetry] and I really wanted to take that course. It worked out beautifully. I accepted her criticism and we read *The Illiad* in translation, medieval romances, Dante, and Milton's *Paradise Lost*."

Doherty was her daughter's inspiration for becoming a professor herself. "I thought it poetically appropriate because she met my father when he was in her class at the University of Illinois. After the class was over, he asked her out, and some years later they were married."



### Jeanne Cronin Rodes

Jeanne Cronin Rodes, 88, passed away on June 2, 2016. Rodes began her teaching career in the French department at Saint Mary's and shifted to the English department in the late 1960s. She worked at the College for nearly 40 years, teaching courses centered on the moral nature of great literature and social justice.

Rodes was also a gifted poet. Her poems, published in various campus publications, were gathered in a chapbook titled, "Armies of the Heart." Like her courses, her poetry explores the difficult task of being a responsible human being and the importance of viewing the world with an open mind and wide eyes.

In 1988, she received the Maria Pieta Award for excellence in teaching. One student wrote in her nomination for the award: "I have experienced some difficult times this past year, as most freshmen do, but I had someone willing to listen. I had Mrs. Rodes. Her concern for me not only as a student but also as a person is something I shall never forget. I have grown to be a new person this year, and I must say that Mrs. Rodes has been a major influence."

## Alumnae Deaths

<b>1939</b>	Mary Hearn Dillon	November 9, 2015	<b>1958</b>	Marilyn Miller Waud	June 10, 2016
<b>1942</b>	Patricia Powers Keller	March 24, 2016	<b>1959</b>	Mary Ruth Lewis Clowdsley	November 7, 2015
	Mary Lucia Wolff Stevenson	March 30, 2016		Diane Miskiewicz Golem	February 19, 2016
<b>1943</b>	Jeanne Crockett Hoyer	April 28, 2016	<b>1961</b>	Patricia Scanlon McKeever	March 16, 2016
<b>1944</b>	Jane Hannan Englert	January 10, 2016	<b>1963</b>	Gay Lauterborn Mahne	February 26, 2016
<b>1947</b>	Sister Madeleine Hebert, MSC	October 30, 2015		Pauline Gannon Rohrer	March 20, 2016
<b>1949</b>	Joan Johnson Helms	April 25, 2016	<b>1964</b>	Roberta A. Timmerman	January 1, 2016
	Irene Raywood Johnson	April 8, 2016		Ruth F. Tulchinsky	March 30, 2016
	Susan Caron Riley	May 17, 2016	<b>1968</b>	Mary Catherine Fellrath	March 29, 2016
	Marie Murnane Walsh	March 19, 2016	<b>1969</b>	Norma Jean Oberly Pearce	January 25, 2016
<b>1951</b>	Winifred Loudon Severance	December 6, 2014	<b>1970</b>	Sally Shodron Walsh	May 22, 2016
<b>1952</b>	Joanne Hickey Frazel	June 9, 2016	<b>1981</b>	Julie Evans Detmer	March 18, 2016
	Betty Foley McGlynn	January 30, 2016	<b>1999</b>	Jennifer Pelic Camero	March 14, 2016
<b>1956</b>	Martha Flynn	March 13, 2016			
<b>1957</b>	Kathryn Reasor Anglin	May 20, 2015			
	Mary Taylor Spalding	April 21, 2016			

## Notable Death

Janetta McNamara Brown, physical education instructor, dance instructor, 1955-1971, March 27, 2016.

## Family Deaths

E. David Ahlering, husband of Mary Reedy Ahlering '57, May 26, 2016.

Peter Bacon, husband of Sharon Mattes Bacon '62, April 26, 2016.

John Bannister, husband of Patricia Carey Bannister '66, December 13, 2014.

John Basker, husband of Mary Lakatos Basker '90, March 13, 2016.

John Ernest Belanger, brother of Sarah Belanger Earley '71, March 24, 2016.

Vernon Breitenbach, father of Kathleen Breitenbach Sarnacki '73, grandfather of Carolyn Breitenbach Hurtuk '09, March 2, 2016.

Henry Brown, husband of Erika Salditt Brown '62, February 25, 2016.

Donald Cavi, father of Donna Cavi Sussman '76, February 23, 2016.

Gary Cichon, father of Colleen Cichon Jones '95, April 1, 2016.

John G. Collins, father of Shannon Collins Hatch '91, February 21, 2016.

Richard M. Cronin, father of Cathleen Cronin Mullen '75, February 27, 2016.

Robert Daday, father of Margaret Daday Koller '90, November 25, 2015.

Michael Robert Decker, husband of Mary Clare Hummer Decker '70, April 29, 2015.

Brian Duff, husband of Florence Buckley Duff '53, February 25, 2016.

Reno Fimbianti, husband of Gloria Panetti Fimbianti '49, March 30, 2016.

Corwin Freeman, father of Carrie Therese Freeman '04, May 14, 2016.

Robert Gaudet, husband of Mary Moran Gaudet '59, February 12, 2016.

Jerome Hickey, husband of Denise Coakley Hickey '66, March 23, 2016.

John Curtis Hutches, son of Rose Marie Cassmeyer Hutches '59, April 18, 2016.

John Karle, Jr., brother of Priscilla Karle Pilon '86, May 27, 2016.

Conrad Kellenberg, father of Anne B. Kellenberg-True '83, April 8, 2016.

John Keys, Jr., husband of Susan Gies Keys '71, May 18, 2016.

Adam Lewert, husband of Sharon Priester Lewert '66, March 14, 2016.

Thomas Luby, father of Karen Luby Burton '89, May 30, 2016.

William Madden, husband of Rosemary Rogers Madden '72, March 19, 2016.

Robert W. McCarthy, father of Diane McCarthy Norberg '82, March 19, 2015.

Peter McKee, husband of Diane Wallace McKee '70, February 8, 2016.

James McMeel, grandfather of Jessica Marie Orlando '12, February 28, 2016.

Daniel Muenzer, son of Mary Dillon Muenzer '83, brother of Katharine Rose Muenzer '07, March 21, 2016.

Joan Mullins, mother of Jacqueline Mullins Stent '87, April 24, 2016.

Ann Dalton Murray, mother of Shauna Murray Appel '78, January 14, 2016.

Nancy Doud Murray, mother-in-law of Irene Kenny Murray '82, grandmother of

Colleen Kenny Murray '10 and Elizabeth Ann Murray '17, April 1, 2016.

Joseph Nauman, father of Christine Nauman Sever '92, March 1, 2016.

John Patrick, father of Seanne Patrick Buckwalter '95 and Colleen M. Patrick-Lenart '99, grandfather of Ashley Breen DiGiannantonio '10, April 7, 2016.

Ernest Panos, father of Kathryn Panos Dunleavy '90, May 8, 2016.

Ruth Renaud, mother of Janine Renaud Burns '65, Celeste Renaud Sweeney '68, and Anita Renaud Gray '78, May 17, 2016.

Ralph G. Ryan M.D., father of Mary Ryan Morin '81 and Elizabeth Ryan Murray '90, father-in-law of Julia Lackner Ryan '86, grandfather of Margaret Ryan McCarthy '97, Kathleen Denise Ryan '99 and Bridget Ryan Draz '06, brother of Maryjeanne Ryan Burke '56, uncle of Mary L. Burke '85 and Sarah Burke Man '92, June 12, 2016.

Eric Schramm, father of Amanda Nicole Schramm '06, April 24, 2016.

Willard Shelor, father of Tammy Shelor Blain '89, May 19, 2016.

Joseph Sidley, husband of Margaret Doran Sidley '58, father of Kathleen Sidley Groszkiewicz '90, January 10, 2016.

Patricia Singer, mother of Nancy Singer Gies '81 and Christine Singer Kasman '95, grandmother of Kathryn Colleen Gies '11, April 18, 2016.

Dixie Soice, mother of Rebecca Soice Ferguson '93 and Mary Elizabeth Soice Nixdorf '94, March 18, 2016.

John Stull, father of Amy Michelle Stull Kwiatkoski '90, May 8, 2016.

Joseph Swift, husband of Mary Carey Swift '56, March 10, 2016.

Gordon Taiclet, father of Barbara Taiclet Toussaint '87, father-in-law of Kathleen Conley Taiclet '85, May 3, 2016.

Mark Alan Thiel, father of Rachel Rebecca Thiel '12, March 25, 2016.

Nathaniel Tranel, father of Elizabeth Tranel Halverson '82, April 14, 2016.

Dennis Trybus, father of Gretchen Trybus Batalis '01, May 1, 2016.

Judith Veselik, mother of Jennifer Veselik Bourjaily '88 and Jamie Ann Veselik '04, mother-in-law of Mary Rose McMahon Veselik '85, grandmother of Meaghan Veselik Klump '11, February 23, 2016.

Ruth Ann Wallace, sister of Mary Jean Wallace Paxton '52, March 2, 2016.

Jane Marie Ward, sister of Virginia A. Ward '68 and Katherine L. Ward '75, aunt of Colleen Sutton O'Brien '99 and Sarah Elizabeth Sutton '07, June 7, 2016.

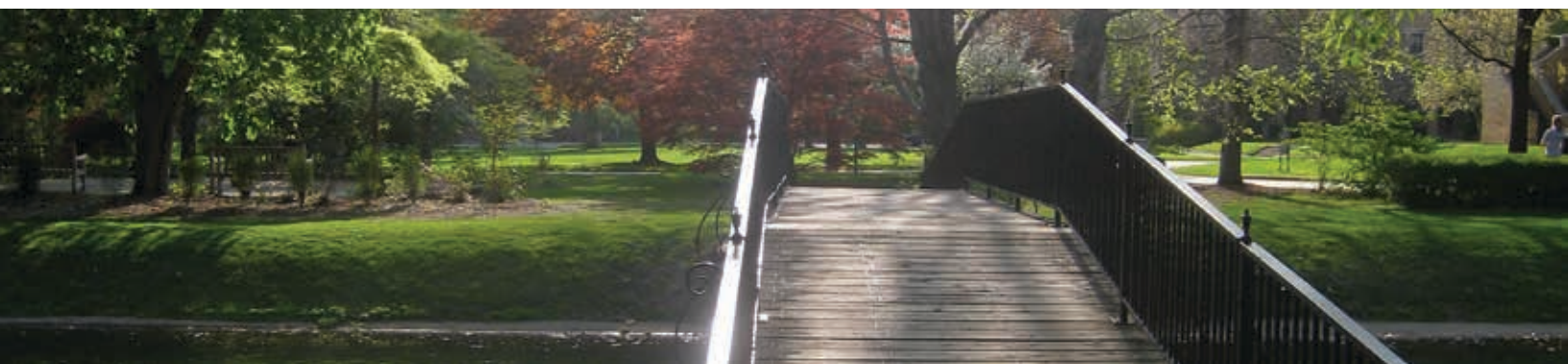
Edward Willer, husband of Mary Delaney Willer '65, April 25, 2016.

Stuart Wolff, father of Dorian Wolff Ellsworth '97, February 25, 2016.

Bruce Wright, husband of Catherine Bliley Wright '61, October 31, 2015.

Willard Yergler, father-in-law of Michelle Hiigly Yergler '95, May 12, 2016.

Robert Zeman, husband of Mary Szymanski Zeman '55, April 18, 2015.





## Chicago

Chicago East is as active as ever. In February, Chicago Belles had the opportunity to say “thank you” to then **President Carol Ann Mooney '72** when she made a stop in the Windy City. Belles from the area came to return the support that she showed us while we were in school and thereafter.



Kelly Zenere '11, club president, Molly Lamping Fleck '09, club vice president, with then-President Carol Ann Mooney '72 at the Chicago Presidential Event in February.

Continuing our festivities in April, the club took a guided tour of the Chicago Field Museum, which featured *The Greeks — Agamemnon to Alexander the Great*. It was a great opportunity for Belles to bring their friends and family along to explore the new exhibit and create memories. To celebrate the College's 24-hour Donor Challenge, Belles had a blast showing their support while hosting a happy hour at Theory Bar in River North.



Chicago East Belles at their Donor Challenge Day Happy Hour event.

In May, Chicago Belles hosted their favorite event of the year, Spring Spirits. Alumnae of all ages came together to meet and enjoy the spring weather, complete with a raffle and cocktails! A huge thank you to Linda Schultz Salvi '79 for hosting! This is the largest event that the club hosts each year.

The Chicago East Belles will take a break in order to enjoy the summer sun and hit the Chicago beaches. Keep up with us on our website [smcchicagoeast.com](http://smcchicagoeast.com), our newsletter, and our year-round monthly events: Book Club and Supper Club.

## Cleveland

Club members met on Friday evening, March 4 at Dolce Organic Salon for pampering with manicures, pedicures, and make-up applications. Wine and appetizers topped off the evening. This event is always well attended and will be on the Club's agenda in the future. Many thanks again to **Debbie Stancik Krawczyk '78** who coordinated everything.

Club members met at the home of **Katie McVoy '03** on April 5 to prepare care packages for Saint Mary's students from Cleveland/Akron who were taking finals. We know that the students really appreciate our thoughtfulness. Thank you, Katie, for hosting the event.

## Columbus

Our board structure continues to work well for this group of Belles, as we have a chair or two for each event and function. Columbus Club Board Members include: **Amy O'Brien Mundt '88** (treasurer, 614 Challenge), **Annie Sofranko '11** (spring brunch, college fair contact person, care packages, social media, and happy hours), **Caitlin Albany '09** (social media, happy hours), **Erin Gibbons '86** (yearly service project, 614 Challenge), **Jack Buttler ND '67** (Christmas brunch), **Jennifer Paluszak Hadden '96** (Christmas brunch), **Sarah Hussey Ryan '89** (Christmas brunch), **Julie Wagner Feasel '89** (care packages), **Julie Radca Vieta '95** (first-year and current student activity), **Katie Vincer Sears '03** (spring brunch, 614 Challenge), **Lisa McConnell Orsinelli '92** (prayer chain), and **Marilyn Murphy Messick '69** (book club).

Earlier this year we concluded our local scholarship drive, the 614 Challenge (named for our area code). In its third year, the goal of the 614 Challenge is to increase the principal of our local scholarship fund. Each year the Columbus Club gives a current Belle from central Ohio a scholarship to help defray tuition expenses. Our own **Erin Gibbons '86** contributes \$1,000 if 35 Columbus-area alumnae contribute any personal gift on the day of the Challenge, which is always June 14. **Katie Vincer Sears '03** and **Amy O'Brien Mundt '88** handle the details. It has been a wonderful way for us to support our own!

The fall picnic for alumnae and current students will be hosted again this year by **Julie Radca Vieta '95**. It was a great success last year! Look for details via email.

As you can see, all is well and busy in Columbus!

## Dallas



Linda Kawecki '79, Mary Holland '05, Ellen Drake '92, and Maureen Rakow '75 helped stuff care packages for Dallas students during their Donor Challenge Happy Hour.

The Dallas Club got together the evening of the College's 24-hour Donor Challenge, April 21, to watch the progress of the challenge via smartphone and assemble goody bags for local Belles. This happy hour event at the home of **Linda Kawecki '79** was an opportunity to meet some new alumnae in the area while catching up with old friends. The club hopes to make this event an annual tradition. It's a great, casual way to socialize and give to both our students and to the College.

The Dallas Club Book Club is still growing strong, meeting every other month. The book for May was *And The Mountains Echoed* by Khaled Hosseini and a great discussion took place at the home of **Ellen McQuillan Drake '92**. Watch for an Evite to learn what the next book selection will be.

The club is trying to organize events for moms with young children and our local BOLD (Belles of the Last Decade) alumnae. If anyone has ideas for either of these, please contact **Mary Holland '05**, club president.

## Grand Rapids

The Grand Rapids Alumnae Club held a reception for accepted students at the home of **Lisa Campione Mullen '93**. It was well attended by alumnae in our area, interested students, as well as representatives from Saint Mary's, including Executive Director of Alumnae and College Relations **Kara O'Leary '89**. The young women impressed the alumnae.

Our book group continues to meet every other month and read the 2015–16 *One Book, One Saint Mary's* 2015-16 selection, *Americanah* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie.

If you are in the Grand Rapids area, check out our updated Facebook page. If you would like to join us, contact **Tara Millar '90**, club president, at [tmillar@comcast.net](mailto:tmillar@comcast.net) or for young alumnae events contact **Sarah Slomski '11** at [sslomski89@gmail.com](mailto:sslomski89@gmail.com).

## Indianapolis

The Indianapolis Club welcomed three new board members for 2016-2017: **Cat Cleary '12**, **Julia Hum '07**, and **Katherine Nagy '02**. This rounds out the board to include eight dedicated members. It's been a busy few months for the club, with members hosting a care package event for Indianapolis students, a get-together in downtown Indianapolis at Howl at the Moon, and a happy hour event in support of the Belles Give Back campaign. This summer, we plan to have a community service event, garage sale, and attend an Indian's baseball game. The Club also started collecting dues through PayPal to help support its annual scholarship fund, with \$15 for BOLD alumnae and \$25 for additional alumnae. Any alumnae interested in getting involved, please email [smcindybelles@gmail.com](mailto:smcindybelles@gmail.com).

## San Antonio



Paxton Koehl '17, Meg Brown '13, Joan Nagy Quenan '67, Myla Arnold Koehne '95, and Briar Koehl '15 enjoyed lunch together in San Antonio.

San Antonio alumnae met for lunch May 14 in the King William Historic District of San Antonio. **Paxton Koehl '17**, **Meg Brown '13**, **Joan Nagy Quenan '67**, **Myla Arnold Koehne '95**, and **Briar Koehl '15** had fun comparing stories and hearing how some things have changed (the food used to be a lot better) and how some things haven't (the Backer). Contact **Meg Brown** at [margaret.brown2013@gmail.com](mailto:margaret.brown2013@gmail.com) to make sure you are on the mailing list for future meet-ups.



## San Diego

As spring moves into sunny summer here in San Diego, plans are moving ahead for the club's annual fundraiser: **Peggy Battle Burns '81**, and her husband Chris ND '81 hosted 'Cinco de Mayo', a festive fiesta, complete with silent auction and delicious food and drink, in their gorgeous home set high in the hills of Poway. All proceeds go to a scholarship for a deserving San Diego student. We are proud to say that this is our 9<sup>th</sup> year to provide assistance to a current local student. News and photos from this fun fiesta will be in the next issue of *The Courier*.

**Marilyn (Lynn) Ambrose '52** continues to host the SMC Book Club. A nice group of alumnae meet monthly to enjoy stimulating discussion along with refreshments and lively fellowship. All local alumnae are welcome to join the book club. Lynn sends out a monthly update complete with all information.

We offer our congratulations to Lynn who was honored as Volunteer of the Year by the San Diego District Attorney's office. We must add that Lynn's beautiful Golden doodle, Caleb, is the true honoree! Caleb, trained by Lynn, is a therapy dog who soothes young children who have to testify in court. Caleb is also well known at most of the college campuses in San Diego. He visits students during final exams and gives them much needed love, cuddles, and relaxation during this stressful time. Congratulations Lynn and Caleb! We are so proud of you!

**Nicole Mercado Fortunato '00** recently traveled to South Bend where she was a guest at the Tribute Dinner in honor of **President (Emerita) Carol Ann Mooney '72**. Nicole reported that it was a lovely evening full of accolades for Mooney. We San Diego alumnae were honored to host her a few years ago when she travelled here for a conference. She attended Mass with us at The Immaculata on the campus of The University of San Diego. Following Mass, President Mooney joined us for a lively dinner. We were proud to host such a wonderful lady and we wish her and her family all the best in retirement.

Our club continues to thrive, and we welcome all alumnae to join us at our activities. Please contact **Sandy Kesser '07** at [sandykesser@gmail.com](mailto:sandykesser@gmail.com) or **Barb McKnight '77** at [barb.mcknight@gmail.com](mailto:barb.mcknight@gmail.com) for more information. Join us!

## South Bend

The South Bend Alumnae Club wrapped up a fun year during the spring of 2016 with a barre fitness night at B Present Studio, a wine night at Villa Macri, and our annual Community Carnival with Hannah & Friends. We are always looking for ways to include our local alumnae and keep them up to date on events happening around campus and in the community. During the 2016-17 year we are hoping to expand our board again! We are adding a membership chair, social co-chairs, and community service co-chairs. If you are interested in any of these positions please contact the incoming president, **Amy Surma '03**, at [amysurma@made-designs.com](mailto:amysurma@made-designs.com).

Our ADesigns French Cross Jewelry Fundraiser is ongoing. The jewelry is the perfect gift for incoming students, current students, and alum in your life. ADesigns donates 40 percent of each purchase to our scholarship fund. To purchase your jewelry, pay dues, and check upcoming events, visit our club website at [smcsclub.com](http://smcsclub.com). Don't forget to also like the "Saint Mary's College South Bend Alumnae Club" on Facebook!

## Washington, DC



Members of the Washington DC Alumnae Club pose for a picture with Sister Simone Campbell, their first guest in their speaker series.

The DC Club kicked off 2016 and our speaker series with our favorite ***Nun On The Bus***, Sister Simone Campbell. We prayed together during Mass at The Cathedral of Saint Matthew the Apostle, we dined together at the beautiful ACA Headquarters Mansion, and we grew together during Sister Simone's thought-provoking discussion. She inspired personal reflection and growth by challenging us with questions like, "Am I contributing to my community in a way that utilizes my extraordinary education from Saint Mary's College?"

In March, we had the pleasure of hearing from one of our own, **Fran Bardello Craig '64**, a pioneer in the field of technology. She credits her Saint Mary's education with the audacity to speak up, even when her opinions weren't necessarily welcome. She not only relayed stories of success during her long career, but also the many missteps along the way. When asked about venturing into unknown territory, she replied "If something is difficult, then there is value in it." As evidenced by her incredible philanthropic work with women in STEM, as well as her successful multi-million dollar and groundbreaking company Unanet, we think she's on to something!

To support the SMC 24-hour Donor Challenge on April 21, we hosted a Wine & Paint event that night. Charm City Art helped our alumnae paint a beautiful fall rendition of The Avenue while laptops, tablets, and cell phones tracked the donor tallies throughout the evening. Thank you, DC Belles, for helping Saint Mary's exceed the 3,500 donor goal and having loads of FUN in the process!

A Cinco de Mayo happy hour event at the Dubliner offered a fun and festive environment for alumnae to network and socialize. If YOU have any networking or event suggestions, please shoot them our way at [smc.dc.club@gmail.com](mailto:smc.dc.club@gmail.com). We look forward to seeing you at a DC Club event soon!





Thank you for sharing your news with us and for participating in our dynamic alumnae community. As a rule we do not censor Class News. This section is intended to be an avenue for self-reporting of life occurrences. The content or positions of these submissions do not necessarily reflect the views of the College, the Office of Alumnae Relations, or the Courier Staff.

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In her Christmas letter **Sister Ramona Marie Oppenheim**, MM wrote that "after many rich years in overseas missions, I am here at Maryknoll. Probably the most multicultural experience of my life. The majority of the aides were born and raised in the Caribbean area. The nurses are principally from the Philippines or India. We are black, brown, and white here, interacting on a daily basis. Through all of this I believe we encounter the Lord with each other. I treasure this experience."

**Mary Ellen Molony Brady** stopped in South Bend last summer on her way to visit her daughter Mary Clare in Illinois and tripped going through a revolving hotel door. She suffered a broken hip. Following reconstructive surgery she spent several weeks mending at Dujarie House in Holy Cross Village where **Alice Flynn Osberger** and **Katie Scott O'Hara** supported her recovery with visits, sweets, and flowers until she was able to return home.

Alice keeps many contacts with Notre Dame after 37 years spent there. In her last letter she mentioned **Mary Garside Liebscher's** daughter Sara, a senior director, and **Marge Quinn O'Grady's** daughter **Kathleen O'Grady Murphy '75**, business manager, both in the Notre Dame athletic department.

"What a blessing it is that I can still travel," wrote **Mary Keltz Strudeman** who toured Turkey in the fall and has also added Barcelona and Rome to her recent itineraries.

Again, I enjoyed winter week in Hawaii and look forward to a busy year of family First Communions, confirmations, college graduations, and weddings.

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Those of you without email may not know of **Judy Jones Sullivan's** death on February 5, 2016. Dick let me know and I emailed those with addresses. Mary responded and I sent them on to Dick. Judy spent much time and energy (i.e. phone, snail mail) for many years writing this column, replacing **Annetheerese Brodie Hart**.

**Ann McCullough** was thoughtful enough to send some prayer cards and programs from the Memorial Mass. It was great she was there representing those of us who live so far from California.

The Indiana Campbells are now talking of generations. Their oldest grandson is a third generation Marine; the women in the family will have three generations at this year's Reunion dinner. **Mary Ann Kramer Campbell**, **Maureen Campbell Lopina '81** and **Jillian Campbell Camisasca-Lopina '11**. Tom ND '54 will, of course, attend his reunion.

**Ann Murray O'Neill** spent winter in Fort Myers but home in Iowa with children and six grandchildren for Christmas - "a great time and weather good for Iowa." **Pat Byrne Lyren** and daughters (one being **Mikell (Mickey) Byrne Wood '62**) plan a September cruise. Last November they traveled to Cuba. **Carol O'Brien Scheller** remains in cancer remission. Her husband was in the hospital after a fall from his wheelchair but after rehab is now home and doing well. **Nancy Gibbon Ross** announces her first great grandchild born in Albuquerque July 11, 2015. **Sue Hartmann** talks weekly to **Mary Fran Koehnemann Nolan** and reports they are both well. **Rose Marie Murphy Foley** and Ben enjoyed an October week in Paris, hosted lots of hungry relatives for Christmas and spent mid-January to Easter in Florida. Working on fundraising for a stained glass chapel window and planning the 100th anniversary of the IU nutrition and dietetics department keeps **Bernice Boucher Hopp's** life at Marquette Manor busy and pleasant. **Barb DiSalle Lindskold** invited her sister **Antoinette (Toni) DiSalle Watkins '52** and **Mary Wieland Scheetz** to a beautiful Easter Sunday dinner.

In January **Mary Schmitz Bartley** and daughter Jeanne moved to Cornelius, NC, close to Davidson College where Mary hopes to find interesting activities. Jeanne suggests she join her in curling but Mary says golf is still number one. New address: 11735 Meeting House Drive, Cornelius NC 28031; email: [maryebartley@outlook.com](mailto:maryebartley@outlook.com).

**Margaret Keller Howells** belongs to a Franciscan parish that is very diverse and everything Pope Francis described in *The Joy of the Gospel*. Parishioners are from at least 100 countries, the singing in Bangla (Bangladesh), Swahili, French, Spanish, English is wonderful and there's a sense of celebrating and joy. She still belongs to the prayer group started 40 some years ago.

**Patricia Gannon Scully** is still working clay and enjoying dogs and family. Health-wise she is doing well for the most part, extremely grateful she can still touch her toes without bending her knees: small pleasures indeed.

All the Paul Campbell children, grandchildren, great grandchildren were with **Beverly Ritz Bierbusse's** family for Christmas. After their "miserable" winter, she and Paul took a trip to the Jersey shore and Upper Michigan!

As of March 5 **Marlene Gaubinger McGinn** is now Mrs. Harry Durkin. She and Harry ND '53 knew each other through Notre Dame functions and Pro-Life events. She says she's ready to begin a new life with the blessing of 10 children, 15 grandchildren, and one great granddaughter.

**Joan Rossi** went to an alumnae showing of "Big Stone Gap" in Chicago this winter. Several weeks after discussing Italy with author **Adriana Maria Trigiani '81**, Joan received a package containing a cap and tee shirt, both with Big Stone Gap on them and a copy of the *All the Stars in the Heaven*.

**Mary Leim O'Beirne** and I talked late this fall, a very late birthday "tradition." It's really old home week, discussing friends in Fond du Lac and Saint Mary's. She had talked to **Mary Fran Koehnemann Nolan** (who had introduced her to husband Pat). Mary Lou wanted us to know she does use an iPad!

Please remember in your prayers **Jane Flynn Carroll's** sister **Martha Flynn '56** who died in March. Martha was two years behind us and was

**Peg Tiernan Sheehan's** little sister in the little sister program. Jane is looking forward to visiting daughter Lucy in San Antonio. Also remember in prayers **Rose-Marie (Rody) Oppenheim Dilenschneider's** sister **Virginia Oppenheim Barlock '48** who died December 6, 2015. Rody recommends those of us at Saint Mary's in the Golden Years read the *National Catholic Reporter's* article "Sister Madeleva Wolfe Forever Changed the face of Catholic Theology."

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From the Class of 1955 let me first say "Congratulations" to Jan Cervelli, our new president. We wish you many years of successfully leading the dear Catholic women's college that we all remember so fondly.

Secondly, I apologize to my classmates for skipping out on the job this issue. I had intended to contact more of you shortly after Christmas and before I went to Florida; however, it seems that with each year the hours get shorter and my accomplishments get fewer. I will give you a rundown on some of my recent opportunities and maybe you will give me a bit of a reprieve till next issue.

Near the end of the year as I am preparing for Christmas and hopefully getting ready to leave for Florida for the winter, I received a call from my niece, Kathleen, asking me if I would like to join her and her husband in Australia in March. I was stunned and excited at the same time. After a week or so I said yes. I then left for Florida with full intentions of calling many of you for your recent news. Where did the time go with no phone calls? I drove home from Florida and left the following week for a 10-day bus tour in New Zealand and then met up with them in Sydney for a month of travel. I am writing this from the Blue Mountains while they are on an afternoon hike.

While I was in Florida, **Shirley Dyckes Kelley** invited **Carol Graham Moran**, **Frances Clohessy Spillane**, and myself to the Stuart Country Club for lunch. I put together a pair of nice black slacks and a white blouse to wear. At the last minute I changed to a light blue outfit thinking of Saint Mary's colors. Well, what to my dismay when I arrived at Shirley's lovely home to find 3 women standing together wearing white tops and dark slacks. Talk about "odd man out!" We had a delightful time together.

Shirley seems to be feeling quite well and is involved as ever in her charitable endeavors. Carol is spending a great deal of her time taking care of her husband who has struggled recently with different health challenges. She does find time to get in a game of golf now and then. Frances is as chipper as ever and enjoyed a couple weeks in Florida with her son and family. She enjoys her time in Florida; however, she loves being at the Cape especially during the summer months.

I spoke with **Mary Ann Immonen Haidinger** and Bob is still recovering from his back surgery and the physical therapy is helping a great deal. They are happy with their new living arrangement and look forward to being able to take part in more of the activities in the near future when Bob gets the "OK" from his doctor. Many couples whom they have

known over the years now live in this lovely place so they feel very much at home. They also love being at their place in Vermont.

**Shirley Wagner Van Devere** and Joe divide their time between their lovely home in Akron, Ohio and their mobile home in Fort Myers Beach where they are very active. Shirley experienced some back discomfort for a while; however, is now enjoying her tennis games once again. They were home at Christmastime 2015 for the wedding of their granddaughter.

I received a lovely note from **Marie DeMeester Meehan** after Christmas. She reminded me once again about the blessings we can have in our retirement days if we are open-minded and look for ways to help others. She expressed her gratitude for having her children close to where she is now living in Virginia Beach. She also told of her surprise when she attended a class at the Institute of Learning in Retirement and started a conversation with the woman sitting next to her. Much to her surprise she met **Mary VanWolvleer Crell '47** and they had a fine time reminiscing, especially about Sister Maria Renata. Marie said, "Mary had never had such a wonderful and casual meeting with a fellow alumna in all her years." So, you see all you Belles, keep getting out there and meeting new people and who knows what might happen.

I spoke with **Barbara Bridgman O'Connor** (our former *Courier* Reporter who did such a great and timely job for so many years) and she is doing well following her knee surgery. She is still doing some tours in downtown Chicago; however, now spends a lot of time doing water aerobics and walking.

Barbara told me that she had heard from Fran, **Lora Pagliari Mraz**'s sister, that Lora is now in a nursing home where **Molly Maloy Griffin** is also being cared for.

Barbara also told me that **Noreen Gallagher-Woodward** had died. It was too bad we didn't know about that at the time of Reunion.

Well, I guess I have rambled on long enough and hope I have been able to bring you up to date on a few of our classmates. I know I had a few notes of review from our 2015 Reunion to share with you. However, when I get home I will hope to sort out all my SMC material and be better prepared for our next issue.

Take care and God Bless ye all — each and every one!

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Reunion is now a vibrant, happy, and love-filled memory. If I neglect anyone or anything it is because my brain is experiencing overload. Please feel free to jog my failing mind — you have my email!

From California came **Mary Dahm Kearney**, **Joanne Griffith McGrath**, and **Jean Kimmet Jackman**. Mary had the joy of having twin granddaughters graduate from Saint Mary's in May. Jean brought her wonderful husband, Mike, who proved to be a valuable addition to our hospitality room making sure we were all comfortable. **Anne Tetaz Bloom** came up from Fort Lauderdale where she still is active in the real estate business.

**Agnes Pelachik Robinson**, now retired from her position as college professor, as always brought news of her fellow staff students. She reported the death of **Fran Sheeran McCarthy**, our beautiful artist and class member. Another retired professor, **Louise Warnicke Renault**, left her home in Arizona and journeyed to Indianapolis where she picked up **Gayle Baumer Foy** for the trip to Saint Mary's. Gayle still enjoys acting as part of a club in her community. Gayle has 10 children and displays the same boundless energy she exhibited in her Saint Mary's days. Also another class thespian, **Joan Mette Reddy** appears in local theater in the Detroit area. **Carolyn Greives Kelley** still lectures on her favorite topic — wine — when she isn't attending theatric events in the Berkshires. Do you remember when Carolyn wore her grey wool uniform on the plane to Reunion several years ago? The uniform now resides in the library as part of the archives exhibit!

**Barb Schettig Brennan** came from Midland, MI. Barb served her community working in the library for many years. She has 15 grandchildren to keep her busy now. **Mary Carey Swift** was a breath of fresh air from DC despite the recent loss of her dear husband, Dr. Joseph Swift. Mary was a spark of joy to all of us. **Sheila Conlin Brown** and her husband, Dick ND '56, went back and forth across the Dixie (SR 933) to attend events at both schools. One of the well-attended programs was a study of the award winning "Spotlight" conducted by **Sister Elena Malits, CSC**, who teaches a theology film class at the college. **Maryjeanne Ryan Burke** was busy taking bows as the mother of **Mary L. Burke '85**, who is chair of the Board of Trustees of the College. Maryjeanne has herself been involved in many leadership roles throughout the years — always ready to step in where needed. **Kay Dale McComb** and I roomed together and thoroughly enjoyed just being part of the festivities. **Charleen (Lambie) Froats Jordan** brought her daughter, Carroll, who must have taken a hundred pictures of the class of '56.

I know this is an incomplete account. **Eileen (Bunni) Hennessy Griffin** was there but I didn't have a chance to talk. Please fill me in and I will try to get it in the next column. This brief report cannot begin to show the love that pervaded the Class of '56 reunion!

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I am still hearing delightful tales of birthday celebrations. We are a partying group! Jim ND '57 and **Fran Cappabianca Carideo** celebrated Jim's significant birthday in South Bend last October. Joining them were many old friends, children, and grandchildren, including **Neta Jeanne Linnville '14**, now a nurse at Northwestern Hospital in Chicago. They enjoyed old and new haunts and cheered as ND beat Navy. It was a nostalgic and memorable weekend! **Pat Bauervic Leonard's** celebration in the fall was made special by having all 10 of her grandchildren attend. The oldest, Michael, who is the son of daughter **Beverly Leonard Sewell '81**, graduated in May from Miami of Ohio

and the youngest is in kindergarten. After 20 years Sam and **Rosemary Knope Trippe** are moving three miles away to a "cottage" they are building, still in Maryland. Last Thanksgiving, **Mary O'Connor** visited John and **Ellen Boyle Benish** at their Napa winery, Benessere, enjoying not only great food, but fall colors. Mary shared that the leaves of different grape varieties turn different colors! Whenever Ray and **Julie Dittoe Schmidlin** celebrate they have plenty of company. Their Christmas card showed 47 (I counted) gathered and who knows how many were missing? About 26 of **Dee Kiley LeFevour's** family had a Thanksgiving week vacation in Florida marking her September birthday.

Christmas cards continued with their delightful pictures and summaries. Dan and **Pat Peterson Huber's** grandchildren, ages 3 to 20, continue to be their delight and central focus but they did work in several reunions, especially Cargill's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in Minneapolis. Their decision to sell their ranch in Steamboat, CO after 17 years was made easier since their children all have places there where they can "bunk up" and enjoy the mountains when possible. John and **Peggy Maher Engler's** card featured a lovely mountain scene painted by Peggy herself. Their daughter **Kathleen Engler Malone '82** hosted Christmas dinner at her house and their son, Father Chapin, said Mass. Father's parishes are at Roncerverte and White Sulphur Springs, WV and he has a well-received radio program, "Daily Living with Father Chapin." Another artist in our midst, **Margi McCarthy Rice**, used her watercolor "Mary and Child" on her lovely card. **Patsy Moore Payne** enclosed a great picture of herself and Bill who looked forward to a New Year's Eve cruise out of New Orleans. **Liz McCorkle Groden** is happy to be back in her own home after four months in hospitals and rehab centers recovering from severe heart disease. Her wonderful family and friends have been her rock, even caring for her beloved dog, Honeybun. The Indianapolis home that **Shirley O'Brien Creamer's** parents bought when she was 16 is going to be the Decorator Show House in May 2017. Shirley and her late husband, Jim, moved into the house when they moved back from Ohio, but now Shirley will be uprooted temporarily while the house is prepped for the charity event. Sadly, I heard that the Creamer's oldest grandson, Sean, passed away in February. Shirley mentioned that he was a wonderful help to her after Jim died.

It is wonderful to pass along news of trips and family gatherings, but sad news must also be shared. **Regina Crane Gschwind** died on February 1 not long after suffering a severe heart attack. Regina is survived by her husband, John ND '56, their four children and spouses, including daughter **Julia Gschwind Shea '87**, and 10 grandchildren. Their son, Paul, predeceased Regina. Services were held in Vero Beach, FL near the Gschwind's most recent home. **Irene O'Leary Van Beckum** a friend and classmate of Regina's from pre-college days at St. Xavier's High School in Chicago was able to attend the service. Communicating the news, lead to finding that another St. Xavier's and Saint Mary's classmate, **Mary K. Sheehan Chandler** and her husband, Bob, had moved from their home on Cape Cod. They have remained in Massachusetts, where all seven of their children reside. The Chandlers have 20 grandchildren, ranging from ages 5 to 29.



In late February we discovered that **Katie Reasor Anglin** had died on May 20, 2015 in Honolulu. A note I sent to her was returned by the USPS marked "deceased." Talk about the unvarnished truth! Confirmation was made by Alumnae office staff who found her obituary. Katie and her husband, Bob, who died in 1998, moved to Hawaii in 1965. Katie earned her master's in counseling from Notre Dame and was an elementary school teacher and counselor, retiring after 38 years. She is survived by her sister, her stepdaughter and son-in-law and their family. Classmates, whose email addresses I have, were informed about both deaths. Many have responded, citing memories and, in general, connecting. **Diane Landphair Knuth** remains in Ohio which is perfect since she has three daughters in the Cleveland area and another in Columbus. Definitely out of the area are her son and daughter-in-law who live in Bangkok where he teaches at a university. Her four grandchildren include one at Miami of Ohio, one at Penn State, and two in middle school. She keeps up with **Julie Dittoe Schmidlin** since they are in the same parish. **Nancy Vivian Wallace** is a real New Englander. She and her late husband, Jim, raised their family in Sudbury, MA where she still resides but their five children have scattered. With two in Connecticut, and one each in Texas, Washington, DC, and Florida, she has plenty of places to visit, including London, where her oldest granddaughter works for an investment bank. Nancy remains in contact with **Julie Bohan Allen**. **Jeannine Timko Lechner** and Gene are enjoying life in California, retired though busy. Jeannine is coordinator for her parish RCIA and Welcome Ministry and enjoys a weekly watercolor workshop. **Anne White Maysak** had a nice February visit with **Mary Comisky Riley** in Scottsdale, AZ. Jim and **Virginia Vighi Carson** came down from San Diego to join them and they all celebrated the birthday of Bob Kirke, husband of **Loral Baker Kirke**. While lunching at a Tucson restaurant, some of the group met Saint Mary's President-elect Jan Cervelli the day after she returned from the announcement of her appointment. She was easy to spot, wearing her new Saint Mary's tee shirt! In the fall, Anne spent time in DC with her sister, **Mary White '55**, as Mary recovered from successful back surgery.

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Sorry to report that **Sarah Sceales Mulcahy** took a fall while wintering at her condo in Florida fracturing her pelvis, which in turn compromised the repaired hip, she broke two years ago. She was admitted to a rehab facility in Venice, FL, for three weeks and then medevaced to a rehab center in Milwaukee where she is undergoing therapy to get back on her own two feet. She was to have visited with **Betsy Finneran Kennedy** and **Peg Broughton McGrath**, who were in Florida, but of course that didn't happen. Betsy was able to meet my daughter who lives near Betsy's rented condo and attend a performance of *Hairspray* in which my 14 year-old granddaughter performed. I was delighted to have Betsy play excited grandma in my stead.

**Carol Podesta Foley** called to say she joined a small Christmas gathering of Chicago area alumnae at the Union League which included **Peg, Gerry Dunn Leinenweber, Jan Rauch Keck** and **Kathleen Burke Welsh**. **Carol Ann Cruise** writes that she ran a big Black Friday sale on her website for her finished animals and Spirit Dolls and the response was absolutely unprecedented. Just as she was catching up with orders, somebody put her stuff on their Facebook page and the deluge started all over again. She's still trying to catch up while doing finished-product shows and little local quilt guild shows. Her specialty is "Memory Bears" - bears created and dressed in a loved-one's clothing, but she's experiencing trouble with her vision following not-so-successful cataract surgery - unfortunate for someone who makes her living threading a needle.

**Mary Moran Smith** had a nice visit with **Colleen Taffee Goldkamp Harmon** when she attended her granddaughter's nursing graduation in St. Louis. She also lunches every so often with **Connie Roller Curtin**, her Scottsdale neighbor. She recently took a river cruise from Prague to Budapest where she met a niece who gave her insight into the refugee crisis in the area.

**Kathleen Burke Welsh** writes that she has three grandchildren attending Notre Dame and hopes to have a freshman at Saint Mary's soon. She and Bob live nearby and are lucky to attend all the home games.

Tom and **Jackie Baumer Berg** flew to Paris last fall for a 10-day river cruise to Normandy and joined 35 relatives of the Massachusetts Organization of Families of fallen soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan wars who were guests of the cruise line. She found it a very humbling experience to hear these passengers' stories. They are happy to be living in Huntsville, AL.

**Mary K. Moran Gaudet** wrote in her Christmas letter that her husband Bob is fighting cancer and all the side effects of chemo. "He has continued to work, moving his office to the house and is getting his strength back with bi-weekly physical therapy. I have cut back on some of my volunteer work, but continue to play tennis at least twice a week and enjoy weekly golf games over the summer."

**Rosie Mudd Nickodemus** is pleased to have a grandson who is a sophomore at ND. **Marty Gillis Esrig's** youngest grandson also attends ND.

**Marge Liebrich O'Connor's** back went out last year and she and Bob quickly vacated their three-story house for a golf villa in Midlothian, VA and couldn't be happier.

**Peg Stratton Burleigh** didn't get together with her SMC friends this year. **Kit-C Clyne Fitzgerald** had hip surgery and **Mary K. Moran Gaudet** was dealing with her husband's lung cancer. They hope to resume this year.

**Fran Tetaz Juliano** and husband Fred enjoy living in Nevada. They celebrated Thanksgiving with their son's family in Santa Clara, CA and Christmas with their other son and family in Portland, OR.

**Mary Jo Greene Horan** enjoys her nine grandchildren who love to visit her in Sarasota, FL.

Gerry and I took an 11-day cultural tour of Ireland in September. It was a very small tour (13 in all) and of course, we had a wonderful time. The Irish people are so hospitable and can you believe we had no rain. Got home in time to attend our oldest son's wedding in Carlsbad. Dina was a friend and neighbor from way back, who was a part of his

young married days when they were all raising their children together. I think that's called serendipity — anyway we are very happy for them both.

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Thinking of all of you and remembering such fun times at Saint Mary's, which seems like just yesterday. What stories we told! What fun we are still having! **Arlene Lagona Feldmeier, Elaine Van Etten Cassidy, Jane Simpson Kiep, Nancy Prawdzik Kidder, Peggy Hock Cahill**, and **Maureen Hogan Lang** were the storytellers as we met early in April. Maureen had a great telephone visit with **Ann Lord Barton**. Visits from their offspring keep Ann and Drew very busy. Molly and Maureen look forward to hearing from you. Let's keep each other in our prayers. Keep smiling, M and M.

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I have no exciting news, but several classmates have asked how I am doing after my fall last spring. I am doing well. Walking with a cane when on stairs, on uneven surfaces, and outdoors. I am walking slowly, watching where and how I am walking (with my feet position). I have had physical therapy to strengthen my legs/feet and balance. I can still "walk and talk" so I am thankful for that. I enjoy watching our four children, spouses, and nine grandchildren "grow and prosper." I encourage classmates to send news of their lives, families and classmates that they see or have news about. Looking for warm weather and spring to bloom. Keep news coming!

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Summer news! I had a great chat with **Isabelle Pogue Brienza** recently...lots of laughs about things old and new. The funniest story filled me in on the months following our graduation day. As you may remember, Isabelle was very pregnant on that day. Apparently, she went on to graduate work at Notre Dame, starting that very summer. The other students surrounding her were mostly clad in habits despite the torturing North Bend heat. Isabelle's greatest challenge was naturally not the academics, but situating her nine-month pregnant self in a study chair each morning. Most of us never faced that challenge in quite the same shape! Isabelle now lives in Simsbury, CT where her lawyer daughter, Cheryl, serves on the Board of Selectmen. All three of her children are Notre Dame graduates,

two others are professors at the University of Pittsburgh — Kathleen in medicine and David, a renowned inventor who travels worldwide, in rehabilitation engineering with a joint appointment at a university in China. Isabelle's clients won't let her retire from her CPA practice. Several plead their case individually: "you can let everyone else go, but keep me!"

**Carolann Chovanec Biel** resists the call to retire also. Carol has cut back a bit on coaching debate through the high school in Chesterton, IN but gives her all to those going for state and national championships beginning in the early spring. She works almost a full day at the Chesterton Montessori School teaching grammar, vocabulary, spelling, and literature to students in grades 4–6, sharing responsibilities with a science teacher and a math teacher. Her students benefit from Sister Mickey Jo's training in writing research papers and go on to middle school fully able to "execute" notecards, outlines, intros, paragraphs, conclusions, and bibliographies." Carolann noted wryly that she won five dollars for her research paper on Tom Dooley in her freshman year when Mickey Jo entered it in an off-campus competition.

On another note, our College's endowment has been doing very well, benefiting from its management transition to the University of Notre Dame a year or so ago. The decision has enabled Saint Mary's to share in the financial benefits that the much larger Notre Dame pool offers in a manner consistent with our shared Catholic values. Notre Dame has the 12<sup>th</sup> largest educational endowment and the largest among Catholic colleges in the US. I am delighted to report to you that the market value of our Class of 1963 Endowed Scholarship was \$233,416.04 as of June 30, 2015 so it will be even larger when you read this column!

And finally, the crowds were so large at Father Dan Berrigan's May funeral in Manhattan that **Maureen McCafferty '62** and I never connected as planned. Over 1,000 people attended the wake the night before the funeral that drew almost double that number the next morning. It was a tremendously moving send-off for a man who inspired many of us at the height of the Vietnam War and the Civil Rights struggle and there were many standing ovations for a quotation, a remembered conversation, an anecdote, or a line of poetry. Now, only Francis seems to be talking of peacemaking and I'm left pondering how I can do more.

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Dear Ladies,  
I am thrilled with your response! **Linda Camiller Sanderson** wrote that she and her husband, Mike, attended Dick and **Sue Shalgos Wolsfeld's** daughter's wedding in Chicago with **Carol Cronin Moran**, **Joanne Casellini Kelly**, **Mary Kay Brady Turner**, **Bobbie Borchers Flecker**, and **Angie Braunstein Maher**. An added bonus: they all met in February in Scottsdale, AZ for sun and R&R. Bobbie added that they spent St. Patrick's Day around the Wolsfeld pool and ended up going to program where they danced in the aisles to

"Oh, What a Night" from 1963! **Kay Christenson Janiszewski** had kept in close contact with **Mary Beth Allen Sweeney**, **Mary Jane Foley Brisbane** and **Joann Bukovic Wess**. In April, she is flying to New Orleans to spend a week with **Janet Walton Gisleson** and in October, is off to Spain with a cousin. Kay has coined a new word: *alove* — we have to keep moving to stay fully vibrant and alive so *alove* to everyone!

**Denise Cavanaugh** wrote that **Fran Bardello Craig** spoke to the Washington/VA/MD alumnae group about the evolution of her technology career and her business: [www.Unanet.com](http://www.Unanet.com). Fran followed that with saying she lunched with **Eileen Bleeg Cavanaugh** and Denise in Reston, VA. **Auralea Sharrar Carroll** and her husband, Rick, sold their home in Denver, and moved to Salida, CO, Rick's family home. Small town, remodeling house but ready for fall guests. **Mary Ann MacDonell Burke** loves her new Arizona home with the spring flowering cacti and the yellow blooming Palo Verde trees and loved cheering on the ND Tuscon St. Patrick's Day parade float.

**Kathy Menzie Lesko** was credited with her strength and tenacity and as executive producer was able to compile a documentary video to accompany her book: *Black Georgetown Remembered*. (Go to Georgetown University Press website for video and program.) **Pat Malone Nathe** and her husband, Jerry, were there to celebrate with Kathy. **Barbara Koch Dumit** will travel in July with 15 kids from her parish to World Youth Day in Poland to see the pope. **Mary Ann Woods Baer** grieves with the passing of **Ruth Tulchinsky** who graduated with us. Ruth's son, Mark, married **Nan Tomshack Tulchinsky**. Mary Ann's son, John, married Nan's daughter, Sarah. **Jane Clemens Stiles** and her husband, Don, celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary with siblings and family.

**Pat Ralicki McGowan** greeted her 6<sup>th</sup> grandchild: Eleanor Olivia Hoffman. **Susanna Hayes** has written *Bury the Victims*, which is a non-fiction story on the aspects of the abuse of Native American children by a pedophile priest. She is also doing some consulting work for the Coulee Dam, WA Indian tribe and grant writing for Children's and Family Service. As soon as she sells her property in Bellingham, she is moving to Needham, MA to be close to her niece and 2 year-old nephew and she expects to write children's stories. **Jinx Hack Ring** had a mini get-together in Laguna Beach with **Mary Follis Tuton**, **Sue Shalgos Wolsfeld**, and **Kathy Menzie Lesko** and her husband is retiring and they are off to travel and "do". **Andrea Dillon O'Neill** had lunch with **Jean Kelly Galanti** and plans on going to Ireland in May. **Pat Powers Gowdy** sent greetings from Corcovado Jungle Lodge in Costa Rica where she and her husband, Bob, and grandson, Ben, learned to rappel down a waterfall and zipline across the river.

**Mary Vertin O'Neill** writes from Japan, "Dave and I have been hiking sections of the Nakasendo trail, one of the old trade routes between Kyoto and Edo (Tokyo), with our two adult children, their spouses and our two grandchildren, Cate, 11 and Joseph, 8. Another chapter in our continuing education program. An amazing adventure!"

**Louise Habeeb Anella** and **Mary Ann Roach Butkovich** are gathering their '64 classmates for the SMC "Down The Avenue" dinner on June 14.

Ed and **Joanne Casellini Kelly**, **Nan Tomshack Tulchinsky**, and Hank and **Nancy L. Mascotte** will attend. **Karen Mortimer Williams** and Dave, had dinner with Bob and **Kathy Menzie Lesko** in California.

**Connie Mettler** is rethinking her life. Her husband, Norm Darwish passed away in May. She took a trip to Vietnam and Cambodia and it was a "chance to visit and remember all those hard years when we were in our 20s and 30s and living through the daily news reports and hoping and praying that our husbands, brothers, and friends were safe." Connie ended with: "You only live once, but if you do it right, once is enough." —Mae West

The theme seems to be "get together" with a classmate! I stayed with **Nancy Sheehan** in Naples, FL. In May, Kent and I are traveling to Israel and Jordan.

Next time, please send me YOUR news!

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**Lil Chard Beshel**, our wonderful class president, had a lovely request from **Patricia Barcza Scharpf** to be added to Lil's Birthday Club email list. Patty wrote the following news. "I could not go to Reunion 2015 because of health issues, but I donated. SMC is one of my fondest memories. I was both a resident, living in Holy Cross Hall and Reidinger House, and for two years, day student rep. In my home now, I tutor students, grades 5–12, as I have an MA in counseling and communications from Santa Clara University. My late husband Ernest was an ND grad. Daughter Maria works at the Sharks pro hockey arena in San Jose. Son Jason and wife Tracy gave us the best part of life in two active grandchildren, Amelia, 12, and Maxwell, 10, who keep me texting and abreast of basketball, biking, and soccer. Like my parents, I am an avid ND fan, living in Saratoga, CA, 30 minutes from Stanford and the new Santa Clara Levi Stadium, where the 50<sup>th</sup> Super Bowl will be played in February. If anyone is looking for a room, SMC/ND family is welcome. A blessed Christmas and a healthy New Year to you, Lillian and all the SMC/ND community. Thanks for reading my story." So good to hear from Patty and have her in our Birthday Club.

I, your reporter, went to Vero Beach, FL with my bridge club. A wonderful, yearly hen-party-by-the-sea, staying at a member/friend's home right on the water. I had a lovely luncheon with **Sue Sheridan Joyce**. She and husband Joe live on beautiful Orchid Island, minutes from Vero. We, of course, solved the ills of the world during our visit. Such a nice afternoon. Thanks for a most enjoyable time, Sue!

If you are interested in viewing the wonderful Reunion SMC/DVD, created by **Sheila Flynn Boone** and husband, Michael, please contact her at [sfbmfb@comcast.net](mailto:sfbmfb@comcast.net).

Nice thoughts from **Pat Hoben Daniels**:

"I received news from Dick Erlenbaugh (ND basketball) who was a good friend of **Ruth Clement Affeldt** and husband Jim. Dick and his



wife Patty have maintained that friendship over the years, though they now live in South Carolina. I think you or Lil sent this information out to everyone not long ago but thought you might like to send a reminder that Ruth is most happy with notes and cards if some have not sent one already, but would like to do so." This was our class email from Lil: "Ruth and her husband Jim ND '65, attended our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion. We were delighted to see them at various campus events that weekend. Since last June, Ruth's condition has changed. She now is receiving care at the following memory care center: Ruth Affeldt, Keystone Cedar Center, 6325 Rockwell Dr., Rm. # MC3, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402. While Ruth is unable to receive phone calls or emails, she would be cheered by cards or notes with good wishes and happy memories, and college photos."

**Terry Miltich Murphy:** "Did I tell you that I was able to visit with Sister Miriam Patrick after Reunion? She is in frail health and wasn't up to it on Saturday, but her sister Katie contacted me on Sunday and said that she was happy to see me. I can't tell you how wonderful it was to sit with her and hold her hand while we visited. She is an awesome woman and was such an inspiration to me when I was trying to make it in a man's world. What a joy! By the way, some brilliant nun opted them all into Social Security when the law changed way back when. Now the convent has plenty of money and is very nice. There is even a gorgeous tropical garden. God knows, they deserve to be well cared-for after all they have done for others." And, more: "On the first leg of my trip back home, I sat next to an SMC alum from 1960 (what are the odds?), and she told me all about her Reunion. Not as large as ours, but lots of fun. So — we can always go back! People have been writing to me about the reunion ever since. **Sheila Flynn Boone** and I had a three-hour lunch in Parker, CO last month to catch each other up on our various conversations. What an interesting group." And, more from Terry: "**Pam White Ficarella** and I got together for dinner during a September visit to my daughter's house near Philadelphia. Pam was sorry that schedule conflicts prevented her from attending our (awesome!) reunion, but promised to get there for our next one! We had a good time reading the *Memory Book* together — she loved it!"

Nice news from new Denverite and old friend, **Elise Meyer: "Valerie Maracz Perrone, Sheila Flynn Boone**, and I got together to visit our dear friend, **Kathleen McAnaney Campbell** at her home in Ft. Collins, CO. A GREAT time was had by all — the good news — Kathleen is progressing very nicely, health wise, and is planning a getaway with husband, RJ, to Rancho Mirage very soon. I didn't know either of these Three Amigos very well at SMC and now we're BFFs! Just another kudo to our Saint Mary's experience!"

**Sheila Flynn Boone** writes: Enjoyed a "mini reunion" in January with **Valerie Maracz Perrone, Elise Meyer**, and **Kathleen McAnaney Campbell** at Kathleen's home in Fort Collins. We talked and laughed, had several glasses of wine, and reminisced for almost 24 hours straight! We hope to have more reunions like that to include other classmates who live here in Colorado as well as visitors like **Terry Miltich Murphy, Cille Sorrentino Bucolo**, and **Connie Jatczak**

**McKee-Pinn**, who come to visit their children and grandchildren here. We invite any other classmates to come and join us! It's been a wonderful ski season; we've gotten in nearly 40 days of skiing so far this year, and the mountains predict staying open well into April, since it's snowing heavily right now! Thanks to all of you who donated to our alma mater this year. Besides helping SMC, it was a wonderful show of appreciation to our outgoing president, **Carol Mooney '72**, and a great welcome to our new president, Jan Cervelli.

"Hi Sheila," writes **Joan Marskey Slattery**. "Just got the news today about our new SMC president. She has big shoes to fill, but sounds like she is up for the challenge. Thought I would share some news from the California desert...in the winter. Those of us who can, do seem to try to escape winter in the Midwest. Bill and I discovered the Coachella Valley a few years ago. We are not the only SMC winter residents. Recently ran into **Sara Johnson Walz** and Nick who have been coming here for years. They are both volunteers in a reading program for children in the agricultural part of the valley, and as I write this they are visiting Vietnam. This is the first visit for Sara, and the first time for Nick since he was stationed there during the war. Have also run into **Mary Ann Goodyear Heskett**. Mary Ann is also a volunteer in the reading program. And final piece of good news, had a fun evening with **Nancy Wagner LaValle** and her husband Luke. They were lucky enough to be out in the desert the week New York set records for cold temps. They shared news of son Michael's engagement (in St. Petersburg, Russia), and joys of grandparenting. All of us share gratitude for our good health, SMC, and each other."

News from **Theresa (Teffy) Lyons Brosnan**: "I spent six weeks in Laguna Niguel, CA with my niece and her family. I stayed at my sister's condo overlooking the Pacific Ocean and missed the snow and bitter cold on Cape Cod. Lucky me! When I return to Cape Cod on March 4, I'll be working on opening a men's halfway house for prisoners. I've been trying to get this moving for two years, and it looks like it might finally happen. Please keep us in your prayers that we will be able to open this much needed house on Cape Cod. Since Reunion I visited Turkey before it became too dangerous. We saw some Syrian refugees. It's one thing seeing them on the news, quite another emotion viewing them in person. Love to all!"

**Mary Delaney Willer** braved the winter cold in Connecticut. "I always seem to time my visit to my grandchildren in CT with the big snow storms in January — this year was no exception. I went for the big snow and even got to take the grand kids to see 'Aladdin, the Musical' that snowy Sunday that all the Manhattan streets were one way ruts. It was fun and crazy. I got to see the job that DeBlasio is doing." I did mention a couple of years ago, and suggested to anyone that could do so, to join Mary on a Chicago architecture cruise. Mary kindly gave me a free ticket, and I took her architectural trip. It was beautiful and incredible, and I could not believe what Mary had memorized. So many facts! She was just excellent, and she told me that her son is on the Architectural board of the city. I could not recommend this more!

**Eileen Fitzgerald Harris** writes: "On September 20, 2015, Pope Francis celebrated Mass in Havana, Cuba. I was fortunate to be among the

thousands present in the Plaza de la Revolucion. Wearing a hat and sunscreen, I sweated and fanned myself. But I was so happy to have witnessed Pope Francis' sermon to all the crowd, even as the HUGE image of Che Guevara glowered above the crowd. How did I get to Cuba? Our Miami archbishop, Thomas Wenski, organized a group of Catholics to go on a pilgrimage to Havana. There were some 180 people in our group, and the news media were at the Miami airport to interview us. I was one of the few non-Hispanics in the group. This was my chance to actually set foot in Cuba, so close physically and so far away politically and socially. The flight to Havana takes less than an hour. Charter flights have been taking Cuban exiles down to visit their families for many years. As we retrieved our baggage, I saw a woman bringing cheaply made clothing from China. Some stores in Miami specialize in items to be taken to Cuba. Huge bundles arrive shrink-wrapped in heavy plastic to avoid theft. As tourists on a pilgrimage, we stayed in air-conditioned hotels. But outside the lobby, the ordinary Cubans were waiting patiently in line for buses. Laundry hung from clotheslines on every dilapidated building. Russian-made Lada taxis waited for tourists, as well as bici-taxis — three-wheeled bicycles pedaled by young, strong Cubans. Cubans who own a 1956 Chevrolet will take groups for a tour of Havana. Such classic cars often break down, since auto parts from many places may be scrounged up to keep them running. The Cuban media always complain that the USA is to blame for scarcity, due to the embargo. Our Chinese-built tour buses took us to our dinners at the old Havana Yacht Club and some paladares, or privately-owned restaurants. The food was good, but only mojitos, bottled water, or Cuban beer were available. Coca-Cola canned in Mexico was also served. What was upsetting to me was the outdated bathrooms in these restaurants. No toilet seats, and very little toilet paper, even in the bathrooms at the airport. So how did being a Saint Mary's alumna help me get to Cuba? I majored in Spanish when Sister Katharine Elaine (Eleanor O'Kane) used to show us students slides of Toledo, Spain. She also arranged for me and four other students to spend August of 1963 in small Mexican town. We worked with indigenous people who could not read Spanish, although we Americans could. After finishing Saint Mary's, I studied in Spain, thanks to Sister Katharine Elaine. My scholarship required that I return to Georgia to teach in a junior college. In 1972, I got a job in Miami in a junior high school. There I spoke Spanish every day, due to the large number of students and parents from Cuba. I was a career counselor, trying to keep young Cuban males from quitting ninth grade. The most turbulent time was the 1980 Mariel boatlift, when some 125,000 Cubans arrived in Key West. Many students found their way to our school. As the years go by, we alumnae come to realize that Saint Mary's taught us survival skills. We have faced many challenges, but the background of this Catholic liberal arts education gave us a solid foundation. We have built families, parish communities, corporate careers, and social justice programs. No social media, Google, or iPhones can replace the face-to-face friendships forged at Saint Mary's, but instant messages can help us alumnae keep in touch."



Eileen Fitzgerald Harris (in the middle) with two friends in Cuba at the Papal visit.

Ladies, please do remember our Class of 1965 Memorial Scholarship Fund. It affords a current Saint Mary's student a great assist in tuition.

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In mid-March, my husband and I traveled to Charlotte, NC to visit our youngest daughter Kate and her family. They recently moved from Toronto, Canada to Charlotte. When they were planning the move, I contacted **Barbara Borchers Bernath** to ask for some help for Kate, which Barbara provided.

During my visit, Katie and I had the pleasure of having lunch with Barbara, **Elaine Amann Mayeux**, and **Carla Johnson Lewis**. The three Charlotte SMCers live close together and attend the same church, Saint Gabriel's. They are busy with retired husbands and visiting children and grandchildren. Barbara has a son in Amsterdam and another in California. As a celebration of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, Barbara and her husband will spend two weeks in Tuscany followed by a visit to Amsterdam.

All three were raised in the north, but have become diehard Southerners. Elaine hailed from Pennsylvania while Barbara grew up in Ohio. Carla was a neighbor of mine from the west side of Chicago.

As you know we started a Facebook page which we will continue after Reunion. If you are interested, please contact me at marykgott@aol.com. This is a closed site. At present we have 44 members. Hopefully, we will be posting pictures from Reunion for everyone to see. Please think about joining, even if you just watch.

**Pat Guccione Conway** posted some great pictures of her roommates at Halloween and Thanksgiving. **Veronica Henahan Hagerty** was a home economics major, so she organized a Thanksgiving dinner for the roommates and their dates at the Clubhouse.

When I was looking through the yearbooks for good pictures to post, I found a picture of **Alana McGrattan** on horseback. When I contacted her about the picture, she said that the horse riding counted for her gym requirement at Saint Mary's. She still rides today at a ranch in New Mexico. Alana is the Tribal Libraries Program Coordinator at the

New Mexico State Library.

**Shirley Yancey Kloepper** added some pictures of her five roommates. The roommates were **Michele Guffanti**, the late **Gloria Neale Kalt**, **Kathy Johnson**, **Mary Lou Hellmuth Loftis**, and Shirley. After Saint Mary's Shirley completed her PhD in Spanish at Indiana University.

**Pam Smith Malone** hosted a lunch for **Barbara McCusker Poole** and **Pat Guccione Conway**. Barbara lives in Atlanta, but travels to Nashville. Pat just moved to Nashville. Pam said they had a great time reliving old times.

Pam recently retired from her job of many years with a lawyers' organization only to be asked to return on a part time basis.

I recently spent the weekend at Notre Dame and had the pleasure of taking our three granddaughters to brunch on Sunday. **Caroline Duffy Kennedy '19**, a first-year at Saint Mary's, brought her roommate to brunch. Next year the girls will be in a quint in Holy Cross. We knew them as classrooms. The girls are excited about the space and the experience of being in Holy Cross. They love the high ceilings. It was fun telling them old stories about my time in Holy Cross.

With the completion of Reunion 2016, I am bubbling with news of our awesome time together. Without a doubt we were the best looking 50-year Reunion class at Saint Mary's. **Pam Smith Malone** had an alumna from the class of '76 comment on how great she looked. Of course, we know our representative Alabama classmate knows all the latest beauty tips.

**Barbara Bernath Borchers** and **Liz Bermingham Lacy** excelled in leadership and planning. From Wednesday to Sunday, everything went as planned. Each classmate fulfilled her responsibilities to make the Reunion a true success. Of course **Marilyn Kozmer Sommers** cheered her team by citing the success of the fundraising campaign.

About 75 classmates attended the festivities ... the most ever for us. We had at least seven classmates return that have never been at a class reunion. Many of us had attended all or most of our five-year reunions.

Festivities started Thursday night with a class picnic on the patio at Madeleva Hall. To our delight the new president of Saint Mary's, Jan Cervelli, joined us for shish kabobs and drinks. This evening gave all the arrivals a chance to reconnect on a very casual basis. We adjourned to the hospitality room.

The hospitality room at the Inn at Saint Mary's was the work of **Pat Hilger Zeigler**, **Carolyn Hart Irvine**, **Suzy Scanlan Eiben**, and **Kate O'Hara Aubert**. Beside the endless amount of snacks and libation, this committee gathered yearbooks and many other wonderful pieces of memorabilia. They had the room decorated with our great logo that was designed by **Sharon Priester Lewert**. **Pat Hilger Zeigler**, with the help of a neighbor in Florida, put together a DVD of pictures of our times at Saint Mary's in the 60s. This DVD ran on a Smart Board in the hospitality room for all to view at their leisure.

Friday morning we all met in Regina Hall's north lounge to hear Abigail Trafford, author of *My Time: Making the Most of the Bonus Decades*. Ms. Trafford gave a conference at Saint Mary's about 10 years ago. **Liz Bermingham Lacy** had attended the session and thus invited her to join

us for our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion. The topic title was "From Old Roots to New Routes" keeping with our theme of Route 66. In breakout workshops, we discussed life's jolts, facing our future, and creating a legacy. We met with Ms. Trafford in a morning session and an afternoon session.

Following our in-depth study of ourselves and our relationships, we hurried back to our room to change and to get to our class Mass in the Holy Spirit Chapel, Le Mans Hall. **Mary (Dede) Cotter Delaney** and **Carol Smither Mansfield** coordinated the most beautiful Mass of remembrance ever. Father Joseph Carey, uncle of **Pat Carey Bannister**, said Mass. **Kathleen Reed Cocks** and **Kathleen Donovan Dur** greeted our classmates as they entered the chapel. **Kay Casellini Wasinger** and **Kathleen Macelwane Wernert** carried the candles to the altar. **Marybeth Scheid West** carried the book of memorials. **Mary Fran Petricca Gleason** read one reading while **Jeanne Konzen Rowe** read the second reading. **Barbara Borchers Bernath** and **Liz Bermingham Lacy** carried the gifts to the altar.

**Mary Sue Watson Gillan**, **Cathleen Carey Kardas**, **Alana McGrattan**, **Marge Desmond Hughes**, **Estelle Ford Williamson**, and **Eileen Fitzgerald Harris '65**, sang in the choir. Eileen sang a solo. **Carol Senda Damaso**, **Mary Lee Hamilton Spencer**, **Carla Johnson Lewis**, **Pam Smith Malone**, and myself performed the duties of Communion ministers.

As this was the Mass to remember our departed classmates, **Mary Lee Hamilton Spencer** and **Carol Smither Mansfield** read the list of classmates, including Holy Cross sisters who attended classes with us as well as those departed members of the School of Sacred Theology. As the names were read, our classmates approached the altar with white roses. Those classmates carrying the roses were **Kathleen Macelwane Wernert**, **Kathleen Donovan Dur**, **Alayne Fitzmaurice Makula**, **Carla Johnson Lewis**, **Kathleen Reed Cocks**, **Kay Casellini Wasinger**, and **Maureen Rodgers Budetti**.

Following the Mass, our classmates walked to Stapleton Lounge for a special 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion dinner. Executive Director of Alumnae and College Relations, **Kara O'Leary '89**, greeted everyone. President Cervelli spoke on the future of Saint Mary's College and how our scholarship help some young women. **Liz Bermingham Lacy** gave her remarks also. One personal surprise was a presentation of a beautiful painting of The Avenue to me for 30 years of writing the class column. It has been my pleasure.

After the dinner we adjourned to the hospitality room at the Inn. Rumors circulated that a group of rowdy singers serenaded the room with songs from our youth like "I want a Man." If **Alana McGrattan** and **Mary Sue Watson Gillan** were anywhere near each other, they would burst into harmony.

On Saturday, we posed for our 50<sup>th</sup> year Reunion pictures. God picked us as the chosen ones because He did not start the rains until after we were finished with our photo shoot. Unfortunately, Saturday was a bit wet and cold.

At the Reunion banquet, we sat close to the front near the grand picture of The Avenue. **Marilyn Kozmer Sommers**, as our financial leader, accepted the award for a highest donor participation level of 43 percent. We achieved these



numbers with the constant support and drive from Marilyn. We exceeded our goal of \$65,000 by raising over \$109,000 for a scholarship in our name.

The highlight of the night was **Liz Bermingham Lacy** receiving this year's Alumnae Achievement Award. Liz's son and granddaughter witnessed one of the most touching and heartfelt speeches of acceptance ever. Even President Cervelli was a bit teary eyed. Liz was honored for her devotion to Saint Mary's College as past president of the Alumnae Board and her many honors received as the first woman Supreme Court Judge in Virginia, an honor well received.

On a side note, our class has now given the College two presidents of the Alumnae Board, **Liz Bermingham Lacy** and **Pam Smith Malone**. **Gail Marino Meiering**, **Carol Senda Damaso**, and **Barbara Borchers Bernath** have represented us as board members.

Following the dinner, the class adjourned to the hospitality room. Again our classmates proved that we do not believe in LBN, Level by Nine. I even had an alumna from the Class of '81 say how impressed she was of our party skills.

Mass was offered at the Church of Loretto on Sunday morning. At the champagne brunch everyone said their goodbyes. We exchanged email addresses, cell numbers, and promises to keep in contact.

We will keep the Facebook page active. If anyone wishes to join, please send me an email at marykgott@aol.com and I will invite you to join our private Facebook page. A special thanks to those, such as **Pat Guccione Conway** and **Carol Senda Damaso** who have already posted pictures from our special weekend.

As mentioned earlier, we had classmates who have never attended a Reunion, such as **Anne Liess Hoover** and **Kathy Smith Johnson**. **Kathleen Macelwane Wernert** hailed from Oregon. **Maureen LeJeune Harty** flew in from Boise, ID. **Jane McCoach McKee** came from Connecticut. **Margot Ostheimer Hammond** left the mountains of Denver for the flat lands of South Bend. Several classmates returned who finished their education elsewhere, such as **Marge Diamond Gaberino** and **Jackie Frances Gatz**.

It was a grand time being with old friends that we met over 50 years ago. We realized that we had such a strong bond from those college years that we stepped into conversations as if we left them yesterday.

In the following issues of the *Courier*, I will reminisce more on this special time at our alma mater, Saint Mary's College. Please request an invitation to our closed Facebook page for the Class of '66 by sending me your email to marykgott@aol.com

'68

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This deadline for the *Courier* really caught me by surprise! The spring term had a difficult start for me. I had to arrange to have the first week of classes online, as I had to reschedule our flight for health reasons. Then we had to reschedule again because of the storm in the East and I had to cancel another class as our car had not been shoveled from the

snow as we had arranged ahead of our arrival.

I had a hectic March, first getting ready to travel to the annual meeting of the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education during which I had opportunity to meet with Saint Mary's social work professor JoAnn Burke and present on pedagogical approaches to teaching about public policy and aging. It seemed I had just returned from that conference when the alert for the *Courier* class report arrived from **Shay Jolly '05!** She was kind enough to send a blast email to our class so I am able to report the few responses to that request for class news.

**Harriett Hillebrand Cronin** wrote about "March in Naples!" She, **Mary Donoghue Brueggen**, **Karen Huisking Coffey**, **Barbara Gibson South**, **Mary (Zip) Largey Basile**, and **Claire Callahan Johannesen** had lunch at Marker 36 in Pelican Bay. (see photo) Another March get-together at Rosie Spoonbill's in Bonita Springs. **Maureen Murphy Sheehan** was with us. She was heading to Australia for the birth of another grandchild.

**Sister Catherine Osimo, CSC** writes that she will celebrate her Golden Jubilee of First Profession of Vows in ceremonies at the Church of Our Lady of Loretto at Saint Mary's on July 17, 2016. Sister Catherine now works in the Sisters of the Holy Cross Archives in Bertrand Hall at Saint Mary's. We have yet to meet in person but this may be possible at the near future.

Since the last *Courier* news, **Angela Maynard Sewall** wrote to ask about the caregiver book written by **Gwynne Morgan** and **Nancy Krupnick Freeman** wrote to ask to be included in our Belles '68 Facebook Group. I have not included any of the postings made there but can do so for future class reports if there is interest. Please do let me know.



Harriett Hillebrand Cronin, Mary Donoghue Brueggen, Karen Huisking Coffey, Barbara Gibson South, Mary (Zip) Largey Basile, and Claire Callahan Johannesen enjoyed lunch together this spring.

'69

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Hello, dear classmates!

I am particularly grateful for those of you who responded so quickly this time for my request for news. While I normally like to send out emails and Facebook notes a couple of weeks in advance of our deadline, I was laid low recently by bronchitis. With only a couple of days until deadline, I cast my net and several of you promptly sent news. Many thanks!

**Mary Alice Herod Lajoie** wrote that she and Dick ND '69 spent a very Happy Easter with our

granddaughter, sweet Sadie, in Denver amid 14 inches of snow!" **Ann Hollander Sedlacek** spent hers celebrating her grandson Lucas' first birthday. Mary Alice also suggested we all give a big shout-out to **Pat Wiedner Purcell** for those beautiful athletic fields at our alma mater!

From Atlanta **Barb Dowd Arkedis** reported that she and George ND '69 were "just back from Washington, DC where our three children and two grandchildren live among the magnificent cherry blossoms. We frequently see **Cheryl Corsaro** and **Laura Beth Berkshire** (my junior year roommates!) while visiting since they both live in the area. We are fortunate to travel quite a bit, play some golf and support some fine local charities in Atlanta. **Alice Fanning Horney** also lives in Atlanta, and we've been known to chase a little white ball with our ND husbands. Godspeed to all and peace on earth!"

**Mary Bramlage Minton** made up for lost time with a full update writing, "It's been a while since I've checked in. Life keeps happening so fast that I often neglect to record it. A significant life-changing event occurred in June 2014, when I retired from my job as the house corporate paralegal at Old Republic International Corporation in the Chicago Loop. I was facing increasing challenges with the commute because of issues with my legs and feet. I was diagnosed a few years ago with radiation-induced plexopathy caused by damage to my lower spine during radiation for preventive treatment for a condition 23 years ago. It has caused severe nerve damage below my knees and two dropfeet. When I retired, after several weeks of enjoying sleeping late and watching mindless daytime TV, I took the following year to get myself on a path where I could cope with it all and maintain a viable lifestyle. I worked with the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago with over a year of physical therapy, exploration of different options for braces and settling on a pair for me to wear, using a walker, and learning to drive with hand-controls. All of this has enabled me to continue living a fulfilling life. I now have three grandchildren and one on the way. My girls each lost a baby last year to an in-utero death and hypoplastic left-heart syndrome, so the grandchildren I have are extraordinarily precious to me.

I have been fortunate in the past few years to connect with many former classmates. From the pictures I see and what I read from them, most have retired and are enjoying traveling, time with family, and individual pursuits. Some that I hear from more frequently are **Kathy Davidson**, **Nancy Glass Kelleher**, and **Mary Farnam Norman**, although I also hear from several other classmates. I see **Maureen Cefalu Gannon** frequently for lunch and other activities. At my 50<sup>th</sup> high school reunion in Cincinnati in September, I had lunch with **Mary Alice Herod Lajoie**, **Marian Morris Furey**, and **Alison Whittaker Rink**. I have reconnected with some of my old ND buddies too. It is so much fun! I would love to see any other classmates living in the Chicago area; I am in Palatine in the northwest suburbs. I can't wait for the 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion to see everyone in person again. I have many friends up here who say they do not keep in touch with any of their college friends. We Belles are fortunate that we have the desire to do so!" We can all agree with that assessment, Mary, and thanks for your news!

**Maureen Cefalu Gannon** expressed gratitude that Reunion put her in touch on Facebook with

many friends from our Saint Mary's days. "At this time in our lives renewing our friendships with women who share our educational and religious formation is a treasure. **Mary Bramlage Minton** and I see each other regularly and share many memories and laughs. **Fran Peterson Allen** and husband Dick see us whenever we get as far as Akron. Both of these relationships transcend time.

My husband, Dick ND '69, and I are retired although I still work. I substitute for the district that I worked in for over 20 years. I loved my school, the principal, and the teachers with whom I worked. Being part of the team is an important way to stay connected. I volunteer at Mary, Seat of Wisdom. This is the school from which I graduated 8<sup>th</sup> grade. It seems that the teachers need help with special education accommodations and differentiating curricula. That work is so much fun because it allows a continuation in planning and designing. The teachers are receptive and the kids are wonderful. I have been training to become a catechist. This is quite a commitment. I have joined the Mary Magdalene Guild and belong to a religious book club. Besides traveling with my husband, I spend most of my time with my grandchildren, Bridget and Allie. So, I guess my life is about spending time with my family, continuing connections with friends, continuing the satisfying parts of teaching, and carving more time to be spiritually active." What a wonderful balance, Maureen. Thanks for your update!

**K.T. Cannon-Eger** reported her news from Hilo, HI where "Friends of Lili'uokalani Gardens continues plans for the centennial of our town's crown jewel — a 24-acre, oceanfront, pond and stroll garden with Urasenke tea house. I just got back from attending the North American Japanese Garden Association (NAJGA) convention at The Morikami Museum and Rojien in Delray Beach, FL. NAJGA has decided to add a regional conference in Hilo to the schedule for 2017 sometime in September. Woo hoo! Already, the county parks and recreation department has funded replacement of four old crumbling torii gates and a pavilion. Now to get other pavilions replaced, ADA sidewalks built, and the pond dredged, and we will be in top shape. The huge pond is suffering still from the tsunami of May 1969 when tons of silt were dumped into the five-acre pond. Both that one and the April 1, 1946 waves, the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of which we observe tomorrow, April 1, 2016, had lasting impacts on Hilo. Now the gardens are heavily used daily by residents and visitors alike. We are fortunate to have the assistance of landscape professionals from Kyoto and across the US and Canada, people who know about Lili'uokalani Gardens through NAJGA. Should any classmate be making plans to visit Hawaii Island, especially Hilo, in 2017, drop me a line, and I'll give you a heads up on events that are planned for each month of the coming year. Much aloha!" Thank you for your news and all of your dedicated work, K.T.!

From **Kathy Malone Beeler**: I am writing from Marco Island, FL, where we spend as much of our winters as we can. This past week, we had my son, John ND '98, his wife, Emily, and their three little ones (Meghan, Kate, and Sam) with us. We also had my daughter, Molly ND '00, her husband, John, and their two little ones (Kelly Grace and Keenan). This week we look forward to daughter, Katie ND '02, and her husband, Sean Gallagher ND '98, and

their four being with us (Conor, Doyle, Ronan, and Maeve). My youngest daughter, Colleen Grace ND '08, and her husband Buck ND '09, spent a week with us in early March. Buck has just decided on ND MBA beginning this coming May, so we are thrilled that they will be moving back to South Bend for at least a year and a half! So, we are kept very busy. And it is just wonderful!

In mid-March **Meg Gootee Keyes** and **Elise Stephens Reeder** and I met for lunch in Naples. We enjoyed getting caught up on each others' families and on various other classmates with whom each of us communicate!

**Jo Ann Mackenzie** and I see each other around South Bend and I feel lucky to remain close to our alma mater, simply because I live nearby. We are very enthusiastic about participating in our Down the Avenue event on June 14, 2016. I encourage any of you to make a visit to campus for this special event. I assure you, you will feel great love, respect, and pride in our beloved Saint Mary's throughout this stunning event. We celebrate our Saint Mary's in her pursuit of academic excellence, her devotion to our Catholic faith and our founders, the Sisters of the Holy Cross, and her dedication to volunteerism and making life easier and meaningful for the underserved of our local community! Down the Avenue has become a premier, top-tier event in South Bend and the region. It will be particularly special this year as we bid President Carol Mooney adieu with heartfelt thanks for her extraordinary leadership at the helm of Saint Mary's and we welcome, with a true Saint Mary's embrace, Jan Cervelli, as she steps into the role of president!

**Margaret Piton '68** wrote, "I've been publishing a travel memoir on wattpad.com under my own name. Have finished the Moscow section, including my most recent visit last September, and have almost finished Berlin. Lots more to come."

Thanks again to everyone who contributed to our class column! God bless!



K.T. Cannon-Eger in Hawaii helping make a new map of historic lantern placement.

'70

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**Terri McBirney Begas, Rosemarie Rinella Stocky**, and I were able to connect at Christmas time when Terri was here in the Bay Area visiting with her two daughters. We did a lot of catching up as we had not seen Terri since graduation but, as always, it was so easy to bridge all of those years — we look forward to getting together with Terri whenever she is in the Bay Area.

**Judy Johnson Crates** is now Advisor for ELD Program Development at Ballard and Tighe

Publishing.

**Mary Clare Hummer Decker** wrote, "My husband Michael died April 29, 2015. We are all heart-broken, but I am grateful for the 42 years we had together. Our three daughters are doing great professionally, and as nice young women, too, who know how to pen a proper thank-you note. Our growing family now includes four loving grandchildren who give me so much joy, (**Pam Carey Batz**, you know what I mean!) I continue to live in Chestnut Hill, MA and work full time as an attorney for Deloitte LLP. It would be wonderful to see any SMC alumnae who visit Boston, and I wish all of you my very best." Mary Clare transferred to Stanford in our junior year but still considers herself to be an SMC woman.

**Anne Kalvin Klein** writes, "Our SMC group — **Carol Yockey Wynne, Carolyn Flege Greff, Monica Manchester Updike, Anne Kalvin Klein, Bernadine Connolly Travers, Judy LeRose Leahy, Annie Robinson Herron, Marilyn Riedy Claise, and Mary Hallisy** — began annual mini-reunions in 1996 with a trip to Cannon Beach, OR. Since then we have gathered yearly in venues from coast-to-coast and many in between including California (Napa Valley, San Diego); Estes Park, CO; Santa Fe, NM; Grand Canyon, AZ; Texas (Galveston, San Antonio); Lake of the Ozarks, MO; Nashville, TN, Florida, (St. Augustine, Sun City, Tampa); Hilton Head, SC; North Carolina (Asheville, Montreat); Charleston, SC; Washington, DC; Granville, NY; Cape Cod, MA, and Newport, RI. This coming year we will reunite in New Orleans, LA. "Let the good times roll!" **Mary Hallisy**, a founding member of the group, was unable to make this most recent reunion in Newport, RI but we look forward to seeing her at our next mini-reunion this fall.

**Donna Halbert Bachtel** and her husband David have become "snowbirds" — escaping the Chicago weather this winter for several months to enjoy that time at South Padre Island, TX returning in time to celebrate their great granddaughter McKenzie's first birthday followed by an Easter blizzard and loss of power!

**Sara Bateman Koehler** shared, "I'm not really comfortable with all this attention, but I know it's important to recognize things and I am grateful to the people who made this happen for me. My high school, Sacred Heart Academy in Louisville has a yearly awards night, and I was fortunate to receive their teaching legacy award. It was a lovely evening, and it was wonderful being back 'home' for the evening, celebrating with my family and friends who were kind enough to join me."

**Rosemarie Rinella Stocky** and her husband, Tom ND '70, have become very involved in the Villages San Jose, CA community since they moved there almost two years ago. Their son Tom shared this about his Mom and Dad on Facebook, "My parents first started doing plays together in high school — Mom on stage, Dad on the piano. It's pretty awesome many years later that I can now see them perform together. They're doing *My Fair Lady* with an amateur theater group of neighbors and friends. Mom is part of the Cockney Quartet and Dad is on piano."

Closing with this note ... It is hard to believe we are all celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> high school reunions this year and with that, it will be 50 years since many of us met for the first time in September 1966. Please start thinking now about attending our 50<sup>th</sup> SMC



class reunion and what we can do to make this a special and memorable event for all of us. In the meantime, please share your news — so many of our classmates have reconnected because of your willingness to share what is going on in your lives!



Carol Yockey Wynne, Carolyn Flege Greff, Monica Manchester Updike, Anne Kalvin Klein, Bernadine Connolly Travers, Judy LeRose Leahy, Annie Robinson Herron, and Marilyn Riedy Claise during a mini-reunion in Newport, RI.

'72

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Spring has finally sprung for many of you. Although the temperatures seem to be in a constant state of flux — warm one day and then snow showers the next. We had above average rainfall here in south Florida. It makes the golf courses greener, but the golfers not happy!

I received a good catch-up email from **Janet Hollander Ferlic** (ferlic@cox.net) with news about a lot of classmates. She just returned from a visit with former roommate and close friend, **Robyn Olson Kinkopf**. Several years ago, Robyn moved to Anna Maria Island, FL to assist her aging parents. They are gone, but Robyn stayed on in a pleasant little town called Holmes Beach which is north of Sarasota on the west side of Florida. Janet and Robyn get together at least once a year — usually with **Mary (Teeta) Bliley Donlan**. Janet's husband, Tom ND '71, likes to golf so they escape from Omaha and head to Florida where she meets up with Robyn. Janet emails she got involved in golf when she and Tom played with Teeta and husband, Marty ND '70, at their home course in Richmond. Not surprisingly, Teeta is a good golfer and strong competitor! Janet also keeps in occasional contact with **Kathy Lambs Mears** who has lived for many years in Park City, UT with her husband and son. Janet has skied with Kathy but says she now has another connection since her daughter moved to Park City. Kathy, who Janet says has "the brightest smile every time I see her", is a realtor there. She took time to meet with them and share information about the area including the housing market. Janet has another daughter in Palo Alto, CA whose office is a few blocks from that of **Jean Gorman**. She says Jean, **Cindy Phillips Engers**, and **Susan Scherer Calandra** see each other frequently. Janet raises puppies — 10 so far — for a service dog organization in Kansas. Janet closed by saying she was reading the Skimm report while getting a pedicure! She asked if I was familiar with it. Of course! It is instant news. Try it.

I caught up with good friend **Heather Tripucka Carr** who retired last year from an amazing career as

teacher and grade school principal. She is adjusting to retirement by looking into part-time education jobs and by starting a movement to rebuild an old school in her New Jersey town. One of the schools is 125 years old. Retirement gives her time for friends and seeing her four granddaughters. She and **Claire Mignelli Hughes** caught up in the city recently and saw the Broadway show *Beautiful* which is the story of Carol King. I think this is the third or fourth time Claire has seen it so it must be good! Heather was at the Lotus Club in NYC for a retirement dinner for SMC president and our classmate, **Carol Mooney**. One of the hosts was **Beth Culligan** who made introductions and showed a film on some of the current SMC students and their accomplishments. Heather said that these students never cease to amaze her!

She also mentioned that the evening was a fitting celebration of Carol and her wonderful presidency. Heather, Claire, and I meet in New York whenever we can. Sometimes **Maura T. Carroll** joins us from the Hamptons. Instead of a cab ride when my daughter lived on the Upper East Side, it now requires a train ride for me from Westport, CT. It is always well worth the trip!

**Connie Blanchard Sullivan** is presently executive director of Birthright of Tulsa, a pregnancy crisis center. Connie and her husband Tim returned to Tulsa, OK after almost six years in upstate NY. She and Tim have five of their six children in Tulsa and fourteen grandkids. She is also a docent at Philbrook Museum to get her art fix. When able she travels to see her sisters. Four sisters are grads of SMC, one ND grad, and Villanova.

Guess "that's all, folks"! Happy summer to all. As always, sending my love and a wish that you are happy, healthy, and at peace.

'77

## From the Courier Office

Class of '77 roommates at the wedding of **Marijo Rogers Kelly's** daughter, Colleen Kelly ND ('09, '10). The wedding was in South Bend at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at Notre Dame. The reception was at the Palais Royale with cocktails preceding at the Morris Performing Arts Center.



From left to right standing are: Ann Cecelia Praught, Joanne Oxenreiter Fallon, Marijo Rogers Kelly, Janet Oxenreiter Donahue '78, Patty Nemastil Strachota. Sitting from left to right: Mary Ann Daly and Kat Beaulieu Peterson '76. Not in the picture but at the wedding was Margot Fisher Reagan. Colleen Kelly's husband is Dan Wolfson. The wedding was April 16, 2016. It was a beautiful day!

'78

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I am hoping that everyone is joining the Saint Mary's College community by donating, particularly when there is a large monetary bonus from other donors just for our participation. It is a must!

Please connect with me on Facebook or email me with photos and updates to help the Class of '78 *Courier* articles remain relevant and interesting to you all. Thank you.

**Debbie Stancik Krawczyk** lives in Strongsville, OH for the last 14 years, and she is active in the Cleveland SMC Alumnae Club. Deb is doing well and blessed with good health. She has a beautiful adult daughter, Teri, who will be turning 25 in two weeks. Deb teaches 5<sup>th</sup> grade at an inner city Catholic scholarship school in Cleveland. She will be having double knee replacement this June, so much for summer. We wish her good health and a speedy recovery.

**Kathleen Friday Sobanski** writes that her son, Scott, and daughter-in-law Cameron were married in July at Berry Hill Resort in Virginia. She said it was a beautiful celebration with family and friends. Classmates **Rosaleen Muench Ostrick** from Los Angeles and **Martha Hogan Pupillo** from Annapolis were in attendance and helped to dance the night away!

**Diane Smits Lein** and husband Bob always send warm holiday cards. Diane is the very best at sending lovingly hand-written cards and letters that are such a treasure. Our McCandless group from freshman year remains very close and it is truly a blessing in my life. Diane writes that her grandson Derek, who is three, is her constant joy! He is her daughter Jenna's son and they live close to Jenna and Rob so Diane cares for Derek while Jenna works as a product manager at MCS Industries. Rob is a sergeant in the PA National Guard and is also working for ADP Payroll Services currently. Their son Brian is a senior financial analyst with Remi Cointreau. Youngest son Nick is in college in Florida and managing a restaurant as well.

May God bless you and your families with good health, happiness, and love.

'79

## From the Courier Office

**Karen Peeler Moynahan** BME, executive director of the National Association of Schools of Music, National Association of Schools of Art and Design, National Association of Schools of Theatre, National Association of Schools of Dance, and the Accrediting Commission for Community and Precollegiate Arts Schools, presented the commencement addresses to the graduating class of the Watkins College of Art, Design and Film on May 16, 2015 in Nashville, TN, and to the graduates of the James Madison University College of Visual and Performing Arts on May 7, 2016 in Harrisonburg, VA.

'81

## From the Courier Office

**Suzanne Scheiber Nawrocki** writes, "My oldest, Daniel, is living in Lubbock and working with high-risk youth while attending Texas Tech for graduate school in education. Laura ND '09 is working in Chicago for Credit Suisse after graduating from NC Law School. She recently moved to the Windy City when husband, Dan

Krcmaric ND '09, graduated from Duke with a doctorate. Michael, a chemical engineer from UT (wouldn't consider South Bend for school) works in Angola, Africa building a natural gas plant. Evan, the youngest, works for Goldman Sachs in Dallas. So, the nest is empty and the schedule is our own. I am enjoying a second career as an adjunct professor of homiletics for Aquinas Institute of Theology. I travel for speaking engagements and to accompany Jim on his trips when time permits. He is still easing out of his Houston firm IPFC. Life is good, and full! I am anxious to return to campus for Reunion."

'83

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**Mary Silvi Croteau** writes, "I'm in my fifth year teaching junior high at our local Catholic school and currently enrolled in the Diocesan-sponsored Aspiring Leadership Academy. This summer I will begin a graduate certificate program through Creighton University for Catholic school leadership. Jean-Luc, my oldest, volunteers in the community four days a week, goes to night school with his special needs friends, is involved in a theater group, and plays basketball in the Special Olympics program. Blake, my youngest, is finishing up his junior year at Trinity High School where he is in all honors classes and plays football. We are now in the throes of college visits, essays, etc. My husband Dan continues to be successful in the executive search

industry. He recently became a partner in a firm that specializes in MEMS technology placements. I keep in touch with **Trina Jordan Fisher** via Christmas cards and **Janet Shafer Sabo '84**, who I finally caught up with in Florida a couple of years ago for breakfast. Also, **Cathy Montanarella** and I discovered each other on the bleachers of a high school football game a couple of years ago. It turned out that her son and my youngest are at the same high school and play football together, small world. Although we didn't know each other while at Saint Mary's, we were able to reminisce about various parties we had both attended, including the 'infamous' Hawaiian luau party held in Regina."

**Margie Foy Pankhurst** moved to St Petersburg, FL in April 2014. Margie writes, "The weather is FINE! Loving it here. I design ceramic home decor and jewelry for a factory in Jaipur, India. I travel there four to five times a year for four to six weeks at a time to work on the products I develop. Hope to have some designs in Pier 1 soon. Oldest son David is in the Marine Special Forces, and Christian is getting his PhD in Physical Therapy at Texas Woman's University in Dallas. Good to have a son in the field as I get older!"

'85

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Greetings, 85ers!  
Short and sweet this time around. I'd love to

share your news here later in the year. Please email me. Can't wait to hear what you're up to in order to pass it on!

In the meantime, **Mary Isphording Ladrick** is making things happen here in Cincinnati. She just downsized with a move into an adorable smaller home that doesn't have to accommodate her four girls all at one time since they're moving out into the world! She also made a big change recently and left her career in museum education to start her own business offering guided tours of Cincinnati sites.

Two cents worth on me — still coaching leaders and teams to be even better than they already are, and helping organizations with culture and effectiveness; all of which is very rewarding. Also, I'm heading out to Glacier National Park toward the end August and can't wait to convene with the bears and moose (as long as they're far enough away from me to be safe) and the sites and sounds of another national park.

Where are you going this summer? What has been your favorite travel experience you've had since we left SMC long ago?

I hope you are enjoying your own journey through 2016. Be well!

'88

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I am writing from an office, MY office. Weird.



## BOLDLY FORWARD

We welcome the Class of 2016 to BOLD (Belles of the Last Decade)! Thank you to all who supported their Saint Mary's experience.

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This week, I left my classroom to assume the role of interim president of our teachers' association. On July 1, I began a two-year term. It is an odd feeling; I still feel drawn to the energy and chaos of middle school. No surprise of course, I have spent more time at Vernon Middle School than I have spent anywhere else. I am grateful that I am likely to be asked back to volunteer. In fact, I look forward to my role as backstage manager for the annual dance program this evening. I will be traveling a bit more in my new role (mostly in California, but occasionally out of state). I hope to see more of you on my journeys. My son Michael continues to do very well as physics major; I do not know how he does it. My husband and I are excited about our upcoming trip down the Rhine River. We leave right after school gets out.

I asked for the CliffsNotes version of news and was thrilled to hear from my dear friend **Mary Ellen McKenna Dickson**. She claimed not to have much to report. I would disagree. "Our oldest son is a senior in high school. He made the whole college application process easy for us since he committed last August to play lacrosse for Delaware Valley University in Doylestown, PA. Our second son is a freshman in high school. He is also a lacrosse player. He made varsity so we get to see both of our oldest boys play together for the first time ever. Our two younger children are still studying at the local Catholic school. With college right around the corner, we decided to take some family trips while everyone is still at home. Over Christmas, we skied in Aspen. It was our children's first ski trip. They fell in love with the sport! I see ski trips in our future. Easter break was spent in Florida with my dad. He is doing great and enjoyed golfing with the boys. We will squeeze in one more family trip this summer to our family's home on Lake Ontario and then Tim will be off to college. As for me, I volunteer for school activities and cart the children around to all of their sporting and scouting events. It keeps me busy but I am always on a look out for something interesting to do for the next stage of my life." I am really looking forward to connecting with her when I am in DC this July. We haven't gotten together in about 15 years!

The time between visits doesn't seem to faze most of us, as **Rachel Bir Stroop** explains, "I was able to meet my old roommate, **Donna Wolf Winter** at a men's volleyball game at IPFW. Her middle son, Anthony, plays for Quincy University. Her husband, Gib, and their youngest son Alex along with my daughters, Beka and Beth, and I had a great time! It's always amazing that when we get together it's as if no time has gone by! I'm still counseling at Lakeland High School. Beka is a sophomore and we've started looking at possible colleges. Beth will be at the high school next year. Looking forward to having both girls there with me. Andy is traveling with his job as a district sales manager. We're all doing quite well!"

So many of us are going back to college these days, helping our kids choose and then watching as they get to the finish line. **Sherry Green Antonetti** has got a lot of those irons in the fire. "We're packing up our third child for college. As of April, she's still undecided between the University of Dallas, Saint Mary's College in Indiana, and Saint Mary's of Maryland. My oldest son is teaching English at Cleveland Central Catholic, inflicting his love of literature on ninth graders. (The apple doesn't fall far from the tree). I'm still working as a freelance

writer for multiple Catholic publications and am researching a non fiction book on the Doctors of the Church. My first fictional novel, *The Book of Helen* is scheduled to come out in paperback in September of 2016." Sherry also has kids in high school: "Bonnie is an art major at Flagler in Saint Augustine, FL entering her junior year, and Peter is a star track runner at Gaithersburg High School." It won't be too long before she's packing up kid 4 and 5!

In January the "SMC7" took their 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Trip to Cancun. They are all from the Class of 1988. **Natalie Prud'homme Otto, Eve J. Postula, Molly Stanton Witt, Moira Marie Michiels, Elena Mowiser Murphy, Ann Austria Bockrath, and Kristen Johansen Kilguss.**

**Katy Kronenberg Penna** will be packing up her eldest from college this year. "We are excited to see **Elizabeth Marie Penna '16** graduate May 14<sup>th</sup>. It will be bittersweet knowing we won't be traveling back for a while and Jerome will miss seeing her on his ND game weekends. Those four years flew by! We look forward to a reunion with other SMC '88 grads whose daughters are graduating. My mom, **Marilyn Miller Kronenberg '47** is living in a board and care near me in Laguna Hills, CA. She has suffered from dementia for a few years, but a brain bleed last year prompted the move from assisted living to board and care. She always has a smile on her face when I see her, and I'm glad to believe she is happy and content."

Be on the lookout for my next request for news. Hearing from you always makes me happy!



SMC7 on their 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Trip to Cancun – Natalie Prud'homme Otto, Eve J. Postula, Molly Stanton Witt, Moira Marie Michiels, Elena Mowiser Murphy, Ann Austria Bockrath, and Kristen Johansen Kilguss.

'89

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As I write this, Easter celebrations have just wrapped up, and as you read it 2016 is more than half over!

The DC Alumnae Club has been re-energized and several events last fall gave **Karen Crespy** the chance to catch up with Executive Director of Alumnae and College Relations **Kara O'Leary, Cathy Mansfield Fox** and Cathy's parents Kelly and **Carol Smither Mansfield '66**, as well as the opportunity to enjoy one of (Emerita) President **Carol Ann Mooney '72's** final Club visits before her retirement. The fall also meant football season — and what a crazy and exciting season for Notre Dame! Karen attended the ND-Wake Forest game with family and caught up with **Barb Moorhead Vedders'** son, Jack, on campus. A few weeks

later, she flew to Grand Rapids, MI to visit **Barb Moorhead Vedders**, Joel, and their kids Abby and Jack before they all went to the ND-USC game. Everyone enjoyed tailgating with Theresa Sedlack ND '89, Tom Schlegel ND '90, Dave Lewis ND '89, and **Jackie Brody Tavitas '91** before watching the Irish win.

We have another alumna author! **Michelle King Hauck** earned a BBS with a concentration in finance and is now an author. (She finds it funny how we don't always use our majors!) Michelle sold a three-book epic fantasy series to HarperCollins with the first book, *Grudging*, published on November 17, 2015 and available at retailers like Amazon and Barnes & Noble. She has a daughter at community college and a son who is a freshman at Valparaiso University.

**Jennifer Sante Soller** is thrilled to announce that she'll be a Saint Mary's mom! Her daughter, Katherine, is part of the Class of 2020. The Soller family is very excited and Jennifer is proud to say after attending the "Meet Me At The Avenue" event in O'Laughlin Auditorium (in Moreau), that our beloved school is better than ever. She also found it really special to sit down in O'Laughlin and see that the chair right in front of them was dedicated to **Bridget Mary McCarthy** (who passed away in October 1999). **Jennifer MacDougall Bero** was also in attendance, but it was so crowded (nice to hear!) that they weren't able to meet up.

Jennifer also got to spend Mardi Gras in New Orleans with **Rachel Chua** and **Sheila Feeley Dodds**. Beads and cocktails for all!

**Mary Louisa Meehan L'Hommedieu** has two children, Sarah, 18, and Aidan, 15. Sarah graduated early from high school in December 2015 and is now at Indiana University where she is playing for the women's soccer team. If anyone has a son or daughter at Indiana University, Mary Louisa invites them to say "Hi" to Sarah or attend a soccer game and cheer her on.

It's been a busy couple of years for Mike and **Mimi Tuohy O'Leary**. Their son, Joe, graduated from high school and started at Auburn University last fall. Their daughter, Mary Kate, was deep in the college application process (yes, Saint Mary's is on the list at this writing) and graduated this past spring. Their son, Jack, just finished his freshman year in high school. Mimi works as a substitute teacher and tutor while continuing to be a wonderful support to her mother's fight against cancer over the past five years. Last summer, Mike and Mimi saw **Tricia Hannigan**, her husband, Duffy White, and their two children, Rory and Kathleen, in Nashville. Tricia and Duffy moved there when Duffy retired from the United States Marine Corps.

**Rose Pietrzak Carter** and her husband, Stewart, moved to Pennsylvania last summer when he took a job at Penn State. **Rozel Gatmaitan Moore** and her family are still in Kellar, TX. Rozel moved her mom there from Indiana and loves having her closer.

**Carol Hunter Kloczek** was honored to be inducted into her high school's hall of fame — Nolan Catholic High School in Fort Worth, TX — for her work in moving homeless and low-income women and children out of poverty. Carol is CEO for an organization called Center for Transforming Lives which helps women and their families live in safety, earn with dignity, and save for a better tomorrow. Congratulations Carol!

**Martha Flick Jungenberg**, Todd, their three daughters, and their dog Pumpkin Momo moved

to Lagos, Nigeria last August. For the next two years, they'll be living on the island of Ikoyi. Martha is working at the U.S. Consulate as the post LRA (Local Registration Authority) and is currently taking a lot of computer training with the hope of becoming an IT Specialist for the Department of State — then she and Todd would be considered a Foreign Service tandem. Their daughters are attending the American International School of Lagos (AISL) where Sophia just graduated high school. Grace is a rising freshman, and Emmalee will be entering the 7<sup>th</sup> grade. The Jungenberg family is enjoying Africa and making the most of their time there with lots of adventures and travels.

Please keep in touch.

'90

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**Deanne Isabelle Paul** and her husband, Chris ND '90, are excited that their daughter, Elyse Marie Paul, will be a part of the Saint Mary's Class of 2020 and in the same Reunion year as them. Their oldest, Brendan, is already in South Bend, as a member of Notre Dame's Class of 2018, and their youngest will be a high school junior next school year. Deanne was excited to spend Senior Preview Day in October with a friend from our class, **Erin C. Reilly Stroka**. They both thought it was really special that two fellow psychology majors connected and their daughters met each other. Since it was October, it was also a football weekend and Deanne spent time with **Theresa Yvette Bondad**, who was back on campus for her first time since graduation. They already have plans in the works to reconnect with **Katie Lear McGuire** and her husband, Chris ND '89, to cheer on the Irish at the Notre Dame game on September 24. Katie's oldest son, James, will be a senior in college by then and her middle son, Tristan (Deanne's Godson) will be a freshman.

I was able to catch up with a few Saint Mary's friends at the Chicago East Alumnae Club farewell reception for (Emerita) President **Carol Ann Mooney '72**, **Eileen Gallagher Loranger**, **Meaghan Barrett Grimes**, **Patty Piercy Cushing** and I were all in attendance (along with my colleague, **Casey June Maus '09**). Eileen is the director of governance at the American Academy of Periodontology, Meaghan works in pharmaceutical sales at Cumberland, and Patty is the director of compliance at the National Futures Association. No matter the professional accomplishments of these ladies, all were turned into a weeping mess over the mere appearance of *The Avenue* portrayed in a video shown at the event!

**Maureen Aboud Shaheen** continues her book tour promoting her wonderful Lebanese cookbook, *Rose Water and Orange Blossoms*, and has recently launched an online store containing the Lebanese ingredients she loves the most. (You can find it by searching for Maureen Aboud market.)

**Katie Ortman Hirsch** and I had a chance to get together when I was in Los Angeles for work over the winter. Katie is loving "SoCal" life but in February she headed to Quebec as she played the role of happy hockey mom to her son Taylor (13). She had a wonderful, but very cold, trip.

And in very sad news, our love and prayers go to **Meg Lakatos Basker**, who recently lost her beloved husband, John. Please keep the Basker and Lakatos families in your prayers.

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

'91

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**Lynne (Toni) Olivieri Barton** is the new library technology educator at Fountain Valley School of Colorado ([www.fvs.edu](http://www.fvs.edu)). FVS is an independent boarding day school with 240 students from 21 countries and 23 states. Toni's passion is global collaboration. She loves connecting schools with global projects and mystery location Skype calls. Her husband, Matt, is an assistant principal at Castle Rock Middle School. Her daughter, Margaret, is a junior at Colorado State University, where she studies social work and early childhood development. Her son, Frank, is a junior at Fountain Valley School. Toni has kept in contact with **Eileen Whelpley Newmark**, **Kristen Sullivan Lynch**, **Cynthia Fe Jimenez**, and **Becky Ann Ciletti**.

**Laura Brietzke Dunbar** is the author of 14 contemporary romance novels, independently published by her. She retains her day job as a middle school language arts teacher and still lives in Chicago with her husband, Jim, and 4 children. Two of her children are now in college, which brings back fond memories of her own college days, 25 years ago.

**Raquel Matthews Gianfermi** has been a registered nurse for the last 25 years. She has been the director of educational services at Saint Mary Medical Center in Hobart, IN for the last six years and teaches online, at times, for the University of Phoenix. Her oldest son is 18 and graduated from high school on June 7. He is a member of the National Honor Society and an AP scholar. He will attend Purdue University and will double major in creative and professional writing. Her other son turned 15 on May 30 and the family will be starting the whole high school experience again. He will obtain his driver's permit this summer and will continue to play basketball. He is very active with his friends and has the best social calendar in the family!

'95

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Hello Class of 1995! Thank you to everyone who sent updates.

**Jennifer Rebecca Failla** and her family recently moved from Miami, FL to Austin, TX. She would love to meet alumnae in the area! Jennifer, husband Joshua Hoffman, and boys Noam, 11, and Nicola, 6, currently live in Westlake. Jennifer is working as a divorce financial planner at Strada Management

([www.stradamangement.com](http://www.stradamangement.com)).

**Katie Gisch Ogilvie** writes, "I recently became certified as an IBCLC, Internationally Board Certified Lactation Consultant. I am working in private practice in Chicago with a colleague, helping moms and babies who want to breastfeed. I have been a La Leche League Leader for seven years. Thus, following my passion for helping the mother-baby dyad with breastfeeding as an IBCLC was a natural professional progression. It has been exciting and rewarding."

**Erika Moen Januschka** was chosen to participate in two vision clinics as an optometrist for OneSight. She writes, "The first one was November 2015 in Dongguan, China where we did eye exams on over 5,000 kids and the second was March 2016 at Fort Belknap, MT where we saw over 1,500 kids and adults. Thanks in large part to amazing support from some fabulous Belles I was able to raise \$3,000 for my OneSight fundraising. I'm looking forward to applying again at the end of this year and hopefully traveling to another clinic in 2017."

**Seanne Patrick Buckwalter** writes, "I had an awesome visit with some amazing Softball Belles this past November: **Laura Richter Martino '96**, **Amy Misch Andrews '96**, **Shannon Heise Stafford '96**, **Maria "Woody" Lynn Vogel '96**, and **Andrea Arena Wade '98**. It was truly appropriate that we gathered in Ft. Myers, Florida, where we spent some of our spring breaks playing softball."



Back row: Laura Richter Martino, Amy Misch Andrews, Maria Lynn Vogel. Front row: Seanne Patrick Buckwalter, Shannon Heise Stafford, Andrea Arena Wade '98.

'97

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Bonjour tout le monde! I hope this finds you doing well. As I write, it is early April and the end of the semester is fast approaching. It is an incredibly busy time, as I am sure it is for many (if not all) of



you. I cannot wait for summer.

My report this time is going to be very short. I have an update to share from **April Sass Johnson**, who sent me this note a week ago: "We are happy to announce the birth of Timothy Edward Johnson, born on Tuesday, March 29, at 6:29 am. Everyone is home now and doing well. Andy, Grace, and Nick are enjoying their new sibling."

Congratulations to April and her husband (Jay) on this new addition to their beautiful family!

If you have any news you would like to include in Class News, email is usually the best way, though you may also send me a message via Facebook.

Wishing you all a wonderful summer.  
Bonnes vacances!

'99

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**Beth Schafer Coyne** and her husband, Kevin, welcomed Patrick Schafer Coyne into the world on October 9, 2015. He joins big brother Emmett and big sister Ellen. She also received a promotion at work and is now a senior manager overseeing the public sector recruiting practice for PriceWaterhouseCoopers.

**Anne Baughman Bandholz** and her husband, Eric, have relocated to Austin, TX with their 2-year-old daughter, Eleanor. Anne is a genetic counselor working from home for a clinical laboratory based in California, Ambry Genetics. She writes clinical test reports for chromosome microarray analysis in the clinical genomics department. They had a crazy adventure appearing on ABC's Shark Tank TV show for her husband's business, Beardbrand, in 2014. Austin is a fun town and they would love visitors!

**Maureen Gill Emerson** writes, "Hi Belles! Long overdue update ... I'm writing from Ireland where I've been living since 2003. My husband, our two boys, and I now live in rural Cork close to a number of seaside towns. Currently, for work, I'm heading up communications and PR for a health-related charity and act as European director of business development for Kristen Gill Media (**Kristen Ann Gill '91**). For fun we spend free time on road trips exploring the Irish countryside, hiking, surfing, and traveling. While I don't get back to the States to see my SMC friends often, it's a great pleasure when it happens and even more fun when they visit me here in Ireland. (Anyone is welcome!) I'm hoping to visit campus when we're stateside next. I can't wait to see how it has changed over the years!"

**Lisa Maxbauer Price**, who has been working as a nutrition journalist for years, recently published her first children's book about farm foods. *Squash Boom Beet: an Alphabet for Healthy, Adventurous Eaters* is a hardcover book featuring 56 pages of full-color photography of beautiful vegetables grown at 50+ farms in Michigan. Lisa wrote and photographed the entire project and included a dedication to Saint Mary's College in the book. She lives with her husband and three sons in Traverse City, MI.

'00

## From the Courier Office

**Beth Mayer Castle** and husband Chris welcomed their second son, Cole, in April. Beth also started a new role at GE. She is program manager of GE's Global Women's Network, based in St. Louis.

'01

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Class of 2001, I hope the longer days and warmer weather are treating you well as you read the latest updates from our classmates.

New arrivals and growing families are special moments and **Casey Russell Bechtel** shared her good news: "We welcomed our daughter, Charlotte Casey, on December 30. She's doing great and we love being a family of five! We are leaving the city in July and moving to the 'burbs. It's feels a little bittersweet but I know we will love having more space and a backyard!" **Jessica Claes Mumaw** added, "On January 20, 2016, we welcomed our son Harrison Miller. He joins his big brother Ike, 5, and big sister Vivian, 2." **Christine Diana Crissman** wrote with blessed news, "In October 2015, my husband, Eric, and I welcomed our third child, Ryan James. Along with his two-year-old twin brother and sister, he keeps us very busy!" And **Mary Wisniewski Serrahn** wrote, "My husband, Sean, and I welcomed a baby girl, Laney Kathleen, in April 2015. She is a lucky baby Belle to have Godmother **Maarin Elaine Erbacher** just down the street from us!"

**Molly Gast Holzrichter** also checked in, "Luckily, my life has been pretty uneventful. My husband, Rob, and daughters, McKenna, 11, and Riley, 8, and I are still doing well and living in Kohler, WI. In July of 2015 I accepted a position with WillPencobiEloamatik, a Barry Wehmiller company, as the HR director. I am loving the job and the 5-minute commute!" I also heard from **Amanda Lynn DeMeester**: "I transitioned from working as a nonprofit fundraiser in NYC for 10 years, and have spent the last three years working at tech start-ups. I was recently named head of operations for a SoHo tech company that provides a SaaS platform for restaurants."

And lastly, I'm doing well and I recently returned from an amazing spring break trip to Belize! I am also looking forward to summer vacation! Until next time, all my best.

'02

## From the Courier Office

It has been a very busy past few months for **Kathy Harter Harris** and her family in Springfield, VA. She writes, "We are very happy to announce the birth of our second daughter, Piper, on November 29, 2015 just after 6:30 a.m. weighing in at 6 pounds, 5 ounces. Right before the baby came, we were blessed to have a baby shower thrown by family and friends, with the following fellow SMC grads: **Laura Porto Atkins '03**, **Colleen Weigel Wold**, **Lisa Anne Campbell** and my sister **Liz Harter '09** here to help us celebrate. Piper and her big sister Allie bring us so much joy that we are feeling truly blessed."

'03

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**Margaret Kathryn (Katy) Disinger** married Chad Thall on October 17, 2015 in Columbia, MO. **Suzie Marie Dolembro**, Anne Liddy Saracino ND '03, and Beth Fruzynski Beam ND '03 were all there to celebrate.

**Viktoria (Torie) Allison Cox** writes, "I've been livin' and lovin' life in Munster, IN. I finally opened my own dental practice, "Dr. Torie's Dental Shoppe" in October 2014 and it's the first 'green' dental practice in Indiana." Congrats, Torie!

**Corrine Negrelli Carlson** and her family moved to Milwaukee, WI in July 2015 after she took a position as the senior designer of the Junior's Division at Kohl's. They are enjoying the exploration of their new city and Corrine is especially enjoying the reconnection with fellow 2003 Belle, **Miranda Graham Lieburn**.

**Meghan McGinty Anderson** recently moved to Anacortes, WA where her husband, Ben ND '03 is stationed with the Navy. Their family of six loves exploring their new home on the West Coast! Over the past year, Meghan has been teaching virtual classes at DanceFIT Studio which is located outside of Boston, MA. She writes, "I love seeing fellow alums, **Nicole Marie Prezioso**, **Katie Phelan Giganti** and **Kate Leonard Cooper** in class, and recently started a job as their studio's manager." Great job, Meghan!

**Jocelyn (Josie) Bilas Gruver** and her family welcomed Anna Catherine into the world on March 22, 2015. She joins big brothers Jack and Benjamin.

**Susan Luczek Greutman** and her husband Ryan welcomed a healthy baby girl, Zita Anne Greutman, on January 3, 2016, weighing in at 9 pounds, 15 ounces. She is the only girl with five older brothers.

**Monica Cannon Meeker**'s husband, Giacomo, finally completed general surgery residency in Cincinnati and is now a full time board certified surgeon with The Surgical Clinic in Nashville. Their daughter, Annabelle, will be entering second grade and Camilla enjoys learning in preschool. Monica is staying busy sewing, unpacking, volunteering, and catching up on the rest from the last 15 years! She writes, "I've recently taken up running which I find good for my soul."

**Cindy Cvengros McCutcheon** escaped to Columbus for a girls' weekend in March with **Stephanie Redwanski Belschner** and **Elizabeth Didier Krieg** and had a delightful time filled with shopping, yummy food, and lots of girl talk.

**Cathy Canetti Ginter** and her husband, Jacob, were proud to welcome their son, Sunny James Ginter, on February 9, 2016 in Torrance, CA. They are also building a new house in the Los Angeles area for their growing family.

**Katie Lee Haddad** and her husband Mike welcomed their son, Thomas Elias, on December 3, 2015. Tommy weighed 8 pounds, 3 ounces and measured 19 inches at birth. Katie writes, "Big sister Samantha, 2, is overjoyed and very protective of her little brother."

**Anne Furman Worthington** wrapped up her work with the Cleveland Clinic's Intestinal

Rehabilitation and Transplant Team in October and moved back to Virginia in November. She was married at the U.S. Naval Academy on November 7 to her husband Richard and they're settling into their home in Oakton, VA. Anne was delighted to discover that fellow 2003 Belle and her freshman year roommate, **Melanie Burke Cameron**, is a parishioner at the same parish as Anne and Richard. Small world!

**Rachael Benkert Wenzl** gave birth to another baby boy, Brady Finn, in early January 2016! Rachael happily writes, "Big brothers Tommy and Luke absolutely adore him. We feel so blessed!"

**Katie Vincer Sears** welcomed her son, John William, on August 12, 2015 and he weighed in at 10 pounds, 4 ounces! Katie writes, "He has brought so much joy to our family and siblings, Scotty, 3, and Stella, 2, adore their baby brother. I still have two dental practices, but I was able to take a 7-week maternity leave." Katie also reunited with **Nicole Ciminillo Scott** and **Mackenzie McGee** on campus at Saint Mary's last March! They had such a fun time catching up and reminiscing! Nicole lives in Ann Arbor, MI with her husband, Pete, and their beautiful daughter, Gemma. Nicole is a chemistry professor. Mackenzie lives in Peoria, IL and is practicing radiation oncology with her father. She and her husband, Joe Stark ND '01, have two adorable kids, Edie and Ethan. Katie reports, "It was wonderful to return to Saint Mary's and see all the updates, renovations, and admire the timeless

beauty of the campus!" She would also like her classmates to know that "DJ Drew" was still at The Backer taking requests!

**Meganne Hoffman Brezina** and her husband, Chuck, purchased their first home in Indianapolis in July 2015 and shortly thereafter, opened a takeaway restaurant in downtown Indianapolis called Subito. If you are in the Circle City, Meganne encourages you to check it out and tell Chuck your SMC connection! Meganne also took a new job in November 2015 as a global sales trainer with Emarsys North America, a digital marketing software company.

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**Michele Firmstone Butwin** and husband Ben Butwin ND '05 welcomed Charlotte Marie on February 22, 2016.

**Katherine Wallace Bramanti** and husband Thomas Jude Bramanti ND '05 celebrated the birth of Michael Anthony on June 20, 2015, in Fort Irwin, CA.

**Michelle Jadcak** and husband Jeremy welcomed their second son Elijah William on April 17, 2015. He joins big brother John Paul born May 24, 2013.

**Julie Breen Wilson** and husband Nate

welcomed their son, Micah James, in November 2014. He was born at almost 10 pounds! His big sister Maddie loves him!

**Molly Welton Boyle** and husband Kevin Patrick Boyle ND '05 welcomed a second baby girl, Ellen Josephine, on March 11, 2016. Ellen joins big sister, Hazel Jane, who turned three in April 2016.

**Rebecca Griswold Bartley** and husband Matthew Bartley ND '05 welcomed twin girls on January 20, 2016.

**Stacey Stark Neulieb** and husband Greg welcomed Elizabeth Phyllis on October 31, 2015. She joins big brother Benjamin Gregory who was born May 14, 2014.

**Mary Rebekah Rackar** married Nicholas James Gaspar on October 17, 2015. **Elizabeth Brown McKay** married Jason McKay on October 10, 2015 in Washington, DC. **Roz Emmy Byrne** and **Erin Colleen Reese '03** were both bridesmaids, **Molly Welton Boyle** played the violin. **Rachel Casciari Kirsh**, **Katie Manley Shiningier**, **Katy Cari Cook**, **Julie Taylor Critser**, **Jen Dolan Herdman**, **Tina Kilroy ND '05**, **Kristin McIntyre Winchell**, **Michelle Firmstone Butwin**, **Meg Mary Lawrence '04**, **Sara Kristine Mahoney '04**, and **Linda Ruskowski '04** were all in attendance.

**Lindsay Greene Gayle** recently went into private practice on the north side of Indianapolis. She specializes in mental and behavioral health for children ages 3–12. Her husband is also opening a brewery later this year so they will soon both be self-employed.



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— **Cheryl Sweeney Halik '83**  
Business Administration  
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During the SMC golf team's spring break trip to Phoenix, **Stefanie Simmerman McGinnis** and her one-year-old son, Keagan, watched the Belles in action during their last round. Keagan even sported his SMC shirt on the course and flirted with the team! It brought back amazing memories of her time on the golf team with ladies who are now friends for life.



Stefanie Simmerman McGinnis' one-year-old son, Keagan, sporting his SMC shirt on the golf course supporting the Belles Golf Team during the team's spring break trip to Phoenix.

**Julie Breen Wilson** works as a part-time teacher while she takes care of her two children.

**Michelle Eggers Lagos** recently started a new job at CBRE in San Francisco. She works in Client Solutions for the Global Workplace Solutions division.

**Michelle Katherine Stanforth** is living in Bedford, IN and working as an Operations Research Analyst at Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane. While balancing a Navy Reserve career in addition to her "civilian" job, she received the opportunity to assist in the coordination of the first ever simulated and actual combined assets Strike Group Undersea Warfare exercise at Pearl Harbor, HI this past winter. Michelle also wanted to say, "I wish everyone else in the Class of 2005 well! I really enjoyed catching up with several classmates at Reunion this past summer and at the Notre Dame vs. Navy game!"

**Erin Carsele Fiorini** was promoted in August 2015 to general manager, infrastructure capital finance at the Chicago Transit Authority. Erin manages approximately \$2.7B in capital funding associated with infrastructure projects at the CTA.

## '06

### From the Courier Office

**Carrie Orr Chambers** was married on August 1, 2015 to Jason Edward Chambers. Her husband graduated from Miami University in Oxford, OH in 2009 with a degree in psychology and currently works in the International Admissions Office at the University of Cincinnati.

## '07

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**Jessica Marie Binhack** reports that she moved out of her parents' basement and into a house with three grown men. She says, "Just think of ABC's 'The Bachelorette.'" She's spent the last six months driving for Uber, teaching, and waitressing. She is not married (lol, nope), is without children (thank jeebus), and is not continuing her education (at the moment). She is still excelling at self-deprecating humor, is a self-proclaimed expert at reading BuzzFeed articles, and is slowly designing a line of patriotic jorts to sell on her non-existent Etsy site. Current successes include surviving her 10<sup>th</sup> Indy 500 (Murica) and not losing a cell phone in five years (knocks on wood so hard).

On November 14, 2015, **Colleen Mary Brannagan-Peisker** and her husband, Brian, welcomed their second child, a baby girl, Penelope Jean. She was 7 pounds, 15 ounces, and 21 inches.

**Christina Pales Blazin** married Neil Blazin in Pittsburgh, PA on June 28, 2015. In attendance were **Angela Ellison Keefner** and **Chelsea Lee Foote**. Christina and her husband also welcomed their first child June 4, 2016.

**Katie Lynn Osmack** wrote: "I moved to Colorado in May 2015 and began teaching 5<sup>th</sup> grade at Saints Peter and Paul School in Wheat Ridge."

From **Helen Casey Manesia**: "My husband, John Manesia, and I had a little girl on December 16, 2015. Her name is Zelig Marie Manesia. She was baptized on January 31, 2016, and her godmother was my roomie at SMC, **Sara Jane Houberg**. As far as work goes, I am an associate attorney at the Mike Morse Law Firm in Southfield, Mich., where I have been practicing for the last five years. My practice focuses on social security disability and personal injury."

**Kathryn Elizabeth Doyle** was recently promoted within her company, PRO Unlimited, and moved cross country from New Jersey to the San Francisco Bay area to work onsite at Facebook.

In August 2015, **Sarah Mikrut Aker** started working at Stephens College in Columbia, MO. She is their staff artist in lighting design for the School of Performing Arts. She teaches, designs lights for theater and dance productions, as well as mentors design students. She writes, "It's very exciting to be working at an all-women's college!"

On November 11, 2015, **Chrissy Derek Kasmak** and her husband welcomed their son, Clay Chauncey Kasmak, into the world. She writes, "He was even born on his due date! We are so excited to begin this new chapter in our lives."

**Kate Treder Vertin** married Matt Vertin on June 13, 2015 at Saint Mary's. Many Belles were in attendance, including her leading ladies, **Mary Meier Simpson**, **Maggie Anne Oldham**, **Dana Christiano Dearth**, and **Brittany Degres Metzger**. The newlyweds live in Chicago.

## '08

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**Rachel Boury Baxter** and husband, James, welcomed their daughter, Josephine Raphaela, on June 10, 2015.

On September 23, 2015, **Beth McKeivitt Knollman** and her husband, Philip ND '08, celebrated the birth of their first daughter, Catherine Jean.

**Honore Kathryn O'Brien Hyland** married John Patrick (J.P.) Hyland on September 26, 2015 in Annapolis, MD. The bride's father is J.J. O'Brien ND '78. Honore's beloved grandmother, **Joanne "Jody" Morris O'Brien '50**, was deeply missed and Honore carried her grandmother's Saint Mary's pin in her bridal bouquet. **Erica Harmony Liskey** served as a bridesmaid. In attendance at the nuptials were Honore's aunts: **Bridget O'Brien Bealin '79** and **Maureen O'Brien Anderson '85**. Other alumnae included **Lourdes de la Torre Dingman '74**, **Catherine Lawless Gaudreau '78**, **Maribeth Lynette Sarnecki '07**, **Emily Sue Herman**, **Natalie Jean Holtz**, and **Kaila Marie Poinsett-Jones '09**. The newlyweds purchased their first home in Chevy Chase, MD this winter.

**Ann Mason Kiley** began working at Saint Mary's in the Office of Campus and Community Events in 2013. On November 7, 2015 she married Robby Kiley ND '08 at Sacred Heart Basilica at Notre Dame. There were several Saint Mary's friends celebrating with the couple! Bridesmaids included the bride's sisters, **Amy Lynn Mason '04** and **Stephanie Marie Mason '06**, with **Jeney Anderson Christensen**, and **Erin Heck Shambaugh**. In attendance at the wedding were **Lisa Peppers '87**, **Julie Paunicka White**, **Stephanie Smucker Shepard**, and **Biz Stohl**. The couple live in South Bend.

## '09

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Hello, Class of 2009! Thank you to everyone who sent in updates this time around. I love hearing from all of you and helping to celebrate your lives!

**Kimberley Burkart Bayer** reports that she and husband Matt adopted their first child, Maria Angela, on October 27, 2014 — three years to the day after the couple got engaged. The couple lives in Milwaukee and loves it. **Theresa Marie Loretta Klinkhammer** is Maria Angela's godmother, and asked Kimberley to pass along the news that she has entered the Monastery of the Holy Name of Jesus in Denmark, WI in July 2015. If you'd like to get in touch, you can reach her by mail at 6100 Pepper Road, Denmark, WI 54208. Kim reports that though Theresa can receive mail from anyone, she is cloistered and only writes directly to her family. Her family says she is happy and doing very well and hopes to receive many prayer requests.

**Jenn Erin Bulmer** reports that she was nominated for Minnesota School Social Worker of the Year for the 2014–2015 school year! Congratulations, Jenn!

We've got a lot of Belles in Michigan. **Nicole Ann Beier** is a chemist at NSF International in Ann Arbor. She's spent the past few months cross training as a microbiologist at another NSF International lab in Dutch Harbor, AL and reports that it's an exciting once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and hoped to make it on TV, as Dutch Harbor is where the show *Deadliest Catch* is filmed.

**Whitney Camille Fron** is also in Michigan. She married Matthew Cieslinski on June 5, 2015 in Detroit. Our late classmate **Katie Rose Goebel** was a bridesmaid.

**Elyse Lopez Turner** is now the director of marketing at Detroit Labs — a company that designs and builds mobile apps. She's an Android developer and has blogged about her experiences as a woman in IT.

**Elizabeth Alexander Mucha** moved to the Kalamazoo area after marrying Kyle in October. They recently adopted a puppy.

**Andrea Zettler McIntyre** married Rory on March 12. It was quite the SMC reunion with **Natalie Zettler Leisinger '05**, **Meghan Anne Conaty**, **Meg Elizabeth Varty**, **Molly Dilorio Panzica**, **Catherine Solomon Bahoura**, **Beth Casciari Slette**, **Erin Kyla Newsom**, **Jessica Leigh Centa '12**, **Rachael Johnson Rabil**, **Katie Holly O'Connell**, **Brittany Harrell Iams**, **Jessica Kusack Terhorst**, **Taryn Elizabeth Pabst**, **Caitlin Conaty Eldridge '07**, **Kelly Marie Conaty '12**, **Mary Wolf Conaty '76**, and **Kerry Ann Quinn '12** in attendance. There are a lot of new last names in this group — I'd love to hear what's going on in your lives. Email me!

**Miranda Baxter Reeves** reports that she's now an equity stage manager at the Arvada Center for the Arts and Humanities. She and her husband live in Denver, CO.

**Catherine Duffy Shah** married Ronak in a four-day Indian/Catholic ceremony on April 24, 2015. **Emily Stillson High**, **Sarah Catherine Urhausen**, **Rachel Nicole Marley**, **Nanne Murray Finis '79**, and **Ellen Murray Creely '87** were all in attendance. Catherine also began the Doctorate of Nursing Practice program at Saint Mary's. With the new graduate programs, we'll start seeing our first Double Belles!

There might be something in the water as so many of you have reported new babies in the past few months!

**Jessica Sobczyk Bulosan** and husband Jared added to their family on Friday, April 1 as Ethan Michael joined older brother, Carter. Jessie says that Jared is already planning ways to celebrate his April Fools' birthday throughout his life.

Amelia Rose joined big siblings, Anna and Daniel, at home with **Kelly Gasior Pittner** and husband, Dan. Amelia was a preemie weighing in at only 3 pounds 4 ounces, but she's doing great now.

**Sarah Falvey Burkett** will be taking two new faces with her when she and husband Dave move to San Diego in early June. The couple welcomed twin boys and while Sarah says she's a little sad they won't follow in her footsteps to attend Saint Mary's, she lives in hope that she will at least be fortunate enough to have a Belle for a daughter-in-law one day.

**Andrea Krebs Novotney** and husband Justin welcomed son Joseph Emmanuel in December.

**Emily Tarnacki Nardozi** and husband Ryan welcomed Abigail Helene into their family

on January 7. She joins big brother Andrew Ryan at home.

**Rachel Rattay Freyenberger** and husband Craig welcomed their second son, Joel Robert on October 3.

And finally, **Alicen Miller Teitgen** and husband Jake have a second little Belle in the family. Genevieve "Eve" Lily joined the world on June 15, 2015.

'10

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Hello, Class of 2010. I have reached out to most everyone, however if you have not heard from me please reach out via the information above!

Let us first get caught up on births:

**Megan Meade Tennant** welcomed her first son, Colin Riley on August 26, 2013. On September 10, 2015, Colin was introduced to his baby brother, Theodore Benjamin.

Before having her second son, Megan left her job as director of Our Lady of Grace Daycare in June 2015 to be a stay at home mom to her two boys!

**Annie Busillo Ungaro** and husband Vito, welcomed their second son, Vincenzo "Enzo" Francesco, on December 22, 2015! Big Brother Gianluca is loving his baby brother!

Next, let us congratulate **Alyse Rose Lucas** who graduated with her double master's as a specialist in school psychology from Illinois State University in June. **Gretchen Diane Moore** graduated with her master's in public relations and corporate communications from Georgetown University in May 20.

And lastly, **Brooke Druktenis Deck** married her high school sweetheart, Andrew "Buzz" Deck ND '08 on June 20, 2015 in the Holy Spirit Chapel in Le Mans Hall by Father Mark Thesing, CSC. **Erin Kathleen Babington '11** and **Kelsey Robertson Brickl '08** were two of her bridesmaids. **Sarah Patten Sagardia '08** was also in attendance with her husband. The ceremony was followed by a beautiful reception at the Beiger Mansion in Mishawaka, IN. Brooke and Buzz spent their honeymoon in Quebec City, Canada and said it could not have been more perfect — the city flag has fleur de lis on it! Brooke is a registered nurse at West Chester Hospital in West Chester, OH and has been working as nurse for over five years now. She has come full circle and now orientates new graduates to her unit!

Keep sharing the good news, Belles!

'11

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Hello, Class of 2011! I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer and that this issue finds you, and the special people in your lives, in good health and happiness. As always if you have any news you would like to submit, please email it to me at any time, I love hearing about all the amazing things the Class of 2011 is doing. Congratulations to everyone below on your amazing accomplishments!

**Christina (Nina) Patricia Midgley** was featured as one of Pittsburgh's "13 under 30" in WHIRL magazine. If you are in the Pittsburgh area, make sure to check out her business, My Favorite Sweet Shoppe.

**Brianna Noel Lamp** graduated with her master's in theological studies concentrating in marriage and family from the Pontifical John Paul II Institute in Washington, DC.

**Christina Jean Robakowski** completed her master's degree in molecular pharmacology at Loyola University Chicago.

**Frannie Margaret Hermes** finished up her third year at a special needs school in Kuwait. Starting in August, she will be the student support services teacher at The American School of Guatemala.

**Alicia Wilkins Sullivan** received her master of arts degree in professional behavior analysis from Florida Institute of Technology.

**Nora Collins Lewis** and Daniel Lewis ND '11 welcomed their first child, Evelyn Love Lewis, on Leap Day, February 29, 2016. The family lives in Chicago. Evelyn looks forward to joining the SMC Class of 2038!

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From the *Courier Office*

**Natalie Bartzen** and Joel Sharbrough ND '09 were married in Racine, WI on September 27, 2014. Bridesmaids included **Elena Bartzen Piraino '05**, **Elise Bartzen O'Brien ND '08**, **Elizabeth Ann Munger**, **Lindsey Jean Stuss**, **Shelagh Rose O'Brien**, **Brynn Bradley Thomas '11**. Also attending were **Allie Ashleigh Courtney**, **Elizabeth Johnston Busam**, **Victoria Marie Nelson '11**. Natalie and Joel live in Iowa City, IA.

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Hello, Belles! We enjoyed collecting our good news from you all! Here are some of the things happening with our class.

**Ashley Michele Prendergast** has moved to Sherman, TX for a new job as the main sports anchor and reporter for the NBC and ABC affiliates for the area of northern Texas and southeastern Oklahoma. **Laura Elizabeth Krahe** has moved to Atlanta, GA to work at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta as a staff nurse in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit.

Congratulations to **Annie Doyle Clohisy** who married John Clohisy ND '13 in La Grange, IL on January 2. Annie is working at the Thompson Center for Autism in Missouri. Congratulations to **Silvia Melissa Cuevas** who married Adam Ryan Conner on November 7, 2015. Also, congratulations to **Caitlyn Marie Paulsen** who married Carlos Martín González on New Year's Eve in Gran Canaria, Spain. They met while Caitlyn was



studying abroad in Maynooth, Ireland. The couple now lives in London

**Danielle Therese Piscal** reported that she has earned her master of social work. **Meghan Kathryn Feasel** has also earned her master's in teaching & leadership specializing in teaching English as a Second Language. (ESL)

Please continue to send new information to Amy and Meghan at our new email just for class news: **SMCclassnews2013@gmail.com**.

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Hello, Belles. We are thrilled to share news of new careers, graduations, and weddings with you all. It is hard to believe that two years ago we were worried about job searches and senior comps and now we are making our marks on the world!

**Maria Siobhan Courtney** accepted a new position a couple months ago at Nordstrom Corporate. She is a merchandise specialist in the buying office. What an exciting adventure, we cannot wait to hear more about your experience at Nordstrom, Maria!

**Susan Joy Christina Head '13** is living in London where she works for Bloomsbury in the editorial department. On top of that news, Susan married Charles Furber in December 2015, who she met during her year abroad at the University of Oxford. Congratulations, Susan. We are excited to watch your continued success!

**Alex Nicole Penler** also spent time abroad and graduated from the London School of Economics with Distinction in December, receiving a masters of science in empires, colonialism, and globalization. She now lives in Washington, DC, where she works for John Snow, Inc., a public health firm doing social media strategy for a United States Agency International Development contract called AIDSFree. Congratulations on your new position!

In December 2015, **Natalie Stoerger Hall** earned her master of social work degree from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. On July 18, 2015, she married Andrew Hall in Holy Spirit Chapel at Saint Mary's College. Many Belles and Irish friends attended the celebration! Andrew began a job as an attorney in November 2015 and in March 2016 Natalie began her career as an Addictions Counselor in Urbana. Wishing you the best in your new job, Natalie!

**Galicia Chantal Guerrero** earned her master of social work degree from the Brown School of Social Work at Washington University in St. Louis in December 2015. In January, she began her career as a learning designer at Youth Learning Center and The Biome School in St. Louis.

We are proud to share and celebrate the many successes our Belles have accomplished during the last two years! Continue to share and stay connected on our Facebook Group Saint Mary's Class of 2014. Best wishes and #GoBelles!

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

**Stephanie Nicole Gatchell** has accepted a position working at Memorial Hospital in South Bend. Stephanie is so excited to start her dream job working in the pediatric unit caring for children of all ages. We are thrilled for you, Stephanie!

**Madeline Elizabeth Havrilla** accepted a position at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN. She is part of a team that researches lung development and inflammation that affects neonates and adults. Madeline also helps manage an animal facility and assists in all aspects of research.

**Kate Anne Bussey** completed a master's in entrepreneurship through the University of Notre Dame's ESTEEM program. ESTEEM focuses on science/technology and instills the specific skills required to launch a business. Kate is the third employee hired for a start-up called ProMazo, which helps companies recruit top talent and get quality work done during the hiring process. Kate says the company accomplishes this "by leveraging its professional workforce, top college students from across the nation, to become productive assets for companies across the world."

**Chloe Elice Deranek** accepted her dream position as an intensive care unit registered nurse at Memorial Hospital in South Bend. Congratulations, Chloe. What an amazing way to give back!

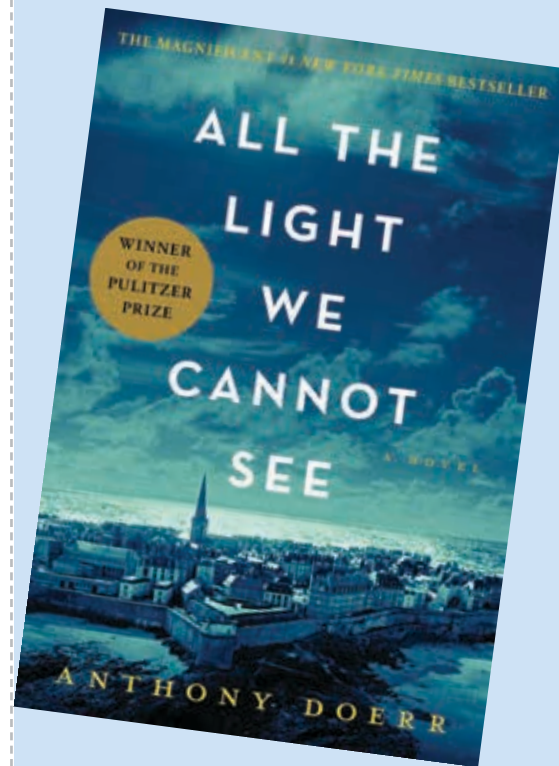
**Sarah DuBois McMahon** got married to Kevin McMahon at the St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend on June 27, 2015. **McKenna Leigh Schuster**, **Christie Daley Hutch**, **Clare Maureen Maher '14**, **Megan Elizabeth Harr '14**, and **Liz Concepcion '14** were all in attendance. Congratulations, Sarah and Kevin!

**Nicole Elizabeth Weaver** is halfway through the NAPA Auto Parts executive management trainee program and living in downtown Chicago. She is in the process of planning a trip to Ireland to visit friends from study abroad. We can't wait to see photos from your trip Nicole!

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



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**Kathleen Menzie Lesko '64** recently published her book, *Black Georgetown Remembered: A History of Its Black Community from the Founding of "The Town of George" in 1751 to the Present Day*, 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition.

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**Kathleen Flynn Fox '74** received the Joanne Halstead Outstanding Volunteer Award. This award was established to recognize "a hands-on volunteer who exemplifies the mission of the Christ Child Society of Naples to serve underprivileged children and furthers general membership participation in the organization." As a dedicated volunteer for more than 35 years, Fox has worked directly with children's advocacy programs promoting literacy and assisting those in poverty.

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**Mary Lu Bilek '77** was recently appointed as the new dean of the City University of New York School of Law. She has served as dean of University of Massachusetts School of Law since 2012 and is credited with establishing an innovative practice-based curriculum, as well as building a record of community engagement.

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**Karen Peeler Moynahan '79** presented the commencement addresses at the Watkins College of Art, Design, and Film in Nashville, TN in May 2015 and at James Madison University College of Visual and Performing Arts in May 2016. She is executive director of the National Association of Schools of Art and Design.

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**Karen Hobert Flynn '84** is the new president of Common Cause, the nation's original and largest non-partisan, good government watchdog.

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**Carmella Trafficanda Hurlbut '86** was honored with the Blessed William Joseph Chaminade Award, presented each year to a faculty member at Chaminade High School (West Hills, CA) who embodies family spirit, works for service, justice, and peace, provides integral education, assists in the formation of students' faith, and is able to adapt and change.

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**Katherine Graham Lane '92**, senior director of donor engagement, development-stewardship, at the University of Notre Dame received The Presidential Leadership Award on May 16, for her outstanding servant leadership on campus.

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**Maryann Schwoyer Page '98** was selected as the faculty recipient of the 2016 Onondaga Community College Trustee Award. The award is bestowed annually upon select faculty, administrators, staff and students in recognition of extraordinary service and remarkable contribution to the college's mission and strategic goals.

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**Megan Ryan '09** received the Father Tom O'Connor Light of Christ Award from St. Mary Mother of God Parish and the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. The award, which honors the legacy of the late Rev. Tom O'Connor, was created to inspire "a new generation of Father Toms". She is a special education teacher at Bishop Luers High School in Fort Wayne, IN.

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**Christina "Nina" Midgley '11** was recently named as one of Pittsburgh's "13 under 30". As the owner of My Favorite Sweet Shoppe in Bridgeton, PA, she is enthusiastic about networking with fellow female entrepreneurs. She also served on the planning committee for the Autism Speaks Chef's Gala, an event that raised more than \$80,000 for autism research.

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**Bethany Emenhiser '13**, winner of the 2015 National Council for Preservation Education, NCPE, student paper competition, was invited to present her paper "Hidden Communities" at the National Trust's PastForward Conference held in Washington, DC. Her paper is an abridged version of her master's thesis from the Savannah College of Art and Design.

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**Kylie Jungles '16** was named a 2016-2017 Freemont Scholar by the James M. and Erma T. Freemont Foundation, a nonprofit organization that provides scholarships to deserving students who are planning careers in the healthcare and science professions. She will enter the Southern Illinois University School of Medicine in the fall.

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**Meghan Flanagan '16** was awarded a Fulbright US Student Program scholarship to Germany to serve as an English teaching assistant and cultural ambassador for the US. Her adventure begins in September and ends in June 2017.

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**Lauren Hlavin '16** and **Lauren Jamieson '16** were awarded Governor Bob Orr Entrepreneurial Fellowships. Fellows work for Indianapolis-based host companies, receive executive-level mentorship, and build professional networks. Hlavin is working with Digby Home Automation, LLC and Jamieson is working for CloudOne.

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## PHILOSOPHY PROFESSOR BECOMES ALUMNA

By Patricia Sayre '16

Almost every semester for the well-nigh 30 years that I have taught philosophy at Saint Mary's College, I have either audited or taken a course in some department other than my own. Sometimes the course had some bearing on my philosophical work, but often it was simply just that it struck my fancy. When I began taking courses in the art department, however, a more complex set of motivations came into play. One was a long-standing conviction that Plato was right: Training in the arts is both the foundation for and culmination of any meaningful intellectual journey. It would thus be no bad thing, I thought, to someday pick up the threads of the modest artistic accomplishments of my youth and see where they might lead.

There were two key prompts for beginning the study of art just when I did. One was the ugliness of the Iraq war, and the other, the arrival on the local scene of a pair of Bolshoi-trained artists who took over my son's ballet training. The beauty these two artists created prompted me to wonder if we might not, in times such as these, have an actual obligation to engage in artistic creation as a counterweight, however miniscule, to the immense forces of destruction at work in our world. And so I took the plunge and signed up for a drawing class.

One course led to another, and now, 12 years down the road, I am a newly minted alumna of Saint Mary's College, having earned a bachelor of fine arts, BFA, in May.

I owe an enormous debt of gratitude to several generations of art majors who have lavished me with kindness, impressed me mightily with their professionalism, and both inspired and intimidated me with their talent and creativity. Plato is quite clear, however, that companionship for the journey, while necessary, is not sufficient — one also must put oneself under the tutelage of trustworthy guides, and here too I have been exceedingly fortunate. Teaching too is an art, and I have learned as much about that art from my guides as I have about drawing, painting, or printmaking. It seemed only fitting to end my student career with a senior show that presented double portraits — one figurative and one metaphorical — of members of the art faculty. While I am all too aware of the many little ways these pieces could be improved, I am satisfied with their intent. For whatever else they are, they are works of love. As such they take their place alongside the innumerable other works of love that have made this college a source of so much joy for so many of us.

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# On the Horizon . . . A New Angela!



Ground was broken in the spring for the Angela Athletic & Wellness Complex. The \$25-plus million project calls for doubling the size of the current building to support the needs of students and student-athletes.

The renovation and expansion of Angela is thanks to many donors, including **Mary Lee Sheftic '58** (*left*). Her recently announced bequest of more than \$6 million will provide resources for the Angela project and endow a scholarship in her name.



Participating in the April groundbreaking included (from left) Mary L. Burke '85, Sarah Belanger Earley '71, President Carol Ann Mooney '72, Beth Culligan '72, and Kathleen Conley Taidet '85.



Conceptual artist rendering