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and her legacy





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UPON REFLECTION

As I sat in the quiet room across from Sister Miriam Cooney '51, CSC, a good friend of Sister Madeleva's, I could hear the bustle of activity in an upstairs hallway of Saint Mary's Convent. I saw a few birds darting about outside the window behind Sister Miriam. She is a quiet woman, frank and to-the-point, with a good sense of humor and an active mind. I imagine this professor emerita of mathematics is not unlike Sister Madeleva herself, whom Sister Miriam described to me as gracious, composed, and self-possessed. She related her first encounter with Sister Madeleva as a new Saint Mary's student. She remembers sitting rapt at Sister Madeleva's feet, along with other students, while Sister Madeleva read her poetry aloud. She was in awe.

After our interview, I walked quickly back to my office in Haggar, closed the door, and sat down with *The Four Last Things: Collected Poems* by Sister M. Madeleva Wolff, CSC (Class of 1909). The voice of a woman I knew only through stories and quotes (her famous "We promise you discovery," quote is etched into the side of the Welcome Center) spoke from the page. Her simple dedication struck me right away:

To My Favorite Author

Dear God,
Herewith, a book do I inscribe and send
To You Who are both its beginning and its end;
A volume odd,
Bound in some brief, allotted years,
Written with love and tears;
Fragments of which You are the perfect whole
Book of my soul.
Break, break the sealing clod
And read me, God!

In her introduction to the 1986 edition, Sister Eva Mary Hooker '62, CSC, says, "*The Four Last Things* is many different things as a book of poetry, but it is profoundly a book of the self in which we, the readers, as well as God can find a complex person unveiling herself." To be "read" by God, seems to me a fundamental wish of the human soul, and while I am no expert on theology, or on Sister Madeleva herself, I connected with her immediately through that simple line. I know I'm not alone.

In this issue, fifty years after her death, we attempt to discover a little of Sister Madeleva as a woman, an accomplished woman, yes—even a great woman. She was a renowned scholar and poet who inspired generations of Saint Mary's women. Whether we knew Madeleva, the woman, or are inheritors of her passion to establish Saint Mary's as a premier, Catholic, women's college, her legacy touches each of us even now as we continue to live out her promise of discovery as women of faith, compassion, creativity, and intellectual vitality.

Shannon Brewer Rooney '03 is the editor of Courier.

Hypatia Day



In March dozens of middle school girls shadowed Saint Mary's math, computer science, chemistry, engineering, and biology majors for Hypatia Day. Hypatia was a female mathematician at a time in Greek history when girls weren't allowed to be educated. She symbolizes the continuing struggle to combat industry stereotypes.

Hypatia Day is unique to Saint Mary's College. In 1991 Sister Miriam Cooney '51, CSC, professor emerita of mathematics, started the annual program to encourage young girls to follow careers in the STEM fields (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics).

Dance Marathon

How do you get 400 college students to stay on their feet for 12 hours straight? Saint Mary's women will tell you they do it for the kids. On April 5, more than 400 students participated in the ninth annual Saint Mary's College Dance Marathon, standing without sitting or sleeping for 12 hours. Benefiting Riley Hospital for Children at Indiana University Health, this year's event raised \$86,765.70, bringing the total raised over nine years to more than \$600,000.

"We stand on our feet for 12 hours and we dance for those who can't. So many children lose their chance to be a kid when they are in the hospital—whether it be running, dancing, jumping, playing, or just enjoying the innocence of being a child," says senior Ellen Smith, co-president of Dance Marathon. She has helped put on the event throughout her time at Saint Mary's.

The community is always invited to attend Dance Marathon, which is held in Angela Athletic Facility and features music, games, crafts, and other entertainment. Throughout the day local Riley families stop by and many share their stories.

Spirituality Monday Discussions

What happens when faith and reason meet? What is the relationship between spiritual traditions and the exercise of reason in an academic discipline or a profession? Throughout the spring semester, Saint Mary's faculty and students joined together for Spirituality Mondays to discuss these questions.

"Coming into the [discussion series] I feel that most students clearly connect their personal values to their faith," explains Jill Vihtelic, business professor and chair of the Department of Global Studies. "Once students start to see that they cannot separate their work lives from their personal lives and be a person of integrity, I believe that they begin to see the intersection between faith and business as vast and all encompassing."

Vihtelic was one of several professors who spoke at Spirituality Monday events. Topics from professors and students alike included spirituality and health in aging populations and sacramentality of nature poetry.

Henry V



"From this day to the ending of the world, but we in it shall be remembered—We few, we happy few, we band of brothers." No band of brothers stood before the audience in O'Laughlin this spring as an all-female cast performed the mostly male roles of the classic Shakespeare play, *Henry V*.

Mark Abram-Copenhaver, associate professor of theatre and the play's director, says, "This story about war, to be told by a group of female performers, gives a different lens on the play."

Shakespeare's original work, conversely, includes nearly all male roles. This cast included 18 students and five faculty/staff members, ranging from experienced actors to first-time performers. "Working on Shakespeare," he explains, "is very valuable for actors. It not only presents a whole new set of challenges, but it also demands a certain precision with language."

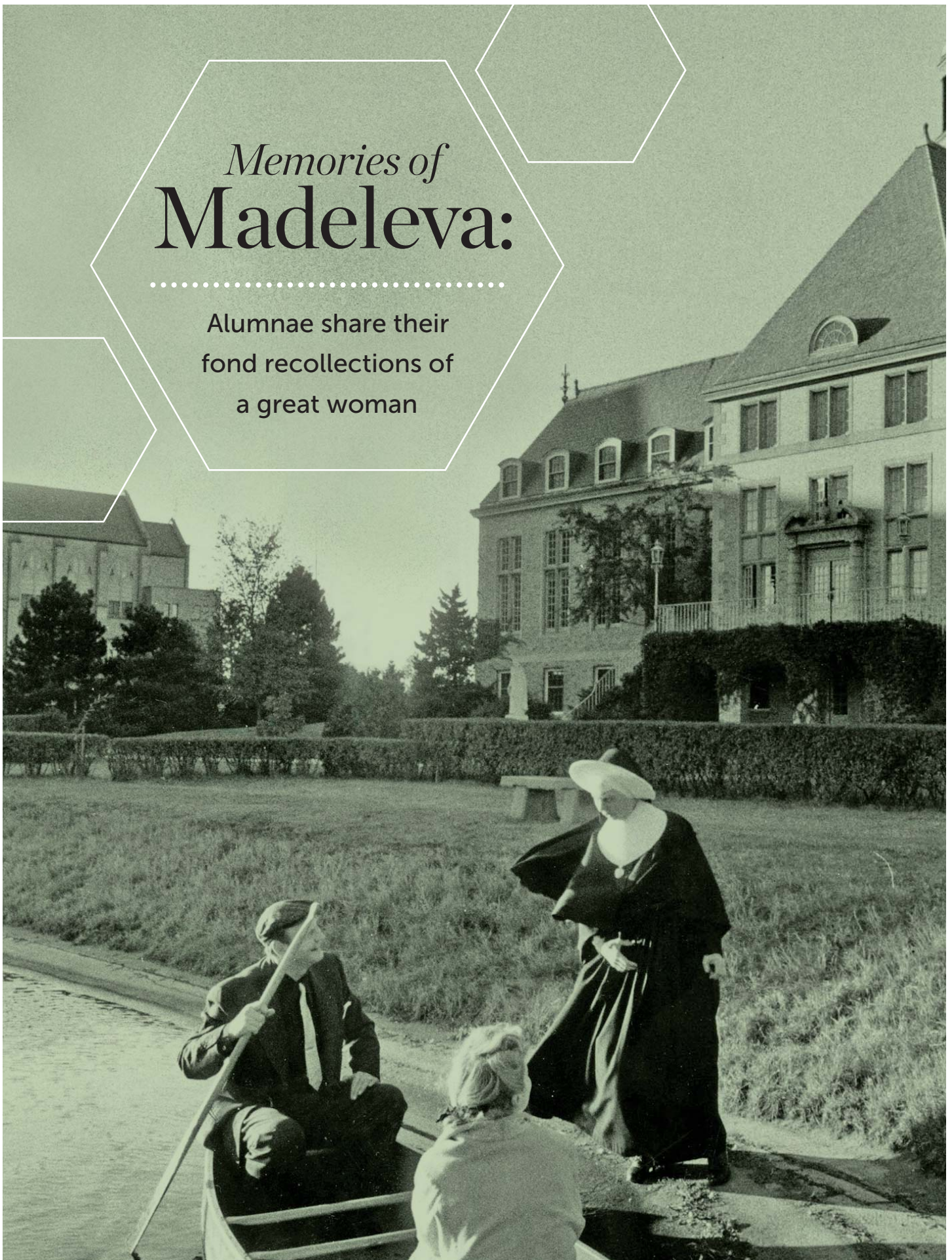
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Memories of **Madeleva:**

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Alumnae share their
fond recollections of
a great woman



Sister Madeleva was president of the College during my freshman year. In my freshman yearbook, next to Sister Madeleva's classic photograph, is her poem "Apology for Youth," with the lines, "They seek for wisdom in a book;/ then they look up and look and look." One quiet afternoon, I was walking down the first floor hall in Le Mans Hall when I recognized the small figure of Sister Madeleva walking toward me. We exchanged simple greetings. We had just begun to pass each other when she stopped, turned, and said to me, "How far can you see?" I was a mere freshman, green and unknowing, but I knew that was no simple question with, more importantly, no simple answer. I stumbled for a second and said something like, "Oh, I don't know, but maybe on a clear day I can see a few miles." Pause. Comes her second question: "Can you see the sun?" "Yes, of course," I responded, gearing up for...something. And then she asked, "How far away is the sun?" I knew the answer, and I understood. I smiled and slowly answered, "Ninety-three million miles."

— CAROLE BARSKIS WEBER '64

When I attended Saint Mary's College, I worked in the dining hall. If you behaved admirably, you were occasionally assigned to the guest dining room. My first time on that assignment, I was nervous to the nth degree. I will never forget when, with shaking hands, I handed a plate to Sister Madeleva: she looked up at me and winked. That so totally put me at ease. After that experience, I would literally beg to be assigned to the guest dining room!

— SANDI KUDNOWSKI IACONETTI '66

I remember attending the evening gatherings to listen to her poetry, and being impressed by Sister Madeleva's poise, her voice, her work. What has stayed with me most is her message of "the relaxed grasp." I have reflected on this idea often during my life, and have passed the message on to many others. I hope I am beginning to learn the lesson and live it at this point in my life.

— SISTER JOAN MARILYN MADER '64, CSC

During my four years at Saint Mary's, Sister Madeleva was president the entire time, occasionally giving lectures to the student body. All of us students sat in the dining hall of Le Mans Hall for all meals. We sat at tables of six or seven students headed by a sister. Sister Madeleva presided at dinner at the head of the room, with her back to the south window. The seniors were honored to sit with her for six-week periods, although some seniors were not so "honored," because they preferred to sit with friends. But those of us who were interested in the famous people Sister Madeleva had met, and the intellectual subjects she'd discussed with them, truly were honored to sit with her! On March 25, 1948, I was walking across the campus when I saw Sister Madeleva.

We were trained to catch up with the sisters, as a courtesy, and to carry for them anything they were carrying. As I walked with Sister Madeleva, I recall mentioning to her that we were all at Mass that morning. And Sister said, "This is the beginning of the Christmas season, Carolyn!" That thought occurs to me each year when we celebrate the feast of the Annunciation.

— CARRIE POWERS POWELL '48

These recollections are excerpted from the keepsake booklet "Alumnae Memories of Sister Madeleva Wolff, CSC (1887-1964)." The booklet was distributed to attendees at the College-produced play *Madeleva: A Play in Several Voices*. The booklet is available for sale through the Center for Spirituality. Contact Kathy Guthrie at kguthrie@saintmarys.edu or 574-248-4636 for more information.



In June 1957 *Life Magazine* published a story on Sister Madeleva. The story's photographer took shots 1, 2, and 3, as well as the photo on the opposite page, which were not published with the article titled "Nun, President and Poet." Photo number 4 shows Sister Madeleva (Miss Wolff) as a postulant with the Sisters of the Holy Cross (College Archives).

Beauty Made Present:

Madeleva's Poetry

By Sister Eva Mary Hooker '62, CSC



Early this semester, Gail Mandell (Humanistic Studies) invited Laura Haigwood (English) and me (English) to discuss ways of understanding Sister Madeleva's legacy, both as poet, as a significant leader in the education of women, and as a gifted thinker. Towards the end of lunch, Gail said she thought one of Madeleva's most significant contributions was her thinking about beauty and her courageous insistence that beauty be made present and lively at Saint Mary's College from art to trees, from philosophy to science and math. In the months since that conversation, I have read Madeleva's poetry with that significant claim in mind. I have also trolled my memories of being both student at Saint Mary's and young Sister of the Holy Cross during her presidency and retirement.

A poet's choice of the early poems in a book are a signal of her intention about herself as maker. The third poem in her book *The Four Last Things: Collected Poems** (Macmillan Company, 1959) is called "You Sang in My Dream." In it Madeleva asks "O, why did you sing?" She wakes from her dream, "a bitter thing" with "numb, inarticulate longing" (p. 5). That longing does not remain inarticulate; longing is the driving energy of her effort to know and make beauty. Madeleva calls herself a "jail bird" of beauty: "It was the face/ Of beauty brought me captive to this place/ Where now I lie in indolent disgrace!" ("Jail Bird," pp. 92-93). There she "shall pick . . . locks of shade." She shall "dare the gauntlet. . . / And, 'fugitive, shall run/ Out to my mountain freedom and keen air,/ Into the arms of the sun!" Those are strong metaphoric words: a captive picks locks of beauty and dares to run fugitive.

Madeleva's poem is both prayer and a statement of lyric intention. She, as poet, wants to run directly into beauty itself because God "lifts an Indian paintbrush to the sky,/ Half flame, half feather." God dares so "sow the waste, to plow the rock" ("In Desert Places," pp. 91-92). She is "half flame, half feather" and "waste" and plowed "rock." These are astounding metaphors in that they combine both her making as poet and a woman "being made" by God.

In her poem, "From the Book of Esther," one we rarely read out loud, she writes, "'Give a fool rope' –the saying goes." Then says, "Beauty was all I had to use." Yes, Esther, according to scripture, was a beauty. Madeleva does not make that claim for herself. Instead, she wryly writes: "What matter who reads in this thing that's writ:/ Beauty and youth and a little wit/ And a rope with a fool at the end of it!" (pp. 81-82). Yes, give a fool a rope. We poets may hang ourselves with it. Or we may lasso something.

Being a fool of wit and poetry is not, however, her only aim. I remember as a student when she read her poem about running into the Pacific – her "small self ecstatically" "caught," "held," "buffeted" "breast to breathing breast" ("The Swimmer," p. 55). The physicality of her embrace of the sea was striking. It was years later that I understood that this poem was about the compass of God's arms, not just the sea. It was even more years later that I understood she also wanted a direct embrace of the power of language itself.

I think her investment in beauty and its power, her use of beauty in the acts of writing and her use of beauty as a way of opening the soul to God were her ways of fitting herself into the other demands of her life and work. Madeleva is a woman

who chooses to make public her form of wedding-mysticism: "Upon the hungry kiss of Your uplifted mouth/ Against whose drouth/I press,/ In mute abandonment beyond caress,/ These other two/ Pale, passionate, beautiful blossoms of my breasts" ("The King's Secret," p. 53). In the poem that precedes "King's Secret," Madeleva describes being fit to a Procrustean bed: "Once I was stretched to fits its length— / I bear about me yet the scars— / Until I grew to dangerous strength/ And was much taller than the stars" ("To One Procrustes," p. 49). That knowledge of self was clearly dangerous: "So I am being trimmed, that's all;/ It was the obvious thing to do" (p. 49). Choosing to make public these two parts of her self-mysticism and dangerous wit—is another way of "managing" and "showing forth" the power of her understanding of beauty. She made clear to us that wanting God and being smart were portions for suffering.

Madeleva, however, insisted over and over again that her deepest self, the self that would make beauty, could not be contained: "I will not barter love for liberty;/ You cannot break and tame me utterly" ("If You Would Hold Me," p. 44). If that were not bold enough, she continues: "Because my straight, wild ways are in your power/ Do not believe that I surrender them" (p. 44). I have often wondered what the days were like when she wrote that poem, what work was she doing, what arguments was she making, what kept her up at night to write that poem. That very scary night-made poem. When she read that poem aloud, I heard only a kind of lifted passion in her voice. What I learned in that moment was that making beauty must have been hard, hard work. Clearly, somebody was ready to "pluck the flower" (p. 44). Her insistence that the work of beauty was dangerous has stayed with me.

Loneliness was another repeated concern. In the midst of a poem that is about betrayal of some kind, she slips in lines like these: "Hunger and thirst and loneliness have come;/ This wild, this poignant singing has unmade me;/ It is not pride but longing holds me dumb. /This mocking-bird, beloved, has betrayed me" ("—And So I Am Betrayed," pp. 88-89). A song of a bird, a mocking-bird, sings her unmaking. That she sees this as betrayal is deeply poignant.

Half flame, half feather, yes. And resolute, willed paintbrush of a self, made and un-made by beauty. **C**

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* Poems mentioned in this article are featured on the following page.

Madeleva's Poetry



From the Book of Esther

"Give a fool a rope"—the saying goes;
A man has enough, I suppose.

On his own gibbet, twenty ells high,
He dangles now between earth and sky.

Mardochai rides, by the king's decree,
In silk sky color for the world to see;

And my people, suddenly snatched from death,
Dream not the hazard that brought them breath.

Meanwhile, I in a royal garden
Change my life for their peace and pardon;

Change by the accident of beauty
A girl's young self for a brave queen's duty.

Beauty was all I had to use,
And life was little enough to lose,
And happiness nothing at all to choose.

Jehovah lighted my beauty's flame.
It shall burn for the king in Jehovah's name,
Returning to beauty whence it came.

What matter who reads in this thing that's writ:
"Beauty and youth and a little wit
And a rope with a fool at the end of it!"

If You Would Hold Me

It is so very strange that, loving me,
You should ensnare the freedom I find sweet,
Catch in your cunning will my flying feet.
I will not barter love for liberty;
You cannot break and tame me utterly.

For when your careful conquest is complete
Shall victory be swallowed in defeat.
You hold me only when you set me free.

Because my straight, wild ways are in your power
Do not believe that I surrender them.
Untrammelled love is all I have to give.
If you would keep it, do not pluck the flower;
Leave it, I beg, unbroken on its stem,
Wild with the wind and weather! Let it live!

In Desert Places

God has a way of making flowers grow.
He is both daring and direct about it.
If you know half the flowers that I know,
You do not doubt it.

He chooses some gray rock, austere and high,
For garden-plot, trafficks with sun and weather;
Then lifts an Indian paintbrush to the sky,
Half flame, half feather.

In desert places it is quite the same;
He delves at petal-plans, divinely, surely.
Until a bud too shy to have a name
Blossoms demurely.

He dares to sow the waste, to plow the rock.
Though Eden knew His beauty and His power,
He could not plant it in a yucca stalk,
A cactus flower.

The Swimmer

Afraid? Of you, strong proxy lover, you, God's sea?
I give you my small self ecstatically,
To be caught, held, or buffeted; to rest
Heart to your heart, and breast to breathing breast;
The stinging madness of one infinite kiss;
Daring your most exquisite, sweet alarms
In the safe compass of the everlasting arms.

—And So I Am Betrayed

You spoke of loneliness before I went;
You knew that I would be too proud to show it,
In which security I was content.
You did not say the mocking-bird would know it.

Longing you mentioned in a casual way;
You thought the sea and mountain-trails might bring it;
Knowing, you were too merciful to say
The mocking-bird, the mocking-bird would sing it.

Hunger and thirst and loneliness have come;
This wild, this poignant singing has unmade me;
It is not pride but longing holds me dumb.
The mocking-bird, beloved, has betrayed me.

You Sang in My Dream

You sang to me, dear, last night through all of my dreaming,—
O, why did you sing?
To know that your song and my joy are only seeming
Is a bitter thing.

For into your voice all our multiplied loves came thronging,—
Dreams have heartless ways,—
And then I awoke to this numb, inarticulate longing
Of silent days.

Jail Bird

I am a prisoner in a cell of trees;
Great walls of green
Close in about me; the attendant breeze
Fetches me fare
Of simple and sufficing air.
My pallet is the straight turf, hard and clean.
My leafy window bars
By day let in three slender beams of fun,
by night three innocent stars.

It was the face
Of beauty brought me captive to this place
Where now I lie in indolent disgrace!

For who am I
To be in this wise made
Thrall to a sweet-faced glade,
I who am kin to mountain-top and cloud?
Why not deal cunningly, devise some tool
To freedom and escape from this adventureless school?
Why not break prison bonds and fly
Up, up to where
The high hills and the high heavens lie bare
With no tree nigh?
Beauty, outrivalled, may behold me there,
Aloof, austere, most inaccessible, most proud
To die,
A convict hooded in cerulean shroud
On a mountain gallows by the hangman sky.

Now is my plot well laid!
Presently I shall pick these locks of shade,
Shall drug with morning mist the vigilant hours,
Shall dare the gauntlet of belaying flowers,
And, fugitive, shall run
Out to my mountain freedom and keen air,
Into the arms of the sun!



Poems excerpted from *The Four Last Things: Collected Poems By*

Sister M. Madeleva, CSC (Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, Indiana, 1986 edition). The only poems not excerpted here are

"The King's Secret" (p. 53) and "To One Procrustes" (p. 49), due to their length. You can read all the poems in their entirety at alumnae.saintmarys.edu. Click on *Spread the Word* and *Courier Extras*.

Q&A *with* Sister Miriam Cooney '51, CSC

By Shannon E. Brewer Rooney '03

Sister Miriam Cooney '51, CSC, is a professor emerita of Saint Mary's having taught in the mathematics department from 1951-1997. She served as math department chair and founded Hypatia Day, a campus program through which young girls are encouraged to explore math and science. Cooney has a PhD in mathematics from the University of Chicago and has traveled the world, including to China and Brazil, for her ministry. Cooney also served as the vice president for development under Sister Madeleva, the first development position established at the College. She formed a close working relationship with Sister Madeleva and the two were good friends until Sister Madeleva's death in 1964. Here, Sister Miriam shares with us what it was like to work with Sister Madeleva and offers insight into a woman she greatly admired.



Sister Miriam Cooney meets with students

SR: When did you first meet Sister Madeleva and what were your first impressions of her?

SISTER MIRIAM: My first encounter was when I first came to campus as a student. I sat at her feet with the other incoming students and listened to her read her poetry. I was in awe of her. She was a gracious, hospitable woman who hosted dignitaries and academics from all over the world. She herself was a noted dignitary. But, you know, she was German, and very composed, very self-possessed. She was honest and had good sense. This impressed me when I first met her.

SR: How did you come to work under her as development director?

SISTER MIRIAM: There was no development department at the College until Sister Madeleva saw the need for one. She was the first to establish the department. She knew me, of course. When I was involved with student government, Sister Madeleva would meet with us every week and listen to us. Of course, she had the final decision on changes, you know. Later, when I was teaching at the College, she asked me to work with the faculty development program.

SR: What was it like to work for her?

SISTER MIRIAM: She was a disciplined woman. When the development department became active, the gifts flowed in, and she thanked every donor personally and carefully. I remember her telling me, "We have to baptize them."

She was faithful with her schedule. It was 6:00 a.m. Mass and morning prayers, then breakfast, and a walk out to the front gate every morning. Then, she said the rosary in the chapel, and then she went straight to her office, where there was always a large

stack of mail waiting for her. She read it and had it all answered by 11:00 a.m. No matter how much mail—and there were often stacks—it was read and answered by 11 o'clock. Then, she opened her door for appointments with faculty and students.

When I worked with her, we got along well. I remember being very sick after a long day through which we had both worked very hard. Late in the afternoon I said to her, "I am catching a cold." She told me, "Go to bed." I did and later another Sister brought in a big basket. It was from Sister Madeleva. It contained some medicine and whiskey, a hot water bottle, and a new comforter. She sent it with a note that said, "Get better." And I did. I was just touched with her gift.

SR: What do you see as Sister Madeleva's greatest accomplishment?

SISTER MIRIAM: Saint Mary's College. She gave her whole life to the College. She was an artist too, a great poet. But even so, that always came second to her work at the College. She worked very hard to establish Saint Mary's as a world-renowned place. Every teacher had to have a PhD. She was the one who integrated the College. That was important to her. She did it despite fear from students and criticism from parents. She just said, "This is right," and went ahead with it. Also, she established the School of Sacred Theology before women could get advanced degrees in sacred theology anywhere in the U.S.

SR: Do you have another memory of her that you cherish?

SISTER MIRIAM: I remember when she was in Boston, I had written her a note for her feast day. I don't remember exactly what I wrote, but I knew she was quite sick and within a few days, she had died. A Sister that had been with her in Boston came to see me when she returned. She told me Sister Madeleva had said to her, "Sister Miriam thinks I'm dying." And that touched me because it was the only way I knew that she had received my note before her death.

Otherwise, I remember that she loved anything growing—plants, children. And she had a great sense of humor. Anybody who had an exchange with her enjoyed conversation with her. **C**



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Teaching with Sister Madeleva

By Laura Haigwood

“Saint Mary’s Women” are the topic of my ENLT 109W: Language and Literature course, and Sister Madeleva is an especially inspiring model of the confident, accomplished, and socially responsible women Saint Mary’s students become.

This first-year writing course also introduces literary studies, cultivating students’ critical understanding and aesthetic appreciation of several genres. Reading, discussing, and writing about novels, biographies, memoirs, diaries, poetry, and other texts by and about Saint Mary’s women, students develop their skills of accurate, insightful interpretation, and clear, effective writing.

To appreciate Sister Madeleva in context, we read the College’s mission and core values statements alongside those of the Sisters of the Holy Cross, identifying shared commitments and goals. I am always moved and impressed by how enthusiastically our students embrace these documents’ powerful words and concepts, using them to envision and articulate meaningful lives for themselves. To help them do this, I assign them to write about the core value* that is most personally important to them, how it is lived on campus, and how they envision embodying it in their own lives, both as students and after graduation. To make their understanding of Saint Mary’s history and ethos more concrete, we tour the Sisters’ heritage rooms in Bertrand Hall, and visit the College archives. Walking the labyrinth together on a beautiful day in fall or spring, with the director of Campus Ministry, gives students of all traditions an opportunity to participate in the core value of “faith/spirituality.”

We then read Professor Emerita Gail Mandell’s *Madeleva: A Biography*, along with Sister Madeleva’s collected poems, *The Four Last Things*. In class discussions we analyze the texts as literature while also gaining wisdom from Sister Madeleva, and insight

into the College’s development. Students quickly recognize that before Sister Madeleva shaped Saint Mary’s, Saint Mary’s shaped her. When she arrived as a transfer student from the University of Wisconsin at Madison, the Sisters already excelled at academic achievement, artistic accomplishment, selfless service, vibrant spirituality, and gracious hospitality. In her years of teaching and administration, twenty-seven of them as president, Sister Madeleva brought fuller expression and a higher public profile to Saint Mary’s original strengths.

Twenty-first century students relate easily to Sister Madeleva because, like young Eva Wolff, they sometimes doubt themselves and their choices; they question and transgress arbitrary rules; they long for clear and purposeful life direction; they aspire to independence and courage. Some recognize themselves in Sister Madeleva’s strong-willed determination; others identify with her deep faith, finding in her poetry an accessible and authoritative voice for women’s spirituality. All appreciate her faithful stewardship of the College’s natural beauty. They especially respect and admire her for integrating the College in 1941, and for sheltering victims of political persecution during WWII.

To broaden our view of Saint Mary’s women writers, we also watch the documentary *Queens of the Big Time*, by Adriana Trigiani ’81, and read her related novel which, like Mandell’s biography, tells the story of an immigrant’s daughter whose strong will, keen intelligence, and love of learning enable her to make a personally satisfying life that brings substantive good to others. A witty, insightful memoir, *Drink to the Lasses*, by Mary Beth Ellis ’99, offers comically honest perspective on college’s perennial social and academic challenges. Discussing and writing about these texts, students refine their understanding of narrative technique, character development, theme, point of view, and tone. They also recognize the persistent influence of Sister Madeleva’s vision and values on later generations of Saint Mary’s women. **C**

*Learn more about Saint Mary’s Core Values at saintmarys.edu/core-values.

Madeleva:

A Play in Several Voices

By Adrienne Latson



The cast, left to right: Eva Cavadini '12, Susan Baxter, Kaitlyn Baker '16, Michele Guernsey (administrative assistant, Department of Communication Studies, Dance, and Theatre), Kate FitzMaurice '17, Richard Baxter (director of Special Events); Not pictured: Morgan Carroll '15

“The most amazing thing about [her] life is that you cannot throw a rock on this campus without hitting somebody who is exactly like the Madeleva of her early years.” Susan Baxter, communication studies instructor, is referring to Sister Madeleva Wolff, CSC (1887–1964), alumna and president of Saint Mary’s from 1934–1961. Baxter helped to write and produce *Madeleva: A Play in Several Voices*, which was presented to the campus and local communities in March.

In her research of Sister Madeleva’s life, Baxter was surprised to learn that Sister Madeleva had been unsure of her abilities at the beginning of her education. Like many a first year student, Sister Madeleva had yet to discover her talents, her passions, her conviction. Baxter was surprised since Sister Madeleva is known for her strength and certitude. But when writing the play, Baxter says, “We wanted to portray her as she portrayed herself, not just through her poetry.” From her uncertain beginnings to her confident career, the play underscored her growth.

Last summer Elizabeth Groppe, director of the Center for Spirituality (CFS), approached Baxter and Laura Haigwood, professor of English, to coordinate student writing with the CFS’s lecture series marking the 50th anniversary of Madeleva’s death. “The anniversary of her death and passing is an opportunity to recall with gratitude her gifts and leadership that touched and transformed so many lives,” Groppe says.

Baxter’s and Haigwood’s students wrote monologues based on Madeleva’s memoirs and biography. First year student Chim-Chim Daniel was inspired to write hers when she learned of Madeleva’s poise and power.

“She was a leader, a poet, very intelligent and knowledgeable about what she wanted, what the people around her wanted, and how to get exactly what she needed,” says Daniel.

Baxter incorporated three student monologues into the play, which consisted of staged readings depicting three phases of Sister’s life. The first featured sophomore Kaitlyn Baker reading as Mary Evaline Wolff from ages 5-17; next, Eva Cavadini ’12 read as Mary Evaline and Sister Madeleva from ages 18-60; and finally, Susan Baxter read as Sister Madeleva at age 70.

Students, faculty, and staff read a small number of supporting roles. Baxter hopes that the play audience as well as readers of the companion book, *Alumnae Memories of Sister Madeleva Wolfe, CSC (1887-1964)*, understand that Madeleva was human, too, and that as great as she was, Madeleva felt that she was simply “who she allowed God to make her,” says Baxter.

Sister Madeleva’s legacy still echoes across campus. As College president, her accomplishments were many and varied. For example, she instituted grade rankings (e.g., first year, sophomore, junior, and senior); she numbered classes based on difficulty; she built Riedinger House, the Science Hall, and O’Laughlin Auditorium. She established the School of Sacred Theology, the first institution in the United States where women could study theology. She integrated the College in 1941, years before the *Brown v. Board of Education* ruling. She was also an accomplished poet who traveled extensively and befriended many well-known and learned people, including Edith Wharton and C.S. Lewis.

Accomplished, determined, and influential, Sister Madeleva evolved to exemplify the Saint Mary’s woman. “I think such courage is a widespread trait of Saint Mary’s women generally,” says Haigwood. “Throughout their lives, they tend to have an honest and accurate understanding of their individual gifts, resilient self-confidence, and strong faith that God will provide the needed means to all good ends.”

As Madeleva’s famous quote says: “We promise you discovery. Discovery of yourselves, discovery of the universe, and your place in it.” This resonates with our current students who understand that Madeleva herself not only experienced discovery at Saint Mary’s, but believed so much in the transformation that she fashioned the College into a place where students could learn, grow, and become the women that, as Madeleva said, God made them to be. **C**

2014 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.)

Jennifer Marie Bandeen, Sarah Elizabeth Slomski '11, Allison Rose Bandeen '10

Anne Marie Beck, Samantha Jean Wittenberg '08

Kelly Elizabeth Bedford, *Patricia Coash Bedford* '83, Julia Coash Savitsky '81, Allison Marie Savitsky '11

Jessica Lynn Bieck, *Julie A. Schroeder-Biek* '88, Lauren McCay Fraser '08

Arianna Teresa Bonomi, Marianne Rinella Fotopoulos '75

Gia Michelle Bottigione, Marie DeLucia Ternieden '94

Lauren Marie Bruner, Kristine Anderson Trustey '86

Maria Del Carmen Cardenas, Maricruz Cardenas '12

Samantha Lynn Carey, Patricia Cary Mysak '77, Megan Ashley Carey '13, Rosemary Nye Carey '25*

Catherine Jeanette Cislo, Deborah Cislo Kontz '76

Lisa Marie Clarkson, *Lynn Roberts Clarkson* '79, Deborah Roberts Vehovec '80, Barbara Brems Flynn '76, Kathryn Louise Flynn '05, Kathleen Brems Durbin '73, Laura Brems Flynn '79, Megan Elizabeth Clarkson '09

Elizabeth Concepcion, Angela Marie Natale '99, Christina Noelle Natale '04

Claire Gerard Creely, *Ellen Murray Creely* '87, Nanne Murray Finis '79, Chatherine Regina Duffy '09

Eileen Clare Cullina, Joanne F. Cullina '82

Christine Marie Czajkowski, Deanne Czajkowski McKenna '03

Stephanie Catherin del Pilar, Sara M. Zappia '85, Anne Sergio Kotoske '52, Mary Zappia Stanton '53, Kristen Kathleen Brickley '09

Alexandra Nicole del Pilar, Sara M. Zappia '85, Anne Sergio Kotoske '52, Mary Zappia Stanton '53, Kristen Kathleen Brickley '09

Emma Kathleen Derheimer, *Doris Mannes Derheimer* '79

Nicolette Dohner, Amanda David Herman '07

Shannon Mae Dolan, Hollie A. Ezze '82

Colleen A. Donohue, Kelly M. Carey '85

Catherine Anne Draths, *Christine Ruddy Draths* '80, Karen Draths Frost '86, Suzanne M. Draths '83*, Erin Ruddy Allare '82, Christine Shaheen Broussard '74, Regina Broussard Winegar '70

Stephanie Janette Farah, Kimberly Krystal Farah '09

Jillian Marie Fata, Linda Montella Kane '73, Pamela Kane Kelly '05, Amy Kane Fox '08

Anne Kathleen Ferguson, *Kathleen Dowling Ferguson* '82, Kelle Dowling Enriquez '84, Gertrude Anne Otis '55

Caitlin Elizabeth George, *Kathleen Feehan George* '77, Mary Colleen Grizzard '76, Bridget Myers Mullins '03, Kerry J. Long '70, Connie Long Myers '75

Elizabeth Anne Glomb, *Louise Masotti Glomb* '88, Trisha Glomb Ladner '85, Laura Masotti Fredrick '90, Lisa Masotti Campbell '92, Kristen Louise Glomb '12

Megan Elizabeth Golden, *Margaret Pejak Golden* '85, Mary Pat Golden '84*

Lucie Elizabeth Gordon, *Mary Beth Oxenreiter Gordon* '83, Jeanne G. Oxenreiter '74

Kathryn Ann Haemmerle, *JoAnn Calandra Haemmerle* '84, Theresa Calandra Zecca '82, Linda Haemmerle Marth '84, Rosemary Calandra Sterr '80, Lisa Haemmerle Miles '88

Bridget Evelyn Haines, Erin Haines Vu '03

Chandler Noelle Harvey, *Lisa Lauerman Harvey* '85

Hannah Marie Karches, Holly Elizabeth Karches '12

Wesley Lynn Kendle, Lindsey Kendle Gruber '08

Ann Katherine Kennedy, *Cheryl Prosek Kennedy* '82

Maura Kathleen Kimball, *Mary Ann Murray Kimball* '79, Eileen Murray Froehle '81, Meaghan Kathleen Froehle '06

Allison R. King, Jillian Claire King '11

Kathleen Florence Klauer, Florence Romano Daly '82, Patricia Daly Borg '10

Colleen Mary Klemczewski, Bridget Nathanson Lindfelt '08

Stacy Lauren Kownacki, Kristin Marie Kania '07, Christine Ann Carson '12

Clair Elizabeth Kusbach, Emily Cwidak-Kusbach '09, Mary Cecilia Roemer '61, Cecile Marie Luther '29*, Carmelita Luther Roemer '26*

Jenae Corin LaCosse, Stephanie Lynn Wasikowski '09

Olivia Marie Lape, Grace Collie Lape '10

Neta Jeanne Linnville, Frances Cappabianca Carideo '57

Caitlin Mae Livingston, *Denise Ellington Livingston* '84

Katryn Elizabeth Mahoney, Erin Elizabeth Mahoney '08

Samantha Kristine Marley, Lindsey Stillson Roth '06, Dana Bogaert Livengood '05, Emily Stillson High '09, Rachel Nicole Marley '09

Corinna Martinez, Adriana Lopez '08, Denise Lopez '11



"When Jessi decided to attend Saint Mary's, I was so excited – partially because it is my alma mater, but mostly because I knew that she would thrive here. This wonderful community embraced my daughter and encouraged her to challenge herself further than she had ever been challenged before," says Julie Schroeder-Biek '88, director of Athletics. Here she sits with daughter Jessica Biek '14, an elementary education major, after Commencement ceremonies.

Regina Catherine-Anne Mauck, Kathleen Welsh Raymond '78

Christa Elise McColl, Sheila Mortell Finan '82, Linda Mortell Bunda '73*, Elizabeth Mortell Dubenetzky '77, Morgan Marie McColl '10, Kayla Elizabeth McColl '12

Moir Anne McDonough, *Leslie Roberts McDonough* '82

Kristine Elise McInerney, Jody Matousek Padar '94

Bridget Anne McMillan, Anne-Marie Laboe '90, Renee Laboe Howard '89, Anne Froning Laboe '64, Marilyn Wolter Laboe '61

Kelsey Lauren Meert, Jillian Nicole Meert '13

Jean Marie Miller, *Kathleen Hesslau Miller* '85,

Sarah Paige Monte, *Jacquelyn Kinney Monte* '86, Ann Kinney O'Brien '78

Lauren Marie Murphy, Maureen Murphy Quill '85, Angela Leahy Esteve '88, Stephanie Ann Leahy Trujillo '91

Heather Lynn Mysak, *Patricia Carey Mysak* '77, Megan Ashley Carey '13, Rosemary Nye Carey '25*

Erin Marie Nanovic, Christine Nanovic McGuire '86

Sara Ann Napierkowski, *Jennifer Palm Napierkowski* '88, Melissa Palm Capobianco '92

Hannah Elizabeth Olsen, Emily Moriarty Lennon '00

Ellen Margaret Pernsteiner, *Kathleen Danahy Pernsteiner* '89, Marie Martha Flaherty '90, Jennifer Danahy Stewart '93

Kerry Ellen Puckett, *Deborah K. Lewis* '78

Kathleen Mary Pummill, Dana Pohlman Erbrecht '92, Kathleen Mary Pummill '12

Katherine Gibbons Roddy, *Mary Sweeney Roddy* '83

Samantha Nichole Romanski, Katherine Frances Romanski '07

Katherine Maire Russell, *Mary Pat Wilson Russell* '78, *Katherine Wilson Fahrenbach* '83, Margaret Mary Fahrenbach '13

Gabrielle Elyse Sanchez, Amanda Whitney Shropshire '07

Katherine Nelle Sanders, *Mary Ann Feldhaus Sanders* '81

Lillian Marie Scannell, Tara Louise Scannell '11

Kara Jane Schweitzer, *Donna Gambrell Schweitzer* '81

Jennifer Lauren Simaz, Carly Elizabeth Rundborg '08

Margaret Clare McKenna Sliney, *Molly McKenna Sliney* '76, Nancy McKenna Mize '71, Amy McKenna Greely '84

Ellen Clare Smith, *Claire Pedrolie Smith* '85

Liza Marie Soper, Breeyan Creevey Antongiovanni '02, Patricia Devine McCarthy '65*, Amy McCarthy Carney '91

Courtney Marie Stierwalt, Ann Stierwalt Gerry '82

Natalie Renee Stoerger, Lauren Stoerger Pluff '04

Devree Nichole Stopczynski, Ashley Rose Stopczynski '13

Kathleen Elizabeth Sullivan, Joan McDermott Sullivan '76

Helene Katherine Tarnacki, *Emily Tarnacki Nardozzi* '09

Emily Sarah Taylor, Amy Downs Latta '04

Grace Zupancic Urnkar, Susan Urnkar Rhodes '08

Mollie Kessell Valencia, *Colleen Cannon Valencia* '81, Cynthia Cannon '87, Casey K. Cannon '76, Margaret Kessell Cannon '50, Erin Colleen Valencia '11

Madeline Elisabeth Wilson, Katherine Wilson Fahrenbach '83, Mary Pat Wilson Russell '78, Joan Stanislaw Shanahan '76, Margaret Mary Fahrenbach '13, Molly Elizabeth Wilson '13

Alexandra Elaine Zahm, Mary Kathryn Zahm '10

Congratulations, CLASS OF 2014!

On May 17th, Saint Mary's held our 167th commencement on the Le Mans green. There are 273 members of the Class of 2014, representing 27 states and two countries other than the US (Bolivia and Peru).



“Remember that as we travel on our collective journeys, we will never be alone. We have nearly 280 sisters from the class of 2014 rooting us on, and the sisters of all the classes before us and all of the classes after us.”

— BRIANNE MICHAELS '14, *Valedictorian*
computational mathematics major



Judith Mayotte

Commencement HONOREES

Valedictorian



Valedictorian Brianne Michaels '14 is a computational mathematics graduate from Valparaiso, Ind. "I am truly honored to be named valedictorian and I am excited to have the opportunity to deliver my commencement speech to the fabulous Class of 2014," says Michaels. "I have gained life-long friends at Saint Mary's, which is just as valuable to me as the outstanding education I have received." Michaels will join Land O'Lakes, Inc., in Minneapolis as an information technology rotational analyst. She interned at Land O'Lakes in the summer of 2013 and the company honored her with the prestigious Intern Award for her outstanding performance and leadership.

Commencement Speaker



Commencement speaker Judith Mayotte is a humanitarian, professor, author, and Emmy Award-winning television producer. The College presented her with an honorary doctor of humanities degree. Mayotte has worked among and advocated on behalf of refugees and internally displaced civilians around the world. She has served on a number of boards, including: Refugees International, the Women's Refugee Commission (Chair), the Desmond Tutu Peace Foundation, the International Rescue Committee, Visionaries, and the Global Ethics and Religion Forum. In 1994 the Clinton Administration appointed her to the US Department of State's Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration as special adviser on refugee issues and policy. She has been recognized by numerous organizations, including the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation, which honored her with the Foundation's World Citizenship Award in 2009. Mayotte is also an Emmy and Peabody Award-winning television producer for her work on the documentary series "Portrait of America" and the author of *Disposable People? The Plight of Refugees* (Orbis Books).

President's Medal



As the daughter of an alumna but the mother of four sons, Sarah Belanger Earley '71 determined that her legacy would be her constant generosity and tireless enthusiasm for the College. She served in leadership positions in her Alumnae Club, worked on Reunion campaigns, hosted yield receptions in her home, and served as the president of the Alumnae Board. As chair of the College Relations Committee and one of the tri-chairs of the *Faith Always, Action Now* Capital Campaign, Sarah is known for her ability to explain and encourage philanthropy among her fellow trustees. Anyone will tell you it's hard to say no to Sarah Earley. She leads by example; she and her husband Tony initiated a major challenge match for the Angela Athletic Facility. For her exceptional contributions to the life of Saint Mary's College, Sarah was awarded the President's Medal.

Honorary Degree Recipient



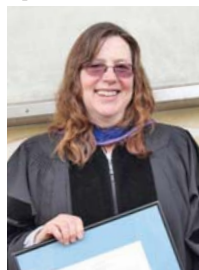
Chemist Helen Murray Free majored in chemistry in college and went on to have a 60-year career with Miles Laboratories (later Bayer Diagnostics) in Elkhart where she worked as a researcher, director, manager, and later as a consultant. She and her late husband, Alfred Free, a noted biochemist, together changed the face of medical diagnostics. They developed the first dip-and-read diagnostic test strips for monitoring glucose in urine. Today, the availability and low cost of dip-and-read strips make testing for diabetes, pregnancy, etc., available even in developing countries, saving or extending lives. Free holds seven patents and is the recipient of numerous awards including the American Chemical Society's Garvan Medal (1980), the National Medal of Technology and Innovation (2010), and the American Chemical Society's 66th National Historic Chemical Landmark designation (2010).

Outstanding Senior Award



Malea Schulte '14 received this year's Outstanding Senior Award from the Saint Mary's College Alumnae Association Board of Directors. A studio art major with a math minor, Malea served as the student trustee on the College Board of Trustees (2013-14) and as an administrative residence advisor in Holy Cross Hall. She was part of the Intercultural Leadership program, the Women's Choir, Bellacappella, Friends With Sisters, and has served in various Campus Ministry roles including as lector, lay presider, and cantor. Schulte has served as a student committee member and Spirituality Task Force member on the College Alumnae Board of Directors and in student government as her class vice president, on Sophomore Class Board, and as the Community Committee chair. She studied abroad in Rome and participated in a student trip to China.

Spes Unica Award



Julie Storme, professor of modern languages and interim associate dean of faculty, was honored with the Spes Unica Award. Storme has spent more than two decades helping Saint Mary's to become a more inclusive environment. She served as a member of the collaborative leadership team that established the Intercultural Studies Program and served two terms as the program's coordinator. Storme played a leading role in the development of the Introduction to Intercultural Studies course and co-chaired the design team for intercultural and international learning outcomes that eventually became part of the Sophia Program. She also played a leading role in the formation of the Teaching/Learning and Technology Roundtable, and was a member of the Strategic Plan Advisory Committee. Currently she serves as co-chair of the Accreditation Steering Committee. For the past year, she has served as interim associate dean of faculty.

Maria Pieta Award



This year's Maria Pieta Award honors religious studies professor Phyllis Kaminski in recognition of the quality of her teaching in courses for first-year students and sophomores. Her commitment to thoughtful discussion and to students learning from each other creates a classroom filled with lively dialogue, one where classmates begin as strangers and end as friends, according to the citation. One nominating student said of Kaminski, "[She] embodies the mission of Saint Mary's by encouraging her students to be critical thinkers, vocal leaders, and active participants in our Saint Mary's community." Kaminski has been with the College for 25 years.

Saint Catherine's Medal



Sarah Lipinski '15 was awarded the Saint Catherine's Medal for scholarship and service to the church, College, and civic organizations. Lipinski is a global studies major with concentrations in global business administration and international higher education administration. While studying abroad in Ireland, Lipinski and a small team of international students in an entrepreneurial course developed an award-winning ride-share smart phone application. Lipinski has worked as the Ireland Study Abroad Program assistant and conducted research on attitudes toward diversity in Ireland through the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership. Lipinski's paper on Irish feminism and the Catholic Church was selected for presentation at the Midwest American Academy of Religion Conference in April. She has served in Campus Ministry positions, Bellacappella, and as copy editor for the *Blue Mantle* in addition to volunteer work.

Lumen Christi Award



Galicia Guerrero '14 received the Lumen Christi Award in recognition of her excellent leadership and loyalty to Saint Mary's. She has been deeply involved with Campus Ministry during her time as a student. Guerrero has provided valuable input as a peer minister and has been a member of the Student Advisory Committee for the Belles Against Violence Office (BAVO). In her work with BAVO she has co-chaired the events and campaigns programming committee, facilitated workshops, overseen program planning, and has mentored other committee members. Guerrero served as a Resident Assistant for three years and is deeply committed to the well-being of students and the value of being a community of faith. The Lumen Christi Award is the highest award the College confers upon a student.



LEARN MORE

about our speakers and honorees, and view photos from this celebratory day at saintmarys.edu/commencement.

Our Avenue

Your Community, Your Connection

Stone-gated and tree-lined, The Avenue represents a connection to the College that is uniquely Saint Mary's. After Commencement 2014, our newest alumnae traveled The Avenue to begin the journey towards their aspirations and dreams. A few weeks later, The Avenue welcomed alumnae to campus for Reunion weekend. For all of us, The Avenue represents our connection to Saint Mary's and its community.

That connection goes virtual this summer with the introduction of **Our Avenue**, the new online community exclusively for Saint Mary's alumnae. **Our Avenue** takes us beyond the borders of campus and allows us to connect with alumnae based on geography, interests, and professions. It provides an opportunity to bring all that we love about The Avenue to us, wherever we are.

Our Avenue features an alumnae database searchable by geographic location, industry, and social interests. If you're moving to a new city, search for alumnae in that geographic area. If you're making a career change, search for fellow alumnae by industry. Like you, fellow alumnae are always happy to provide information, tips, or support – the true strength of the Saint Mary's connection.

Coinciding with the introduction of **Our Avenue**, the Alumnae Association web pages have a new look, providing College and alumnae news, mentoring opportunities, and pages for each Alumnae club for updates of activities and events, all in one place.

So, even though you've driven off The Avenue, you don't have to leave behind the connections to your fellow alumnae. Many alumnae have already signed up, but if you haven't, see the sidebar for step-by-step instructions. With **Our Avenue**, the friendships, networking, and class discussions find their way to you. We hope you will join us on the journey.

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"Our Avenue is going to be an amazing resource for all of our alumnae. It will provide them with a place that they can personally update their own information with the College, as well as, search for their classmates or find fellow Belles in their areas, all just by simply logging in." — SHAY JOLLY '05
Assistant Director of Alumnae Relations



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We look forward to connecting with you via Our Avenue. If you have any trouble, please contact the Office of Alumnae Relations at 574-284-4578 or alumnae@saintmarys.edu.



2014 REUNION

Saint Mary's graduates gathered in May for Reunion 2014. We enjoyed a full program of lectures and activities, as well as the reunion banquet and awards presentation. And, of course, we reveled in the opportunity to come "home" again and enjoy time on campus with our friends and sister Belles.



Photo 1: A trio of Belles: Bethany Huba '04 (right) celebrates her Reunion with her mom Mary Beth Crimmins Huba '71 (left) and her grandmother Rita Davis Crimmins '45. Photo 2: Andrea Arena Wade '98 (left) and Michelle Limb '96 (right) were among the three individuals (along with Janet Libbing Prendergast '92) and two teams inducted into the Athletics Hall of Fame this weekend. The 1975-76 and 1976-77 Belles basketball teams were also inducted. Photo 3: Friends from the Class of 1994 reunite.



CONGRATULATIONS

To the 2014 Award-Winning Classes!

1964 received the Class Participation Award, with 57 percent of the class making a gift to the College.

1969 received the Highest Class Gift to the College Award, raising over \$3,909,644 for Saint Mary's.

1969 received the Highest Class Gift to the Annual Fund Award, raising \$103,244 for the Annual Fund.

1969 and **1974** tied for the Mother Pauline Legacy Award, each documenting or contributing two planned gifts to the College this year.

2009 received the Young Alumnae Participation Award, with 37 percent of the class making a gift to the College.

Thanks to all the Reunion classes for their generosity!

Reunion 2014 Class Standings

Class of	Total Class Members	Annual Fund Gifts	Total Gifts & Pledges	% Participation
1944	43	\$11,870	\$266,870	28%
1949	112	\$4,025	\$5,370	19%
1954	108	\$9,257	\$16,822	35%
1959	188	\$11,239	\$36,678	34%
1964	225	\$7,255	\$241,285	57%
1969	339	\$103,244	\$3,909,644	41%
1974	405	\$102,870	\$531,731	42%
1979	437	\$59,890	\$354,625	40%
1984	425	\$46,815	\$56,213	35%
1989	409	\$51,978	\$101,148	33%
1994	337	\$28,351	\$29,651	26%
1999	318	\$19,645	\$30,370	36%
2004	361	\$13,137	\$15,607	33%
2009	322	\$7,058	\$8,612	37%
Total	4029	\$476,634	\$5,604,626	36%

2014 REUNION AWARDS



ALUMNA ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Mary Acker Klingenberger '79

The Alumna Achievement Award, given annually by the Alumnae Association of Saint Mary's College, honors an alumna who is outstanding in her personal and professional accomplishments and is a recognized leader in her field of endeavor. The honoree exemplifies the standards, ideals, and mission of the College in its commitment to the value of a Christian liberal arts education. This year's recipient is Mary Acker Klingenberger, Class of 1979. Mary is recognized for her fundraising innovations and her dedication to quality education for girls and young women.

Mary earned her master's of business administration from DePaul University and spent 27 years in the banking industry, culminating in her position as regional president of Harris Bank of Hinsdale. With her board experience, she was appointed the first director of gift planning at the Hinsdale Hospital Foundation, where she spearheaded the Foundation's gift planning efforts.

In 2013, Mary was appointed president of Mother McAuley High School, her alma mater and the largest all-girls Catholic high school in the country. Mary draws on her single-gender education experience to guide her in overseeing a rigorous academic program that challenges and prepares young women for lives of leadership and service.

As a past board member for Adventist Hinsdale Hospital, she was a key fundraiser for its digital mammography initiative, raising \$3.2 million dollars. She's also a past board member for Wellness House, a home offering support and resources for people living with cancer.

Formerly, she served on the board of Fenwick High School, where her sons attended, and currently serves on the board of King-Bruwaert House, a retirement house. She is a member of St. Isaac Joques parish in Hinsdale, Illinois.



OUTSTANDING YOUNG ALUMNA

Jill Moore Clouse '99

The Outstanding Young Alumna Award honors an alumna who, within 15 years of graduation, exhibits leadership not only in her personal and professional accomplishments, but also in her involvement with the Alumnae Association or the College directly. This year we honor Jill Moore Clouse, Class of 1999.

Jill is the career coach for Higher Education Administration and Policy master's students at Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management, providing career counsel to a diverse group of part-time MBA students. Jill has also started a new venture where she works one-on-one with clients on their specific career management needs through individualized coaching appointments.

Along with other alumnae, Jill revived the Chicago East alumnae club in 2000 and chaired the club's send-off event for several years. She was a member of the Alumnae Association Board of Directors for six years and served on the Reunion Gift Committee for all three of her reunions. She even chaired the committee for her 10-year reunion.

She is active in her church and volunteers with organizations such as Make a Wish and Feed My Starving Children. Even outside of organized volunteering, she extends her kindness and leadership to others. A family in Jill's community lost their six-year-old daughter to cancer. Jill organized an anonymous effort so that every week for a year, the family received a card or letter from friends and neighbors letting them know that they were loved.

Jill is an exemplary leader in her personal and professional life and in her relationship with the College.



DISTINGUISHED ALUMNA

Ann Korb '54

The Distinguished Alumna Award honors an alumna who exemplifies the standards, ideals, and mission of Saint Mary's College, and has distinguished herself through consistent support of Saint Mary's and ongoing work for the Alumnae Association. This year, we honor Ann Korb, Class of 1954.

A respected high school English teacher for the South Bend Community School Corporation for more than 30 years, Ann discovered the potential of hundreds of students at Central High School and LaSalle High School. She also taught as an adjunct English professor at Saint Mary's and served as publications editor for *Saint Mary's College Courier*.

Ann is a longtime member of the South Bend Alumnae Club and still serves as class reporter. She served eight years on the Alumnae Association Board of Directors and six years on the Madeleva Society Steering Committee. She has volunteered in service to Admission. She also currently mentors two Saint Mary's students.

Ann has served on the Scholarship Foundation of St. Joseph County Board since 1992. She has been chair/co-chair of the Newsletter committee since 2002 and has mentored a dozen students over the years through the Scholarship Foundation.

Ann served on the Parish Council at St. Patrick's Parish and is also a Eucharist Minister. She participates in Homebound Ministry, providing transportation to another minister who gives communion to the homebound. Ann has been a member of Christ Child Society since 1976 and was in charge of the Society's Annual Mass at Fatima Retreat Center.



Mary Deitle '34

Mary Cunningham Deitle '34, with granddaughter Rebecca Deitle McBride '99 (right) and niece Carey Patrick O'Neill '99, attended her 80th Reunion in June and is the College's oldest returning alumna. In the years since she graduated as an education major, she taught first grade, had six children, and four of her granddaughters graduated from Saint Mary's.

If we learn anything from Mary's 102 years, Rebecca says, "it is to learn to ride the crazy wave of life, find ways to rise up and embrace the challenges, to find joy and community in every season of our lives, and to always have faith. Exercise regularly, and, as my grandmother would say, 'don't hold back on the chocolate.'"



HUMANITAS AWARD

Mary Kay Brady Turner '64

The Humanitas Award honors an alumna whose dedication and compassion have helped make the world a better place. This year we recognize Mary Kay Brady Turner, Class of 1964 for her lifelong service in literacy, education for women and families, and her unwavering commitment to people in need around the world.

In 2003, Mary Kay cofounded Holy Land Christians Society (HLCS) and serves as its president. HLCS is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting peace and assisting residents of the Holy Land.

In 1977, Mary Kay cofounded the Teton Learning Center, a preschool educational program. The next year, Mary Kay helped establish a five-county regional mental health center in northwest Wyoming, a rural delivery system offering counseling services for individuals and families suffering with substance abuse or emotional issues. In 1980, she cofounded Summit High School, an alternative high school in Jackson for students who did not thrive in the traditional high school setting.

In 1989, she was asked to join the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Service (DACOWITS), a committee of civilian men and women appointed by the Secretary of Defense to provide advice and recommendations on policies concerning women in the Armed Services.

Mary Kay also serves on the Board of Directors for Interconnections 21, a group that welcomes visitors from around the world to learn about American culture, government, and business. She is also director of religious education for youth and teens at her parish, Our Lady of the Mountains.

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LEGACY OF GIVING BEGAN IN A CLASSROOM

An organic chemistry lecture during her sophomore year first inspired Maura Nugent Bardsley '77 to give back to Saint Mary's. "Professor Dorothy Feigl mentioned how each of us, when we left here, had a responsibility to support those who follow," recalls Maura, now a longtime Madeleva Society member. "She reminded us that we had the opportunities we did because our predecessors gave. At that point I made a personal commitment to support Saint Mary's after graduation."

This brief lesson in philanthropy is one that Maura passed on to her daughter, Colleen Bardsley '10. Saint Mary's close-knit community helped Colleen, now a teacher, discover herself as she pursued her dreams. "I transformed from a shy, unsure 18-year-old into a confident and well-rounded woman," she says.

After graduation Colleen followed her parents' philanthropic example and is now a member of the Young Madeleva Society. "So much of what I love about Saint Mary's would not have been possible without the generosity of people before me," she says. "I would never want a woman going to Saint Mary's to have any less of an experience than I did. Being a part of the Young Madeleva Society seems like just one small way I can give back to the place I called home for four years, the place I love and miss so dearly every day."



Maura Nugent Bardsley '77 and her daughter Colleen Bardsley '10



Professor Dorothy Feigl

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THE ANNUAL FUND

The Annual Fund is built upon the belief that when many people work together toward a common goal, remarkable things happen. When donors renew their gifts each year, they provide a stable and reliable resource for the day-to-day work of the College. Each Annual Fund gift is immediately available to support students, professors, and programs.

"I give each year to preserve Saint Mary's for future generations of women. This year I told my daughters Meghan '13 and Brigid '17 to give what they could, and they did. That's what our alumnae need to know: It doesn't matter how much they give, it matters that they give."
—Julie Wagner Feasel '89



Julie Wagner Feasel '89 and her daughter Meghan '13

"The history of Saint Mary's and the lives of its graduates have often challenged society's expectations. We must do so again. Women's philanthropy very often takes a back seat. It can do so no longer. With this campaign, we must change that landscape. Our investment in the College will signal how much Saint Mary's means to us and what it can one day mean to so many thousands more." — President Carol Mooney



The B.O.L.D. steering committee meets on campus annually to plan initiatives, which have included alwaysbelles.tumblr.com, programs for new graduates, events for young alumnae, and online giving campaigns.

BELLES OF THE LAST DECADE

The College recently granted a special name to all Saint Mary's alumnae who graduated in the last decade. The name is B.O.L.D.—Belles Of the Last Decade. The purpose for creating B.O.L.D. is to engage and serve Saint Mary's graduates of the past ten years, to foster a lifelong connection between the College and its alumnae, and to support the overall advancement of the College while instilling a culture of faithful annual giving.

An inaugural steering committee was appointed in 2013 to represent Belles of the Last Decade. The committee serves as a liaison between the College and this decade of alumnae. Committee co-chairs are Elizabeth McKevitt Knollman '08 and Kathryn Treder '07.

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Marriages

Ann Rockenstein McGeary Hunt '65 and Mike, August 11, 2012.

Carol J. Trousdale '80 and Kristina Cole Garrett, November 2, 2013.

Cristina Coscarelli James '94 and Scott, June 18, 2011.

Catherine Ronan Macdonald '98 and Michael Theiler, October 6, 2012.

Elizabeth Flood Waddell '98 and Ryan, May 18, 2013.

Aimee Ellis Dillon '99 and Chris, December 9, 2006.

Terasa Morris Giovannucci '99 and Roberto, September 15, 2012.

Amber Adkinson Ruszkowski '03 and Steve, October 5, 2013.

Erin Pilecki Vega '03 and Damian, March 1, 2014.

Allison Scarnecchia Acerra '04 and Zachary, August 3, 2012.

Stephanie Simmons Kanaval '04 and Joe, December 7, 2013.

Elizabeth Hanlon Sands '04 and Clayton, May 5, 2012.

Meaghan Blake Woodward '04 and William, October 4, 2013.

Natalie Bailey Bednark '05 and James, February 8, 2014.

Lindsey Brazys Pianowski '05 and Eric, December 14, 2013.

Vanessa Bejec Silverio '05 and Patrick, July 13, 2013.

Christina Schmidl Weller '05 and Michael, August 17, 2013.

Allison Nichols Hogan '06 and Dan, September 3, 2011.

Jillian Pietrzak Laubacher '07 and Brett, June 15, 2013.

Lisa Anderson Herpy '09 and Jonathan, June 9, 2012.

Allison Buddie McDonald '09 and Stu, May 24, 2013.

Molly Dilorio Panzica '09 and Craig, June 16, 2012.

Sarah Voss Reed '09 and Brennan, September 21, 2013.

Nicole Benninghoff Sponseller '09 and Casey, September 14, 2013.

Calli Davison Versagli '09 and Vinny, August 17, 2013.

Sarah Foley Kurup '11 and Varun, December 28, 2013.

Cecilia Witous Hess '12 and Patrick, October 12, 2013.

Shannon Whelan Rusch '12 and Stephen, October 26, 2013.

Lauren Toth Vassar '12 and Ryan, February 1, 2014.

Births & Adoptions

Alysann Sieren Johnson '92 and Carl: Katerina Brookbanks, February 28, 2014.

Cristina Coscarelli James '94 and Scott: Gracie Rose, October 27, 2012.

Jill Hotek Lewis '94 and George: Charles Martin, January 10, 2012.

Lara Mattison Bauman '95 and Brent: Ian Frederick, February 6, 2014.

Meredith Dodge Melinder '95 and Jeff: Britta Mary, January 21, 2014.

Tara Krull Poteraj '95 and Matt: John Alexander, October 10, 2013.

Katie Northup Smith '95 and Brooken: Lucy Anne, October 23, 2013.

Genevieve Clare Morrill '98 and Nathan Kay: Roland Edward, February 17, 2014.

Jennifer Schreck Solloway '98 and Jay: William Robert, June 18, 2013.

Aimee Ellis Dillon '99 and Chris: Sawyer James, November 17, 2010.

Jacqueline V. Ader-Grob '00 and Frederick Grob: Luke Joseph, February 5, 2014.

Autumn Palacz Andronis '01 and Peter: Ashley Faith, May 14, 2013.

Christine Diana Crissman '01 and Eric: Ashley and Mason, January 30, 2014.

Kara DeDecker Monson '01 and Eric: Mia Grace, December 24, 2013.

Jessica Claes Mumaw '01 and Ben: Vivian Mae, January 16, 2014.

Sharon Desautels Prisco '01 and Charlie: Daniel, March 6, 2013.

Brigid Phelan Smith '01 and Jason: Margaret Clare, October 22, 2013.

Katherine Theresa Best '03 and Joe Genzel: Donald Bucky, November 1, 2013.

Mariateresa Moreno Calabrese '03 and Jeff: Isabella Eliosa, October 16, 2013.

Corrine Negrelli Carlson '03 and Doug: Nathaniel David, March 16, 2014.

Kari Larkin Espel '03 and Patrick: Claire Marie, March 10, 2014.

Nellie Williams Gould '03 and Dave: Margaret Rose, January 4, 2014.

Jocelyn Bilas Gruver '03 and Scott: Benjamin James, November 27, 2013.

Candace McElligott Johnson '03 and Eric: Brooks Joseph, January 27, 2014.

Janelle Koop Keller '03 and Joseph: Henry Thomas, January 6, 2014.

Deanne Czajkowski McKenna '03 and Douglas: Shane William, November 5, 2013.

Lianne Elayne Wojnarowicz Mink '03 and Brian: Sloan Evangeline, December 31, 2013.

Kathryn Hoover Ryan '03 and Nick: Daniel Avett, September 16, 2013.

Rachael Benkert Wenzl '03 and Tom: Luke Aidan, December 7, 2013.

Elizabeth Hanlon Sands '04 and Clayton: Madeline Elizabeth, February 2, 2013.

Jennifer Wojan Whitson '04 and Adam: Connor, May 8, 2013.

Ellice Gregg Bedel '05 and Mike: Sophia Marie, August 9, 2013.

Sarah Harward Haywood '05 and Chris: Michael Dominic, October 31, 2013.

Jillian Rolewicz Mulligan '05 and Matt: Thomas Jay, March 21, 2013.

Elena Bartzan Piraino '05 and Patrizio: Marco Peter, August 26, 2013.

Kathleen Borg Rendahl '05 and Nick: Joseph Richard, September 17, 2013.

Lisa Walton Roelle '05 and Ethan: Tucker, December 20, 2013.

Tosha Smith Ruggles '05 and Scott: Connor John, May 1, 2013.

Teresa Stone Thomas '05 and Aaron: Owen Gilbert, March 26, 2014.

Ashley Lalonde Voller '05 and Brad: Pierce Lachlan, February 20, 2014.

Mary Allen White '05 and Bryan: Alanya Sue, March 20, 2014.

Kristin McIntyre Winchell '05 and Mark: Emmaline Rose, December 18, 2013.

Rebecca Feauto La Liberte '06 and Jake: James Joseph, November 18, 2013.

Kelley Davey Brechting '08 and Patrick: Declan Davey, February 21, 2013.

Caitlin McGee Lakdawala '08 and Jeff: Liam James, November 2, 2013.

Erin Hogan Liebenauer '08 and Karl: Clare Elizabeth, January 26, 2014.

Jenn McLean Morgan '08 and Ryan: Camden James, February 12, 2014.

Valerie Pekofske Smetana '08 and Mike: Evelyn Florence, March 20, 2013.

Emma Moore Wendt '08 and Steve: Sloan Kindrick, February 11, 2014.

Margaret Rippinger Ensing '09 and Andrew: James Christiaan, October 12, 2013.

Jillian Swan LaCross '09 and Matthew: Theodore Warren, July 15, 2013.

Patricia Daly Borg '10 and Brian: John Richard, October 8, 2013.

Mia Van Nostrand Gorrell '11 and Alex: Harper Elizabeth, January 5, 2014.

Jessica Schott Lezynski '11 and Nick: Sloane O'Brien, March 9, 2014.

Alison Chudzinski Miller '11 and Kyle: Nora Danielle, March 12, 2014.

Tyler Hernandez Lopez '13 and David: Giovanni, February 27, 2014.

Alumnae Deaths

Helen Paulson Kolouch '38, February 13, 2013.

Isabel Van Huffel Dray '39, sister of Evelyn Van Huffel Reese Lawlor '45, aunt of Mary Guarnieri Carson '57, Marilyn Van Huffel Callahan '63, Mary Dray Fouts '63, Carolyn Van Huffel Gold '63, and Kareen Reese Klier '69, February 24, 2014.

Katherine McSwigan Matthews '39, February 22, 2013.

Madelon Burcham Hill '40, March 25, 2014.

Mary Griffin Schwaba '41, March 31, 2013.

Patricia Rogers Tyrrell '42, March 30, 2014.

Jeanne Ransberger Warren '44, March 17, 2014.

Ruth Ray Bremner, '45, January 23, 2014.

Sister Mary of God Kain, OP '47, August 23, 2013.

Mary Felicia Schroeder Dickman '48, March 28, 2013.

Jean Wasoff Riddle '48, February 23, 2013.

Nancy Kurtz Arkwright '49, aunt of Nancy Arkwright '73, April 11, 2012.

Louise McGlynn Bender '49, mother of Margaret Bender Bernard '82 and Mary Claire Bender-Arteaga '85, cousin of Jane Hormberg '39, Kathleen McGlynn Maloney '76, Margaret McGlynn Harmon '80, and Dorothy McGlynn Rathgeber '83, February 22, 2014.

Mary Bonnot Dutton '49, January 26, 1996.

Sister M. Mercedes Eisenman, RSM '49, September 4, 2010.

Patricia Enz Euchner '49, August 24, 2013.

Patricia Mercer Flinn '49, January 12, 2013.

Paula Barthell Friday '49, November 10, 2012.

Virginia Lindquist Manion '49, August 10, 2012.

Sister Paul Joseph McArdle, IHM '49, February 15, 1975.

Mary Horning Mrozek '49, August 2, 2010.

Rose Riley Sheehan '51, March 5, 2014.

Marie Balfe Richardson '52, mother of Margaret Ann Richardson '86, sister of Eileen Balfe Harrigan '49 and Margaret M. Balfe '57, aunt of M. Colleen Harrigan '83, March 12, 2014.

Jane Munsterman Cornell '53, March 3, 2008.

Martha Daschbach Dougherty '53, sister of Gretchen Daschbach Shilts '56, aunt of Emily Daschbach Culliney '00, February 27, 2014.

Joan Malia Dobrotka '54, February 6, 2014.

Louise Hall Miller '55, sister of Joanna Hall Edgerly '60, November 24, 2013.

Susan Lochtefeld Crecca '56, November 29, 2013.

Jeanne Parker Wiles '57, April 4, 2014.

Rosemary T. Andrew '58, sister of Maureen Andrew Latimer '64, March 21, 2014.

Jeanne Mavigliano Conley '59, February 16, 2014.

Helen Kalin Klanderud '59, October 3, 2013.

Gaeney Ryan Pellow '67, April 11, 2014.

Sandra Wulle Dwyer '69, February 22, 2014.

June Locke '69, April 11, 2014.

Jane Connor Hale '70, March 17, 2014.

Carol McGuire Kennedy '72, February 26, 2014.

Lois C. Jamieson '73, December 23, 2012.

RoxAnne L. Rochester '83, cousin of Mary Beth O'Brien Euker '81, April 12, 2014.

Marissa Lauren Stevens '09, February 10, 2014.

Family Deaths

John J. Barnes, father of Kathleen Barnes Bishop '77, December 25, 2013.

Bridget Barnicle, mother of Nora B. Barnicle '83, April 28, 2014.

Edward Francis Bradley, father-in-law of Heidi Heminger Bradley '90, March 22, 2014.

Abdon "Abby" Bray, brother of Loretto Jo Brazaitis Ebert '52, uncle of Elizabeth Ebert Ballack '85, March 3, 2014.

Francis Brown, husband of Mary Anne Wessels Brown '48, December 7, 2010.

Harry Buch, husband of Patricia Griffith Buch '58, father of Annie Buch Hawkins '89 and Christine Marie Buch '96, October 12, 2013.

Marie Bussing, mother of Ellen E. Bussing '79, December 11, 2013.

Sean Robert Cannon, brother of Monica C. Cannon-Meeker '03, October 25, 2013.

Victor DeFiori, husband of Dorothy Garcia DeFiori '52, June 8, 2013.

Florence DelPrete, mother of Desiree DelPrete Misciagna '89, mother-in-law of Lisa Marie Van Paemel DelPrete '85, March 24, 2014.

Mary Derksen, mother of Karen Derksen Weber '92, April 28, 2014.

Victoria Dettmann, mother of Jessica Dettmann Hinners '99, December 6, 2012.

Mary Dolan, sister of Juliet Dittoe Schmidlin '57, December 29, 2013.

Goldie Domonkos, grandmother of Renae Wozniak Frigo '96 and Amanda Wozniak Hirsch '98, March 2, 2014.

John Kevin Doyle, husband of Jane Bates Doyle '70, June 21, 2012.

Margaret Quinn Dwyer, mother of Natalie Dwyer Haller '74, January 17, 2014.

Mary Alison Ebert, daughter of Loretto Jo Brazaitis Ebert '52, sister of Elizabeth Ebert Ballack '85, March 24, 2014.

Richard Fastiggi, husband of Patricia Wilson Fastiggi '59, May 1, 2014.

William Finn, father of Hedy Finn Holleran '93 and Mary Finn Palermo '09, April 12, 2014.

Thomas Flanagan, grandfather of Brittany N. Flanagan '12, March 26, 2014.

Norman Foster, husband of Anne Miller Foster '61, June 2, 2013.

Thomas Galligan, Jr., father of Kathleen M. Galligan '82 and Maureen E. Galligan '85, January 9, 2013.

Arch Gott, father of Christine Gott Dickemper '68, March 14, 2014.

Joseph Martin Green, husband of Margaret Woodin Green '63, father of Sherry Green Anonetti '88, March 5, 2014.

Kevin Daniel "Otis" Green, son of Margie Kersten '87, grandson of Mary Harding Green '61, nephew of Anne Kersten '72, Kelly Green Brenholt '93, and Erin Green Ptacek '94, June 15, 2013.

Craig Hambidge, father of Mary Hambidge Haggard '67, grandfather of Julia Malone Hum '07, January 30, 2014.

Joseph Hennessy, father of Catherine Hennessy Price '93, March 9, 2014.

Carl Houck, husband of Joan Marks Houck '64, March 13, 2014.

Daniel Houlihan, father of Kathleen Alice Houlihan '91, November 13, 2013.

Michael Howlett, son of Helen Geary Howlett '43, father of Elizabeth Howlett Bogie '93, March 16, 2014.

Andrew Husser, father of Andrea Husser Little '76, April 3, 2013.

Jeanne Husser, mother of Andrea Husser Little '76, October 5, 2013.

Daniel Kleiman, stepson of Georgianna Stuart Kleiman '61, June 23, 2013.

Josef Kolling, brother of Christina Kolling Carlson '11, February 22, 2014.

George Kordsmeier, father of Sharon Kordsmeier Dillane '80, December 11, 2012.

John "Kris" Kringel, husband of Elizabeth Naes Kringel '66, January 22, 2014.

Eugene Kwas, father of Anne Kwas Gentuso '74, November 16, 2012.

Robert Leonard, brother of Ann Leonard Molenda '58, uncle of Mary Catherine Willson Voelker '81 and Ellen Willson Hoover '90, cousin of Anne Clifford Petach '56 and Caroline McNeive Monahan '91, great uncle of Morgan Elizabeth Bedan '13, February 23, 2014.

Lorain Lungren, mother of Christine Jule Lungren-Maddalone '70, Loretta Lungren Vestermark '72 and Elizabeth Jane Lungren '81, November 27, 2013.

Aletha Mattes, mother of Sharon Mattes Bacon '62, August 5, 2013.

Michael Maude, father of Susan Patricia Maude '77, March 20, 2014.

Harry McClure, father of Kathleen McClure Polak '86, November 19, 2010.

Mary Elizabeth Bryant McCrary, mother of Missy McCrary Gray '72, March 12, 2014.

Catherine McKeivitt, grandmother of Elizabeth McKeivitt Knollman '08 and Mary Colleen McKeivitt '11, February 19, 2014.

George Polales, father of Kathleen Polales Hickey '79, March 2, 2014.

Thomas Prosser, husband of Georgia Sechowski Prosser '56, March 21, 2013.

Gerald Rauenhorst, father of Judith Rauenhorst Doerr '74, grandfather of Anne Mahoney Deanovic '05, April 24, 2014.

Robert Riley, husband of Susan Caron Riley '49, February 20, 2014.

Richard Rochester, father of RoxAnne L. Rochester '83, January 28, 2014.

Charles Scheckel, father of Sharon Scheckel Madigan '80, March 28, 2014.

Estelle Broussard Schlueter, mother of Virginia Schlueter Jones '68, October 16, 2012.

Richard Snyder, father of Stacey Snyder Verbeek '87, July 9, 2013.

Aileen Strotman, mother of Mary Ann Strotman '75, March 6, 2014.

John M. Sullivan, father of Mary A. Sullivan '81, December 18, 2000.

Edward K. Touhy, father-in-law of Mary Pat Callanan Touhy '86, February 15, 2014.

Annabelle VanGilder, mother of Sandra A. VanGilder '76 and Jane VanGilder Vosters '83, March 10, 2014.

Betty West, mother of Kathleen Eli '66, February 9, 2014.

Susan Wolfe and Sarah Wolfe, sisters of Christy Elsie Wolfe '89, cousins of Erin McGarry Hardison '02, February 7, 2014.

John Zaremski, father of Mary Zaremski Kealy '70, February 2, 2014.

Chicago East



Through the Meals from the Heart program, Chicago East alumnae had the opportunity to help out at the Ronald McDonald House near Lurie Children's Hospital in March.

The Chicago East Club had quite an active spring and summer! 2014 has been our busiest year with lots of events and service opportunities. The Club even created a very popular t-shirt to help raise scholarship funds. The shirt was a nod to the city of Chicago and Saint Mary's.

On March 14th the Chicago East Club held a new service opportunity at the Ronald McDonald House near Lurie Children's Hospital. Through the Meals from the Heart program, the club hosted dinner. It was a wonderful event and the Home's families enjoyed a pita bar complete with falafel, chicken, pita, hummus, toppings, and fruit kabobs. You can see in the photo the lovely Belles who volunteered with us.

Our quarterly Happy Hour was a huge success! Chicago East partnered with Belles of the Last Decade (B.O.L.D.) and held a joint Happy Hour at Theory on April 24th. The Happy Hour coincided with the 24-hour donor challenge, so we had iPads floating around for everyone to donate and reach the 1,500 donor goal! Belles also enjoyed drink and appetizers.

Spring Tea was held on Sunday, June 8th. Our hostess, Ann Bettendorf Freeman '88 held the tea at her country club in Wilmette. Guests were treated to an assortment of teas, finger sandwiches, scones, and other baked goods, all while engaging in wonderful conversation and bidding on our marvelous silent auction items. We would like to thank all who donated and attended the event.

Our First Year Send Off was set up by Hannah Hupp '12. Hannah had some amazing ideas for the sendoff, and made sure everything went smoothly! We see a bright future for the class of 2018. Good luck, Belles.

Chicago East had some new chair positions filled. We would like to welcome Hannah Hupp '12 as our new sendoff committee chair and Meaghan Veselik Klump '11 as our new service chair. Both ladies have hit the ground running with their new positions and we are so happy to have them on our team!

We would also like to thank this year's board members President Kelly Zenere '11, Vice President Maureen Barrett '06, Treasurer Camille Esmacher '06, and Secretary Sara Crandall '11 for their time and dedication to the club. We are all really excited to see what you have planned next!

Interested in becoming a member or taking on a leadership role? Want to receive our newsletter or attend a monthly board meeting? Need more

information about our monthly events? Please send your inquiries to our general club email address: smcchicagoeast@gmail.com.

Chicago West

2014 is speeding by so it's time to join your Chicago West alumnae club for an upcoming event! We always like to see new faces at our monthly book club meetings where we have discussion leaders and spend plenty of time socializing. They happen the last Thursday of every month. Check out our website for upcoming meeting locations and books. In June we took our second annual Day at the Park trip to Cantigny Park in Wheaton.

Have you joined our club? Check out our website for more information and to receive emails. This summer we'll host our annual student send off to connect alumnae with incoming students. And we're planning another wine tasting for the club's Founders' Day event this fall. If you'd like to participate or help out, please contact Meaghan Barrett Grimes '94 at joe-meaghan.grimes@sbcglobal.net.

For additional club contact information, please contact Alison Spohn Kavulich '93 at irishannie93@yahoo.com.

Cleveland

The Cleveland/Akron Alumna Club held its annual meeting at the home of Cheri Petride Miller '79 in Brecksville on May 15.

The meeting was held in the interest of reorganizing the Club. Alumnae attended with innovative ideas in the hope of getting more alumnae involved. We encourage all alumnae to attend our many planned future events. We look forward to re-connecting with old friends and meeting new ones. If anyone missed the meeting and wishes to submit ideas, please do so at smcosu@earthlink.net.

Dayton

The Saint Mary's Alumnae Club of Dayton hosted Book Club on April 10 at the Panera at Town & Country in Kettering and discussed *Mrs. Dalloway*, the One Book One Saint Mary's selection for this year, as well as other issues concerning the club. We were joined by the Notre Dame Club for a community service project landscaping at St. Vincent de Paul in June. The club will also join the Notre Dame Club to host a send off for incoming freshmen in August.

Detroit



On April 26 the Detroit Alumnae Club accepted the award for the 2013-2014 Club of the Year! Caitlin Cunningham '10, Kymberly Andren '04, Claire Kenney '10, Maureen Sullivan '55, Joan Reddy '56, Jessica Hoeck '88, Julie Fries '52, Sally Teppert '58, Julie Stackpoole '63, Kerri Koellner '93, Lurray Pfister Bell '63, Chrissy Forrester '93, and Harriett Cronin '68

gathered at The Franklin Grill in Franklin, Mich., as Shari Rodriguez, vice president for College Relations, honored us with this award. We are very thankful to the Alumnae Association Board of Directors for selecting us. This Club is a success because of the attendance, suggestions, and contributions of every alumna!

Houston

The Houston club would like to welcome all our new graduates from the class of 2014 and any other alumnae who are new to the area. We are always looking for help planning club events. If you'd like to get involved, please email us at HoustonSMC@gmail.com!

Los Angeles

Congrats to the Class of 2014!

Visit saintmarysLAclub.com to find upcoming LA Club event information, membership, and contact information. Follow the LA Club on Facebook (Saint Mary's College Los Angeles Club). Also, follow LA Belles of the Last Decade (Saint Mary's Los Angeles Club - Young Alumnae) for B.O.L.D. news and events!

If you are new to the area, want to join the Club, or to get involved, send an email to: saintmarysLAclub@gmail.com. If you want to help organize activities or events in Orange County, please contact: Katy K. Penna '88 at: katy.penna@cox.net.

Don't forget to pay your 2014 Club Dues.

The southern California Saint Mary's College Founders' Day Celebration will be held on Sunday, October 26, 2014, at the Long Beach Yacht Club.

North New Jersey

Watch for upcoming e-news regarding our incoming first-year student send off this summer! It's an opportunity for us alumnae to get together and rally behind these stellar young women as they begin their college years as a Belle. Mark your calendar: Saint Mary's Women's Choir is coming to Carnegie Hall Thanksgiving Weekend! More info to come. If you're not receiving our email updates, please forward your email contact information and \$25 annual dues to:

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New York City

If you are interested in the most up-to-date information regarding our club and events, please find us on Facebook: "Saint Mary's College Alumnae Club of NYC."

Philadelphia

The Philadelphia Alumnae Club is seeking new leadership. If you would like to get involved in planning events for the club, please contact Bridget Labutta '00 at bridgetlabutta@hotmail.com.

San Diego

The Saint Mary's Club of San Diego has had a very busy 2014. As usual, our enthusiastic alums eagerly participated in our Club activities. On February 8, Peggy Battle Burns '81 and her husband Chris (ND '81) hosted a fabulous evening, dedicated to fundraising for our Club's Scholarship Program. The Burns' beautiful Poway home was the setting for "Wines Around the World." A large group of alums, and their significant others and friends, enjoyed delicious appetizers, an array

of wines from Italy, France, Australia, and New Zealand, and a delicious beef tenderloin dinner. Jen Wagner '05 and Sandy Parry Kesser '07 coordinated a great silent auction that raised a significant amount for the scholarship program. There were many items up for auction, including movie and spa baskets as well as the newest Nokia cell phone, and a framed autographed photo of Joe Montana from the ND 1977 National Championship game. Bidding was enthusiastic and the "winners" so excited to take home such great prizes. Thanks to Peggy and Chris for hosting such a fun evening!

The San Diego community also benefits from our dedicated alums. Jodie Spanos '04 chaired the Junior League of San Diego Food and Wine festival in lovely La Jolla Cove on May 3. The theme of the festival was A Kentucky Derby Celebration and it featured food and wine provided by many of San Diego's best chefs and sommeliers. The good work of San Diego's Junior League supports helping older foster youth who are

transitioning out of the foster care system and into independent life. Good food and a silent auction in a gorgeous setting made for a very successful event.

And our Book Club, coordinated by Lynn Dargis Ambrose '52, continues to meet monthly. A recent meeting was hosted by Martha Hartwich '01, where the alums had a lively discussion of *The Paris Wife*, by Paula McClain. The Book Club meets monthly. If you are a reader, or just want to get together with your fellow San Diego alums for lively discussion and lots of laughs, please contact Lynn at maambrose@sbcglobal.net. New members are always welcome.

As we transition into summer in this beautiful city of sunshine and smiles, we are so grateful to have our Saint Mary's connection. Our alums are warm and lovely and always eager for a celebration. If you are new to San Diego or ready to jump on board, please contact Sandy Parry Kesser '07 at sandyparry@yahoo.com, or Barb Drossel McKnight '77 at barb.mcknight@gmail.com.

Excelsior

AIMEE BECKMANN-COLLIER '75 was the recipient of the 2014 Weston H. Noble Lifetime Achievement Award. This award was established by the American Choral Directors Association North Central Division in 1994 to recognize outstanding contributions to the choral arts. Beckman-Collier is professor of conducting and director of choral studies at Drake University where she has taught since 1989. She has twice conducted in Carnegie Hall and conducted in Avery Fisher Hall in Lincoln Center this May.

ELIZABETH BUHR '87 was named the 2014 Colorado Art Educator of the Year by the National Art Education Association. This award honors an outstanding member from each state or province association whose service and contribution to art education merits recognition and acclaim. NAEA president Dennis Inhulsen stated, "Elizabeth Buhr exemplifies the highly qualified art educators active in education today who give their best to their students and the profession."

SISTER GENEAL KRAMER '50 was awarded the 2014 *Lumen Ecclesiae* Award by the Dominican Ecclesial Institute (D+E+I) Board of Directors. A Dominican Sister of Adrian, Mich., Sister Kramer's life and works are dedicated to adult faith formation from Africa to Albuquerque, and in between. She came to Albuquerque in 1998 and was immediately tapped to teach for D+E+I. Her interest in adult Christian development began as a young religious when she was trained as a spiritual director in the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. She then spent a year in Rome studying the documents, instructed by men serving as periti for the bishops. Upon returning to the US she educated religion teachers of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati on the documents. Sister Kramer has completed her master's degree in theology at Mt. St. Mary Seminary of the West and her doctor of ministry degree at McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago.

BECCA SULLIVAN HARY '94 was awarded the Presidents' Award from McDonald's Corporation. Hary is currently the director in global media relations for the Oak Brook, Illinois-based company. The Presidents' Award recognizes the outstanding achievements of the top one percent of global staff employees and celebrates individuals who exemplify McDonald's values and continuously contribute to McDonald's success.

KATHLEEN "KATHY" MALONE BEELER '69 was named the primary speaker at the Holy Cross College commencement ceremony on May 10, 2014. Beeler is extensively involved in volunteer work in the arts, education, healthcare, and Catholic ministry. A former chairman of the board of Beeler Industries of Elkhart, Beeler is currently a member of the Holy Cross College Board of Trustees.

ANGELA KELVER HALL '97 and **JULIE DYAN PHILLIPS '97** have been chosen as members of the "40 Under 40" class of 2014. The Michiana Forty Under 40 program is a collaborative effort to recognize and honor 40 young professionals under the age of 40 for their contribution and accomplishments in both their workplace and community.



Members of the San Diego Club got together for their annual fundraiser for their Club Scholarship Program. This year's theme: "Wines Around the World." Members pictured include: Peggy Battle Burns '81, Jen Turbiak Carroll '97, Martha Hartwich '01, Jen Wagner '05, Sandy Parry Kesser '07, Kathleen Hossley Hines '59, Lynn Dargis Ambrose '52, Mary Jean Paxton '52, Anne Mikos Kassman '84, Emily Olsen '91, Amanda Myers Babin '01, Mary Jean Wallace Paxton '52.

South Bend

The South Bend Alumnae Club has had a busy spring! Over \$1000 was raised for the South Bend Alumnae Club Scholarship with direct donations from members and community participation in "Belles Trivia Night" held in February. The scholarship goes to South Bend area women attending the College. In April, the club assisted local charity Hannah and Friends in sponsoring their Community Carnival. Upcoming events include a U Can Paint '2 event, where attendees will create oil paintings of campus scenes, and the annual club picnic. We look forward to sponsoring the annual freshman send off in August, and celebrating Founder's Day in October.

We are recruiting new board members for the 2014-2015 board! Please contact current club president Jennifer Urgonski Keck '04, at jennifermkeck@hotmail.com for details.

Toledo

The Saint Mary's Club of Toledo met for our annual dinner on Monday, March 24th at a local restaurant. All who attended the dinner had a great time sharing stories from Saint Mary's. We look forward to our Send Off in the fall for the new incoming Saint Mary's students.

Twin Cities

The Twin Cities Club is seeking a new leadership team. If you would like to get involved in planning events for the club, please contact Kelly Roles '92 at kellyroles@comcast.net.

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This issue of *Courier* is sent over recollections of a long, tiresome winter and happily past history. Christmas letters helped in good measure to lessen cabin fever when I couldn't leave my house for two months after a serious fall on the ice and was limited in volunteer efforts to clipping manufacturer's coupons for military families overseas. However, with prayers and family close by I'm again able to be out and about.

In her letter **Mary Ellen Molony Brady** mentioned the luck of finding parking places at popular spots in Morgantown when the University of West Virginia is on holiday. She spent Christmas with her daughter Mary Clare and Laura. Laura and her husband are professors in the English Department at UWV. **Rita Moliski Goth** hosted 25 family members at Thanksgiving in 2013 and helped to have the same number or more for the Christmas holidays. Her family made seasonal job changes and moved in the year, but she wrote of being very thankful that they are active and of sound mind — able to go to Church, shop for groceries and get to the beauty parlor. **Mary Ruth McGee Dorsher's** letter said that for her 85th birthday, her family planted a dogwood tree on the Saint Mary's campus near one honoring her mother and father.

Terry Kelty Strudeman celebrated her 85th birthday with an exhibit of watercolors at the Holy Land. Then she went on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and walked on a spiritual journey in Jerusalem and Galilee. Before returning to Chicago she stopped in Paris to enjoy the sight of the lovely city.

Joanne McCabe Schmitz and her husband have left Lancaster, PA, after a 32-year stay. They are now enjoying retirement life and are much closer to their four children, eleven grandchildren, and four great grandchildren.

Thank you for your kind letters and notes. I look forward to receiving more and have made a resolution to reply within a reasonable time.

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Helen Wade O'Brien, Elaine Smith Caraher, Faith Kilburg McNamara, and I just attended the funeral of **Loretta Jo Brazaitis Ebert's** daughter Alison, who had died of lung cancer after a year-long struggle. Jo had spent the year caring for her, through chemo and radiation, marshaling prayers for a miracle. In the midst of that, Jo's only brother Abby fell ill and died in early March. Alison died two weeks after her uncle. The *Chicago Tribune* obit bore witness to her life: "Alison Ebert, age 55, beloved daughter of Loretta 'Jo' and the late Carl Ebert. Following in her father's footsteps she worked for NBC Chicago, as a News Director for thirty years. She was a longtime volunteer at the Field Museum of Natural History. Her lifelong love for animals led her to volunteer with a number of animal shelters. Alison loved to travel, completing trips across the United States as well as to the Holy Land, New Zealand, Russia, Spain, and Antarctica," — with Jo as her companion. The entire NBC news department were there, including Carol Marin (now with PBS),

who gave a moving eulogy. **Elizabeth (Betsy) Ebert Ballack '85** gave the eulogy for the family. Jo couldn't help but be proud of her family and her daughter. The funeral was held at Jo's church, where she had led the choir for so many years.

After the funeral, the four of us SMC alums caught up over lunch. Elaine's grandson received his Executive MBA from ND. Helen's 10 granddaughters are graduating from various colleges, high schools and grade schools. She also has a grandchild at ND. Faith had just come from burying her sister two days earlier and now is contemplating a hip replacement. My great nephew is going on to a PhD in biochem in Massachusetts. When the conversation turned to the canonization of two popes by Pope Francis we reminisced of the popes we had seen, back to Paul VI. Classmates not with us were included in our talk: **Maureen Carroll Muller** was in Arizona visiting her daughter. She has moved to a retirement community, the "Lodge" where she has taken up bridge again and enjoys living there. **Marie J. Galoney** is still having neck problems following her cerebral fracture last fall.

Sister Grace Shonk, CSC, wrote that she is in excellent health, and is still helping at CSC's nearby high school.

Joanne (Joey) Bryan MacDonald said that she and Mac continue to spend their winters in FL. Their oldest son, Bryan and his wife drove their loaded mini-van to FL. for them, met them at the Fort Myers airport this year, and spent two days with them. They realize that they might have to sell their condo, so she enjoys every day they are able to spend there each winter. Joey is still active, but her vision is worsening, but she feels she is doing well for being 83 — thankful for her good genes and 30 years of exercise classes. She sends greetings to all.

Mary Ann Scherger Fairlie is another active classmate. "We have just returned from another cruise, this one with our son John and his 23-year-old son Sean and Kathy (our daughter) and her 32-year-old Mark. I swear our kids are trying to schedule trips with us or visits just to make sure old Mom and Dad are okay. One of our daughters, Laurie, was here for a visit last week, another (Peg) is coming in April, and still another (Betsy) is coming in May. See what I mean?" Her plans for the summer included two months of travel to visit family and friends, with 18 stops planned. "We are the only ones our age still able to drive around the country so we try to keep in touch with as many people as we can."

Sally Disser Weigand was in LaQuinta, CA., where she and Bob go each winter. She was sorry not to see **Marilyn (Lynn) Dargis Ambrose** this year because of Bob's health and Lynn's preoccupation with her daughter Debbie's cancer treatments. "Bob is fine now and Lynn reports Debbie's surgery a possible medical miracle. Back to the reality of the Midwest snow, etc. . . April 1st. We have had family and friends visit here and enjoy the great weather most of the month. All 27 of our clan spent Thanksgiving 2013 in the British Virgin Islands on a huge sail boat. Unbelievably beautiful in every way. Kids, grandkids, blue skies, and blue water. What a blessing."

Nancy Hutchison Newton wrote she is still in her house after 43 years. Her son has moved in with her and both are doing well. "I have had some spinal fractures but am in therapy and am optimistic about the outcome."

Mary Jean Wallace Paxton wrote: "Lynn Am-

brose and I are the "oldest living members" of our Saint Mary's Club of San Diego. We recently held a fundraiser in the lovely hillside home of **Margaret (Peggy) Battle Burns '81**, at which we raised a substantial donation to our scholarship fund. We also enjoy the meetings of our Book Club, which Lynn has organized. At our last meeting at my home in Oceanside, we read and discussed *The Aviator's Wife*, the biography of Anne Morrow Lindbergh. Our group ranges in age from class of 1952 to 2005, but thanks to our SMC education we have lots in common!"

I talked to **Marilyn (Lynn) Dargis Ambrose**, whose daughter, **Debra Ambrose Holsinger '82**, had just gone through the same struggle as Alison but ended up with a miracle — a diagnosis of "cancer free." Surgery in March only had to remove dead tissue. Lynn wrote: "I'm so saddened by Alison Ebert's death — same age, 53 years young, lung cancer, similar time frame and treatment [as Debbie] Why? The good Lord has a plan I know, but . . ." Lynn attributes her continued good health to Caleb, her golden doodle, who is not content to sit home but wants to be out and about. She finds that working as a therapy dog keeps him happy. I told her she needs to write her memoirs. No one would believe all she has done. She and Mary Jean enjoy their status as elder members of the SMC book group. Lynn also told me that **Mary Dvilaitis Blanford** has moved back to Chicago from CA., to live with one of her daughters.

I keep signing up for cruises as my way of keeping healthy. A Caribbean cruise in February to escape our endless snow was followed by a trans-Atlantic trip in May to London with a week there to see shows and museums, and then a Danube River cruise from Sophia to Prague will come in the fall. Over Christmas I am going to Mexico on a Road Scholar program — God willing! Several have mentioned that you are trying to stay healthy for our 65th Reunion, just three more years away. Let's pray for that.

'53

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If you don't think time is flying by, try this job. Another April Fools' Day will be here tomorrow. There was a little fresh snow this morning. I mention that to make all of you in warmer climates feel good! It's been a really miserable winter here.

Since I didn't have any recent mail to start this with, I called **Pat Kerper Moriarty** yesterday afternoon. She answered the phone! Her news is that her granddaughter Megan is pregnant with twins, a boy and a girl, and they will be Pat's first great grandchildren. They are due in August. Pat sees **Mary Jane McKeon Gray** "all the time," but the Grays took time off to escape the cold in Arizona.

Jodie Biddle Adler wrote me a really long letter sometime after Christmas. Their 52-year-old son, Mike, was discovered on Christmas Eve day to have a terrible cancer. With much doctoring and "bombarding of heaven" Mike seems to be making it through this difficult time. Jodie gave me a little history in her letter. After all the kids were married, she started a "simple garden wedding business" which she ran for 17 years, and which was not so simple. After they sold the wedding business, Joe and Jodie bought a home on the Kankakee River for a bi-annual return to Ill.

I had a letter from an old high school friend in

which he reminded me — just remember, some days you're the bird and some days you're the statue. Make my day and write — or call — before August.

'54

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With a few exceptions, most news is from Christmas messages. In May **Barbara DiSalle Lindskold**, **Mary Wieland Scheetz**, and **Joan A. Rossi** met for a wonderful reunion in AZ Joan reports, "It was good for us to be there!" **Patricia Gannon Scully** and **Antoinette (Toni) DiSalle Watkins '52** couldn't join them. Barb is active in the St. Vincent DePaul Society.

Although Bill (ND '53) and **Lois Langford Berry** are fed up with the cold, snow, wind, they are enjoying the women's basketball wins and proud of grandson Keith who became an Eagle Scout in March.

Marlene Gaubinger McGinn says she's making new friends since her move and still playing lots of bridge. **Sue Whalen Heyer** told her how to measure whether you are old: Old is when your youngest child joins AARP. Marlene's planning on the ND-Tallahassee game in October.

This year **Mary Schmitz Bartley** became president of the Pinehurst (NC) Ladies Birdies golf group. This is in addition to her volunteer work with the library book resale shop. Although Ed has been seriously ill, they hope to do some traveling.

Teresa (Terry) Martin Weber is still playing organ and piano at her parish. She retired from teaching piano about five years ago but the church work has mushroomed. She does love being involved and it's nice to see projects and ministries flourish that she started years ago.

Cathy Wilson Oper writes "I suddenly realized that I had lost three Saint Mary's friends, **Alana Moynahan Rosshirt '55**, **Mary Majewski Kinucan**, and my brother's wife **Elizabeth Kiley Wilson**. All three continue to amaze me."

After a long bout not feeling well, **Patricia Gannon Scully** is back "feeling human" and ready to start her graduation travels... **Jane Flynn Carroll** spent a week in CA., with her four sons, the first time all five had been together since Tom's death. **Bev Bierbesse Campbell** has three graduations in May: three different places and three different weekends... Dick and **Judy Jones Sullivan** and family spent Christmas season with family on Kauai, their favorite of the Hawaiian Islands.

Ben and **Rose Marie Murphy Foley** spent much of our winter weather in FL. **Margaret Keller Howells** strongly recommends Pope Francis' "The Joy of the Gospels"... **Mary Wieland Scheetz's** family planned to meet at the Lake of the Ozarks for Memorial Day weekend again this year.

Jerry and **Margaret (Peg) Tiernan Sheehan** are driving — very slowly — to FL. **Mary (Midge) Myler Russo** hopes to make the rounds of kids this spring and will be at Reunion unless granddaughter Kelly's graduation interferes. **Sister Terese Fabbri** is busy counseling and giving dream interpretation workshops.

Eleven of us represented our class at Reunion — a small but lively, fun group: **Rosemarie Murphy Foley**, **Gloria Kennedy Hermann** (whose daughter-in-law Angie drove her to South Bend as a Christmas

present), **Joan Rossi**, **Lois Langford Berry**, **Midge Myler Russo**, and **Janell Wenzel O'Borski**.

Also, **Mary Ann Kremer Campbell**, **Pat Byrne Lyren**, **Bernice Boucher Hopp**, **Rody Oppenheim Dilonschneider**, her husband Jack (ND'53) and daughter **Mary Marta Sophia Renata Condon '87**, and yours truly. Mary was one of our chief photographers—she had pictures to us before we got back to the Inn! **Terese Fabbri** had planned to be there but complications "set in."

Sister Jo Luckner, **Mary Carolyn Shane Helfrey**, **Carol O'Brien Schiller**, **Bev Bierbesse Ritz Campbell**, **Patt Gannon Scully**, and **Cathy Wilson Oppen** sent greetings and regrets they weren't with us. A few others also returned the survey included in the Reunion packet: **Sue Whalen Heyer**, **Ann Murray O'Neill** and **Mary Lou Leim O'Beirne**. I am saving their news for the next *Courier*.

Jo's greeting—"Enjoy each other at the special time and special place!" We did!

'55

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Our Class Endowment Fund has reached a total of \$153,002.33. At its June 2012 meeting the Board of Trustees voted to make a change in our endowment management, approving a proposal to purchase units in the University of Notre Dame's unitized investment pool. We joined Holy Cross Affiliates in sharing the financial benefits of the larger ND pool. Your generosity has made this possible. Thanks to all.

As I previously reported, the Lake Geneva, WI, condo of Ed and **Lora Pagliari Mraz** was destroyed by fire. Lora writes "In July 2013 we moved back into our rebuilt new/old condo where we spent most of our time helping each other remember where we put our cellphones, the TV remote, etc... It's great to be senior citizens at home again." Grandson Patrick and his wife Denise are expecting the Mraz's third great grandchild.

Maureen A. Sullivan writes in a belated holiday card about a 50th wedding anniversary celebration for her sister and brother who were married in a double wedding ceremony. The Sullivan family spent a week in Northern MI, together. Maureen continues in her travels visiting London and Scotland.

Natalie Healy Doell had a stroke two years ago. Part of her therapy involves doing ballet steps with the aid of a walker. Natalie was a ballet dancer in her girlhood. Who knew? It's no surprise that she continues to be involved in many activities.

I spoke to **Frances Clohessy Spillane** in FL. She was on her way up to Stuart to visit **Shirley Dyckes Kelley** and see **Carol Graham Moran** also living in Stuart.

Carol Wiseman Smith had a stroke in July and has had a slow but progressive recovery. With the aid of a walker she takes walks around the Lake MI, shore in front of her condo.

'57

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Preparing for this column must give every class reporter cause to smile. Your Christmas cards and letters are a real source of joy, as well as news to share. **Katie Reasor Anglin's** colorful Hawaiian card contained her amazing summary of the last several years. Katie has suffered through various medical problems, some quite serious, but her humorous style of writing made all she went through seem trivial. Thanks to good medical care, dear neighbors, friends, care givers and her wonderful grandson, Michael, she is working her way back to her old self. In my non-medical opinion, I think her positive and humorous approach helped greatly. She gets great enjoyment from her parakeet, Mr. Peepers, and her art work. In the spring, she enjoyed a visit from **Marybeth Jones Schmitz**, who stopped in Honolulu on a cruise.

Grandchildren were an oft mentioned topic or picture in holiday cards. John and **Peggy Maher Engler** showed a picture of their grandchildren enjoying each other near the Engler's vacation home in Linville, NC. Peggy reports that at the nearby lodge they started having sing-a-longs of show tunes and other favorites. Guess who is playing the piano for the 45-55 neighbors who assemble? Sam and **Rosemary Knope Trippe's** letter told of travels to VA, Denver, and FL, many prompted by grandchildren's graduations. Their handsome picture was taken at grandson Michael Brand's wedding last year. Speaking of a handsome couple, Don and **Pat Peterson Huber's** picture graced their card which included the news that they have purchased a "cottage" at a Lake Forest, IL, retirement center. This makes good sense since they spend so much time in the north suburban area of Chicago visiting their three children and 13 grands. Of course they will keep their Hilton Head and other homes. I must say that **Peggy Ke-arin Carey's** Christmas card pictures "takes the cake." It simply states "Peg Carey and her 29 Grandchildren." What could I add to that?

Ray and **Julie Dittoe Schmidlin** shared the news of the arrival of their first great grandchild, Adam, son of their granddaughter Jennifer and her husband. Sadly, shortly after Christmas Julie's sister, Mary, died. She had been ill for some time but it was sad for Julie losing "the last of the Dittoes."

Bill and **Patsy Moore Payne** certainly continue to enjoy wonderful travels, visiting Paris in April and France and Italy later in the year. Patsy's dear mother died in June just short of her 99th birthday, having spent just three days in the hospital after suffering a stroke. Though sad at their loss, Patsy and Bill are grateful for her long and happy life. Patsy mentioned sorrow also on reading of the death of **Ellen Dooley Cowperthwaite '58** in "For the Record" of the Fall/Winter 2013 *Courier*. During Bill's naval service, they were in Morocco in 1962-63 and Ellen and her husband were there also. That same issue carried the news of the death of our classmate, **Julie Knape West** last August. Julie died in San Francisco after a long battle with cancer. She is survived by her husband, Gary, their six children and three grandchildren. Julie came to Saint Mary's from Grand Rapids, MI, and was a home economics major. The Wests lived in the San Francisco area since their marriage where she was remembered for her devotion to refugee aid and many parish organizations. **Peg Balfe's** sister, **Marie Balfe Richardson '52** died March 12th after a long illness. She is survived by her husband Jim and their family as well as another sister, **Eileen Balfe Harrigan '49**. Some of you may remember meeting Marie at earlier Reunions since our classes always shared the same celebration weekend. Our sympathy

to all who have suffered recent losses, many I haven't learned about.

Julie Bohan Allen is definitely "not quite retired." Living in Canton, GA, Julie is in her sixth year as a Home Owners Assn. board member overseeing four "neighborhoods" with 658 homes. That sounds daunting but interesting. **Ruth Keefe Herman** would be my go to tour guide if I visited Washington, DC. As a longtime resident she has volunteered for years in various theatres and tourist venues, among which is the Arena Stage, a regional theatre. Last fall she discovered that a fellow volunteer with whom she had only exchanged casual greetings was a Saint Mary's graduate, **Rosemary Doherty Weller '59**.

'58

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This was the year to winter south! Congratulations to all who skipped the frozen north and condolences to those of us who "keep the home fires burning." And I must say it was excellent reading weather here.

Sistie Doherty McEnery called me after Christmas. She and Gene would be a party of 22 on a Disney cruise December 28 to January 4 — all 17 grandchildren. Her granddaughter Ellie was to spend a semester in Rome and Sistie, husband Gene, and daughter **Mary McEnery Harding '84** were to visit Ellie in February. Sistie and Gene were guests at a cocktail party given by **Betty Drey Woodward** and husband Ken in the Woodward's new Chicago apartment.

Marlene (Martie) Slavin Fogarty called from FL, to give me the sad news that **Catherine (Kay) Duffy O'Leary's** husband, George, died December 31, 2013. Just spoke with Kay and she said George died at home from pneumonia. Even though George had been ill for several years it is so hard to face death. I remember early times when we had such fun with Kay and George. George had an infectious laugh. **Patti Rogan Beckman** was going to call Kay too. Patti is well and we hope to gather SMC classmates again in Chicago when this awful winter leaves us. Please keep Kay in your prayers.

I saw in Notre Dame Magazine that **Pat Kennedy Flock's** husband is ill. At this age, so many of us have needed all our energies to care for loved ones. **Mary Margaret (Meg) Droegge Haney** sent me a copy of the obituary of my brother Robert M. Leonard who died.

Happy spring. Stay well.

'59

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I am sad to report the passing of our former classmate, **Jeanne Mavigliano Conley**, on February 16, 2014. She leaves two sons and four grandchildren. Her husband and a son predeceased her. Jeanne and I were very close friends for the two years she attended Saint Mary's and stayed in close contact thereafter. I have very fond memories of weekends spent at her family home in Chicago. Her son did not mention cause of death but Jeanne suffered from chronic pulmonary hypertension for many years.

Please remember her and her family in your prayers.

Carol Lucas Dunne had a scare earlier this year. Her husband woke up New Year's Day with severe neck and upper body pain and after two doctor's visits and three trips to the ER over an eleven-day period was admitted to the hospital with viral meningitis. After 19 days and two weeks at rehab he returned home and is now recovering. Please keep Tom in your prayers as well.

Tom and **Jackie Baumer Berg** are enjoying their new home which is close to two of their children and their families. They see the rest of the gang at their annual Panama City Beach week every June. They are enjoying good health and lots of travel. Jackie and her husband enjoyed a visit in February with her former roommate, **Alison (Alice) J. Broucek**, who moved to The Villages, FL, from Napa, CA and is enjoying the activities and people she has met.

"Life goes on!" as **Sue Brown Bapst** wrote in her Christmas letter. "I talk to Bill every day... ask him to help me find my glasses or help me figure out how to change the smoke alarms, keep me safe on the trips he usually drove, try to balance the checkbook..." Life is different but she is trying to get used to it. I have spoken with **Sarah Sceales Mulcahy** who feels the same without Tom. She is wintering in FL, and has had many visitors, but as she laments, "It's just not the same."

Bob and **Colleen Taffee Goldkamp Harmon** celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary in January with a Caribbean cruise, and are also enjoying their new lakeside chalet in Innsbrook, MO.

I received an email from **Mary Hughes Enright** last December that her son, Buddy, had been nominated for a Grammy for his work on the video for the song, "Safe and Sound" by the artists Capital Cities. Since I don't watch the Grammys, I'm sorry to say I do not know the outcome.

I spotted a picture of **Mary Sheets Klinkose** in the last *Courier* with the Saint Mary's Indianapolis Club's book club. I heard from another gal in the picture, **Ann Harwood Callaghan Kerby '62**, that Mary is currently an interior designer who is always given a room to decorate at the biggest annual Decorators' Show House in Indianapolis. Ann is a newly discovered friend who married my high school classmate's widower. Small world category.

After many years of living in Encino, CA, a serious kitchen fire in their apartment rendered Murray and **Sharon McGee Sitton Bradshaw** temporarily homeless (in a local Residence Inn) for a few weeks until they were able to find a condo in beautiful Westlake Village north of their former home and not far from her daughter. Sometimes things happen as a blessing in disguise. At last report, they are settled and happy in their new digs.

Gerry and I are well and excitedly expecting our second great-grandson. Theo will get a brother in July. Irish twins are alive and well!

Next deadline is August 1.

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"A good laugh and a long sleep are the best cures" — Irish Proverb, and as good a place as any to begin. No matter where you live, it's happy we are to see the end of winter and lucky we are to be enjoying the beauty that follows.

Our first day of spring lunch in Chicago brought together **Jane Simpson Kiep**, **Barbara Graham Stotzer**, **Elaine Van Etten Cassidy**, **Peggy Hock Cahill**, and **Maureen Hogan Lang** who enjoyed the opportunity to solve most of the world's problems... now if we could just remember what we said. Peggy had been to John's Island, FL, to visit **Marilynn Morrissey Sparacino** and also enjoyed a chance to catch up with **Kathleen McKeever Cantanzaro**. Peggy was also still aglow from the visit of her daughter **Mary Carol Cahill Sullivan '88** who brought Liam and Molly to celebrate St. Patty's Day. Elaine had been to Fort Myers in between many trips to Philadelphia to see her grandchildren. This "grandchildren" thing never seems to get old — aren't we the lucky ones?

Our condolences to **Donna Sullivan Stockholm**, whose brother Bobby passed in March. Though we wished it had been in happier circumstances, it was great to see Donna in Chicago. Last October she had a fun reunion with **Evelina (Evvie) Galanti Flint**, **Pauline Stavropoulos Copp**, and **Claire Byrne Arnold**. Donna has five of her six granddaughters living near her in CA—all red-heads to be spoiled by their gregarious grandmother.

Our prayers and best wishes to all of you. Please send news, M and M.

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Bette Jo (B.J.) Sitzberger Gorman wrote that she and **Patty Crotty Misrach** enjoyed some "happy days" at Ocean Reef in Key Largo last winter. They had a most relaxing time just talking, walking, exploring and enjoying being together.

B.J. also sent word of **Catherine (Katie) Herbstritt McMahon's** oldest granddaughter (and namesake) Catherine (Kate) Jean McMahon. Kate is an honors student and has been awarded a scholarship and also a grant to matriculate at Saint Mary's. B.J. is very pleased to see the SMC tradition continue with one of our classmate's lineage being the recipient of the generosity of Saint Mary's and its alumnae. B.J. went on to say, "We have a star in our midst, and she is going to do Saint Mary's, herself, her mom, and grandmother proud. We can celebrate a unique soul in our midst."

It was good to hear from **Georgianna Stuart Kleiman** although she shared sad news. The last year and a half had been very difficult as their youngest son, Dan Kleiman, was diagnosed with a very aggressive form of sarcoma of the soft tissue of the pelvis. Dan (37) was a Wall Street executive, a marathon runner, was married and the father of three young children. After a nine-month courageous battle, he died June 23, 2013.

Georgi and her husband, Jay, are now living in downtown Chicago which has opened up a whole new cultural life for them. They are a few blocks from the Symphony, Millennium Park, and the Art Institute. The music and arts have offered much comfort over the last year.

Both Georgi and her husband are retired from healthcare careers and now have time to enjoy all the wonders of city life when not visiting their children and grandchildren spread throughout the country. Also, they both have taken up photography and experienced a photo cultural exchange in Cuba earlier this year.

Jeanne Chastang Hoodecheck wrote from Saint Joseph, MN, that while vacationing in FL, earlier this year, she had a most enjoyable long lunch with **Bethany Mackin Baxter**. They hadn't seen each other in 48 years; although they had roomed together sophomore year and Beth had been Jeanne's maid of honor. In a follow-up email, Beth commented how close their journeys had been even though they had had little contact and had been miles apart in very different environments.

Sandra Graham Bartlett emailed from Ridgewood, NJ, to say her husband, Bill, is now semi-retired and working from home. Sandy is in her 14th year as a school crossing guard and still does data entry for her husband's business. Since 1963, they have never had an empty nest. (Their daughter died in 1994 and left her four year old son with them. At the time, Sandy and Bill's youngest had still been in high school.) Their grandson moved his bed out recently, so she guessed that meant he was officially on his way out. "Nothing like getting the empty nest feeling at 74! Does that mean I should really be only 50?"

Susan Fitzgerald Rice sent word that **Margaret (Peggy) M. Hill** is recovering, very slowly. Peggy also has a new grandchild named Shaughnessy.

I truly appreciate hearing from those who answered my request for news. My next deadline is August 1, 2014. Please keep me updated on any changes in your email address and also let me know of email addresses of classmates I may not have in my listing.

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As I write this in late March in WI, even though the calendar says "Spring" — we are having BELOW average temps (20s-30s)/45 is normal; 28 days of twelve below zero days is average; well ABOVE snow depth (62.5")/15" above normal; 92 consecutive days of snow cover (second longest record); and 49 days of measurable snowfalls! I AM LOOKING for SPRING anytime! I may want some of this cool weather as you read this in SUMMER! A sign in front of a church says "Please STOP praying for SNOW!"

I continue my class news from our "Then and Now" book bios as well as my Class of '62 update sheets you filled out for Reunion '12. This will be our "Little Sister" class's 50th Reunion in June '14. May they have a memorable, enriching, and "WOW" — "Wonderful Overwhelming Weekend" we had two years ago! It was nice to see photo of traveling classmates **Carol Holtmeier Erb**, **Phyllis Sullivan Van Hersett**, and **Joan Brickman Palazzo**, (in Fall/Winter *Courier*) visiting with **Joan Frances Lewis** at her Rome location overlooking St. Peter's where she is with Holy See Press Office as English language writer/editor.

Charlene (Sue) Reid Sarphie (Scottsdale, AZ) and Theodore (PhD) have two children, Theodore, Jr. and Suzanne and grandson Charles Sarphie,

born 2010. Sue lists TV commercial screenwriter/actor (past) and feature film screenwriter (current) as her occupation. Notable accomplishments: Screen Actors Guild contract for Compton Advertizing, Inc., (NY), principal in national and international commercials. She also offered news of **Ann Charlot Johnson**: Ann and Ken divorced several years ago, remarried others, remain good friends, and were living in Caracas, Venezuela.

Sister Marilyn Reiser, CSC, (Saint Mary's Convent, ND, IN) listed retired-ministry of prayer-occupation and graduate school-MA: Modern European History from Marquette U. on Reunion update sheet. I believe I saw in Holy Cross magazine that she passed away Aug. 11, 2012 — may she rest in peace.

Loretta (Peggy) Reuwer Cowdrill (Great Falls, VA.): After leaving Saint Mary's in '62, she had a long and fulfilling career as a nurse and as a nurse practitioner. She is still working providing care to persons with HIV infection who are indigent and without healthcare insurance, a very complex and interesting group of people. She married John Beckman in '62 and they raised seven beautiful children, five boys and two girls. That family has now grown to include seven spouses and 14 grandchildren. In 2006 she remarried, hence the name change to Cowdrill and now lives in Great Falls, VA.

Nancy Rockenstein Roth (Savannah, GA) received MAT in science from U of ND in '63, married West Point grad Lt. John Roth (in '64); did post grad studies in counseling at U of GA. (Statesboro); had two sons William and Patrick — both live in Atlanta — five lovely grandchildren. They have had 25 moves — Nancy is certified as biology teacher and guidance counselor in seven states; has taught CCD and some home schoolers. They have settled on Dutch Island off the coast of Savanna, GA. John is retired major general from US Army and has worked for Texas Instruments, Gorham Silver Co., and Tectron; member of Legatus International.

Joan Roddewig Geary (Hinsdale, IL) married John Geary (Oct. '62), have four wonderful children: Elizabeth, Patrick, Michele, Kristina — all are married, and 12 fabulous grandchildren. Joan was a high school teacher, volunteered for many religious, charitable, and civic organizations. She worked as owner/general manager of Hilton Hotel (1981–2008); was a member/chair of many boards of directors of financial, hospital, civic, and industrial institutions; has received several industrial awards, traveled extensively. Retired in 2008, she splits time between IL, and FL.

Constance (Connie) Roule (La Porte, IN) is a retired former clerk-treasurer of La Porte; first marriage annulled, second marriage ended in divorce; she has five children: David, Stephen, Thomas, Amy, and Elizabeth. She volunteers, cleans church, is active in St. Vincent de Paul and St. Joseph's Bereavement ministry.

Grace Ruppert de Casillas (Mexico) earned a MAT in English as a second language from Cambridge U, kept up with her husband Juan's engineering career, taught for 20 years, had four children, and got involved in Mexican art. She had hopes to retire, but her husband is a workaholic even at 84, so she continues to keep up. She has lived in another country over 50 years. It is another culture, way of thought, language, etc. She did not get to Reunion but would love to hear from anyone who wants to get in contact with her (she said in her Then/Now bio/info).

Erika Salditt Brown (Tustin, CA) is part-time art teacher, ESL English tutor; was HS english and religion teacher; earned MA/Comparative Literature (U of CA Berkeley 1964); met and married Henry Brown (in '65), and is his care taker as he suffers from Alzheimer's; has five children: Miriam, Tormay, Daniel, Aaron, and Joseph. They lived in Berkeley, Seattle, and New Orleans, put down roots in Orange County ('76), has been involved in religious ed. Eucharistic ministry to homebound and small church community facilitator, taught high school English, drama, journalism, and religion. To "fill empty nest" she went back to school at age 55, to study art and has spent 15 years teaching ESL, watercolor/drawing to adults. Teaching ESL class (of 14 nationalities, five religions, and breaking through the language/cultural barriers) has been her most notable accomplishment. SMC exposed her to many subjects/disciplines, opened up a desire to learn and experience/meet new challenges that has continued to this day. It definitely nurtured her faith. She shared a comment on her decision to attend SMC: It sounds trite but is TRUE, she says: She heard there was a lake between Saint Mary's and ND and that students were allowed to canoe on the lake (she had loved to canoe in Northern WI lakes) and she wanted a Catholic college, not too far — Milwaukee was four hours away. "Alas! I never had a date on that lake," she says.

Mary Irene Scanlan Doran (Chicago, IL) taught third grade for three years in Chicago Public Schools after graduation, married Phil Doran, her grammar school classmate, and they have five children. They live on the same street she grew up on, only two blocks south and has raised her family in the same neighborhood. Volunteer work kept her busy outside the home. One son and one daughter are married, and they have eight grandchildren who are their heavenly reward. She volunteers at Misericordia in Chicago, a loving home for children and adults with developmental disabilities. Their son Philip lives there. At age 17 he contracted encephalitis which left him with an intractable seizure disorder and disabilities. He lived at home for 26 years and now lives in this outstanding home.

Dottie Schnaus Hart (Scottsdale, AZ) married Mike Hart (ND '62) in June 1962, are parents of six children: Daughter Chris married Jim Jamison, has two children, four sons: Mike Jr., Mark, Tom, and Bob are all married. Son John and April were planning wedding in 2012. They have moved nine times in 50 years; love to celebrate with all children but hard to get them all together. Dottie and Jim were celebrating their 50th Anniversary in Carlsbad, CA, with whole family: six children, five spouses, one fiancé and 10 grandchildren while Reunions at SMC/ND were going on. Dottie was a "stay at home" mom for 29 years, very involved in schools/parishes, directing choirs and choral groups. When her fourth son left for ND, she began working as a medical receptionist. Says she "loved it all!" She was influenced to attend SMC on her first visit to campus with her parents; SMC gave her a deep sense of her religion, opportunities to engage in various music experiences, surrounded her with very special Holy Cross nuns, and memories of so many campus celebrations.

Monica Schuler (Evergreen, CO) after completing BA in human studies at SMC, got MA and PhD/history ('64 and '76) U of WI Madison (African, Caribbean); Employment: 1965-6, Res. Asst. Caribbean History, University of W. Indies, Jamaica; '66-'69, '71-'72 instructor, human studies SMC; '73-2001 history

dept. Wayne State University Detroit; 2001 retired as Professor Emerita; **Joan Fiscella** also taught at Wayne State while there and both lived in CO, for a time. Publications: Book: *Alas, Alas Kongo: Emigration of Liberated Africans into Jamaica, 1841-1865*; numerous journal articles on Africans in West Indies. As a flat-lander from Guyana, South America and then a confirmed midwesterner, she was seduced by vacations in the Rocky Mountain National Park — since retiring she has settled in Evergreen, CO. Two Ursuline high school teachers played a major role in her attending college. Sheila O'Flynn Brennan, philosophy professor at SMC ND, was the sister of Sr. Ignatius O'Flynn, OSU, headmistress of her St. Rose HS in Georgetown, Guyana. While teaching at SMC **Monica Schuler** gained the professional qualifications to become a historian and developed self-confidence to succeed. She is also deeply grateful to Dr. Bruno Schlesinger for guidance and encouragement and for showing her how to care for her students, and to Sister Franzita for the example of her rigorous intellectual standards, which helped her become the woman she is TODAY. She and **Gloria Rogers Chase** were roommates for two years at SMC where they forged an enduring friendship based on their youth in Guyana and their shared experiences since then.

I'll end here for this installment of Class of '62 news. Stay tuned for at least ONE more column from "Then/Now" book and Reunion updates I have on file. . . You can always send me news by email or snail mail. Looking forward to warmer days/sunshine and fun with my four children, nice grandchildren, and families — our 50th Anniversary and granddaughter Becca's high school graduation in Madison in June. Peace, Love — **Anne Casey Beaudoin**.

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A recent *NY Times* article entitled "The Science of Older and Wiser" featured the thoughtful musings of some of the country's leading developmental and life-span psychologists. Several notables observed that modern definitions of wisdom tend to stress kindness, a "reduction in self-centeredness," giving back without needing anything in return, "a focus" not so much on what you need and deserve but on what you can contribute. One can hear those themes in the news that comes from our classmates.

Judith Ann Reardon must need a scheduler at times. She's a board member of Meals on Wheels in Sarasota, FL, as well as a board member for the stewardship initiative of her parish. She is currently arranging a series of educational formats for groups of parishioners, "not unlike what our parents called 'Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, but with a contemporary viewpoint.'" Additionally, she describes a wonderful book club with a rather interesting format. The weekly meetings begin with twenty minutes of silent meditation and members read aloud one book at a time, discussing meaningful passages as they go. The current selection is provoking much discussion — *The Art of Happiness* by the Dalai Lama. Judy is also hoping to publish a layman's version of her recent doctoral dissertation in psychology which explored the unexpected as a dimension of aging and how



Classmates from 1963, who had such a fantastic time at their 50th reunion in June 2013, decided a five-year interval would be too long, so they decided to have a mini-reunion in Florida in February. Photo taken at the home of Pat Seider Tyler and her husband, Tom. From left to right are: Susie Duncan Lawler, Ruth Schmelzer Balestra, Joan Mousaw McGuire, Pat Seider Tyler, Mary Rainey, Lurray Pfister Bell, Ellen Sheehan Adams, Betty Rompf Gallick, Gail Donovan, Mary Jo Landry, Barb Hajdu Mastrone, Margo Vitalich Manley, Rose O'Donnell Corcoran, Judith Reardon

life changing events — such as becoming a grandmother — are assimilated into our previous perceptions of eternity, our role on earth, and joy. She would welcome discussion with us on current issues or involvements engaging us. Send her an email if you are exploring a new path or discovering a new dimension of yourself at this stage of life (judith111@verizon.net). Yoga and tai chi are regular pursuits for Judy but she still finds time for seven grandchildren with a wide age span — she attended a first communion and high school graduation in the same month during the spring.

Mary C. Rainey lives within driving distance of Judith. She continues to serve as a government liaison for the Red Cross but is building in more personal time than that position afforded a year or so ago. She writes that she "now has three drum lessons under [her] belt" and hopes to join the local Nokomis beach drum circle that meets at sunset on weekend evenings. She thinks that she could bring the group to entertain Alzheimer's patients as well. Mary has started a book club that is reading Margi Nutting Ralph's *And God Said What?*

Ann Purcell Perini and Al (ND '61) are enjoying following the careers and doings of their four children, especially now that all are settled back in CA. Laura, their only daughter, has recently been named a tenured professor and chair of the philosophy department at Pomona College.

Ruth Schmelzer Balestra had planned an April visit to Moshi, Tanzania, until her husband was injured in a skiing accident and needed surgery. On the itinerary was reconnecting with **Mary Kasindi Kamm**, now known as **Maria Kamm**. Mary Jo/Maria has entertained Ruth's family while they spend a year in Africa with their four children, ages five, eight, 10, and 11. Cathy, Ruth's daughter-in-law, is a dermatologist specializing in Mohs surgery, a procedure very much needed in the Moshi area where the large albino population suffers from a high incidence of skin cancer. Cathy and Ruth's son, Victor, wanted their children to experience a world that offers a vivid contrast to upper class key Biscayne where they live and now their world includes schooling with children from all over the world, school-sponsored safaris, lots of reading in lieu of computers, and up-close views of cheetahs and gazelles.

The Balestra adventure benefits all of us as now we have contact information on **Maria Kamm**: her email address is mfcparadise@gmail.

com and her mailing address is Mama Clementina Foundation, PO Box 1836, Moshi, Tanzania. Maria is disappointed that no classmates have visited her over the years. Ruth will be the first when her husband is fully recovered and we'll hope for extensive news of Maria, her family, and the school she directs for teenage girls — one of several she has founded over the years. Google **Maria Kamm** and you will be stunned by her accomplishments. Indeed, as one article says, **Maria Kamm** has educated and developed Tanzania's power women.

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Geraldine A. Corbin visited Barbados to celebrate her dad's 100th birthday. He was born there in 1913 and migrated by way of Panama and Cuba to Boston. **Jean Canizaro Enochs** had such a great time on her trip to Naples to see **Ellen Brown McBride**, **Nancy Drew Sheehan**, and **Susan Aschauer Ozdaglar**.

Patricia Powers Gowdy was in Germany for reunion but she wrote that she was once brown-haired, then gray, now a blond having fun! **Dorothy Vara Lamps** was at her granddaughter's graduation in MN. She has retired from teaching Spanish and now teaches English to a Hispanic parish in Grand Rapids, MI. **Jinx Hack Ring** was again in France with her husband but will be at SMC May 29th. **Jane Clemens Stiles** and her husband have settled in Fort Worth, TX, and she spends her time volunteering for civic and church activities and Grandma duty. Jane's sent thoughts and prayers for us especially during reunion time.

THANK YOU for filling out the surveys and making your reservations!!!!

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Cille Sorrentino Buculo spent her 70th in Mexico with **Margo Lawrence Ludwig** and Jerry in Cabo. **Cathy Haenn Shannon's** husband Tom surprised her for her 70th with an overnight trip to NYC and they had a lovely time. **Sue Sheridan Joyce** and Joe celebrated her 70th in Myanmar. "My mom could not have imagined." They also recently had dinner with **Anne Locher Knudten** and Herb, and **Therese McCaffrey McConville** and John in Vero Beach, Florida.

Sorting boxes recently, **Mary Harris Russell** found a tattered piece of sheet music, copyright 1933. "Forget how I received it, but I no longer need it. Song title: 'She Went to Old St. Mary's and I went to Notre Dame.' I'll mail it to the first person who wants it!" Email me: marway842@aol.com.

Mary (Junie) Miller Smith writes from Farmers Branch, TX. "I have some big news, for me. Plaintiffs prevailed in the ongoing litigation against the city of Farmers Branch's immigration ordinances. The Supreme Court decided not to hear Farmers Branch's appeal of the Appeals Court decision stating that the ordinance violated

federal law. The decision came down early this AM as the Supremes discussed all this on the Friday before. This has been a long fight for me because I found the first two ordinances troubling but the third ordinance affected my life directly. I had been talking with the Dallas Morning News about the case and my position — hence the article on Friday — my moment of fame. Then, Telemundo, the NBC Hispanic affiliate, called and asked for an interview. Well, I called **Patti Podesta Crumley**, and asked her to be here with me. The TV people arrived first thing and I told them my concern was to protest/protect my interests in the enforcement of the ordinance that required prospective tenants to obtain a residency occupancy license from the city, who would check with the federal government as to my immigration status. It has been a tough six years, but I would do it again."

Judy Piers Locher babysat for her six-year-old grandson in the Chicago area for two months while he was recovering from a bone marrow transplant. This was during the "polar vortex," driving weekly to Milwaukee Children's Hospital! She is now back home in OR, and her grandson Jonah is doing quite well. What a wonderful grandmother Judy is!

More from **Cathy Haenn Shannon**: "We are a little bit closer to our SMC 50th Reunion. Yeah! Although there are very few people here in Eagles Mere right now we all keep busy from some volunteering, to book clubs, to bridge and to friendly get-togethers over potluck dinners. Our toboggan slide was able to go this winter for four weekends and that brings in a ton of people who love the thrill of 'flying' down the toboggan at 45 to 50 miles an hour and go out across the frozen lake about half way. We had family and friends here for several of the weekends. I tell them all to have a good time but then I volunteer to babysit for the little ones who are too young to go down. I am not being altruistic but rather giving myself an excuse not to do it as I really don't like the speed and the downward projection."

Just received a lovely note from **Ann Rockenstein McGeary Hunt**. "Thanks for all your great work in keeping the communication flowing. So here's my story: Jeff and I moved to NJ, in 2004 to an over 55 community and made wonderful friends and neighbors. Sadly, he died suddenly in 2008 and I continued to live here and work. Our next-door neighbors were a wonderful couple from England, Mike and Fiona Hunt. Fiona had died in 2007 from cancer. As time went by, Mike and I spent more time together and were married in 2012. All of our children are delighted — my three and his two. I am finally going to retire in June, and grandchild number six is due at end of March. I am looking forward to traveling and visiting family. Our door is always open, 15 minutes from the beach and about 30 minutes from Atlantic City."

E.J. Caluwaert McFadden received a Christmas card from Bob Koush who shared the sad news of the death of **Pam Herrold Koush** during this past year. Pam had struggled with Parkinson's disease for many years. While she had lost the ability to speak, Pam used a computer to communicate with her family. Sometimes technology is our friend. We wish her family peace.

Lillian (Lil) Chard Beshel sent news from **Carla Aderente**: "Warm thanks for the birthday poem and these best wishes. I just turned 70... I got a new 'Barcelona Red' Prius. I'm still semi-retired, working six or seven months a year scoring standardized tests, research-

ing our family tree, and setting up a website for our extended family to meet and learn about each other. Learning Italian and preparing for a trip this summer to visit the places where my eight great grandparents (or their parents) came from in Europe: Ireland, Scotland, Luxemburg, Germany and Italy (all my father's ancestors)... collecting pictures and writing family stories to leave to my son... and finishing up a few quilts for my son, goddaughters, and cousins to snuggle up under. I'm actually pretty busy these days. Looking forward to our 50th. I've joined the Reunion committee and plan to attend the March 25th meeting at SMC. We'll see what we can do to involve more of us in the program."

All decked out in a hard hat and neon vest, **Marianne Spalding Schiavone** wrote and told me that her first CERT (Citizen Emergency Response Team) training was completed today: "We put out fires, did search and rescue, searched (via grid method) open fields (yes, outdoors in snow and frigid weather), triaged victims, and passed the test. There will be more training in the future. We 30 citizens were the inaugural Oak Park, IL, group. What we learned over three full days would be good information for any adult. Glad I did it. Once a nerd..."

Lil also sent news of **Marilyn Petroff Connor** who "went wedding dress shopping with Katie (my only daughter) in NYC, who will be married on August in Big Sur. A destination wedding with a lot of moving parts, as the groom lives and works in London. Added to this wedding is my son's wedding in June in MI, my nieces wedding in Toronto one week after Katie, and my son Michael's wedding in 2015. Thank goodness for my 20 years of event planning. Not to mention stress management."

It is always so nice to hear from **Val Maracz Perrone**. "I have two grandsons very close by. The older of the two has become a teenager, finishing middle school this year and happy to be babysitting himself and his 10 year old brother. We have grandsons — five now. The oldest grandson is graduating in art from the University of Arizona in Tucson this year. And, the youngest ones are two and five, in Phoenix. So now I keep very busy with my art, doing lots of oil painting to make up for all those years of babies. I feel so blessed to have my art now." I love knowing Val is back at her art.

"We saw **Deirdre (Dee Dee) Hayes Spalla** in Tucson for a few days," writes **Sara Johnson Walz**, wintering in CA. "We see **Sue Casey D'Amico** and Dick a lot out here."

"We spent the month of Nov. on a cruise through the Hawaiian, Samoan, and Polynesian Islands, and then eight very relaxing sea days back to LA," writes **Sheila Flynn Boone**. "Spending Thanksgiving with our son and his family in Los Altos, CA. Our younger son and his girlfriend will join us from NYC. Time to plan for our 50th reunion."

"Jim and I are enjoying our four month old," writes **Pat Farrell Wareham**. "Liam Patrick and our two year old Francesca — we call her Franny; they joyfully remind us of the God's love and gifts. Franny just figured out how to take all her clothes off. Her mother sent a short video of her dancing back and forth in their living room, twirling with her arms straight out, and singing her heart out; we could hear her mother asking where her clothes were, but she was in a free spirit moment and there was no interrupting her. We look forward to spring after what seemed like a long winter of snow and ice. Soon the windows will be open, and then spring cleaning! Small price to pay for glorious weather!"

More from Sheila: "50th Reunion is just around the corner, so we hope that you'll mark your calendars for June 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th, 2015 and plan to attend", writes **Sheila Flynn Boone**. "Our planning committee members: **Carla Aderente, Jane Cook Barnes, Mary (Micki) Binkle Boulac** — local member, **Cille Sorrentino Bucolo, Janine Renaud Burns, Elayne Delacy Coggins, Marilyn Petroff Connor, Kathleen Walsh Hart, Beverly Senda DeFoe, Janice Batkiewicz Kraniak, Anne Harvey Lewis, Claire Donohoe O'Mara, Valarie Maracz Perrone, Ann Lucille Pindar, Pat Pindar, Marianne Spalding Schiavone, Cathy Haenn Shannon, Mary (Junie) Miller Smith, Pat Farrell Wareham, Terry Miltich Murphy**, and I are in place, and anxious to get started on an agenda for the most memorable Reunion weekend ever!

Some of the things we're working on: A memory booklet — we'll ask everyone to email or send a (copy of) a current photo and a brief bio of their last 50 years; 50 year class Mass on Friday evening, 50 year class dinner on Friday evening, memorial service at Lake Marian, a book discussion... We welcome your input, so please contact Terry or me, or any of the committee members with your suggestions and comments. Looking forward to seeing EVERYONE next year. **Terry Miltich Murphy** — teressa_murphy@yahoo.com, **Sheila Flynn Boone** — sfbmbf@comcast.net."

And, ladies, please do not forget about our Class of 1965 Memorial Scholarship Fund. This scholarship provides wonderful assistance to a Saint Mary's student.

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This year will mark a milestone for some of us as we reach 70 years of existence. Four of those years we spent under the guidance of the Sisters of the Holy Cross. These years at Saint Mary's College bind us together as soul mates and friends forever. It is always a thrill to hear from fellow classmates as they tell their tale of life.

My personal news tells the story of my mother, Mary Duffy, who celebrated her one hundredth birthday on January 15th. Many of you knew her through those college years as my mom and dad attended all the Notre Dame games. They drove many a friend back to the campus after a game. I will always be thankful for the encouragement that my mom gave to me to apply to Saint Mary's.

In a Christmas note I shared a wonderful picture of my mom taken at her family birthday party. **Rose Marie Mirabito Weed** wrote a nice note saying how well my mom looked. Her mom is doing well at 93 years. Rose and her husband, Art, recently sold their house in upper NY, and became full time residents of Stuart, FL. In her free time, Rose volunteers her math tutoring schools with students from a local church. When not tutoring, Rose and Art are on the waters enjoying their boat.

Rose has two daughters who graduated from Saint Mary's. **Patti Marie Weed Bennett '90** lives with her family in AR. **Joann Weed Ponto '95** resides in NH.

After the New Year, Rose and Art met with **Marianne Voglewede McLaughlin** and her husband who also live full time in FL. **Marie Celine Schuette Crowley** and Dennis stopped in for a

visit on their winter sojourn in FL.

Pat Hilger Zeigler, another full time FL, resident, lives in The Villages. Her great excitement this past year was her daughter's Aileen's wedding. Pat and her husband took a Rhone River Cruise and visited more ancient ruins than one sees in Greece. A true artist, Pat continues her interest by doing clay projects and pine needle baskets. When not doing art, Pat spends her time on the golf course or scouring the FL lakes for bass.

Susan Klover Martin resides in Sugar Land, TX. She has five grandchildren. The oldest, Haley, entered Kilgore College in the fall. Haley is a member of the elite Rangerettes from Kilgore College. The group has performed everywhere and will be in Ireland for a competition this year. Susan hopes the whole family will be there to support Haley. Her youngest grandchild is Matthew who is a first grader in Seattle. Susan hopes to make a trip to visit her family there.

Liz Bermingham Lacy sent a note saying that she and her husband moved to a home where they will not mow the lawn or shovel the snow. Her grandchildren total is five with two boys and three girls. When not caring or helping with the grandchildren, Liz still works as a semi-retired Supreme Court judge for VA. Traveling and golf fill in the spare hours.

She said that she met **Carol Smither Mansfield** for lunch one day. Carol's grandchildren are all local to her home, so she is assistant carpool driver.

Liz passed on the sad news of **Dorinda Pelaccio Malone's** sudden death in August of 2013. To add to the sadness, Dorinda's husband, Dave (ND '66), died in April of a heart attack. Our prayers and thoughts go out to her two sons, Patrick and Ryan.

On another sad note, **Elizabeth Naes Kringel** lost her beloved husband, Kris, this January. I had the pleasure to know Kris for many years. He was a gentleman and a lover of life.

Mary (Dede) Coter Delaney welcomed a new grandson last year. **Sharon Priester Lewert** and **Mary Dunn Finneran** met Dede's new addition when she visited her son and daughter-in-law in Chicago.

Mary celebrated the wedding of her son E.J. Finneran in Seattle in September. Sharon looked awesome at her son John's wedding in October.

Please send me notes on how you are celebrating your birthday. I hope some great trips are in the future or gala gatherings of the family to honor seventy years of experience.

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Francie S. Russell wrote about the joy of the coming of spring in the Ozarks where she has moved for her retirement. Unfortunately, I cannot share the photo in our class news but will try to post in our Facebook page.

Mary (Zip) Largey Basile writes: Recalling fond memories from the reunion last June, I too add my thanks to all who attended. The best was spending time with some I had not known as well while at SMC. Time is a great leveler. Everyone there had shared life experiences we recognized. Very inspiring to learn how these strong women dealt with a variety of issues.

Currently, I am blessed to keep in touch with former roommates **Jan Nienberg Swift, Doralil (Dee)**

Sauer Pugliese, and **Maureen Hunter Bone**. We have named ourselves "the Goddesses" and span the US by living from coast to coast and parts in the middle. Have managed mini reunions at each other's homes and stay connected with emails. Find these wonderful gals to be a constant sounding board with good ideas and support for whatever is on our plates. Am loving the Belles website also. Looking forward to my son's wedding in Charleston, where again the Goddesses will gather!

Julie Centlivre Kundert reports that she is alive and well in Evanston, IL. Recently **Barbara (Bobbie) Meehan Congdon** visited and Julie also sees **Kris Thorsen Barnhill** when she is in town. Julie volunteers doing music type therapy and is home with Mick.

Marne Roark Roche did not reply but I saw on Facebook that she was headed to her last meeting of the Madeleva Society. **Harriett Hilbrand Cronin** and **Jane Evans Schaffler** will be joining the committee. Marne also wrote that a group of Belles took **Nancy Root Smith** to dinner in Naples, FL. **Catie Condran Geist** may be joining the next gathering in the area.

Kathy Huisking Sullivan writes from Long Island where she and her sister are attending their 50th high school reunion in February she had a mini-Reunion in Naples, FL with some of our classmates: her sister **Karen Huisking Coffey**, **Barbara Gibson South**, **Claire Callahan Johannesen**, **Mary Donoghue Brueggen**, and **Nancy Root Smith**. We met for lunch and dinner a few times. It was wonderful to reminisce about our SMC years. Marne wrote about this Belles reunion on Facebook. **Catie Condran Geist** may be joining the next gathering in the area making the southeast drive from her home in FL.

I was elected a member at large to the Executive Committee of the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education so attended the annual meeting in Denver (February 26 - March 1), where I was able to talk with Professor JoAnn Burke of the SMC Social Work Program. I had learned about her work with Real Services (the Area Agency on Agency in St. Joseph County) while living near campus during my 2005-006 sabbatical. I have been earmarking some of my annual donation to support Professor Burke's efforts to develop a gerontology minor at Saint Mary's and underwrite the cost of AGHE affiliation and some travel expenses to gerontology conferences. There is now interest among Belles to start a Gerontology Club and the campus can also have a chapter of Sigma Phi Omega, the gerontology honor society. I have been teaching in Stockton's gerontology program since 1977 and this year will serve as the advisor to our chapter of this club. I have been "aging in place" at Stockton with no plans to "retire." The work of teaching has changed a great deal since our undergraduate; Blackboard and markers on white boards replace chalk on actual blackboards. Richard and I are able to travel over the winter break and spend the summer at the home of my mother near the Jersey Shore. I did not get to any home games last season but do plan for one game in fall 2014, hoping that **Sara (Sally) Blackley Clemmer** and Dayne can join us. If you let us know the game(s) you will be attending, we can try to arrange a mini-reunion with a Martin's tailgate at Jameson House.

I will certainly add anyone who asks to our Facebook group but this requires that you have a Facebook account. My advanced apologies if any

Belle '68 is still waiting to join our group.

You can send news any time to econprofessor@aol.com. I will be saving each message to a file for the next class report.

Be well.

'69

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I did not receive very much news for this column which I am writing for the April 1st deadline, but perhaps that is because you are busy filling out the update sheets for our reunion and class files. Hopefully I will have more news from those forms for future columns. As always, feel free to contact me through email or Facebook at any time of the year!

Mary Collins Ryan shared her news. Similar to many of you who have commented on life in retirement, she sounded busier than ever. Mary wrote, "I moved back to the Washington, DC area from CT, back in 1980. Following my divorce I actually lived and raised my two daughters in Arlington, VA. I went back to school at that time and received a master's in library science from Catholic University in DC. Following that, I worked in a number of medical libraries in the area, including Georgetown Medical Center and the George Washington University Medical Center. I finished my career at the National Institutes of Health as an informationist/biomedical librarian. It was a great job working with the NIH clinicians and researchers, but I am totally enjoying retirement. I volunteer at our local animal shelter and at a therapeutic riding center, and I also get to spend more time with my four grandchildren who reside in Washington, DC, and Richmond, VA. The icing on the cake is that there is another little granddaughter due to arrive in Feb." Mary concluded by saying she has two good friends who have retired to the Wilmington area, so she may give me a call on her next trip down here!

M. Denise Fontana Hoover sent her news too. She is still living in Woodstock, IL, and working in the insurance business. "I've been at the same place for 23 years, through three owners. I was divorced in '07, and my ex-husband died in 2011. My daughter got married in 2013, and we work together. She has epilepsy so we are actively involved in the Epilepsy Foundation in IL. My son is living in Boulder, CO, and finally has a job at Digital Globe. He loves rock-climbing and yoga. Here's the good stuff: I enrolled in a low-residency MFA program at VT College of Fine Art. I'm in my third semester and will be headed back to VT in July '14 with work to show and entry into my fourth and final semester, graduating in Aug. '15. It's been challenging, exciting and scary, yet fun. Great advisors and artist teachers! I'm focusing on painting. Faculty and students fly in from all over the USA and Canada for a 10 day residency in January and July. I've opted for one semester per year because of my 40 hour work week. There's a writing and studio component. It's been a source of personal growth. However, I've begun to feel the nerves already when it comes to writing my process (thesis) paper in the fourth semester." I know you all join me in wishing Denise a hugely successful final push for that MFA! Look for her and her beautiful creations on Facebook if you haven't already found her there!

In January I took a 10 day road trip to FL, with a long-time friend. She had come to NC, for the month, escaping at least part of a very snowy Rochester, NY, winter. While my husband Roy over-dosed on golf with a buddy who came down from VA to visit, we made our way down to Naples and back, stopping at a few places in between, and going on slightly different routes. On our way down we stopped for a couple of days in Fernandina Beach, FL, and had a wonderful time with **Sheila Dwyer Robusto** and her husband Danny (ND '70). They are the warmest host and hostess, and it is always pure joy to spend time with them. On the way back to Wilmington we stopped in Savannah, GA, for a couple of days and enjoyed exploring that terrific city.

Cheryl Corsaro reported that she had a wonderful time at Reunion and thought the campus looked so different, especially with two hotels on it now.

Although unable to attend the reunion, **Janice Williams** connected with several friends from our class. She met **Sally Seyfert Lutz** and her husband Al on Saturday and later that day went to Michiana to the home of **Mary Ragen O'Rourke**. Six of our other classmates were also there and treated Janice to the Reunion stories and photos they had taken. In addition to Janice, Mary hosted **Kathy Carey Moore**, **Patty Reynolds Walsh**, **Susie Madden Darrow**, **Barb Crowley Schenck**, **Sally Gildea Smith**, and **Mary Lou Broussard Bartley**.

Take good care and God bless!

'72

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Wow — what a winter! By the time you read this news, I hope the snow and ice and cold are distant memory. Needless to say, FL, has been great these last few months. "Another blue sky day" as a Philadelphia friend says every morning!

I do not have much to report, I am sorry to say. Three classmates are Facebook friends so I catch news of them every once in a while.

Connie Cistone Green and husband, Joe, are in Iowa. Connie is still involved in show biz and appears frequently in local theater productions. I think one of the last shows was "Les Mis" which had to be a huge undertaking. I recently saw photos of **Anne Pryser Leary** with her adorable new grandchild — lots of joy there! **Maureen Walsh Fender**, who I have known since grade school, also posts photos of her family on Facebook — including the arrival of a new grandbaby. What is better than grandkids?

I received a lovely, handwritten note from **Ann Marie Tracey**. She and her husband, Dan, just moved to a condo in Cincinnati, OH. They are both working with no immediate plans for retirement. But they do escape to a vacation home in Northern MI. Ann Marie's youngest daughter, Mo, married last summer. They have nine grandchildren from their combined families.

A few of my good friends are enjoying another fabulous trip planned by **Suzanne (Terri) Dugan McGinnis**. Bill and **Claire Mignelli Hughes** and **Maura T. Carroll** are enjoying a riverboat cruise on the Seine River that started in Paris and will include a stop at Normandy. Terry's trips used to be in Ireland, but the group has since tried a

riverboat on the Danube and now France.

That is all for now! I would love to see some of you in FL. And as your friendly realtor, I would love to SELL you a FL. retreat! Sending love and wishing you all "blue sky days."

'74

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What a wonderful time was had by the Class of 1974 at Reunion. I can't write everything in this column because of the short deadline, but I must say it was so great to see many women I have not seen in oh so many years. The reunion weekend started a few days early at the Chicago home of **Judie Moore Green** who hosted many of us for an evening on her deck. Great food, drinks, and company which included **Julie Griffin Murphy**, **Jan Gabler Cranfield**, **Jackie Schimizzi Ehler**, **Mary Ellen Raphael**, **Debbie Schwarz Pierre**, **Barb McKiernan Davis** and **Muffet Foy Cuddy** and myself. Everyone was in great spirits: these gals looked awesome. The next day, I saw so many old friends. What a joyful time! Thanks to **Peggy McDonough Lee** for hosting a great party where I got to see so many gals like **Murph Janko**, **Sue Anderson Casper**, **Ann O'Boyle Nash**, **Anne Cisle Murray**, and **Liz Sowada Linner**.

At Saturday's picnic, I saw many more classmates: **Diane McGuinness Sullivan**, **Pat Snow Hession**, **Pat Olvany Hodson**, **Celine (CC) McGowan**, **Kathy McAuliffe Donnelly**, **Mary Ann Judge Thornton**, **Jackie Zale Parker**, **Mary Beth Lefere** . . . I'm on deadline so I need to throw in three more points and write the rest next time (including dancing in the ND tents, the new bar at Morris Inn, etc):

Mary Anne Gillespie honeymooned in Dubai and India, looked fabulous and happy. So excited to hear all about it.

Terri Lustic Lonier represented our class so well in a marvelous presentation she did during the alumnae talks series. Thanks, Terri, it was great!

Jayne Matt decided to change careers and became a dentist at age 50! You go, girl, a major change and she's handling it all beautifully up in Wisconsin.

I received the first batch of Reunion updates from the Alumnae office, so I'm happy to bring you updates from across the class. I am reminded, as I read this batch, that many of the classmates who entered SMC in autumn of 1970 did not graduate with us, they graduated from ND. For them, it's a split reunion as they certainly want to spend time with classmates from ND but we dearly miss getting to spend time with all of our friends. It's a tough one, having both events at the same time.

Kathleen Sherry was moving into a new home at the time of Reunion and was unable to attend but I'm sure we all send our best wishes. A resident of Fullerton, CA, Kathleen has a daughter, Elizabeth who is 26 who works in governance at the Dept. of World Vision and a son, Michael, who is a Scout Photographer.

Nancy Alleshaski Bradley is a resident of Fredericksburg, VA, where she lives with her husband David. She enjoys gardening, knitting, reading and travelling. She has the same thought about retiring as I do: "We don't need to keep a house this big anymore but where to go?" She

is hoping to get to see **Barb Magnus Cronin**, **Nancy Pauley** (ND '74), **Terri Howe Castanias** (ND '74) at reunion. Nancy and Terri are two of our classmates who started at SMC and graduated from ND, leaving them with double-reunion duty!

Mary Kay Conaty Leicht ("KK") writes from Indianapolis that she and her husband have had 3 children graduate from ND and one daughter from SMC. I'm not sure if that's a record for our class, but it feels it might be?

Patricia Sheperd Wicks, an RN at Community Hospitals of Williams County in the Bryan, OH area, writes that she and her husband enjoy golf, scrabble, biking and exercising. She has 6 children and 9 grandchildren. Might possibly be another record to date. Although I know **Julie Griffin Murphy** and her husband Bob (ND '74), can give the Wicks a run for the money on this title! Julie says that with her spare time she is spending time with family and friends. I figure once she's done one round of visits to the Griffin-Murphy siblings and then the kids and grandkids, it's time to start all over again a few months later!

'75

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Katie McFadden Devine sent a wonderful photo of a mini-reunion at the Ritz Carlton in Chicago the weekend of March 28-30, and it looks as if they all had an awesome time ushering in their seventh decade! Traveling from Chagrin Falls, OH; Keokuk, IA; Jasper, IN; Washington, DC; Chicago, Pittsburgh, Indianapolis, and Walker MN, they enjoyed a weekend of shopping, eating, drinking, and walking down memory lane. There were lots of hugs, kisses, laughter, a few tears, gift exchanges, and plenty of cocktails.

Melanie Cipkala Shellenbarger and her husband Mark (ND '74), longtime residents of the Denver area, are moving to Warwick, England, in May. Mark has been asked to relocate to Norgren's UK headquarters outside of Birmingham on a two-year assignment to drive a new strategy for the company. Melanie, who has been teaching architectural history at the University of Colorado Denver and Boulder since 2005, will enjoy spending time writing and perhaps guest lecturing. Both Melanie and Mark are looking forward to the European travel opportunities and connecting with SMC and ND alums in England!

Mary-Margaret (Mamie) Anthoine Ney writes: "I keep in touch with my roomies Chris Gocke Rusin (ND '75) and **Marianne Rinella Fotopoulos**, who both live in the Chicago area. I got to see them about a year and a half ago. Looking great, ladies!

I recently attended the Public Library Association conference in Indianapolis. While there I was treated to a fabulous dinner by **Diane Johnson Speck**. We hadn't seen each other for years and now we've been together twice within six months! Last fall, Diane and **Marjorie Fuchs Begin** visited Maine for a weekend. It was so good to be together, especially over a three-plus hour dinner in Portland. Still making great memories after all these years! In June 2013, I became director of the Auburn (ME) Public Library. It's a grand library, and I'm honored to have the job, especially since I

went there as a child. It's definitely not the library of old! I did my master's in library and information science at the University of SC and was just awarded their distinguished alumni award. Becoming a librarian has been a wonderful gift — a great use of my education at Saint Mary's and all the work experience/education I've had. Saint Mary's College is where I learned to be myself and have confidence in what I can do."

From **Anne Creedon Coon**: Nothing dramatic or exciting to report — the usual life milestones. My children are far-flung; a daughter in Little Rock, AR (married with a 17-month-old daughter), a daughter in Denver (will be married in August '14 and is a licensed music therapist), a son who works in Boston for The Lexington Insurance Company, a son who works for the athletic department at Purdue University and is studying for a master's in Sports Administration, and a daughter who will graduate in May from Gettysburg College and would like to work in Washington, DC. We have a lot of opportunities for travel! I spend my time as the assistant producer and parent liaison for our high school's musical. We present five performances, sell upwards of 4,000 tickets, and have an enormous amount of fun. It is very rewarding for me. When my husband and I visit Denver (or if I go alone), I always see my Saint Mary's College roommate, **Kim Lynch Fry**. In fact, I will be attending a bridal shower for my daughter in Denver in mid-April, and Kim and I will spend the day together. It seems as though we never left Saint Mary's.

Marianne Rinella Fotopoulos wrote a poignant note about one of the best pictures of the year, *Philomena*. The story concerns a woman searching for the son she had to give up for adoption in Ireland in 1952. Those of you who saw it know that a major focus of the film had to do with a Notre Dame student we might have known. Marianne writes, "As I was watching the movie with my husband, a strange feeling came over me. I told him that I knew a wonderful and charming young man named Michael



Picture from Liz Megnin Neil, who writes, "Raucous laughter, long hugs, stories old and new — these were the essence of the Florida reunion in January 2014 of the 'Great Eight,' seven of the 1971 freshman girls housed in the Le Mans Tower room (the first ever!) and one-fourth floor friend from freshman year. Front row: Mary Jayne Kowieski Dunne, Mary Ann McCarthy McArdle. Back row: Patricia Kathleen Ward, Anne Green Browne, Deb Fetter McLane, Michelle (Shelley) McArdle Larson, Pat Valdenaire Walsh, Liz Megnin Neil.

who was also looking for his mother and that he was born in Ireland. The movie was about Michael A. Hess, he was Philomena's son, and he graduated from Notre Dame in December of 1974. I met Michael while working at WSND and we became friends. He even had me join the Young Republicans on campus! I was in WA. on business in 1980 and called him, but he was out of the office. I thought I would go back to Washington, DC. again, but I was pregnant and never returned. We did not have email in those days so we lost touch. Michael A. Hess worked for Ronald Reagan! For all those who had the opportunity to know Michael and can remember him from WSND or perhaps they met him and knew his charm — we were blessed! What a book to read and a movie to see... I recommend it to all!"

Aimee Beckman-Collier sent a note chock full of news: "I'm getting a rather lovely award tonight from my professional organization (the Weston Noble Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Choral Directors Association)." And if that wasn't impressive enough: "This is my 25th year on the faculty of Drake University, and it's been a big one. I conducted performances of *Hodie*, the great Ralph Vaughan Williams cantata for chorus and orchestra, in November with all four of our choirs, three soloists, and a special faculty/student orchestra. The Chamber Choir and I toured England in January and had the honor of performing at St. Martin-in-the-Fields and at Saint Paul's Cathedral in London, the cathedrals of Coventry, Ely, and Gloucester, as well as at Merton College Chapel, Oxford University, and St. John's College Chapel, Cambridge University. The Drake Choir and Chamber Choir just completed a regional tour, which took us to northeastern IA, Chicago, and South Bend — our final concert was in the Church of Our Lady of Loretto at Saint Mary's. On May 25th, I'll conduct a performance of Mozart's *Coronation Mass* with the Drake Choir and professional orchestra and soloists in Avery Fisher Hall, Lincoln Center." Aimee's son is in medical school at the University of Iowa, and her husband continues to enjoy his yearly Grand Canyon hikes on primitive trails (Aimee notes these trails are the kind for which you say, when looking at his photos, "What trail? Is your insurance policy paid in full?")

And, to close up, another reunion with another wonderful picture, this one from **Liz Megnin Neil**,

who writes, "Raucous laughter, long hugs, stories old and new — these were the essence of the FL reunion in January 2014 of the 'Great Eight,' seven of the 1971 freshman girls housed in the Le Mans Tower room (the first ever!) and one-fourth floor friend from freshman year. (*If **Suzanne L. Moxham**, the eighth Tower girl, is reading this tale, please contact debram-clane@yahoo.com. We'd love to hear from you!)

Writes Liz, "The 'surprise that wasn't' (multiple leaks in an attempt at a surprise gathering) marked the final 60th birthday festivities of the group at the end of January. From all corners of the country — and mostly from states suffering from the brutal polar vortex — we descended upon Jensen Beach, FL, to bookend the celebrations that began in January 2013. Jim (ND '75) and **Pat Valdenaire Walsh** (Charlotte, NC), **Mary Ann McCarthy McArdle** (ND '75; North Andover, MA), Tom and **Liz Megnin Neil** (Dexter, MI), **Mary Jayne Kowieski Dunne** (Elmhurst, IL), Dave and **Michelle (Shelley) McArdle Larson** (Cedarburg, WI), **Anne Green Browne** (Manhattan, KS), **Deb Fetter McLane** (Scottsdale, AZ), and **Patricia Kathleen Ward** (Lake Worth, FL) picked up right where we left off 25 years ago, the last time all eight of us were together. We laughed over old stories, talked of the triumphs and tribulations of our kids, and poignantly shared experiences dealing with aging parents.

"The oldest — and most — grandchildren belong to Deb; the newest grandmother is Jaynie; and the one who lives farthest from her grandchildren is Anne (they're in PA, she's in KS) The newest mother-in-law is Pat Walsh, whose daughter Megan got married under an avenue of live oaks draped with Spanish moss in SC in October 2013 (Pat Ward, Shelley and Dave, and Tom and Liz attended the wedding.) The artist of the group, Mary Ann, has had several successful gallery shows of her work. The firecracker of the group, Pat Ward, kept the party going by introducing us to the popular south FL libation, Fireball. Party planner Shelley coordinated arrangements for everyone, and Liz turned 60.

"And now, with the wonders of technology, we don't have to wait another 25 years to be together," Liz added. "We keep in frequent touch on our smart phones via the GroupMe app. We've watched the Oscars together, been mutual tech consultants, jointly celebrated St. Patrick's Day, and vicariously hiked outside of Phoenix and toured NM. Who knew that walking into Le Mans Hall in the fall of 1971 would lead to such wonderful, lifelong friends! Life has been good. God is good."

(Social media is also a blessing when it comes to finding old friends. Via Facebook, Liz connected with **Julie Stypula McCandless** who happened to comment on a post from a high school friend of hers. Julie was teaching Spanish at Liz's alma mater and retired after the 2013 school year. She's got a cute little grandson!)

Well, this isn't quite the end of our class news. I have enjoyed several years of reporting about our wonderful class, but I've gotten quite busy with projects that I need to finish and see on their way: a novel, a play, and a few other things, that I'm just a little too busy to be able to devote as much time to taking care of our class news as it deserves. I'm sad about this, because I've loved being in contact and hearing the news "before anyone else" — and perhaps I can come back to it someday. I enjoy seeing old friends — saw **Donna Cavi Sussman '76** in NY, and I keep connected with **Mary**



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Patricia Egan '76 and **Terry Kerley McNeely '76** via Facebook. Thank you for writing me with your news and your thoughts, and good luck to you all! It's been a pleasure hearing from all of you!

'76

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From **Leslie Wilson**: By the time this news is published I expect to be well-settled into my next adventure in international humanitarian and development work as Southeast Asia regional coordinator for a great little, IN-founded organization, Church World Service (www.cwsglobal.org). I will be travelling throughout the region to support CWS programs in Burma, Cambodia, Vietnam, Indonesia, and East Timor, and working to expand the size and scope of our programs in support of poverty reduction and hunger amelioration. We work for peace and justice, too — though those are more ethereal goals. I'll be living in Bangkok, and will most definitely have a guest room: so, make your travel plans!

While stateside from January to April I was in touch with the people I'm usually in touch with: I visited with **Marianne McCabe Brehl**, **Sandy A. VanGilder**, and **Linda M. Tempel** while in the NY City area; I had lunch with **Christine M. Burton** in Pittsburgh and I caught up with **Cecilia Marie Michel** by phone: everyone's fine, in a wide variety of life phases! I also had hopes of seeing **Christine A. Petti** when I met with a group of Los Angeles alumnae in February; but, unfortunately, she could not join us. I have not heard from my roommate, **Mary Anguys McLaughlin**, directly — though I track her on Facebook, and all appears to be well. For now that's all the news that's fit to print!

'78

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Marla Treckelo Buck and **Diana Hendrickson Mezzanotte** (former roommates) and husbands Daniel Buck (ND '77, '79) and David Mezzanotte, Jr. (ND '77, '78, and '80) had a mini reunion in January 2013 in Miami at the National Championship Game. Also present for the game and festivities were their children, Brian Buck (ND '08), Marissa Buck, (SJU '12, '13) and David Mezzanotte (ND '10), and Michelle Mezzanotte (ND '14). A great time was had by all! Miami was a wonderful place to get caught up on what has been happening with everyone, while enjoying the sun and the pre-game activities. They had so much fun together!

Diana and Dave are currently living in London, and Marla and Dan live in Orefield, PA.

Mary Beth Montroy McIntosh is married to Scot and they have three children. Living in River Forest, IL. Mary Beth is in the banking business and works for Community Bank Oak Park close to home. She has two boys Scott, 27, Michael, 24, and

a daughter Erin, who is 19.

Karla Kalamasz Detwiler is enjoying her first grandchild, Faith, who was born April 30, 2012. Karla is enjoying every minute of it. She lives in Laguna Hills, CA and works as a Principal Medical Information Specialist for Allergan Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Her youngest son Daniel, the father of Faith, is in the US Air Force as of April 2012. Karla's eldest son Sean received his bachelor of science in socialpsychology through the US Air Force in May of 2012. Kimberly, 33, works for a veterinarian as his assistant along with many other responsibilities in Virginia Beach, VA.

Valerie A. Ball is an ENT physician living in Indianapolis, IN. She attended University of Cincinnati for her MSN and MD degrees graduating in 1992.

Valerie Homola Woller is married and living in The Woodlands, TX with husband Basil (ND '77). Valerie is involved with the Huston Saint Mary's Alumnae Club and volunteers as a recruiter at local college fairs. She was also on the Reunion gift committee for the last Reunion and also served on the Parents' Council when her daughter **Emily Anne Woller Curry '09** was a student. Valerie and Basil have three children that are all married. They are also raising their niece. Daughter Jamie Lynne Woller Mendozam, 32, is married. Twins Alexander Woller (ND '09) and **Emily Anne Woller Curry '09** are 28. When the twins were at SMC/ND Valerie recommended SMC to Alex's then girlfriend when she was considering a transfer. It was successful on two levels as **Megan Bolander Woller '08** did attend SMC and graduated in 2008 and she married Alex in 2009. It was a very busy couple of years for their family.

Valerie wrote the following: "Saint Mary's gave me the confidence and leadership skills to work in the community for various non-profit organizations, both cultural and philanthropic. When talking to high schools students at recruiting events, I point out that Saint Mary's College has always been a place where a woman's potential is nurtured and never limited."

'79

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I wasn't able to make it to reunion this year, but feel like I have caught up with many of you, thanks to the plethora of questionnaires I received back from your packets. Thanks for taking the time to keep me informed. Over the next several issues, I will attempt to share with the whole class everything that you shared with me.

Nancy Bakewell Thomas Dickinson wrote that she is a museum interpreter/role player at the Strawberry Banke Museum in Portsmouth, NH.

Lisa Ann Hawkins is a urology/neurology/general operating room clinician at UPMC Mercy Hospital. She lives in Murrysville, PA.

Kathleen Cullen Holm lives in Victoria, TX with her husband, Paul. She has retired after 18 years of teaching but she is now helping with her husband's accounting firm, Paul B. Holm and Company.

Eileen Lynch Fahey lives in downtown Chicago where she also works as a financial analyst with Fitch Ratings. **Pamela Nitos Gruley** and her husband, Brian (ND '79), are also living the urban life in Chicago. She is a registered nurse with Associated Allergists and Asthma Specialists there.

Tracy Ann Herman Swafford lives in one state and works in another. A resident of Omaha, NE, she is a teacher in the Glenwood Community Schools in Glenwood, IA.

Jerri Plumb Kelly and her husband, Jeff, live in Longwood, FL. She is the athletic director of the Seminole County Public Schools in Altamonte Springs. They have three children. The oldest is a CPA. The second is an English teacher and the youngest is a college student, majoring in business.

Political science caught **Cheri Petride Miller's** fancy and now she is a professor of political science at Cuyahoga Community College in Parma, OH. She and her husband, Mark, have two adult sons who both have earned master's degrees, "a charming daughter-in-law and a very precious granddaughter named Chloe." Cheri was awarded the Founders' Day Award from the SMC Cleveland/Akron Alumnae Club in 2011 for her many years of service. She is currently serving as the club's president.

Cathy Hedges Schneeman is a part-time project coordinator for Seven Hills Benefits and she lives in Mendota Heights, MN with her husband, Christopher.

Betsy Bringardner O'Donnell is a part-time Spanish instructor at Aurora University and Waubesa Community College in Aurora, IL. She and her husband, John, have four children, the youngest of whom is starting high school this fall. She wrote "in December, 2013 I revisited my junior year abroad (1978) experience in Salamanca, Spain. I traveled with my daughter, Julie. She was completing her junior year abroad studies with St. Louis University, also in Spain. We stayed with my Salamantino friends. After 36 years, I had a joyful reunion in Salamanca. I was so happy to share this part of my college experience with my daughter. I was also able to share in hers."

Paula Carroll Tredeau is a partner in the law firm of Egan, Flanagan and Cohen, PC, in Springfield, MA. She and her husband, Richard, live in Longmeadow, MA. "My husband, Richard and I enjoy our careers (he is a pediatrician) and our time at our second home on Cape Cod. We were blessed with two wonderful children who are working in the Washington, DC area. We visit them and other family that area as often as possible and treasure our time together."

Elmhurst Dental in Elmhurst, IL is where you will find **Meg Kelly** much of the time. She is a dentist. She and her husband, James Boardman, live in nearby LaGrange, IL and enjoy outdoor activities whenever possible.

Teresa Tuohy is the director of Graduate Medical Education at Weiss Memorial Hospital in Chicago. She is also in the process of becoming the chaplain at the hospital. Terry wrote that she enjoys planning events (as well as cooking and travel). That is a good thing because she also noted that she has been developing and producing some extraordinary fundraising events in Chicago — for the hospital, I assume?

C. Hilaire Thomas is a teacher at my husband's alma mater, Fenwick High School in Oak Park, IL. She enjoys swimming, hiking, biking and travel and she also helps to run a shelter for the displaced, lonely and homeless in Seattle. Great work, Hilaire!

Jan Liedke Kerestly wrote that she and her husband, George, live in Pittsburgh. They have two children and Jan is a homemaker. She enjoys restoring furniture in her spare time.

Torie Morgan Arthofer lives in Naperville, IL with her husband, Michael. Their son and daughter are 29 and 26, respectively. Torie works as a Disney vacation planner for "Mouse Made Simple."

Linda Susan Kawecki and her husband, D. Michael Hellinghausen (ND '78), are living in Dallas, TX where they enjoy cycling, rowing and travel. Linda also enjoys participating in a book club and doing graphic design. She is currently taking time off to raise her teenagers.

Stop in to the Wells Fargo Bank on Eddy St. in South Bend and you might run into **Amy Karkiewicz**. She works there and lives in nearby Granger, IN. Working out and gardening are her passions.

Kathryn Tremblay Bell and her husband, Brian, are living in Pueblo, CO. She is a full-time mother to her five children.

Mary Liz Dunne Dudek is the athletic director at Immaculate Conception School in Elmhurst, IL, the same town where she lives with her husband, Bill. Two of her daughters are SMC Chicks, by the way! Kathleen graduated in 2009 and Allison expects to graduate in 2016. Add to that the fact that Mary Liz's mother, **Mary Ellen Deibler Dunne** graduated from SMC in 1949 and her sister, **Anne Dunne Baetz** graduated in 1977 and you have quite a family legacy! She wrote "This Reunion, I share the honor of being inducted into the Saint Mary's Athletic Hall of Fame as a member of the SMC Basketball team from 1975 to 1977. Whether it was practicing at Augusta gym and Logan Center, playing and beating Notre Dame, riding the old team bus across the state, opening and playing in the new Angela Athletic Facility, we Belles always made it fun. The friendships I made and the memories I shared will always be treasured. To my fellow '79 teammates:

Martha Kelly Salata, Kathleen Cullen Holm, Meg Holland, and Diane Klucka... thanks for the memories! I also want to congratulate our fellow '79 classmate, **Mary Acker Klingenberg**, for being the recipient of the Alumnae Association's Alumna Achievement Award at this year's Reunion. As current president of Mother McAuley High School in Beverly, IL, Mary continues to promote the importance of women's colleges and high schools."

Ann Regan Casey lives in Minnetonka, MN with her husband, Sean. They enjoy visiting their children, traveling, reading and taking long walks. Ann works as a transportation supervisor for Park Adam Transportation, a school bus company in St. Louis Park, MN.

Karen Valente Brady is a self-employed tax consultant in Palatine, IL where she lives with her husband, Scott.

More next time!

'81

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After 10 years it is time for me to pass the job of class secretary on to someone else as this will be my last submission. If any of you are interested in taking on this position, please contact Shay Jolly, assistant director of Alumnae Relations, at hjolly@saintmarys.edu.

Maggie A. O'Neill writes: My daughter Clare graduated and is, at this very moment, looking for her dream job. She spent the summer working for my brother-in-law's construction company and the fall WOOFing at an organic farm in Maine and the winter job-searching. Speaking of jobs — I've got

the best one. Last August, I signed on to run the volunteer program at Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington, DC. I love it! Perfect timing (my youngest is a freshman in college) and perfect match for my background, skills, and interests — and my faith. The position is a new one in a recently re-organized and growing organization with a charismatic leader, so it feels entrepreneurial and exciting. We were empty nesters for a few months last fall. Clare was a senior at Tulane and Maeve was doing a gap year in Ecuador. So, we decamped on our 25th-anniversary-month-long-trip-to-Europe. By spring we missed the girls very much, so over Clare's spring break we visited Maeve in Ecuador for a couple of weeks. What a beautiful country!

From **Sue Blumer Bergman**: The SMC Chicks of 1981 hit South Beach — Miami, FL, March 2014 and had a fantastic time reconnecting with each other. We all went to Scottsdale, AZ, when we turned 50 so we felt it was time to celebrate our 55th together too! Those attending our soiree were **Patty Kelly McNeill, Sue Blumer Bergman, Maggie A. O'Neill, Kelly Chambers Mazeski, Michelle Diener Filicicchia, Terri Albright Cavi, Madonna Shannon Stuart, Susie Eckelkamp, Mary Hanigan McLean, Mary Beckman Gordon, Patty Meagher Clare, Eileen Murray Froehke, Marguerite Quinn Zappa, and Christy Frank Murphy** swung down at the tail end, after having attended her brother's wedding up in Charleston, SC. We represented nine different states and continue to remain close friends, continuing our support of one another through the years. Highlights from the trip — a bike tour of the art deco district of South Beach, yoga on the beach, Segway-ing around the beach walk — not without a couple of minor crashes, lots of fine dining and soaking up the sun! Plans for another trip and reunion are already in the works! We all absolutely treasure our friendships made at Saint Mary's and love staying connected with each other!



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From **Amy Kronenwetter Gruis**: My daughter, Caitlin, is in her second year at ND. When chatting online with one of my good friends, **Karen Dechant Thompson**, from SMC, I discovered that her youngest daughter, Kathryn, would be attending ND as a freshman. When I told her which dorm my daughter was in, we found out that they would be in the same dorm. It didn't take long for both of us to realize that they are living across the hall from each other! Small world and so great that they have gotten to know each other! All is well here in Utah. I went back to work part-time this year and am enjoying it. My son is a sophomore at a Catholic high school in Salt Lake City and is just beginning to look at colleges.

'82

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From **Anne Hesslau Dondanville**:

This stage of life finds most of us coming and going — I saw **Kathleen Mulvihill Walsh** outside of a hotel in Naples and **Jill Lampe Hough** in the Notre Dame bookstore and waved. They both look great.

My son, Brian (ND '11), just returned from a bachelor party in New Orleans to celebrate the upcoming nuptials of **Beth Armstrong Perron's** oldest son, Matt (ND '11). Also at the party was Robbie Morgan (ND '11), **Maria Valdivia Morgan's '83** son. They all lived together at ND and we so look forward to a big reunion at the wedding.

Our annual girls' trip to **Patti Brandy Connor's** home in FL, is Mother's Day weekend and that is where I get most of my information! My son, Tim, is in his first year of law school at Notre Dame and it is so much fun to have another excuse to come back to campus. I do have two goddaughters, and three nieces at SMC — and **Sue Murdock Egan** and I share goddaughter distinction for Patti and Frank Connor's daughter Liza, a freshman at ND who lives down the hall from **Joan Fallon Callahan's** daughter. Lots of degrees of separation from those college years but the tradition continues. I attended the SMC colloquium in Naples in February in March. It was well done and I really recommend that anyone who has the chance to attend next time does. You will feel confident that the leadership of our alma mater is succeeding in — embracing the future by building on tradition.

Prayers for health and for the grace we all need to let go of some things and embrace some others. Happy, happy spring. Finally!

From **Susan Metallo Cogan**:

Here is some news but if you aren't on Facebook yet, I can't tell you how nice it is to connect to all your friends and alumnae from Saint Mary's. If you go on and friend me: **Susan Metallo Cogan**, I will add you to the Saint Mary's College group we have formed and you will quickly see what I mean!

I was at ND this past weekend and ran into **Cheryl Prosek Kennedy** and her daughters at SMC and ND. I ran the "Holy Half" Marathon with **Mary Agnes (Aggie) Roberts Mannix '83** and my son and her daughter who are best friends.

Also ran into **Anne Hesslau Dondanville** on campus enjoying watching her son at ND law school play bookstore basketball. Great to be back on campus and just run into friends like old times.

Leslie Griffith Murphy shared this news on Facebook on a fellow ND alumnae tribute. Leslie wrote: Some of you may remember Lt. Cmdr. Rand (Randy) McNally (ND '82), and former Alumni Hall resident who was tragically killed April 5, 1994 while flying a military jet over the San Francisco Bay. On April 5, 2014, his family and friends will commemorate the 20th anniversary of his sacrifice and loss. A memorial service and reception will be held aboard the aircraft carrier USS Hornet at Alameda Naval Air Station, San Francisco Bay, CA.

Teresa Robb Glennon married to Patrick Glennon (ND '81). Wrote that she has four girls and they have lived in Colorado Springs, CO, since 1982! She is an OR nurse working in an outpatient surgery center. She said they were back at SMC/ND for the Oklahoma game and just happened to sit right in front of **Sharon Smiggen Ruble!** Totally by accident!

Ellen Gorman Reagan got an MFA in writing for children and young adults from VT College of Fine Arts in January.

Sandy Carpenter Mazza and husband Greg went to Rome to visit daughter, **Molly Casey Mazza** (SMC sophomore on Rome Program). Sandy said she really enjoyed it since back in our day, the nurses couldn't study abroad. Highlight of the trip was being present at the Pope's general audience on March 26, 2014 when they announced the Saint Marys' College Rome Program as being present there that day!

Kathleen Skudnig Estabrook writes, "I am proud to report that my two sons will be graduating with honors this year from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. As they have been my primary focus for the last 22 years, I am thrilled with their accomplishments!"

Katherine M. (Kit) Bernardi launched a website, www.KitTravels.com, and blog, KitChat, where she shares her life-long passion for wandering the globe. The site features her work as a professional travel journalist, editor, and marketer including published articles, blog posts, tweets and photography.

I attended the book signing dinner in Akron for **Adriana Maria Trigiani '81** for her newest book release *The Supreme Macaroni Factory* with **Loretta Margiotta Nasca '81**. What a great night. She is as great a speaker as writer and it was fun to hear her stories, a few about her sister in our class, **Antonia Giovanna Trigiani**.

'83

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Loretta (Lettie) Albright Muckley writes that it "has been a year of weddings and engagements. My son was married in Turks and Caicos last May, and my daughter was married in Dallas in November. Our third child became engaged to his fiancé in December and will be married this June."

Margaret Foy Pankhurst recently moved from Dallas to St Petersburg, FL, for a new job as a fashion jewelry designer at Cousin Corporation. Her oldest son David was selected for the Special Forces in the Marines and she asks everyone to



Mary Eileen (ME) Shelley Morrissey, Jeanne Reynolds, Denise M. Arnold, Kim Kisling Walsh, Elisabeth (Lisa) Keeley-Cain, Marybeth (MB) Boldt Hackbarth, Carol Wolf Gubbins, Heidi Krumdieck McAuliffe, Bridget Bruggeman Sandlow, Nora B. Barnide, Theresa (TC) Lynch Dockery, and Cathy Gibbons Morrissey got together for a visit in Milwaukee to support MB. We brought prayers and hugs and laughs to lift her spirits as she finishes chemo and prepares for surgery. SMC friendships last forever and carry us through anything!

keep him in your prayers. Her youngest son, Christian, will soon finish his undergraduate degree at the University of Texas at Austin, and from there plans to go to physical therapy school.

From **Patricia (Trish) Sheehan Pearl**: "My husband JP (ND '83) and I have lived in New Milford, CT, for 20 years. JP is a captain at American Airlines and I still substitute teach at the middle and high school level. We are new grandparents to a beautiful little girl by our daughter **Christine Pearl Rastello '07** and her husband Erik, who live and are stationed in NC. Christine drills in the Army National Guard and her husband is Army active duty currently deployed to Germany. Our **Lynda Pearl '09** is a lieutenant and Navy aviator and flies helicopters. She was deployed last year and is currently stationed in Norfolk. Our daughter Michelle lives in Charleston and works for a community management group and will soon be getting married. Our youngest, **Alexa (Lexi) Meagan Pearl '15**, is studying nursing and is in the Air Force ROTC. As often as possible we spend our time traveling to see our daughters and babysitting our granddaughter when needed. We are very thankful and feel incredibly blessed. JP and I have made it out for many football games and have been able to see many friends. We stay with **Theresa Lynch Dockery** and her husband, Tom, in their beautiful home. We have met up with **Liz B. Kurtz, Mary Loeser Shawhan, Cathy Gibbons Morrissey, Mary Eileen Shelley Morrissey, Nancy Rodgers Tomek, Sharon M. Conrad**, and their families. It's been a busy and fun year."

From **Katie Barry Stack**: Last fall **Heidi Lucke Sullivan '82, Mary Therese Weiden Gruenes, Joan E. Coogan '82, Julie Kipp ND '83**, and I got together for the Art Institute of Chicago's Impression, Fashion and Modernity exhibit.

From **Peggy Pieschel Van Hoomissen**: "Our oldest daughter Meghan and her husband Alvin are expecting their first child in April — our first grandchild. We are looking forward to this phase of life. Our second daughter, Bryn, will be graduating from medical school in May. She has chosen to become an anesthesiologist. Our youngest daughter has a culinary degree and works in her field at a casino here in MN. Matt and I passed a milestone of 30 years of marriage. Matt continues owning and operating a SNAP Fitness and building our AdvoCare business (nutritional supplements/weight loss). I work in accounting for a mid-size business in the healthcare field as well as helping build our AdvoCare business."

Last year **Marcia Schian Woodbridge** left a large financial firm and became an independent financial advisor. "A hectic six months but I'm very happy with the move." Her youngest of three is graduating from Michigan State in May and her other two children are doing well. Her husband David is already retired, so they venture to FL, every winter for a while as snowbirds. Marcia notes that leaving MI, this year was definitely worth it!

'85

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Greetings classmates! **Kathy Conley Taiclet** wins the prize this time around, with an update of a mini reunion in Chicago. She shares that the '85ers flew in from all over the country and met at **Mary Blaha Doyle's** house in LaGrange, IL. **Ann Goldkamp Lamb** and **Kathey** came from St Louis, **Maria Gschwind Horvath** and **Peggy Pecjak Golden** came in from OH, **Kathy McKenna Gelfand** flew in from Long Island, **Colleen Flynn Roohan** came from CA, and **Kim Kirasich McDermott** and **Christine Sweeney Johnson** had the shortest trip, trekking in from the Chicago suburbs. There in spirit was **Anne Connors**, who was unable to make it in since she was caring for her 93 year old father! It was a small gathering of some of the Regina 2nd South girls! **Kathey** notes that Regina was such a wonderful home for us when we were all freshmen. Everyone came with old pictures and great stories. Coincidentally, **Maria** and **Peggy** reconnected in OH before the trip, when they realized they were sitting in a meeting right behind each other! The group appreciated **Peggy's** amazing memory for all of the old stories at SMC. The group hopes to get together again later this year, and hope even more women can join them. Most importantly, **Kathey** says "we all look the EXACT same as we did in



JoAnn Calandra Haemmerle '84 (left), Kathryn Haemmerle '14 (right) celebrate Kathryn's graduation at the Legacy Luncheon during Commencement weekend.



On February 8, six Saint Mary's graduates gathered with other women from the Northern Virginia Branch of the People of Praise Community for a Day of Reflection on friendship and sisterhood. Pictured from left to right are: **Patty Walsh Whelpley '90, Carrie Cutrara Walker '87, Alicia Miller Cassell '82, Liz Koller Adams '99, Maggie Belin Temeles '91, and Mary Frances DeCelles Loughran '85.**

college because it is true."

In other news, it's official that **Colleen Flynn Roohan** will have a Notre Dame freshman in the fall; her youngest daughter, Sheila.

Next deadlines for class news are August 1st and December 1st. Please let us know the latest, and remember to save the date for our 30th reunion coming in 2015! Take care!

'86

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Theresa Hardy Gaffney and husband Ted are doing very well in Wakefield, MA. Their oldest two, Michael and Megan, are both at Boston College, which makes Ted, who is a BC alumnus, happy, and Theresa too, since they are not far from home. Marie is a sophomore at Arlington Catholic HS, Maeve is in fourth grade, and Matthew is in second grade at Saint Joseph School, Wakefield. My daughter Megan and I were visiting Boston, and Theresa invited us over to her lovely home for lively dinner where we got to catch up in person. That was really a treat for me!

Betsy Van Devere Grosser and husband Jurgen celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary last year. The family lives near Paderborn, Germany where Juergen teaches English and German at Benedictine High School. Their son John, who is a sophomore at the same school, will attend National Flight Academy in FL on a scholarship summer program. Annie, age 11, loves dance and choir, and Mary, age eight, will celebrate her First Holy Communion in May. Their oldest, Katie, graduated from Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität with a degree in communications and politics, and is now working on her master's degree in communication. Katie enjoyed staying with

Teresa Keefe Konrad and her family in NYC last summer. Betsy teaches English to first and second graders at the local school, and is the church sacristan for the parish. The family had a big driving vacation out West last summer with Betsy's parents from Ohio. They stopped over at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's so Betsy could show her children the beautiful campuses and we had a great time catching up!

Suzy Avitable Huschke and Mark are enjoying life in Eden Prairie, MN. Their oldest, Elizabeth is a senior engineering major at Notre Dame, and in fact has taken my husband Mike's class in engineering! Small world! Adrienne is a freshman at Notre Dame and is on the ND Sailing Team. Daniel, 16, likes Nordic skiing and shoots on his high school trap shooting team. Suzy is still teaching math and active with hiking.

Elizabeth Spraul Rogers sent a great update on some classmates as they were having a blast together to celebrates their collective 50th birthdays in Ocean Reef, FL. Elizabeth's update: **Meg Heffernan-Sherman** "resides in Valparaiso with her four kids and husband, Dan, and she is a life coach." **Mary Napoli Ferneding** "is a surgical device executive and a Cracker Barrel model." **Sheila Burke Menn** "has been raising two children, Henry and Caroline, and working as an advertising executive for *Washington Life*, a luxury lifestyle magazine." **Sheila C. Smiggen** "recently moved to

Columbia, SC, to further her career with Lennox."

Elizabeth writes that all is well with her, her husband Patrick, and the family, who reside in Cincinnati. Their two oldest, Tommy and Madeleine, are both enjoying their studies at Notre Dame. Jack is a sophomore at St. Xavier HS, Danny is a freshman at Seven Hills HS, and Patrick is a sixth grader at Springer. Thanks, Elizabeth, for the fun updates!

Cindy Janus Kloc and husband, Dan Kloc (ND '87), celebrated a very busy spring 2013! Their daughter, **Megan Margaret Kloc '13**, graduated with a bachelor of science in chemistry and is in the masters of applied cognition and neuroscience program at the University of Texas Dallas. Their son, Collin, graduated from high school (on the same weekend!) and will be a freshman at Notre Dame this fall. We are looking forward to seeing many friends on the ND campus this football season!

We continue to enjoy our new home in Granger, IN, and hope to see some more classmates as they visit the SMC and ND campuses. I would love to include an update on you, just email a couple lines to me with your latest news. God bless!

'87

From the Courier Office:

Margie Marie Kersten advised that her 22 year old son Kevin Green (affectionately called 'Otis' by many) was tragically killed in a car accident on June 15, 2013. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin Madison in May 2013 and accepted a job with Amazon. So young and so much promise ahead of him. The family has started a foundation (<http://www.otisgreenfoundation.org>) in his name which will fund a scholarship for a University of Wisconsin Madison football manager, a position he so loved. From Margie, "It is wonderful to be able to carry on his love of life and passion for hard work and football. Thank you to so many Saint Mary's alum who have reached out to me. The prayers of many are helping to ease the pain and allow me to continue working full time and be a 'mom' to my other three children, Patrick 24, Meghan 18, and Kersten 16."

'88

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I am writing on April 1, 2014, my deadline. Waiting until the last minute to finish a paper was something I rarely did at Saint Mary's; it seems to be my modus operandi these days. I remember thinking, as a college student, that life couldn't get much busier for me. Turns out I was wrong. By and large, that's a good thing. My life is full... which seems to be true for most of us. With my tricky "This isn't an April Fool's joke, please hit reply," I got this response from **Stephanie Duke Penner**: "Hi Mary Kay, Ok you got me on this one! I haven't been in touch with SMC in a long time. I am sorry to say I haven't been to a Reunion since our five year, so it's been a long time. Here's a very quick update: After a business career with Sears, I switched to teaching to have more time with my family. I am currently home schooling one of our kids, and spending time volunteering and coaching our kid's sports. I've been married to my husband, Alan, almost 20 years. We have lived in CA since graduating from SMC. We currently live in Moorpark, which is half way between LA and Santa Barbara. We have 3 kids: Rebecca age 13,

Sara age 10, Emma age six." Let's all convince Stephanie that she needs to return to Saint Mary's in 2018.

Speaking of Reunion, I had an opportunity to visit again with my Reunion roommate. I traveled to FL, in February for the long President's Day weekend. **Karen Marie Walker** drove across the whole state to have lunch with me in Naples. She runs Skywalker Aviation (you can "like" it on Facebook) and often flies to Naples for lunch. Since all of her planes were rented for the day, I had the pleasure of riding in her convertible bug around south FL.

I heard some sad news from another friend I reunited with at Reunion: Joseph Martin Green (ND '63), husband of **Peggy Woodin Green '63** and father of **Sherry Green Antonetti**, died on Ash Wednesday, March 5th of this year. He will be missed.

Colleen Harty Taricani, another southern CA neighbor, has good news to share. She has a new job: "I am assistant dean for communications at University of California, Irvine School of Law. I oversee the media relations, public relations and marketing for the Law School."

Rachel Bir Stroop writes: "Our oldest daughter, Beka, was just confirmed into the Church last night along with 21 other young teens! It was quite a beautiful event! Life remains busy with counseling high schoolers and keeping up with our two daughters' middle school activities!"

Suzie Bare Snyder, another classmate who endured the brutal Midwestern weather this winter, has been married to husband Jay for 25 years (26 in August). She shares: "I'm still working at Accenture (been here since we graduated — though it was Arthur Andersen back then). I'm responsible for all of the teams that support training delivery across the globe. Jay works for Shure Inc. as their global director of credit and collections. Our older daughter Jennifer (now 24) and her boyfriend had our first grandson last year (born Feb 2013). Our younger daughter **Melissa Marie Snyder** is a freshman at SMC. She lives in Holy Cross and is planning to study abroad in France next year!" Congratulations!

The Snyders are one of many families who have sent the next generation to South Bend for four years. **Susan Sullivan Yemc** explains: "We have some good news. Our son, Tommy, will be a freshman at ND next fall. I'd love to know who else will have kids at SMC or ND."

Suzie Snyder should connect with **Susan Sullivan Yemc** and get together for a Notre Dame football game. And a great way to connect is through the Saint Mary's College Class of '88 Facebook page. Check it out.

'89

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A wonderful Reunion is behind us — hope everyone who attended had a great time... and those of you who could not make it were missed.

Congratulations to **Barb Moorhead Vedders** and her husband Joel! On May 9th they both graduated from Ferris State University with a masters in nursing with an education focus. Well done!

Kellen Celeste Brugman couldn't make it to Reunion and says she missed seeing everyone and our gorgeous campus. She lives in Santa Barbara, CA — nestled between the Santa Ynez Mountains and the Pacific Ocean. Kellen is self-employed (thank you

Saint Mary's business department) as an Ayurvedic Lifestyle Counselor, yoga teacher, and writer... and loves it. Recently, both lululemon and Lolë asked her to be their Ayurveda Yoga Ambassador! Her writing career (thank you Saint Mary's English department) is successful as well. She writes for the Maria Shriver and the Maharishi Ayurveda blogs, as well as her own blog (kellenbrugman.com). She also has an Ayurveda column in a new online magazine, Conscious Lifestyle Magazine. For fun, Kellen enjoys hanging at the beach with her dogs and her special guy.

Another writer in our ranks... **Michelle King Hauck**, her husband and two teenagers live in Mishawaka where she works with special needs children by day and writes in her free time. Michelle's first novel, an epic fantasy called *Kindar's Cure*, was published in July 2013 and she hopes to sell another book soon. Recently, she signed with an agent at The Convisiero Literary Agency. Michelle looks on her experiences at Saint Mary's as having a big, positive impact on where her life is now.

Also pursuing her passion, **Kristen Zielsdorf Schwartz** has left the corporate world to follow her love of wine. She is now the wholesale sales manager for Stone Pillar Vineyard & Winery in Olathe, KS. Kristen is responsible for growing the company's customer base through local liquor stores, restaurants, and festivals. She reminds us, "Not many people realize that before CA, OR, and NY, KS was one of the top grape and wine producers in the United States. The wines our vintner produces are unique, bold and diverse; they've won medals in contests all over the country." Kristen made sure that visits to local vineyards and wineries were on the travel agenda for Budapest and Austria while she and her extended family enjoyed a Danube River cruise last August.

A special thanks to our own **Kara O'Leary**, director of Alumnae Relations, for all her and her staff's work on Reunion weekend. Everyone felt the warm welcome, enjoyed the amazing events, and appreciated the opportunity to stay all together in Opus Hall. From the cocktail party to the picnic, from class Mass in Le Mans Hall Holy Spirit Chapel to Sunday brunch, the weekend was amazing.

Katie Gugle had a great time at Reunion and enjoyed seeing everyone. She shared a sentiment often heard over the weekend that the hard part was that there was so much catching up to do and so little time. Katie, who has been practicing law for nearly 22 years, just celebrated 10 years of having her own law practice and recently moved her office to the Polaris Area just North of Columbus, Ohio.

Reunion weekend played double-duty for **Theresa**



While in Vail, Colo., the week following Reunion, Patti Jacob Hein '89 and her husband, Kevin, captured this picture of their family with Mt. Holy Cross in the background—one of the "fourteeners" Colorado is known for. (Elevation above 14,000 feet.) Patti and Kevin were even wearing their newly-purchased-at-the-Reunion SMC shirts!

Priesshoff Warren who was also celebrating her 22nd wedding anniversary to Scott. Theresa and Scott spent time laughing and sharing with her "old" friends, and also making new friends. Theresa noted that the campus was beautiful and, as always, she left reunion weekend very proud to be a Saint Mary's alumnae.

Juliet Casper also really enjoyed Reunion weekend, especially our class Mass in Le Mans which was very special and reminded her of many wonderful Masses she attended on campus as a student. Her husband was touched by the music and commented on the chapel's wonderful acoustics. Julie agreed and noted that the music sounded so great because all of us Saint Mary's girls sing... whether we have the best voice or not. We sound good together.

Juliet spends her time working as an attorney and volunteering for many organizations. She has always wondered where her passion to volunteer came from since she isn't from a particularly "volunteering" family. When the song "We Are Called" began at Mass, **Carolyn Hawthorne Slandzicki** commented that she missed hearing that song in her own church. Juliet agreed; and she had the answer to her "volunteer" question. Saint Mary's College. 25 years later she appreciates the lessons that could only have been learned at a Catholic women's liberal arts college. We are called to serve one another.

Also volunteering is **Mary Hollies Benchik**. She lives in South Bend with her husband, Ted ND '88, and 16-year-old twins, Steve and Hannah. Mary is a logistics manager for Bayer HealthCare and active with the Michiana Parents of Multiples Club, a local organization which provides support for multiple birth families.

Karen Handloser Bradford missed out on Reunion, but for a very good reason—her son, Justin, graduated from Livonia Stevenson High School that same weekend. He will be attending Grand Valley State University. He is the first of four to graduate, so the next six years are sure to be very busy! Karen has great memories of Saint Mary's and missed seeing her fellow classmates, and she hopes to make it to the 30th!

While she also missed Reunion, **Karen MacLennan Tierney** used it as an excuse to catch up with many college friends via email. Her husband, Sean ND '88, has a new position in his company, so the family is busy prepping to move from their Ashburn, VA home to Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire, England this summer.

Just after Reunion, **Patti Jacobs Hein** and family went to Vail, CO and discovered Mt. Holy Cross.

Thanks again to everyone involved in making reunion such a wonderful and special weekend. 1989ers... keep in touch with each other and see you back on campus in 5 years!

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Dear Classmates: I am having a lot of fun talking to everyone and catching up. Many people have asked what I have been up to. I have been married to Paul (ND '90) for 21 years. We have a daughter, Lauren, 14. She just graduated from the grade school that I graduated from and is now going to be attending the same high school that I did. It has been such a great experience for us. I retired after I had her, so

I'm very involved in school and community activities.

Caroline McNeive Monahan writes that her oldest twin daughters, Kelly and Maura, are attending Notre Dame and will be the class of 2017. They all really enjoyed getting together with SMC friends **Anne Tandowsky Lang** and **Amelia (Amy) Savelle Bartilotti**, who also have daughters at ND. They attended the ND-Navy football game and tailgated with other SMC classmates, **Erin Cusack Micklo**, **Maureen Nicknish Goldin**, and **Maureen O'Neil Butler**.

Kathleen Houlihan Motzenbecker wrote that her father, Daniel L. Houlihan, passed away on November 13, 2013 at the age of 77 from complications due to Parkinson's. His funeral and wake were very powerful events that were augmented by the presence of **Kristen Sullivan Lynch**, who was in the Rome program with Kathleen, and who sang at the wake. Kathleen has just completed her first year as executive director of the Minnesota Trade Office. She's opened up three new offices overseas in Brazil, Korea, and Germany. She also has a daughter, Fiona, two.

Jennifer Osborn Schmidt says that her oldest daughter graduated from high school and will be attending Western WA University.

Laura Carey Totman had battled aggressive breast cancer 10 years ago and decided she wanted to go to school for nursing. She graduated with her BSN. She says that God brought her down this successful path that all started at SMC. Her BA in philosophy has allowed her to think outside the box and be creative in finding better ways to provide healthcare.

Mary Beth Anderson Fisher wants to announce that the Rome Program sweet 26 reunion will be this fall in Las Vegas. Please contact her at mbfisher09@gmail.com or **Christine O'Meara Booher** at booherc1@gmail.com.

Susan Murphy Harvath "retired" from teaching to be a stay-at-home mom for 12 years. She has now ventured back out as a paraeducator in the autistic program for the West Bloomfield, MI, school district. She works with first and second graders and loves it. She has been married to Brennan (ND '91) for 20 years and they have three girls.

Erin Kelly LaCoste has been living in the Tyler, TX, area since 2007 with her husband, Jody, and four boys, Thane (18), Tyler (16), Tanner (14), and Kurt (five). She has been a stay-at-home mom, but has recently started a new job building coalitions to prevent underage drinking, marijuana use, and prescription drug abuse in young people. They just completed an almost entire house renewal that started with just adding a bathroom!

Judith (Jody) Eckrich Julian is very excited to be involved with Girls on the Run in the Michiana area. It's a national program for girls in the third-fifth grades. It's all about girl power!

Kristen Ann Gill has traveled to five continents, documenting travel and culture for magazines and tourism boards, including Bulgaria, Mexico, Morocco, Ireland, Jordan, Chile, Namibia, Tahiti, and the South Pacific. She recently applied for a Fulbright/National Geographic Fellowship to document and preserve indigenous cultures. Back in Seattle, she is now doing technical writing with Tableau Software.

Tracey Pinter Valasek, her husband, Ken, and their daughters, Alaina (seven), and Julia (five), live in Chicago. Tracey was a Chicago public school teacher for 13 years. She now works part time in a day care facility and devotes most of her time to her children.

Heather Maverick Rubsamen has been very in-

volved in volunteering. She is the notification chair for her garden club and is on the membership committee for Timely Topics. She is busy at her children's school, as well, being the home room parent, chairing the annual fund, where they had 100% participation, and creating a parent prayer group that meets bimonthly. She recently chaperoned a 10 day school trip to Spain, Gibraltar, and Portugal. She misses her SMC/ND friends and sends an open invitation to anyone wanting to visit San Antonio and catch up over margaritas.

Amy Oppermann King has been living in the Houston area for three years. She is the librarian at Clear Lake HS, ninth grade center. She has worked in education for 23 years and had taught every grade from Pre-K to 12th either as a librarian or a classroom teacher. Her husband, Jeff, is the defensive coordinator for the football team at Clear Lake HS, home of the Falcons. Her son, Wyatt, is in seventh grade. He plays football, runs track, and is working on his second degree black belt in tae kwon do. Her daughter, Katherine, is in third grade. She enjoys dance and piano.

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Congratulations to **Jennifer Soukup Kalcuk** who was elected president of the Michigan Public Transit Association, a state-wide advocacy and training association to support and advance public transportation. Jennifer is also on the Board of Directors for the American Public Transportation Association, the national industry association.

Congratulations to **Alysann Sieren Johnson** and her husband on the birth of their daughter, Katerina Brookbanks Johnson on February 28, 2014. Alysann's dad was also with them in Charleston, SC on the big day.

Beth Caponigro Buckley retired from Accenture four years ago to stay home with her three sons, ages 10, seven, and six. Beth recently became a personal stylist for J. Hilburn, Men's Custom Clothing. If anyone is interested in learning more about this great company, check out bethbuckleyjhilburn.com. In November 2013, **Missy Palm Capobianco** hosted a few SMC girls at her place in Naples, FL. Missy, Beth, **Nancy Jones Fallon**, **Katy Sullivan Ahern**, and Meg Dalition Bakich ND '92 had not all been together since Beth's wedding in 2002. Their four days together were wonderful and brought them even closer. Between the five of them, they have 18 children!

We now have 192 classmates on our Facebook page. Please keep in touch on Facebook or email your news at smc92news@yahoo.com.

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Hello Class of 1995! Thanks to everyone who contributed updates for this issue. Keep in mind that our next class news update is due on August 1, 2014. In this issue, we have lots of new arrivals to report for our class!

Katie Northup Smith writes, "On October 23, 2013, Brooken and I welcomed our third daughter, Lucy Anne. She joins big sisters Abby and Ellie. We

are all thrilled to be a family of five!" The Smiths reside in Louisville, KY.

Meredith Dodge Melinder writes, "I'd like to announce the birth of Britta Mary Melinder, who was born January 21, 2014, joining sisters Kirsten, Annika, Elise, Nora, and Ingrid and brother Jackson (in heaven with God)." Meredith, husband Jeff and their girls reside in Swansea, IL.

On February 6, 2014, **Lara Mattison Bauman** and husband Brent welcomed baby number three to the Bauman clan. Ian Frederick Bauman was welcomed by his big brothers Mason and Jacob, who will both turn three in September. The Baumans reside in Camp Hill, PA, near Harrisburg.

Mary (Kate) Sullivan Payne reports that their family has recently moved from Fort Riley to Fort Leavenworth, KS, and they are getting their three boys and three girls settled into a new Army home. Kate writes, "We have about 18 months left on active duty before my husband will retire, and all of us are looking forward to whatever the Lord might have for us in the next phase of life."

Tara Krull Poteraj writes, "Husband Matt Poteraj, big sister Emily and I welcomed John Alexander Poteraj on October 10, 2013, the day after my 40th birthday! We are enamored with him and we are all adapting to him being a part of our family. I was lucky enough to take about three months off of work and returned to my position at Sears Holdings after the holidays. I have been with the company going on four years and am currently the marketing director for the fine jewelry business unit. I am responsible for all marketing initiatives for our product lines in both Sears and Kmart stores nationally."

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Elizabeth Flood Waddell married Ryan Waddell on May 18, 2013 in PA. **Sarah Dunn Wendle '99**, **Sarah Thieneman Jollay**, **Allison Koenig McLean**, and **Melissa Dunne '97** were all in attendance.

LCDR Tabitha Sobel Eden is deployed with the US Navy at Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti, as the director of nursing services and the officer in charge of the emergency department. Her husband, Chris and two sons, Gunnar (four) and Hunter (three), are eagerly awaiting her return at the end of the year!

Jennifer Winnett Denniston has been back working at Saint Mary's for a little over a year. She is the director of gift planning for the College — this is a big improvement over working in private practice! They moved to South Bend for this job and now her son, Will, who is four, is going to preschool on campus at ECDC. He's going to be very disappointed when he figures out that he can't go to college at SMC because he acts like he owns the place already! Jennifer would love to hear from classmates who find themselves back on campus. Her office is in Le Mans.

Jenny Schreck Solloway and husband welcomed their third son last June 18, 2013. Welcome, William Robert Solloway!

Genevieve Clare Morrill and Nathan welcomed Roland Edward Morrill Kay on February 17, 2014. Roland, who arrived in the middle of a wicked snowstorm, weighed in at six pounds, six ounces and had a full head of dark hair! Genevieve

is enjoying getting to know Roland during her maternity leave and hoping Chicago's winter ends soon so that she and Roland can go to the park.

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Jean-Marie McMorran and her husband, Alex Armaos, gave birth to two lovely babies on April 15th, Genevieve and Theodore. They are so excited, busy, and tired!

Leslie Zielinski Walsh and her husband, Ed, welcomed their first born baby boy, Leo Marek Walsh, into the world on January 24, 2014!

Tracey Furjanic Boyle's family is finishing their first year of living in Garmisch, Germany, while her husband, Ryan ND '98 is serving as a Fellow at the George C. Marshall Center. Ryan and Tracey ran their first international half marathon in May in Salzburg, Austria. Tracey is starting a new adventure as a substitute teacher in the fall.

Charmaine Samaraweera Torma started working at Holy Cross College last year as director of development. She just got promoted to VP of College Relations, overseeing alumni and parent relations, development, advancement services, special events, and college communications. She is also an adjunct consultant for Catholic School Management. The Torma family plans to eventually buy a house in South Bend.

Liz Wisniewski Ramos is doing well in Indianapolis. She has worked at the same school since she graduated. This coming academic year will be her first year not teaching and being a full time administrator.

Kelly Brogdon White missed Reunion because they just built a house and were closing.

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Hello Class of 2001! Sunny skies are upon us and I hope that you are all well!

Many Belles wrote with blessed news including **Christine Diana Crissman**, "On January 30, 2014, my husband, Eric and I, welcomed twins, Ashley and Mason. Both were over six pounds and very healthy." And **Brigid Phelan Smith** added an exciting story, "I gave birth to my third baby girl, Margaret Clare Smith, on October 22, 2013. She was born in the back seat of the car on the way to the hospital. After a short stay in the NICU, Margaret joined us at home and we are truly enjoying our busy, busy family! She is loved by her older sisters, Abigail (two and a half years) and Mackenzie (one and a half)!"

Sharon (Sherry) Desautels Prisco also added, "My husband, Charlie, and I welcomed our son, Daniel (Danny), on March 6, 2013. His big sister, Maggie — four years old — loves him so much and he is such a smiley little guy. Last year was a big year as we also moved out of the city of Chicago to the suburb of Glen Ellyn, IL. The move was great and we are settled in really nicely now. I'm still at Deloitte working within the Partner/Director Recruiting team here supporting our consulting practice." And **Autumn Palacz Andronis** shared, "Peter and I welcomed our

third daughter, Ashley Faith, on May 14, 2013. She is perfect and as sweet as can be! Ashley is completely adored by her big sisters (Ava who is four and Abigail who is two). We are in love with all of our girls and truly blessed! I am home full time with our children, and cherish every minute of our crazy fun action packed days. Life is very good AND chaotic!"

Jessica Claes Mumaw wrote with more baby news, "My husband, Ben, and I welcomed a daughter, Vivian Mae, on January 16, 2014. Vivian joins her three year old brother Ike, who we adopted from Korea in 2011." And **Kara DeDecker Monson** wrote, "On Christmas Eve 2013, we welcomed the birth of our daughter, Mia Grace. Eric and I are still both living and working in Chicago."

In other exciting news, **Megan Maureen McKeon** wrote to share, "On March 5, I received the Outstanding Service Award from the Legal Marketing Association's Midwest Chapter: legalmarketing.org/p/bl/et/blogid=5&blogaid=1674." And **Melissa Wheeler Malerich** checked in with her update, "I am still living in San Francisco with my husband Jeremiah Malerich (ND '01). Last spring, I graduated with a doctor of pharmacy from the University of California, San Francisco. I have been volunteering as a clinical pharmacist at a free primary care clinic in SF, and this July I will be starting a pharmacy practice residency in San Jose at the Santa Clara Valley Medical Center. We are going to be spending the next few months being tourists in our own city before we move south to the San Jose area."

And lastly, I am doing well! The school year is cruising along and I'm already looking forward to summer vacation. I have started training for my seventh half marathon with my lovely high school students and enjoy running with them each week. Now that my parents are also on the left coast, it has also been wonderful to spend time with them and explore the Pacific Northwest together. Until next time, my best.

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Lots of baby news and wedding bells this issue! Congratulations to all. Please continue to send your updates to **Amanda Sula Goman**, **Amy Greene Smith**, and me. We love hearing from you. And a small public service announcement: don't forget to reach out to your local Alumnae Clubs. They are rich in networking opportunities, community support, and general Saint Mary's love. Not sure where to go? Visit saintmarys.edu/alumnae-clubs to find a club near you.

Katie Lally Christiansen-Davis reports that she got married in 2011 to husband Michael with **Katie Michele Erchick** in attendance. Katie and her husband had their first son Liam Michael Davis in May 2012 and just had their second son, Rowan Louis Davis, this past October 2013. Katie and her husband are teaching at the same middle school in southern MD.

Candace (Candi) McElligott Johnson and her husband Eric proudly announce the birth of Brooks Joseph Johnson, who was born Jan 27, 2014 weighing eight pounds, one ounce. Parents Eric and Candi write that they are, "So blessed. He's a great baby and hopefully has a future as an MLB third baseman."

Erin Pilecki Vega married Damian Vega in a sunset ceremony on the beach in Tamarindo, Costa Rica on March 1, 2014. They honeymooned in the same area and kept busy with activities like

zip lining, hiking near the base of a volcano, relaxing in natural hot springs, and surfing.

Deanne Czajkowski McKenna and her husband, Douglas McKenna (ND '01), welcomed their second child, Shane William, on November 5, 2013. Big brother, Colin (three years old), is so proud and loves playing and reading with his little brother.

Jocelyn (Josie) Bilas Gruver and her family welcomed Benjamin James into the world on November 27, 2013. Big brother Jack adores his baby brother so far. Josie is still with Dow Chemical, but moved to a new position as a technical service representative, which allows her to interact with customers while still doing chemistry.

Stephanie Lane Happel and her husband Scott Happel have been living in Denver for the past six years. She writes that she just completed her MA in psychology, specializing in business psychology, from the University of the Rockies.

Congrats to **Kari Larkin Espel** who just had her third baby: Claire Marie was born on March 10, 2014.

Katherine (Katy) Theresa Best and her husband Joe Genzel welcomed their baby boy, Donald Bucky Genzel, on November 1, 2013. Katie writes, "He is very sweet and wiggly." She is working as a sleep technologist at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center. This healthcare system acquired another Belle over the summer when **Mackenzie McGee** joined her father practicing as a radiation oncologist.

Nellie Williams Gould and her husband Dave Gould welcomed their fourth daughter, Margaret Rose Gould on January 4, 2014.

Amber Adkinson Ruszkowski married Steve Ruszkowski (HCC/ND '04) on October 5, 2013. Amber earned her master's degree at Ivy Tech and is now an academic advisor for first-year and returning students at the college.

Rachael Benkert Wenzl and her husband Tom proudly announce that Luke Aidan was born on December 7, 2013. Rachael writes, "Big brother Tommy is loving his new little playmate and I am loving our growing family."

Mariateresa (Tita) Moreno Calabrese and her husband Jeff had a baby girl in October — Isabella Eloisa Calabrese. She was born October 16, 2013.

Monica C. Cannon-Meeker is living in Cincinnati, Ohio, until her husband's residency ends in July 2015. She writes with some tragic news: "My only sibling/younger brother, Sean Robert Cannon, passed away on Friday, October 25, 2013. He was murdered in San Antonio, TX, and his case is still unsolved. I have been grieving and trying to stay focused on the positive in my life but it's difficult. I ask for prayers of hope, peace, and justice from the SMC community."

Lianne Elayne Wojnarowicz Mink and her husband Brian (ND '00) welcomed their third child, Sloan Evangeline, on December 31, 2013. Lianne writes, "Sloan was eagerly welcomed by her older brother, Bryce, and older sister, Leighton."

Katie Hoover Ryan and her husband Nick had a baby boy, Daniel Avett Ryan, on September 16, 2013.

Corrine Negrelli Carlson and her husband Doug had their first baby boy, Nathaniel David Carlson, on March 16, 2014. **Bridget Myers Mullins** recently visited Corrine and Corrine writes, "We had a great time catching up and reminiscing about our college days. Bridget is doing really well and has been keeping busy on house renovations."

Meganne Hoffman Brezina recently took a role with ExactTarget in Indianapolis working on the sales team. She joins several other Belles,

including **Courtney Elizabeth Shaffer Lovold '05**. Meganne also recently traveled to **Bethany Lynne Schmidt Beresheim's** wedding in FL. **Shaye Brianne O'Donnell** was the maid of honor and **Cathy Canetti Ginter**, **Erin Schultz Sherer**, **Maria Barbara Conticelli**, **Tara Blanchard Sabo**, and **Heather Lynn Muth** were also in attendance. Congratulations to the blushing bride!

From the *Courier* Office: We had some misprinted information in our Spring 2014 issue that we would like to make sure is cleared up. **Meganne Hoffman Brenza** and husband Charles were listed in the "Adoptions and Births" sections as having welcomed Henry Thomas Keller on January 6, 2014. This was not the case. However, your fellow classmate **Janelle Keller** and her husband Joseph did welcome Henry Thomas on January 6, 2014 in Indianapolis. We are very sorry for this confusion, and congratulations **Janelle**.

'04

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Hello class of 2004 and happy 10 year reunion year! I am looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at Reunion. Thank you to all who sent updates for this issue and please continue to send your news! In July of 2013, **Linda Janke Ruszkowski** and her husband Thaddeus welcomed their second little girl, Harper Clare. Linda and her family live in Washington, DC, where she is the director of campus ministry at an all-girls high school run by the Sisters of the Holy Cross.

In December, I attended the wedding of my friend and SMC roommate, **Stephanie Simmons Kanaval** and her new husband Joe Kanaval (ND '04). **Katie Margaret Roney** was the maid of honor. **Allison Scarnecchia Acerra** and **Marie Vanessa Sabatini** were bridesmaids. Other SMC women in attendance were **Jackie Michele Zins**, **Liz Hanlon Sands**, **Jenny Wojan Whitson**, and **Laela Tahmassebi Benton '07**. **Liz Hanlon Sands** had little one Madeleine along for the trip. Last year **Jenny Wojan Whitson** and her husband Adam welcomed little boy Connor.

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Christina Schmidl Weller married Michael Weller in Columbia, MO, on August 17, 2013. Her sister, **Laura Elizabeth Schmidl '07** was the maid of honor.

Sarah Catherine White Rossmann married Peter Rossmann (ND '02) on July 6th, 2013, at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Notre Dame, IN.

Lindsey Brazys Pianowski '05 (ND Law '10) married Eric Pianowski on December 14, 2013.

Vanessa Bejec Silverio married Patrick Silverio on July 13, 2013.

Natalie Bailey Bednark married James Bednark at St. Saviours Catholic Church in Brooklyn, NY, on February 8, 2014. **Kate Weiss Pillai**, **Risa Zander Josias** and **Allison Leigh Roche** were bridesmaids. Natalie is working in communications advocacy and strategy for the HIV and AIDS division of UNICEF in NY.

Elena Bartzén Piraino and her husband, Patrizio Piraino, are new parents to Marco Peter on August 26, 2013. They are currently living in Cape Town, South Africa, where they both work at the University of Cape Town.

Sarah Harward Haywood and husband, Chris, welcomed their third child, Michael Dominic, on October 31, 2013 (Halloween!). They endured a 12-day stay in the NICU at their local Children's Hospital to deal with a urinary tract blockage, but now Michael is perfectly happy and healthy, and is greatly adored by his big brother and sister. They are very grateful for the many prayers offered by the Saint Mary's community.

Ellice Gregg Bedel and her husband, Mike, welcomed their fourth baby — a girl — Sophia Marie, on August 9, 2013. They are also parents to Adam (age eight), Izzie (age six), and Anna (age four).

Jill Rolewicz Mulligan and husband, Matt, welcomed their first son, Thomas Jay Mulligan, on March 21, 2013.

Katie Borg Rendahl and her husband, Nick, welcomed their son Joseph Richard Rendahl on September 17, 2013.

Lisa Walton Roelle and her husband, Ethan, have relocated to Hudson, Ohio. Lisa will begin work at Akron Children's Hospital with the department of general surgery this summer. On December 20, 2013, Lisa, Ethan and daughter Lillian welcomed their newest addition, Tucker, to the family.

Erin Carsele Fiorini and her husband, Julian, are first time parents to a baby girl, Julianna Lynn, on September 26, 2013.

Tosha Smith Ruggles and husband, Scott Ruggles, welcomed their first son, Connor John, on May 1, 2013. He was baptized at St. Paul's Catholic Church on December 22, 2013. Tosha completed her EdD in educational leadership in May 2012 and works and teaches at Arizona State University part-time.

Teresa Stone Thomas and husband, Aaron Gilbert Thomas (ND '05), recently gave birth to their son, Owen Gilbert Thomas, born 12:54 pm on March 26th 2014. He was seven pounds, nine ounces, and 21 1/2 inches long.

Ashley Lalonde Voller and husband, Brad Voller (ND '05), along with big brothers Reece and Owen, welcomed Pierce Lachlan on February 20th, 2014.

Mary Allen White, husband, Bryan, and big sister Cassi welcomed Alanya Sue White on March 20, 2014.

Kristin McIntyre Winchell and husband, Mark, welcomed a baby girl, Emmaline Rose Winchell, on December 18, 2013.

Julia Anne Adams just completed her residency and fellowship training in hematopathology at Indiana University School of Medicine and will be moving back to her hometown of Peoria, IL to practice. She is looking forward to moving back where she can be close to family and friends!

Miranda Mikulyuk VanNevel is working as a digital project manager at the University of Notre Dame in the Hesburgh library.

Michelle Stanforth Smith is moving back to IN, where she recently accepted a job as senior analyst of technical instructions and will be working at the Crane

Naval Warfare Center after teaching high school math for the past three years. She also continues to serve in the Navy Reserves. During her active training she worked as an assistant program manager with Special Operations Command field testing and certifying a new Combatant Craft that will be used by Navy SEALs within the next few years. She was also awarded a Joint Service Achievement Medal for her work testing these craft for service selection.

'06

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Becky Feauto La Liberte and her husband Jake welcomed their first child, James Joseph La Liberte, on November 18, 2013. James was born in Buenos Aires, but the family has relocated to Chicago as of March 2014.

Colleen Patricia Bruen writes that **Stephanie Lutz Witt** married Branden Witt in Diamondhead, MS, in November, 2013. Colleen, **Lauren Rose Lydon**, **Stephanie Roth Kleinbub**, and **Tabitha Hart Rand Potok '05** were in attendance. Before her big day, Stephanie celebrated her engagement in Chicago with Colleen, Lauren, **Meghan White Pesce**, and **Camille Kelly Esmacher**. Stephanie now lives in England with her husband, who is stationed there for the United States Air Force.

'07

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From Lisa: I graduated from Indiana Wesleyan University in October 2013 with my master's in business administration, with a focus in human resources. I accepted a full-time position with a start-up company in Indianapolis, and continue to design wedding flowers on a part time basis!

Jillian Pietrzak Laubacher married Brett

Laubacher at St. Joseph Chapel in Notre Dame, IN, on June 15, 2013. Maid of honor was her sister, **Amanda Mary Pietrzak '13**, and **Kelly Anna Barnett** was a bridesmaid. In attendance were **Angela Elizabeth Comfort** and **Jennifer Lee Cunningham McCain**. Jillian works as a chemical dependency counselor in Akron, Ohio.

Mary Grace (Gracie) Guebert Foxwell and her husband, Andrew, embarked on a cross-country road trip in September 2013 while also jointly launching their online consulting business, Foxwell Digital. In April 2014 they wrapped up the road trip and moved to Madison, WI. Gracie writes, "Bring your bike, kayak, or skis and come visit!"

Sarah Mullin Scheuer and her husband, Matt, have welcomed two sons: Ronan in 2010 and Brogan in 2012. She and Matt are expecting their third baby this year!

Annie Huffman Vorys lives with her husband, Mike, in Winston-Salem, NC. The couple was proud to have fellow belle **Melisa Amber Zimmerman** as a bridesmaid at their wedding in 2010. They welcomed their third child, Matthew, following his sister, Liv, in 2011 and brother, Carpenter, in 2012. She writes, "After losing Carpenter to stillbirth, I became very active in the pregnancy and infant loss community." Annie is now director of advancement at Heartstrings, a nonprofit organization providing support and bereavement education to families affected by pregnancy, infant or child loss.

Christin Marie Molnar received her doctor of pharmacy degree on May 22, 2014, from Midwestern University Chicago College of Pharmacy. After graduating, she relocated to Kalamazoo, MI, to begin her pharmacy practice residency at Borgess Medical Center.

'08

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In February, **Victoria W. Frank** was promoted to store manager at Maurices, a women's specialty

Belles Ring Around the World

A morning news anchor in Tucson, Ariz., Danielle Lerner '06 says Saint Mary's is never far from her mind. Let us know where you've been by posting photos of your ring at saintmarys.edu/BellesRing or post to Instagram or Twitter and use #BellesRing.



retailer, and will open a new store in Boardman, Ohio, this summer. She is also pursuing a master's degree in fashion merchandising from North Dakota State University, where **Jeney Anderson Christensen**, a fellow classmate, also studied and is currently employed.

Marisa E. Gross, MD, will serve as chief resident next year at the University of Michigan Health System's Department of Family Medicine. After five years working for SMC, four of which (2009-2013) were in Rome with the Rome Program, **Meagan Marie McHugh** moved back to the States and was named the associate director of learning abroad at Gannon University in Erie, PA, where she will be responsible for the university's globalization initiative by creating new opportunities for Gannon students to study abroad, both long-term and short-term.

And baby news: **Caitlin McGee Lakdawala** and Jeff Lakdawala welcomed a son, Liam James, on November 2, 2013.

Erin Hogan Liebenauer and Karl Liebenauer (ND '08) welcomed a daughter, Clare Elizabeth, on January 26, 2014.

Bridget Gulvas Ennis and her husband Kevin bought their first house last fall in MI, and report that they've especially enjoyed the tasks associated with decorating a new home.

Mary (Molly) LaBarge Ireton married Matthew (ND '08) in August 2013. **Brittany Taylor** was her maid of honor and in attendance were 2008 graduates: **Bridget Gulvas Ennis**, **Connie Lynne Adams** and **Samantha Marie Peterson**, as well as **Amy Dardinger '07**, and **Emily Louise Perry '09**. In fact, nearly 90% of guests went to SMC or ND, including Molly's parents and brother, Tim LaBarge (ND '10).

Samantha Marie Peterson began working for her father's business, Global Recruiters of Dayton, in February. She is currently a research assistant and will start recruiting this summer as a search consultant.

'09

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After a seemingly endless winter, the weather has finally warmed up in South Bend and it looks like flowers will actually start blooming. Hard to believe that it's already time for our summer *Courier* updates.

Our next update will be jam-packed full of fun and excitement from our five-year reunion, but in the meantime we have some great news on new jobs, advanced degrees, weddings and babies!

Calli Davison Versagli has a lot of exciting life updates — she married Vinny (ND '05) on August 17, 2013 in South Bend. She's been at Notre Dame working towards her PhD in the biological sciences department and recently defended her thesis. After spending a couple years across the street, Calli is heading "home" this fall as she'll be teaching "Baby Bio" to non-biology majors at Saint Mary's! It's exciting to see one of our own heading back to teach the next generation of Saint Mary's students — Calli already said that so many people have told her she has to keep teaching the fresh water vs. salt water fish explanation that I'm sure many of us remember from Dr. Platt's class.

Another 2009 grad headed back home this past fall. **Laura Beth Urban** was bit by the international teaching bug after graduation and spent three years working in Kuwait and China. She started teaching at

the Early Childhood Development Center ECDC-SMC and loves heading to campus every day.

Laura Beth says that she's kept in touch with fellow international traveler **Michelle Renee O'Dea** who is currently based in FL., teaching but was recently offered a job at an international school in Egypt for next year. Michelle spent time teaching in Saudi Arabia and Qatar after graduation — her Facebook page has been full of great photos of the Middle East.

Sarah Voss Reed brought quite a few Belles to IN., last fall for her wedding to Brennan on September 21 in Kokomo. **Casey June Maus** was a bridesmaid; **Alicen Miller Teitgen**, **Francesca Marie Johnson**, **Jenny Michelle Antonelli**, **Rebecca Marie Whitaker**, **Deirdre Hayden Fuerst**, **Taryn Elizabeth Pabst**, **Meghan Larsen-Reidy**, and **Pauline Kistka Files** were all in attendance.

Molly Lamping Fleck began her career as an associate attorney with Hurst, Robin & Kay, a family law firm in Chicago in November after graduating with her law degree from the Loyola University Chicago last year. Jumping further East, **Allison Buddie McDonald** moved from Pittsburgh to the Philadelphia area after being offered a job with Exelon working at the Limerick Nuclear Power Plant. She married Stu on May 24 in Hershey, PA, and enjoyed a fun day at Hershey Park with her wedding guests over Memorial Day Weekend.

And finally, if you're looking for something to read on the beach look no further than our own **Lauren Bernadette Mangiaforte**! After earning a master's degree in women, writing & gender from the School of English at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland, Lauren published *The Boys Who Wouldn't Grow Up*. It's available in ebook and soft cover through www.LaurenMangiaforte.com.

Reunion was a whirlwind weekend filled with catching up and soaking in as much of Saint Mary's as is possible in three days. It was a pleasure getting a chance to talk with a lot of you in person again on campus or at the Backer or Finns. I learned a bit more about our classmates this past weekend through the surveys included with your Reunion registration and wanted to share some more updates:

Kathleen Quinlan Yager married Luke in August 2013. Kathleen is currently a pediatric intensive care nurse at Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City, Missouri. Also newly married is **Jill Swan LaCross** who married Matthew in June of 2012. **Ashleigh Telman** and **Lauren Lassus** were attendants in the wedding. Jill and Matthew welcomed baby Theodore Warren LaCross in July of 2013. We missed both of you at Reunion, ladies!

A number of you have gotten higher degrees that you've held out on me. **Alex Tulisiak Harvan** received a masters of nursing from DePaul University and has recently been accepted to the University of Akron's Adult-Gerontology Nurse Practitioner Program. Good luck, Alex! **Kristen Bildhauser** got a masters of secondary education from Ball State University. She currently teaches middle school math at Saint Stanislaus Kostka School in Michigan City, IN. **Erin McClowry** earned a masters in education with a focus on Child and Adolescent Literacy from Loyola Marymount University. She works as a 4th grade teacher in Gardena, CA. And **Mary Hancock** takes a masters in curriculum and instruction from Concordia University to her job as a high school teacher in St. Charles, IL, next school year.

We have some air force women in our midst.

Leah Bocinsky is a clinical nurse and captain in the United States Air Force. She was commissioned into the USAF by her retired grandfather, Lt. Col. Samuel Smith, IL in February of 2010 and has since completed a tour of duty in Afghanistan in 2013, earned her board certification as a pediatric nurse and was promoted to captain earlier this year. **Kristi Hingstrum** decided to join the military and graduated from Air Force Basic Military Training this past March as an Honor Graduate. Kristi serves as a linguist in the USAF.

And finally, we have a new name to remember in our list of classmates — Sister Cora Marie, OP, formerly **Ashley Recupito**, checked in to say that she professed her first vows of poverty, chastity and obedience in July 2013 with the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecelia in Nashville, TN.

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Hello everyone! Hope this New Year has brought you many blessings. Things are wonderful for me. I look forward to seeing you next year, but hope to hear from many of you before then!

Tricia Daly Borg married Brian Borg on September 1, 2012. Saint Mary's alumnae **Katie Borg Rendahl '05**, **Bridget Borg Leffingwell '07**, **Christina Marie Losasso '11**, and **Molly Maureen Borg '12** were all bridesmaids in their wedding party. Many other SMC alumnae were a part of the celebration. Brian and Tricia are thrilled to announce the birth of their son, John "Johnny" Richard Borg, born on October 8, 2013.

'11

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I hope that everyone is doing well and enjoying the summer. As usual, there is some exciting news from the class of 2011. Please feel free to contact me at any time with updates.

After spending a year as a 911 dispatcher for her local county **Randi Ellen Beem** is currently at Indiana University in Bloomington working towards her masters in library science with a specialization in archives and records management.

Sarah Foley Kurup married Varun Kurup on December 28, 2013 at Christ the King in Ann Arbor, MI and had their reception at the Eagle Crest Marriott. Belle bridesmaids included: **Lindsay Marie Leliaert**, **Ellen Elizabeth Huelsmann**, **Mary Grace Schueler**, and **Catherine Louise Smith '16**. **Brett Avery McGaffigan** and Sarah's sister, **Louise Foley Smith '88** were also involved in the wedding. **Kaitlin Rose Nelson '16** Irish danced with the bride's niece, and many SMC grads from different years were in attendance. The newlyweds then went to Pune, India (Varun's hometown) for a second reception at the Hyatt Regency. Mr. and Mrs. Kurup are now residing in Chicago, IL.

Mia Van Nostrand Gorrell and husband Alex ND '10 are thrilled to announce the birth of their baby girl, Harper Elizabeth Gorrell, born January 5, 2014, weighing in at seven pounds, eight ounces.

In February, **Ashlee Rose Girard**, **Laura Lynn**

Smith, Rachael Michelle Chesley, and **Mary Colleen McKevitt** ran the Disney princess half marathon together at Walt Disney World in Orlando, FL.

Jessica Schott Lezynski and fiancé Nick Lezynski ND '11 are thrilled to announce the birth of their daughter Sloane O'Brien Lezynski, born on March 9, 2014.

Alison Chudzinski Miller and husband Kyle are proud to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter, Nora Danielle Miller, born March 12, 2014 at 4:13 pm.

Shannon Marie Dames received both the Executive and 100% Club awards for her work with Re/Max in February.

It is with a very heavy heart that I write about the sudden death of my brother, Josef Kolling, who passed away in February at the age of 28. Thank you to all of my Saint Mary's sisters who have comforted my family and me during this time. Please keep my brother Joe, and my whole family, in your thoughts and prayers.

Go Belles!

'12

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Sarah Marie Shoff wanted to give an update for what's been going on these past few years since her graduation from her beloved Saint Mary's! She is going to be graduating from Dominican University this May, with a master's of social work (MSW). (She will have her Type 73 to work in a school as well). She was also just inducted into the national Phi Alpha society for master-level social work students, which requires a 3.75 or greater cumulative GPA and will be graduating Summa Cum Laude. Her goal is to find a job in a high school by the end of the year!

Kirsten Nicole Thornton has graduated with a master's in social work from the University of Denver and now works as the hematological malignancies and bone marrow transplant social worker at the University of Colorado Hospital in Aurora, CO.

Ariel Kamalei Terpstra will be graduating in May with a master's in education from Grand Canyon University with a 4.0. Additionally she will be marrying Skyler Ross on May 31, 2014 in Houghton, MI.

Meghan Kearney Kibbe has been working as an event planner in Indianapolis, IN, at The Ritz

Charles since January 2013.

Lauren Toth Vassar got married to Ryan Vassar on February 1, 2014. Also accepted a job as a social worker at Saint Anthony Nursing Home in Crown Point, IN.

Natalie Matuszak Emmanuel was married to Julien Emmanuel in a ceremony held last May at Disneyworld. She currently works for Disney in guest relations. Her husband Julien also works at Disneyworld. They are living in Orlando.

Elizabeth Bramanti Feldpausch married Nathan Feldpausch (ND '12) on April 20, 2013 and is teaching first grade at St. Theresa Catholic School in Houston, TX.

Katherine Michelle Casey got engaged on December 7 to Stephen Condon.

Cassandra Rebekah Palmer is working on her PhD in cellular and integrative physiology at the IU School of Medicine in Indianapolis. Additionally, she is planning her August 9, 2014 wedding at the Le Mans Chapel.

Kate Alycia Kirbie — after volunteering as a Dominican volunteer at the Eco-Justice Center in Racine, Wisconsin for a year, she accepted a position as the assistant to the director at the Center.

Stephanie Michelle Cherpak and Matthew Clary ND '13 got engaged on July 13, 2013.

Emma Fontaine Thibadeau started a new job in Atlanta as a management analyst for the GA Department of Audits and Accounts.

Holly Elizabeth Karches got engaged over Christmas on December 21st to Nick Bachus and we will be getting married April 11, 2015!

Cathleen (Katie) Anne Ciresi is currently working as a ninth grade English teacher at the Ben Davis Ninth Grade Center in Indianapolis and is engaged to be married in October.

Arianne Elizabeth Rodriguez is now a PhD student at Northwestern University Evanston, IL, in the Interdepartmental PhD Program in Biological Sciences. She is a second year. She lives in Evanston, IL.

On October 12, 2013 **Cecilia Witous Hess** married Patrick Hess. All of her bridesmaids were fellow classmates: **Kelly Christine Golden**, **Kimberly Rose Jordan**, **Natalie Ellen Burkart**, and **Alexis Christine Hiner**. Cecilia and Patrick have settled in South Bend.

Taylor Shay Paton is now the management analyst for the City Manager's Office of City of Richardson, TX!

Katelynd Memmott Park was just promoted to sales development analyst at Wilson Sporting

Goods in Chicago, IL.

Alexandra Mirandola Mullen is an assistant media planner at Moxie Interactive in Atlanta, GA, working on the Verizon Wireless account! Just moved from Chicago where she was at OMD on the Gatorade team.

Brittany Mary Alice VanSneppson is an associate content developer at F+W Media in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Elizabeth Anne Maltby has just accepted a new position as a boarding specialist at Korea International School (where she currently works as a boarding assistant) on Jeju Island in South Korea.

Shannon Whelan Rusch got married to Stephen Rusch on October 26, 2013. Belle bridesmaids included **Karen Suzanne Hanley**, **Katie Nash Greenspon**, **Abigail Marie Skinner**, **Kelly Marie Conaty**, **Caitlin Jean Condon**, **Megan Elizabeth Reardon**, and **Kerry Ann Quinn**.

'13

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Ciara Marie O'Halloran is working as the director of operations for the Notre Dame Men's Soccer Team. Similarly, **Katie Elisabeth Schwab** is the director of operations for the ND Women's Basketball Team. **Kathryn Elyse Hein** accepted a position with South Bend Community Schools at Clay High School working as a theatre and creative writing teacher, she is also helping to direct and design costumes for the their productions. **Bonnie Sanders Knuth** is working as a special education assistant in Fort Wayne, IN. **Bethany Mae Emehiser** is working towards her MFA at Savannah School of Art and Design in historic preservation. **Kathleen Teresa Arens** recently became engaged to Ben Foster ND '13. **Kathleen Ann Frechette** recently became engaged to Paul Capretta ND '13. **Regan Marie Matsukane** became engaged to Kyle Buckley ND '13. **Tyler Hernandez Lopez** and her husband David welcomed their son Giovanni Lopez on 2/27/14.

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ON DISCOVERY

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“We promise you discovery. The discovery of yourselves,
the discovery of the universe, and your place in it.”

These words, engraved upon the warm yellow bricks of the building, greeted me as I rounded the corner of the Welcome Center during Meet Me at The Avenue. I paused for a moment, taking in the beloved words from Sister Madeleva Wolff, CSC, before continuing on with my parents. As we walked from building to building, I desired to see who I had the potential to become, what experiences I could gain, and where Saint Mary's could take me. I trusted in the promise of a strong liberal arts education, an academic atmosphere that would challenge me to think critically and creatively and support my intellectual pursuits. The promise of discovery supported me when I took a leap of faith and studied abroad in Rome. From my first step out of the taxi and onto the cobblestone street, I realized I had so much to learn from The Eternal City. Professor Peter Checca, director of the Rome Program, often advised us that there was “an Italian version of yourself waiting to meet you” upon arrival. I found a well of strength where I learned lessons of independence, wanderlust, and the benefits of following your heart.

The promise of discovery lit a fire within me to follow my ambitions through my leadership experiences. My junior year, I founded a chapter of the nonprofit organization She's the First, which fundraises to support girls' education in the developing world. Within two years, the local chapter

sponsored a year of education for Parbati, a 12 year old in Nepal, and Tabisa, a nine year old in Uganda. I have seen the benefit of educating women, how educating a girl can lead to powerful change—for her, for her community, and for the world. My education at Saint Mary's has opened my eyes to new ways of interpreting the world around me, as well as helping me develop and refine my skills for my career. To give these girls that same chance for discovery through education has been one of proudest moments in my college experience.



Through the past four years, I have discovered myself and have grown into a strong-willed, passionate, and driven young woman. Saint Mary's has allowed me unique experiences in studying abroad, in holding leadership positions on campus, and in developing my talents. I know I am prepared not only for a public relations position in Chicago, but to make a difference in the world. Above all, Saint Mary's has given me the gift of lifelong friendship. Spending four years living with my best friends has enriched all of my moments of personal discovery, growth, and learning. My close friends and I discovered the best versions of ourselves at Saint Mary's, have taken chances to explore the universe, and are prepared to forge our own paths, to find a place in the world. As I transition from student to alumna, I reflect on my Saint Mary's experiences and realize Sister Madeleva's promise of discovery rings true.

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Arriving in September of 1960, the Class of 1964 holds a unique place in Saint Mary's history. That academic year marked the last year of Sister Madeleva's presidency. However, Sister Madeleva remained involved in the life of the College, serving as a consultant to the president, Sister Maria Renata, CSC, until her death in 1964. The Class of 1964 was the last class to know Sister Madeleva throughout their college career and just celebrated their 50th reunion this June.

Pictured in the 1961 *Blue Mantle*: Linda O'Leary, Kathleen Menzie, Pat Malone, and Noel Gibson