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*Where
Community
Begins*





UPON REFLECTION

If a single word could define the Saint Mary's experience, community perhaps comes the closest to capturing what it means to be a Belle. We celebrate and care for one another, we cheer and console, we share in successes and struggles, because we are not a collection of individuals who happen to be passing over the same patch of earth. We are in this together. We are a community.

This issue of *Courier* celebrates that essential aspect of the Saint Mary's character. You'll see in these pages the ways we support one another, on campus and beyond, a spirit as old as the College itself, but constantly renewed as each new generation discovers its own ways to strengthen their bonds.

I have seen our community spirit reflected in countless ways. One of the most inspiring happened on April 13, when Saint Mary's held its all-day symposium for research and creative scholarship, a showcase of outstanding student work. It was so important to celebrate the accomplishments of our young women that classes were canceled for the day to allow everyone on campus the opportunity to fully participate.

Not only did the event itself bring our campus community together in recognition of all our students and faculty have achieved, the breadth and depth of the work itself symbolized the collaboration and selfless dedication that occurs every day at Saint Mary's. Faculty and students working together on high-level research and cutting-edge creative projects, offering their talents in interdisciplinary partnerships that serve the greater good...that is the essence of a thriving academic community.

Of course here, community also means much more than academics. We care for the whole person — mind, body, and spirit. Our commitment to the holistic approach of building community is embodied in the newly renovated Angela Athletic & Wellness Complex. It's spectacular, and you can read about it in these pages as well, but I'm especially proud of the fact that it stands as a brick-and-mortar testament to what community means at Saint Mary's.

The new Angela is a product of the work and generosity of alumnae and administrators whose connection to the College spans decades — and whose greatest reward for their efforts in making the facility possible will be knowing that students today and in decades to come will benefit from it.

That's another characteristic of the Saint Mary's community: no matter how many years pass or how far from campus you go, you remain a part of it. Across time and distance, community is an essential part of us.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janice A. Cervelli".

Janice A. Cervelli, FASLA, FCELA
President

Pictured left:

Emily Lenahan '18 explains her research on fashion ethics to Susan Vanek, associate dean for advising and director of first year studies, at the Saint Mary's Symposium.



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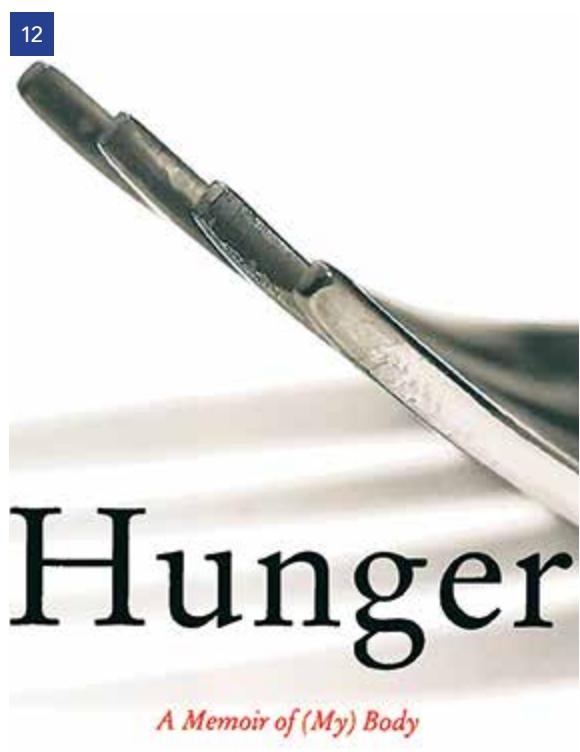
Founded in 1844 by the Sisters of the Holy Cross, Saint Mary's College is rooted in its mission to prepare women to make a difference in the world. A pioneer in the education of women, Saint Mary's is a four-year, Catholic, residential, liberal arts college in Notre Dame, Ind. The College is an academic community offering bachelor's degrees in more than 30 major areas of study, including business, nursing, education, biology, social work, and English. Saint Mary's also offers co-educational master's degrees in data science, speech language pathology, and autism studies, and a Doctorate of Nursing Practice.

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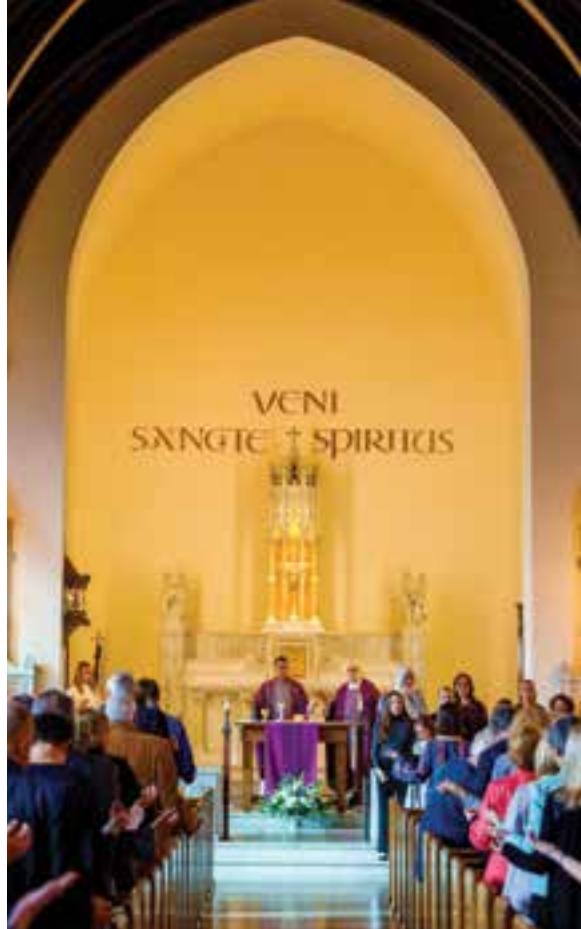


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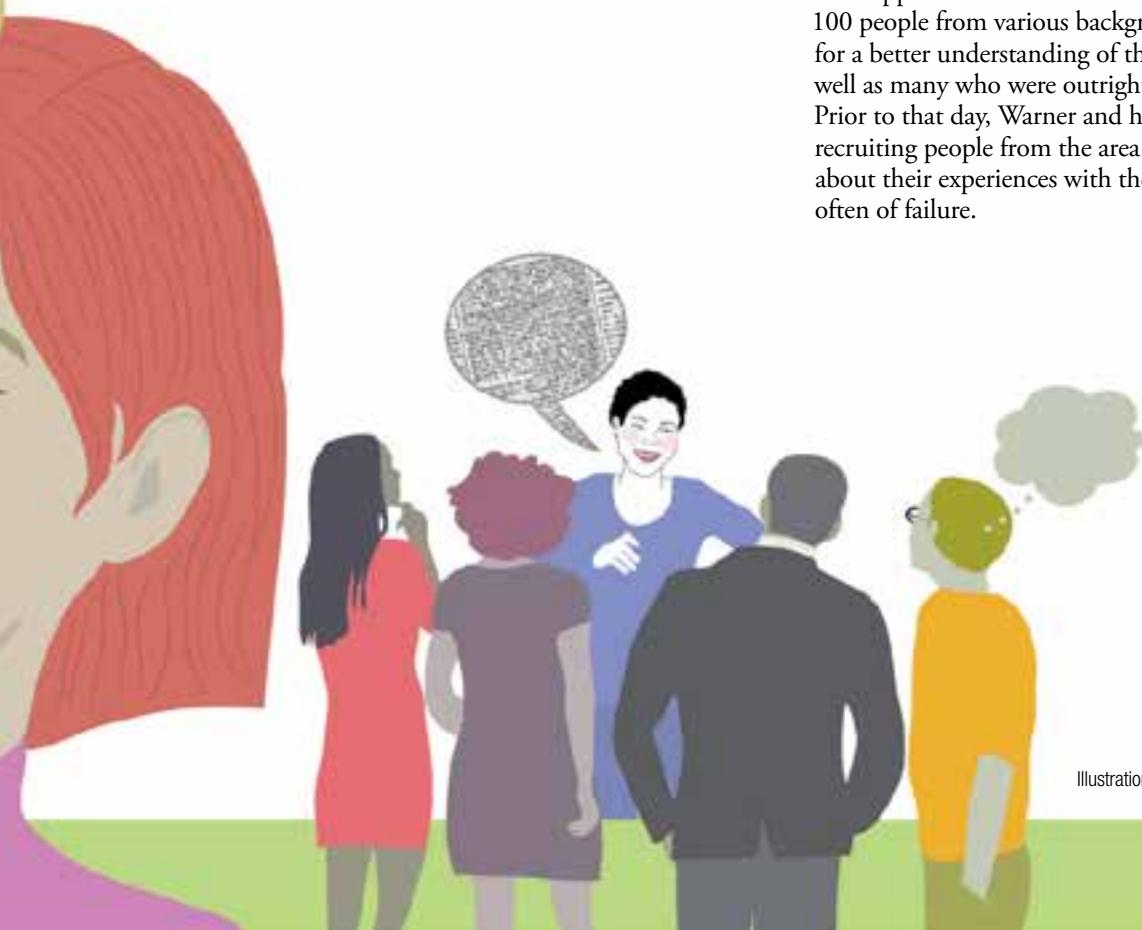


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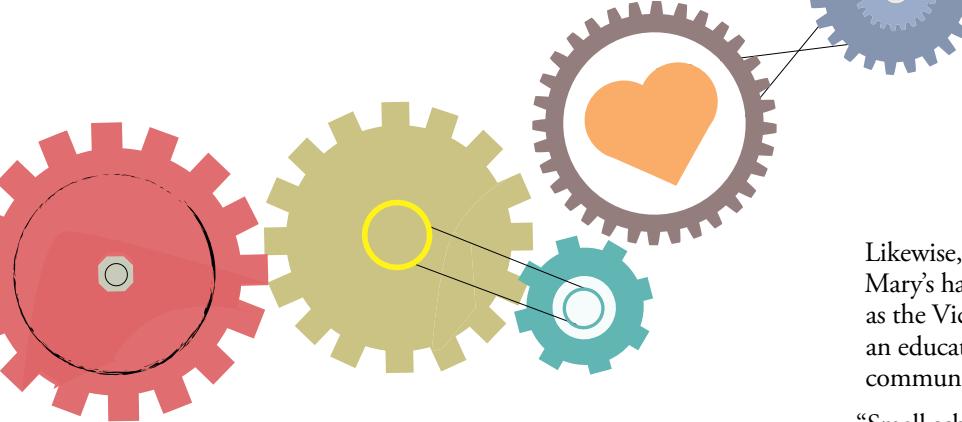
By Haleigh Ehmsen '16

It was August 2009 and the debates about health care reform were heating up. As with most political debates, there was a lot of misinformation circulating about what health care reform would mean for people, what it would look like in their daily lives or if they should receive a troubling diagnosis. There was fear.

For **Jennifer Warner '98**, that summer was one of the most difficult times as a community organizer. She served as the National Organizing Director for Organizing for America, a nonpartisan political organization focused on building up communities and equipping citizens with the tools to lead. And on a hot summer day in Michigan, Warner and her colleagues held an event in an area where many people were opposed to health care reform. The crowd was nearly 100 people from various backgrounds, who were looking for a better understanding of the proposed revisions, as well as many who were outright hostile to any changes. Prior to that day, Warner and her team were responsible for recruiting people from the area who could share their story about their experiences with the current health care system, often of failure.



Illustrations by Andrea Eberbach



“What we needed people to realize was that we could come together and actually listen to each other and share our concerns, everyone could recognize that at the heart of it all, we just wanted to make sure that if we got sick, we could afford to take care of our family and ourselves, and do so without going bankrupt,” Warner said.

Warner recalls that summer as one of the most stressful times in her career because at nearly every event held, they faced, not just opposition, but anger. People yelled horrible things and spat at them. It felt dangerous.

“But, through it all, if we could get people to step back and listen to each other, we found that we had a lot more in common than we might think,” Warner remembered. “And that this didn’t have to be an either/or fix, but we could recognize that it was a complicated problem, and it would take all of us listening to each other to find a solution.”

This is the work of community organizing. And since our founding, Saint Mary’s women have sought to make a difference in their communities with their passions and talents. They are leaders and organizers, passionate about social justice, service, and community, while rooted in faith — the core values of the College. Part of what it means to be sponsored and inspired by the Sisters of the Holy Cross is that Saint Mary’s women respond to the needs of the times, and thus, listening to each other is crucial.

Warner and **Christin Kloski ’15**, and the women who have come before and after them, live out the core values of Saint Mary’s every day in their communities.

On the west side of South Bend, a neighborhood primarily of immigrants, Kloski has found her passion for community organizing. A native of the city, she developed her passion for justice during her time at Saint Mary’s.

Through her service in local schools and nonprofits around South Bend, Kloski started to become more aware of the hardships of locals and understand how to work with them, not for them.

“I was able to interact and hear new stories or solutions on how to solve problems, rather than assuming I knew how to fix them,” Kloski said. “Saint Mary’s provided me with the tools to navigate my community and taught me that my hometown was one of the most important resources with a wealth of knowledge. I could learn more in the community than staying on campus, secluded in my books.”

Likewise, Warner recognizes the role her education at Saint Mary’s has played in developing her leadership skills. Now as the Vice President for Organizing at Stand for Children, an education advocacy group, she knows her calling as a community organizer is incredibly important.

“Small schools allow you to develop your leadership skills, and at Saint Mary’s I gained confidence as a leader. In organizing you’ve got to be that person to take initiative and make it happen,” Warner said.

For Kloski, the decision to stay in her hometown has been an important one, influenced by her four years as a Belle. “Community involvement throughout my years at Saint Mary’s paved the path for me to cherish my hometown in a new light,” she explained.

Service and advocacy continue to be defined differently as understanding and perspectives shift on how we can help and empower others. Today on campus we talk about helping, fixing, and serving and how these three terms mean different things when thinking about volunteer work. Warner shared the difference is between serving and justice. The work of community organizing is to seek justice for all members of the community, so at times, service such as meals or housing needs to be provided, but organizing doesn’t stop there.

There is no end goal, no finish line, when it comes to community organizing. It is ongoing as policies shift and needs change. Warner said, “In a representative democracy, it’s not OK to sit back; it requires that we have an active citizenship.

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”

— Margaret Mead

“We’re in a moment where more people are realizing they may not have been as engaged and so organizing can feel new, but it’s been happening for a long time,” she said. “And so it’s the role of organizers to equip, train, and provide access to those newly awakened.”

At Saint Mary’s, these women and many others have developed the foundation to make a difference, to organize with an impact.



When reflecting on what it means to be a Belle, Kloski mused, “You realize you’re of great importance, just in who you are, then you imagine your potential in this world, and somehow you’re no longer afraid.” **C**

Dedicating More Than a Building

RENEWING A COMMITMENT TO MIND, BODY, AND SPIRIT

By Haleigh Ehmsen '16



Walking into the new Angela Athletic & Wellness Complex, you are welcomed into the bright, open floor plan. No matter the weather outside, the spacious feeling of the facility energizes all who step inside for an athletic event, a fitness class, a bite to eat in the café, or studying in the lounge spaces.

This March, Saint Mary's students, faculty, staff, alumnae, donors, parents, and friends came together to dedicate the newly renovated facility. Guests warmed by the fireplaces, greeted each other with hugs, and were led by student-athletes to explore the new Angela.

As tours wrapped up, guests gathered on the lower level in the Carol Ann Mooney Fieldhouse. Set for the dedication with stage and seating, this brand new multi-purpose area is named in honor of the College's 11th president, **Carol Ann Mooney '72**.

The dedication ceremony opened with a scripture reading, intercessions, and the blessing of the building. It was followed by remarks from **Susan Fitzgerald Rice '61**, one of three chairs of *Faith Always, Action Now* campaign, and **Carmela LaGambina-Lockwitz '18**, student trustee.

"When I was a student during the presidency of Sister Madeleva, we were taught about the importance of education of the whole woman," Rice said. "Today, the concept of the whole woman recognizes that good health stimulates a good intellectual, spiritual life that is demonstrated at Saint Mary's College."

The expanded facility serves an important purpose in allowing for the education of the whole woman.



< Carol Ann Mooney, her husband George Efta and their twin daughters Valeria Efta Lobaugh and Caitlin Efta Riley with Caitlin's children Prescott and Georgina Riley pose in the new Carol Ann Mooney Fieldhouse.

▽ Students and staff line the indoor track to view Friday's Dedication ceremony from above.



The desire to thank the donors and celebrate the space with the community and prospective students required a multiple day event. The next day, the College hosted “Living Well: Body, Mind, and Spirit Wellness Day” featuring workshops led by alumnae and fitness classes for guests.

The keynote panel, titled “Striking the Right Balance — Keys for Powerful Living,” featured three alumnae: **Kimberlyn Martin Troy '00**, physical education instructor and co-owner of Tu Sei Bella Fitness Studio; **Liz Palmer '13**, residence hall director and assistant lacrosse coach; and **M.J. Murray Vachon '82**, LCSW, CMFT, and creator of Inner Challenge.

The panel was moderated by President Jan Cervelli, who grounded the audience in both the purpose of the event and also the purpose of the College, to stretch, grow, and teach our students to find balance. “No one arrives to this college or the real world fully formed,” she said.

Angela Athletic & Wellness Complex has become a place of formation. Dedicating the new facility was celebratory and engaging, renewing the College’s commitment to the mind, body, and spirit of each member of the campus community. **C**



The ORIGINAL Angela

By Kathe Brunton

She was a leader, a woman who created community in schools and hospitals, out of nothing.

Born into wealth in the nineteenth century, Eliza Maria Gillespie could have gained influence through a well-connected marriage. Instead, she felt the call to religious life.

Over the course of three decades, as superior of the young Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Cross, she altered the landscape for education and health care in the United States, striving always to improve the lives of women and girls. Eliza Maria Gillespie, whom we know as Mother Angela, is the namesake of our Angela Athletic & Wellness Complex.

Mother Angela believed strongly in the value of education for women. She directed the early growth of Saint Mary's College by expanding the curriculum to include courses ranging from advanced mathematics to modern foreign languages to music. Mother Angela also sent sisters out to teach in parochial schools in Chicago, and she established St. Angela's Academy in Morris, Illinois, where hundreds of young women were educated over the school's 100-year history. Mother Angela influenced innumerable students by compiling a series of readers and spellers for elementary through college-level grades.

In 1861, Mother Angela's focus shifted when the Civil War came to her doorstep in the form of a message from Indiana Governor Oliver P. Morton, requesting sisters to serve as nurses. The next day, Mother Angela led the first troop of sisters, and subsequent others, to hospitals in southern Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee, and elsewhere. Sometimes, the “hospitals” were merely old warehouses that the sisters had to convert and make sanitary. Mother Angela could be found scrubbing floors, assisting in surgery, and advocating for better conditions for the wounded and dying. She wrote to friends, strangers, officers, and politicians, sometimes traveling all the way to Washington, DC, to get what the soldiers desperately needed.

And she often succeeded. General Ulysses S. Grant himself praised her for her “rare charm of manner, unusual ability, and exceptional executive talents.”

A sister who worked alongside her was amazed at Mother Angela's ability to “inspire others to do what ordinarily... is impossible. Her faith and courage never recognized limitations.”

One hundred and thirty years after her death, we honor Mother Angela for leading Saint Mary's College — and the world in which she lived — to greater heights. Her memory, and her name, will live on.

Tour New Angela

If you haven't yet visited the new facility, take this tour with us now as we walk you through Angela Athletic & Wellness Complex.



Start here...

Your tour begins at a student-worker desk in the center of the facility, overlooking the lower-level performance court which has been updated with new maple hardwood flooring, scoreboards, and sound system. Multiple lounge spaces are a popular feature, allowing students to study, gather, and socialize and further emphasize our holistic approach to health.

Grab a bite

Adjacent to the student-worker desk near the south entrance is the newly opened Murphy's Café. With its healthy, made-to-order menu and a tasty variety of fruit smoothies, the cafe is a popular place for a post-workout snack, grabbing coffee with friends, or simply enjoying a meal. Visitors can dine in or sit outside on the patio and will appreciate that all plateware is made from biodegradable bamboo.



Be well

Across from the cafe is the Mary Lee Sheftic '58 Health and Counseling Center. Providing important health services to students, the space contains the Belles Against Violence Office (BAVO), three counseling offices, three exam rooms, an in-house lab, and a conference room.



Join a class

Continuing around the upper level, the west end of the facility features three group exercise rooms: a spin room and two multi-purpose fitness studios. The spin room features a patio that overlooks the tennis courts, so on a sunny afternoon, the class can roll their bikes outdoors. Many other classes take place in the studios including dance, yoga, pilates, barre, TRX, CPR, and even some academic classes like Argumentation and Jane Austen Dance.

Go Belles

Around the corner from the fitness studios is the athletic training suite, which includes offices for our athletic trainers, a wet room with three therapeutic whirlpools, and a rehab space with treatment tables, taping benches, and ample room to work with our student-athletes. The space connects to the Sarah and Tony Earley Athletic Suite, which houses all head coaches and athletic administrative staff. This leads us back out to the north entrance which features a Hall of Fame wall and another desk for student, faculty, and staff to check in by swiping their IDs to workout.



Get fit

A total-body workout can be achieved in our strength and cardio areas. New treadmills, ellipticals, rowers, and other cardio equipment allow users to increase stamina and strengthen their hearts. Lined with mirrors to monitor proper lifting form, the strength area includes kettlebells, medicine balls, free weights, and a rig unit to help tone and build muscle.



Stay active

Heading east, the elevated 1/9th mile, three-lane indoor track is surrounded by large windows letting in natural light where walkers and runners can enjoy scenic campus views. The open center circles the Carol Ann Mooney Fieldhouse below. This multi-purpose space is designed to accommodate a variety of sports, including basketball, tennis, and volleyball and also hosts intramural and club sporting events, and varsity team practices.

Take a swing

The lower level is made complete by a mobile batting cage for the softball team and the golf room, where golfers can practice their short game skills on a six-hole undulating putting green or work on their full swing at our indoor hitting bays. These new additions help to keep our golf and softball teams well-trained all year.



FOCUSED ON SUSTAINABILITY

During renovation and ongoing operation:

- Used the infrastructure that existed
- Recycled more than 70% of the demolished materials
- Installed energy saving occupancy sensors
- Utilizing biodegradable packaging at Murphy's Café

Writing with Empathy: An Evening with Roxane Gay

By Gina Twardosz '20

Reading a book is an intimate affair. You find the coziest chair next to the most ambient of lighting and prepare to dive into the world of the book. It's as if the author is your friend, writing just for your eyes. If only they could come alive and sit with you, read it to you, and discuss it with you. And for many members of the community, that's what happened when Roxane Gay delivered the Ann Plumondon Lecture in February.

Roxane Gay was rather stoic with a casual candor and a soothing voice. She was a commanding presence, seated in her cushioned armchair situated centerstage in O'Laughlin Auditorium. The author was all this and somehow still approachable. She appeared to be at ease with herself, but most of her writing declares differently, as she openly and honestly shares her emotional turmoil with readers.

A *New York Times* bestselling author, Gay's most recent work *Hunger: A Memoir of (My) Body*, explores what it means to be overweight in a time when the bigger you are, the less you are seen. At a time when women are speaking up about injustice and sexual violence, she adds a powerful voice to the conversation.

"In both 'Bad Feminist' and 'Hunger' I write, don't look up to me," Gay said on the night of February 7. "I try to say upfront that I'm a flawed person and you really shouldn't look up to me because we're all equals, and we should work from a place of equity rather than being on a pedestal."



But many, like myself, do look up to Roxane Gay. She has a bold wisdom that I find both comforting and encouraging. Through her books, she never told me who to be, but guided me toward my own epiphany. I am a feminist and sometimes I am met with stiff opposition, even from those who also identify as feminists but are not privy to intersectionality. Gay understands these troubles.

"It's easy to say 'I'm not a feminist' because you want to be liked, you want to be part of the world, and you want to be accepted," Gay recognized. "It's challenging. The older I get, the more confident I get in just being myself and I feel great now."

Gay's work is deeply personal and sometimes excruciatingly detailed, yet those in the packed auditorium were rapt to hear more. "It's been very healing for me," she said about her 2017 memoir *Hunger*. "I don't write to heal, but that is a pleasant side effect."

Gay never thought she would write *Hunger* the way she did, as "fatness" was not something she felt comfortable discussing with her devoted following of readers. But she took her reluctance as a sign that it was something she must do. As Gay told a select group of students at a Q&A session earlier that day, the need for her to write is apparent: "I write nonfiction because I have a burning need to say something."

At that Q&A session, Gay sat centerstage, engaging the students with her wisdom and wit. She sat on a hot pink chaise lounge — a seat undeniably suited for her vivacious personality. One by one, students stood before her and recited their questions from a thin strip of paper so as to not forget it under the gaze of such greatness. She, of course, was humored by all of this.

I decided to ask my question about whether there is anything authors should not write about. Some authors feel very strongly about this — they feel one should not write outside their race, gender, or religion, even in fiction. But, Gay thought for a moment and then responded assuredly.

"You can write anything as long as it's written with empathy and from a place of compassion," she said.

She addressed this concept later in her conversation with those in O'Laughlin Auditorium.



“I try to say upfront that I’m a flawed person and you really shouldn’t look up to me because we’re all equals, and we should work from a place of equity rather than being on a pedestal.”

“I think it’s important to decide early on in your writing career what your boundaries are, what you will and will not write about, because there’s something about this current moment and historical moments where women are asked to cannibalize themselves and to share their deepest, darkest secrets, as if that’s how they matter,” she said. “I refuse to believe that, and I reject that.”

The conversation with Roxane Gay also featured a bit of audience interaction. Gay does not shy away from confrontation, neither in her books nor in real life. She addressed the crowd of Saint Mary’s students, faculty, and staff the same way she began her evening, candidly.

“Frankly, what is going on here? Where are the black people?”

Amid the eruption of cheers and applause, Gay grinned and continued to engage with the crowd and offer advice as both a black woman and an educator.

“I will say this anywhere I go where I see this type of disparity,” she said. “I think you [colleges] have to do a lot of things. You have to do active recruitment, but more importantly, you have to do

active retention. One of the things that looks like is, where do the black people here get their hair done? You should be bringing in a beautician from Chicago once a week or twice a month to do their hair. It’s a small thing, but it’s also a big thing.”

Gay’s sense of humor, even when talking about the most difficult, politically charged, or emotional topics is purposeful and intended, and an effortless undercurrent in her novels. It is one of my favorite things about her work. “My humor is a conscious effort,” she said at the Q&A for students, “Humor goes a long way. It’s accessible and we can all find common ground with humor.”

At the end of the evening, many wished for more time with Gay, but were happy to have engaged with her in this way for so long. She parted with her personal wisdom for the audience.

“I think the best thing feminists can do today is to just live their lives, however they are,” she said. “I think that we are each living examples of what feminism is, and it’s important to recognize that there is no one definition or one person [who] looks like a feminist.” **C**

Fostering a Sense of Community

By Sarah Miesle '07

Since its completion in January, Angela Athletic & Wellness Complex has been abuzz with activity. Doubled in size, the renovated space has become aspirational, encouraging the entire campus community to spend time there. The former interior painted in primary colors is now replaced with an airy, modern palette. The space fosters the heart of Holy Cross education — integrated, holistic, balanced.

A social hub

With Murphy's Café and a half-dozen lounge areas featuring a variety of furniture options, students, faculty, and staff have found a home for meetings, group collaboration, and quiet study. Tables and chairs near Murphy's are frequently occupied by students with laptops, textbooks, and notebooks while chairs located in close proximity to floor outlets have become a well-sought commodity.

"I love the new study areas at Angela," said **Nora Napleton '19**. "I am definitely here a lot! I think what is really attractive about the new Angela to me is how bright and sleek it is. I love the huge windows and all the natural sunlight. The light helps me focus and feel more awake when doing work. The building has everything — I don't have to go from building to building to park my car, exercise, work, get a meal, and [study]. I like to be efficient with my time and this makes it easy to accomplish a lot of things all in one space!"

Enhancing the academic experience

Professor Terri Russ has taught two classes in Angela, including Argumentation, where students sit on yoga mats while working through content. The class is taught in such a way that the traditional approach to argumentation is disrupted. Russ and her students embrace a sense of vulnerability sitting in their socks on the floor as the group works through the topics of the class through conversation and collaboration.

"Instead of me being the voice of authority on high, students feel comfortable embracing their vulnerability of not knowing or engaging in tough conversations, knowing that while I might have studied this material more than they have, I too am in a place of vulnerability with them," said Russ.

Russ, along with other faculty members, now offers office hours to students in one of the building's many lounge spaces, and she notes an increase in the number of students stopping in to meet with her. "I think the space combined with the classroom approach has helped to break down some of the traditional barriers created by the traditional power dynamic of teacher/student relationships. I want others to see that we are blessed not only to have this space, but to have it available for us to do more than maintain physical wellness. My hope is that we can continue to use this space to help foster a greater sense of community."

A welcoming approach to whole health

Angela Athletic & Wellness Complex has become a central space for personal health. The Mary Lee Sheftic '58 Health and Counseling Center located on the south side of the building houses the College's counselors and nurses, as well as the Belles Against Violence Office.

Additionally, there has been a marked increase in the facility usage for fitness and exercise as the space to exercise has expanded to include a dedicated spin room, multi-purpose fitness studios, a new fieldhouse, and a full suite of fitness equipment. A new student-led yoga club is thriving, and the new student-led spin club has been a big hit in its first semester. The Department of Athletics has expanded fitness and exercise classes to include offerings specifically for faculty and staff members of the community.





Mandy Gair, administrative assistant in the Department of Mathematics, is one of many faculty and staff members who have embraced the opportunities created to focus on her health.

"When I saw the email invitation for the personal fitness classes for faculty and staff, I just knew that was what I wanted and needed to do to get started," she said. "Before I knew what happened, I was coming three times a week to work out and even some days in between just to walk the track. I wouldn't yet call myself an 'avid' exerciser, but I'm getting there! I think almost anyone can enjoy finding a friend to walk around the track and chat with. That's how I begin and end many of my workouts, and I really look forward to that time to just catch up and socialize while also moving my body."

From a social center and educational hub to a space to improve mental and physical health, Angela Athletic & Wellness Complex has something to offer everyone.

The gift-driven renovation has done much more than just expand a building. Now it's used by more of the campus and in ways that never could have been achieved before. In line with the mission of the Sisters of the Holy Cross and of the College, the space is building community each day. **C**

Angela usage per week

BEFORE
900-1000

AFTER
1450-1700



Building Bridges across *Religions*

By Susan Kratzer '18

Religious differences have a long history of sparking controversy and discord, but the students, faculty, and staff at Saint Mary's have found a way to strengthen community ties through religious conversations.

In February, the Interfaith Youth Core (IFYC), a national non-profit organization based out of Chicago that holds interfaith events at US colleges and universities, in collaboration with the religious studies department, held a weekend retreat on campus.

Students and professors from Saint Mary's attended along with neighboring universities including Notre Dame, Bethel, and IU South Bend. The goal was to foster dialogue between people of differing faiths with hopes to create an interreligious community, ultimately helping people come together over their similarities and better understand their differences.

The weekend began with an optional bus tour around South Bend to different sacred sites including the Islamic Society of Michiana, the Sinai Synagogue, and the Hindu Temple of Central Indiana. Later, the participants communed back at Saint Mary's where they discussed how to approach interfaith dialogue as well as what inspired them to learn more.

"The goal was not to convert anyone or to water religion down to where we ignore disagreements, but to come together over the things we have in common and eventually be able to talk about our differences with the foundation of a community," said **Sophia McDevitt '20**, who helped organize the event.

"The goal was not to convert anyone or to water religion down to where we ignore disagreements, but to come together over the things we have in common.

— Sophia McDevitt '20

The weekend also included a panel of local religious leaders including an Evangelical preacher, a Buddhist nun, representatives from the women's interfaith group in South Bend, and others. The conference ended with an interfaith service in which different religions were represented through song.

"It was awesome to see college students who wanted to engage and discuss these issues and understand people with different views than themselves, and be able to have this discussion at Saint Mary's," McDevitt noted.

The weekend retreat sparked much interest among students and will continue the work started by the IFYC through the new interfaith club, Better Together. In April, the club celebrated National Better Together Day — a day of action headed by the IFYC to work toward interfaith peacebuilding. The club hosted the speaker Catherine Cornille, professor of religion at Boston College, who spoke about women and interfaith dialogue, as well as a student panel.

Iman Omar '19 who attended the interfaith conference and is one of the students working to organize Better Together, is glad the club has been started at Saint Mary's.

"I think it is immensely important for Saint Mary's to have an interfaith club to not only encourage different worldviews but to also allow all students to have a space where they can feel valued and heard and included." **C**





William A. Hickey

William A. Hickey, president of Saint Mary's College from 1986 to 1997, died on November 28 at the age of 81.

"Saint Mary's wouldn't be the strong institution it is today without the leadership of Dr. Hickey," President Jan Cervelli said. "He helped strengthen ties with the Sisters of the Holy Cross, reaffirming the College's founding mission, and extended it to new generations of students through increases in financial aid and a commitment to ensuring the highest academic standards."

A native of Pennsylvania, Hickey received a master's degree and PhD from the University of Notre Dame. As a biology professor and nationally recognized insect geneticist, Hickey spent nearly 40 years at Saint Mary's. He also served as academic vice president and dean of faculty before becoming president.

Hickey led major changes to the governance of the College, placing all decision making within a single Board of Trustees. Under his leadership, the College endowed scholarships for an increasingly diverse student body, expanded opportunities for international study, and provided opportunities for faculty to travel and conduct research.

Professor of Chemistry Dorothy Feigl — his friend and long-time colleague — believes that Hickey most treasured the student-teacher connection and considered it the heart and soul of the College. "Long after students are gone, they'll often look back and cherish the relationships they had with their professors. Hickey knew that and always valued the faculty regardless of the role he held."

Hickey is survived by his wife, Barbara, and children William Jr., Timothy, Sandra '89, and Kristina. He was preceded in death by his daughter Susan.

"Saint Mary's wouldn't be the strong institution it is today without the leadership of Dr. Hickey."

—President Jan Cervelli

SISTER MARY KATHLEEN DOLPHIN (formerly Sister Mary Augustine), PBVM, passed away on November 16 at the age of 76.



Sister Kathleen entered the Sisters of the Presentation in September 1959 and professed her perpetual vows on August 22, 1967.

Her ministries, spanning 54 years, took her to several Iowa cities, where she taught and worked in campus ministry and spiritual direction. She served as Vocation Director and in Congregational leadership and was a professor of pastoral theology at Loyola University, Chicago. From 2001 to 2013, Sister Kathleen served as the Director of the Center for Spirituality at Saint Mary's College. She celebrated her 50th Jubilee in 2009 and retired to her order's motherhouse in Iowa in 2013.

MARY MCGAHEY DWAN '58 passed away on February 4. She was a former member of the College's Board of Regents and the Madeleva Society Steering Committee, a recipient of the President's Medal, and, along with her late husband Ralph H. Dwan Jr., a long-time donor to the College and the Sisters of the Holy Cross.

A former member of the Sisters of the Holy Cross, Dwan and her husband were extremely generous in meeting the needs of others. They used their wealth to empower others, while living simply and humbly themselves. Dwan is survived by a sister-in-law, two brothers-in-law, and many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

CLAYTON HENDERSON, musician and longtime Saint Mary's College professor, passed away on January 7. Henderson taught at Saint Mary's from 1980 until his retirement in 2005. He was chair of the Department of Music (1980–89) and the Department of Communication, Dance, and Theatre (1983–89), and served as the College's representative to the National Association of Schools of Music. During his tenure, he developed many new courses, particularly for the non-music major.

An outstanding jazz and popular music pianist, Henderson presented annual recitals on campus, which drew large and enthusiastic audiences from the greater South Bend community. Henderson is survived by his wife and five children, 15 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.



H. JAMES (JIM) PARADIS, artist and longtime professor at Saint Mary's, died on December 21 at the age of 93. Professor Paradis' teaching career at Saint Mary's spanned nearly 30 years. He served as chair of the Department of Art for 15 years, where he provided instruction primarily in ceramics and sculpture. During his tenure at Saint Mary's, he also participated in six of the

College's summer semester abroad programs and spent one year in Italy as part of the initial Notre Dame and Saint Mary's sophomore year in Rome.

While teaching, Paradis created and exhibited his own art, primarily ceramics and abstract expressionist paintings. He retired, professor *emeritus*, in the early 1990s. He leaves behind his wife of 56 years, Adine, six children, and seven grandchildren.

CYRIAC PULLAPILLY passed away on December 17. A renowned theologian and historian, he taught a wide range of classes in the Department of History at Saint Mary's College for 37 years.

In 1983, Pullapilly founded the Semester Around the World Program, through which University of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College students traveled the world and studied in India. From 1998 up until his retirement in 2007, he was chair of the history department. In 2007, Pullapilly received the Spes Unica Award and the following year advanced to the rank of professor *emeritus*.

Pullapilly and his wife, **Elizabeth '73**, opened and operated The Malabar, an Indian restaurant in South Bend, for many years. He is survived by his wife, two daughters, one son, and four grandchildren.

MARY ANN HEATON SPITTERS '49 passed away on February 13 at the age of 91. Born in Lansing, Michigan, Spitters graduated from Saint Mary's College with a bachelor's degree in dietetics and nutrition. She spent the majority of her career working for the State of California Department of Public Health in Berkeley and San Francisco. Spurred by a love for her alma mater and a firm belief in the value of literacy and education, Spitters served as a regent for the College from 1978 to 1983. She is survived by a large extended family including eight children and many grandchildren.



ALUMNAE DEATHS

1940	Rosanne Hurwich Morris Madeleine Daughton Thompson	September 19, 2017 May 4, 2017	1955	Kathleen Elsner Juricic Nancy Irgang Mims	December 18, 2017 November 14, 2017
1942	Helen Whitaker Meyer	November 23, 2017	1956	Elizabeth McCorkle Groden Judith Basker Hatfield	October 20, 2017 February 11, 2018
1944	Genevieve Heinen Swoyer	March 17, 2017	1957	Mary McGahey Dwan Helena Klamura Pishkur	February 4, 2018 January 4, 2018
1945	Rita Davis Crimmins	December 11, 2017	1958	Susan Eck Morris Anne Marie O'Donnell	October 5, 2017 December 15, 2017
1946	Patricia Lawless Rooney	September 21, 2017	1959	Marilyn Manion Thies Marjorie Gallagher Van Drisse	November 7, 2017 July 27, 2017
1947	Marie Clare Collins Schmitt	December 20, 2017	1960	Sandra Wines Turnbull Suzanne O'Hearn Walsh	January 4, 2018 October 24, 2016
1948	Mary Leman Clemens Anne Barany Monserez Maitland Gast Thomas	July 15, 2016 October 13, 2017 July 4, 2016	1961	Shirley Rocovitz Belden Anne Tobin	February 4, 2018 January 8, 2018
1949	Emily Dennard Sant Amour Jacqueline Doyle Bark Patricia Furman Chaput Rosamond Feltes Davison Mary Ann Heaton Spitters Lena Marshall Weed	January 4, 2018 November 21, 2017 August 21, 2017 December 7, 2017 February 13, 2018 October 29, 2016	1963	Marilyn Van Huffel Callahan Barbara Beemsterboer Claire Allene M. Geitner Mary Walsh Green	August 26, 2017 December 28, 2017 April 10, 2017 December 30, 2017
1950	Mary McQuillin McGinnity Marguerite Voorhees Weirich Jean Kinsella Wood	December 19, 2017 December 7, 2017 December 3, 2016	1965	Patricia Barcza Scharpf	November 30, 2017
1951	Marynoel Gubbins Durkin Virginia George Hill Joan Wild Maier	March 13, 2017 May 9, 2017 January 24, 2018	1966	Margaret Clark Jones Mary Jean Beyerlein Wilson	January 28, 2018 January 21, 2018
1952	Elizabeth Anne Cantwell Susan Klimcheck Miller Maureen Carroll Muller Kathleen Mack Nolan Mary Rose Shaughnessy	October 6, 2017 October 11, 2017 October 22, 2017 December 1, 2017 January 22, 2018	1967	Mary Mortimer Meany Sherril Mirkin	January 7, 2018 October 15, 2017
1953	Sister Ann Marie Hoffman, ODC Harryette Kennaley Loschke Shannon Dooley Motzel Anne Tuttle Rogers Jo Ann Lyden Soch	March 8, 2015 December 20, 2017 October 6, 2017 December 17, 2017 December 13, 2017	1971	Barbara Murphy Lange	December 7, 2017
1954	Alice A. Niner Milda Daukantas Tamulionis	November 29, 2017 November 4, 2017	1972	Pamela M. Seifert	January 24, 2018
			1975	Kay Thompson Stephens	October 16, 2017
			1976	Mary Kathleen Boland Pamela Chalovich	January 20, 2018 October 8, 2016
			1980	Dorothy M. Geisler	January 7, 2018
			1984	Kathy Domencetti Eberling	August 22, 2017
			1996	Dallas Jean Hunt	December 10, 2017
			2008	Sister Stella Maris Kunihira, CSC	November 12, 2017

FAMILY DEATHS

Carl Bachle, husband of Patricia Kalish Bachle '53, father of Anne E. Bachle Fifer '78, March 24, 2017.

Cecilia Barger, mother of Jane E. Barger '89, December 10, 2017.

Raymond Bichimer, husband of Nancy Doersam Bichimer '55, father of Karen Bichimer Sobczyk '81, October 13, 2017.

James Blumer, father of Gretchen Blumer Gaul '74 and Susan Blumer Bergman '81, January 27, 2018.

Thomas Borger, father-in-law of Kristina Berg Borger '95, brother-in-law of Jeannelle Naquin Brady '74, November 7, 2017.

James Bourke, husband of Jennie Wilson Bourke '67, brother of Sheila Bourke Reed '77, January 21, 2018.

John Brent, husband of Melanie Baer Brent '71, December 11, 2017.

Robert Bridges, father of Molly Bridges Williams '91, March 8, 2017.

Robert Brysh, father of Kathleen Brysh Davenport '83, February 14, 2018.

Alice Craven, mother of Kelly Frances Craven '83, January 29, 2018.

Ruth Cronin, mother of Deborah Johnson Schwiebert '74 and Susan Johnson Karlix '80, November 2, 2017.

Domenica Cusano, mother of JoAnn Cusano Szewczyk '77, December 23, 2017.

James Daniel, father of Katherine Daniel Fernands '94, November 24, 2017.

Sister Kathleen J. Dolphin, PBVM, aunt of Colleen Marie Dolphin '01, November 16, 2017.

Jean Ann Earley, mother-in-law of Sarah Belanger Earley '71, February 2, 2018.

Karl Eschelbach, husband of Mary Lenaway Eschelbach '62, January 19, 2018.

Norvelle Farabaugh, mother of Julie Farabaugh Warth '86, February 1, 2018.

Henry Frawley, husband of Molly Bolster Frawley '60, April 22, 2017.

Bruce Gfeller, husband of Janet Hanigan Gfeller '77, November 1, 2017.

James Gibbons, III, father of Mary Gibbons Bird '82, December 29, 2017.

Cecile Gorno, mother of Mary Lou Gorno '72 and Teresa Anne Gorno-Reid '81, January 16, 2018.

Nancy Gruber, grandmother of Amy Lynn Mason '04, Stephanie Marie Mason '06 and Ann Mason Kiley '08, January 3, 2018.

Patrick Gullifor, father of Barbara Gullifor Thompson '89, January 14, 2018.

Thomas Hessert, husband of Marilyn Hennebry Hessert '49, father of Kathleen Hessert Gundersen '74, October 15, 2017.

Dr. William A. Hickey, father of Sandra K. Hickey '89, brother-in-law of Barbara Breen Hickey '61, uncle of Deborah A. Hickey '85 and Mary Keglovits Mathieu '87, November 28, 2017.

Kathryn Inwood, mother of Mary Inwood Krusniak '80, November 8, 2017.

Lewis Jackson, father of Susan Jackson Naramore '78, January 7, 2018.

Frederick Johansen, father of Janice A. Johansen '80, Laura Johansen Jeffcoat '85, Kristen Johansen Kilguss '88, and Emily Johansen Pecoraro '93, uncle of M. Catherine Lebovitz '82 and Nancy L. Gunning-Sluby '84, brother-in-law of Margaret Elaine House Gunning '57, January 8, 2017.

William Karnatz, father of Maureen Karnatz Smith '85 and Anne Karnatz Manno '86, January 1, 2018.

Jesse Keith, father of Janet Keith Laffey '72, October 23, 2017.

Peter Kessenich, husband of Veronica Henry Kessenich '70, father of Veronica Louise Kessenich '01, brother-in-law of Rebecca J. Henry '74, January 15, 2018.

Joseph Kivlin Jr., husband of Louise Nappi Kivlin '50, December 19, 2017.

Joan Knych, mother of Carol Knych Stephens '83, Kathryn Knych Dapper '87, and Christina Knych Ugo '97, grandmother of Katelyn Dapper Dressing '12 and Sarah Joan Dapper '15, May 24, 2017.

Gary Kohs, father of Amy Cristin Kohs '94, December 15, 2017.

Edward Koscak, husband of Kathleen Watry Koscak '86, December 8, 2017.

Andreas Kostelas, husband of JoAnn Phillips Kostelas '53, January 20, 2017.

Patricia Lahey, sister of Deborah Joan Lahey '71, June 23, 2016.

Robert Lalor, father of Marie-Therese Lalor '87 and Daniela Lalor Lohse '94, December 8, 2017.

Mary Libbing, sister of Janet Libbing Prendergast '92, aunt of Cassandra Lynn Libbing '17, niece of Josephine Disser Barger '53, cousin of Ann Heiny Long '71, Carol Disser Dresser '84, Jean Weigand Morrissey '86, and Madeline Claire McCrea '10, November 6, 2017.

Russell Lindemann, husband of Barbara Kozak Lindemann '72, father of Becky Lindemann Miedema '03, January 30, 2018.

Sandra Machowiak, mother of Michaelene Marie Machowiak '90, December 4, 2017.

Charles Manion, father of Martha Manion Mehringer '82 and Sharon Manion Trockman '84, brother-in-law of Anne Reynolds Pyron '50, uncle of Eileen R. Tyrrell '77, Susan C. Tyrrell '79, and Karen Reynolds Nelson '88, February 3, 2018.

Michael Mannino, husband of Molly Martin Mannino '65, January 16, 2018.

Jerome McBride, husband of Ellen Brown McBride '64, December 8, 2017.

FAMILY DEATHS

Sheridan McCabe, father of Elizabeth McCabe '85 and Patricia McCabe Estrada '90, November 6, 2017.

Andrew McClarrinon, brother-in-law of Celynn Krueger McClarrinon '92, January 22, 2018.

Philip Melchert, father of Nora Melchart Smith '91 and Karen Eileen Melchert '93, November 10, 2017.

Ronald Mikesell, father of Cynthia Marie Weyers '01, December 9, 2017.

Thomas Mulcahy, husband of Melinda A. Bright '77, January 16, 2018.

Mary Elaine Murphy, mother of Maureen Murphy Quill '85, grandmother of Lauren Marie Murphy '14, aunt of Angela Leahy Esteve '88 and Stephanie Ann Leahy Trujillo '91, December 21, 2017.

George Murray, husband of Theadora Reid Murray '58, brother-in-law of Charlene Reid Sarphie '62, December 8, 2017.

Norman Nicola, father of Jennifer Nicola Belin '95, February 7, 2018.

Mary J. O'Brien, mother of Mary Beth O'Brien '83, January 30, 2018.

Richard Organ, father of Joan Ellen Organ '73 and Mary Organ Dunn '76, December 9, 2017.

William O'Shaughnessy, father of Maureen O'Shaughnessy Schroeder '72, January 26, 2018.

H. James Paradis, husband of Adine C. Paradis '70, father of Susan J. Friedman '74, December 21, 2017.

Thomas Pauwels, father of Melissa Pauwels Delph '02, October 15, 2017.

Matthew George Peeler, brother of Lauren Peeler Brice '75, Anne Peeler Hahn '77, and Karen Peeler Moynahan '79, September 18, 2017.

Richard Peeler, father of Lauren Peeler Brice '75, Anne Peeler Hahn '77, and Karen Peeler Moynahan '79, December 9, 2017.

Loretta Musick Planck, mother of Kathleen Musick Borgman '66, grandmother of Anne Marie Borgman '88, June 29, 2017.

Jeanne Postorino, mother of Mary Jo Postorino Kennedy '66, Ann Postorino McKenzie '72, and Karen Postorino Sherman '75, September 22, 2017.

Dr. Cyriac Pullapilly, husband of Elizabeth Antonette Pullapilly '73, December 17, 2017.

Bernard Rafferty, father of Sheila Rafferty Civale '76, Denise Ann Rafferty '77, Siobhan Rafferty Thompson '81, and Meghan Rafferty Weldon '88, grandfather of Noreen Gillespie Connolly '02, November 19, 2017.

Matthew Remke, husband of Andrea Dominello Remke '98, son-in-law of Mary Beth Miller Dominello '99, brother-in-law of Maria Dominello Panowicz '92, Lisa Dominello Winde '95, and Carla Dominello Schlieske '99, November 19, 2017.

Gary Lee Reynolds, stepfather of Witney Fisher Chupp '08, January 15, 2018.

Francis Ritter, father of Jeannie M. Ritter '80, October 18, 2017.

Thomas Ryan, husband of Jane Gleixner Ryan '61, November 13, 2016.

Raymond Schmidlin, husband of Juliet Dittoe Schmidlin '57, January 10, 2018.

B.J. Smith, husband of Ruth Schnaus Smith '63, father of Kathryn Smith Von Wyl '86, January 10, 2018.

James Snyder, husband of Mary Chakeres Snyder '61, September 18, 2017.

David Spalding, husband of Rosemary Zirille Spalding '59, February 13, 2018.

Joseph Straub III, son of Mary Cash Straub '52, brother of Patricia Rose Straub '92, December 30, 2017.

Leo Stronczek, father of Sara Stronczek Sampson '96, August 25, 2017.

Dorothy Tiemeier, mother of Aimee Tiemeier Luckett '71, December 20, 2017.

Jonathan Tomshack, husband of Mary Grammer Tomshack, December 31, 2017.

Samuel Totten, father of Samantha Totten Miller '00, February 14, 2018.

Bruce Turgeon, father of Jennifer Turgeon Nevala '93, January 25, 2018.

Maureen Valdenaire, mother of Patricia Valdenaire Walsh '75 and Michele Valdenaire '81, October 7, 2017.

Paolo Valente, father of Karen Valente Brady '79 and Beth Valente Schuller '84, January 22, 2018.

Mary Vallera, mother of Jean Vallera Vazza '89, March 31, 2017.

Bruce Wilbee, husband of Ann Susan Wilbee '86, November 26, 2017.

Donald Winter, father of Laura Winter Sherlock '88, February 11, 2018.

James Wrobleksi, husband of Geraldine Ference Wrobleksi '59, November 18, 2017.



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

Bay Area

The San Francisco Bay Area Club hosted its annual Founders' Day Celebration on November 12. Beginning with Mass at a local church, a small but spirited group then enjoyed a wine reception and lunch at an elegantly decorated private dining room at Left Bank in Menlo Park.



Chicago East

The Chicago East Club got in the Christmas spirit by cooking dinner for families at the Ronald McDonald House! We are continuing our monthly supper and book clubs. Thanks to **Jeannie Miller '14** for taking on the Supper Club chair position and finding great Chicago spots to eat. We are most excited to share the news about our successful event co-hosted with the Notre Dame Club of Chicago, featuring SMC's very own President Cervelli. We had an excellent turnout to hear Jan Cervelli speak about Chicago landscape and architecture, as well as celebrating women in architecture, engineering, construction, real estate, and business. We look forward to our next big event, which will be Spring Spirits, so keep a lookout for details.

Chicago West

2017 was a year of growth and new goals for the Chicago West Alumnae Club! Some of our most popular events, such as our Monthly Book Discussion Group, Student Send Off, Christmas Party, and Founders' Day, continue to be well attended. Did you know our book group has been reading together for more than 20 years!

Our efforts are paying off in many ways ... new friendships, renewed connections, and support for Saint Mary's. We reached our goal of giving back to the college, donating \$1 for each local alumnae annually, and supported SMC with a donation of \$1,545!



A fun time was had by all at the annual Christmas Party, held December 6 at Davanti Enoteca in Western Springs. Highlights of the Christmas party were a lot of new faces, incredible raffle gifts, and the chance to win a whole year of book club books! The evening provided food, fun and holiday cheer. Thanks to **Joanne Marsh '69, Kristin Newell '91**, and their crew for making this holiday evening special for all.

Many thanks to everyone who participated in our service day on Saturday, January 6, at the People's Resource Center in Wheaton. We are thankful to be able to volunteer a few hours of our time in the food pantry and make a difference in others' lives.

Another engaging book club calendar is starting up for the Chicago West Club in 2018. Lots of good books to read and discuss, like *Before We Were Yours*, *The Last Days of Night*, *The Keepers of the House*, and *The Firebrand and the First Lady*, just to name a few. Contact **Anne Murray McDermott '85** for more information at stmcdermott@sbcglobal.net.

Watch for emails about other events coming in 2018. The Chicago West Club is always looking for a few new women to participate in club functions and to take on leadership roles. If you are interested, please contact us at smcwcalums@gmail.com for information.

Columbus

On October 18, **Julie Vieta '95** and **Morgan Vieta '16** hosted a picnic at Julie's home for all Central Ohio SMC student Belles who were home on fall break to meet each other and local alumnae. It was a beautiful evening and a great opportunity for networking.



In November, **Julie Feasel '89** and **Laura Fattaleh '84** collected small goodies to help our central Ohio student Belles get through exams. They sent the goodies off to SMC on December 1 to aid our 12 local students during exams.

In December, **Jennifer Hadden '96, Sarah Ryan '89**, and Jack Buttler (ND '67) worked in tandem with the local ND club to organize an Advent Mass and brunch at St. Charles. After a fabulous catered breakfast, a special visitor appeared from the North Pole.



Dallas

The Saint Mary's Club Dallas gathered for our annual Christmas Party on December 8. **Tia Bisignano '70** hosted fellow alumnae **Linda Kawecki '79, Jane McCurdy '73, Ellen Drake '92, Carole Klaudt '83, Andrea Schweitzer '00, and Mary Holland '05**. Contact the club if you are new to the area or want to get more involved!



Des Moines

The Des Moines Club hosted a send-off for first-year student Megan Reinsvold in August (the first time we've had a student from Des Moines attend SMC in several years). In November, we celebrated Founders' Day with another edition of our learning series, which featured Cole Meyer, a juvenile law attorney. Because several Iowa teenagers who had been adopted from foster care have died via starvation and abuse in the past year, Des Moines alumnae wanted to learn more about children in need of assistance, the Iowa Department of Human Services' work with children and families, and the law as it relates to both children and parents. It was a very serious conversation, of course, but we also managed to have some time to share recent family and professional news with one another. The club looks forward to a service event in the new year.

Detroit



The Detroit Club celebrated Founders' Day in style with a brunch at the Village Club. We are also excited to announce new club leadership. **Lisa Gill Grabowski '03** and **Megan Gill Stempin '08** have stepped in as our new leaders, and we look forward to all the great things that are to come with the Detroit Alumnae Club.

Fairfield/Westchester



Members of the Fairfield/Westchester club had a wonderful time celebrating at their annual Winter Social.

Georgia

We met in November for our annual Founders' Day luncheon. Our discussion of our Saint Mary's experiences, spanning from the 1960s to 2017, was lively and enlightening. The college continues to produce thoughtful, engaged, strong women who connect with one another across the decades.



In December, we held our goodie bag stuffing event for the 19 current Georgia Belles on campus (the 20th is abroad). We invited their moms to join us as well and loaded up several boxes to get the girls through finals.

The Georgia Club will host a reception celebrating its being named Club of the Year during the weekend of April 6-8. We are also planning a women's day of reflection with the women of the Atlanta Notre Dame Club sometime in the spring.

Any Georgia alumnae interested in planning spring and summer events or serving on the executive committee for the upcoming year, please contact the club at smcalumsga@gmail.com.

Grand Rapids

Our annual Founders' Day event was held at Founder's Tap Room in downtown Grand Rapids. It's such a nice event, where alumnae from different generations like to come out and enjoy telling their SMC stories and campus memories while toasting our SMC founders.



The club's Christmas party was held at the home of **Janet Krueger '69**. Janet spoiled us all with a delicious dinner! Instead of bringing food for our meal, we all brought and collected food for a local food pantry. **Rebecca Jawahir Sypnewski '96** made beautiful Christmas cards that we all signed and mailed to SMC. The cards were delivered with our freshman care packages.

The SMC Grand Rapids young alumnae group met for an evening out with the ND young alums to celebrate the upcoming Christmas season. The young alum group meets about once a quarter.

Our book group continues to be a popular event for our club. We meet every other month. If you have interest in joining us or finding out more about our Grand Rapids Club, please contact our president, **Tara Millar '90**, at tmillar@comcast.net.

Kansas City

The Kansas City Club met for its annual Christmas lunch on December 3 at Brio Tuscan Grille on the Country Club Plaza. Club members enjoyed catching up and meeting alumnae who were new to the KC area.



Los Angeles

In 2018, the Los Angeles Club will be getting ready for its fourth year of the Heritage series of Christmas ornaments. Purchase is available after May 2018 at the Shaheen Bookstore or online at <http://www.saintmaryslaclub.com>.

Our 2017 Founders' Day was celebrated at a Mass with Gospel music at St. Agatha's, where the celebrant gave a shout out to all the Sisters of the Holy Cross in attendance. Mass was followed by brunch in the historic Culver Hotel, where "Mr. Culver" first made films. Local Sisters of the Holy Cross presented their new ministry in the area.



As the *Courier* update is written, we are preparing for a March brunch and visit from President Cervelli.

South Bend

Happy 2018! The South Bend Alumnae Club had a wonderful fall with new and engaging events including: Kick Off Cocktails, calligraphy class, our annual Founders' Day Celebration where participants were treated to a tour of the new Angela Athletic & Wellness Complex, exam care package assembly for current South Bend sophomores and juniors (136 care packages!), the annual party with Santa, and hip-hop yoga with alumna **Kimmi Troy '00**! The club is looking forward to its spring events, which we hope will be equally exciting and well attended. Mark your calendars for Rebuilding Together on April 14! A full club calendar is available on our NEW club website at smcsbclub.com.

The club also welcomed **Emerald Blankenship '17** and **Aspen Davis '17** to the board as its BOLD co-chairs. The enthusiasm of these bright young women is contagious, and we are thrilled to have them join us.

Our ongoing fundraiser continues to be a success! The South Bend Club has partnered with ADesign & Sons, owned by **Anne Hesslau Dondanville '82**, to offer alumnae the original French Cross jewelry, including necklaces, earrings, and bracelets. These beautiful pieces are the perfect gift for a fellow Belle or even yourself! The best part: 40 percent of each purchase goes to the South

Bend Alumnae Club Scholarship Fund that awards annual scholarships to current Belles from the Saint Joseph region. Jewelry can be viewed and purchased on our website (smcsbclub.com).

Yearly dues are \$30 and recent 2017 graduates are free for the first year. Dues are not required to attend events but are encouraged to help defray event costs and build our scholarship fund. Dues-paying members will also see additional incentives at events throughout the year. Dues can be paid online at smcsbclub.com or by mailing a check to **Regina Mauck '14** at 1321 Enchanted Forest Street, South Bend, IN 46637.

If you are new to the South Bend area, or live here and want to join the fun, please contact the club at smcsbclub@gmail.com, visit our website smcsbclub.com and Like us on Facebook "Saint Mary's College South Bend Alumnae Club" for upcoming events and club news.

San Diego

The San Diego Club has new co-presidents: **Jen Carroll '97** and **Lisa Siefert '96**, and they're joined by **Kathy Hahn '91** as treasurer. If you're local and would like to get more involved, please consider joining us for our quarterly planning meetings; dates, updates, and RSVPs can be found on our club Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/smcsandiegoclub/>. **Jen Carroll** hosted our January quarterly planning meeting at her home in Rancho Santa Fe with **Lisa Siefert**, **Celanire Flagg '83**, and **Emily Olson '91** in attendance and **Nicole Fortunato '00** joining via phone. We planned out President Cervelli's March 11 visit and discussed new ideas for collaborating with the Notre Dame alumna club and other activities. **Lisa Siefert** created a new logo for the club and is working on a new website as well so we can share more information with everyone.

Washington, DC

We're off to an amazing 2018! Our Olympic themed membership drive ... Go for the Gold ... was FUN and successful, with our own closing ceremony on March 1 (in conjunction with the SMC 24-Hour Donor Challenge). DC Club BOLD members loved networking at the Belle-n-tine's Day Happy Hour. The DC Bookclub celebrated its first year in March. Congratulations! And we're looking forward to President Cervelli's visit on Friday, April 27. Hope to see everyone there.

Thank you to **Jessica Zigmund '97** for organizing our Founders' Day service project at the Franciscan Monastery on "National Make a Difference Day," October 28. We worked in the garden (planting garlic, spreading mushroom mulch, mowing, and hauling) to ensure it continues to produce more than 8,000 pounds of fresh food every year, which is donated to local food pantries.



New to the DC area? Looking for more DC Club information? Email us at smc.dc.club@gmail.com and follow us on Facebook (SMC Washington, DC Alumnae Club).

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Elizabeth Nolan
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Mary Mudd McHale took time from her busy life as a columnist for several local newsletters, being Story Lady at a daycare center, running the parish book club, as well as tending to her family, to share obits of **Mary Pat Feeley Thornton** and **Jean Kinsella Wood**.

Mary Pat and "Sparky" Thornton were the parents of four children. While raising them in Florida, Mary Pat taught English, French, and American History at Coral Gables Senior High and Contemporary Social Problems at Marymount College in Boca Raton. Later she worked as a paralegal for many years and enjoyed a variety of social activities and volunteer efforts. In her life tribute, her family stated: "Her magnificent faith and complete devotion to her family and to learning sustained her. She was a font of wisdom and a beautiful example of faith, hope, and love."

Jean Kinsella Wood earned additional graduate degrees in social work after Saint Mary's College. This achievement led her to a position at Catholic Charities and it was there she met John Wood, a widower with five children. They married and had seven more children. Jean was a loving mother to all the children and a cherished grandmother to 32. On her last visit with Jean, **Mary Mudd McHale** brought a photo album of the summer they spent in Mexico as Saint Mary's College students. They had a good time remembering the events of that trip.

Sister Geneal Miller Kramer, OP, wrote from New Mexico, where she teaches theology, gives spiritual direction and retreats, and engages enthusiastic adults in community involvement. She celebrated her 60 years of religious life with the Adrian Dominican sisters last summer. Holding a number of graduate degrees in religious education, she has served as associate director of religious education for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and co-director of its pastoral ministry program and as assistant professor of pastoral theology at the Athenacum. After serving as co-director at the Dominican Novitiate in St. Louis, Sister Geneal's missions took her to Germiston, South Africa, to be on the faculty of Lumko Institute. Currently she is an adjunct faculty member for Saint Norbert College and directs retreats for the sabbatical program at the Canossian Spirituality Center. She also gives spiritual direction at Saint Theresa Church in Albuquerque.



Anne Reynolds Pyron traveled to Chicago from Destin, FL, in September 2017 to visit her two nieces, **Martha Manion Mehringer '82** and **Sharon Manion Trockman '84**. While in Chicago she was able to have lunch with classmates **Mary McGee Dorsher** and **Frances Hanson Thale**. They had a lovely lunch at **Mary McGee Dorsher's** and enjoyed catching up.

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Mary Rose Shaughnessy
(April 28, 1931 – January 22, 2018)

The following is the final submission of class news that we received from Mary Rose on December 1, 2017. She passed away on January 22, 2018. Please know that her family and friends are in our thoughts and prayers.

It's the beginning of the holidays, although you wouldn't know it from looking outdoors. Sunny and in the mid 40s in Chicago at the beginning of December. I hope you all are well and enjoying the season. My decorations are up, as I always have my book group here in December.

We've lost several more classmates since my last report — **Jeanne Johnson Desmond** died in mid August and **Maureen Carroll Muller** in mid October (both of whom were born in my hometown, Kansas City, MO).

From Jeanne's obituary: "Jeanne loved her years at Saint Mary's. She often shared stories about the social life of the students. Her favorite story recounted how she had to pay a dime for "wear and tear" on the rug to attend a Tea Dance in Stapleton Lounge of Le Mans Hall. It was at that Tea Dance that she met Cornelius "Corky" Desmond. After graduation and a year of teaching, Jeanne married Corky on June 27, 1953, in Milwaukee, WI."

The obituary tells about all the places they lived and the births of their five children, stressing her teaching them about corporal works of mercy by her example. She drove Sisters from Maryknoll to Sing Sing prison, in Ossining, NY, to teach catechism. She volunteered for causes including Right to Life of Westchester County, parish rummage sales, and fundraisers for John F. Kennedy Catholic High School, Somers, NY. She also substitute taught while her children were growing up, then became a tax accountant, working for the IRS and later private companies.

Corky often described Jeanne as the smartest and best educated person he knew; to that end, he encouraged his three daughters to attend SMC. Their sons attended the University of Notre Dame, and all shared a love for Notre Dame sports.

After Corky retired, they moved to Granger, IN, and joined St. Pius X parish. Jeanne worked seasonally in the tax department at Crowe Chizek for many years. She also volunteered for the Christ Child Society of South Bend, serving on the board of directors and as chair of the Endowment Committee. She attended the Notre Dame football games in fall and spent winters doing taxes and attending Notre Dame basketball games. Summers found Jeanne and Corky heading to Door County, WI, where they enjoyed the lakeshore home that once belonged

to Jeanne's grandfather and grandmother. After Jeanne retired from tax work, she and Corky traveled to many interesting ports of call.

Joanne Bryan MacDonald wrote of Jeanne's death: "Death is a constant presence, isn't it? I always enjoyed **Jeanne Desmond**. Corky was a friend of Mac's at ND, and I have a photo of Jeanne and me at a reunion dinner. I knew she was a resident at Saint Mary's Village."

From **Maureen Carroll Muller's** obituary:

"Maureen Muller nee Carroll, age 85. Beloved wife of the late Francis T. "Frank" Muller. Loving mother of Tom (Carol Eliel), John (Kathy) Muller, Anne (Tom) O'Connor, Dan Muller, Lisa (Jeff) Johnson, Suzie (Jim) Eckard, and Patrick (Kristin) Muller. Devoted grandmother of Kathleen (Michael) Camarda; Brendan O'Connor; Ben (Eleanor Hayes-Larson); Sam, Zane, Colin, and Rebecca Muller; Jeffrey, Patrick, and Claire Johnson; Caroline and Maura Eckard; and Rowan and Campbell Muller. Devoted sister of Dr. M. Suzanne Martin and the late Jean Carroll. Maureen was a graduate of SMC as well as St. Teresa's of Avila High School in Kansas City, MO. Maureen was a member of St. Norbert Parish for 62 years. She turned her love of shopping into a successful real estate career. She was a voracious reader and was well known for her fashion sense."

I remember Maureen always wore colors that complemented her red hair.

Dear faithful **Mary Jean Wallace Paxton** keeps us informed on what's happening in San Diego. She wrote that she was happy to receive photos and an internet message from **Carol Denison Dyer '69** and **Teresa Menke Hargrave '68**, her students and tennis partners when she taught at Saint Mary's and who are now MDs in child psychiatry. "Orchids to our classmate **Marilyn (Lynn) Dargis Ambrose**, who has done a wonderful job of organizing our Saint Mary's Club of San Diego. We are getting ready for our Christmas party at her home next week. We will bring homemade cookies to share with each other and toiletries and other small gifts to share with less fortunate women in our community."

Mary Jean was sorry to have missed our 65th Reunion "as it will probably be our last."



Members of the Class of '52 at 2017 Reunion picnic with President Cervelli, Sister Grace Shonk, CSC, Emma Lou Roach Majewski, Julie Skelly Fries, Mary Berners Kishler, Faith Kilburg McNamara, Lynn Dargis Ambrose, Jo Brazaitis Ebert, and the late Mary Rose Shaughnessy.

Joanne Bryan MacDonald also missed Reunion but enjoyed the pictures and remembered all the good times at earlier ones, when Mac usually accompanied her. She writes that after traveling this year to Mexico, Indiana, Tennessee, and Minnesota, she is staying put for a while. "Traveling is somehow more stressful than it used to be." She

is "quite content" in the retirement community where she now lives. There she participates in a four-day-a-week exercise class and a monthly writer's group, and communicates with her family as often as possible. "My children live from coast to coast so we don't see each other often." She has 19 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. "I'm sure in the years ahead that number will increase and, ironically, I believe that overpopulation is a big problem for the planet."

Recently I have been busy with my choral group, Le Cantanti di Chicago. Our group went to Washington, DC, in June to sing at the Kennedy Centennial. (I didn't go because of the DC heat.) We made a CD in October and have several local performances scheduled this winter. I hope to sing a solo — *Jesu Bambino*, at a holiday program. I also wrote and published a travel memoir: *Literary Landscapes a Tour*, about the summer of 1980 that I spent in Ireland, Scotland, and England, back when I was young and believed I could do anything. You can get it at Amazon in print and Kindle editions. Also, in October I went on a repositioning cruise from Montreal to Fort Lauderdale, stopping at a lot of Atlantic coast ports.

I hope you all had a joyful and blessed Christmas and a New Year that brings you good health above all.

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A family summer with birthdays, anniversaries, and reunions was on **Rody Oppenheim** **Dilenschneider's** calendar. The last *Courier* mentioned her sister's (**Sister Ramona Marie Oppenheim, MM '50**) 87th birthday, her brother's (Frank, SJ) birthday and later his 75th anniversary as a priest. Her daughter **Mary Dilenschneider Condon '87** was at Saint Mary's for her 30th Reunion. Later, son Bob, his wife, and son Joe (ND '82) came from Japan for their annual visit. All three teach at universities there. Jack (ND '53) and Rody spent a week in September at the Shakespeare Festival and in October were in Chicago for Jack's annual luncheon meeting.

Mary Ann Kramer Campbell came to Mass last Sunday with photos of her first great-grandchild, an adopted 3-1/2-year-old boy. Another great-grandson is due in August. Mary Ann received word from **Betty Liang Gotuaco** that her husband Alfonso died in late July. Betty said they were fortunate to have had a family reunion with all seven children last year.

The prize for the first "Yes" about the ND-Wisconsin football game goes to **Lois Langford Berry**.

Patt Gannon Scully says she's doing pretty well for an old lady, is still working pottery and keeping involved with family. Middle son Mike was severely injured in an automobile accident last December and is facing several serious surgeries over the next two to three years. He is in constant pain and "any and all prayers would be gratefully welcomed."

Although she and **Betty Galloway** haven't seen each other since the 2004 Reunion, **Lorraine Nigro Cervanyk** says they do visit via phone about once a month. Remember, our 65th Reunion will be in two years. The late **Judy Jones Sullivan** once told me she started saving change several years before a Reunion and used it for her trip. It's a thought! (I had the pleasure of sitting next to **Faith Kilburg McNamara '52** at Sunday Mass at their Reunion.)

Margaret Keller Howells' big news is that she is now a great-grandmother with two greats born in 2016 — in September a girl and a boy in December. The next news is that her youngest grandson is excited to begin his first year at Notre Dame on a tennis scholarship. Maybe a stop in South Bend, Margaret?

She's continuing with her contemplative photography class (which meets once a month) and cheering for the Nationals baseball team. She, like many other '54ers, had family trips: granddaughter's wedding, Wisconsin, Maine visits, Thanksgiving.

An email from **Pat Byrne Lyren**: "Living in Florida very near two daughters and spouses, four grandchildren and their spouses, and my two youngest granddaughters at Florida State. Life is good!"

Joan Rossi and her family travelled to Oxford in June when her granddaughter received her degree. The trip included London, Paris, and Normandy. Joan had with her a pamphlet **Mary (Midge)**

Myler Russo's late husband Rocco had written of his D-Day experiences on Omaha Beach. In July another granddaughter graduated in the ACE program at Notre Dame (she was one of the class speakers) with the day ending in "the most beautiful, awe-inspiring Mass at the Basilica."

Book suggestions: *Dreaming in Cuban* (Cristina Garcia), *Death in a Strange Country* (Donna Leon), *The Chilbury Ladies' Choir* (Jennifer Ryan), and *Whose Words These Are* (J. Justin and John J. Dilenschneider). **Adriana Trigiani '81** has a new book, *Kiss Carlo*.

"I'm still adjusting and recuperating after selling my house," writes **Jane Flynn Carroll**. "After four months on the market, I thought the sale would take longer so I was pleased!" Her new address is 1201 Brookdale Drive, Carpentersville, IL 60110; same phone and email. We did have a wonderful family reunion in Park City in July. Everyone was able to be there — first time we'd all been together in 14 years!"

Can anyone find **Ann Murray O'Neill** a direct flight from Burlington, VT, to South Bend? "I'd love to go to a Reunion." Meanwhile she's had a great cruise with Margaret and her husband, her local priest, and two other couples. It's been four years since Ann lost her husband, John (ND '52).

Anne Feldpausch Hubert gained five more great-grandchildren this year, giving her 23 great-grandchildren. She's been doing a bit of traveling: Colorado several times to visit daughter Katie and family, Florida, Michigan for Christmas, and in February a cruise with her four daughters.

Each year seems to pass by more quickly, says **Bernice Boucher Hopp**. She and Jim are

celebrating: 35th wedding anniversary, 85th birthdays, and their seventh year in Indianapolis as Marquette Cottagers. Last August she had foot surgery and has completely recovered.

'54ers do get around either in person or spirit. **Lois Langford Berry's** husband, Bill (ND '53), tells of a Chicago luncheon during which a classmate told Bill of his daughter attending a Holy Angels luncheon and casually meeting **Joan Rossi**. When SMC '54 came up in conversation, his daughter mentioned knowing Lois and **Pat Byrne Lyren**. So Joan pulled out a photo of Pat and either Lois or me. Daughter surprised? Bill adds that growing old is an adventure...and enjoyable.

Lorraine Nigro Cervanyk continues to visit with **Betty Galloway** at least once a month. "It's always good to remember our Saint Mary's days and our visits after. The 2004 Reunion was the last time we were able to get together." She says she is blessed with friends and her five children who live in the Denver metropolitan area. "Highlights of this year included a visit from my niece Elizabeth, daughter of **Rose Marie Nigro Groppe '60**, and nephew Michael, son of **Catherine Nigro Yuhas '52**."

After traveling to Green Bay, WI, to see her brother and sister, both in their nineties, to Indianapolis for a visit with her step-family and then back to Cornelius for Thanksgiving, **Mary Schmitz Bartley** will be moving back to Pinehurst, NC, as she had not sold her home there. After a busy two years, Mary decided that is where she belongs, with her friends of the last 30 years.

Patt Gannon Scully is still working with pottery, caring for aging dogs Anna and Elli ("we make a great trio!"), and looking forward to her 86th birthday, not believing she's still here and relatively healthy. She headed out to Ft. Collins to have Thanksgiving with son Mike and his wife and family. She hadn't seen Mike since his horrific accident last December. He is still in lots of pain and had recent surgery to prevent one of the injured disks from severing his spinal column. He's facing several more surgeries to improve his mobility; keep him and his family in your prayers. Her son-in-law Stan is still cancer free and the family is grateful to have him here since he had the worse type of bone cancer and has lost a leg to it.

Several items from **Rose Marie Murphy Foley**: Ben and she went on a cruise in September that was destined for Bermuda. They never got there because of rough seas from the Maria Hurricane and spent an extra day in port in New York, which actually turned out to be a bonus as they were able to tour Manhattan and the 9/11 sites. They more recently had dinner in Chicago at the Greek Islands with **Joan Rossi**, who reported an enjoyable time.

After the Foley's granddaughter was married in November, Murph questions: Why are weddings so exhausting? She says she stayed in the background because, as the saying goes, wear beige and keep your mouth closed.

Brendan and she will be in Florida for 10 weeks. "Our children and grandchildren love to visit and what I need is a live-in cook!"

Mary Ann Kramer Campbell reports chatting with **Carol O'Brien Scheller** who fed 16 of her family for Thanksgiving. They still prefer

mom's cooking! Vince is in good spirits though homebound so Carol feels very blessed. Mary Ann's Tom (ND '54) is under hospice care in Holy Cross Village's assisted living.

Many of us may remember a Holy Cross sister who is a member of our class. This year the Center For Hospice Care honored **Sister Carmel Marie Sallows, CSC**, with its 2018 Helping Hands Award for her more than 60-year contributions "to the greater good of our community." Congratulations, Sister!

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Mary Jo Bujarski Alexander – She just retired from being a clinical director in a therapeutic psychological practice as well as teaching at an institute in October. She truly loved the work she has been doing all these years. However, with a pending move to an assisted living place in the spring and three daughters and some grandchildren in the area who keep her busy, she decided it was time to take up some new interests. She has three sons who live in New York, Minnesota, and California, who also have children. She has a total of 12 grandchildren, who are all doing well and giving lots to the world. She is very involved in volunteer opportunities at her parish. They are helping a family from Sudan that the church has recently sponsored. There are three children in the family and one on the way. They speak Arabic and one of the children will need surgery to help with deafness. Her daughter works with street children in Africa and also has adopted an autistic child. It was great visiting with Mary Jo and I certainly commend her and her family for all they do to help others in this world.

Joan Nolan Bergan – A friend or relative named Betty answered the phone when I called. She said that Joan was having some health problems and would certainly appreciate our prayers.

Jean Kershaw Boehm – It is difficult to think of one of the Kershaws without the other. Speaking to Jean always brings up memories of her dear sister Joan, who has gone to her reward. Jean has three daughters and, unfortunately, lost a son. She has seven grandchildren and five "greats." She is doing well and was so happy that she was able to travel to Oklahoma City for her nephew's wedding. That nephew was Joan's son, who was married for the first time at age 45. Congrats and good luck to all!

Joan Hausman Campbell – She is still living in her home in Louisville. She keeps in touch with **Carolyn Lanning O'Rourke**. Joan's son is running her business for her, and her daughter has been very helpful in many other ways. Joan spent Thanksgiving with her daughter and three grandchildren and her son-in-law's parents and enjoyed every minute of the day. She has a grandson who taught second grade in Taiwan for two years and is now back in the States working in Washington, DC.

Pat Berta Bowers – She is still living in a community of retired folks and does not have much news to report. She is still driving and enjoys all the activities for the residents over 55. She likes to get out and see the sights as much as possible. She is looking forward to the upcoming holiday luncheon. She has two sons, one in San Diego, CA, and another near Chapel Hill, NC. She has two grandchildren, ages 12 and 15, and four great-grandsons who live in Texas. She spent Thanksgiving with her daughter-in-law's family, who live nearby. She commented that walking can be a challenge because of hip and knee replacements. However, it sounded to me like not much was in the way of her enjoying each day. Keep up the good work, Pat.

Marilyn Jean Ritcey Woodcock – I had called her in the summer when I was visiting in the East. **Frances Clohessy Spillane** and I had hoped to drive up to see her; however, they had some challenges with their house and were in the process of having everything cleaned from the basement up. She sounded very optimistic about the entire process and said they "were all in great shape for the shape they are in." She said she is able to take each day as it comes and wants to be remembered to all her Saint Mary's friends. She enjoys reading *Courier* and says hello to all her classmates.

On Friday, December 1, 2017, I had the opportunity to attend the annual SMC Madrigal Dinner that is presented by the Department of Music. It is always a lovely and fun event. I was thinking of all of you as we sang *Silent Night* and wishing we were all back in school.

As I mentioned, I visited with Frances this summer at her lovely home in Cape Cod. She certainly was a marvelous "tour director." We had lots of fun seeing the sights, eating lots of great fish, and lifting a glass now and then. Thanks, Frances — when can I return? Frances recently welcomed her first great-grandchild into the world, and he lives with his parents in Princeton, NJ. They also spent some time with her this summer at the Cape.

It is certainly an honor and a privilege to speak with all of you, and please know you are in my prayers. Regret I was unable to contact more of you for this edition; however, I look forward to contacting you for the next issue.

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Hello to my fellow '56 classmates! I have abandoned the pen in favor of AT&T with better results. I will have to update the phone list, but for now I have been able to reach some of you.

I reached our traveling **Mary Dahm Kearney** and Paul, just returning from a three-week tour of Iceland and Greenland. Paul sent me an extensive and descriptive report on Iceland and life on that beautiful place. Mary and Paul are dedicated to visiting as much of our world as they can. Their twin granddaughters, **Megan Margaret Woods '16** and **Kaitlin Elizabeth Woods '16**, are now in

Boston pursuing graduate degrees in history. Mary's undergraduate degree was in history; also how good to see that the interest in our world continues to live on in our offspring.

Closer to home, I talked to **Pat O'Leary Ring** in northeast Pennsylvania. Pat is enjoying the benefits of having a large family around her. Her daughter Brigid was recently married and living in Ohio, and her daughter-in-law and children are not too far away in Akron.

Catherine (Kay) Dale McComb and Jim are in their winter home in Florida but will travel home to Illinois for the Christmas holidays.

As always, **Barb Schettig Brennan** enjoys her visits with 18 grandchildren. The Brennan Christmas card is always one worth keeping. Barb is in contact with our classmate **Pat Centlivre Bonahoom** from Fort Wayne.

Rita Conley Bourjaily and Lou did a magnificent job answering my call on their new hi-tech phone. After three tries we managed to connect. Ladies, we were born too early. Rita has recovered nicely from knee surgery and a serious fall. Rita hears from **Pat Garvey McCann**. Pat has moved to a smaller place since the death of her husband, Dr. David McCann, but remains in the Palm Springs area. **Joanne Dunagan** is enjoying Florida life and stays in touch with Rita and Pat.

As for me, I still bring my Great Dane to the local hospital every week. There is a need for volunteers, even ones our age. Write and let me know what you are doing.

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Still buoyed by Reunion spirit, I am delighted to share some of the surveys that were submitted last June. **Pat Dawson Tierney** responded from Overland Park, KS, several states west from her original hometown of Anderson, IN. Pat applied her biology degree to her career as a stockbroker and is the widowed mother of two, **Mary Pat Tierney '88** and Erin Marie Tierney. She is especially proud of her two granddaughters.

Nancy Frank has lived in Arizona most of her adult life and excelled in teaching and volunteering in her community. This year she celebrated 25 years of volunteering in her former school district, helping students one on one in reading, writing, and math.

Barbara Geary is still busy in Tulsa, OK, with piano concerts, peace-justice, and environmental issues but in addition is teaching French and piano to her great-nephews, ages 2 and 4. What lucky children!

Sister M. Carolina Hart, CSC, has certainly used her BS and MS in nursing greatly over the years, especially in hospital administration. Sister became the first nurse practitioner for the Sisters of the Holy Cross.

Margaret Elaine (Gretchen) House Gunning is still a "Georgia girl" but happily reports she is the grandmother of 13.

Marybeth Jones Schmitz remains in Monroe, WI, where she moved as a young bride and where her late husband, Bill, established his law practice and was the city attorney. Seeing their five daughters through college and into their careers with their own families is the source of great satisfaction, as it should be.

Therese Kachur Miller is another long-time Wisconsin resident, though she and Dick live in Burlington. They are still active in their parish, primarily with evangelization and adoration, plus Rosary group, although they are "slowing down." Therese did not come to Reunion because she went to North Carolina to visit her 95-year-old sister! More surveys later. Perhaps you noted I'm doing them in order, alpha by maiden name.

The grand opening of artist and sculptor Vervy Goodnight's Mancos, CO, gallery conflicted with **Bobbi Frederick Black's** attendance at Reunion. Multi-talented Bobbi works part time in the gallery and does the catering for their events. The Bauer House, which she owned and operated as a bed and breakfast for 24 years, is up for sale, leaving Bobbi with more time to "dance, play golf and travel."

Shirley O'Brien Creamer's summer included her granddaughter Claire's July wedding. The bride and groom were both recent graduates of Franciscan University of Steubenville (OH).

Early in September, **Peggy Kearin Carey, Dee Kiley LeFevour**, and I had the pleasure of attending an alumnae gathering at Café Brauer in Chicago. A few current students were present to share today's Saint Mary's experiences. By chance we met **Kate Maeve Ryan '18**, who noted our class year on our name tags and proudly informed us that her great-aunt was the late **Diane Donovan Grant** and her grandmother was Diane's sister, the late **Mary (Jane) Donovan Ryan '54**. Kate then went on to give the inspiring welcome to all, prior to President Jan Cervelli's talk.

I read each *Courier* carefully. I'm sure you do, too! Did you see **Kathleen Engler Malone '82** listed in *Excelsior*? Kathleen was named one of *Forbes'* "Top American Women Advisors 2017." Of course, Kathleen is the daughter of John and **Peggy Maher Engler**. Congratulations! Careful *Courier* reading also led me to the 2017 Legacies listing, which included **BrIDGET REGINA SITKO '17**, granddaughter of **Mary K. Sheehan Chandler**. Mary K's recent birthday celebration included all 20 of her grandchildren and her first great-grandchild.

In September came the death of **Deirdre LeFevour**, daughter of our **Dee Kiley LeFevour** and her late husband, Ray. Deirdre suffered with cancer and was lovingly cared for in her last months at Dee's home. Deirdre's two sisters and four brothers and their families helped in her care and support.

Mary Kathleen (Katie) Carroll also died in September after a long struggle with Parkinson's disease. Katie had come to Saint Mary's from Laguna Beach, CA. After graduation she taught elementary school, did missionary work in Alaska, and later worked for several Silicon Valley technology companies but her main focus always was raising her eight children. After they were

grown, she moved to Capitola, CA, and enjoyed her years there in that lovely oceanside community. She spent 10 years volunteering as a docent at the Monterey Bay Aquarium and later at the Long Marine Lab. She is survived by her eight children and their families including 16 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Katie was predeceased by her sister Pat and her brother Vince Carroll (ND '58). Before his untimely death in the early '60s, Vince was married to our classmate **Martha Foley Carroll Leachman**.

October brought word of the passing of **Liz McCorkle Groden**. Liz had been struggling with poor health for some time and died in her longtime Deerfield, IL, home. Liz was a home ec major at Saint Mary's and enjoyed her turn living in Riedinger House. The talents she honed there were put to good use in her own home, where she was an accomplished cook and baker and needlepoint expert. In the '90s, Liz returned to school and earned her master's in theology at Loyola University. She is survived by her daughter Kathleen Groden Willis (Dave), son Thomas J. Groden, and her grandson Colin Willis. Her husband, Thomas Francis Groden Jr., died in 2000. Our sincere sympathy to the many who have suffered losses recently.

Don't forget that a donation to our Endowed Scholarship Fund is a wonderful way to honor the memory of our departed classmates and family members. You would be inspired if I could share with you the thank-you letter sent to **Eva Haas Dolan** by our current recipient, **Erika Morgan Mayette-Draper '19**.

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The class of 1958 does not have much news to report, but here goes. The good news is we have a Saint Mary's College anniversary to celebrate in May; the bad news is the death of classmates.

Paula Lawton Bevington and **Mary Hustead Bottum** both sent me **Harriet Lois Capron's** obituary. Thank you, Mary and Paula. Harriet died in Port Townsend, WA, on January 14, 2017. After graduation from Saint Mary's, Harriet went to work for Boeing in its new computer department. She next went to work teaching in the computer department of North Seattle Community College, and Benjamin Publishing Company recruited her to review many textbooks and write seven bestselling computer textbooks. Harriet loved to sing and play the guitar, and she traveled the world judging Sweet Adeline competitions. She continued her love of the outdoors from her Girl Scout days by walking every day in the woods. Harriet was generous to many charities and a die-hard Seattle Mariners fan. Harriet left several nieces and nephews and her spouse, Susan.

Paula and I each received a thoughtful and enthusiastic letter from **Hannah Nation '19** of Livonia, NY, thanking the Class of 1958 for being awarded the Sister M. Alma Peter, CSC Memorial Scholarship. Hannah will graduate in 2019 with a major in business administration and double

concentration in finance and international business administration. She ended her letter by thanking the class for "investing in her education and life."

In our last *Courier* we saw that **Mary Wills Aspin** and **Ann Burns Hendrick** have both passed away as well. Our thoughts and prayers are with their family and friends.

Before I close, **Sue Lipetska Cierzniak** just relayed news of the death of **Teddi Reid Murray's** husband, George. **Nancy Schwind Gallagher** had called Sue earlier. I wish you all a happy and healthy 2018.

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Rose Marie Cassmeyer Huches sent me an obituary from her local Springfield, IL, newspaper for our classmate **Susan Eck Morris**, who passed away on October 2, 2017. She is survived by her husband, Jim Morris (ND '58), six children, and 18 grandchildren. Rose recalls that Sue didn't fully complete her degree because she left early to marry Jim before he was signed by the Chicago Cubs to start on a farm team. She was very active in Right to Life and anti-death penalty causes as well as the founder, with her husband, of the Koinonia Retreat Movement. Please remember her in your prayers.

Rose Marie Mudd Nickodemus writes that her children threw an early 80th birthday/reunion party for her in August (she is a Halloween baby) — the first time they had all been together since her husband's funeral seven years ago. She continues to enjoy good health, walking her dog several times a day and swimming laps in the pool, weather permitting. I saw on Facebook that she was able to get tickets for the musical *Hamilton* — lucky girl!

Had a nice chat with **Colleen Taffee Goldkamp Harmon** last month. She was just getting back on her feet following a much-needed hip replacement.

My sister **Betty Benford Belfiore** and family, who live in Venice, FL, had to evacuate when Irma hit the Gulf Coast. Her husband had just returned home from surgery for a broken femur and was not ambulatory, so her son got one of the last flights into Tampa from DC and drove them, with doggies in tow, to another child's home in New Orleans. My daughter who lives in Naples also had to evacuate so they took their family on a "vacation" to a friend's house in North Carolina. Although there was no power when they returned, they suffered little damage to their properties. Scary time!

All is well here in San Clemente. We will celebrate Thanksgiving in two days and the weather is in the 80s and 90s! I am recuperating from hand surgery (Dupuytren's contracture) and unable to play tennis or pickleball until the first of the year. Immediately following the surgery, when my right hand was useless, I OD'd on seasons 1 and 2 of *Outlander*. I read all eight books but one of my daughters insisted I watch the series. Good call!

Well, as we leave 2017 behind, most if not all of us have turned 80 and wonder how that could be! Well, as Brigitte Bardot once said (among other things), "It is sad to grow old but nice to ripe!" Here's to 2018 — our ripening year.

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Helenmarie Anderson Corcoran sent word from San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, where she has lived for the last several years. She is pursuing an artistic life of storytelling, writing poetry, and sketching. She is also exercising her executive abilities as president of Festival Internacional de Musica, which is celebrating its 40th anniversary in 2018. San Miguel de Allende is a wonderful city to visit, a great place for a mini-reunion.

An email from **Bette Jo Sitzberger Gorman** brought news that she and husband, Earl, are once again snowbirds thanks to their daughter and son-in-law's home in Key Largo, FL. **Patty Crotty Misrach** and **Patricia Lehmann Crotty** visited them there last January. They also spent some time with **Marylee Zahner Foley** and her husband, Howard, in Stuart, FL, in February. Marylee and Howard also were in Chicago in July and stayed with them for a long weekend, which was great fun. In addition, Bette Jo was able to get together with **Katie Herbstritt McMahon** in late August when she was in town. She and Howard are well and working out regularly, especially with yoga, and are living in a condo in Hinsdale not far from where they lived before. They are adjusting well to the simplifying of their life.

Mary Cecilia Roemer in South Bend is staying in touch with SMC events as well as with **Mary Ann (Cookie) Cooke Campbell** and a few others. She is so proud of her education and so proud of the kind of education currently under way on campus.

I received a note from **Kay Decker Koppel** in Osgood, IN, saying she and **Mary Maley Burgess** had a nice visit when Mary was on her way to Iowa for her 60th high school reunion. Mary is still in Pinehurst, NC, and is planning to downsize in the same area. Kay's 60th high school reunion was nearby and quite enjoyable. Lots of laughs and tears and amazement at all they had accomplished in those years. She still is working two days a week at the local public library and running the book club there. She would appreciate suggestions of books to read.

Rosemary Hoefer Maher was happy to report she had the most wonderful visit with **Ruth Putnam Lord** and her husband, Retired Col. Gary Lord, US Army, last summer at Rowie's home in Overland Park, KS. Despite the Lords having traveled all over the world, they made the Mahers feel like their hometown of Kansas City had lots of great sights to see and enjoy. Ironically, fellow SMC roommates were enjoying the same good time on the East Coast when **Claire Casellini Geil** and **Pat Kinney Walsh** got together.

Peggy Hill wrote to say she was producing a play on Broadway, *The Parisian Woman*. It opened on

November 30, and she was awaiting the review in the *New York Times*.

An email from across the pond brought news from **Wini McGuinness Meikle** that they spent a lovely sunny week with **Mary Pentes Graham** last spring in Florida. (She was Wini's roommate freshman year and always her best friend.) **Barb Breen Hickey** and her husband, Don, joined us for a chatty fun evening at Mary and Peter's. In June they went on a river cruise down the Danube on a small ship and unbelievably met two other Saint Mary's "girls." Again, if any other Belles are on this side of the Atlantic, I would love to see them."

Susan Fitzgerald Rice wrote that she and husband, Don, have had a year with great health and she accompanied him to golf tournaments in beautiful sections of the US. While on campus this fall, she heard Margaret Atwood at Saint Mary's speak to a sell-out crowd and loved the media coverage about her visit. Also, she toured the new Angela Athletic & Wellness Complex and was really impressed. She walked the newly re-opened Nature Trail, a joint cooperative venture between the College and the Congregation. In California, her Los Angeles Alumnae Club continues with its successful heritage ornaments for Christmas. The 2018 ornament will be available at Shaheen Bookstore in May 2018 and can be ordered online on the Club's website: saintmaryslaclub.com.

Thank you to all who answered my request for news. Please update me on any changes in email address for you or classmates.

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Ellen Sheehan Adams wrote that her retirement last year ago has been "AWESOME." She elaborated: "Even though the word itself has some negative connotations, e.g. prefix re = 'backward, to be out of circulation, to stop working/that hasn't happened. I don't get a paycheck, BUT I am still working! To be out of circulation? Well, as long as I can drive the 'grands/that won't happen! I have merely 'redirected' my life. I have spent a major portion of my time over the past year sharing and mentoring. Ken and I go to chorus performances to cheer them on; we go to Lego competitions, art shows at schools. We do sewing and knitting together, horseback riding (I drive and they ride in the car and on the horses). Ken and I have been blessed to be able to participate in watching our children's children grow and develop. So, I haven't really retired, just joyfully moved on to the next phase...."

June should be a fine celebration for our reuniting! Time to share our moving on. I'm reading a lovely book this week after seeing an interview with the author on PBS's *Newshour*. Kerry Eagan is a hospice chaplain in Columbia, SC, and she writes about what she has learned from listening as people shared what she calls the "spiritual work of dying" — the work of finding or making meaning of one's life. *On Living* is a special book, mostly because the author is such a radiant human being and has listened well. I heartily recommend it.

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HAPPY SPRING TIME! Hope the days are longer, your flowers are blooming, and you walk every day!

Fran Bardello Craig reported that she, **Eileen Bleeg Cavanagh, Denise Cavanaugh, and Pat Davis Stichman** continue to meet for lunches to stay in contact. Fran encourages the Class of '64 to support the '64 Jubilee scholarship fund with an RMD (required minimum distribution), tax free.

Kay Christenson Janiszewski has survived a horrific experience: She went to Spain, ended up with acute pancreatitis, was air lifted home, lost 55 pounds, lived on feeding tubes, but believes that prayers brought her through and she is fine and thin! Thank GOD!

Connie Mettler moved from Michigan to a home in the West Central Historic District in Fort Wayne. Any ladies in her new area?

Marquita Olsen Carmouche lived through the Houston floods and helped wherever she could. The most amazing small-world story: Marquita and her husband were on a Canadian Rockies train trip and ran into **Susan Doyle Dunigan** — three rows in front of them!

Maureen O'Hara Pesta celebrated her 75th birthday with **Eileen Byrne Brennan '65** and their husbands. (Eileen's mother had invited Maureen and **Mary Jo Kircher Huck** to live with her family after graduation till the girls were settled into NYC jobs...eons ago.)

Kathy Cullinan Seggerson and her husband, John, traveled to Starkville, MS, to the Ulysses Grant Presidential Library at Mississippi State University to hear Ron Chernow lecture on Grant as guests of **Jeanne Kozmer Marszalek** and her husband, John, who is the executive director there.

Jinx Hack Ring spent March in Bologna, Italy, and went on to the Austrian Alps for the Winter World Games of Special Olympics. **Pat Malone Nathe, Susan Shalgos Wolsfeld, Mary (Molly) Follis Tuton**, and Jinx were able to be with **Kathy Menzie Lesko** at her husband Bob's funeral. **Roberta Limarzi Weinsheimer**, Jinx, and I all were with Kathy in October. Jinx's 75th was Christmas day.

Keep well, stay in touch. Peace, Hope, and Joy.

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"It is our great pleasure to welcome you to the trip celebrating the 40th year of Saint Mary's Ireland Program at Maynooth University. We are thrilled that you will be joining us in mid October in Ireland. The Saint Mary's excursion runs Friday, October 13, through Thursday, October 19, 2017." This was the welcoming email that SMC and the president's office sent out to all participants in the Ireland trip. Six of us Golden Belles represented our '65 class and had a great time doing it. Myself, **Mary**

Delaney Willer, Cille Sorrentino Bucolo, Elise Meyer, Colleen Leahy (who spends her summers in Ireland, so she and a friend drove and met us for the tour), and **Judy Piers Locher**. Elise flew from Denver to Chicago, and we were seatmates on the flight. Companionship certainly makes transatlantic travel go much faster. Ireland was spectacular and what an amazing program for our SMC students in conjunction with Maynooth College. We spent an evening with some of the students and President Jan Cervelli after a particularly beautiful Mass. President Cervelli was warm and gracious to all and kindly consented to have her photo taken with the six from '65. **Micki Binkle Boulac** noted in an email to me that her daughter spent a year in the Saint Mary's Ireland Program.

I want to mention that one evening we miscalculated our dining time and failed to make reservations anywhere after a day of touring. The beautiful castle where we were staying had a dining room, but it was booked solid, and we were not thrilled about finding a van cab and going out to search for a dining spot that was open. So each of the six of us foraged in our suitcases and came up with a very unorthodox "dinner" of sorts. But, oh, the laughs! It was a really fun and now well-remembered evening. I actually have a photo of our repast, if anyone is interested. I also had the pleasure of celebrating my birthday with these lovely friends. It happened to be on the day Hurricane Ophelia hit Ireland. The first in 100 years! Instead of taking my planned side trip to the Kelly hometown of Ballaghaderreen, we all ended up relaxing at the Connacht Hotel. Not all bad at all! I was provided with a beautiful birthday dessert for all and loads of laughs from these Belles.

Judy and I stayed an extra two days and headed to Belfast. Judy has a 15th century Anglo-Norman relative, a Piers, that was the commander of Carricksfergus castle. How amazing to trace one's lineage back so far. So we spent an additional couple of days and went to the castle (on Judy's bucket list) and it was truly amazing! Ireland has preserved it well and it is a major tourist site. We spent the entire day traveling the eastern coast with an enthusiastic and enjoyable guide. Incredible beauty everywhere! We were so fortunate to have good weather and we could actually see Scotland, it was so clear.



Belles of '65, Saint Mary's Ireland trip. Left to right: Mary Delaney Willer, Cille Sorrentino Bucolo, Sheila Kelly Ames, Judy Piers Locher, President Jan Cervelli, Colleen Leahy, and Elise Meyer.

"I loved the photos of six of our classmates on what looked like a great trip through Ireland!" writes **Sheila Flynn Boone**, our intrepid traveler. "About that same time, Michael and I were on a tour of northern Spain and Portugal which followed 'the way of St. James.' We had wanted to do that pilgrimage for several years. We took a Grand Circle tour, which combined touring, wine tasting, visiting with locals, AND hiking the Camino, all the way to

Santiago de Compostela. A great compromise for seniors! It was a really wonderful experience! Made it to one football game in September where we met up with **Terry Failla Reymond** and Leon. Lots of fun visiting, and Notre Dame won, too."

EXCELSIOR

SISTER ALMA MARY ANDERSON '65

was recognized with the 2017 Indiana State University's Faculty Distinguished Service Award.

We have a new Belle at our alma mater. **Margo Lawrence Ludwig** sends the happy news. "The first of my granddaughters, **Sara Katherine Ludwig '22**, is a sophomore at Saint Mary's now! She transferred from St. Louis University. So proud of her! Sounds like she's found her home away from home! She is our fifth family member to be a Belle. The first one graduated in 1933 and was actually named Belle (the late **Isabelle Kelly Glenn '33**)!"

Our **Lil Chard Beshel** was kind enough to send me a newspaper clipping that **Joan Marskey Slattery** had sent to her from the *Star Tribune* in Minnesota. There on the front of the two-page clipping was a large picture of **Joan Blila Boettcher** looking as lovely as ever. The headline quote was "No grandkids? Boomer parents are embracing their Granddogs." I'll let Joanie tell the story: "As you know I have three lovely daughters and a whole bunch of wonderful grandchildren. We also have several really sweet granddogs. One of my daughters, Ali, a 1993 graduate of Notre Dame, founded a

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digital media company called Sidewalkdog.com. The company offers pet news to Minnesota dog owners, sponsors events, has special interest articles, promotes pet adoption, sells pet-related products, and lets people know what locations in the area welcome pets. Our local newspaper asked Ali if they could interview both of us and talk about the role that family pets play in the lives of grandparents. Our granddogs are much loved members of the family and are welcome to come and visit or to stay for a while. We always have dog beds, toys, and water bowls for them, and we often put a treat in their food bowl when they come. They add a lot of fun and joy to all our lives, and we feel very fortunate to have them spend time with us."

Nice news from **Kathleen McAnaney Campbell**: "Great Ireland pic. Great ladies! Just returned from the Margaret Atwood reception and lecture at SMC, which was excellent. We were so fortunate to have graduated from a school that continues to be in the forefront of education! Went on to NYC and saw **Nancy Wagner LaValle** at my brother Frank's 75th birthday celebration. Met her charming husband, Luke. A wonderful few days."

"It's November and we are in Seattle grand-sitting Cameron, 6, and James, 2-1/2, for a while; then we celebrate birthdays, our 45th anniversary, and Thanksgiving," writes **Beverly Senda DeFoe**. "So very much to be grateful for. In December we go to Las Vegas to welcome a new grandson. Exciting times for us! Thanksgiving and Christmas blessings for all my classmates!"

"In August, Martin and I went to Milwaukee to join in the celebration of **Heidi Keck Hanley** and Bob Hanley's 50th wedding anniversary," writes **Rosann Gorman Conroy**. "Fifty years ago, I was one of the bridesmaids. It was a lovely party, and Heidi and Bob both looked so happy."

Sadly, we regret the passing of **Katherine "Kitty" Lancelot Harrington** of Manhattan and Rye, NY. She passed away May 22, 2017, and leaves a husband, two sons, and her mother. Kitty was a successful and prolific playwright and author.

Marianne Spalding Schiavone celebrated their 50th with their family in Italy as I reported in the previous *Courier*. Marianne and Dave's granddaughter Kate, 12, along with her friends and their siblings, held the fifth annual Knocktoberfest Sunday, October 29, 2017. The kids raised more than \$10,000 to support the 501(c) (3) charity organization Opportunity Knock, which provides day care and life programs to young adults who have outgrown the federal and state supported educational programs. Impressive!

Lovely news from **Jane Groskopf Voll** in sunny California: "We have moved from our home of 31 years into a temporary apartment while waiting for a condo to be built — now January. We will be right on the BART path, so no more driving to BART, reserving a spot, or dropping someone off and picking up. We will be doing a major downsize to less than 1,500 square feet with little storage — oh, my! But we think it's the best for us and our son in the future. The holidays will be different this year, but we are in good health and happy."

Be proud, ladies! Our Class of 1965 Memorial Scholarship has been a great benefit to a number

of SMC students. The total amount distributed was \$44,600. **Kylie Marie Bridegroom '18** of Knox, IN. She is pursuing a major in social work. **Grace Caroline Donnelly '19** of Winchester, CA. Her major is art. **Abigail Rose Mabry '20** of Granger, IN. Her major is business administration. And, **Madeline Marcelle Rhinesmith '19** of Elkhart, IN, with a major in social work. Our class received some lovely thank you's from these young ladies, and we wish them all the very best in their future.

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The winds were blowing and a hurricane alert was issued, but it did not stop **Pam Smith Malone** and her daughter Anne-Marie from enjoying the beauty of Galway Bay, Ireland. Pam traveled with a Saint Mary's sponsored tour to Ireland this fall. Also on the trip was **Marilyn Kozmer Sommers** and a group of good friends from home. They attended Mass in St. Patrick University Chapel in Maynooth. Pam said it was a memorable service. I visited Maynooth last year to visit my granddaughter **Caroline Duffy Kennedy '18**, who was studying with the Saint Mary's program.

Carol Senda Damaso said that Phoenix was fortunate to have **Kara O'Leary '89** in attendance for their club's Founders' Day Mass and brunch. The whole Damaso family including her daughter **Karen Marie Damaso '96** spent Thanksgiving in Maui. Many of us met Carol's lovely daughter at our 50th Reunion. Some families will do anything not to wash those Thanksgiving dishes.

Another classmate enjoying the sun is **Martha Crikelair Wohlford**, who lives in Serenity, Staniel Cay, Euximas, Bahamas ... definitely a hard life. Martha will host **Judith Spinner Johns** and family in February. They will swim, snorkel, and look for nurse sharks.

Christine Nichols Donohue enjoyed a lovely lunch with former classmate and roommate **Cheryllan Galasso Harrington** in Boston. Cheryllan moved back to New Hampshire from Colorado. Christine said, "It was like time stood still." Cheryllan missed our 50th Reunion for the birth of a grandchild.

Doris (Pinks) Wilke London writes about her place in St. Barth. They have owned this small villa for 12 years. For most years they escape the cold months in NYC by spending four months in St. Barth. This year Hurricane Irma wreaked havoc on the small island. Their place experienced considerable damage, but nothing compares to the complete devastation of the entire island. Pinks commented that the local people of St. Barth are industrious and determined to do everything in their power to return the island to its natural beauty.

Mary Roberts Nelson avoided the direct impact of Hurricane Harvey by evacuating to Wisconsin. They did not sustain any flooding. Mary wrote about her grandson Robert Nelson (Bo), who was born June 6, 2016. The little one has survived seven brain surgeries and is doing well now. His parents

moved to Houston from Dallas to be near Texas Children's Hospital. Bo is walking, talking, and very excited about Christmas. "It has been a difficult time, but prayers and wonderful medical care has done so much."

All the Nelson men and boys attended the Super Bowl in Houston, and the whole family cheered the Houston Astros to victory in the World Series. Since the Cubs were not contenders this year, my whole family cheered for the Astros. Maybe next year for the Cubbies.

Our class athlete **Anne Sheehan Garbarino** said she traveled to Seattle, Victoria, BC, and Vancouver, BC, with a cousin. When not traveling for pleasure, Anne got in a canoe and rowed for three days or 90 miles for the Adirondack Canoe Classic. She also went to Maine for a four-day sailing trip with Texas friends. In the fall while visiting her granddaughter, Anne stayed with **Mary Lee Hamilton Spencer** and Jim in South Bend. On the way home, she detoured to Cleveland Heights to visit with **Diane Sulzbach Pexa** and her husband, Jim.

Maureen Rodgers Budetti shared that she meets with **Kate O'Hara Aubert**, **Carol Smithers Mansfield**, and **Anne Liess Hoover** at least once to twice a month. The three classmates are in the same book group in Virginia in the Washington, DC, area.

Marybeth Scheid West wrote that her daughter Stephanie and family live nearby in Deerfield while one son, Keith, and family live in Gurnee. Her last son lives in the city with his family. Marybeth has nine grandchildren and devotes her free time to visiting and caring for them. She is still working as a sub for French. Her main volunteer work centers on the Lake Forest Symphony and the Parisian Salon Concerts held in Lake Forest. Right now she is concentrating on downsizing and hoping one of these adult children will take some of the stuff.

Finally, **Amy Bertorelli** and her new husband, Kurt, moved to San Luis Obispo, CA, where her twin sons live. The boys both work as software development engineers for Amazon.

On a sad note, **Nadine (Nan) Ann Nader** died in early September in Monroe, MI. Nan was remembered for her many years of teaching and her years as a campus minister at Iowa University and the University of Michigan. Her husband, Frank, and her two sons survive Nan. **Laura Ardini Yeakel**, who lives in Flat Rock, MI, attended the wake.

Teresse (Terri) Morton Krause lost her husband, Bob, in July. Bob graduated from the University of Notre Dame Law School. Terri lives in Bloomfield Hills, MI.

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Ann McMahon Sutliff reported that she had just returned from a December Irish dance competition in Orlando and was looking forward to flying to Cleveland to meet with roomie **Mary Lou Gallagher** for their drive to Reunion together! She had lunch with **Harriett Hillebrand Cronin** and

Karen Huisking Coffey in Naples, FL, last spring and they reminded her of the wonderful friendships made at SMC.

Cathie Coleman Kelly wrote that she wanted to send a hello to her fellow staffers from the Class of '68. She is looking forward to Reunion and will be coming with her daughter **Meg Kelly Fuentes '98** and says it will be good to catch up.

Barbara Menke Pinckney wrote that she was delighted to receive a call from **Francie Russell** about our Reunion, which will be an exciting event and an opportunity to visit her Iowa hometown as well. Her life is good with grandchildren to visit and lots of travel experiences. She follows her husband to his half-marathon RocknRoll events around the US, which gives them a great excuse to see our country. They had just returned from a trip to Peru. Our motivation is to travel while we can.

Judith Leahy Lundin writes that she was really looking forward to our Reunion. She and David were about to finish a six-week stay in their apartment in Nice. Just before that, they were on their 10th Viking River Cruise, this one from Lyon to Avignon. They do not do too much when in Nice other than enjoying the weather, walking on the promenade, shopping, and eating. They do take their company sightseeing, but otherwise just live there. They have the best of worlds in Nice — good Italian food and both good and reasonably priced French food!

Ginny Ward writes about the joys and perils of a very large family; they have four recent family engagements, a niece's wedding, a new baby, and multiple college graduations. One son, Adam, and one daughter, Nachel, recently became engaged, and a niece and a nephew became engaged as well. When submitting class news, they were still

waiting on dates and venues. Ginny's brother Jim's youngest daughter, Bridget, got married in June at a lovely wedding in Madison, WI. She and another niece are both also returning to graduate school. Then on November 17, a new grandson, Jeremiah Ward, arrived three weeks early to enjoy all of the holiday season and was showing his party nature already. Baby and mother are both fine, but the father is a wreck. This birth was not nearly as exciting as the premature birth of her niece's triplets late last year. Her niece and the three great-nieces are now fine. She also has a new great-nephew, who thankfully arrived on schedule. Another of Ginny's grandsons is off to college, where he is studying chemical engineering, following in the footsteps of three other recent college graduates in the family and the two who are returning to graduate school. Ginny recently formed and licensed a small company in Colorado to provide care for people with developmental disabilities. The whole system in Colorado for serving the elderly and people with disabilities is overly complex and fragmented, so that should keep Ginny "on the phone listening to annoying music" for a few years. She is grateful for good health and good friends and looks forward to our 50th Reunion.

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Although this column will not appear for a few months, I am writing it in December, closing out 2017. Most of you have ended your 60s and kicked off a new decade, entering the 70s. May it be a very happy, healthy, and holy time for each and every one of us!

Linda Duncan Davey wrote to say that she and **Holly Higgins Redell** went to each other's parties, which their families hosted for their big birthdays. "I live in Tallahassee, FL, and Holly is in Tampa. Her birthday was the weekend before Irma, so it was the beginning of a very stressful time! In October, I was honored as a Holocaust Educator by the Holocaust Education Resource Council. I've been teaching courses on the Holocaust since 1998. Three of my four children came from around the country to attend the dinner."

From Houston, TX, **Roz Castrogiovanni Hill** reported that she and her sons survived Harvey without any flooding and were most grateful. On the celebratory side, Roz said, "A group of us went to Santa Fe to celebrate our 70th birthdays. **Susan Morphy Backus, Alice Fanning Horney, Eileen Kelly Barry, Patti Smid Malloy, Kathy Sweeney-Hammond, Therese Ambrusko** (pictured below), and I were in the trip. It was a great time and hard to believe that 50 years had passed since we enrolled at Saint Mary's College. We are all looking forward to our Reunion."



MOTHER PAULINE SOCIETY

Members of the Mother Pauline Society have created planned gifts to benefit Saint Mary's.

From L-R: Bridget Myers Mullins '03, Connie Long Mullins '75, Margaret Long '17, and Kerry Long '70 celebrate at graduation.

Kerry J. Long '70

cherished Saint Mary's as an undergraduate and developed an even stronger connection after getting involved as an alumna in the years that followed.

"I found myself to be even more inspired by my fellow Saint Mary's alumnae," Kerry explained. "I realized the influence I could make with a gift and the impact that it would have on the future of so many current Saint Mary's students and those that would one day join our ranks as alumnae."

Through various discussions with our Office of Gift Planning, Kerry learned about charitable gift annuities which would allow her to give back to her beloved alma mater and simultaneously receive regular income. "It was the right time for me and the perfect way for me to give back." Kerry added "I knew Saint Mary's would steward my gift well."

For more information on charitable gift annuities or including Saint Mary's College as a beneficiary of your retirement account, will, trust, or other planned gift, please contact the Office of Gift Planning at **(574) 284-4591** or plannedgiving@saintmarys.edu.

Bev Pagorski Reid has had an Andrea Bocelli concert on her bucket list for some time. Her family helped her check off that box with tickets to his performance in Detroit as a birthday gift!

For Thanksgiving **Betty Sejda Bongiovi** gathered with family in Kansas, including her son and family who joined everyone from LA. Betty and husband, Rob (ND '69), live in Williamsburg and were getting ready to enjoy Christmas in that beautiful colonial setting.

I thought the following news was such a touching, far-reaching memory with ongoing rewards.

Betty Tucker Phelps emailed, "I am wondering if anyone remembers the Andre Segovia concert in the spring of 1967 (I think). I can still remember the feeling I had watching the austere stage with one man sitting in a chair playing the guitar. I knew that night that I wanted to play the guitar the same way he did. I had never heard of classical guitar. It took several years, graduate school, and one child for me to find a teacher and begin to study. Two more children and several moves later I found my life-long teacher in a little town in coastal Maine. I still love to play, and we get together in the summer to play duets. I majored in mathematics, and my education has of course been tremendously important, but that concert is the Saint Mary's College experience that has most affected my daily life!" Betty spends part of her year in Cushing, ME, and part of her year in Estero, FL.

Janet Krueger knits hat/mitten sets, one per week on average, to donate at Christmastime to her Grand Rapids community. She has such a generous heart and has quietly done this work. Additionally, she just hosted the Grand Rapids Christmas dinner for the Saint Mary's College alumnae in her area.

I think I must be one of the "babies" of the class with a December birthday. For the first time ever, I celebrated in November! My husband, Roy, and I went to NYC for a week, Sunday to Sunday, over Thanksgiving. Our family joined us there on Wednesday for the holiday weekend. It was an absolutely incredible time in the Big Apple, which is nothing short of magical at Christmastime. We went to Radio City Music Hall (shades of my Long Island, NY, childhood birthdays), the Macy's parade, Central Park, Broadway plays, museums, shops, the Highline, Rockefeller Plaza, St. Malachy's (the Actor's Chapel on Broadway), St. Patrick's Cathedral, and of course many special meals with adult beverages. My heart is full of gratitude and love for my family and my friends who have helped me come to this milestone of celebration!

Thank you to all who shared your news, and remember that our class deadlines are April 1, August 1, and December 1. Please write to me anytime! God bless!

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James Paradis, who was a much beloved art professor at Saint Mary's from the 1960s through the early '90s (and I believe was department chair

for a period during that time), passed away at his home at The Villages in San Jose, CA, on December 21, 2017, with his wife, **Adine C. Paradis '70**, by his side. When they married in the 1960s, they combined their two families, who continue as a close extended family today. Jim and Adine relocated to San Jose after Jim retired from SMC, as two of their children lived there and California offered the best weather!



Former professor, the late H. James Paradis, with Karen Preston McCarty and classmates Rosemarie Rinella Stocky and Patti Walters.

Although Jim had been in failing health for a year or more, my classmates from the Class of 1970, **Rosemarie Rinella Stocky, Patti J. Walters**, and I, were fortunate in being able to attend a one-man retrospective show and reception in his honor hosted at The Villages Community Center on November 10, 2017. We were able to meet four of their children at this event, and it was great fun exchanging stories about Jim as a teacher and a father.

Jim was much loved by The Villages community as a great friend, neighbor, and art instructor. He offered painting, ceramics, and drawing classes to the residents in the community center for 20-plus years.

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Maureen Cassidy wrote: "The LA Alumnae Club is briskly selling its third in a series of five Saint Mary's College ornaments. Each has been beautiful with this year's a lovely depiction of Lake Marian. Great memories of our beautiful campus. The project's surplus will go toward the club's scholarship fund. The ornaments are available at the Shaheen bookstore and online at the Club's website at <http://www.saintmaryslaclub.com>. Working on this project and getting together with Saint Mary's alumnae from a wide range of classes is such fun. The ornaments are beautiful! I purchased one last May in the bookstore!"

Sheila Cronin's newest novel, *Best of All Gifts*, has been published. There is a copy in the Saint Mary's library. For your own copy, check on Amazon!

Maureen Schimizzi had a wonderful time in Italy this fall. She ended her trip in Rome, where she was able to see her Italian family members.

Bernadette Volpe Mitsch was not feeling well during our Reunion weekend so a group of friends, **Shirley Johnson Morand, Kathleen Rodriguez**

Maloney, Mary Ellen Burke, Mary Patt Glass, Marilyn Becker Porcino, Chris Herrick Baasten, and I, had a mini-reunion with her in May. We had a tour of campus, spent time in the Shaheen Bookstore, a quick trip to see Notre Dame, Mass together on Saturday night, and lots of talking in the lobby. The weekend went by very quickly, and we hope to meet in 2018.

Mary Ellen Burke visited me in August to see the Iowa State Fair. We saw the butter cow and art center but spent a lot of time with the quilt exhibits. We also visited the Iowa Quilt Museum and the bridges of Madison County in Winterset, IA.

1972

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As I sit down to write this column, football playoff games are on in the background. I know many of us wish that Notre Dame had continued their amazing winning streak and made it into the playoffs. My friends and I do a group texting during the games, which gets to be funny with comments flying. During the Miami game, **Chris Newland Ketterhagen** texted that she had her lucky shirt on backwards, which surely caused the Irish disastrous play. **Maura Carroll** went into her closet to find her ND sweatshirt. I mean, these things are relics now, aren't they?

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EILEEN BEEHAN '72

received the papal honor, the Benemerenti Medal, in recognition of her service to the Church from the Diocese of Nashville.

It is almost six months to the day from our Reunion weekend last June and I am happily still sifting through Reunion updates. Our class is still so very interesting. Many have retired and many are still working. There is a lot of traveling going on all over the world. A very common theme is spending time with family, especially if grandchildren are involved!

Despite having a grandson of her own, **Debbie Hilliard Ben-Nun** works as a Court Appointed Special Advocate, which means she becomes the temporary legal guardian for children who have been taken into the care of the state. She acts as a liaison representing the best interests of the child. Debbie lives in Austin, TX, but travels a lot to visit friends and family all over the world. They have a home in Spain and one of two sons lives in Israel. Debbie's plans for retirement include writing a cookbook, hiking, traveling, and spending more time with family and friends. Her email is Dbennun@gmail.com.

Judy Lammers Imhoff (IMHOFF@msn.com) was traveling in Europe and missed Reunion. She is semi-retired from practicing law but keeps busy doing "expert witness" consulting. However, she says she found her vocation late in life as an analyst/writer for *The Motley Fool*. She studies and evaluates companies for investment opportunities and reports on them to an online investment community. She is another traveler and tries to go

abroad each year — last year to France on a river cruise through Provence and the wine country. She also collects kites and visits kite festivals.

Kate Hall Diedrich (kateddiedrich@gmail.com) missed Reunion for health reasons. She was at the end of a very successful cancer treatment as part of an experimental study at the University of Michigan. Hoping you are well, Kate!

Kate had an amazing travel/work. During two winter sessions in 2015 and 2016, she taught students from Grand Rapids Aquinas College in Tully Cross, Ireland, a town of 38 people in County Galway. She and husband, Dan, spent spring break in Florence, Italy. They also did some family history research in Scotland and Ireland and found the home where her great-grandmother was born in Ireland. Kate and Dan have three "perfect, intelligent, creative, exceptional" grandchildren, whom they care for once a week.

Out of time and probably words, so all for now. Sending love and wishing you the very best in 2018!

1973

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Greetings, fellow classmates! I have agreed to serve as our class reporter with the hope of generating news about the Class of 1973. I know we are interested and curious about one another so don't be shy! Please send me a quick email with some news about you and your Saint Mary's pals. Photos are most welcome, too.

Jane McCormick Carney just retired from her position as chair of the visual arts department at Loyola Academy and is working full time as an artist in her studio in Evanston, IL. She recently spent five weeks in Paris doing some research on a new group of paintings. She also had a solo show at the Union League Club in Chicago. This summer she got together with **Mary Brelofski Zicafoose**, and she sees **Peg FitzGibbons Higgins** often in both Charleston and Chicago.



Jane McCormick Carney working as an artist in her studio in Evanston, IL.

Mary Brelofski Zicafoose writes, "I've put my BFA in studio art to work the last three decades as a tapestry weaver. My studio is called Mary Zicafoose Textiles. This year I was commissioned to create five 14-foot tapestry panels for the lobby of the new Fred and Pamela Buffett Cancer Center in Omaha, NE. The pieces, titled *The Healing and Hope Tapestries* (pictured below), are the largest public pieces I and

my three assistants have designed and woven to date. I am in good company in the building with the other major commissions created by Dale Chihuly and Jun Kaneko."



Denise Donofrio writes, "Greetings from Carefree, AZ! I've lived out here for almost 27 years and been retired for 17, spending lots of time volunteering. My summer travels to the Midwest led me to lunch with **Catherine Moran** and **Anne Rogers Roche** in Chicago, breakfast with **Sue Glockner Fitzer** in Ohio, and breakfast with **Mary Brelofski Zicafoose** in Omaha. (Check out Mary's website to see some of her spectacular tapestries and prints.) Was so very happy to have visits in Arizona from **Anne Rogers Roche** and **Mary Ann Chory**. I have the opportunity of seeing **Mary Denefe Anderson** when she's in Scottsdale getting away from the bad weather in Chicago. Still keep in touch with numerous classmates: **Maryann Bresnahan Wolowiec**, **Agnes Cosimano Logan**, **Patti D'Aquila Merickel**, **Learose Detesco Moody**, **Vicki Fornicola-Jones**, **Mary Frances McAuliffe McLaughlin**, and **Mary Sullivan Kelley**, hear from a few more at Christmas, and now have had the opportunity to talk to many about our upcoming 45th Reunion. Hope to see lots of you there!"

From **Catherine Moran**: "I retired at the end of 2016 after 43 years with IBM. I loved my career at IBM, but I am certainly enjoying retirement! I have replaced 10-hour days of conference calls and meetings with volunteering at the Lynne Sage Breast Cancer Center at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago and spending quality time with friends and family. I just returned from Bonita Springs, FL, visiting with my college roommate and BFF, **Cindy Booth**. Since graduation, Cindy and I have stayed in touch and get together on a regular basis, which has just been wonderful. Nothing better than catching up with friends while sitting poolside!

There are so many of our SMC classmates in Chicago. I see **Julie Webb**, **Catherine Lannon-Barr**, **Patti McNamara McGuire**, **Beth Lombardi Oliva**, and **Anne Rogers Roche** on regular basis. I have also dined with **Marybeth Caplice Newman**, **Ann Therese Darin Palmer**, and **Mary Denefe Anderson**. Visits to the Windy City also includes frequent visitor **Peg FitzGibbons Higgins**. Peg visits family in Chicago several times a year, and I always look forward to her trips to hear about life in Charleston, SC, and her world travels. I've also seen **Betsy Mohan Kain**, **Jeanne Crouere Monsour**, **Connie Smith Barker**, **Nancy Moran Moore**, and **Denise Donofrio**. There is a common theme to all these visits. Good food and conversation and a "stink eye" from our server who keeps wondering

"what are these women doing here so long and what are they laughing and crying about, and why do they keep asking me to take pictures of them !?!"

Although we may live in different parts of the country and don't see each other as often as we'd like, when we do get together, it's like no time has passed. It has been a gift to have these wonderful friendships after all these years. It is rare and to be treasured. I hope to see all of you at our 45th Reunion."

1975

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On the weekend of October 19, 2017, a group of SMC '75 ladies gathered in Chicago for a fun mini-reunion. We have been attempting to get together more frequently, in between campus Reunions, since we have entered our 60s.

With people traveling from DC, Jasper, IN, Keokuk, IA, Cleveland, Walker, MN, Indianapolis, Pittsburgh, and the Chicago suburbs, the Sofitel Hotel in downtown Chicago seemed like a perfect place to spend an autumn weekend together. With unseasonably warm October temperatures in the high 70s, we were able to walk the Magnificent Mile without jackets and enjoy cocktails on the terrace. Here, our classmate **Carol Collins Napleton** hosted all 15 of us for a yummy, elegant dinner at her lovely Lincoln Park penthouse, giving us a chance to relax and reconnect while enjoying beautiful views of the Chicago skyline.



Classmates at the mini-reunion included (pictured above) **Katie McFadden Devine**, **Mary Short Dennis**, **Kathi Paterno Knise**, **Janet Ryan Grasso**, **Mary Collins Johnson**, **Beth Jones Seidl**, **Carol Collins Napleton**, **Barb Groskopf Beeler**, **Janet Corrigan Bartlett**, and **Kathy Kosinski Weiler**. Not in photo: **Kathy Rueth Klees** and **Joanne Casson**.

1976

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It is with sadness that I note the passing of our classmate **Mea Ferrara Pierman** in late November after her long journey, as she characterized it, to try to live with cancer and then "let go and let God." Also, **Cecilia Marie Michel's** husband, Rick Villalta, lost his battle with cancer in August. I know we all are devastated for these families and so many others of our classmates and our families facing ill health, and we hold them all in our prayers.

Much happier news comes, because I am a Facebook friend of her husband, Jim Peterson, that **Kat Beaulieu**'s lovely daughter Julie Peterson was married in November in Chicago. I noticed a few SMC faces in the pews at Old St. Michael's including **Janna Stewart Blake** and **Mary Ann Daly '77**. Additional happy news is that **Mary (Patti) Organ Dunn** visited me in Bangkok, along with her husband, brother, and sister-in-law, last October. Patti and I had not really been in touch since the end of our first year at Saint Mary's, when she switched her major to nursing (and joined the Class of '77) and I headed off to Rome. Can you imagine: 44 years and it was almost as if we'd seen each other on Le Mans third annex last week. While Patti was here we exchanged Facebook posts with our third roommate from first year, **Mary Angus McLaughlin**, who, like Patti (and so many others of our classmates), is busy being a grandmother and caring for aging parents, as many of us are, while still working "outside the home" as we used to say.

Another grandmother, **Ann Vandemoter Voll** made her second visit to Bangkok in as many years to meet her new grandson and to stay with me for a while in the bargain. Her husband, Bill, was along this time, and we had many lively conversations about topics that will go unnamed. Also in the grandmothers' circle, **Sandy VanGilder** was in touch in December to say she and her roommate **Doris Kerley Moss** had met halfway between their respective homes — in Philadelphia — in late 2017 for a day of catch-up and story-sharing about life and family, including two granddaughters each. Doris is now retired from paid work but busy volunteering, babysitting, and staying in touch with friends. Sandy's executive coaching practice is thriving, though she ensures time for her granddaughters and their moms and dads. As only a lucky New Yorker could quip, Sandy ended her note with, "Dave and I also are frequently found on Broadway!"

I'm in touch with **Jamie Massa** and **Karen Zagrocki McDonald** via Facebook, where we post photos and snippets about our travels, work, joys, and woes. **Rose Gill Kenyon** is an occasional Facebook-updater, too, and it's fun to be in touch with classmates I might not otherwise have had the chance to keep up with.

Karen Zagrocki McDonald reports she is enjoying retirement more than she ever expected. She continues to teach spinning a few days a week. She and her husband, Tim, are looking forward to their third winter in North Scottsdale. Karen talked to **Rosemarie Moulis Outly**, who was proud that her daughter Megan completed the Berlin Marathon in September; this was her first race. Rose and husband, Ken, spend some winter time in the Lauderdale area. **Eileen Flanagan DeJong** is making the best of her retirement time by traveling. This year included trips to Northern California, St. Louis, and Mackinac Island, MI.

That's all the news that's fit to print from Bangkok, except to note that I do plan to be here for a couple more years, so please feel welcome to join the visitors' list that, so far, has only included Ann and Patti.

1977

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To the Class of 1977, before our Reunion in June, the Office of Alumnae Relations sent out a survey to update the SMC files and to provide class news in *Courier*. In addition to personal information, the survey asked the following: Please share any additional news for Class News in *Courier*. Please share a personal triumph. What advice would your 2017 self give to your 1977 self?

As your new class reporter, I have tried to consolidate the responses, as follows:

Anabel Sequeira lives in San Jose, Costa Rica; she and her husband, Rodrigo, have three children and two grandkids. Personal triumphs: "Still married happily, still healthy, thank God, still active, and learning every day. Advice: Study everything!"

Mary Beth Gallagher Flaherty is a registered nurse. She and her husband, Brian, have three children.

Michele Jaworski Piazza lives in Naperville, IL; she and her husband, David, have two children. Michelle is founder and principal of MP Global Ventures, LLC. Additional news: "My husband, David, and I climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro in January 2016 and later enjoyed the gorgeous beaches of Zanzibar. Personal triumphs: was elected board director-YMCA Metropolitan Chicago, board director-Hispanic Innovation Center of Chicago; continuing to build my technology business consulting firm. Advice: Be present, be engaged, and soak it all in."

Barbara Drossel McKnight lives in Imperial Beach, CA; she and her husband, Wade (married 37 years), have three daughters. Additional news: "We recently moved to the beach — downsized to an oceanfront condo in a San Diego beach community. Our oldest daughter is married, and both our other daughters are getting married this year! I love playing golf and volunteer as a rolling reader at an elementary school, reading out loud to kindergartners once a week. Personal triumph: helping two foster children find their forever families as a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA), and keeping my wonderful SMC friends for 40+years: **Mary Wilbur, Joan Carroza '78, Nancy Hublar, Carol Hublar '76, and Susan Greco Chambers**. Advice: Keep smiling and keep shining!"

Beth Lichtenfels Veihmeyer lives in Potomac, MD; she and her husband, John, have three children.

Liz Mortell Dubenetzky lives in Poway, CA; she has two sons. Liz is executive director of Life Choices.

Susan Haugh Brooks lives in Reston, VA; she and her husband, Candler, have two sons. Susan is retired. Advice: Go to law school.

Mary Anne Brown Schuster lives in Burr Ridge, IL; she and her husband, Ken (ND '74), have four daughters. Additional news: "In 2015, after my husband, Ken, retired, we moved from New Jersey to Tucson, AZ, and Burr Ridge, IL. We are enjoying

retirement, mostly in Tucson, playing golf, hiking, and biking. Summers are in Burr Ridge with family. Life is good! Personal triumph: In 2011, our daughter Kyle passed away suddenly. The family was devastated by our loss but drew on each other's love and emotional support. We've become a closer bonded family and continue to care for each other every day knowing how precious is our time together. Most recently, daughter Casey, who has Down syndrome, moved to Misericordia, a very special community of 600 residents with physical and developmental disabilities. Casey's sisters encouraged and supported her through the two-year entry process. When Casey was accepted, both sisters relocated to the Chicago area from Cincinnati to be closer to her. I am so grateful to God to have these wonderful young women as daughters and to be married for 38 years to a supportive and loving husband. That is my triumph. Advice: Do not take your health for granted. Keep your mind and body fit. Don't put your dreams on a shelf for tomorrow. Go for it today! Be grateful for the goodness in your life. Only you are responsible for your happiness!"

Carol Hannon Lyons lives in Hinsdale, IL; she and her husband, William, have three children (who currently live in Chicago and Portland). Carol is a retired investment manager. Additional news: "As of next month, Bill and I will both be retired so we're looking forward to a new stage in our lives, especially travelling to visit our kids as well as other family and friends and new places. Personal triumph: breast cancer survivor. Advice: As Conan O'Brien said, 'If you work really hard and you're kind, amazing things will happen.'"

Carol Ghiglieri Winchester lives in Sarasota, FL; she has three children. She is a speech pathologist with Dysphagia Management Systems. Personal triumph: "Aside from my children, which is my greatest triumph, I am very proud of having developed a mobile swallowing diagnostic utilizing fiberoptic endoscopy. I have run this company for 25 years, positively affecting hundreds of thousands of patients. Advice: I'd tell myself that life holds so many gifts. Just relax and enjoy each day!"

Cynthia Kulik Knutson lives in Glenview, IL.

Eileen McElligott Ahlstrom lives in Janesville, WI; she and her husband, Sven, have five children.

Jan Poirier Hurndon lives in Auburndale, FL; she and her husband, Clifford (ND '75), have two daughters. Jan is an adjunct professor (part-time) at Southeastern University. Additional news: "Enjoying a second career of sorts, teaching classes at local Christian University and art museum, helping with study abroad programs, and being 'Nana' to two new grandbabies (Cambree and Josie, born to our daughters in November 2016). Personal triumph: Seeing God's blessings and faithfulness through the trials and joys of life. Advice: Realize that the career and life you envision in 1977 may change. Trust God to give you 'life to the fullest' through different seasons of life. You're never too old to learn something new!"

Lucy Hammer Geerer lives in Louisville, KY; she has one son. Lucy is a teacher for the Archdiocese of Louisville. Personal triumph: "Staying in close contact with my dearest friends, my Saint Mary's roommates! Advice: Live each moment fully. Be

present. Do not fear, but trust, wholeheartedly, in the love and mercy of our infinite God."

Patricia Jones Mullin lives in Stow, MA; she and her husband, Peter, have two sons. Patsy is a banker at Cambridge Trust Company. Advice: "Perseverance, patience, hard work, and keeping a sense of humor. Surround yourself with good people who share your values."

Maureen Allen McParland and her husband, Patrick, have two children. Maureen is assistant to director of religious education at Saint Frances Cabrini Parish in Allen Park, MI. Additional news: "Our daughter Megan married a wonderful man six and a half years ago and live in Waterford, MI. They both have good jobs and we love our son-in-law. Our son Brian is a third-year medical student at MSU-DO school and will graduate in May 2018. His hope is to be an ER doctor. Personal triumph: to be able to watch my children grow and become successful, but to see them develop a deep faith in God. Advice: Be strong and put your troubles in God's hands. Work daily to become the 'best version of yourself'."

Molly Martin Gamades lives in Arlington, TX; she has one daughter. Advice: "Take advantage of every opportunity that comes your way."

Patricia Nemastil Strachota lives in West Bend, WI; she has four children. Patricia is retired.

Cathy Callas lives in New York, NY. She is a managing director at Citibank.

Eileen Tyrrell lives in Santa Fe, NM. She is a senior vice president/human resources director at Century Bank.

Cathleen Libert Fourman lives in Brentwood, TN; she and her husband have three sons. She is a business systems analyst/software developer at Findley Davis-BPS&M. Additional news: "I have been on all seven continents! Personal triumph: Have seen my three boys grow into incredible men, despite having seen them through very serious issues (addiction and recovery) and ongoing serious health issues including diabetes and kidney disease."

1978

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My husband, George, and I are feeling especially blessed this holiday after moving to a house of our dreams back home in northeast Ohio, the Cleveland area. We moved back three years ago to be close to my parents and family. We are lucky to be here to enjoy them and help out as much as possible. Tomorrow night we will all be enjoying a concert by Andrea Bocelli as a family. My parents are very excited, and we are surprising them with a limo, which should be great fun. I am blessed beyond words. I am grateful for my SMC sisters, who I love with all my heart. Our third floor McCandless freshman group has remained very close for 39 years. Some things never change! I saw **Sheila Mathews Wales** at **Suzy Plavac Heidkamp's** USC tailgate this fall. It sure does not feel like it could possibly be our 40th Reunion this summer. Time flies; don't take one day for granted!

Debbie Stancik Krawczyk is in her fourth year of teaching intermediate-level science and social studies at a Catholic scholarship school in

Cleveland, OH. She has been with the Diocese of Cleveland for more than 25 years. She resides in Strongsville, OH, with her feline furbaby, Bruce. Her adult daughter Teri is a recruiter for a Lakewood, OH, company and lives on the west side of Cleveland. Debbie started golfing again this past summer after two prior summers recuperating from hip surgery and double knee replacement surgery. She also traveled to the Delaware shore for a week of relaxation and rejuvenation at the beach. The past 12 months ended a chapter in Deb's life; both parents passed away within four months of each other. Deb got together recently with fellow alum **Roseann Enyedy Cyngier '81** to watch ND beat USC in the comfort of Deb's home while enjoying wine and cheese. She also frequently visits with alum **Cheri Petride Miller '79**, and they made a couple summer trips to Put-in-Bay together. Deb is looking forward to the 40th Reunion next year. Has it really been that long?

Sherry Anne Antonini wrote: "Since earning a BA in English literature and humanistic studies at SMC, I've continued on in school to earn an MFA in photography from the University of Illinois at Chicago and then an MFA in writing from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. This year marks my 21st year of teaching as an adjunct associate professor at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, where I teach a range of graduate and undergraduate writing and literature classes in both the writing program and the department of liberal arts. In my own professional arts practice, I create interdisciplinary pieces intended for gallery exhibitions and/or theater performances, always with the element of writing at the core. Presently, I'm at work on a new book project, which will combine images and text. Of my accomplishments so far, I'm proud of being able to maintain passion and energy for being in the

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classroom while also sustaining an arts practice and, as importantly, raising two children. Above all, I'm most proud of my two grown children, Lucas Guariglia and Adrienne Guariglia, who each made their way successfully through school and now run thriving businesses focused on contributing positively toward our present and future world."

1979

From the *Courier* Office



On Christmas Eve this year, **Mary Beth Roitz Spore** had all her family of SMC girls together, still proudly sharing their Saint Mary's stories and accomplishments across the generations! The family included **Kate Rose Roitz '13, Mary Beth Roitz Spore, Emily Spore Lowder '04, Gretchen Lynn Newcomer '15, Beth Roitz Ferrie '13, and Bridget Spore Faulk '08** (pictured above).

1981

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In July, several SMC grads gathered with **Kathy Kane Kegg** to celebrate her daughter Katie's wedding at the Broadmoor in Colorado Springs. **Kathleen Keegan** and **Beth McPherson Kane '53**, and other Saint Mary's grads were there also. Always a bond with SMC alumnae.

Michelle Taylor Holman and her daughter **Claire Michelle Holman '20** along with **Marguerite Quinn Zappa** and her daughter **Anna Zappa '20** (pictured below), as sophomores, are rooming together in Holy Cross, second floor annex in a quad. It is a small world. Sophomore year classes began for them on August 21, 2017, Solar Eclipse Day.



The 2018 Christmas ornament will be on sale at the Shaheen Bookstore in time for 2018 Commencement and available online at the club's website: saintmaryslaclub.com.

1984



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1985

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Patty Nolan Saenz sent news of a fun reunion of longtime SMC friends in the place **Mary McQuillan** now calls home: Nashville. Making the trip were **Jenny Doyle Young, Jennifer Spence, Karen Young Smith, Molly O'Hara Niezer, Patty Nolan Saenz, Kathy Drew Batistich '86, and Meg Linnen Caplice** (pictured below).



They came together for a weekend celebration of 36 years of friendship. Patty shared that the laughter-filled weekend included spending time on Broadway, sharing memories around a fire pit at a wonderful Airbnb home, and catching up on what's going on in one another's lives. Patty says that "even though we're spread across the country, the bonds we formed at SMC make our get-togethers feel like we've never been apart." So true for so many of us!

I'm looking forward to sharing more of your news and updates. Take care!

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joined TalentRISE as managing director of healthcare and life sciences, a consulting and outsourced recruitment solutions firm based in Chicago.

1988



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As I write, 2017 is coming to a close. I am in my second year as president of my local teachers' association, and it is time to run again for the position. My son, despite years of arguing he would never consider teaching, is working as a substitute teacher, covering a year-long absence in a high school chemistry class. I guess the apple doesn't fall too far from the tree.

Indeed, I have heard from many of our classmates that they beat us back to campus during visits with their children. During **Sherry Greene Antonetti's** visit last September to see **Mary (Marta) Grace Antonetti '20**, she also got to visit **Sister Mary Jean Klene, CSC '51**!

Nancy Fazio Finn's youngest is filling out college applications, and "Saint Mary's is on the short list!" Of the rest of the family, she shares: "I'm now teaching seventh grade science AND social studies. My husband, Mike, and I went to Chicago this summer to renew our 25th wedding vows. **Debbie Lee VanOoteghem** was the officiant. My girls were there as were **Jamie Smith Taradash, Kathleen Mary Moran, and Debbie Keller Shishman '89**. What a beautiful night aboard the Columbia Yacht Club boat! We then took a family trip to Cancun. Upon returning we wished our oldest daughters *bon voyage* as one moved to Australia and the other moved to Disney World to work. The third daughter went off to college at Ohio University."

Exploring foreign lands with SMC friends and family, **Francesca (Checka) Trigiani Noone** writes: "**Kristin Fiore Hanahan** and I spent a couple of weeks with our daughters in Italy — both are seniors! We were able to visit all our favorite places in Rome and even met up with Mickey from Miscellanea and Roberto from the Creameria — still in the same places. We had a blast!"

Natalie Prud'homme Otto, who keeps up with her SMC friends on Facebook, is busy with multiple businesses: personal training, Norwex and Juice Plus consultant, and full-time mom. Her children, too, are busy. She explains: "Our eldest, Emily, entered the Carmelites of the Divine Heart of Jesus in August. Son Adam is a member of the Missouri National Guard and will graduate from the University of Missouri in May. Son James is a sophomore in high school. Anna is in fifth."

It's been almost 30 years since we graduated, and **Julie McNish O'Keefe** has been teaching high school math and English since that time. She reflects: "At this point in my career, I've gotten used to hearing, 'You taught my mom!' on the first day of school." She, too, keeps in touch with her SMC friends. Last August, she traveled to North Carolina for a much-needed SMC reunion with **Eileen Hetterich Eustis, Kerry McMonigle Bolger, Liz Sexton, and Smithey Hashagen Wilson**. Of the trip, she says, "We spent four days at Smith's house on Kure Beach, where we played in the sand and surf, shared family updates, and enjoyed a lot of laugh therapy! It is a trip I look forward to every summer and a good time was had by all — as

usual!" Julie continues: "I still live in Standish, a one-stoplight town in northeast Michigan, with my husband, kids, and incorrigible yellow lab, Rosie. My son, Sean, headed off to Adrian College in August, and my daughter, Caitlin, is a high school junior. Both had the pleasure of attending the school where I teach, which is only good when you need lunch money or a field trip signature! I didn't golf as much as I would have liked last summer, but life is good!" Like all of us, I hope, she is looking forward to seeing friends from the Class of 1988 at the next Reunion!

"What a crazy wonderful life we create for ourselves. I wanted to let you all know I have gone back to my maiden name, **Sallie Tyrrell**. I have been busy as a licensed massage therapist, licensed addiction counselor, and licensed mental health counselor associate, and have been blessed with the best clients in northwest Indiana. I have been fortunate to see my Saint Mary's sisters on several occasions. I would suggest everyone get our license plate. I have had the most fun with waves, people honking and showing me their rings, and talks at the gas pumps. I am in the process of relocating to Arizona and would love to meet up with alumnae in Prescott. Shout out to Amy, Katie, Beth, and Felicia."

I continue to work with the Los Angeles Alumnae Club and enjoy collaborating with new club president, **Katy Kronenberg Penna '89**. She has asked me to remind everyone that the 2018 ornament will be on sale at the Shaheen Bookstore in time for 2018 Commencement and available online at the club's website: saintmaryslaclub.com.

See you in May!

1989

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Happy spring!

We had lots of milestone birthday celebrations last year! **Andrea Crowley Attisani**, **Corinne Pfender Noyes**, **Tammy Suth Crowe**, and **Michelle Conrad Brinker** (pictured below), celebrated their 50th and the 30-year reunion of their study abroad program with, what else, a trip to Rome! They enjoyed wonderful food and wine, many laughs, and created great new memories.



Katy Burns '90 jetted off to Paris last October, where she spent a wonderful vacation wandering and sightseeing and café sitting, like a true Parisian, enjoying gorgeous 70-degree sunshine!

For **Mimi Tuohy O'Leary**, 2017 was a challenging and busy year. Diagnosed with breast cancer in

November 2016, Mimi is doing great after surgery, chemo, and radiation. She wants to remind all of her "SMC sisters" to listen to our bodies. Mimi sensed something wasn't right even after a clear mammogram, and a follow-up ultrasound confirmed a tumor. She urges all of us to be our own best health advocate and wants to thank her many Saint Mary's friends who prayed for her during the last year; the prayers are working!

In other news, Mimi and Mike (ND '89) have a son, Joe, who is a rising senior at Auburn University; a daughter, Mary Kate, a rising junior at Notre Dame; and a son, Jack, a rising senior in high school.

For ND football fans, the season didn't end as hoped — but, as always, it provided a lot of opportunities for social gatherings.

The O'Learys had a wonderful time at the ND-Miami of Ohio game in September with a big group of 25 relatives and friends, including **Patrice Jordan**. Mimi's husband, Mike, is already planning next year's tailgate adventure!

Sheila Feeley Dodds road tripped to Columbus, OH, last November to spend the weekend with **Katie Rose Gugle**. They also met up with **Deanne Wachel Sabatino** for some eating and socializing, and they had a wonderful time catching up and hanging out. Katie appreciated having Sheila around to commiserate as they watched in horror as Notre Dame lost to Miami.

Karen Crespy flew to Grand Rapids to visit with **Barb Moorhead Vedders** for the weekend and attend the Notre Dame-Georgia game. Barb, her husband Joel, and son Jack, a rising senior at Grand Rapids Christian High School, tailgated and sat with Karen, Jim Barrett (ND '89), and Tom Schlegel (ND '90). Despite the one-point loss, it was a great time. Karen was also able to visit with Barb's daughter Abby, a rising junior at Calvin College.

Kathy Conte Prokopius, who now lives in South Bend, hosted a wonderful tailgate the weekend of the Notre Dame-Miami of Ohio game — and ND won! Lots of classmates were on campus and Kathy, **Kara O'Leary**, **Penny Falaschetti Dolan**, **Kelly Glavin Zeh**, and **Karen Crespy** (pictured below) had a wonderful time tailgating and catching up.



Penny and Kelly enjoyed a long roommate-reunion weekend so they could cheer on Kelly's daughter Mackenzie as she ran for Pitt's cross-country team.

Karen and **Carol (Cathy) Mansfield Fox** and Cathy's husband, Ed, met up for a long-overdue dinner last October in Northern Virginia. They promised to see each other again sooner than later! Cathy works part-time as a pediatrician in a private practice group, and Ed is a pediatrician with

Children's Hospital. They have two sons: Ben, a rising junior at the University of Mary Washington, and Pablo, a rising sophomore at Gonzaga High School.

NOTE: Many of your email addresses are out of date, so please take a moment to update your information with Saint Mary's or your class reporter. Keep in touch!

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Lisa Catenacci Midkiff shares this wonderful story. In September, she and her husband, James, attended the Athletic Scholarship Banquet at Virginia Military Institute. Their son Steven is the recipient for the second year of the Alex Herbert Memorial Scholarship for wrestling at VMI. Lisa had the opportunity to meet Alex's mother, **Susan Herbert Timmons '71**. Lisa said it was such a special occasion to bring two Saint Mary's alumnae together who'd never met to share stories about their times at Saint Mary's! Lisa and James recently relocated to Naples, Italy, where James is now the chief of staff of the US Navy's 6th Fleet.

Raquel Kelly Steffes happily reports that she married Jerry Coleman on November 12, 2017, in Jupiter, FL, near her home in Palm Beach Gardens. It was a first marriage for both bride and groom, and the happy couple officially married after nearly nine years together. Joining her for the happy day were friends and classmates, **Robyn Malone Thompson '89**, **Angela Pompili Litvak '99**, and **Anne-Marie LaBoe**.

Wedding bells also rang out for **Susanne Wimot Faber-Davis**. Sue married Tracy Davis on October 26, the day after moving to their beautiful newly built house just the day before! Sue and Tracy wanted a small, intimate wedding and were surrounded by the people they love most: Sue's two daughters and Tracy's daughter and three sons. Sue had relocated to the Indianapolis area just a few months before, in July 2017, and is working for MSD Wayne Township as an eighth grade ELA teacher at Lynhurst 7th and 8th Grade Center.

As I mention in most of these updates, please join our Facebook group, SMC 90. We're up to 187 of our classmates in the group and it's a great way to reconnect and share news amongst the group. Hope to see you there!

1991

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Hello ladies! Hope all is well in your world and that you were able to spend time with as many Belles as I have this year. I had a wonderful afternoon of laughs after the Chicago Santa Hustle 5k this year. Full disclosure: I did NOT run it. Ha ha! I hosted a brunch for my friends who did, including my wonderful classmates **Kristen J. Lynch** and **Maureen O'Neil Butler**. Also in attendance were **Clare Heintz Butler '09**, Mo's sister-in-law, husband James Butler (ND '09), and of course Mike Butler (ND '91). Great job and kudos to all!



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KELLY NEUWIRTH GRIER '91,

has been named as the new chairman and managing partner at Ernst & Young LLP. This appointment made Kelly the first woman to lead the giant accounting and professional-services firm in the US.

Kristen and I also enjoyed the opening night of *A Christmas Carol* at the Goodman Theatre in December. Wonderful show and of course we both cried! Very moving performance indeed!

I was able to make it to several ND games in 2017. Always great to catch up with pals such as the lovely **JudeAnne Wilson Hastings '96**. Her adorable daughter (and hopefully future Belle?) RaeAnne was the hit of our tailgate.

Social media has been a fabulous way to keep up with our classmates. One of my very favorite neighbors, **Danielle Graham Lyons**, is loving life in San Francisco. She currently works at JP Morgan private banking. Dani and husband, Drew, spend their free time playing golf, visiting wine country, and hiking. She loves to see out-of-town Belles, including **Michelle Ann Sibilsky Curless**, who recently visited her while she was on a work assignment in the Bay Area.

Several of my best Belles were in attendance for the Miami of Ohio game! **Erin Cusack Micklo**, **Amelia Savelle Bartilotti '93**, **Anne Tandowsky Lang**, **Maureen O'Neil Butler**, **Caroline McNeive Monahan**, **Julie Milosch Perenich**, and **Lowell Ann Lehmann** all enjoyed a lot of laughs and beverages. "RV Weekend" no longer includes an RV, but rather a warm rental house near campus. So grown up!

Julie's husband, Steve Perenich (ND '90), is a Democratic candidate for the US House of Representatives for the 12th district of Florida!

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I was disappointed to miss our Reunion but we were busy with our move from Baltimore to

Alabama. Please keep posting the pictures from Reunion to our Facebook page and send in any news you wish to share. Our lives have changed tremendously in the last 25 years.

Leading the class for the most moves is **Ann Marie Jasper Dromsky**. She is a reading specialist and graduated from the University of Maryland with her PhD in education in 2011. Ann and David's daughter Carolyn is 17. The Dromsky family has lived in seven cities plus two overseas duty stations with the US Navy.

Just behind the Dromsky record, **Lisa Scott Coe** and Daniel have lived in eight cities including Chicago, LA, Orange County, Atlanta, Singapore, and London. After 17 years of living overseas, Lisa, Daniel, and their three children returned to the US in July to live in Atlanta. Their oldest son, Patrick, is a freshman at Claremont McKenna.

Joelle Pouliot was commissioned in the US Army as a second lieutenant on the day we graduated. She has lived in seven states since graduation: Pennsylvania, Indiana, Virginia, South Carolina, Florida, Massachusetts, and Missouri. Joelle is an account manager at SCA-TENA Personal Care in Philadelphia and lives in Joppa, MD.

Ellen Mayer Vaughn lives in Dayton, OH, with Jim and their three daughters. Their oldest daughter, Mary Kate, is at Boston College and in the class of 2020. Ellen keeps active running marathons and sees her tennis friends at their reunions. For the last two years, Ellen has visited **Annie Martin Flynn** in Wisconsin and sees **Carrie Cummins Mueller**, who also lives in Dayton.

Camille McAuliffe Vondruska is a physical therapist in Burr Ridge, IL. She graduated with her master's in physical therapy from Northwestern University in 1995. Camille, Jamie, and their three kids live in Glen Ellyn, IL.

Moira Lydon Miller is a controller with JP Morgan in Brooklyn, NY. Moira, James, and their three children live in Westfield, NJ. Moira graduated with her MBA from De Paul in 2004.

In 2016, **Kelly Brantman Roles** kicked stage-3 breast cancer in the backside! After a year of treatment, she is now cancer free! Kelly and Bradley live in Maple Grove, MN, with their daughter and son. Kelly graduated from DePaul with an MBA in marketing in 2002. In the fall of 2016, Kelly, **Beth McGie Robertson**, **Amy Wolpert Larkin**, **Jennifer Libby Kenealy**, and **Jan Campbell Borgmeier** gathered in Maryland to watch Amy's son Zach, a football player for Indiana State University, play against the University of Minnesota. The ladies also celebrated Kelly's cancer-free diagnosis.

Michelle Patrice Lia is a professor and assistant director for professional development for the Andrew Greeley Center for Catholic Education at Loyola University in Chicago. Michelle received her EdD in literacy education in 2010 from Northern Illinois University.

Tracey Seppi Passet passed along the wonderful news that she became a grandmother in November 2016 with the birth of Nora Mae Passet. Tracey graduated from the University of Findlay in 2007 and is a physical therapist.

Maureen Schneeberger McDaniel '99 and her three daughters live in Overland Park, KS.

Marie Gallagher graduated at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1995 with her master's in vocational rehabilitation. Marie and Harvey have three children and live in Evanston, IL.

Laura Christine Proto is the director of mission advancement of Catholic Social Services in Columbus, OH. Her son Jack is in the class of 2020 at Chapman University.

Jennifer Marie Smith is the owner of Floor Art, a retail flooring design store in Benton Harbor, MI. Be sure to check out her cool store at <http://www.floorartworld.com/>. She has a niece, **Alice Patricia Russell '18**, at SMC and a niece at ND, too.

Tracy Katherine Wick is a pediatrician and clinical trials research coordinator at San Luis Dermatology and Laser Clinic. She and Michael Hefferman (ND '89) have four children.

Margie Helen Meagher O'Brien received her master's in education at Northern Illinois University. She and Michael have three children. Margie started her teaching career right after graduation at her former middle school. The O'Brien family lives in Arlington Heights, IL.

Lorraine Marucut Clark teaches Spanish at Naperville North High School. She received her master's in education at North Central College. She and Edward have two sons and live in Lisle, IL.

Katherine Graham Lane is an administrator at Notre Dame. She was responsible for the Notre Dame Trail, a celebration of Notre Dame's 175 years and an opportunity to honor the sisters, brothers, and priests of the Congregation of the Holy Cross in August 2017. Katherine and Joseph have two children. Their daughter Caitlin is in the class of 2019 at Notre Dame.

Ellen McQuillan Drake and Scott live in Dallas with their two daughters.

Laura Curtin Nicholson is a chiropractic physician in Rochester Hills, MI. She and Joseph have two daughters. Despite a demanding schedule, Laura has already run two marathons including the Boston Marathon.

Carrie Herber Genovese is a financial adviser at Merrill Lynch in Clayton, MO. Carrie received her MBA at St. Louis University. She and Tim have one son.

Catie Carmouche Calderhead is a first-grade teacher in Houston, TX. Catie received her master's from the University of Houston. Katie and Dac have two children.

Dorothy (Dorci) Theresa Gass-Lower is an attorney in Columbus, OH. She graduated from Case Western Reserve School of Law. Dorci and Brian have two children.

Margherita DeBlasio Hoffmann is a Lean Six Sigma master black belt at ConMed Corporation in Largo, FL. She received her MBA from the University of Chicago. She and Mark have one daughter.

Liz VanDersarl graduated from law school at Notre Dame. She works in government affairs at the

American Forest and Paper Association in DC. Liz and Kevin have one son and live in Rockville, MD.

Michele Jeannine Nawotka is an instructional designer at GP Strategies. Michele has been working as a trainer and instructional designer since 1994. She has traveled throughout the US developing and delivering training programs to clients, including Warner Brothers. After living in five cities, Michele recently relocated to Las Vegas, NV.

Kerry Joyce Scanlon Vogele and Gregory (ND '91) live in Loveland, OH, with their five children. Kerry graduated with an education degree at Xavier University. Their son, Thomas, graduated from the University of Dayton in 2017. Their daughter, Kaitlyn Marie Vogele, is in the class of 2021 at the University of Dayton. Their daughter, **Molly Elizabeth**

Vogele, is in the Class of 2019 at Saint Mary's and in the Notre Dame marching band. Kerry and Greg are ND football season ticket holders and enjoy bringing their five kids to every home game. Greg is the Fifth Third Bank treasury chief portfolio officer.

Holly Scheele McKenna and Daniel live in Ft. Myers, FL, with their two children. Their daughter Keelin is in the class of 2019 at Florida State University.

Jennifer Spitz is the area sales manager at Silvon, Inc., in Westmont, IL. She graduated with her MA from Columbia College in Chicago. Jennifer and Steven have two children and live in Arlington Heights, IL.

Greer Gilliland Stasko is the director of strategic solutions at Simio LLC. Greer and Mark live in Pittsburgh with their three sons. Their son, M. Stephen, is in the class of 2020 at Wake Forest University.

Lisa O'Connell Pugh received her master's in education from American International College. Lisa and David have three children. Abigail graduated from Williams College in 2016 and is in graduate school at the University of Massachusetts. Grace is in the class of 2019 at American University. Brendan is in the class of 2020 at Boston College. Lisa and David have lived in six cities in Massachusetts, Ohio, and Michigan.

If you have news to share, please send an email or let us know on our class Facebook page!

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From the *Courier* Office

Kathleen (Katie) Elizabeth Jones married Brian Eckrich at Knollwood Country Club in Granger on September 16, 2017. Saint Mary's graduates in attendance were **Judy Tarnawski Eckrich '62** (Brian's mom), **Maureen Ann Jones '85** (Katie's mom), **Roslyn Meta Eckrich Anderson '89**, **Jody Eckrich Julian '92**, **Monica Lynch Eckrich '91**, **Liz Henely Gallagher '92**, **Teeter Clemens Sexton '92**, **Kathy Basney McGowan '92**, **Kerry Peterson Leone**, **Colleen Condon Huston**, **Melissa Gemmell Janda**, **Megan Lillis Browdy**, **Laurel Martyn O'Shaughnessy**, **Sharon Conley Spellman**, **Courtney O'Connor Champlin '00**, **Maggie Mary Pacana '17**, and **Hannah Nicole Jones '18**.

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CAROLINE BLUM PAVIS '97, was promoted to the position of Business Unit Communication Leader, Oncology/Actelion at Johnson & Johnson.

2001

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Jill Fenske Boerstler writes, "This January, I was appointed clinical ethicist for the Indianapolis hospitals of Franciscan Health and remain the corporate director of ethics for the whole system. I will also become a doctoral candidate in bioethics at Loyola University Chicago this summer and hope to graduate in 2019. I am so grateful for Stephen, my husband of almost 17 years, and his support of my career journey!"

Amie Zache Petrie wrote for the first time in a while to share: "I was married on March 28, 2014, and my husband, Andy, is a captain for the South Bend Fire Department. He has three sons (Nate, Zach, and Matt) who joined my three children (Ben, Aaron, and Taylor). It's like the Brady Bunch, only not at all. I am now the cost accountant for the past two years at Modineer Company in Niles, MI. I also sit on the Indiana State High School Hockey Board as a rep, Michiana High School Hockey Board as a rep, Adams Hockey Board as the manager, and the Irish Youth Hockey League Board. I manage my sons' travel soccer team and coach my daughter in softball. Let's just say I am busy!"

Kathy Denise Fech also had an exciting change. "In August, I relocated from Fort Wayne, IN, to Toledo, OH, where I serve as director of faith formation at Epiphany of the Lord Catholic Parish. It's been a great move so far."

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MOLLY KATHLEEN MCVORY '01

has been awarded funding from University Hospital's Clinical Research Center for the first study in Child Psychiatry investigating the use of quantitative EEG (electroencephalogram) as a potential biomarker for pediatric depression. Dr. McVoy is an Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at University Hospitals of Cleveland/Case Western Reserve University.

Autumn Palacz Andronis is staying busy. "Peter and I just celebrated our 10th wedding anniversary

in October. We are constantly on the go and loving every minute of our crazy life with four beautiful children (Ava, 8, Abigail, 6, Ashely, 4, and James, 2)."

Nina Riconosciuto Eilers also checked in with some fun news: "I have recently switched from inpatient nursing to working as a school nurse in Winnetka, IL. I am enjoying the school hours, and the best part is that I'm working a mile from home! I had the pleasure of seeing **Molly Strzelecki Olson** and **Tara Butz Bowden** earlier this month. It's fun to see all of our kids together!"

Molly Kathleen McVoy added more fun with her "brief update from the 'MACK' sisters: **Molly Kathleen McVoy**, **Kelly Sterritt Clancy**, **Chrissy Diana Crissman**, **Andrea Herek Wetters**, **Mary Wald Duncan**, and **Alice Fox Fasula**. Our annual tradition of getting together every year (16 years now!) continued with the ND-Navy game (thank goodness, ND won!)."

And lastly, **Alyson Leatherman's** fall has been eventful with the start of her 12th school year (how did that happen?!), a September trip to San Antonio with her mom, and an October trip to NYC for a conference. She was able to visit with **Amanda Lynn DeMeester** while she was in New York, and it was great to catch up with a Belle.

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From the *Courier* Office

Lee-Catherine Bateh Hicks together with her husband, Deno Hicks, and daughter Melina welcomed a baby girl. Hannah Katherine Hicks was born October 4, 2017.

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Hi, Belles! Happy 2018! Your other class reporters and I cannot believe our 15-year Reunion is around the corner. We hope to see you on campus this June to celebrate and reconnect. In the meantime, here is some news from our classmates.

Jennifer Lombard Kibbon and her husband, Lucas, welcomed Michael Joseph Kibbon to the world on July 23, 2015. Jennifer writes, "Michael is the happiest little guy, always entertained by his big brother, Jack, and big sister, Annie."

Amber Jernigan Messmann and her husband, Luke, had their first child, a healthy baby girl named Meira Raine, on March 21, 2017.

Katie Lee Haddad and husband, Mike, are happy to announce the arrival of Howard Michael, born July 9, 2017. Katie shared that big sister, Sammy, and big brother, Tommy, are in love with their new little brother.

Alexandra (Alex) Schlesinger Sherwood welcomed her third son, Robert (Robby) Henderson Sherwood, on October 26, 2017. Alex's other boys, Rhett and Riley, are smitten with their new brother.

Shaun Russell Rooney and her family recently moved to Houston, TX. Shaun shared, "My husband coaches baseball for the University of Houston and I am busy raising my 3-year-old daughter, Milly. I'm lucky to have my former basketball teammate, **Emily Pernotto Raley '05**, and **Lucy Andaloro Graeve** in Houston as well! We did not flood during the hurricane, thank goodness. I am proud to be part of such a resilient, positive city. Go 'Stros!"

2004

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Happy spring to the Class of '04. As usual, our classmates continue to be busy with milestones and transitions and visiting one another!

In November, I spent a wonderful weekend in Western New York with **Allison Scarneccia**, **Acerra**, **Stephanie Simmons Kanaval**, **Jackie Michele Zins**, **Katie Margaret Roney**, and **Marie Vanessa Sabatini**. 2017 saw the birth of Marie's daughter, Claire, and Stephanie's second, Nora. Over Thanksgiving I was also able to catch up with **Jeanne-Marie Doris Berger** and her husband, Jeff. They are living a busy life in Manhattan with their little one, Kathleen.

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AMY KLEINFEHN KNAB '04

was recently named as the Billy O. Wireman Endowed Professor at Queens University in Charlotte, NC.

Catherine Romano DeLange and her husband, Justin, welcomed a daughter, Valentina Lucia, in November 2017.

Meaghan Fitzgerald Walls welcomed her second child in 2016, daughter Kensley Fitzgerald Walls. In March 2017, she started her own business, Assistology.

Kate Hartman Rosenzweig was recently promoted to the head of brand PR for the Coca-Cola Company. She has been with the company for eight years and lives in Atlanta with her husband and two children, Charlotte (future SMC Class of '34) and J.D.

Jessica Millanes Shearer wrote: "We recently moved to Washington state and love it. I am still actively drilling in the United States Marine Corps Reserves and was recently promoted to major. I've been busy traveling to various professional conferences to speak to college students about opportunities as a Marine Corps officer. As a civilian, I work as an IT project manager supporting the Navy. My husband, Rob, and I have two future Belles, ages 7 and 5. While visiting family in Arizona this past April, I was able to visit with fellow '04 Belle **Rachel Maria Greer**. It was great to catch up and laugh at all of our old SMC memories."

Looks like 2017 brought a lot of future Belles into the world! Thank you for your updates.

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It's been a whirlwind year for me! In December of 2016 I got engaged. In June of 2017, my fiancé and I purchased our first home together. In July, we got married! And in August, I began a new position at Notre Dame with the Kroc Institute of International Peace Studies. Whew! I also attended some of the Reunion activities this past summer for our (gaspl) 10-year college Reunion. It still feels just like yesterday that we were living in the dorms, eating our meals at the dining hall, and traveling to and from classes through the tunnels. I hope that feeling of coming home never fades. Now for some news from the rest of our classmates.

Courtney Rusnak Patrick was officially awarded her CPA license in September.



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CHELSEA LEE FOOTE '07

was awarded Oncology Social Worker of the year by the Florida Society of Oncology Social Workers.

From **Katie Lynn Osmack**: My adventure began in the summer of 2014! My brother invited me to stay with him for the summer. I worked at a golf course as a gardener. I fell in love with Colorado and fell in love in Colorado. I moved from my childhood hometown, Kirkwood, MO, to Colorado the following summer and began teaching at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic School in Wheat Ridge. Brad Shute and I married on April 29, 2017, back in St. Louis at the Carmel of Saint Joseph (it was like a scene straight out of *The Sound of Music* with the cloistered religious as our choir!). **Julie Malone Hum** (my MOH) and **Beth Sands Van** were in attendance.

Katie Elizabeth Marr bought her house in Griffith, IN, in May, and moved in six days before the 10-year Reunion! **Margaret (Molly) Nora Donner** was the first person besides Katie's parents to see the new home, and **Alyssa Laurel Court '08** wasn't far behind.

Kelly Thetard Graft and her husband, Andrew, welcomed their daughter, Medley, on September 10.

Julie Malone Hum was promoted to assistant professor of physiology at Marian University's College of Osteopathic Medicine on July 1. Julie and her husband, Houston (ND '07), and big sister Hadley welcomed Hazel Maeve to their family on October 12.

From **Jessica Marie Binack**: Jessica added another job to her resume over the summer. The title of "bar handler" now sits below a master's degree, special ed teacher, waitress, bartender, and basketball coach. She spent the summer driving intoxicated people on a 16-person pedal pub around Indy. It was quite a change in roles because she's normally the intoxicated person. She recently got back from a trip to London, Paris, and Greece with family and friends, where everyone thought she was on her honeymoon. Surprise! She is still incredibly single, and dating has only taught her that YOU MUST GOOGLE SOMEONE BEFORE YOU MEET THEM. She will spend the winter holidays in South America working on a farm. Her mom hopes she doesn't get abducted because "we don't have a Liam Neeson character in our life to get you back." She is still a slumlord, has had drywall pieces in her living room for over a year, and finally got ceiling lights in her house. Life is teetering on good.

2009

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Hello, ladies! We've reached the end of another Notre Dame football season — one of the busiest times in my year as I'm still in my role as social media manager for the University, but also one of the most fun as I have the opportunity to see many of the Belles who visit South Bend for a game! This year, I was happy to see **Kristi Lynn Pellegrini** twice within one month, once as she was driving across the country from Washington state to her new home of Schenectady, NY, where she has taken the role of senior radiochemist at a naval nuclear lab, and then again when she came to town for the Notre Dame vs. Navy game.

We have two newly christened doctors in our midst: **Caitlin Anne Murphy** finished her doctorate of nursing practice program at Rush University in Chicago. Her dissertation focused on survivorship in cancer patients. She's currently working as a nurse practitioner at Rush University Medical Center in the division of hematology/oncology/cell therapy. Before taking this position, she spent the summer traveling through Europe and experienced a tour of 17 countries!

And **Dana Marie Krilich** is now Dr. Krilich after she graduated with her doctorate in ethical leadership from Olivet Nazarene University in May. Her dissertation focused on improving student achievement in AP courses, and she's pursuing roles in education administration.

Katie Comeford Fernandez has had a busy year! She graduated with her master's degree in journalism with a focus on scholastic journalism from Kent State University in May. She was named a Rising Star by the national Journalism Education Association for making an impact in scholastic journalism in six years or less of advising. She works at the Phoenix Military Academy, a Chicago

public high school, advising the news website and yearbook, and she teaches journalism. She also married Mike Fernandez on July 29. **Nina Marie Philipsen** served as matron of honor and **Caitlin Schaefer** was a bridesmaid. **Anna Lisbeth Kramer** and **Amara Seville Parseghian** were in attendance.

Katie also reports that **Anna Lisbeth Kramer** married Nolan Dougherty on July 1 in Atlanta, where **Caitlin Schaefer** also served as a bridesmaid. Then **Caitlin Schaefer** was married to Patrick Eckerle in South Bend on August 12 with Katie, Amara, and Anna serving as bridesmaids. What a whirlwind of a few weeks, ladies!

Laura Nicole Halper married Walter Mannino on October 8. **Emily Ann Fitzgerald** served as a bridesmaid, and Laura and Walter are preparing for a move to Boca Raton early next year.

We also have a number of new and second- (or third-) time moms amongst us:

Kate Petrovic Bednar's family grew by one this year when she and husband, Jared, welcomed son, Jordan, on February 7.

Elizabeth Kristl Roberts and husband, Kevin, welcomed twins, Finnegan and Oliver, on April 26. They join 2-year-old Asher at home.

Caitlin Murphy Brutoco welcomed baby girl, Isabella, on May 19.

Kristin Amram Reilly and husband, Danny, welcomed Joelle Marie on June 23.

Leah Bocinsky Godwin welcomed James to the family on July 24. He joins 2-year-old William at home. Leah was also promoted to director of pediatrics at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, TX.

Arielle Nelson Jacobi and husband, R.J. (ND '09), welcomed daughter Alaina on August 11.

Elyse Lopez Turner also welcomed twins on October 29, Tomas and Claudia Turner.

Kathleen Quinlan Yager and her husband, Luke, welcomed son Thomas Richard to the family on their four-year wedding anniversary in August. She reports his big sister Hannah is "very tolerant of him." Kathleen is living in the Kansas City area and works as a nursing educator for the pediatric intensive care unit at the local children's hospital, though she's hoping to be able to transition to staying home with her children in the next few months!

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ELIZABETH MARY FROEHLKE '09

joined the Littler, Employment and Labor Law Solutions Worldwide, Denver Office as an associate.

Regan Mari Shikada also welcomed a baby boy, Lochryn, with husband, Shaun, in November. She was promoted to division supervisor at the 19th Judicial Circuit Public Defenders Office in July.

And finally, **Nicole Ann Beier** lives and works in Dutch Harbor, AK. She's a lab manager, responsible

for testing water and seafood that comes out of the port and local villages along the Aleutian chain, coaches the girls' junior high basketball team, and has her own radio show. She's also newly certified in dry suit open water diving, braving the cold waters to dive for WWII treasures, and volunteers to help research local kelp forests. In addition to treasure hunting and research, she's had some fun encounters with adorable sea otters and sea lions. She says that daily life is quite the adventure with seeing ash from a nearby volcano erupting, experiencing an earthquake or 100 mph winds, or having close encounters with bald eagles, whales in the bay, or cute little foxes looking for a snack. Sounds like a blast; I may have to come visit!

2010

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Class of 2010, I hope everyone has had an amazing 2017! Let me share some of the last news from 2017 with all of you!

On May 28, 2017, **Amy Kendzierski Olsen** and husband, Erik Olsen, welcomed their sweet son Leif Roger Olsen. And soon after, **Jamie Peterson Rose** and husband, Floyd Rose (ND '09), welcomed their beautiful daughter, Evelyn Parker Rose, born at 7:45 p.m., weighing 7 pounds 12 ounces and 21 inches long. Jamie and Floyd share that their daughter is such a blessing and hope she will be a Belle or Domer one day! Jamie and family still reside in the Milwaukee area.

On August 28, 2017, **Jenny Becker West** and husband, Jordan, welcomed their first child, Madeleine Prim West, weighing 6 pounds 2 ounces and 18-3/4 inches long. Jenny shares that she is still working for United Airlines as a flight attendant, but decided to take a company-offered leave to stay home with Maddie for her first year. Jenny and family still reside in Indianapolis, IN.

In graduation and wedding news, **Julie Menold Geisler** graduated from the Purdue University College of Veterinary Medicine in 2014 and is currently practicing at Boulevard Veterinary in Logan Square, Chicago. Julie shares that she works exclusively with small animals and also does chiropractic in dogs and cats. She is also working on getting certified in acupuncture as of next spring. Julie married her husband, Brendan Geisler (ND '10), in 2014. Julie and Brendan met in band and have recently joined the Lakeside Pride Symphonic Band, which is an LGBT community band, so they can keep playing instruments. They live in the city and keep up with many college friends. They head back to campus at least once a football season.

On October 8, 2017, **Morgan McColl** married Colin Cimala (ND '10) at the Notre Dame Basilica. Her bridesmaids included **Quinlan McGrath O'Grady**, **Maggie Melone**, **Maddi Claire McCrea**, **Kayla Elizabeth McColl '12**, and **Christa Elise McColl '14**, all SMC graduates.

And lastly, **Melissa Marie Croft** graduated with her master's degree in social work from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign in May 2017.

2011

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Grace Elizabeth McClurkin married Josh Mike on May 14, 2016. In August of 2017, Grace completed her PhD in mathematics from the University of Texas. She has since moved to East Lansing, MI, and in the fall Grace started working as an assistant professor of mathematics at Saginaw Valley State University.

Hanna Rae Vicary married Daniel Adams on September 30, 2017, at St. Jude the Apostle Church in Erie, PA. **Elizabeth Anne Mueller '12** was one of Hanna's bridesmaids. The newlyweds are currently living in Erie, PA.

Christina Robakowski Vaughan married Alex Vaughan on October 7 at Grace United Methodist Church in South Bend, IN. **Molly Jean Gahagan** was one of Christina's maids of honor. Fellow chem majors **Stephanie Smiy Miller** and **Elizabeth Rhene Robbins '13** were in attendance as well. Christina and Alex are living and working in Indianapolis, where Christina took a job with the IU School of Medicine back in August.

Celina Tolson Frankland and husband, Alex, welcomed their daughter, Isabella Helen, on November 11, 2017, at 3:35 a.m. Bella was 7 pounds 6 ounces and 19.5 inches long. The Frankland family currently lives in Chicago.

Megan Kraft Gray and husband, Matt (ND '10), welcomed their second son, William Brady, on November 15, 2017. He was 9 pounds 1 ounce and 21 inches long. Brady joins big brother Jack, who turned 2 just a few days prior on November 12. The Gray family live in McKinney, TX.

Anna Kastelic Florencki and husband, Tim (ND '11), welcomed their baby girl, Ryan Belle (ND or SMC '40), on November 15, 2017.

Sarah Weber Furtado and husband, Nathan (ND '11), welcomed their second daughter, Emma Rose, on November 16, 2017. Their oldest, Grace (3 years old), is so excited to be a big sister!

Hayley Dawn Bojorquez married Matthew Estrada on November 18, 2017, and had two Belles as bridesmaids, **Emily Treat Fox** and **Kendall Antekeier Shadley**. In attendance were also alumnae **Sara Montelongo Oyervidez '10**, **Kate Theresa Mitchell '12**, **Kristen Marie Nelson '12**, **Lauren Enayati-Lorenz '12**, **Morgan Elizabeth Bedan '13**, **Maria Chipman Stopulos**, and **Erin Danielle Sullivan '04**. Hayley and Matt were married at Sacred Heart Chapel at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, where they met in graduate school (PLACE Corps, a program for teachers). The newlyweds are now living in Inglewood, CA.

On September 15, 2017, **Julie Hagopian Stoltz** married Dr. Joseph F. Stoltz III in Alexandria, VA. **Liz Adrienne Brown** was one of her bridesmaids, and the wedding was presided over by Beatrix Weil (ND '12)! The couple had many other SMC/ND alums in attendance to support their nuptials.

2012

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In 2017, **Kamara Marie Umbaugh** moved to Jersey City, NJ, where she now works as a senior associate in Grant Thornton's Nonprofit Practice.

Ellen Nicole Niemiec purchased and moved into a new home in the West Park neighborhood of Cleveland in the summer of 2017. She continues to work for the Cleveland Clinic as a physician assistant in trauma/critical care.

Jennifer Elizabeth Kline shared that she has been working at Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School in the Division of Pediatrics since January 2016 and moved to Belmar, NJ, in March 2017.

Cecilia Witous Hess welcomed the birth of her second son, Jonathan Caius Hess, on July 15, 2017.

Ariel Terpstra Ross and Skyler Ross welcomed Una Lorelei Ross into their family on August 22, 2017. Una was baptized at St. Ignatius Loyola in Houghton, MI. Ariel and the family have now moved back to Hawaii to work and live on the family farm.

Hannah Hupp Cain welcomed the birth of her baby boy, Kevin Martin Cain, on November 17, 2017.

Lauren Ann Lees started graduate school at Northwestern University, studying for a master's

degree in health informatics. She also started a new job as a women's health consultant at the Cerner Corporation.

Tiffany Brandenstein Ivery earned her master's in social work from the University of Pittsburgh in August 2016 and currently works as a behavioral health therapist specializing in psychosis in Pittsburgh. She married Christopher Ivery on November 3, 2017. Eight SMC alumnae were in attendance at the wedding.



Three SMC alumnae work at Marian University, Indianapolis. They are, left to right, Jeanne Grammens Hidalgo '86, Catherine Michels Cleary '12, and Katie Smith '93.

Katie Bennett Hyde married Peter Hyde on July 15, 2017. Bridesmaids included **Keelin Claire McGee, Audrey Anne Dalrymple, and Bridget Marie Gartenmayer**, **Annie Reagan, Tiffany Anne Brandenstein, Molly Farrell, Amber Triano Lee, Katherine Casey Condon, Kellie Anne Collier, and Sarah Elizabeth Dalton '09** were also in attendance. After the wedding, Katie moved to St. Louis and is now teaching fifth grade at Queen of All Saints School alongside **Kim**

Jozwiak Depke '00, who teaches kindergarten.

Brianne Carroll Woodworth married Matt Woodworth on August 26, 2017. Also on August 26, 2017, **Meredith Rizzo Bonner** married Robert Bonner. They have moved to Grand Rapids, MI.

On February 17, 2018, **Cecilia Glover Moore** married Philip Moore at Saint Anthony's of Padua Church in Manhattan, NY.

2013



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Hello, 2013 Belles! Starting with job news, in October 2016 **Alyssa Grace Vinluan** left her position at Riley Children's Foundation in Indianapolis to embark on a solo backpacking journey. She backpacked 10 countries in nine months, traveling through Australia and Asia. She also finished her MPA degree in nonprofit management from Indiana University. Since returning home in August 2017, she took a new job as an annual gifts officer for the University of Mississippi in Oxford, MS. She is now happily adjusting to life in the south, SEC football, and Hotty Toddy chants.

In wedding news, **Mary McMahon Keller** got married May 20 to Peter Keller at Our Lady of Lourdes in Minneapolis, MN. Bridesmaids included maid of honor and sister **Anna Mae**



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Mary McMahon and sister-in-law **Lynne Forton McMahon '11**. In attendance were **Kaitlyn Elizabeth Takach, Elizabeth Marie Craney, Haley Lyn Van Der Linden, Bethany Ledyard Ward, Nicole Christine DeRoche, Michelle Nowinski Grojean, Rosie Mary McSorley, Erin Valencia Hathaway '11, Joanie Marie Saunders '11, and Jessica Lee Reese '11.**

2015

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

Nia Lee Parillo moved back to South Bend and started a new job with the Center For The Homeless as their youth enrichment specialist. Such an amazing way to give back to the community, Nia. The kids are so lucky to have you!

Chloe Venskus Cooper had a busy year! Chloe married Matt Cooper on November 11, 2017. Fellow Belles **Leila Marie Ellis, Catherine Eileen McClintic, Anna Jane Grinzing, Kelsie Marie Plesac, Angelika Elizabeth Meyer-Pugh, Jessica Irene Elsner, Megan Bollinger Deam, and Elizabeth Cristina Juarez '16** were in attendance. The happy couple bought their first house and is enjoying married life! Chloe also graduated with her MA in clinical psychology from Governors State University in University Park, IL. She is currently studying hard for the LPC licensure exam and has accepted a position to work with children in a private practice.

Katherine Elizabeth Alexander is finishing up a fellowship at Notre Dame and has spent the past year and a half as a part of the STEM Trustee Fellows, working with teachers across the United States to improve and implement STEM initiatives in our schools. Fellow Belle **Sarah Copi Leblang '13** works with Katherine at St. Anthony de Padua School in South Bend, where many Saint Mary's alumnae are on staff. They integrate and spread what they learn in their classrooms and school community. Katherine says it has been an amazing opportunity and by far the best PD out there, especially when you are a team of Belles!

Julia Jeannine Dunford got a new job (marketing specialist at Continental Electrical Construction Company), graduated with her MS in digital communication from the Newhouse School of Public Communication at Syracuse University, and

bought her first home — a condo in Tinley Park, IL! How awesome, Julia!

Hannah Elizabeth Ziegeler owns her own photography business that she started years ago before attending Saint Mary's. She has photographed many Belles over the years. She primarily works in Indiana and Michigan. Hannah has put a lot of hard work and dedication into her business, and it is really showing. We love seeing your photos, Hannah; keep up the great work!

Catherine Hope Sullivan is wrapping up two years of mission work in Cochabamba, Bolivia. She has been working with incarcerated women, children, and men in seven prisons of the city. Catherine says, "I have been so blessed in this work. I have met some of the greatest friends of my life behind the walls of the prisons of this city, including one who asked me to godmother her daughter. I have seen and learned a love here far greater than I had ever imagined. I have witnessed faith, goodness, perseverance, injustices, and cruelty that have shaken me to my core. My life here has taken everything I learned in theory at Saint Mary's and pushed me into the realm of reality and deeper understanding, and deeper love." How amazing Catherine; Bolivia was so lucky to have you!

2016

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Ashley Watkins Reagan married Dylan Reagan on August 26, 2017, in Greenwood, IN. Several Saint Mary's alumnae were in attendance; three — **Emma Elizabeth English '17, Lissa Flarity Stachnik, and Jackie Ann Werner** — stood as bridesmaids. The couple is now living in Mooresville, IN, on the south side of Indianapolis. Congratulations, Ashley!

Eleanor Shiori Hughes recently moved to Bloomington, IN, after accepting a full-time position at Indiana University. She now works as the international services representative for the university's Office of International Service. Eleanor previously worked at the Donor Service Office and Campus Cards Office at Notre Dame. Way to go, Eleanor!

Kaitlin Rose Nelson relocated from Detroit to Chicago this past fall to continue pursuing her acting career. She is living with **Olivia Rose Jackson '17**. Katie booked a job as an actor at Navy



Crow and Teacup by Mia Kincaid '18

Pier and is excited for life's next chapter. — We're excited for you too, Katie!

Remember, Belles: Share your new jobs, new cities, promotions, awards, weddings, births, reunions, etc., with your classmates through Class News!

2017

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Megan Marie Carswell stayed in South Bend after graduation. She successfully passed her NCLEX (National Council Licensure Examination) in June and began her nursing career at Memorial Hospital on their general medical unit. She is loving putting her hard-earned degree to work!

Maggie Mary Carswell moved back home to Albany, NY, where she is currently working at St. Peter's Hospital as a registered nurse on their orthopedic unit.

Kathryn Gessert began the Master's Entry to Nursing Program (MENP) at DePaul University in Chicago. Kathryn will earn a master's degree in generalist nursing while becoming a registered nurse.

Katie Elizabeth Dwyer moved to Chicago to join the University of Chicago's Master of Arts Program. She will be concentrating in psychology and neuroscience.

Maddy Alicia Danz, a Michigan native, packed up and moved out to the East Coast to join the workforce as a technical recruiter for Workbridge Associates in Boston.

Hannah Patricia Molloy Hestad stayed in the Michiana region to start her career as a teacher, teaching second grade at Saint Pius X Catholic School in Granger. She has also been working, alongside her parents, to open the Harvest Bed and Breakfast in Niles, MI.

Alyssia Jean Parrett also stayed in the South Bend region, as she is pursuing a master's degree in speech language pathology at the lovely institution of Saint Mary's alongside seven other Saint Mary's alumnae! Go Belles!

Kaileigh Ann Moore returned home to Hinsdale, IL, after graduation. She spent her summer studying for her CPA exam, and we are happy to announce that she passed all her exams and is officially a licensed CPA! She is now working at EY in Chicago.

Maranda Louise Pennington and **Morgan Kathleen Sands**, Indiana natives, relocated to Durham, NC, after graduating. Maranda has started her nursing career at Duke University Hospital.

Maggie Elizabeth Kelly is pursuing a juris doctorate degree at Wayne State University Law School in Detroit.

Your class reporters, **Maggie Mary Carswell** and **Megan Marie Carswell**, were able to reunite with a few classmates, **Maddy Alicia Danz, Hannah Patricia Molloy Hestad, Alyssia Jean Parrett, Kaileigh Ann Moore, and Katie Elizabeth Dwyer** at the ND vs. Temple game on September 2. We had such a great time tailgating as alumnae... tailgate like a Smick Chick today!

A Mother's

There is very little you can say to comfort a mother on the day she leaves her firstborn at college. I anticipated my mother's tears but wasn't prepared for how many. We weren't even halfway down The Avenue and the waterworks came streaming down Mom's face. I did my best to offer words of support proclaiming "Mom, it's going to be ok; it's Saint Mary's! We love Saint Mary's!"

"That's just it," she managed. "It was my dream when you were born that someday you'd come here." I sat there stunned. That long-held hope had never been shared with me during the college search process.

"Good choice, Laur," my dad said as he glanced at me through the rearview mirror. "Good thing you didn't blow it."

Growing up, I knew that Saint Mary's was special. It was always so much more than just where my mom went to college. It was a place that drew her back almost every fall for football weekends and every five years for reunions. I still remember how excited she got when Reunion was still a year away — she practically had a countdown going. She'd touch base with fellow classmates and was overjoyed to hear they would be returning for the weekend. I couldn't believe Mom had been friends with so many of her classmates.

"That's how it was at Saint Mary's," she said. "You just wished you had time to become best friends with everyone." Once I became a student, I understood.

Mom started as a freshman in 1974, whereas I began 31 years later in 2005. With that kind of gap between our first-year orientations, there were bound to be vast differences in our collegiate experiences. Mom shared awkward stories about panty raids that were pretty different from how I felt walking into the freshmen mixer known as Domerfest. Like Mom, my choir concerts were a big part of my college experience, but my all-women experience was much different from the co-ed Saint Mary's and Notre Dame Collegiate Choir she traveled the country with. And Mom never got to study abroad, an experience that I still treasure today.

Despite our generation gap, I know that Saint Mary's had the same impact on both of us — it changed who we were. I still reap the benefits of deep, sister-like friendships developed during those formative years, and Mom and I both felt the challenge and gained the courage to go out and find our place in the world.

Saint Mary's inspired us all to be our best selves — which is why at my mother's funeral, her closest friends of more than 40 years flew in from all over the country to be there for our family. Likewise, my best friends of nearly 15 years traveled in, despite having young children and high-pressure jobs, to honor an incredible Saint Mary's woman.

That day, a familiar sound rang out that united all the alumnae in the room. Just six weeks earlier, *The Bells of Saint Mary's* brought tears of joy to all of us at my wedding and now echoed throughout the church as we said goodbye to Mom for the last time.

My mom's death has come as a shock to many, because most were unaware of the 13-year battle she fought so quietly and courageously. She embodied the strength of a Saint Mary's alumna, determined to persevere until the very end. She never wanted to be "the woman who had cancer," but she was fearless in the face of death. During her last year of life, her efforts to attend a trip with Saint Mary's friends to celebrate their 60th birthdays and my wedding were extraordinary. Even in her moments of pain and suffering, Mom chose peace and joy. She often said, "You've gotta suck the joy out of life," and she always did.

I sought The Avenue this past July just days after my mother's funeral. This time, the tears came streaming down my face. I felt relief from my grief knowing I would always feel her spirit here, yet the heartbreak, too, that she would never again join me on our beloved road. It will always be our special place. The Avenue. The Belles. The one and only Saint Mary's.



Catherine "Cathy" Gunn Kleinschmidt '78 and daughter Laura Kleinschmidt Banks '09 on Laura's wedding day.

Dream

By Laura Kleinschmidt Banks '09

*“It was my dream when you were born
that someday you’d come here.”*

— Cathy Gunn Kleinschmidt '78

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