

# Saint Mary's College COURIER

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# UPON REFLECTION

It has been a season of celebration at Saint Mary's. First we feted the Class of 2018 at Commencement in the new Angela Athletic & Wellness Complex and then our alumnae returned for Reunion to commemorate their college experience and make new memories. The joy of these annual events makes them a highlight of the calendar every year.

It also has been a time of remembrance. We gathered as a campus community on June 22 to reflect on the life and career of former President William Hickey, whose impact on the College and countless individuals in nearly 40 years at Saint Mary's inspired many worthy tributes.

The excitement of looking forward with the Class of 2018 and the reflection on the standard set by those who have gone before them reinforces the importance of what we do today. The substance of our charge to students — to be women of action — can be seen in the examples of their predecessors, both fellow alumnae and those who have educated them.

The unique academic and spiritual experience at Saint Mary's instills the notion that the life of the mind and the life of the soul complement each other and guide us toward higher goals. We enable our students to be leaders in building a better world. Examples abound, among the Sisters of the Holy Cross, our alumnae, and through the tangible impact our students, faculty, and staff make on the world around them.

A testament to that impact was our recent workshop series addressing workplace sexual harassment. Building on the momentum of the #MeToo movement, the College hosted three lunch and learn discussions with local business and political leaders, faculty experts, and employees from a wide range of organizations.

Together we discussed concrete steps that could be taken at all organizational levels to create a culture that rejects such behavior, empowers employees, and ensures a safe and equitable working environment where all people can thrive. The workshops are a model of Saint Mary's constructive engagement with serious, complex issues oriented toward solutions that serve the greater good.

Positive energy from those events, and from the enthusiastic sendoff we gave to the Class of 2018 to carry the Saint Mary's spirit forward into their own communities, still reverberates around campus. Combined with the historic examples that infuse this special place, we move forward into the 2018–19 academic year motivated to inspire a new generation to become women of action.

Janice A. Cervelli, FASLA, FCELA  
President



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## About Saint Mary's College

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.



Lila Chenel Milford was the solo representative for the Class of 1948 at Reunion this year.



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# *To the Class of* **2018**

By Traci Foster

Commencement is both a time to reflect on the past four years and the celebratory send-off as you leave campus and begin life anew. Looking back on your time at Saint Mary's, you'll share laughs, shed tears, and likely miss your second home.

You were the first graduating class to experience the new Angela. You endured late nights studying and writing papers in Trumper and then celebrated Fridays with personal pan pizzas. Some of you met Margaret Atwood last fall, volunteered at the Center For The Homeless, or joined Friends with Sisters and spent hours at the convent. Over half of you traveled abroad to discover and immerse yourself in our global society. From tailgates to Sunday evening Mass, your four years here brought you together as Belles, leaving you with treasured memories for life.

So, as this familiarity fades away, we encourage you to embrace this uncertainty and allow your faith to open your mind and heart to the new and amazing experiences that lie ahead. Because regardless of what the future holds, you are Saint Mary's women. You live out the mission of the College each and every day, both deliberately and unapologetically. You are forward thinkers, who defy stereotypes, and empower others to create positive change right along with you.

You've graduated from Saint Mary's College, and with your Holy Cross education, you have the tools for the future and the spirit to thrive.

As co-valedictorian **Kristie LeBeau '18** beautifully said, "After all the excitement of receiving our diploma has ended and the celebration is over, we will be left with the little moments. And really, I think those are the moments that will define us as Belles." Congratulations to the Class of 2018! We can't wait to see where those little moments lead you. 📍



# Advice from Alumnae

"Have as much compassion for yourself as you do for others."

Maureen Sullivan Sheehy '62

“Be flexible in your path. Sometimes the best and happiest decisions are completely different than what you imagine as you walk across the stage.”

Kassie Evans Spencer '07

"Stay in touch with your fellow Belles. The friendships you made at SMC are priceless."

Jan Meyer '83

*"Be confident.  
Follow your dreams.  
Be true to yourself.  
Your life will unfold  
as it is meant to be."*

Mimi Tuohy O'Leary '89

“Learn to listen. It's the most important part of communication, especially today and going forward on your journey.”

Mary Hughes Enright '59

# Our First Nursing Doctorate

By Reilly LaPrairie '19

Like most other women who attend Saint Mary's, **Brianna Acosta '10, DNP '18** believes that choosing this school was one of the best decisions of her life. So much so that she decided to return after graduating with her bachelor's in 2010; this time to enroll in the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program. "There was never a question whether I'd return to Saint Mary's," Acosta shared as she became the first graduate of the DNP program this May.

After earning her undergraduate degree in nursing, Acosta went on to receive a master's degree from Texas Women's University in 2015 and began working at the Women's Health Clinic of Parkland Hospital in Dallas, Texas. She has been working with Gardasil vaccinations and the human papillomavirus (HPV) and provides services to a medically underserved population, while earning her doctorate in the College's new hybrid graduate offering.


The DNP is one of four graduate programs the College has developed. Through course instruction, faculty mentorship, and research discoveries, Acosta has been able to put her education into immediate practice, improving patient outcomes.

## Discovering her inner doctor

Acosta strongly believes Saint Mary's delivered on Sister Madeleva's promise of discovery, of herself and her place in the universe. She is able to express her thoughts confidently and opinions without fear of judgment, and part of that is knowing she has a community of women that support her.

Anyone who has gone through graduate school, let alone both a master's and a doctorate, knows that it takes hard work and lots of support. Acosta has had her Saint Mary's friends through it all.

"One of the most valuable impacts Saint Mary's made on my life are the dear friendships I was able to form during my undergraduate program," Acosta reflected. "It's a rare opportunity that people are able to have more true friends than they can count on two hands, but I can confidently admit that I am one of the fortunate few."

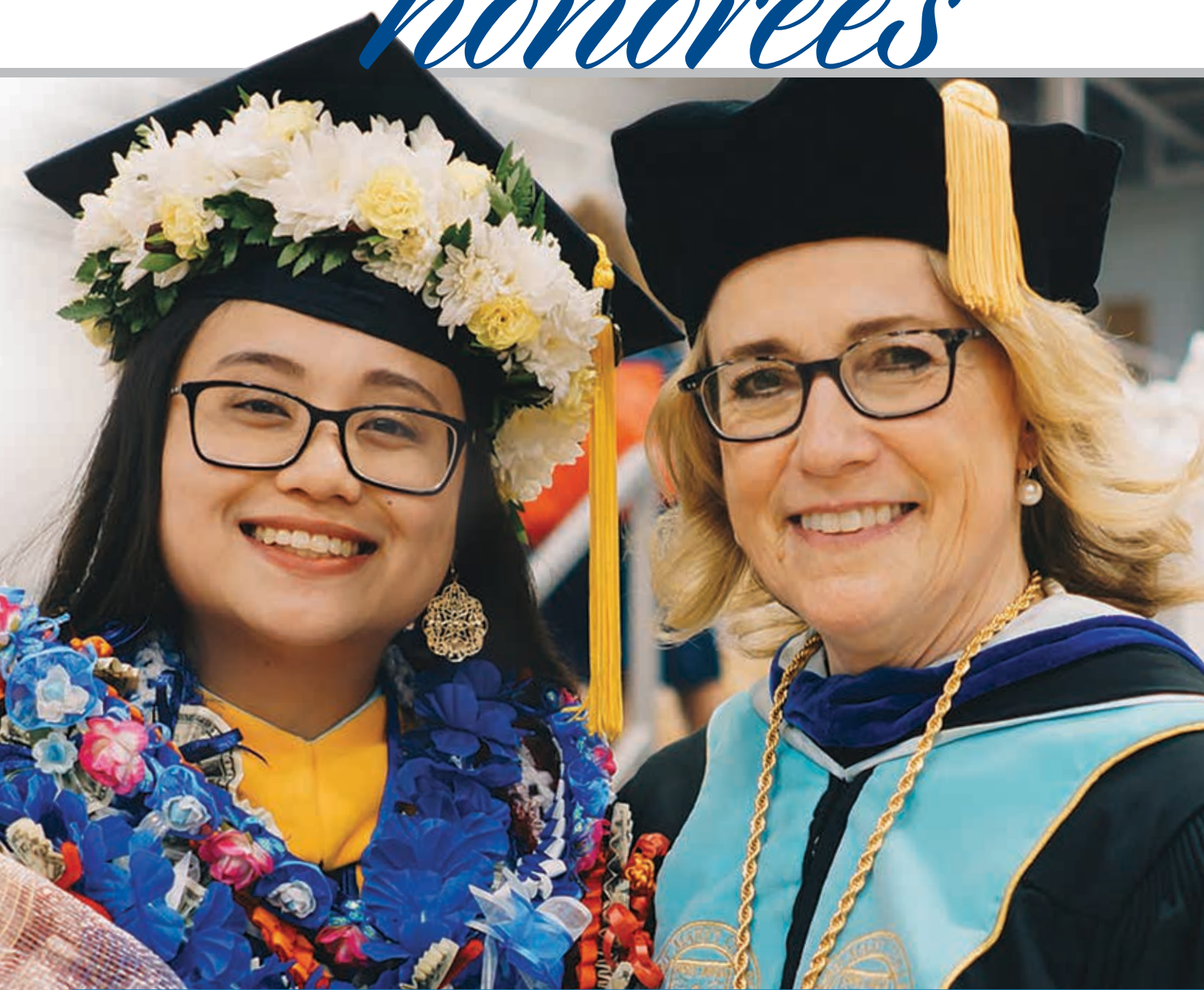
Acosta gives special recognition to her late grandmother, Marcella Wonderly, who pioneered a family nursing tradition that ultimately inspired her career today. 

"Saint Mary's graduates display a level of confidence that places us in the forefront to lead in the nursing industry."

Brianna Acosta '10, DNP '18

Commencement  
2018

# honorees



## Lumen Christi Award

Princess Mae Visconde  
biology major

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*Being overwhelmed with God's love is my Saint Mary's experience. Everyone here, the faculty, the staff, the professors, my friends, and my peers have cultivated my growth at Saint Mary's.*

”

## Honorary Degree Recipients



**Carolyn Woo**  
Commencement Speaker  
former CEO of Catholic Relief Services

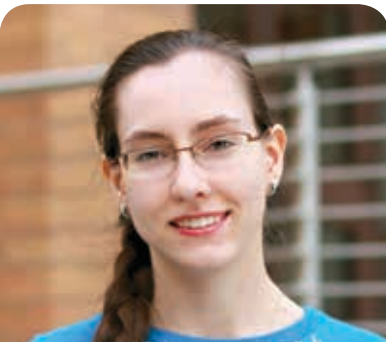
*"You are going out into the world with an experience that you've had, and it's an experience that you knew intimately, personally, and nobody can take that experience from you."*



**Sister Margaret (Peggy) O'Neil, SC**  
Founder of the Centro Arte Para La Paz  
and peace activist

*"I'm almost 80 and I never thought anyone would call me a Belle.  
Thank you. Thank you."*

## Valedictorians



**Darya Bondarenko**

biology major with minors in chemistry and studio art

*"I believe that each and every one of my fellow Belles is equipped to pursue any and all of her dreams, whatever those may be."*



**Melissa Henry\***

communicative sciences and disorders and psychology double major

*"Saint Mary's has continued to remind me each day of the promise of community made at Closing of the Circle. While we are leaving the physical grounds of this campus soon, the friendships and memories we have made will never leave."*



**Kristie LeBeau**

sociology major with minor in gender and women studies

*"Each day that a Belle stands up for what she believes in — in one of these moments — the world will become just a little bit more beautiful."*



**Kathleen Price**

elementary education major with a minor in English as a second language

*"I encourage Saint Mary's and everyone here today to have faith and to let God take precedence above everything else because no love, endurance, success, or greatness can sustain without it."*

## Award Recipients

**Saint Catherine Medal**  
**Angeline Barthel '19**  
**Heather DiLallo '19**

**Outstanding Senior\***  
**Melissa Henry '18**

**Maria Pieta Award**  
**Megan Zwart**  
associate professor of philosophy

**Spes Unica Award**  
**Susan Vanek '70**  
associate dean for advising

# 2018 Legacies

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



Caitlin Blum '18 celebrates with her aunt Caroline Blum Pavis '97.

**Colleen Allare**, *Erin Ruddy Allare* '83, Marie Broussard Weir '13\*, Ruth Broussard Polk '14\*, Loretta Broussard Casey '18\*, Bertha Broussard Roane '18\*, M. Rita Estelle Broussard '21\*, Genevieve Broussard Dutton '21\*, Regina Broussard Wood '23\*, Katherine Broussard Doyle '36\*, Mary Broussard Donovan '38, Mary Roane Cagle '44\*, Elizabeth Roane Bernsen '44\*, Susan Doyle Dunigan '64, Virginia Schlueter Jones '68, Mary Broussard Bartley '69, Anne Steinman Montalbano '70, Regina Broussard Winegar '70, Kay Doyle Conway '71, Jeanne M. Broussard '72, Eugenie Schlueter '72, Patricia Steinman Doyle '73, Joan Marie Steinman '75, Christine Ruddy Draths '80, Erin Ruddy Allare '83, Julie Broussard Miller '89, Mary Bridget Bartley McGuire '95, Emily Broussard Nash '98, Sarah Hamilton Schwartz '07, Catherine Anne Draths '14

**Carolyn Rose Arcuri**, Jean Eichenseher Lill '49\*, Mary Lill Valdes '73, Lora Wilcomb Martinez '05

**Kathleen Mary Barry**, *Mary Catherine Friel Barry* '87, Elizabeth Grogan Barry '23\*, Laura Barry Walsh '81, Chrissa Barry Dolan '83

**Maura Kathleen Barry**, Colleen Morgan Barry '16

**Kimberly Lynn Bilinski**, Ashley Doughty Swan '05, Lauren Kathleen Bilinski '15

**Caitlin Klatt Blum**, Lucile Kreutzer '11\*, Virginia Kreutzer Klug '48\*, Marcia Fraser Blum '70, Joan Kreutzer Knaack '78, Caroline Blum Pavis '97

**Mary Claire Brophy**, *Katherine Koller Brophy* '83, Elizabeth Koller Adams '99

**Amanda Gail Brown**, Nicole Ann Brown '15

**Catherine Anne Bruno**, Josefina Tseng Chapman '84

**Lauren Nicole Caracciolo**, Linda Pesavento Bell '68

**Erin Elizabeth Carroll**, *Mary Beth Bruton Carroll* '85, Sharon Bruton Knecht '83, Karen Bruton Ryan '94, Megan Carroll Kucala '10, Lauren Elizabeth Carroll '12

**Sarah Elizabeth Connaughton**, Diane Shary Connaughton '87, Lisa M. Shary '83, Cynthia Shary-Cowdrey '85

**Samantha Catherine Corn**, *Patricia Koch Corn* '81

**Cecilia Rose Costa**, *Sharon E. Costa* '87

**Margaret Hogan Cox**, *Mary Jo Hogan Cox* '85, Rosemary Curtin Conway '60, Mary Cox Coffey '84, Maureen Cox Scanlon '86, Margaret Cox Petrucelli '88, Rosemary P. Cox Conway '94, Catherine Mary Cox '98

**Lillian Louise Cronin**, Anna Cronin Lacey '16

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

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**Molly Ruth Diener**, Michelle Diener Filicicchia '81

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

**Emily Carolyn Doyle**, *Mary Nell McCauley Doyle* '84, Jennifer N. McCauley '86, Ana Cote McCauley '88

**Colleen Margaret Drolet**, *Susan K. Drolet* '80, Julie Kanak Rigali '83, Anne Drolet Edwards '06

**Keighley Marie Ehmsen**, *Anita Knebel Douglas* '90, Leigh Marice Ehmsen '16

**Caitlin Erin Finan**, Megan Lynn Finan '14

**Katherine Mollie Frego**, *Janet Makey Frego* '86, Susan Makey Smith '87

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**Kelly Brigid Gallagher**, Pauline Romeo DeCicco '51, Della DeCicco Dewald '83

**Kelly Jean Geelan**, *Bonnie Jean Gible Geelan* '90, Barbara Geelan Wareham '94

**Mary Katherine Golden**, *Margaret Pecjak Golden* '85, Mary Pat Golden '84\*, Julie Strazabosco Graham '85, Anney Brandt Roach '08, Megan Elizabeth Golden '14

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**Caroline Lucille Green**, Katherine Baisley Green '85, Ave M. Green '85

**Caroline Elizabeth Hall**, Maureen Scanlon Sharrock '58, Kathleen McKeever Catanzaro '60, Patricia Scanlon McKeever '61\*, Sheila Scanlon Lewis '64\*

**Hannah C. Hoody**, Heather Hoody Bach '05

**Shobhan Aislinn Hubbell**, Cara Elish Hubbell '16

**Allison Marie Hysell**, Kayla Lee Hysell '15

**Jennifer A. Indelicato**, Patricia Gold Indelicato '83, Joanne Indelicato Parshall '86

**Caroline Marie Johnson**, *Cathleen Noonan Johnson* '84\*, Susanne Noonan Taylor '86

**Hannah Nicole Jones**, Maureen Ann Jones '85

**Caroline J. Kernan**, Aileen Catherine Kernan '16

**Morgan Lynn Kinniry**, Sheila Egts LaMaster '05

**Abigail Sullivan Krauss**, *Laurie Sullivan Krauss* '84, MaryKathryn Krauss Doheny '80, Nanette Krauss Beckert '81, Melissa Ann Krauss '86, Melinda Krauss Lister '96

**Emily Elizabeth Lambert**, Clare Elizabeth Lambert '16

**Katherine Maire Lastfogel**, Meaghan David Kovacs '99

**Clare M. Lattner**, *Ann Picchietti Lattner* '84, Catherine Elizabeth Lattner '15

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**Margaret Mary Maloney**, *Maura Allen Maloney* '84

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**Anna Marie McClowry**, Erin McClowry Puzzella '09, Megan Elizabeth McClowry '10, Kari Anne McClowry '13

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**Grace Wenying McGurn**, Janet McGurn Dore '87

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**Jamie Taylor Moran**, Colleen Ann Burns Cuscaden '87, Colleen Cary McMahon '89

**Barbara Farrell Morrison**, Grace Louise Morrison '16

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**Grace E. O'Connor**, Carol Pattyn O'Connor '83

**Molly McCaul O'Rourke**, Kaitlin Kelly O'Rourke '14

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**Katherine Anne Piscione**, Claire Cecelia Reichle '10

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**Kelsey Marie Trimble**, Anne Easterday Trimble '87

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**Elizabeth Kathleen Van Slochem**, Margaret Doyle Van Slochem '73, Margaret Ann Van Slochem '16

**Mary Clare Vicenzi**, Ellen Sullivan Vicenzi '85, Rose Marie M. Vicenzi '18

**Rose Marie M. Vicenzi**, Ellen Sullivan Vicenzi '85, Mary Clare Vicenzi '18

**Gabrielle Rose Weldy**, Dawnella Rose Johnson '93

**Cassie Ann Young**, Chelsea Taylor Young '13, Jamie Marie Young '18

**Jamie Marie Young**, Chelsea Taylor Young '13, Cassie Ann Young '18

**Nina Marie Zeiger**, Gloria Louise Zeiger '16

**Emily Kathryn Zimmermann**, Sara Conway Zimmermann '79



Leann Tulisiak '18 is all smiles with her sisters Alexandra "Alex" Tulisiak Harvan '09 and Samantha Tulisiak Lee '12.



Keighley Ehmsen '18 pauses to celebrate with her mom Anita Knebel Douglas '90 and sister Haleigh Ehmsen '16 in front of Le Mans tower.



The legacy lives on with graduate Catherine "Kate" McMahon '18 and her aunt Molly McMahon Kienast '91, grandmother Katie Herbstritt McMahon '61, and mother Shannon McMahon '87.

See more legacy photos  
online at  
[saintmarys.edu/Courier](http://saintmarys.edu/Courier).

# We Saint



# Mary's

## Alumnae of all ages return to campus for Reunion.

By Donna Fischman

It's a special thing to witness — Reunion Weekend — when long-time friends return to campus to reconnect, relive the college experience, and respond to the call of Saint Mary's. Of course, the buzz and planning start months, sometimes even years in advance, as classmates make plans to gather. Alumnae relations leads efforts to organize lecturers, room accommodations, meals, and staffing. Then just weeks after sending off our most recent graduating class, we welcome our beloved family members back home.



*"Another wonderful Reunion with some of the best women I have ever known."  
—Jane Van Gilder Vosters '83*

Class of 1983 members **Michele Brennan DiCanio**, **Maura O'Neil Kahn**, **Elizabeth "Betsy" Cronan Malkus**, and **Robin Fortman** celebrate at Reunion.

# Reunion 2018



Katie Burchardt and Sophia Korson, Class of 2013

*"Katie and I met during Welcome Week our freshman year. As we walked around campus during Reunion, I couldn't help but thank God and Saint Mary's for introducing me to such an amazing woman. Our friendship has been a product of our years at Saint Mary's. I found more than a best friend at Saint Mary's, I found a sister."*

— Sophia Korson '13

## Reconnect with all

Simply stated, reconnecting with old friends, faculty, and the campus we love feeds the soul. Hearts become light, years disappear, and it feels like no time has passed (regardless of the wrinkles that might argue otherwise). Perhaps the bond is so strong due to the four years spent here. Or maybe it's the formative years of 18–22 that have the greatest impact. Whatever the reason, there's a magic in this place. The lessons learned, our tight connection to the sisters, and 175 years of empowering women to make a difference in the world will forever entangle Saint Mary's alumnae.

Watching classmates from five or 55 years ago, the pattern is the same. Genuine smiles form followed by long, warm embraces. Eyes begin to water as questions and excitement spew in nearly incoherent sentences. The following days look so different. The giddiness is replaced by comfort as stories and thoughts are exchanged. You can overhear conversations of every type as family, politics, work, and more are all discussed in every corner of the campus.

## Relive the experience

Saint Mary's alumnae are known to be women of action so it's no surprise that Reunion Weekend is an active gathering. Each morning, dozens of alumnae gathered for walks across campus, took yoga, barre, and spinning classes in the new Angela Athletic & Wellness Complex, or soaked in moments of quiet reflection at Lake Marian. Then, after breakfast, the campus was energized by a more mature student body than typical, busily making their way to lectures, fun gatherings, and a few moments of remembrance.

For those here, it's as if you get to relive campus life. Meals together, sleeping in Le Mans or McCandless halls, and rushing off to classes — albeit you might be whisked there by a golf cart. But the results are the same. Intelligent women gather to discuss relevant topics, a book they all read, or remember their former campus life. This year, the most popular lectures were given by professors Bill Svelmoe and Patrick Pierce. Svelmoe gave the audience a sneak peak of his new class; hoping to broaden our understanding of this polarized moment in American history, while Pierce shared his predictions of the 2018 midterm elections and thoughts around the recent rise in female candidacies. Both had more than 100 in attendance.



1978 class members Janet Israel Borst, Helen Marie Daniels Crowell, and Chris Dziwura Martinez return again!

*"This was my eighth Saint Mary's College Reunion; I have attended every one since graduating in 1978. For one weekend every five years, my friends and I return to Saint Mary's to remember and reconnect. Even though we are all now in our 60s, we opted to stay in Le Mans Hall... we wanted the full Saint Mary's experience."*

— Janet Israel Borst '78



Class of 2008 alumnae **Alexandra Nowak McCall**, **Emily Matus**, and **Kate Fenlon** enjoy time together on campus.

*"I had an amazing time at Reunion Weekend with my Belles from near and far! From The Avenue, Le Mans, the Learning Tree, and the Backer to our first stay at the Inn, I could not have asked for a more unforgettable weekend back at home!"*


– Emily Matus '08



## Respond to the call

Perhaps the most significant aspect of Reunion is our alumnae's desire to answer the call. The call to return, to support, and to engage with the College on a regular basis. Taking in the growth of Saint Mary's since graduation, alumnae can easily see that the campus continues to respond to the needs of women today and, more importantly, prepare them for the life that awaits.

This year, more than 900 alumnae and 124 guests attended Reunion, and the Classes of 1968, 1978, and 2013 all had over 100 make the trip back. And this was the very first year that the 50-year class had over 100 attend! We also see the desire to be involved with Saint Mary's reflected in graduates who are part of the Alumnae Resource Network. Now more than 7,500 strong, these women are answering the call to connect, network, and mentor others in their professional fields.

So here's to the classes of "threes and eights" who enjoyed another fun return to Saint Mary's. We loved watching you gather, share laughs, and support each other. We thank you for your continued support of the College. May you enjoy many more Reunion Weekends and always remember that *The Avenue will always lead you home.* 



**Kara Murphy Richards '88** (not pictured) grabbed this photo of classmates **Sheila Campbell McClure**, **Beth Niklas O'Neil**, **Jennifer Killian McCloskey**, and **Teresa Cozzi Butler** before checking out their old rooms in Le Mans Hall then indulging in a dining hall favorite from 30 years ago... Cap'n Crunch and Ice Cream!

# Reunion 2018 Honorees

Each year the Alumnae Association carefully selects honorees from nominated alumnae and recognizes these outstanding women during the Reunion Banquet.

## Distinguished Alumna Award



**Karen Bush Schneider '73** is highly respected as an authority in labor law. She was a Saint Mary's student during the merger/non-merger period and went on to be one of the early women to earn her juris doctor degree from the Notre Dame Law School in 1976. Her 40-year career has been dedicated to justice and advocacy for others. Schneider established and endowed a faculty scholarship award in 2010, and has served the College in numerous ways by participating in the Madeleva Society Steering Committee, the College's Alumnae Resource Network, 24-Hour Donor Challenge, the Saint Mary's Alumnae Recruitment Team (SMART), and is a three-time member of her Reunion Gift Campaign. Schneider's significant volunteer and leadership accomplishments, along with her compassion, dedication, kindness, confidence, and intelligence, exemplify the mission of Saint Mary's College.

## Alumna Achievement Award



**Joann Vanek '63** is a pioneer in women's studies through her work as a gender and social statistician. Earning her master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Michigan, she went on to teach at several institutions before working for the National Science Foundation and the Statistics Division of the United Nations. Vanek established, and significantly expanded, the global program in gender statistics, including developing and directing publications, as well as a comprehensive and authoritative international data source on population, social, and gender statistics. She is dedicated to providing a better understanding of the needs of women around the world.

## Humanitas Award



**Mary Hustead Bottum '58** lives her life guided by Catholic social teaching with a dedication to making the world a better place. A firm believer that all human life is sacred and precious, Mary has volunteered and supported orphans, unwed mothers, the imprisoned, the ill, and the dying. Her support of a Saint Mary's education is long standing, as an active member of the Los Angeles Alumnae Club. Not only did her daughter, **Elizabeth Bottum McCallie '85**, graduate from the College, Mary also endowed a scholarship in 2002 to help other young women receive a Saint Mary's degree. She is selfless in her mission to help others find joy and dignity.

## Outstanding Young Alumna Award



**Erin Heck Shambaugh '08** has a passion for serving others that has guided her both personally and professionally. She works as the Forecasting Leader at GE Aviation where she has earned numerous awards for her hard work and leadership. Her efforts as a student in the Five-Year Dual Degree Engineering Program with the University of Notre Dame have greatly benefited Saint Mary's students and she continues to stay involved with the College as part of the STEM Professional Development Committee, mentoring and networking with science and math majors. As the treasurer for the Cincinnati Alumnae Club and multiple other volunteer roles, she balances her life with grace.

# Cycle in Tuscany

with President Cervelli

October 19-28, 2018



This fall, President Jan Cervelli will host a 10-day bike excursion:

## Tuscany by the Sea

Join Jan as she combines her passion for cycling with her knowledge of Italian culture and architecture. Savor local wines, enjoy farm-to-table cuisine, visit olive oil mills, and so much more!

**For more  
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Call for reservations  
800-245-3868  
(group #281231)**

# Raising Our

By Haleigh Ehmsen '16

Imagine this: a woman working in a small company of 12 is invited every couple of weeks by a male colleague to go out for drinks after work. The woman always politely declines with responses such as “not today” or “maybe next time.” The repeated requests start to make her uncomfortable, but she has not formally reported her colleague’s conduct. *Is this harassment?*

Lawyers, community leaders, human resources professionals, and other business associates discussed this scenario over lunch as part of the Workplace Sexual Harassment Workshops. Hosted by Saint Mary’s in partnership with the City of South Bend, the lunch and learn series was designed not only to identify core principles for preventing and addressing sexual harassment in the workplace, but further illustrate how to put theory into practice.

The attendees discover there’s a twist to the scenario. The male colleague invites all of his coworkers out for happy hour every couple of weeks. Not everyone attends every time, but most of the coworkers go regularly. All other behavior by the male coworker is appropriate. It seems he just likes to socialize with his coworkers after work hours. *Does this change your mind?*

Table discussions dove into the nuances of the scenario asking questions like, “Well, shouldn’t she just be honest and tell him no and that his requests make her uncomfortable?” Or thoughts like, “But he shouldn’t keep asking and should just understand that she’s not interested in happy hour.” Responses to the scenario differed, yet led to the same result: defining sexual harassment is complicated.



# Voice

A workplace culture and clear policies about expected behavior set the tone for what is and is not tolerated. In seeking to educate our students and community members about these issues, we must be willing to walk the walk and ensure our own College practices are fair and just.

## Diving into the issue

Data from the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) 2016 study reports that anywhere from 25 to 85 percent of women in the workplace have experienced some type of sexual harassment. While this is a broad estimate, it shows that at least one in four women experience sexual harassment in the workplace, which is an alarming rate.

Jeanine Gozdecki, a partner with local law firm Barnes & Thornburg, spoke on the first panel of the workshop series, *Leading by Example: The Impact of Change*. “Those circumstances, whether it’s a business meeting or it’s a group of coworkers going out for a drink at a local bar after work, are areas where the rules of the workplace still apply.”

The #MeToo movement has mobilized a lot of discussion of workplace sexual harassment, but it’s not just Hollywood where this is a problem. Working women every day experience discrimination both through sexual harassment and also in their paychecks.

President Jan Cervelli, in addition to serving on the first panel, introducing each workshop, talking with local media, and advocating for women in the workplace, has launched a pay equity analysis at the College that is ongoing this summer.

“We seized the opportunity, as attention increases on eradicating this scourge from our professional lives, to take advantage of this cultural moment and create lasting change for the benefit of all of us.”

In the *Chronicle of Higher Education* Maggie Doherty, lecturer at Harvard University, writes, “Hierarchies — of gender, race, and class — are established and reinforced through hirings and firings, handshakes, and outfits. Receiving a lower salary isn’t the same thing as feeling uncomfortable in a pantsuit, but both experiences stem from a power structure that keeps men on top.”

Doherty discusses both the formal and informal ways that a structure is built within an organization. Perhaps the woman didn’t want to turn down her male colleague because she was afraid it would affect the possibility for a promotion or raise. It’s tricky territory, and often opinions differ, but nonetheless these are important issues that require action.

## Addressing the problem


While the Workplace Sexual Harassment Workshops were open to all campus members, faculty organized an additional panel discussion specifically for students to hear from experts on how to prepare to deal with these issues in their careers.

Because the College has been empowering women for nearly 175 years, teaching lessons that extend beyond the classroom is nothing new. But we also recognize that perhaps our greatest strength as a women’s college can also be a downfall when it comes to preparing women for the workplace.



Research shows that women who attend a women’s college are more confident in the workplace than their peers who attend co-educational institutions. A classroom of all women allows students to escape the gender dynamics that may intimidate them as they grow and learn to share their opinions.

Unfortunately, the workplace isn’t all women. Because of our collaborative environment, some Saint Mary’s students don’t think they will experience discrimination in the workplace and/or aren’t equipped to handle it. We are reminded of the beginning of Sister Madeleva’s powerful quote, “We will not wish you security. For we remember that ‘security is mortal’s chiefest enemy.’ And we know that you can be secure only when you can stand everything that can happen to you.”

Still, it’s about more than standing or tolerating things that happen to you. Many alumnae remark that they found their voice at Saint Mary’s, that they have been empowered to take steps to impact social issues and make a difference in their communities. That has always been the Saint Mary’s way, since the Sisters founded the College in 1844. We continue to embolden our community around problems that need solutions and we can only begin to make that change through meaningful dialogue. 



“It’s all about what’s possible when  
you get women together.”

— Allison Fleece '08

# Reaching New Heights

# *Together*

By Donna Fischman





“It’s my education in practice.”

— Allison Fleece '08

Photo by Ren Fuller

WHOA Travel is not your ordinary travel company. First, it’s owned by two women who met (and have since become besties) as they planned their first trip to Kilimanjaro. Second, it’s for women only. And third, it never involves lying on a beach sipping mai tais or visiting spas. Instead, it empowers female travelers to embrace life fully by stepping out of their comfort zones and into real adventures. All of this occurs while building meaningful relationships with fellow trip-mates and the women they meet in communities around the world.

The women-only adventure company takes its clients well off the beaten path to experience way more than they would likely find on their own. Typically staying in non-profit hotels, the socially-conscious travel boutique sponsors local women to join them on many of their trips, something they call *Experiential Giving Back*. The simple practice is more than a gesture of getting involved — it’s an intentional way to empower women through a shared experience that unites and builds understanding for everyone.

The company was cofounded by **Allison Fleece '08**, a passionate alumna who epitomizes the core values of Saint Mary’s. She is a woman of action. One who cares about the world and takes an active role in it. And now she shares those values with women around the world through the business she started with University of Texas alum Danielle Thornton.

“It’s my education in practice,” explains Fleece as she talks about her business. As a Saint Mary’s student, she learned firsthand how to empower others through service. Typical service trips operate using an antiquated hierarchical volunteerism model where travelers show up, do good, and move on. The results are often less meaningful and unsustainable.

WHOA Travel, which stands for Women High on Adventure, uses a much more intimate approach allowing women to connect by sharing time, stories, and experiences. By simply listening and learning along the journey, women from all over the world find that they are not all that different from one another.



WHOA travelers join in the festivities of Oktoberfest in true Bavarian style!



Travelers in India saddle up for a sunset camel ride to enjoy an authentic dinner in the dunes.



## Making a Difference

Most travelers look for hotel ratings, customer feedback, and photos before selecting their lodging. Where is it located? How about the view? Price of course also comes to mind. But what about purpose?

Founded by **Susanne Noonan Taylor '86** and her husband Stan (ND '85), the Stella Maris Lodge is a non-profit hotel operated by the Mailisita Foundation in a small village of the same name. Just six miles outside of Moshi, the gateway to Kilimanjaro National Park, the lodge serves as a great resting spot for travelers, but its larger purpose is to financially support the adjacent Stella Maris Primary School they also started.

Get the full story online at [saintmarys.edu/Courier](http://saintmarys.edu/Courier).

One of those shared experiences is breaking out into dance parties in the most unlikely places. That tradition started on Fleece and Thornton's first trip to Africa's highest peak when the cofounders bonded. It could have been the fatigue or lack of oxygen that made them a bit silly, grooving on the mountainside. Whatever it was, it was a magical experience that has become a hallmark of their adventures. Whether bike riding, paragliding, or summiting Kilimanjaro, a quick dance party helps remind everyone that the trip is not just about pushing through, it's about celebrating now — living in the moment.



Check out their dance montage video at [saintmarys.edu/Courier](http://saintmarys.edu/Courier).

Women-only adventure travel is not isolated to this group. It's an industry that has grown and evolved over the last few decades. Women from all walks of life, typically who have reached a turning point, are flocking to WHOA and similar outfits.

When you climb to the top of Machu Picchu, major life changes like divorce or an empty nest don't feel quite as impossible to overcome. Throughout the trip, strangers become companions and friends, supporting one another. It is powerful, encouraging, and just different from a coed experience. WHOA adventurers remember the trips as life-changing and recognize that the women they bike, paraglide, or summit with supported them through an experience they never thought possible.

Looking back on her time at Saint Mary's and how that experience shaped her life, her thought processes, and her understanding, Fleece discusses what it means to attend a women's college. "There's a sisterhood that forms," recognizing that her clients all benefit from the similar outcome on their trips. "It's all about what's possible when you get women together." 



Allison Fleece '08 and Danielle Thornton

## ALUMNAE DEATHS

## 1940

Jeanne Becker King March 3, 2018  
Mary Fran Shaff Meekison March 5, 2018

## 1941

Katharine Condon Madden Jan. 4, 2017

## 1944

Mary Alice O'Laughlin June 18, 2018  
Elizabeth Ann Belote Wallace April 7, 2018

## 1946

Elizabeth O'Connell Carlson June 6, 2018  
Mary Jane Bell Maidt May 15, 2017

## 1947

Louise Steenbaker Rucano March 28, 2018  
Julaine Cavanaugh Stovall March 1, 2018

## 1948

Margaret McQuaid Provost April 19, 2018

## 1949

Dagny Lenon Diamond March 22, 2018  
Pat Moran Hiaasen June 16, 2016  
Maxine Lange Orr April 25, 2018  
Juanita Retterer Theile August 12, 2016

## 1950

Jane Miller Wagner May 24, 2015

## 1951

Barbara Hepting Beimford April 27, 2018

## 1952

Betty Vanetti Amoroso Jan. 14, 2018  
Mary Caryl Cash Straub April 2, 2018

## 1953

Mimi Wurzer Coryn May 15, 2018  
Mary Fritch Quetsch Feb. 11, 2018

## 1954

Rena Bianucci Sereno March 23, 2018

## 1955

Mary Ryan Darling March 16, 2018

## 1959

Sister Mary Matthias Igoe March 23, 2018

## 1960

Sister Bernice Marie Hollenhorst, CSC May 16, 2018  
Sister M. Geralda Lamping, CSC March 3, 2018

## 1961

Maureen Wolfe Feb. 12, 2018

## 1962

Sister Perpetua Meyer, CSC April 19, 2018  
Sister Dorothy Ann Reppen, CSC April 9, 2018

## 1965

Regina Berkley Jeffers June 4, 2018  
Mary O'Malley Parrilli Feb. 20, 2018

## 1966

Anne Morrissey April 11, 2018

## 1967

Betty Vexel Clementz May 21, 2018

## 1969

Nancy O'Laughlin Salmon March 12, 2018

## 1972

Maureen Casey Maves May 25, 2018

## 1977

Megan M. Daly April 24, 2018

## 1982

Jennifer Huffman Clare March 16, 2017

## 1984

Geraldine Burge Greger July 13, 2017

## 1992

Margo Petraitis Bradley-Clark Feb. 27, 2018

## 2000

Shelley Joanne Raley April 29, 2018



Sister Bernice Marie Hollenhorst '60, CSC, (formerly Sister M. Josephina) passed away on May 16 at the age of 88. Entering the Sisters of the Holy Cross in July 1949, Sister

Bernice professed her perpetual vows on August 25, 1952. She spent 13 summers working on her bachelor of arts degree in history at the College.

In 1975 she began her 27-year career with Saint Mary's, where she worked as the seventh library director. During her tenure she sought funding for a new library and oversaw the design and construction for Cushwa-Leighton Library. Sister Bernice retired at the convent in 2013.

## FAMILY DEATHS

Frances Bazany, mother of Kristin Bazany Larsen '91, October 8, 2017.

Jon Boller, father of Kimberly Boller Drake '95, May 23, 2018.

James Brennan III, brother of Paula Brennan Ryan '74, April 18, 2018.

William Brezette, father of Jody Kathleen Brezette '10, May 27, 2018.

Margaret A. Brown, mother of Mary Anne Brown Schuster '77, grandmother of McKenna Leigh Schuster '15, May 4, 2018.

John Cavenagh, father of Anne Cavenagh Cahill '75, Catherine Cavenagh Fitzpatrick '78, and Elizabeth Cavenagh McCarthy '82, grandfather of Brigid Cavenagh Fitzpatrick '08, May 8, 2018.

Kathleen Connor, mother of Mary Connor Rubin '93, February 12, 2018.

George Coquillard, uncle of Susan Voll Galbraith '74, Mary Voll Fisher '76, Virginia Voll Prochaska '76, Patricia Voll McBride '77, and Sally Voll Rowley '82, April 22, 2018.

Robert Cox, father of Mary Patricia Cox '87, March 5, 2018.

Eloise Darnley, mother of Brenda Darnley Martin '75, November 21, 2017.

Robert Draths, father of Karen Draths Frost '86, grandfather of Catherine Anne Draths '14, father-in-law of Christine Ruddy Draths '80, January 27, 2018.

Thomas Dugan, father of Anne Dugan Collins '88 and Mary Dugan McCorkle '89, March 7, 2018.

Mary Dunleavy, mother of Kathleen P. Dunleavy '75 and Sheila Dunleavy Rodwill '80, March 18, 2018.

Helen Dunn, mother of Geraldine Dunn Leinenweber '59, grandmother of Jane Leinenweber Campeau '84, January 11, 2018.

Jacob Dvorak, husband of Dolores Cernota Dvorak '60, March 29, 2018.

Anthony F. Earley, Sr., father-in-law of Sarah Belanger Earley '71, April 14, 2018.

Robert Fenimore, father of Michelle Fenimore Reinking '77, May 25, 2018.

Charles Fitzgerald, father of Noreen T. Fitzgerald '85, March 30, 2018.

George Furst, husband of Patricia Ann Willis Furst '71, January 8, 2018.

John Garzia, father of Ursula Garzia Guyer '91, August 9, 2017.

Thomas Giblin, father of Joan Giblin McCabe '86, father-in-law of Margaret Newman Giblin '82, April 23, 2018.

Jerry Gibson, father of Melissa J. Gibson Ryker '91, April 7, 2018.

Mary Giroux, mother of Mary Giroux Sincic '89, March 15, 2018.

Albert James Hackl, husband of Christine Magruder Hackl '49, father of Mary Christine Hackl Walsh '73, Marie Elizabeth Hackl Brainard '81, and Margaret Ellen Hackl Fagan '82, May 12, 2018.

Lee Hinderscheid, husband of Ann Mulligan Hinderscheid '58, April 12, 2018.

Deuma Ann Wilson Hixenbaugh, grandmother of Kelly Marie Payne '08, May 18, 2018.

Joseph Janda, brother of Donna Janda Lorenzini '56, uncle of Nancy Lorenzini Kopec '83, May 23, 2018.

Claire Kammerer, mother of Terri Kammerer Meyer '87, February 11, 2018.

Daniel Kelter, father of Angela Kelter Hall '97, April 14, 2018.

T. Charles Kenniff, husband of Kathryn Liebrich Kenniff '63, brother-in-law of Margaret Liebrich O'Connor '59, March 4, 2018.

Raymond Kenny, father of Jaynellen Kenny Mikulski '85, February 22, 2018.

Edward Konarski, father of Karen Konarski '80, April 17, 2018.

John Alan Kramer, husband of Marie Gurucharri Kramer '68, May 24, 2018.

Gerald Lawlor, father of Ellen Lawlor Nicholson '76 and Mary E. Lawlor '78, January 22, 2018.

William Lehmann, father of Lowell Ann Lehmann '91, June 2, 2017.

Helen Lewis, mother of Sharon Lewis '76, July 25, 2017.

James Lupo, husband of Regina Ivory Lupo '73, March 27, 2018.

Afrelda Marucut, mother of Lorraine Marucut Clark '92, February 15, 2018.

Elizabeth McDevitt, mother of Jean McDevitt McCarthy '83 and Beth McDevitt-Major '85, January 29, 2018.

John McGrath, father of Kathleen McGrath Clarke '84, May 12, 2017.

John McGuire, father of Beth Ann McGuire '75, December 29, 2017.

Marilyn McGury, mother of Kathleen M. McGury '74, Ellen McGury Stone '75 and Susan V. McGury '80, June 2, 2018.

Geraldine Meister, mother of Elizabeth J. Meister '00, May 27, 2017.

James Morrison, father of Barbara Farrell Morrison '16 and Grace Louise Morrison '16, December 9, 2017.

Barbara Lee Murphy, mother of Kathleen Murphy Villano '79, grandmother of Nicole Villano McRoskey '08, March 19, 2018.

Ted Muta, father of Kathleen Muta Lung '79, September 21, 2017.

Janet Murtagh, mother of Joyce Murtagh Stengle '86, aunt of Kathryn Korhumel Dise '75, Karen Korhumel Weidner '77, Molly A. Murtagh '78, Ann Korhumel Filipiak '83, and Colleen Kenney Vedra '94, June 22, 2017.

Edward Nash, father of Heather Nash Dountas '98 and Meghan Nash Cannavan '99, April 26, 2018.

Jim O'Toole, husband of Michelle C. Devlin '86, April 19, 2018.

David Pain, father of Ellen Pain Soukup '97, May 20, 2018.

Carol Peck, grandmother of Victoria Reed Wilbraham '15, great aunt of Catherine Wilbraham Shields '94, April 21, 2018.

Melina Dee Perdue, sister of Tammy Shelor Blain '89, May 11, 2018.

Robert Potts, father of Laura Potts Sorensen '82 and Linda Potts Dilworth '84, May 16, 2018.

Harry Edward Prein, father of Margaret Prein Niemi '95, May 12, 2018.

Patricia Puetz, mother-in-law of Angela LeJeune Puetz '88, April 8, 2018.

James Raaf, father of Angela Raaf Widdel '72, Barbara Raaf Wolff '75, Maria Raaf Medlock '78, and Susan T. Raaf '82, May 15, 2018.

Michael Rader, father of Melissa Ann Rader '08, March 16, 2018.

Patricia Rink, mother of Kathleen C. Rink '76, September 11, 2017.

Jordan Schock, brother of Shawnetta Schock Thompson '09, June 1, 2018.

William Sheehan, father of Margaret Sheehan Quinn '90 and Mary Sheehan Nehring '93, February 19, 2018.

Marie Smith, mother of Pamela Smith Malone '66, Diane Smith Rigaux '69, and Constance Smith Barker '73, February 26, 2018.

Kenneth Sobczak, husband of Rita Dobosiewicz Sobczak '65, father of Leanne Sobczak Mazurek '91 and Lori Ann Sobczak Selvey '94, April 8, 2018.

Clarence Spitz, father of Jennifer Ann Spitz '92, April 13, 2018.

Charles Spornick, husband of Catherine Barker Spornick '79, May 17, 2018.

Carol Ann Stratman, mother of Carolyn C. Stratman '82, March 22, 2018.

Dorothy Talanda, mother of Annette Talanda Brennan '88, December 9, 2017.

Yeshwant Telang, father of K. Cecilia Telang Manuszak '83, March 5, 2018.

Vicki Tiberi, sister of Linda Tiberi Foley '92, aunt of Amy Elizabeth Tiberi '13, February 24, 2018.

Thomas Tight, father of Tasha Tight Vallace '92, uncle of Stephanie Tight Maddock '92, May 11, 2018.

Leonel Trevino, father of Michelle Trevino Shakour '78, April 11, 2018.

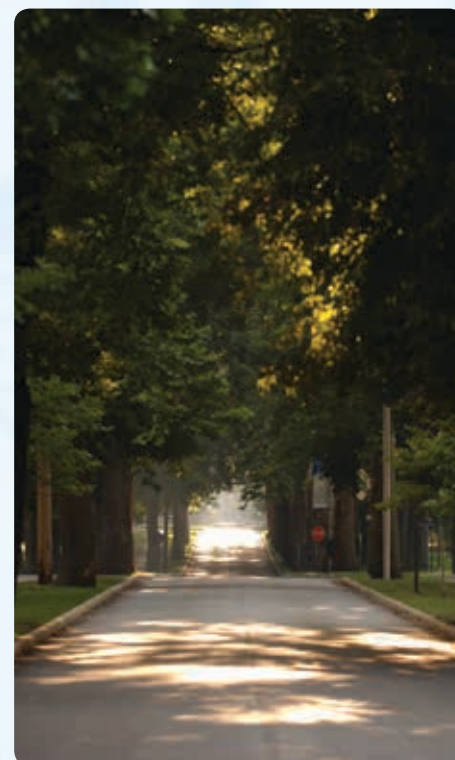
Natalie Vanderheyden, mother of Judy Vanderheyden Adamo '79, March 17, 2018.

Eugene Van Paemel, father of Lisa Marie Van Paemel Del Prete '85 and Vanessa Van Paemel Jondle '88, May 28, 2018.

Leonard Weigel, father of Elizabeth Weigel Quigley '76, grandfather of Gretchen Michelle Weigel '96, Jeanine Weigel Pickering '99, and Colleen Weigel Wold '02, April 6, 2018.

James Wyffels, father of Susan Wyffels Horner '93, May 16, 2018.

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



## Austin

Interested in getting involved and engaging/networking with other Saint Mary's women and Notre Dame alumni in the Austin area? We are working on developing events for you to do just that. Contact **Lisa M. Gutilla '98** at [lisa@ndclubofaustin.com](mailto:lisa@ndclubofaustin.com) for more information!

## Chicago East

The Chicago East Club had an accounting and finance event on March 29 at Soho House, planned by **Carrie Hobt '14** and sponsored by The Siegfried Group. This event allowed for networking and community building for SMC alumnae. We hope to plan future professional/career events, such as a panel, so stay tuned!



On May 23, the club welcomed spring with our annual signature event, Spring Spirits! Thank you to **Kelly Walsh '01** for hosting at such a lovely spot in the heart of Chicago, Pops for Champagne. The evening included a raffle and silent auction, which wouldn't have been successful without the generosity of our alumnae. We had a huge turnout, and fun was had by all! This summer, we plan to have a free outdoor yoga meet-up in the park, a supper club, and a student send-off, so keep a lookout for updates. If you are interested in becoming more involved or are new to the area, don't hesitate to contact [smcchicagopresident@gmail.com](mailto:smcchicagopresident@gmail.com).

## Cincinnati

In March, club members met and assembled 60 "blessing bags" for the homeless containing food, toiletries, and clothes. Many of the bags were distributed by our alumnae throughout the city to those in need, and the rest were donated to the Shelter House of Cincinnati, an organization that supports the homeless.



Thanks to all who participated (both in person and by dropping off donations in advance) and a special thank you to **Christina Scalo '01** and her sister Darla for hosting!

In April, we assembled a team for the Cincinnati/NKY March of Dimes "March for Babies." As a team, we raised nearly \$700 for this great cause that helps fight prematurity and supports the health of all moms and babies. Thanks to **Mollie Carroll Wheeler '94, Ann Grant Sebastian '94, Carrie Orr Chambers '06, Angela Bill Bolton '98, Erin Heck Shambaugh '08**, and our families for walking!



As we announced earlier this year, our focus is on service in 2018. We know Saint Mary's women are drawn to social action and the principles of justice and compassion. In addition to our traditional social gatherings for the Epiphany and the First-Year Student Send-off, we will host several events focused on giving back. In that spirit, here is our calendar of events for the year. We hope you will join us in continuing to foster the sense of community we started on campus. (E-vites will be distributed for each event in the weeks prior.)

### Sunday, August 12

Annual First-Year Student Send-off Potluck

### Thursday, October 18

Founders Day Volunteer Activity

### Sunday, January 13, 2019

Epiphany Party Potluck

If you are interested in helping to plan or host any of the remaining events in 2018, please contact one of the club leaders. GO BELLES!

## Cleveland/Akron

The Cleveland/Akron Alumnae Club has enjoyed a few fun events this spring. We gathered to create our biannual care packages for current Belles to enjoy during finals. Many members donated supplies and time to put together the packages that were full of food, spa products, and school supplies. In June, the club met to discuss the events and improvements this year. We are proud of our increase in membership and monetary donations to our scholarship. Additionally, we are excited for our first wine and paint night. Members will meet to paint a beautiful floral painting over a delicious glass of wine and good company. We are looking forward to the events that are to come in the second half of this year.

## Georgia

The Georgia Club welcomed Executive Director of Alumnae and College Relations **Kara O'Leary '89** to celebrate the club's recognition as Club of the Year. We enjoyed hearing about all the wonderful news from campus! Our thanks to the Alumnae Board for this honor.



**Sarah Magness Cash '00** and **Carrie Johnson '18** will join the club's executive board this summer. Any Georgia alumnae who are interested in serving as board members or who would like to be on the club's email list may contact us at [smcalumsga@gmail.com](mailto:smcalumsga@gmail.com). Our next activity will be the student send-off in early August.

## Grand Rapids



Our club had such a fun time volunteering last year during Lent, we decided to carry on the tradition again this year. A group of SMC and ND alumnae came together at Kids Food Basket to help with their sack supper program. This local nonprofit organization serves more than 7,500 kids each weekday in West Michigan. It was a great night of bonding for our clubs, as well as supporting our community.

Our young alumnae group joined the Notre Dame and Holy Cross young alumni in town and went to the Fowling Warehouse. Thank you, ND young alumni, for organizing this one!

The book group is still going strong. We've met every other month since 2002! This past week, we met at the home of **Nicole Dugan May '92**. This group continues to attract new alumnae every year, along with most of the original group!

If you are interested in learning more about our club or would like to be notified for upcoming events, please contact our club president, **Tara Millar '90**, at [tmillar@comcast.net](mailto:tmillar@comcast.net). If you are interested in our young alumnae club, contact **Sarah Slomski '11** at [sslomski89@gmail.com](mailto:sslomski89@gmail.com)

## Los Angeles



On March 10, the LA Club welcomed President Jan Cervelli and 47 guests to the Balboa Yacht Club. All enjoyed the presentation by President Cervelli.

The 2018 Saint Mary's College Christmas Ornament honors the 115<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Holy Cross Hall. The oldest College building on campus, it is also one of the most loved, cherished for its architectural detail and prominent position at the end of The Avenue. Made in the USA of brass, the 2018 Ornament depicts Holy Cross Hall during the winter season.

We are planning happy hours to engage Orange County alumnae. Upcoming dates are August 2 and October 18.

## Nashville

The Nashville Alumnae Club would like to organize a leadership team to assist with social outings, book club, local service work, community outreach, and student support. If you wish to volunteer your skills and expertise, please email **Monica Cannon Meeker '03** at [cannon.monica@gmail.com](mailto:cannon.monica@gmail.com).

We look forward to a Nashville Sounds baseball evening this summer (date TBD) and our Annual Student Send-Off in August.

## Pittsburgh

The Pittsburgh Club recently celebrated its 90-year anniversary in May. A wine tasting get-together was held at My Favorite Sweet Shop, owned and operated by **Nina Midgley '11** and located in Heidelberg, PA.

The club is planning to start a dinner group that will meet monthly at restaurants around the Pittsburgh area.

We are always looking to gather new members and expand our contacts. Please email [pghmsclub@gmail.com](mailto:pghmsclub@gmail.com) to provide your updated contact information or to join. By doing so, you will be sure to receive news about upcoming programs.

## South Bend

The South Bend Alumnae Club has had an exciting 2018 so far and is looking forward to continuing the club excitement! Area alumnae have been busy this spring and enjoyed participating in a happy hour at a local brewery, a wine and painting event during which we painted the Le Mans Tower, attended Mass at the Church of Loretto followed by brunch, and a service project at the Ronald McDonald House. The club also rolled out its new website and is thrilled to be able to better connect with area alumnae. We are currently populating our "By Belles" page to show off our talented area Belles and encourage other alumnae to support their fellow Saint Mary's women! If you are a business owner in the South Bend region, please reach out to us at [smcsclub@gmail.com](mailto:smcsclub@gmail.com).

Our Club Picnic and Annual Meeting at Potawatomi Park will close out our year. This has been a fun family event in the past, and we look forward to another great picnic with alumnae, friends, and family. We are already planning events for 2018–19 and can't wait to share the calendar in August!

Our ongoing fundraiser continues to be a success! The South Bend Club has partnered with ADesign & Sons, owned by **Anne Hussiau 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% 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 at [smcsclub.com](http://smcsclub.com).

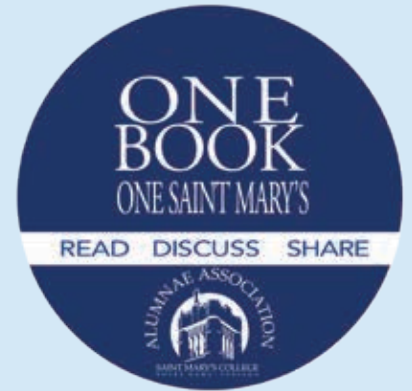
If you are new to the South Bend area, or live here and want to join the fun, please contact the club at [smcsclub@gmail.com](mailto:smcsclub@gmail.com), visit our website [smcsclub.com](http://smcsclub.com), and Like us on Facebook "Saint Mary's College South Bend Alumnae Club" for upcoming events and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

## Southwest Florida

Interested in getting involved and engaging with other Saint Mary's women in Southwest Florida? We are working on developing events for you to do just that. Contact **Tricia Pavlik Duray '77** at [triciaduray.realtor](mailto:triciaduray.realtor) for more information.

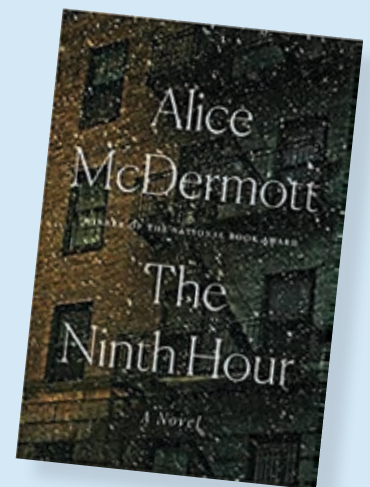
## Washington, DC

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



**The Saint Mary's College Alumnae Association invites you to read the 2018–19 One Book One Saint Mary's selection**  
*The Ninth Hour*  
by Alice McDermott

A powerfully affecting story, spanning the twentieth century, of a widow, her daughter, and the nuns who serve their Irish-American community in Brooklyn.



Interested in hosting a book club event for *The Ninth Hour*? Visit [alumnae.saintmarys.edu](http://alumnae.saintmarys.edu) and download discussion questions to help lead the conversation.

# 1950

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Last fall, **Anne Reynolds Pyron** went to Chicago to see her two nieces, **Martha Manion Mehringer '82** and **Sharon Manion Trockman '84**. While there, she met **Mary McGee Dorsher** and **Frances Hanson Thale** for lunch and a wonderful visit.

Two address changes are of note: **Mary Cucchi Depman** writes from Cedarbrook, Apt. 304, 41150 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304, and **Mary Ellen Molony Brady** moved to 109 Jackson Avenue, Morgantown, WV 26501-6529. Both said they keep busy and are doing well although Mel reported another broken leg.

**Sister Ramona "Monie" Marie Oppenheim, MM**, sent greetings from the Maryknoll Center and said she shares SMC news with **Sister Jo Magoffin Lucker, MM '54**, who is also there.

**Mary Kelty Strudeman's** letter was full of family news. She wrote: "Let me be with children and I am happy." She loves condo living, walks a mile each day, does yoga, is involved with volunteering at assisted living, and belongs to two Bible study groups.

As I write, we are four days into spring and an Iowa March blizzard has piled lots of snow this morning. A week ago I was in southern Florida, so here I am with a nice suntan and a heavy sweater. The items in this report are gleaned from last Christmas' correspondence. Many thanks to those who help us keep in touch with each other.

# 1952

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Hi, from sunny north county San Diego — Leucadia/Encinitas on the California coast. You perhaps heard of the recent sad and sudden death on January 22 of our extraordinary *Courier* Class of '52 reporter, **Mary Rose Shaughnessy**. I've been asked to take over her responsibilities, so here it goes.

Believe me, it isn't possible to fill Mary Rose's shoes in any way. This, my first article, is dedicated to her untiring efforts to keep communications going among all of us and Saint Mary's College. Please send me your thoughts, ongoing news, and activities. This article is due April 1, so I'm concentrating only on her. I'll remind you of my deadlines, so you can just send your news to me, so I can make future deadlines. I explained to the *Courier* editor that if there isn't any news, so be it.

Mary Rose was born April 28, 1931 in Kansas City. She entered religious life in the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Cross and remained for 14 years. As Sister Joseph Frances (her parents' names), she taught English and math in high schools in Indiana, Illinois, and Michigan. She sponsored student groups in debate, speech, drama, yearbook, newspaper, film, and art. Of course, these areas

continued as her very own interests throughout her long life.

She earned a master's degree in English at Notre Dame (1960) during summer vacations. After teaching at Saint Mary's, she left the order and entered the PhD program in English at the University of Chicago, receiving her doctorate in 1973. She began teaching at Chicago State University and remained there for the rest of her professional career, teaching a wide range of courses.

She pursued further educational interests with determination, studying scripture, architecture, interior design, and other areas. For example, China interested her, so she mastered the language, received a Fulbright, and taught at Nanjing University in 1985-86. Sailing was a major part of her life on the shores of Chicago's Hyde Park neighborhood. Her catamaran, *Rum Tum Tigger*, and Jackson Park Yacht Club became her summer home.

Retirement brought her artistic talents and travel into focus, as she enjoyed sculpture, oil painting, watercolors, pastels, and Asian ink. Travels to England, Europe, Israel, Egypt, China, India, Turkey, Russia, and Mexico led to journals and photography. Cruising and Elderhostel replaced sailing, and she often had classmates join her. She loved singing as a member of the Hyde Park women's choir, which provided the music for her funeral.

She remained close to her family in Kansas City, sisters Kathleen and Carol, brother Joe, and numerous nieces and nephews whom she nurtured and mentored when they visited.

**Faith Kilburg McNamara** was able to attend her funeral services at Saint Thomas in Hyde Park and shared her thoughts that it was a fitting and moving liturgy — a tribute to a grand lady. May she rest in peace with all our other Class of '52 members.

# 1954

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**Mary Schmitz Bartley** has returned to her unsold home in Pinehurst, very happy to be back with her friends. "I did enjoy the community and the friends in Cornelius but also love my friends here and the golf courses, too." She's still working at home with her travel business, which she says she can't seem to say goodbye to.

**Bev Ritz Bierbusse** and Paul spent June at Michigan's Crystal Lake. When Bev wrote, she hadn't seen much snow. Wonder what she'd say now!

**Jane Flynn Carroll** reports she's renting a townhouse in a densely populated townhouse community in Carpentersville. "It's quite an adjustment, but I'm pleased to have that downsizing behind me. No one had ever heard of Carpentersville until there was an ice skater from here in the Olympics — Bradie Tennel." As a member of the bereavement ministry, Jane helps parishioners plan the funeral liturgy for their loved

ones. She says she really didn't want to do that, but after almost two years finds it rewarding. She's still working one day a week at a thrift shop that benefits a mental health agency.

Jane called **Peg Tiernan Sheehan**, who'd talked to **Tesie Horecky Burleigh**. Tesie, whose husband died a few years ago, lives with her daughter in the family home in Church Point, LA. At a recent piano recital at Milliken College, Peg ran into Pat White, a former Saint Mary's faculty member, now president at Milliken.

**Nancy Gibbon Ross** is expecting another great-granddaughter in April. A brief note arrived from **Gloria Kennedy Hermann**, who's looking forward to our next Reunion! Her four great-grandchildren keep her young and busy. I had a lengthy phone visit with **Sister Terese Fabbri** recently. She's not been getting over to South Bend as much as she used to.

**Sue Hartmann** and **Bernice Boucher Hopp** both checked in from Indianapolis, but with "no new news." Bernice sent a clipping from her diocesan newspaper on Sister Madeleva, calling her at her death in 1964 "the most renowned nun in the world." As fortunate as we were to know Sister, Bernice wonders if we did not appreciate Sister as we should have.

**Rose-Marie (Rody) Oppenheim Dilenschneider** and Jack (ND '53) again have tickets for the Shakespeare Festival in Stratford, Ontario following Labor Day and would love to see the former Shaw Festival people (**Joan Rossi**, **Rose Marie Murphy Foley** and **Brendan**, and **Janell Wenzel O'Barski**) there, too. Rody's working on her 33<sup>rd</sup> afghan for children and grandchildren: "At least I still have nimble fingers." Her current reading: *Astrophysics for People in a Hurry*.

**Patt Gannon Scully** is still working with clay and has started knitting again, thoroughly enjoying both. She says her health is reasonably good with a few aches and pains. "Can't believe I have reached the venerable (said with a sneer!) old age of 86." Her family report is full of good and sad medical news, weddings, graduations, additional degrees, and family relocations. And Patt wonders why time goes so fast!

Have you ever read Agatha Christie's *Crooked House*? I think it was one of her early mysteries. How about *The Great Alone* (Kristin Hannah) and *The Distance Between Us* (Reyna Grande)? The first is set mostly in Alaska and the second in Mexico.

# 1955

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I enjoyed my stay in Florida this winter and, unfortunately, did not connect with many of you for information for this issue of *Courier*. However, I did leave messages for the following and have not heard back from any of you. Always feel welcome to call me at (248) 458-1999 and leave a message for me about you and your family. I will be happy to record it for the next issue.

I did speak with **Natalie Healy Doell** several months ago and there was not much new to report from her. She was hoping we could have a mini reunion sometime prior to our five year in 2020. I suggested maybe we look at the Retreat weekends now being held during the summer at SMC.

**Joan Nolan Bergan** has been homebound since last September and has people to help her each day.

**Barbara Bridgman O'Connor** reports that "everything is moving along for an 80 year old." She looks forward to doing some more tours for various groups in downtown Chicago this summer.

**Frances Clohessy Spillane** and I had hoped to get together this winter in Florida. However, due to my having a viral infection and my car needing special attention, I did not make it down to see her. We had hoped to make a trip up the coast to see **Shirley Dyckes Kelley** and **Carol Graham Moran**. Hopefully, we can do it next winter if we haven't planned a get-together prior to that.

**Pauline Donovan** reported that she has lived in a senior community for 11 years since the day it opened. She enjoys life there and is very active. Her health is good and she teaches a class every week. She has family in Minneapolis and does get back there now and then. She was looking forward to going to church on Easter Sunday and enjoying a buffet brunch. Good for you, Pauline. Keep up the good work and providing us with a nice role model.

I am happy to announce that my great-niece, **Maeeve Catherine Sullivan '18**, graduated from SMC ("the College of her dreams") this spring, and she sent me the most beautiful note thanking me for introducing her to the College that has made her a stronger woman than she could have imagined and at which she has made friends for life. Aren't we blessed that we have had the opportunity to make friends for life through our SMC College experience also.

## 1956

Maryjeanne Ryan Burke,  
Jean Kimmel Jackman,  
Sheila Conlin Brown,  
and Mary Dahm Kearney  
at a gathering in  
Indian Wells, CA in  
February 2018.



## 1957

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Prompted by a Chicago snowstorm, I'm beginning another *Courier* column. I'm thrilled to continue sharing the surveys, submitted before our 60<sup>th</sup> Reunion.

**Patricia Kozlowski** continued her education at Loyola University in Chicago, where she received both her undergraduate and master's degrees in education. Her career included the memorable experience of teaching at the Kaunakakai School on the island of Molokai in Hawaii.

**Mary Jo Long Coulter** has certainly used her talents well, teaching English and history in Dallas and at American schools in Libya and Dubai (where she met her husband, an actor from Northern Ireland). In Dallas, she coordinated the child abuse center at Children's Medical Center. The Coulters then retired to Canada and eventually Bellingham, WA.

**Mary Needler Machenberg** is a confirmed Southerner, enjoying her family, which includes daughter **Jill Machenberg Storey '90** and three grandchildren. She raised two of her grandchildren, one of whom is special needs and has been active in Special Olympics. Mary still found time to pursue her artistic talents and had 15 of her oil paintings exhibited in an art show when she was 75!

**Genevieve Perri Swendeman** enjoys her retirement in Woodbury, NY after teaching for 40 years. She was selected "Teacher of the Year" in her local school district. Knowing Gen, she probably deserved the award yearly.

**Joan Snetsinger Oswald** sent her greetings to all from Sylvania, OH, where neuropathy and arthritis have limited her mobility, but she spoke glowingly of the support she receives from her husband Roger and their three children and even five great-grandchildren.

After the Reunion surveys, my next information source is Christmas cards, emails, and phone calls. I surely treasure each one.

**Shirley O'Brien Creamer** wrote of her family enjoying their 42<sup>nd</sup> Christmas vacation in Sanibel Island, FL. As Shirley recounts, the late **Diane Donovan Grant** called her from Sanibel that year and encouraged the Creamers to buy a time share at the same place and time. What a wonderful idea it was!

**Pat Bauervic Leonard** had a busy and wonderful November. The wedding of the youngest, John Leonard, to Kyle took place in a trendy area in downtown Detroit, complete with a big band of the '50s era and celebrated by all the family. Later Pat herself was honored to be named their "Distinguished Woman" by Northwood University in Midland, MI. Congratulations, Pat!

Larry and **Mary Ann O'Loughlin Szydlowski** were thrilled to be among 65,000 people attending the Beatification Mass and ceremony for now Blessed Father Solanus at Detroit's Ford Field. They were seated right behind the Capuchin Monks due to family connections with his interventions. Mary Ann said it was among the most inspirational experiences of their lifetime. In October, while Mary Ann was in Lorain, OH seeing her cousin, she had a nice visit with **Lois Bohoric Binder**.

**Irene O'Leary Van Beckum** started her Florida sojourn earlier than usual this winter because she was invited to attend a literary seminar in Key West in early January. Irene describes the three and a half days of lectures and conversations with eight award-winning authors from the Caribbean (including Jamaica Kincaid) as amazing and mind-bending. I certainly can see why. How impressive to be invited!

**Margi McCarthy Rice** used her own lovely drawing of Mary on her Christmas card. Margi took a great trip last fall to Russia and some of the Baltic states and especially enjoyed St. Petersburg.

**Mary Kathryn Carroll Hartigan** traveled to two graduations last summer. Her grandson Michael Madigan graduated from Creighton University and is now working for United Health Care in Boston, and her daughter Carol's son Jack Prince graduated from the Blake School in Wayzata, MN and is now a busy high school freshman.

Another traveling grandmother was **Jody Donohoe McGoldrick**, who attended grandson Matt McGoldrick's graduation last May at the University of South Carolina. This winter, Jody enjoyed warmth and sun in Florida and enjoyed lunch with **Judy Hanks Maus** at a halfway point along A1A on the East Coast. Jody's return to Hartford was delayed by another nor'easter, and she spent a few unexpected days in Atlanta with her daughter and family.

George and **Marge Smith Broucek** celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary right after Christmas with a special dinner with their family. At a recent luncheon gathering of ND/SMC friends in Minneapolis, they enjoyed a visit with **Mary Baker Culhane**.

**Ann Schultheis Massey** is always busy, but for some time she has added conducting tours of historic Sacred Heart Church in Pittsburgh to her

schedule. Be sure to put this church on your must-see list next time you visit Pittsburgh, with Ann as your guide of course!

**Janet O'Connell McCue** has two granddaughters studying in China this year. Sloan Nelson, Julie's daughter, is a senior at the nursing school at University of Nebraska Medical Center and is learning about Chinese health care systems in Shanghai. Megan Groves, Colleen's daughter (also the granddaughter of **Anne Keating Groves**), is a junior at Boston College, taking a semester abroad at Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. The two cousins intend to meet in Hong Kong.

One Christmas card was especially poignant. The card of Ray and **Julie Dittoe Schmidlin** bore two wonderful family pictures, one quite recent and another last July on the shores of Lake Erie. Sadly, Ray died in early January. **Diane Landphair Knuth**, a long-time neighbor and friend, informed me first. Ray and Julie were long-time residents of Lyndhurst, OH where they reared their family. He was an engineer and lawyer, but loved playing golf and fishing with friends and family. Ray is survived by their five children and families including 11 grandchildren and two great-grandsons. Our sympathy to Julie and all the family.

Those of us who attended the last terrific Reunion may remember **Mary Rose Shaughnessy '52**. She was a stalwart member of her class, sharing our "More than Golden" status, writing her class *Courier* column, and was the sister of our classmate **Carol Shaughnessy Miller**. I was shocked to read her death notice in the *Chicago Tribune* in early February. She truly led an amazing life, accomplishing more things than most of us would dream of trying. After I shared news of Mary Rose's death with the Reunion attendees, **Ann Schultheis Massey** aptly said, "She was one of those whom God puts on earth as a role model."

Anticipation of our now annual Mass for our deceased classmates brought greetings from **Julie Bohan Allen**, who inspired us originally. She added a cautionary reminder to all to be sure to get flu shots each year. Julie was hard hit this year, even with her shot. **Sara Trippel Funck** lives about an hour from campus and would love to be at the Mass but 9 p.m. is not as easy as it used to be. I certainly agree. **Maureen Butler O'Malley** will be out of the country at the time of the Mass. She and husband Patrick will be celebrating his birthday in Ireland. Pat is still working every day with his own practice and as city attorney in Three Rivers, MI and as Maureen says, "He is not much of a traveler, except for Ireland." This should be a good change of pace.

## 1958

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Only one Christmas card this year. **Joan Renehan Thompson** sent a wonderful picture of herself and one of her daughters, who is holding an Emmy statue. Her daughter is stunning in a gold dress and Joan looks fantastic in gold pants. We should make Joan the spokesperson for our class.

As of now, **Ellen Canny Werner**, **Paula Lawton Bevington**, **Mary Hustead Bottom**, and **Marlene (Martie) Slavin Fogarty** are attending Reunion. **Patti Rogan Beckman** intends to pick up **Joan Drymalski Heuel** and drive her to Reunion. I hope there are many more attendees than I know now. See you at Saint Mary's. Let's celebrate.

## 1959

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**Colleen Taffee Goldkamp Harmon** also celebrated the big 80. "Bob threw a big party for me (he paid and my girls arranged it...much better that way!). The party was at my daughter Janice's home, which is the house that John and I built and lived in for 30+ years. My friends loved coming back to the old house, where so many happy memories were created." She spoke with **Sharon McGee Sitton Bradshaw** a couple of months before Christmas. "I had been calling her repeatedly with no luck in connecting with her, and one day out of the blue her daughter Suzanne called me and I got to talk with Sharon. She has a very difficult time talking and forming her words. Suzanne was on the phone at the same time. She spends every day with Suzanne and then Murray picks her up after supper. Suzanne is certainly a very devoted daughter." Sharon suffers from a neurological disorder called Alexia. Colleen also called **Leah Hyslop Riband's** husband Herb who told her that Leah had several falls followed by some brain surgery. Currently, they reside in different rehab facilities, but are hopeful of soon sharing the same facility.

Gerry and I are slowly getting rid of stuff in preparation for our move to a three-bedroom apartment in a beautiful "Continuing Life" community that is being built nearby in San Juan Capistrano. We anticipate a January 2019 completion date. We attended a Saint Mary's LA Club brunch early this month and met our new college president, Jan Cervelli — a quite dynamic young woman and leader.

## 1961

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I realize that by the time you read this, it will be summer. However, I'm looking out my window at 10 inches of snow. It's April 1 and it's no joke!

**Sue Meany Kramer** sent word she spent Easter with her daughter and two grandsons, 13 and 9, in Bellevue, WA. Her husband Bob was buried on April Fool's Day 2017. He had an incredible sense of humor and was named "the funny man" by our friends' children. Sue still plays tennis, doubles only, and is looking forward to the golf season. She plays 18 holes of golf, walking nine and riding nine. Her goal this summer is to walk all 18 holes! She wishes everyone a great summer!

Amazing news came from **Rosemary Boughal Benchik** that as of August, they will have four granddaughters at Saint Mary's. One will be a junior, two will be sophomores, and one will be a first year. Their mothers are all SMC alumnae.

**Bette Jo Sitzberger Gorman** emailed that she and Earl had a fun visit with **Marylee Zahner Foley** and Howard in Key Largo, FL. Other than that, they spend time relaxing and working out, with yoga almost daily.

From Atlanta, **Mary K. Biddle Aisthorpe** wrote she is keeping busy with being a Stephen Minister in her parish and also with the grandchildren who live there.

Sad news came from **Nancy Higgins Keenan** that on December 1 her 10-year-old grandson Brooks Tonn died of rhabdomyosarcoma after a very courageous 11-month battle. He was very kind and courageous and an inspiration to all. Three weeks after he died, her husband was diagnosed with stage 4 esophageal cancer. His last chemo treatment is April 3. Her granddaughter is expecting her second child in June, and she said it's wonderful being a great-grandmother.

**Sandy Graham Bartlett** emailed that having an empty nest is somewhat boring. The grandson who had been living with them since he was 3 had moved to Denver. No one to reach things in high places or take out the recycling. Their daughter who went to school to study physical therapy graduated in criminal justice and psychology and is now the chief of police in Brentwood.

After teaching for 39 years in the Kenosha Unified School System, **Pauline Capelli McTernan** retired and took the development director position at St. Joseph Catholic Academy in Kenosha, WI 18 years ago. Their newly constructed grotto, similar to the one at Notre Dame, was dedicated on May 11 this year.

**Joan Schaefer Haviland** has been having a great time with a youth group that she helped start last year in August for high school students in Honeoye Falls. Eight of the students will be going to Guatemala for spring break to help in orphanages. She's still connected with Friends of Borgne, Inc., which helps to educate children in Borgne, Haiti. Her children and grandchildren are all flourishing.

From Detroit, **Eleanore Wilson Eldred** sent word that their eldest grandchild, Shea, is getting married in mid-May to her long-time beau. She and Roger are doing relatively well, looking forward to warmer weather and then some travels and adventures. After a hiatus of about 30 years, they've been playing bridge TOGETHER again and actually enjoying it.

**Judy Halter Enright** ([www.judyenright.com](http://www.judyenright.com)) emailed that she has a painting on the cover of *Poetry Society of Michigan*, also called the *Peninsula Poets Member Edition*. Look in Galley 7, Series 25, #293.

Thank you to all who answered my request for news. Please keep me updated on any changes in your email address. Also let me know of email addresses or changes in email addresses of classmates of which I may not be aware.

# 1962

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**Charlene (Sue) Reid Sarphie** (Scottsdale, AZ) is a partner with Au Allianz LLC. She has two children: Theodore Edmond Sarphie Jr. and Suzanee Rena Sarphie. Married. No other news.

Stay tuned...until next time. Send your "news" to address above!

# 1964

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Yay, ND girls basketball! **Pat Malone Nathe** wrote that she went to the March for Our Lives in Washington with a granddaughter-in-law and two other dramas. The young people who spoke were amazing. "It renewed my faith in the next generation!"

**Jeanne Kozmer Marszalek** replied that **Kathy Cullinan Seggerson** and her husband John attended the opening of the Grant Presidential library. Jeanne's John is the director of the library at Mississippi State University. "Please, SMC ladies, come visit and we'll give you an extra special tour." Jeanne is also the chairman of the Unity Park Committee, which memorializes local, state, and national civil rights leaders.

**Marianne Elliott Morin** had breakfast in the French Quarter of New Orleans with **Janet Walton Gisleason**. "So great to see her again!"

**Barb Koch Dumit** has become a consecrated Daughter of St. Francis de Sales and is enjoying the Northwest group discussions and is grateful for this boost in her spiritual life. St. Francis de Sales advises us to be patient, especially with ourselves, and to be who we are. "Great advice."

**Denise Cavanaugh** reported that the Washington DC Book Club, started by **Kathie Menzie Lesko** and **Susan Fitzgerald Rice '61**, lives on. Many grads participate, even **Helenmarie Anderson Corcoran '61** from San Miguel de Allende, Mexico.

**Kathie Menzie Lesko** wishes to thank everyone who wrote notes or called after Bob's death. Her spirits were lifted when her book, *Ballerina of Vaudeville and Broadway*, was published.

**Suellen Trumbour-Cheney** is living and loving life in Sedona, AZ and is teaching polarity therapy for continuing education at the AZ School of Integrative Studies and trying to visit all the national parks.

**Mary Anne (Nan) Tomshack Tulchinsky** has a pass to the new Saint Mary's Angela Athletic & Wellness Complex and wishes we had this facility when we matriculated!

**Joan Marks Houck** wrote that her Molly (age 41) died last year of sports-related injuries from high school and University of Colorado days. She experienced non-epileptic seizures and died from

a hard head injury/fall. This year, Joan has attended the Marks family reunion in Pensacola, FL, visited her five children's families, and took a Rhine trip. She loved seeing sights from her Christian Culture classes and is grateful for her "SMC days, friendships, and conversations over the years."

JOY, PEACE, AND LOVE

# 1965

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I always enjoy news from **Ann Lucille Pindar**! "In between holiday junkets with family last Christmas, Dave and I spent a very fun weekend with my sister **Corolyn Clark Foster** and hubby, Paul, at their drop-dead gorgeous abode (complete with bird sanctuary in their backyard!) at St. James Plantation/Southport, NC. What a wonderful, relaxing time we had, just hanging out, dining at their club one night, their fav restaurant another, walking along the beach and even getting our feet into the (nippy) ocean! Corey and Paul are healthy, happy, and busy with family (some of whom are also moving to the Plantation), and Corey has been very busy as CFO and other positions on the Property Owners Board. Both Corey and Paul recounted great stories about their respective careers at St. Joseph's University, near Philly, where Paul, a Navy admiral, became dean of the business school, and Corey headed up the accounting department. Together, they helped shape the business school and surely put it well on the path to the growth, innovation, and reputation it enjoys today. We're proud of our very own Corolyn, an SMC econ/business grad!"

"For my 75th birthday, we all decided to go to Ireland in June. My sons and my niece and her family and my brother's wife are all going. My cousins are all excited." So writes **Theresa (Teffy) Lyons Brosnan**. "I'm still involved in prison ministry and working on opening a house for men. In addition, I started a widow's group, and we call ourselves W.O.W. — Wonderful Outstanding Women! We have lots of fun and companionship."



Sue Sheridan Joyce, Kathleen McAnaney Campbell, and Therese McCaffrey McConville enjoyed a lovely luncheon in the Vero Beach, FL area this March. Lots of catching up and laughter ensued. It's wonderful to just pick back up where we left off.

"Hi, Sheila! So glad you sent a note. I have been meaning to write. So, grab a cup of something and settle in..." So writes **Betty Ann Rice Kaminsky**. "My son Dan and his family were here for Thanksgiving 2017. For the big turkey feast, **Regina Parks** joined us. Reg did not seem to be too overwhelmed by our clan! We all had a great

time. I spent Christmas and New Year's in California. My three children all live in the Bay area. I started at David's home in Lafayette. I then moved over to my son Dan's home on about the 28th of December and remained there until January 3. I came home to Tucson with acute bronchitis that I thought would kill me and I was afraid it would NOT! I swear I did not move off the couch for at least 10 days, then it took another 10 days to fully get over it. Reg had it too, but had pneumonia on top of it! She is still sounding a little hoarse. But spring is under way here. There have been a few days I was tempted to drag out some shorts, but have not done so yet. In April, my three children are taking me to Vegas to celebrate the big 75! We will just be there for three days, and I am sure that is plenty of time in Vegas. It has been an awfully long time since I spent alone time with just my children! It should be fun. It will be memorable, I am sure. Things are very quiet without my Matt here. I find plenty of things to do. And I keep having to hire things out! I think more and more about downsizing, but just the thought of trying to get rid of all the stuff in this house is enough to make me want to think about that tomorrow."

**Terry Miltich Murphy** and husband Jack had a memorable trip to Croatia and Normandy last September with a neighborhood group. "Such beautiful places! I am still playing piano at a retirement home and taking part in a piano camp at Peabody every July. Philadelphia daughter Tina hosted a party for my birthday last November, featuring a performance by Jennifer Campbell, a fabulous pianist, composer, and my Peabody teacher. **Pam White Ficarella** lives nearby and joined us for the festivities. What a treat to celebrate with her! I see neighbor **Maureen O'Brien Doyle '67** regularly and enjoy reminiscing about our experiences at Saint Mary's. Life is good in Williamsburg!"



Pam White Ficarella and Terry Miltich Murphy at a get together in Philadelphia.

I mentioned in a previous column about **Carla Aderente** and her cross-country trek: "I am so bad about writing news, even when I went on my 9,000-mile driving marathon out west in 2016. I didn't quite know how to summarize that bucket list trip of seeing six of my grandfather's murals in state capitols and courthouses, 16 national parks, several cousins, and my former in-country Peace Corps director in California."

From **Marianne Spalding Schiavone**: "Sheila, our news is not very interesting. We are in a home at Ventana Canyon, AZ for a month hosting family and friends including a mini ND '65 reunion with Ed/Lisa Burke, Frank/MaryAnn Gaul, and Nick/Eileen Sordi."

Lil and I always check with our coastal gals when a storm hits: Here's news from **Pat Hoben Daniels**

near Ft. Myers. "You were so kind and concerned about the status of the Landings, where I live with the impending Hurricane Irma. You asked about including my experiences in *Courier*. I have no problem with that, but can't say it all was too exciting for me other than wondering what was happening. I flew to son Tim's in Hudson, OH at his urging, but kept in touch with those who were here via email and phone. We were relatively fortunate, though a couple of villages in the complex were hit harder than we were. What is really neat to report is a trip I took to Cuba with a small group and author Robert Macomber and his wife. It was an absolutely remarkable land tour like nothing I'd ever experienced. He lives close by here on Pine Island and writes naval historical fiction. His most recent book, *An Honorable War*, is about the Spanish-American War, and his knowledge of Cuba and its history is astounding. As a child, he actually lived there before the revolution, and his love of the island is always present in his tours and storytelling. We met the people, saw the remarkable colonial architecture, and indulged in some wonderful meals, though food is rationed there. I don't understand how our political leaders are so abusive to the needs of the people when the US chooses to do so much business with other faraway Communist countries like China and Vietnam and restrict a neighbor so close. Anyway, I'm so thankful I had the opportunity to live such an incredible adventure and hope I will be able to return again someday. I'll spend Christmas with

Tim and Courtney and their children. Richard and his family will join us a day or two later. Son Richard finished his EMBA at Notre Dame last May and I flew up for the graduation. How that campus has changed in the last 50 years! Still, it all brought back many happy memories of my time there and at Saint Mary's."

From **Eileen Byrne Brennan**: "My news from Brooklyn is a spectrum of blessings. **Mary Jo Kircher Huck '64** and **Maureen O'Hara Pesta '64** visited during this past year and our home is now graced with two brilliant paintings. Mary Jo's watercolor hangs in our kitchen and Maureen's pastel is in our entrance hall. During my past academic years, segments of my analytic practice enriched my graduate and undergraduate curriculums. A few years ago one of my longitudinal case studies, 'Encountering Autism: Learning to Listen to the Fear,' was published as a chapter in *The Use of Psychoanalysis in Working with Children's Emotional Lives*. This text is still used as a primary reading in a nearby university in graduate and undergraduate courses in psychology and education. That seemed like 'old history' until today when Academia contacted me to say that my study is now a 'highly referenced paper' currently cited in more than 113 research papers. My academia ended about six years ago, while my psychoanalytic practice continues with about eight long-term patients. One full day, filled with grandparenting responsibilities, is the highlight of each week. Two of

our three sons have given us three granddaughters to love and thoroughly enjoy. By invitation, I am currently working with a team of pastors to create a spectrum of K-12 curriculums that present 'Religion: Relevant After Graduation.' All of the above is rooted in, and driven by, total gratitude for all that Saint Mary's brought to my life."

Thanks for the news, ladies. So appreciated. Now, I'd love if some of you who have never written to me just send along some news on how you are and what you are doing. Time is fleeting, and we all enjoy knowing how and what our classmates are doing.

## 1966

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**Camille Sullivan Yost** learned about the fires in her hometown of Ventura, CA while experiencing a "Tiger Cruise." Camille was on the USS Nimitz with her son Michael, who is an air ops officer on that ship. They sailed for a week crossing the ocean from Honolulu to San Diego. In Camille's words, "fantastic experience."

She wrote that **Sister Lillian Sullivan, CSC**, who recently returned from 20 years in Uganda, was evacuated from the St. Catherine's retirement



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home. The rest of her family fared well through the firestorm. After landing and getting her land legs, Camille visited her daughter **Liesl Yost Barraza '05** and family. Camille now lives in northern California.

**Anne Sheenan Garbarino** joined the Washington, DC group for a discussion of William Faulkner's *The Sound and The Fury*. **Anne Liess Hoover** hosted the afternoon with **Kate O'Hare Aubert**, **Maureen Rodgers Budetti**, and **Carol Smither Mansfield** in attendance.

Anne and Maureen traveled to Charlotte to visit Anne's son. They also spent time with the Charlotte group. **Barbara Borchers Bernath** and **Carla Johnson Lewis** recently celebrated **Elaine Amann Mayeux's** birthday. It has become a tradition with the three to honor each other's birthday with a lunch.

Barbara returned recently from a 12-day East African safari in Kenya and Tanzania with the University of Notre Dame Alumni Association. "It was a trip of a lifetime!" They arrived just as the birthing season began, so they saw babies of all the animals. "We even saw them nursing." Mike and Barbara made some new friends on this trip. Proving that it is a small world, Mike and one of the travelers lived in the same room in Alumni Hall their junior year. They switched spots when one studied abroad first semester and then the other went abroad second semester.

**Liz Bermingham Lacy** had the trip of her lifetime when she traveled to South America. First she landed in Buenos Aires and headed south through Tierra del Fuego on a ship through the Beagle Channel and the Strait of Magellan around Cape Horn. While on the ship, she took zodiacs to some gorgeous and sometimes calving blue glaciers. They walked with the penguins on Magdalena Island. Once on land, they hiked the trails in Chile's Torres del Paine National Park. Following that, they toured the Chilean Lake District and finally stopped in Valparaiso and Santiago. Quite a trip to remember.

I was in Santiago in November visiting my granddaughter Deirdre Kennedy, who was studying with Notre Dame at the *Universidad Católica*. Deirdre hiked the mountains of Patagonia for nine days. Oh, to be young. We spent a week with her and then traveled to Peru and Machu Picchu.

In my request for help with this column, I asked for book suggestions. **Carol Senda Damaso** responded with *Madeleva, a Biography* by Gail Porter Mandell. **Ellen DeRaedt Hoover** agreed and added *The Righteous Mind* by Jonathan Haidt. Both **Patricia Hilger Zeigler** and Carol loved *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah. Pat read it before touring Normandy.

One book we should all read is *The Seed of South Sudan, A Memoir of a Lost Boy Refugee*. **Estelle Ford-Williamson** co-authored this book with Majok Marier, a "Lost Boy." They recently reviewed it in Hilton Head Island at the Pat Conroy Literary Center. They also led the Third Annual Walk for Water and Health in Atlanta. The proceeds help villages in the South Sudan to build wells.

On a sad note, Ted Jones, husband of **Peggy Clark Jones**, emailed me to tell me that Peggy had died in late January. She is survived by Ted and her children, Christopher, Donald, Marilyn, and Peter.

My son Dan attended Loyola Academy in Wilmette around the same time as her boys, so I would see Peggy at the school functions. We will miss her.

## 1968

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**Teresa Menke Hargrave** was the first to respond to the blast email sent from the *Courier* office. She was looking forward to seeing so many of our classmates at Reunion, where she intends to "celebrate her brains out."

**Kathy Huisking Sullivan** wrote that our 1968 Reunion Committee has 29 classmates who have been working diligently to ensure a successful Reunion for our class. And we are the first 50-year class to have more than 100 registered classmates, with 103 and still counting as of the end of March! This must be attributed in part to the greater longevity of our generation.

If you'd like to see the full list, check out the "registered classmates" page on Reunion website at [alumnae.saintmarys.edu](http://alumnae.saintmarys.edu).

Several classmates provided the following information in response to our blast email.

**Kathleen Ann (Casey) Culligan** wrote to ask if our class has its own Facebook group. She couldn't find one, though she may have misunderstood. Setting up our Class of 1968 Facebook Group a few years ago was relatively easy and not that much work to maintain. All anyone needs to do to be added to the group is have a Facebook name. She is looking forward to seeing everyone online and on campus in June. Casey and I had a brief exchange about the fact that I always think of her whenever I see the truck of a "Culligan Man." I remember the water on campus was so full of whatever chemicals and minerals that it seemed to have a rust color in the pitchers placed on the dining room tables when we ate in Le Mans. Casey says that hard water is not much of an issue in Oregon. The company has not been privately held for decades, but she still gets a big smile on her face when she sees the occasional Culligan truck. The water here in Atlantic County is naturally potable, but I always try to drink filtered water.

**Barbara (Bami) Menke Pinckney** wrote that she has lived in the Great Pacific Northwest since 1970. Her sisters and mother have also found their way to that part of the country. She is really looking forward to our 50<sup>th</sup> and will make a nostalgic trip to her Iowan roots after the weekend. Since her husband has sold his business, they have been traveling a lot. Their life is good with grandchildren, lots of golfing, reading, playing the piano, and socializing with good friends.

**Patti Quinn Ripberger** also wrote to ask to be added to our Belles68 page and to say she was not sure she would be coming to Reunion.

**Mary Bartlett Wolf** writes that it has been a great experience reconnecting with classmates via phone and email as we prepare for our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion. She's looking forward to reconnecting in person — laughing, storytelling, sharing grandchildren

pictures, and most of all being grateful for the Saint Mary's experience that really started 54 years ago!

I continue to serve as the director of the Center for Economic & Financial Literacy and thus was able to attend the 2018 Atlanta Annual Meeting of the Now Academy for Gerontology in Higher Education, the educational unit of the Gerontological Society of America, during which I was honored among the 2018 Cohort of AGHE Fellows. Shortly after that trip, we joined **Elizabeth (Liz) Christopher Palasky DiPoalo '06**, her husband Rocco, and my sister for the family reunion Liz had planned to Disney World for my spring break. She arranged our lodging, so we got to experience both Boulder Creek and Copper Creek at the Disney Wilderness Lodge and the Bay Lake at the Contemporary. The weather was cool and not at all humid, so the long-distance walking was not deterred by the weather. And Liz reserved a ride in the "Minnie" Uber to go to and from the spring training New York Yankees v. Atlanta Braves game on March 9, the only event with rain during our stay.

I will end with a personal albeit belated thank you to **Harriett Hillebrand Cronin** for her Christmas card. Richard and I again spent my winter break in Honolulu and have our mail held. This year's trip was more memorable for the fact that we were still there at the time of the false alert of an incoming nuclear missile! Richard decided not to awaken me until he could see the flash of light; I awoke just before the tweet about 38 minutes later letting us know the alert was in error. I did not see the card from Harriett until April 2. This past weekend Richard and I went to Monmouth County for a belated celebration of his birthday with Liz, her husband, my sister, cousins, and dear friends. The next day Liz hosted an Easter brunch at her home. Liz has already helped us plan our next trip to the wonderful "World of Disney" and we look forward to seeing her more often during the summer months.

## 1969

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Hello, classmates!

**Janet Krueger** and husband Bruce Goodman are currently visiting family and friends in Florida. They are now with **Sheila Dwyer Robusto** and husband Danny (ND '70) and will be arriving here in Wilmington to visit my husband Roy and me.

HUGE thanks to **Mary Ragen O'Rourke**, who sent her family news plus mentioned so many of our classmates and happy mini-reunions she has celebrated! Mary wrote, "I am still living in Chicago and retired from a wonderful career in teaching five years ago. My husband John just retired from his law firm in January, and we are enjoying traveling and spending time with our five children, their spouses, and 12 grandchildren. Being in Chicago, I also regularly get to see many SMC classmates. Last month a group got together to celebrate **Patty Reynolds Walsh's** 70<sup>th</sup> birthday ... finally! I don't know if she's the last one of our class to turn 70, but certainly one of them. Among the group were **Mary Lou Broussard Bartley**, **Mary Beth Barry**

**Hogan, Kathy Carey Moore**, Patty, and myself. I also see and talk to **Kathy Walsh**. She was lucky enough to spend some time this winter in Naples, FL! Looking forward to having her home again soon! I also stay in contact with **Martha Roark Higgins**. We had fun visiting over the Christmas holidays, and I'm looking forward to catching up with her again soon! Last summer **Sally Gildea Smith** came to Chicago for a library conference. She works for the King County Library System in Seattle. **Barb Crowley Schenck** also came then. Many of our SMC Chicago group and **Janice Williams** from Miller Beach, IN got together. We had a great visit while she was here. It included many meals and plenty of chatting! It's always great to be together and enjoy the friends we made at Saint Mary's. On to the 50<sup>th</sup>!

**Maryanne Wolf** has been the John DiBiaggio Professor of Citizenship and Public Service at Tufts University in Boston and the director of a lab on reading and neuroscience there. In the coming year, she has been asked to create the Center for Dyslexia, Diverse Learners, and Social Justice at UCLA, and would love to meet any SMC classmates there. She has just finished a new book, *Reader, Come Home: The Reading Brain in a Digital World*, and has been asked to speak several times over the last few years at the Vatican's Academy of Sciences on her work on global literacy for disenfranchised children. She is particularly happy when there are lectures near her old roomies, **Helen Meihaus Canfield**, whose gifts in art have not diminished, and **Terri Menke Hargrave '68** in upstate New York! Terri is a child psychiatrist who, like her husband Kip Hargrave (ND '67) works with refugees and the Maryknoll order.

That's all the news for this time, dear friends. Please help out with news! God bless.



Toni Benedetto Soule '74, Katie Ryan Brady '75, Joyce O'Donnell Bussewitz '69, and Mary Jo Russell Searson '73 at the St. Patrick's Day parade in Wilmington, North Carolina.

## 1970

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Once again, I am beginning this column with some very sad news. Two of our classmates, **Veronica (Ronnie) Henry Kessenich** and **Adine Paradis**, lost their husbands in the last several months. Please keep Ronnie and Adine and their families in your prayers.

Ronnie's husband Peter (ND '69) passed away in January 2018. After receiving his MBA from the Wharton School of Business, Peter spent his business life providing consulting services for municipalities and cities, and transportation for Arthur Anderson & Co, MARTA, and Public Financial Inc. The Maryland Transportation Authority entered a resolution into its minutes honoring Peter's valued financial advice over many years as managing director of Public Financial Management, Inc. Peter will be remembered as an intelligent, soft spoken, and generous husband, father, and grandfather — with a sardonic sense of humor. Peter served as our photographer for our 45<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion, allowing us to share that event and those memories with all our classmates.

I am sure that many of you remember Jim Paradis, a beloved art professor during our time at SMC. Adine and Jim met, married, and blended their families in South Bend and spent the rest of their lives supporting each other as spouses, parents, and artists. Jim went on to help found the Rome Program as well as serve as department chair before retiring from SMC. After retirement, he and Adine moved to the Villages in San Jose, CA, where **Rosemarie Rinella Stocky, Patti Jo Walters**, and I were fortunate to have the opportunity to reconnect after Rosemarie and her husband Tom (ND '70) moved to the Villages several years ago. Jim taught art classes at the Villages up until this past year. His classes were extremely popular and much appreciated! The three of us were able to attend a retrospective of Jim's work several weeks before he passed away in December 2017. Rosemarie represented our class at Saint Mary's at Jim's funeral Mass and luncheon to celebrate his life.

**Patti Jo Walters** and her husband led a Stanford University-sponsored trip to Cartagena in 2017. They enjoyed it so much they will be leading another trip to Japan in 2019. Patti put together a book of photographs that she took when she first moved to the San Francisco area in the early 1970s and gifted it to the California Historical Society. Her pictures are amazing and truly reflective of living in "the City" during that time. Patti was recently honored by the Stanford University School of Architecture as a founding member of the program.

**Rosemarie Rinella Stocky** and her husband Tom continue to be very engaged in the local theater and music community since moving to the Villages in San Jose. Tom also continues to fine tune his game of golf! Over the holidays, their daughter Melinda and son-in-law came out from Boston with their four children to visit Rosemarie and Tom and her brother Tom and his family. At some point,

Rosemarie was preparing dinners for 22! Their son Tom has recently moved from his engineering VP position at Facebook to a position at the Zuckerber- Chan Foundation, whose focus is education and health care for our underserved children.

**Pat O'Hara Gable** has started a group of us on an email chain to keep the news flowing. She and Steve were homebound most of the winter due to the terrible weather. They started hitting the road in March — first sitting for their grandchildren Gigi, 8, and Tommy, 6, in Chicago while Nicole and Andy were in Miami on business, then on to Dallas to visit their daughter Margaret and her family for Easter and celebrate their granddaughter Abby's 7<sup>th</sup> birthday, and finally on to Hilton Head for a vacation with several other couples. Steve started his spring Forever Learning (think seniors) class. He's teaching *Tom Sawyer* and *Huckleberry Finn*.

Pat got together for lunch with **Mary Minella** this past winter. Mary is still working as a judge in Chicago. Her daughter Alexa is in her first year of medical school at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

**Edith Hill Gibney** and her husband Richard (ND '68) have a new addition to their family. Their daughter Martha recently gave birth to Edith Allesandria, who joins her brother Enzo. Martha and her husband Tony live in Seattle and are both ND grads. Edith and Richard have been in Waco since the '70s when Richard set up his medical practice, but their children and their families are all over the country — NYC, Chicago, Denver, and Seattle!

**Ann Toffanetti Schumacher** writes that she and Gil have gone on two trips this winter, one to South Haven in January to experience and photograph (of course) winter on Lake Michigan — very cold, but very beautiful with the snow and ice. The other trip was to Connecticut for St. Patrick's Day for a big party that Gil's 95-year-old aunt has every year. His two sisters and lots of cousins were there with children and grandchildren. Lots of green was worn and corned beef eaten. Just to hold up her end of things, Ann cooked manicotti two days later for St. Joseph's Day. Gil didn't curl this year, so they have tried some new activities — playing pool, learning pinochle, playing some partners bridge (where you actually play with your spouse for the entire session), taking some cooking classes, and playing the piano, which Gil has wanted to learn for years. Their San Diego grandson is almost 2 and they are looking forward to a family get-together on the Lake Michigan shore in July.

**Mary Lou Wylie** and her husband Lennie returned to St. Joe, MO to visit with his dad and other friends and family in March. They continue to go back and forth to Richmond, VA to spend time with their son Caleb, daughter-in-law Amanda, and two adorable grandsons James, 8, and Gabriel, 4.

**Gwen Gill Caranchini** provided the following update: Having received her PhD in art special education in December, Gwen's daughter Kelly has accepted a job in Bloomington, IL which she will start in August. Gwen's stepson Vincent is in the process of moving from Athens, OH to northern Arizona with his partner. Gwen still works part time as a lawyer doing EEO work and OSC work for government employees who live in Kansas City. Gwen also continues to do a lot of volunteer work

at her Episcopal church. She spent Easter in Chicago with her granddaughters Maggie and Nola and will be back in May for Nola's first communion.

**Pam Carey Batz** and her husband Bill continue to travel the world. Last year, they were in Denmark, the Adriatic, and Russia. In January 2018, they were cruising through the Panama Canal. I still need to catch up with Pam and get all the details.

As for me, I took a 13-day Mediterranean cruise followed by three days in Tuscany to celebrate my 70<sup>th</sup> in March! This was my first trip to Spain, Monaco, Italy, Greece, and Croatia and I loved it. The only downside was that it was unseasonably cold, so instead of enjoying a Mediterranean breeze, we made the best of a Mediterranean freeze!

Please reach out and share your stories of what is going on in your lives, including how you have or will be celebrating your big 70 — does not seem possible that day has come! Your classmates want to hear about you and what is happening in your life! This is a great way to reconnect with classmates you may have lost touch with.

Also remember that our 50<sup>th</sup> SMC Reunion is just two years away. It is never too early to start planning on attending. If you have not attended a previous Reunion, please give serious thought. You have no idea how much it feels like coming home. My first Reunion was our 35<sup>th</sup> and now I cannot imagine missing one!

## 1972

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As I write, spring has not sprung for most of you! I have pictures of Easter snow (an April Fool's joke by Mother Nature?) from my friends in all parts of the country. It is beautiful here in Florida, although we could use rain. By the time you read this column, the long winter will be a distant memory.

I am still drawing from Reunion responses for news. Hard to believe it will soon be a year since we were together. As I read through these surveys, I smile at the word "retired" since those who claim that title are still very busy with a variety of activities. And many (me included!) are still working!

For example, **Margaret Conwell Turner** is retired, but volunteers as an emergency medical technician, selectman, and board member of Spaulding Memorial Hospital in New Hampshire. Recent travels include trips to Italy, Shanghai, and Hawaii.

**Mary Bacevich Bobos** is a school secretary in Valparaiso, IN. She writes that most of her travels are to Florida and Tennessee to visit their 11 grandchildren and four children. She and **Mary Margaret (Peggy) O'Hara**, **Carolyn Kish Leeb**, **Janet Fronczak Burdulis**, and **Bethenea Griffith McGuire** had a mini-reunion in 2014 and are planning another one next fall, 50 years since they met.

**Kathleen Cotter Cauley** lives outside of DC in Ashburn, VA with husband Mac. She has a private practice in Falls Church as a therapist for individuals, couples, and families. She is also a faculty member



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at the Georgetown Family Center. In her spare time, she volunteers with the Southeastern Guide Dogs and takes "ambassadors" to work, churches, and hospice for pet therapy. She has three grandchildren, five nieces and nephews, and four greats, while Mac has multiple nieces and nephews (27) and 30 great-nieces and -nephews. Lots of weddings and family gatherings!

**Mary (Leslye) Thiemann Alvey** is a retired teacher presently working as a bookkeeper for Andrew Alvey, CPA in Louisville, KY. She cares for her 97-year-old mother and her 7-year-old granddaughter Payton. She is busy attending Payton's many sporting events — softball, basketball, and track meets — and her participation in plays and singing.

**Susan Roesch McDowell** lives in Indianapolis and writes that although she is "retired," she spends much of her time as an unpaid behavioral consultant for her daughter Liesel, who has high-functioning autism. Liesel works part time as an administrative assistant for an insurance company. In 2016, she celebrated her 15-year anniversary with the company. Liesel is gifted with perfect pitch and sings with Susan and her husband Kevin in their adult church choir. Susan's son Gavin (ND '08) and his wife live in Paris and they have visited them there. Susan writes that Gavin and wife Jeanne will be moving to Quebec City, Canada, which will make them closer for visits. Susan enjoys riding her horse, Linus, and is certified as a therapeutic horseback riding instructor. This gives her the opportunity to work with children and adults who have a wide range of disabilities.

From **Frances Michaud Makowski**: "It is with a great deal of excitement that we look forward to our first granddaughter's graduation from Saint Mary's College. **Hanna Kathleen Makowski '18** represents the third generation of women in our family graduating from Saint Mary's. I graduated in

biology. Dr. William Hickey was my advisor and, as you know, he went on to be president of Saint Mary's. **Julie Ann Showalter '94**, Hanna's mother, graduated in education, with an endorsement in kindergarten. Hanna, whose advisor is Cassie Majetic, graduated this year with a degree in biology and has been accepted into the doctoral program at the University of Virginia in the department of ecology and evolution."

## 1973

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In an email from **Ellen Zwicker Curtin**, I received the following: "My husband Dan retired from Northern Kentucky University after 38 years as a math professor. I retired from transcript editing for Thomson Reuters in November 2016. It's mighty easy to learn how to sleep in, we've found! We are happy to be available to help with our three young granddaughters. Three of our four kids are in the area; one is in Los Angeles, so far away. Once a week we volunteer at a local food pantry; most days I work on grant requests for the pantry's free medical and dental clinics. It all runs on donations and volunteers, so there's never a lull in the asking. I also run the roster for our perpetual adoration chapel. Thanks be to God for email when I have to find substitutes. As with the Rose Garden Mission, I just ask and God provides. We walk two miles most days, up to Mass and back, and for low-impact fun and camaraderie, there's a weekly English country dance group (think Jane Austen). We are trying out Road Scholars with a Cajun Culture week come April, and have a drive to Toronto in the works for some math meetings. Last November we had a music trip to the west coast of Ireland arranged by a musician friend. Dan brought his fiddle and we had a great time. So, we are still feeling old retirement, and it's feeling pretty nice so far! I hope to hear stories of everyone's activities in June. The world is wide and we still have our legs under us, hurray! As Dan says, *we'll cruise when we can't walk anymore*."

**Catherine Mary Hicks** has had a long and illustrious career on Broadway and in film. Some of her favorite productions include *Marilyn*, *When Peggy Sue Got Married*, *Star Trek IV*, *Childsplay*, and *7<sup>th</sup> Heaven*. Here's what Cathy had to say: "I am very proud of the career I built, but it would not have happened without SMC's theatre department and the small chances they gave me as a non-drama, English lit major. The Little Theatre is where the seed of a dream was dropped. The theology and rich spiritual Catholic training I received throughout life enabled me to keep going on the often-lonely path of an actress. I married and birthed later in life but am so grateful for my wonderful husband/artist, Kevin Yagher. Kevin has created film icons including Freddy Kruger/Chucky of horror film fame. He also wrote and produced *Sleepy Hollow* with Johnny Depp. We have an amazing daughter (Catie) who went to USC (I know!) and she is kicking butt in the business world of San Francisco at the age of 26. I am proud to be reconnected with roomy **Ginny Marie Russell** and occasionally with college bestie **Ann Shoemaker Maloney**, who is a brilliant psychiatrist in NY. Currently in Los Angeles, I am involved in local government with The League

of Women Voters, Affordable Housing for the Homeless, and Congressman Adam Schiff."

And from **Carolyn Lambka Reimers**: "I keep busy as Connecticut's president of The League of Women Voters. I also serve on my town's (Killingworth, CT) Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission. I am happy to be keeping up with SMC as a member of the Reunion Gift Campaign Committee. I especially enjoy time with my two granddaughters, Emmalyn and Abigail."

**Nora Barry Fischer** writes: "I have been a district court judge in Pittsburgh for the last 11 years, after 30 years of trial practice in two mid-size Pittsburgh firms. I hear both civil and criminal cases; sad to say the latter currently predominates given the opioid crisis. My husband Don Fischer, MD (ND '73) and I celebrated our 42<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary in January. He was a pediatric cardiologist and a medical director; got an MBA from Pitt's Katz Business School; and went to Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield, where he spent 11 years as chief medical officer. He retired about two years ago and has a health care consulting business. We have three adult children, all Double Domers, and six grandchildren. When Don and I are not working or babysitting, we like to travel. Last fall took us to South Africa, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. Unfortunately, we will miss our 45<sup>th</sup> reunions as our court has its 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary all day on June 1 with programs, dignitaries aplenty, and

a reception. We plan to be at the Angers reunion in Chicago next April. In other news: We just had a mini reunion with **Cami Kutch Cenedella** and her husband Andy in beautiful Tucson. **Connie Smith Barker** is a federal EEOC commissioner after a career in labor and employment law. We have shared a podium on a couple of occasions. Connie is based in DC."

From **Mary Fran McAuliffe McLaughlin**: "Jim (ND '73) and I have lived in northern Virginia since 2000 when we moved from NJ due to the Exxon Mobil merger. Jim was an engineer for Exxon. He is retired now and we keep busy with visiting our children and seven grandchildren. Our son Bill (ND '97) and his wife Jenna live in Houston, where he is an engineer for ExxonMobil — chip off the old block! Our daughter Mary Beth (ND '01) and her husband Nick (ND '01) have four children and live in Williamsburg, VA. Our younger son Brian and his wife Ellen have three children and live in Seattle. The past couple of years I've enjoyed getting together with my SMC roommates **Patricia D'Aquila Merickel** and **Sue Glockner Fitzer** in Florida in February."

**Carmen Samora** sent me a comprehensive update: "I graduated with a BFA in clay and textiles. In 1982 I earned an MFA from ND, also in clay and textiles. Next, I moved to New Mexico, where I set up a sewing business, joined a cooperative, and

sold my designs. I expanded my art, working with a weaver, to dye and make felt and paper. I made clothing and showed in galleries. When I adopted my daughter, I needed to find a full-time job with benefits. For 12 years I worked for the New Mexico Commission for the Blind, teaching blind people to sew tote bags. Eventually our very stylish bags were sold in US commissaries all over the world, at Albuquerque conventions, in the Notre Dame bookstore, and even at the *Musee de l'Orangerie* in Paris! The commission shut down the sewing shop in 2001. By this time my father Julian Samora had died. He had taught at Notre Dame for 25 years and was the first Mexican American to earn a PhD in sociology/anthropology. He wrote the first full-length book about Mexican Americans (1966) so the federal government would have some actual data about this growing population. I returned to ND to give talks about him. It was then I decided to teach. In 2005 I earned a second master's, this one in secondary education with licensure, and in 2011 I earned a PhD in American studies (both from the University of New Mexico-UNM). I taught high school for a few years and am currently teaching in the Chicana Chicano studies department at UNM and writing a curriculum for high school students about the accomplishments of Mexican Americans in the second half of the Twentieth century. Among the greats is Dr. Graciela Olivarez, the first woman and first Latina to graduate with a law degree



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from Notre Dame. Among her many unbelievable achievements, she became the highest-ranking woman in the Carter administration. I still sew, and I still create art such as constructing baby blankets to give to friends' grandchildren. I have five grandchildren of my own and am involved in a number of volunteer activities that involve teaching, reading, or sewing. I give many talks each year about those valiant Mexican Americans who changed the United States for the better."

## 1974

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Hey, classmates, let me hear from you. We'd love to share your news.

I recently had a wonderful day with **Janet Caldemeyer** and her husband Rick on their boat in Florida. It was heavenly and many laughs. Shortly, I'm joining nine of our classmates from the group of young women who entered Saint Mary's College in 1970 for a wild and wacky long weekend in New Orleans. We are all very excited to get together, share stories and joys.

**Jacqueline Leskovec** stays in touch with me. I know all is well with her and she continues building amazing things in her home. I feel like she could become a professional carpenter in retirement!

Everyone else ... please write to let us know what's going on in your life. Maybe you are moving into retirement? Traveling? Grandchildren? We'd love to hear.

## EXCELSIOR

### SUZY SCHAFFER GARVEY '74

recently received the James Gray Cannon award in North Carolina. This award is given to an individual who has demonstrated exceptional leadership, on a voluntary basis, toward the advancement of medical care and good health in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg community.

## 1977

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**Donna Anania-Reich** and **Lou Anne Catarinella Wincko** met up in Pittsburgh in December. They spent the day together enjoying the Festival of Trees and had a delicious lunch at an Italian restaurant in Market Square. Donna's family attended three ND games last season and are planning a few trips to campus this fall.

**Ellen Shalvoy Davis** and husband Dean are heading out for the annual Shalvoy golf trip right after Easter. This year it's in Tucson so they can combine it with a visit with the twins (the grand babies). They will play with Bruni (**Mary Anne Brown Schuster**) and Ken one day as well.

**Mary McMahon** wrote that last year she and her husband Richard Whitaker sold their home in Las Vegas, NV and moved to Durham, NC to be near better hospitals and closer to family. They really like being in Durham and are pleased that they selected such an interesting area. Not too far to a great farmers market in Raleigh or to the mountains or ocean. Both of them have enjoyed taking classes through the OLLI program at Duke University — Richard on submarines and her in medieval history.

Mary hears from **Nora Eileen Riley** occasionally and she visited them in Las Vegas, NV in 2016 during one of her cross-country summer treks from Richmond, VA to Long Beach, CA. She's not that far from where they are in Durham so will probably visit sometime over the next several months.

Mary looks forward to seeing news from other classmates and hopes to find some living near the Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill Triangle.

Shortly after hearing from Mary, I replied to her: "Wow! We are practically neighbors. I live in Fuquay Varina, which is just southwest of Raleigh. Maybe we can meet for lunch sometime. Once school is out, maybe we can get Nora to come down sometime."

Just a note: Mary, Nora, and I were three of just 10 freshmen that lived on the fourth-floor west annex of Le Mans.

**Cheryl Klein Fischer** wrote: "Jeff and I have been married for 17 years, living in Oak Brook, IL. My stepdaughters, Ashley and Heather, are now 29 and 30 and have been a blessing in my life. I have worked for Midwest Office Interiors in Woodridge, IL for 18 years as a senior account manager, managing the design and sales of office furnishings and furniture to the commercial industry, and working with designers and architects. Still loving my job after being in this industry for 32 years. I do not plan to retire soon!

"I do keep in touch with a few local friends and roommates from SMC — **Susan Divita Langenfeld, Susan Bax Manning, Catherine (Cassy) O'Connell, and Eileen McElligott Ahlstrom** when she visits from Janesville, WI to see her two granddaughters. Facebook has helped me stay connected with many other classmates.

"During a recent vacation to Florida, Jeff and I visited with my sister **Debbie Klein Price '76** and her family, now living in the Orlando area. It was such a delight to visit with her children, their spouses, and grandson Jackson. Then onto Naples, FL to continue our vacation. We had a blast hanging out with **Beth Marzano Fleming** and her husband Greg who now have a beautiful winter home there. Their primary residence is in Bethel Park, PA but they do come to the Chicago area to visit family and try to attend ND games when they can. They now have seven grandchildren that Beth enjoys 'facetime' with."

**Mary Jane Anderson Woodward** and I try to get together for dinner and live concerts. She is still coaching figure skating. Her pure joy is to be in Durango, CO visiting her children and two grandchildren, Sadie May and Casey James.

I keep in touch with **Val Manzie Stoelzel**, who moved to Montreal, Canada, the summer of 2015 with her husband Rich and son Gabriel. Gabe is finishing off his freshman year at McGill University as a percussion performance major. Rich just released his third solo CD and is chair of the brass department at McGill University. Val is retired, enjoying her musical family and doing some art consulting.

Most of us attended our 40<sup>th</sup> Reunion last year, and a few came back to our cottage in New Buffalo, MI to continue catching up."

**Nancy Kelley Gibson** wrote: "Hi, Maureen, and thanks for taking on the role of class reporter! I am one of the people who gets disappointed when I don't see anything in *Courier* for Class of '77!

"I had a great time at our Reunion, seeing you and reconnecting with so many other friends and classmates. A few weeks after Reunion, I left for a biking trip in Spain. The group I cycled with followed the Camino de Santiago, a religious pilgrimage route also known as the Way of St. James. It was two weeks of pure joy! Starting in Pamplona, the city famous for the running of the bulls and Ernest Hemingway's novel *The Sun Also Rises*. We cycled 500 miles west through the Rioja wine region and the Galicia mountains to Santiago de Compostela. I could write an entire book on how uplifting and inspiring this trip was, but will sum it up by saying it was a dream vacation.

"I would like you to, if possible, mention the biking trip to Tuscany that SMC President Jan Cervelli will be leading this October. I plan on going and am looking for classmates to join me! There are still spots open! (See page 17 for information.)

"I am winding down my career as a high school librarian at a large public high school in the western suburbs of Chicago. I will retire after a 25-year career in June of 2019. Lots of travel plans, particularly biking trips, in my future."

## 1978

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How has 40 years blown by in a blink?!? By the time this *Courier* issue arrives in our mailboxes this summer, we will have already attended our Reunion. The anticipation is enough to get us through the winter, right? I still cannot get over how fortunate we are to remain so close to these beautiful women who have shared so much of our history. We are truly blessed and grateful for our experience at SMC that brought us all together. Please share your stories with our class by contacting me with your updates.

**Kathleen A. Groskopf** shared some news about her son Colin: "Ever since my son Colin was 4 years old, he has had a passion for roller coasters. Back then, I had to pry him off his first coaster experience at Cedar Point in Sandusky, OH. He loved Legos growing up, always building and playing — you guessed it — Roller Coaster Tycoon! Montessori educated him through high school; in his senior year he wanted to promote the use of biofuels. New Gate Montessori School in Sarasota, FL gave him the opportunity to convert a Mercedes TD to run on vegetable oil as an alternative to gas, and he drove it around the country. He received national attention and his senior project was a success. All through college he never gave up on his passion for roller coasters. Having to work through college, he always found an opportunity to work with a roller coaster park. He has worked for Universal Studios, Fun Spot, Great Coasters International (year-long internship), and Skyline Attractions. Ultimately, he graduated in mechanical engineering from the University of Central Florida (2017) and has worked as a ride systems and assembly engineer for Skyline Attractions, LLC and is currently working for Rocky Mountain Construction as a design engineer in Hayden, ID. Immediately, he was sent to Virginia to assemble the cars for their newest coaster at Kings Dominion, Twisted Timbers, and as things come full circle, he ultimately ended up back at Cedar Point to assemble the cars for their new ride, Steel Vengeance. He is living the dream, his dream! Enjoying the ride!"

## 1979

From the *Courier* Office



1979 classmates taking time out from watching professional tennis at the Western and Southern Open in 2017 to have our picture taken. (back from left) Kim Davis Van Fossan, Anne Davey McKenna, Jean Alexander Case. (front from left) Mary Beth Vieha '78 and Beth Menke Redwine.

**Kathleen Shea**, has joined Chatham Bars Inn on Cape Cod and the Inn at Perry Cabin on Maryland's Eastern Shore as vice president of sales and marketing. In this newly created role, Kathleen will be responsible for driving awareness, market share, and sales for the resorts, which pair locally inspired traditional East Coast elegance with authentic contemporary charm. She will also debut the Pete Dye-designed Links at Perry Cabin in spring 2018, and later oversee the opening of the Lodge at Perry Cabin.

Throughout her career, she has been recognized for turning start-ups into multimillion-dollar enterprises and for building high-performing sales and marketing teams with a strong customer focus and an ability to differentiate from other luxury competition.

And from **Peggy Dorsher Kasimatis**: "I just published my debut novel, *Not Pink*, on Amazon-Kindle. It's a dark-funny story of a young girl growing up with a huge chip on her shoulder. Where? In a slightly fictionalized Saint Mary's Academy. When? In the 1960s–70s. Sadly, my editor told me that the timeframe makes it historical fiction. Ouch!"



**MARGARET (PEGGY) DORSHER KASIMATIS '79** published her debut novel, *Not Pink*, on Amazon-Kindle.

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This year's Christian Culture Lecture honors the late Francis A. McAnaney (ND '29), Saint Mary's College Board of Trustees member from 1963–1969, and is made possible by the generosity of his daughter Kathleen McAnaney Campbell '65.

## 1983

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Thanks to everyone who submitted news for this issue. By the time you read this, our 35<sup>th</sup> Reunion will be history. I hope you were able to attend and reconnect with dear friends. We'll be looking forward to hearing stories from your Reunion experiences in the next issue of *Courier*!

**Erin Foley Almanza** writes: "My husband and I have just celebrated our 23<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary, and I have gone back to work full time for an oil and gas company in Austin. 'Divide and conquer' has been our motto for the past 18 years. We have three children, ages 22, 20, and 18. All three have been competing in their respective sports for a very long time and my husband and I have been traveling to watch them play. (We learned this year that Alaska is, in fact, too far to go for a tournament!) Our oldest played basketball for Sam Houston State, a Division 1 program in Texas. He graduated in May of 2018 with a finance degree. Our second child began her college career playing club volleyball at Santa Clara University in California, but soon realized that her heart was in Texas. We are thrilled to have her back in Austin with us. She is a student at the University of Texas, playing on the top Texas club volleyball team and pursuing a dual degree in anthropology and psychology. Our third child played volleyball for the Austin Juniors for seven years. Last year her team finished second overall in the country. She will be attending Harvard in the fall, where she will continue playing volleyball. My

husband and I will continue to travel and cheer on the Bearcats, Longhorns, and Crimson from August to April, taking us across this great country for at least another four years."

**Ann Kiefer Casey** and her husband Don (ND '82) have moved from Dublin, OH to Lancaster, PA. They will still spend a fair amount of time in Jacksonville Beach, FL, but their new home is in Lancaster.

**Patrice Jennings Dawson** is still living in the Philadelphia suburbs, where she moved after graduation. She and her husband Bill cheer on his alma mater Villanova in basketball. Patrice and Bill met at Coopers & Lybrand, where Patrice worked after graduation. She's been a stay-at-home mom and school volunteer since their first child was born. The Dawsons spend summer vacations at the Jersey shore. Their son Andrew is 21 and an engineering major at the University of Pittsburgh. Their daughter Liann is 18, and by the time you read this she'll be a college freshman. Liann's graduation from high school was the same weekend as our 35<sup>th</sup> SMC Reunion. Patrice writes, "I'm so disappointed to miss it. I attended our 10<sup>th</sup> but haven't been back since. Hopefully for our 40<sup>th</sup>!"

**Ceci Telang Manuszak** writes that this year she and her husband Michael sold their home in Cleveland and moved to the beach in Jupiter, FL, a preferred vacation spot for their family over many years. They enjoy visits from their kids: Matt, an attorney in Boston; Chris, a CPA in Detroit; Julie, diligently working to improve health care in Washington, DC; and Sarah, who lives in Montreal. Ceci writes that "we love any and all visitors, and sincerely hope any 'SMC family' will contact us if they are ever in our neck of the woods!"

From **Carolyn Neuhoﬀ Shaw**: "It is with mixed emotions that I announce my retirement. 'God closes doors and opens windows.' Twenty-four years ago God opened a window for me at St. Rita. When I started at St. Rita, my three boys, Ryan, Sean, and Beau, were enrolled. I also met my husband Scott of 20 years. My family grew when his three children, Thomas, Rahle, and Tucker, joined mine. We now have five daughters-in-law, one son-in-law, and five grandchildren (with two on the way!). The next chapter for me and my husband is being grandparents to our seven grandchildren and other volunteer opportunities that we have wanted to be a part of. I will miss those I have worked with over the years. Our camaraderie and respect for each other in and outside of St. Rita is like no other. My hope is to stay involved with the community and continue the bonds of friendships and make new memories."

## 1984

### EXCELSIOR

#### TRACEY PERRY ARNONE '84

has been selected to serve as the assistant superintendent of schools for the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, Office of Catechetical Formation and Education.

## 1985

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Greetings, classmates!

**Tracy Bringardner Sommer** shared that she saw **Patti Walsh Smith** and **Cara Hageman Long** and their husbands at a Misericordia NCAA benefit. Cara is very involved with Misericordia, an organization that provides support and housing for those with developmental disabilities. Tracy repeats an oft-heard sentiment from other '85ers: "Even though we don't see each other often, it's like no time has passed when we do get together."

I asked about a picture she posted on Facebook, and Tracy said it is a picture she took over Christmas on a trip to Peru. The trip included Lima, Machu Picchu, and the Sacred Valley, and was "a dream vacation we have been hoping to take for a couple of years." On the trip was Tracy's husband Ed, son Andrew (ND '19), and William, a music student at the University of Oregon. Tracy works part time at NAMI CCNS (National Alliance on Mental Illness). Husband Ed is a lawyer but is retiring the end of May 2018.

**Patricia (Trisha) Nolan Anderson** shares that she and her husband Jim live in Atlanta, where she is an artist and Jim has created his own business as a college advisor. Their youngest Maggie is a junior at the University of Dayton, along with her past SMC roommate **Melissa Van Ort Schrauth's** son (Connor, who is a senior). Their son Michael and wife Bridget live and work in Dallas, and daughter **Corinne Anderson Beesley '13** and husband Ryan and 9-month-old son Jax live in the Atlanta area. (Trish said, "What a sweet spot, being grandparents!") And their oldest son Thomas works in Cincinnati and is getting married to fiancée Jessica in August in Massachusetts. Trish is planning to visit her other past SMC roommate **Myriam Hickey O'Neill** while visiting.

I've heard of a number of retirements in the works and seen pictures of weddings and a few grandkids. If you'd like to share your news with your classmates, please send to me at [Laineysnow@gmail.com](mailto:Laineysnow@gmail.com) or through Facebook or LinkedIn. Blessings!

## 1987

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In the past year, I had the pleasure of visiting Saint Mary's campus twice in one year: Reunion in June and the Alumnae Board in March. While there are many changes happening on campus, there is a consistent feeling of tradition and faith that remains. It was amazing to be on campus a few weeks ago. Spring is coming and people were out on campus, which makes it feel so different than visiting when classes aren't in session. I attended the Saint Mary's Alumnae Board meeting, which was illuminating and inspiring. As an SMC alumna, I didn't realize how much our board does behind the scenes. The women who represent us span a wide range in class graduations, lived experiences, and professional careers. The board runs a series of events for SMC

and helps coordinate the club activities. Board volunteers also help run the Lenten and Advent reflections, soliciting writers to reflect on selected scriptures. The board members also comprise various committees that address enhancing SMC students' experiences on campus and after graduation by providing networking opportunities. The Alumnae Board will be launching a mentoring program soon, so be sure to keep an eye out. Many of us reflected on how we got our first jobs, or interviews, through some of our SMC alumnae and college friends' parents' connections. What struck me the most about observing the meetings was how different it was to be in an all-women's meeting. As someone who works in a university setting, I spend most of my days in meetings. It is rare that a meeting is composed of all women. Each meeting I observed began with a short prayer, followed by a tight agenda, had someone keeping time, and fostered a mutual respect in which everyone's voice mattered. For those who follow enhancing diversity in the corporate culture, there was no need for amplification or repeating other's words to be sure they were heard. This experience was a good reminder about why attending a women's college matters. Please send me your news for the next update. I'd love to hear from you all.

On a personal note, thank you to the Fifth Northers who sent flowers in August and your cards and kind words. It all matters. Our Saint Mary's friends carried us through our college years, our first jobs, our struggles to balance parenthood, marriage, and jobs. Now, as we enter the next phase of our lives, it is our Saint Mary's friends who also carry us through the loss of loved ones. It is never too late to reach out and let your freshman roommate know you remember and care.

## 1988

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**Amanda Falvey Conmy's** daughter Brigid Eileen Conmy has decided to become a Belle. She will be entering in the fall, Class of 2022. Plans on studying nursing and running cross-country. Hope you had a fabulous Easter.

April in Southern California is often lovely. The winter rains have turned the brown hills green and the sun has returned. I hope May in South Bend is as welcoming.

**Katy Kronenberg Penna, Anne Marie Borgman,** and I were in attendance at a reception honoring President Jan Cervelli during her recent visit to California. I was fortunate enough to visit again with Anne and enjoyed spending time with her adorable twins.

My call for updates didn't result in too many responses. I assume that's because we are all so busy getting ready to visit in person at Reunion! **Tricia Hug Schorr** wrote to let us know: "I have two in college and a sophomore in high school. I will be at Notre Dame for my 25<sup>th</sup> MBA reunion this year. I am the class secretary for my MBA class of '93. So, I feel I need to be at Notre Dame for the weekend."

She adds: "I may sneak to SMC for lunch or something. Our last Reunion was so much fun." My next report will undoubtedly contain stories of our adventures during Reunion. Don't miss it!



EXCELSIOR

## PATRICIA DUNLEVY WATSON '88

has been honored as one of the top 25 Most Influential Women in Payments by PaymentSource. This honor recognizes the contributions of entrepreneurs who took their ideas directly to market, showcasing new ways of handling business.

## 1989

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Hope everyone is enjoying a fun-filled summer!

Getting an early start on vacation ... **Mary Kathleen (Kate) Murray Harper, Katie Scott Kummer, Lisa Montpetit Brabbit, Lynda Bensaia Peterson, Rosie Mahar Crogan, Noel Raymond Christmann, and Nora McQuillan Coleman** spent a wonderful long February weekend together in Ft. Myers Beach. They send a shout-out to **Patricia (Tricia) Ruth Erickson and Jill Tomko Caffarelli** to join them next time (which will be sooner than the 10 years it took this time)! Lynda's mom, who lives nearby, wonderfully stocked their condo with food and beverages and joined in the fun. Nora's husband took a new job in Chicago, so they moved with their five kids and dog back to Chicago from Columbus, OH as soon as the school year ended.



Kelly Glavin Zeh and Penny Falaschetti Dolan.

**Kelly Glavin Zeh and Penny Falaschetti Dolan** were lucky enough to meet up twice in early 2018 as Kelly recruited Penny to be a "PITT" fan for a day, going to a cross-country meet and indoor track meet at Notre Dame, where they cheered on Kelly's middle daughter Makenzie at Notre Dame! They had a blast walking around both campuses and reminiscing. Kelly also has huge news as her husband Jay (Herb Zeh, ND '89) is the new chair of surgery at the University of Texas Southwestern in Dallas! He started his new role on April 2 and Kelly will join him this fall. If you are in the Dallas area, please let Kelly know!

**Barb Moorhead Veddors** and her son Jack took advantage of a long weekend to visit **Karen Crespy** in Maryland. They saw lots of DC sites including the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, US Capitol, Library of Congress, National Archives, and White House. Matt Hofstedt (ND '89) gave them a special Supreme Court tour. They also explored Mount Vernon, Old Town Alexandria, and a bit of Annapolis before heading back to Grand Rapids, MI.

**Lisa Marie Boyd-Devers** sends greetings to all her SMC classmates. The Devers family currently resides in College Station, TX. Lisa's husband is a strategic management professor at Texas A&M, and she works in the Office of the Dean of Student Life. Their daughters are still snowbirds. Kylie attends the University of Cincinnati and Kenna is at the University of Michigan. This summer, both are interning in New York City: Kylie at Kate Spade, designing handbags, and Kenna at Deloitte, consulting. No doubt Lisa will spend a lot of long weekends in NYC! Lisa and Kenna are also looking forward to attending the Notre Dame vs. Michigan football game this fall. Lisa is proud to be a Belle and has fond memories of our time on The Avenue and is hoping **Stephanie Lytle Voss '90** is doing well!



EXCELSIOR

## JULIE MARIE CASPER '89

was recently presented with a resolution on the floor of the South Carolina State Senate to congratulate and honor her being named the state president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs of South Carolina — an international organization dedicated to community improvement through volunteer service, made up of 50 state federations.

**Mary (Mimi) Tuohy O'Leary** earned her special education teaching certificate and continues to tutor children with dyslexia. Mike is working for Gannett newspapers. The O'Leary children are doing great: Joe is a rising senior at Auburn, where he loves football and fraternity life; Mary Kate is a rising junior at Notre Dame and plans on studying in Santiago, Chile, in the spring semester; and Jack is a rising high school senior and is looking at a variety of colleges. Mimi and Mike will definitely be at the next Reunion and hope to see you there!

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!

## 1990

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First off, happy 50<sup>th</sup> birthday to everyone from the Class of 1990. Would love to hear about your plans, especially if those plans revolve around mini-reunions with your Saint Mary's friends! In fact, in the call-out for updates, I asked specifically for 50<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations, and as always, you all delivered.

First off, **Deirdre Milon Ralph** wrote and said she turned 50 on February 21 and is more than happy to keep the high school and college friend celebrations going all year. Her husband John and she planned to attend the Washington, DC Club event on April 27 with President Cervelli at Dumbarton House. The Ralph family has enjoyed recent stays at the Inn at Saint Mary's for the fall 2017 Notre Dame — Navy game, which was VERY WET, and for visits with their daughter Bridget, who is attending Notre Dame and enrolled in the Naval ROTC program.

Travel is on the mind of **Lisa Christina Amore**, who wrote of her excitement for a girls' weekend in New Orleans in June in celebration of 50. Lisa is heading there with **Anne Broderick Farnum, Theresa Bosten Goldthwaite, Elizabeth Ehret Bardwell, and Amy Blong Hives** for three days of fun.

Sightseeing, good eating, cocktails, good music, and pool time are all on the agenda for that trip. I replied that I was planning on a similar agenda in July in Hilton Head, SC with **Laura Ann Jacob, Sarah Hughes Smith, Katie Ortman Hirsch, Linda Enright Riva, Colleen Mooney McGee, and Chrissy Fleming** (and potentially others who are still confirming at press time). Speaking of Linda, she celebrated her birthday in Philadelphia, coinciding somewhat coincidentally with the Eagles' Super Bowl win. Linda was out on Broad Street celebrating with the throngs of Philadelphians. Sarah and Laura found themselves in New York celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> birthdays (which are a week apart) together with their respective husbands.

I also recently got together with **Monica Badar Hehl, Katherine (Kim) Mahoney Barrio, and Mary Elizabeth Sande '91** in Chicago. Mary had come to town, and a quick last-minute run for Chicago pizza was put on the calendar. Kim's

50<sup>th</sup> birthday was on Easter Sunday (and April Fool's Day) and her husband surprised her by flying in her brother from Arizona to join in the celebration. Monica, Kim, Mary, **Kathy Panos Dunleavy**, and **Valerie Lukas Pinarski** will enjoy further celebrations of great milestones in May at the wedding of Valerie's son Stephen to **Kimber Nelson '17**.

**Anne Gallagher Feely** also received a surprise visit for her 50<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration: her former Belles basketball teammates **Amy Baranko Banta** and **Jennifer Lynne Harte '89**. **Peggy Hoban Chinoski** celebrated her big birthday with **Marianne Ryan Pankow** and **Elizabeth Marshall Lyp**, visiting Walt Disney World in January, a magical place for children of all ages!

**Deanne Isabel Paul** writes that she and her husband Chris Paul (ND '90) are anxiously awaiting the graduation of their son Brendan from Notre Dame in May 2018 and were thrilled to be in Ireland with their daughter Elyse who was on the Ireland program during its celebration of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Saint Mary's Ireland program. Their youngest son Ryan graduates from high school this spring and, with an acceptance letter from Notre Dame, it's a bit of a cliffhanger where he'll attend college in the fall. Deanne is living in McKinney, TX and is writing for a local digital magazine and blog, *The Art of Living Beautifully* ([theartoflivingbeautifully.net/deannes-retreat](http://theartoflivingbeautifully.net/deannes-retreat)). She turned 50 in February and her greatest celebration was Chris's successful surgery to remove a tumor inside his spinal cord; a risky procedure, but he's recovering and with full mobility. The Paul family is extraordinarily grateful for the many prayers of their SMC and ND family and were really touched by a special hospital visit from **Katie Lear McGuire's** husband Chris (ND '89) who happened to be in Dallas on business and was able to visit Chris.

What plans for a milestone Reunion do you have? Let me know and I'll include it in our next update.

## 1999

From the *Courier* Office

The Accounting Honor Society was launched in 2004. The criteria for membership in the Society are tough (a GPA of 3.6 or better in at least six upper-level accounting courses) and are used to recognize the hard work of our top accounting students.

The late **Jennifer Pelic Camero** was one of the top students in her class (graduating *summa cum laude*) and received the Outstanding Achievement Award in Accounting. She passed the CPA exam on the first try and began her career in the tax practice of Arthur Andersen in Chicago. She then earned her JD from Northwestern University. While at Northwestern, she received the Arlyn Miner Book Award for Excellence in Legal Research and Writing and was notes editor for the *Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology*. She worked as an associate attorney in commercial finance at Jones Day and later at Katten Muchin Rosenman in Chicago. She then spent three years as assistant general counsel for Brunswick Corporation in Lake Forest, IL.

However, Jen found her calling when she joined the faculty at Southern Illinois University School of Law. She became a tenured professor in 2016. She was a beloved teacher and was recognized for her teaching, scholarship, and service.

Sadly, Jen passed away on March 14, 2016. She had been diagnosed with breast cancer about four years earlier and it had spread to her brain. She was 38 years old. Since her death, we have been giving much thought as to how we might recognize and remember her. Had we had the Accounting Honor Society when she graduated, Jen would have been at the top of the list.

Thus, it is our honor to announce that the Saint Mary's Accounting Honor Society has been named the Jennifer Pelic Camero Accounting Honor Society.

We left the three kids with my parents, flew to see a house, put in an offer, and flew back. The offer was accepted as we left the airport! It was a crazy six weeks, but we arrived in time to start school September 1. We've settled back in nicely, but miss the central Virginia landscape, weather, and friends."

**Cindy Marie Traub** added, "In August 2015, I began working as a data scientist for the University Libraries at Washington University in St. Louis. In my position, I collaborate with faculty, students, and staff on research projects from a range of academic subjects. I have designed and taught two new courses — Stats for Humanities Scholars and Structuring Data for Effective Visualization. Our biggest news is still quite tiny. My husband John Kindschuh and I welcomed our daughter Anna Marie into the world on February 4, 2018! She joins big brother Ryan and big sister Maggie, ages 7 and 4, and brings us all great joy. We are exhausted and yet feel quite blessed to have Anna in our lives."

And **Megan Maureen McKeon** checked in, "I have joined Clark Hill PLC as senior business development manager, working with firm leadership to oversee the BD team and develop strategy to grow revenue for the firm."

**Maureen Flannery Crowe** changed careers and now has her own classroom as a preschool teacher. She enjoys being on the same schedule as her own little ones and working with her little learners.

**Katie McGillis Love** and husband Chris welcomed Liam James on December 28, 2017. He joins his proud big brother Declan, 3. Katie is outnumbered by her boys, but having fun and staying busy!

And lastly, from **Alyson Leatherman**, "All is well in my corner of the world. I recently presented at the College Board Regional Conference in Las Vegas and enjoyed a few extra days of sunshine and excellent people watching. Spring break was well needed and fun. Louisville and Nashville did not disappoint. Until next time, my best."

## 2002

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**Tracy Graf** has been pursuing her sense of exploration this year, which was first discovered during the fall 1999 SMC Rome program. Tracy is visiting her 31<sup>st</sup> country this April, going to Ecuador. This year she also was fortunate enough to be able to visit China, Namibia, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Botswana, Mexico, and Canada.

**Brooke Wagner Desapio** has some baby news: Ella Francesca Desapio was born on April 9, 2017, joining big sisters Cecilia, Tessa, and Lucia.

**Noreen Gillespie Connolly** and Mike (ND '02) welcomed their third child in February. Madeline Colleen joins big brother Rylan, 7, and big sister Amelia, 5.

**Margaret Zeh Fulford** and husband Justin welcomed Matilda Rose on February 14, 2018.

## 1993



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### LAURA BIANCHI EIKENMEYER '93

was welcomed back to the Saint Mary's campus to participate in professionally related classes and meet with students and faculty as the Spring 2018 Shannon Scholar.

## 2001

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Happy spring, friends! Hope you are well.

**Sarah Merrick Granger's** husband James shared some very exciting news: "Sarah got a huge promotion and is now the dean of operations for the LA County College of Nursing. Since her graduation, she has been working as a registered nurse for the LAC/USC General Hospital and has been a professor of nursing since 2008. In September, we went back to Saint Mary's and saw Ella Harmeyer, and Sarah contemplated the idea of applying to teach at Saint Mary's." Congratulations!

**Colleen Borkowski Fontaine** also wrote, "We received news in May 2017 that my husband was being relocated back to Milwaukee. After a tough house hunt, my husband and I took a 12-hour break from our mid-July family summer vacation.

## 2003

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By the time this edition comes out, we will have celebrated our 15-year Reunion together. Time flies! Great updates from around the country in this *Courier* edition. Please continue to send us your news — it's so great to have lifelong connections with you through the College. Go Belles!

**Susan Luczek Greutman** and her husband Ryan Greutman write that they welcomed a healthy baby boy on March 13, named Gregory Charles Greutman. He was 20.75 inches long and weighed in at 8 pounds 12 ounces. Gregory was also welcomed by his six older siblings, five of whom are boys!

**Annie Elizabeth Kelly** has been involved with several charities/nonprofits. She writes, "I just finished helping organize/run two big events: Lunafest for the Virginia nonprofit, Postpartum Support Virginia (raising \$20k for maternal mental health awareness), and Chance for Life (raising \$1.6 million for pediatric cancer research). My son Ru is now 10.5 years old and just crossed over to Boy Scouts."

**Heidi Klosterman** and her husband Kyle welcomed their third child Grant Xavier on November 30, 2017. Older siblings Bennett and Eliana are adjusting quite well to life with a new baby, while his parents are counting the weeks until he finally sleeps through the night.

**Lauren Hofer** and her husband Rich welcomed Lillian Mae Damron (Lily) on Valentine's Day 2018. Lauren shares that Lillian's older sister Vivienne, age 2.5, loves her sissy, but also gets into more mischief now. Lauren is still the pharmacy manager at Sam's Club in Austin, TX, and her husband Rich is now general manager at his pharmacy (Omnicare Austin).

**Candi McElligott Johnson** and husband Eric welcomed their third child, a baby girl named Winnie, on January 25, 2018. She joins big brother Brooks, 4, and big sister McKinley, 2. The family of five is happily living in Tinley Park, IL and Candi is still working as marketing director for a restoration company just northwest of Chicago.

**Alaina Indriolo Moran** and her husband John welcomed their fourth child, Colin Patrick, to the family on November 25. Alaina writes, "He is so sweet and a perfect addition to complete our family, a girl then three boys, all under 6! I have switched over to an outpatient clinic at a children's hospital and started back part-time. I also teach yoga in my free time (ha, what free time?!). I regularly talk with **Katie Moorman Rahrigh**, who has moved to a suburb of Columbus with her two beautiful daughters and husband and is working as a NICU nurse a few shifts a month, and **Nina Ready Sina**, who is in Florida soaking in the sun with her husband, son, and daughter. She has been busy refinishing furniture. She has such amazing talent and an eye for decor. I also get to see **Katie-Nell Scanlon O'Connell** and her two children and husband Steve since we both belong to the same golf country club. All is well with her! Looking

forward to our pool days again soon! I met up with **Kim Corsentino Keyworth** and her sister **Katie Corsentino Newberger '02** for dinner over the holidays, and both are doing well! Kim and her three girls and husband live in Park Ridge as well."

**Nellie Williams Gould** and her husband welcomed their sixth daughter, Mary Elle Gould, on February 3, 2018.

**Monica Cannon Meeker's** life has been very busy with the new addition of a new baby boy, John-William Sean Meeker, born January 15, 2018. Big sisters Annabelle and Camilla have enjoyed playing with him and singing to him. Monica shares that Nashville continues to grace them with great weather and many new friends, and they look forward to a relaxing summer."

## 2007

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**Lisa Cozzi Kaczmarczyk** and her husband Robert got married October 22, 2016, in Chicago. One of her bridesmaids was **Jenifer Pillar Ginder '06**.

**Kate Treder Vertin** and Matt Vertin welcomed their first child Lucille "Lucy" Marie on January 17, 2018.

**Stephanie Apostoluk Titas**, husband Vidi, son Jeremiah, 4, and daughter Noel, 2, moved back to the Cleveland, OH area and welcomed a baby boy at the end of May 2018.

From **Katie Elizabeth Marr**: "I bought a house in May 2017, right before the 10-year Reunion. The first person to see the new house was **Margaret (Molly) Nora Donner**, who also lives about 10 minutes away. I then embarked on a series of projects, inside and out, and am having a blast."

## 2008

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**Mary (Molly) Pfister Paquali** and her husband Andrew joyfully welcomed a son Luke Michael on November 17, 2017. He joins two big sisters, Nora, 5, and Grace, 3.

In summer of 2017, **Courtney Lynn Harris** of Austin, TX started her online business as a life coach for teens and parents. Courtney Harris Coaching supports young people in overcoming anxiety and isolation as they find their voice, grow confidence, and embody empowerment. Additionally, Courtney supports parents of pre-teens and teens in self-care, growing alongside their children and in developing balanced sensitivity toward the process their child is creating. Sessions with both teens and parents guide families in developing the trust, communication, and connection that's crucial for a life of ease. You can find out more about Courtney Harris Coaching on Facebook and at courtneyharriscoaching.com.

**Justine Michelle Ray** married **Talia Fiorella Tuesta '10** in New York in 2012. Justine graduated with a PhD in psychology in 2016 and works as a clinical psychologist in the PTSD Clinic at the Dayton, OH VA Medical Center. And, best of all, she and Talia welcomed their sweet baby Antonia Rose on May 12, 2017.



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## BRIE ANNE MARIE EICHHORN '08

was named coordinator for the new Office of Human Life and Dignity within the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

## 2010

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It's been a quiet few months for the class of 2010!

**Nikki LeGare Lapre** and husband Rob Lapre welcomed their daughter Lucy Rose Lapre on November 24, 2017. And earlier this year, **Ellen Marie Pfister** and husband Michael Gries welcomed their first child, Matthew Louis Gries. Matthew was born on February 12, 2018, weighing in at 10 pounds 1 ounce and 22 inches long! Matthew's grandparents are **Margie Lohmuller Pfister '82** and **Lisa Kerwin Gries '77**. Ellen, Michael, and Matthew currently reside in San Francisco, CA. Congrats to both Nikki and Ellen and their growing families! I hope to hear more from everyone in the coming months!

## 2011

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**Annie Miller Harton** is working at Guerin Catholic High School in Noblesville, IN as campus minister of administration and student advocacy. They wanted someone with a background in both theology and counseling, so she gets to use both of her passions! Annie is also continuing to work as a marriage and family therapist associate in Indianapolis.

**Colette Anne Bradley** graduated from the University of Notre Dame's Mendoza College of Business, earning a master of nonprofit administration degree.

**Sarah Elizabeth Slomski** graduated from George Washington University in May 2018 with a master's in health care administration. Her research was on effective ways for controlling operating room turnover times.

**Mary Therese Miller** and Edmund Carpenter met on a chilly St. Patrick's Day in Chicago, where they both moved after college. On October 22, 2016, they wed at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Mary's hometown, Columbus, OH. In attendance were matron of honor **Katie Miller Quinn '02** and bridesmaids **Meg Ellen Flynn, Katie Therese Cuda, Kelly Rose Lyons, Emily T. Newton, Maria Margarita Kenney,** and **Erin Brennan Davis.** Also in attendance were **Beth Hackett Carrier, Hannah Snyder Rangel, Jenny Maureen Wejman '99, Margaret Hickey '05, Erin Catherine Flynn '05, Kerry Gill Rogers '02,** and Class of 2038 hopeful, Mary's niece Mary Grace Quinn.

**Nora Collins Lewis** and Daniel Lewis (ND '11) are happy to announce the birth of their son Barrett Thomas Lewis on May 16, 2017. He joins big sister Evelyn born February 29, 2016. The Lewises live in LaGrange, IL, and Nora teaches preschool at St. Isaac Jogues School in Hinsdale, IL.

**Kendall Antekeier** married Alexander Shadley (ND '10) in Spring Lake, MI on August 5, 2017. Belles standing up for Kendall included maid of honor **AlexaRae Antekeier '08, Hayley Dawn Bojorquez,** and **Emily Treat Fox.** Notre Dame

women who served as bridesmaids included Elizabeth Shadley (ND '11) and Christina Konkey Vidrine (ND '12). The couple lives in Chicago.

**Molly Kathryn Rose Nelson** married Tom Giltrow on October 14, 2017 in Chicago. Many Belles were in attendance.

Isabella (Bella) Helen Frankland was born on November 11, 2017 to Alex and **Celina Tolson Frankland.** Bella was 7 pounds 6 ounces and 19.5 inches. The Frankland family live in Chicago.

**Mary Castle Auber** and husband Ben welcomed their son John Roger Alvin Auber on December 28, 2017. At birth he was 21 inches long and 8 pounds 11 ounces. The Auber family is living in Chicago.

**Allie Hensley Tyler** and husband Clark welcomed their baby girl Anwen "Winnie" Hale Tyler on February 6, 2018 in Columbus, IN. She weighed 6 pounds 5 ounces and was 18.5 inches long.

**Meaghan Veselik Klump** and husband Kyle (ND '11, '17) welcomed their son William "Liam" McMahon Klump on February 22, 2018. At birth, Liam weighed 6 pounds 9 ounces and was 19 inches long. The Klump family is living in Lombard, IL.

**Mary Hill Harrison** and husband Kyle welcomed their second daughter Lucy Ann Harrison on February 23, 2018. She was 8 pounds 3 ounces. Their oldest Eleanor, 2, is very excited to be a big sister. The Harrison family is living in Brooklyn Park, MN.

**Megan Elizabeth Aldrup-MacDonald** and husband John welcomed their first child, Archer Robin Aldrup-MacDonald, on March 2, 2018. Archer weighed 7 pounds 12 ounces and was 20.5 inches long. The Aldrup-MacDonald family is living in Durham, NC.

## 2012

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**Alexis Hiner Banks** married Cameron Banks on June 24, 2017. **Cecilia Witous Hess, Kim Jordan, Natalie Burkart Wright,** and **Kelly Christine Golden** stood by Alexis' side in the wedding.

**Kerri Doherty Betley** married Luke Betley on December 9, 2017. Several of the wedding party attended Saint Mary's, including maid of honor **Allyson Elizabeth Headd,** bridesmaids **Cecilia Glover Moore, Carrie Altick Maierhofer, Melissa Ann Jackson, Emily Rose Skirtich,** and **Margaret Ann Galvin '13.**

**Megan Flaherty Lynch** married Vincent Lynch on January 19, 2018 in Plymouth, MI. The bridal party included **Tiffany Knipp Arwood** and **Victoria Scheid Scherer.** Vincent and Megan recently moved to Washington, DC, where Megan is in her sixth year teaching at Saint Thomas More Cathedral School.

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**Cecilia Glover Moore** married Philip Moore on February 17, 2018, at Saint Anthony of Padua Church in SoHo, Manhattan. The reception was held at the Manhattan Penthouse on Fifth Avenue in New York City. **Allyson Elizabeth Headd** and **Kerri Doherty Betley** were in attendance and led the blessing before the reception meal. Cecilia now works at Bessemer Trust Company as an assistant vice president in the NYC office.

**Joanne Almond Escalante** married Derek Escalante (ND '12) on April 7, 2018 in Lafayette, IN.

**Hannah Hupp Cain** and Cory Cain welcomed the birth of their baby boy Kevin Martin Cain on November 17, 2017. **Katie Dapper Dressing** and her husband Michael Dressing (ND '11) welcomed the birth of their first son Dillon Joseph Dressing on March 6, 2018 in Tampa, FL.

**Katie Nash Greenspon** recently started a new job as an account supervisor at medical marketing agency PulseCX. She also bought her first condo in Long Beach, CA in August 2017. **Kimberly Rose Jordan** moved to Philadelphia, PA in June 2017, and **Lauren Toth Vassar** and her husband Ryan Vassar moved to Crown Point, IN in January 2018.

In January, after successfully defending her doctoral dissertation, **Kelsey Francis Sugrue** earned her PhD in molecular medicine from George Washington University in Washington, DC.

**Danae Rashelle Jimenez** was working as the wardrobe supervisor and lead dresser on the national tour of *A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder*. For the Music Theatre Wichita's 2018 Summer Season, Danae will be the hair and makeup designer.

## 2013

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Wow! Where did the time go?! We can't believe that our five-year Reunion has already come and gone. We hope that you enjoyed catching up with classmates if you came to Reunion, and if you didn't, we hope to see you at the next one! Here are some updates from the Class of 2013!

**Angie Yvonne Schott** married Igor Gocur in August 2017. Belles in the wedding party included **Juliana Marie Schott '16**, **Bailey Morgan Byerly**, **Erin Kathleen Marks**, **Ashley Rose Stopczynski**, **Joy Florence Viceroy**, and future Belle Isabelle Schott. **Nora Cawley Tudor** welcomed Charlotte Alice Louise Tudor on February 23, 2018. Congrats on the new bundle of joy!

**Joy Florence Viceroy** relocated from Maynooth, Ireland to Rochester, MN last summer to work as the full-time music and choral director for the Church of the Resurrection. In November 2017 Joy celebrated her graduation from the master's degree in Liturgical Music Programme at St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, earning First Class Honours. In addition, she recently sat on the National Association of Pastoral Musicians Cantor Steering Committee,

which allowed her to mentor and certify cantors at the national level. Joy's new address is: 1609 10<sup>th</sup> St. SE #23, Rochester, MN 55904.

**Bailey Morgan Byerly** recently moved. Her new address is: 6692 Bay Ridge Road, Kalamazoo, MI 49009.

In the spring of 2018 **Elizabeth Rose Elsbach** spoke on the panel "Distributions in the Force: How the Energy Sector is Changing" at the Rocky Mountain Land Use Institute. Her article "Living the World War — A Retrospective" was published by the *Maine Law Review*, Volume 70.2.

## 2014

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Hello, 2014 Belles! It's officially been four years since we graduated from Saint Mary's and we all fondly look back at our memories like it was yesterday. We are excited to share some of the many accomplishments and celebrations for our 2014 Belles since our journey down The Avenue.

We had several Belles pass exams in their respective career paths this year. **Sam Marley Favorite** passed her boards and is now a board-certified behavior analyst in Chicago. **Erin Marie Nanovic** graduated from law school in May 2017 and passed the Maryland Bar Examination. **Hannah Elizabeth Mudd** graduated from Mizzou Law and embarked on her legal career with an associate attorney position at Pitzer Snodgrass in downtown St. Louis.

A few of our classmates are beginning graduate studies. **Jordan Ashley Diffenderfer** is a field representative for Nielsen, coaches travel soccer, and will graduate with her MFA from Ashland University in July 2018. **Kaley Jones Flynn** is currently working at Cassopolis Public Schools as a special education teacher, is married with four children, and will also start grad school next month. **Vanessa Suzanne Fisher** will start graduate school this fall at the University of Minnesota for her doctor of nursing practice degree. She is still enjoying working at the Mayo Clinic in the pediatric ICU.

**Katie Cooper Barth** married Shawn Barth in October 2016 and continues to work in pediatric home health.

As always, we love to hear about how the Class of 2014 continues to live out the mission of Saint Mary's and search for ways to make an impact on the world. Please continue to send in your accomplishments so we can share with the rest of the Saint Mary's community. Go 2014 Belles!

## 2015

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**Nicole Elizabeth Weaver** is working as a territory sales manager for Machinery Pete/Farm Journal Media in Chicago. She is excited to put her business degree from SMC and her passion for agriculture together for this position!

**Jackie Haley Voltz** is working as a registered nurse in the transplant intensive care unit at Froedtert Hospital and the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee. She is loving the challenge of working with critically ill patients and had the opportunity to scrub in for her first liver transplant surgery last week! Jackie also purchased her first "flip" house and can't wait to take on the challenge of fixing it up!

## 2016

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**Victoria Ellen Otteson** has been working at the Mercatus Center in Arlington, VA since June 2016. She began as a web content editor and has since been promoted to web administrator, managing the flagship website along with 12 subsidiary sites. Congratulations, Victoria!

**Miranda Elizabeth Oltmanns** began a new job teaching second grade at Olmsted Falls City Schools with fellow SMC alumna **Stephanie Marie LaGruth '11**. Miranda has also taken over the Learn to Skate program for the city of North Olmsted, OH. Wonderful news, Miranda!

**Theresa Jane Albert**, **Angela Christine Dainelli**, **Mary Grace Domagola**, **Bethany Fenker**, **Katie Marie Hecklinksi**, **Barbara Farrell Morrison**, and **Nicole Anastasia Roulo** — along with **Erin Anne Duffy '14** and **Meredith Brooke Murphy '15** — graduated from SMC again in May! This time, they graduated with master of science degrees in speech language pathology.

Don't hesitate to let your classmates know about your news, Belles! New jobs, new cities, big accomplishments, weddings, babies, Smick reunions ... we'd love to hear about it all!



# The Ring Brings Alumnae *Full Circle*

By Kathe Brunton



This is a story of coincidences and circles, and how the Saint Mary's College family always seems to find each other.

It begins in 1994, when Alex Herbert, a Virginia Military Institute (VMI) student who had just completed his first semester, lost his life in a tragic car accident during Christmas furlough. Although devastated, his parents decided to honor his memory with a scholarship to enable another student to attend VMI as a cadet athlete.

Twenty-two years later, Alex's mother, **Susan Hoke Timmons '71**, walked into the annual VMI banquet for all scholarship recipients and their donors. She met sophomore Steven Midkiff, the recipient for that year.

Noticing her Saint Mary's ring, Steven mentioned that his mother, **Lisa Catenacci Midkiff '90**, had one just like it. Susan was delighted and astounded to learn her scholarship recipient had a Saint Mary's College connection.

"I am a true believer in providence and believe that God had his hand in this selection and connection," Susan said. "Steven was the perfect recipient, and he reminds me so much of Alex. He has the same quiet but wry sense of humor and is so modest and polite."

"When I learned of my Saint Mary's connection with Susan and my son, Steven, it felt somehow God-driven," Lisa added. "The scholarship she established in her son's name, now connecting with the son of a Saint Mary's alumna, it seemed to complete a circle."

Lisa wasn't able to attend the banquet because she lived in Florida and Hurricane Matthew had just hit, but the two alumnae began an email correspondence. The next year, when Steven was again awarded the scholarship, Lisa attended the banquet, relishing in the long-awaited opportunity to meet Susan.

"I was so grateful to get the chance to meet with her, hear about her son, Alex, and speak about our times at Saint Mary's," Lisa said.

Although this story began in 1994, it has no end, as Susan and Lisa are now connected for a lifetime. 🍷

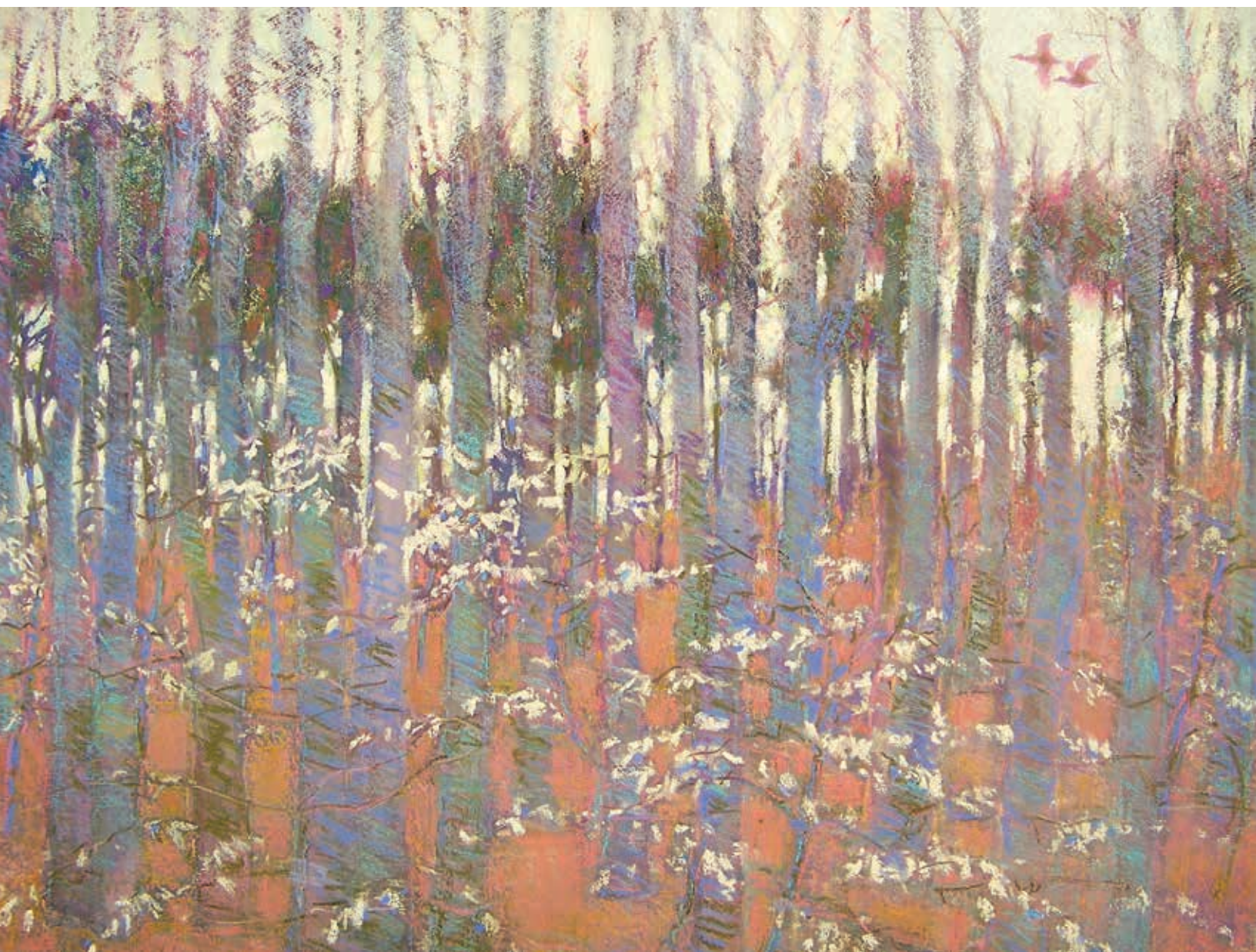


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