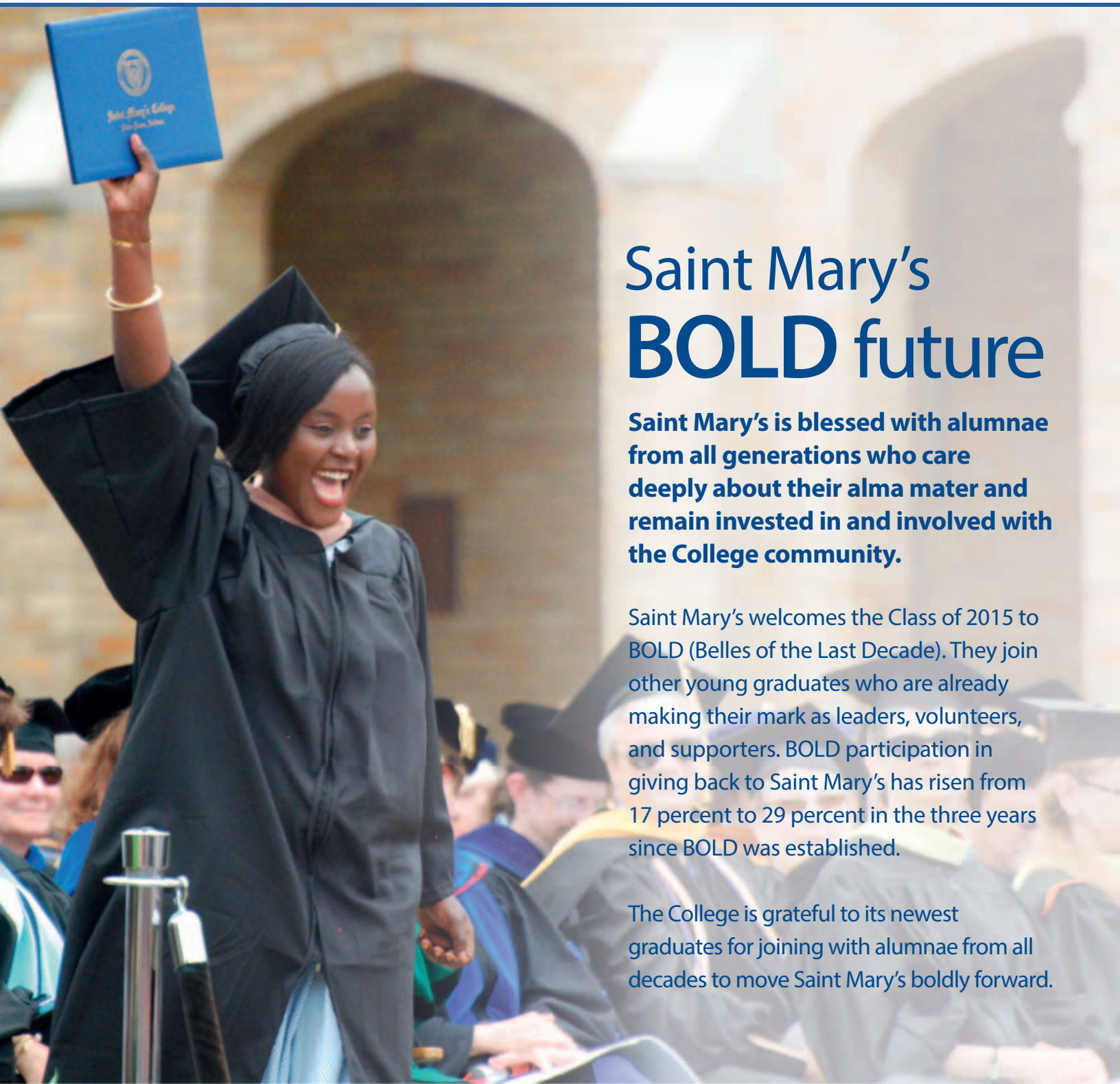


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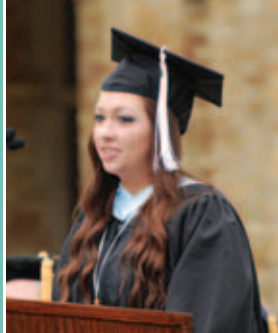

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On the cover: In front on Haggar College Center, seniors Katelyn Beam, Olivia Beck, Andrea Fetters, and Elizabeth Stachnik study the effects of phenotypic plasticity on petunias and how pollinators reacted to any changes in the plants as part of their Marjorie Neuhoﬀ Summer Science Research Community. See story on page 5.

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The Mission

Saint Mary's College is a Catholic, residential, women's college in the liberal arts tradition. A pioneer in the education of women, the College is an academic community where women develop their talents and prepare to make a difference in the world. Founded by the Sisters of the Holy Cross in 1844, Saint Mary's promotes a life of intellectual vigor, aesthetic appreciation, religious sensibility, and social responsibility. All members of the College remain faithful to this mission and continually assess their response to the complex needs and challenges of the contemporary world.

UPON REFLECTION

While taking long walks on the beach this summer, watching and feeling the wonderful waves gently embrace my legs, I reflected on the conversations I had with students as the year was ending. I was profoundly struck by the students' search for knowledge, their strong relationships with peers and mentors, and their love of learning. All of these things help to form their values, attitudes, and behaviors. These students are witnesses to Father Moreau's philosophy of education, "We will always place education side by side with instruction; the mind will not be cultivated at the expense of the heart" (*Circular Letter*, 36, 1849).

As I watched the water change from calm to dangerous over my days at the beach, I realized the students' reflections revealed that even in their violent storms, they experienced what it means to let go and trust that they are not alone. They see Christ in others—a peer, a Sister of the Holy Cross, a professor, an upperclasswoman, a member of the Saint Mary's staff, or even a stranger. They discovered the importance of community.

Students told me that learning happened when they could ask good questions, delve further into important issues, explore new ways of doing, and learn to trust. In their willingness to respond "yes" in areas of the unknown, they more deeply discovered their gifts, their passions, and their voices to go out into the world. Students quoted Sister Madeleva about the importance of an education that embraces discovery, "discovery of yourselves, discovery of the universe and your place in it." (*Conversations with Cassandra*.)

As they told their stories of research, teaching in the classroom, working as a nurse with the Sisters in Uganda, eating lunch with the Latino children, the death of a parent, failure in their major, sitting with young homeless pregnant women, or what it meant to hold their diploma in their hands, I was reminded of the quote from Mother Pauline, "Education stands for the highest development of mind and heart, and aims to make its students women of ideas rather than women of mere accomplishments, to bring them into personal relation with the wider worlds, larger life, by placing before them the truth as it may be apprehended, truth in literature, history, science and art" (*The College History Series, Saint Mary's College*).

When I recently accepted the position of vice president for mission, one of my main goals was to find ways for members of the Saint Mary's community to tell their stories of a Holy Cross education. Many of you, as you read this issue of the *Courier*, will be reminded of your own story and how your education of mind and heart continues to make this world a better place. I would love to hear your story and what it means for you to be a member of the Saint Mary's community in the world today. How are you continuing the legacy of the Sisters of the Holy Cross?

Judy Fean, Vice President for Mission

Judy welcomes your comments at jfean@saintmarys.edu.

We asked

YOU ANSWERED

SENIOR COMPREHENSIVES ARE A CAPSTONE TO A SAINT MARY'S EDUCATION, WITH BENEFITS AND LEARNED SKILLS THAT PROJECT WELL INTO A BELLE'S CAREER. SO, WE ASKED ALUMNAE: WHAT WAS YOUR SENIOR COMP AND HOW DID IT BENEFIT YOUR FUTURE?

"Passed the NCLEX in 75 questions and less than 90 minutes! (Our senior comp was taking a 265 question NCLEX-like Kaplan test... I think I cried...)"

— ANNA KASTELIC FLORENCKI '11, nursing, public health nurse

"Although at the time, the research for a paper about the theater of Virginia City was based on limited research, I was able to use the research skills learned to continue digging up information as more sources became available—I had to be patient and dogged—and I got a novel out of it."

— MARY SHEERAN '75, history and humanistic studies, senior editor/novelist, Harrison & Star

"I chose to write a legal brief on a case regarding

advertising a 'gun for hire.' A classmate took the opposing side. Ann Plamondon took us to the Notre Dame law library and taught us how to do legal research. She also taught us case citation. For the oral presentation, a mock court was set up and we presented as if we were arguing to an appellate court with the professors questioning us as judges would. When I started law school the following fall, I was confident already having researched, written, and argued an appellate brief. It was a ton of work, but worth the skills I developed and continue to use."

— KATIE GUGLE '89, mass communications, attorney, Kathryn R. Gugle Law Office

"My senior comp was on the rhetoric the media wrote during the MLB strike of 1994. I went on to work for ESPN and a Major League Baseball team after graduation."

— VICKI PALK CASSIDY '96, communication studies, communications coordinator, David Weekley Homes

"MINE WAS IN PSYCHOLOGY AND FOCUSED ON ADULT CHILDREN OF DIVORCE...I HAVE BEEN PRACTICING FAMILY LAW IN NM FOR OVER 23 YEARS!"

— LINDA LILLIE ELLISON '86, English literature and psychology, attorney at Carter & Valle Law Firm PC

"My comp focused on the

intersection of feminist theory and disaster sociology. I've been with the American Red Cross for six years, currently on staff overseeing disaster preparedness and response. I confidently say, 'Yes, I went to college for this!' "

— BECKI FAUNCE '09, student-designed major and sociology, AmeriCorps, American Red Cross

Belles' Closet



Elizabeth Maloney '15, Morgan Carroll '15, and Brandyn Blosser '03 pose with the group's t-shirt while sorting and tagging the five large boxes of clothing collected in the Belles' Closet drive held in April.

Belles' Closet is a new student organization that collects clothing for men, women, and children who are survivors of sexual assault. Brandyn Blosser '03, social work faculty and director of client services for Area 2 Agency on Aging with Real Services in South Bend, started the organization with her social work class.

After they've surrendered their clothes as evidence, survivors of sexual assault must wear home whatever the hospital can scrounge up, likely scrubs or items from the lost and found if a friend or family member isn't able to bring clothing.

"At a time when they may feel helpless and robbed of their dignity, we want to show them that they are still being cared for, that they really do matter," says Morgan Carroll '15, one of the campus coordinators for Belles' Closet.

Belles' Closet held a campus clothing drive, accepting new items of clothing in all sizes for men, women, and children. They collected five large boxes of clothing, and several cash donations.

Belles' Closet donated the items to Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center of Mishawaka. Just one day after dropping off the clothing, a nurse told Blosser she was finally able to provide new, correctly sized clothing for a young survivor. "It is heartbreaking to know there was a need but we are comforted to know that Belles' Closet could meet that need."

Belles' Closet is still accepting donations. Contact Blosser at brandyn@realservices.org.

An Unexpected Opportunity

Last March, Ali Mahoney '17 had a truly once-in-a-lifetime experience while studying abroad in Rome. The Naperville, Illinois, native was asked to do a reading at Pope Francis's Palm Sunday Mass in St. Peter's Square after she had volunteered to do a few readings at Santo Spirito in Sassia earlier in the semester.

"I felt so blessed to have the opportunity to do something so significant during my three months abroad," says Mahoney. "This entire experience was not about me, but it was about the opportunity to be able to proclaim God's Word to all of the people in that square. What made this experience even more unforgettable was that I was able to share it with family and friends."

Mahoney's study abroad experience has breathed life into Sister Madeleva's quote: "We promise you discovery, discovery of yourselves, discovery of the universe and your place in it." Mahoney believes that and believes that spending her spring semester in Rome has allowed her the opportunity to discover herself in new and unexpected ways.



For more Avenue News, visit saintmarys.edu/news-events.



Shakespeare, Petunias, *and* E. Coli

By Adrienne Latson

Summer research at Saint Mary's

“Literature and drama, especially timeless works like Shakespeare’s, have an uncanny ability to shine a mirror on the people who interact with it,” says Jennifer Vosters ’16. Vosters is visiting theatres, reading reviews, and meeting with directors and actors to evaluate the last 30 years of performance history of Shakespeare’s Roman plays—*Julius Caesar*, *Antony and Cleopatra*, *Coriolanus*, and *Titus Andronicus*. She and Christopher Cobb, associate professor of English, are conducting this research thanks to a Student Independent Study and Research (SISTAR) grant.

Photos from this page and previous page: 1 and 4: Summer research students and their petunias; 2: Meghan Cusack '16 works in the lab; 3: Jennifer Vosters '16 at the Chicago Shakespeare Theater; 5: Researchers working on the PAD project.

Summer Research Grants

The Marjorie A. Neuhoﬀ '61 Summer Science Research Community is a grant funded by the bequest of Marjorie A. Neuhoﬀ '61, and is one of the first noticeable benefits to stem from the Faith Always, Action Now campaign. The grant encourages collaboration among the sciences and is available to biology, chemistry, or physics faculty and students to conduct research for at least 10 weeks.

Student Independent Study and Research (SISTAR) grants support teams of one faculty member and one student to work collaboratively for eight weeks in the summer, between the student's junior and senior years. The grants are open to scholarly or creative projects, and the participants may do separate projects that support or complement the other's work. Established in 1991, the SISTAR grants include the Maryjeanne R. Burke and Daughters SISTAR, which is reserved for pretenure faculty.

"We're interested in learning about the Midwestern theatre community when it comes to Shakespeare; what people value, what they enjoy seeing and producing onstage, and how the Roman plays have fit (or not fit) into that mold," Vosters explains. She and Cobb will gather data and make meaningful conclusions about the local community's values, politics, and aesthetics.

An integral part of a student's college education, research is often associated with the sciences. But as Vosters illustrates, along with fellow Belles conducting research on campus this summer, members of all disciplines conduct valuable research that contributes to their field. Most of these students will use this summer research in their senior comprehensives, or "comps," one of the unique features of a Saint Mary's education. (See the story on page 8.)

"To me, this is very important work, perhaps not with the urgency of researching vaccines or energy conservation, but with results that help illuminate our own community and how it has explored and defined itself through the arts in our lifetimes," Vosters says.



Fellow student-faculty researchers are on campus representing other disciplines. Together, Cassie Majetic, assistant professor of biology; four biology majors; Kathryn Haas, assistant professor of chemistry/physics; and one chemistry major comprise a Marjorie A. Neuhoﬀ Summer Science Research Community. They're studying phenotypic plasticity in plant traits and DNA. "Phenotypic plasticity, or epigenetics, is the phenomenon in which certain genes get turned on or off based on the environment, leading to differences in trait expression, or phenotype," explains Majetic.

The project is studying six cultivars of *Petunia*, exposing each to different levels of nitrogen fertilizer and examining whether floral traits (number and size of flowers), leaf and vegetative traits (plant height and leaf number), and floral chemistry (scent and color) change in response. They're also studying whether these possible changes affect the way pollinators visit the plants.

The researchers grew petunias and set up a "lab" on the grass between Haggard and Lake Marian, and they recorded the number and behavior of pollinators on the plants for two hours a day for several weeks. The plants attracted pollinators, sure, and the students attracted attention. "We pretty much didn't go a day without someone walking by and asking us what we were doing staring at flowers for the majority of the day," says Olivia Beck '16.

Each student is in charge of a different section of the research, giving her practical experience in both researching and research planning. For example, Beck's component is the pollinators' reactions. Katelyn Beam '16 conducted research on past phenotypic plasticity in vegetative characteristics of plants and coordinated the assessment of leaf and vegetative traits.



Summer 2015 Research Groups

Marjorie A. Neuhoff Summer Science Research Communities

Cassie Majetic, assistant professor of biology
Kathryn Haas, assistant professor of chemistry/physics
Katelyn Beam '16
Olivia Beck '16
Jennifer Connell '16
Andrea Feters '16
Elizabeth Stachnik '16

Reena Khadka, assistant professor of biology
Meghan Cusack '16
Adriana Ledesma '16

Amy Houser, professional specialist in chemistry
Megan Doherty '17

Student Independent Study and Research (SISTAR)

Christopher Cobb, associate professor of English
Jennifer Vosters '16

Elizabeth Wolf, assistant professor of math
Brainna Kozemzak '17

The amount of experience students receive from hands-on research is exponential. “As a biology student, I have science labs every semester, but experiments follow the textbook and generally we know what is going to happen in the end,” says Beam. Elizabeth Stachnik '16 agrees. “Research is different from classroom learning in the sense that you are not given any answers, instructions, or asked to memorize facts. Rather, you must problem solve along the way, applying the skills you have learned as a scientist to the work you are doing in the hopes of answering your initial question.” Vosters' experience is similar. “This grant is giving me the opportunity to develop other skills: interviewing, independent investigation, persistence, asking questions, and collaborating with a scholar already established in the field,” she says.

One purpose of research is to address worldwide issues such as water contamination. According to the World Health Organization, 88 percent of the total diarrheal diseases in the world are caused by unsafe drinking water. Reena Khadka, assistant professor of biology, Adriana Ledesma '16, and Meghan Cusack '16 are developing a paper analytical device (PAD) that will determine the likelihood of contamination in a water source. A colorimetric device, it changes color when the sugar substrate is metabolized by *Escherichia coli*, coliform bacteria that are highly indicative of fecal contaminants in the water. The research team intends to develop a more economical and easier to use PAD than is currently commercially available.

The link between water contamination and healthcare is clear, and this research group is doing their part to manage this global concern. “Healthcare professionals get the privilege of caring for people who have been affected. I would love to be a part of using my knowledge of microbiology to care for the sick,” says Ledesma.

From insights into political and societal views to detecting water contaminants to plant changes due to fertilizer, our faculty and students are making a difference in the world, one research group at a time. **C**

The Senior Comps

A Saint Mary's Capstone Experience

By Shannon E. Brewer Rooney '03



Kiera Johnsen '16 grew up watching the news with her parents every night and the headline show *60 Minutes* every Sunday. A communication studies and political science double major from Costa Mesa, CA, Johnsen remains fascinated by the role the media plays in politics.

"Many news stories broken by *60 Minutes* and other outlets have become catalysts for change in our society. I came to realize how powerful the media is, how it influences society...It made me want a career which was either a part of or influential on the political process, whether through directly working in public policy or as a news producer or journalist," says Johnsen. That led her to her double major and its upcoming culmination in her senior comprehensive project.

A rising senior, Johnsen will complete her senior comprehensive, or "senior comp," in communications studies. According to the College Bulletin, her major requires that she complete this senior capstone experience in "one of two sequences of courses reflecting the main intellectual traditions of the communication discipline: 1) research methods, which explores social-scientific and qualitative methods of inquiry, or 2) rhetorical criticism, focusing on the critical analysis of all types of public communication." Johnsen chose the former and is embarking on a research project that investigates the ways in which Internet media sites like BuzzFeed impact young voters.

That's how a random perusal of a BuzzFeed article became the topic of Johnsen's senior comprehensive research project. Through the project, she will not only satisfy her own curiosity, she will demonstrate her ability to apply both qualitative and quantitative research skills as well as her capabilities as a writer and critical thinker.

The College Bulletin, a detailed outline of majors and minors and their requirements, makes mention of a senior thesis as early as the 1929-30 academic year. Throughout Saint Mary's history, this "thesis" has developed from a traditional exam or term paper to the individualized experience it is today. However, since the College's early history, the senior thesis, now senior comp, has always required students to apply the concepts they've learned in their major area of study and demonstrate their ability to use that knowledge practically. That goal hasn't changed.

"Over the years the format of the senior comprehensives has changed as the goals and outcomes for the majors have evolved," says Susan Vanek '70, associate dean for advising in Academic Affairs and First Year Studies. "In all cases, the senior comprehensive is considered a capstone experience. At the end of their major, students apply their critical thinking and communicative skills to demonstrate a deeper understanding of their major."

Vanek, an alumna who completed a Spanish major, recalls writing a long research paper and taking an oral exam as part of her own senior comp experience. "When my classmates and I were first-year students, upper-class students told us not to worry about the senior comprehensive because it would be eliminated by the time we were seniors. At the time I thought it would be great to have one less graduation requirement. In retrospect, however, I realize that the knowledge and skills I gained from this experience were important. I am glad to see that the senior comprehensive continues to be a valuable part of a Saint Mary's education."

Senior comp requirements vary according to major, but all involve practical application of a student's knowledge, writing abilities, and research and critical thinking. For example, an education major is required to complete her student teaching as well

as a comprehensive teaching portfolio including unit and lesson plans. The education major is demonstrating her knowledge, in addition to gaining valuable hands-on teaching experience. She'll also leave Saint Mary's with the portfolio, which contains materials she can put to use in her first year of teaching after graduation.

Throughout their coursework, nursing majors complete valuable clinical experience in hospitals, long-term care facilities, health departments, and community settings under the supervision of qualified faculty members. The capstone experience is an exam during the final semester of their senior year. The exam serves as the nursing senior comp. It is computer-based, simulating the NCLEX-RN, the National Council Licensure Examination for registered nurses.

A religious studies major takes a two-part exam consisting of three open-source essays each. The College Bulletin explains: "The exam tests the student's breadth of knowledge in religious studies and her facility in theological reflection. One part covers historical materials, texts, and issues...the second examines contemporary sources..." Students prepare their bibliography in consultation with their academic advisor and then work with two members of the religious studies faculty to discuss the texts and prepare their responses.

Students in most majors work individually with a faculty advisor, whether their comp features an exam, research paper, or other project. Chemistry major Jennifer Connell '16 is conducting the research for her senior comp this summer. Connell's project is titled "Detecting Methylated versus Unmethylated DNA using Ultra High Performance Liquid Chromatography-Mass

Spectrometry." It involves extracting plant DNA in order to explain physical changes caused by different amounts of fertilizer.

Her faculty advisor, chemistry professor Kathryn Haas, has been a valued influence throughout the experience. "Professor Haas has been there to celebrate the small victories I have experienced in research and has guided me through the problem solving," says Connell, a rising senior from Grand Rapids, MI. "She has given me constructive feedback on the writing I have done for this project and overall has been a wonderful source of guidance throughout the experience."

Natasha Flores '12, recently left her position as chief operating officer at Janus Motorcycles in Goshen, IN, to teach math and coach soccer in the Goshen Community Schools. She is also working on her master's in business administration in a program with Arizona State University. As a Saint Mary's senior Flores studied the mathematics behind climate change. A problem-solver by nature, Flores says, "I have a desire to make the environment better for all future generations that will live on this planet. I believe the best place to start is understanding what the problem is and define the variables we can change to fix the issues." Her senior comp was a natural expression of her passion for sustainability and her mathematical approach.

Much of Flores' project involved deriving the equations that drive climate studies today. The academic research experience proved useful as she went on to pursue her master's of science in engineering, science, and technology entrepreneurship at the University of Notre Dame. In fact, her investigative and problem-solving skills prove useful every day in her work and her MBA studies. "I apply [them] in my professional life by constantly digging deeper in all subjects. When there is a problem at work, I do all research possible. After that I try to find a solution and determine the best way to clearly present it to my boss/team," says Flores. The lessons she learn while completing the senior comp stay with her today. "It taught me about the subject and about my abilities. I learned a lot about who I am and what I want to do in the future," she says.

As Johnsen works to complete the research for her comp on media impact on voters, she says she is gaining a greater appreciation for and perspective on how much work goes into the entire process. "This process, while long and stressful, excites me because I'm working on a topic I love. It is something I find really fascinating and really am passionate about. I am so excited to discover what the results will be and to present my work in December," says Johnsen. She has learned an important life lesson too. "This entire senior comp process validates the idea that some of the greatest rewards come from things that are difficult." In the completion of the senior comp, Johnsen and each Saint Mary's senior prepare for a career and a life that makes a positive difference in the world. They learn valuable critical thinking skills, collaboration, and problem-solving. And, along the way, they complete a process—be it research, writing, presenting, teaching, or testing—that also leads to self discovery. **C**

Senior comp topics are as varied as our more than 30 College majors. Some current and past projects include:

- *The Effect of Media Exposure on Attitudes about Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (psychology)*
- *The Goldilocks Effect: What Concentration of Linalool is the Most Effective for Attracting Pollinators to *Hesperis matronalis*? (biology)*
- *Femininity through the perception of appearance and gender roles (studio art)*
- *Attacking Masculinity: An Examination of Hegemonic Masculinity in Two Television Series (sociology)*
- *A Survey on the Quality and Benefits of an Older Adult Guardianship Program (social work)*
- *The Effects of International Monetary Fund Loans: Gross National Product and Inequality (political science)*

Commencement HONOREES

Meet the Honored Members of the Class of 2015

The Saint Mary's community celebrated our 168th commencement on May 16, graduating 340 members of the Class of 2015. Each year the College honors three seniors who are exceptional representatives of their graduating class. These graduates embody the mission of Saint Mary's as a Holy Cross institution that educates the mind, heart, and spirit of its students. The class valedictorian reflects the mind; the Outstanding Senior embodies the heart of the class; and the Lumen Christi Award recipient represents its soul. Here we meet the three extraordinary women from the Class of 2015, as well as the St. Catherine Medal honoree from the Class of 2016, who embody these qualities and who will go on to make a positive difference in the world.

Valedictorian: Sarah Miller '15



and plans to pursue a master's degree in vocal performance.

Having loved science from a young age, Miller originally thought she might become a medical doctor, but her love of music and her passion for vocals took over. She flourished at Saint Mary's under the direction of music professor Laurel Thomas who became her "mentor, teacher, and inspiration."

Thomas celebrates Miller's self-discovery at Saint Mary's and her success as an accomplished student of music. "When thinking about Sarah a quote from Harriet Tubman came to mind: 'You have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world.' Sarah has the personal strength, the patience to continually work toward her goals, the passion for music and learning that is vital to a life in the arts," says Thomas.

Miller's decision to attend Saint Mary's was in part due to what she calls the College's perfect pairing of the voice and dance programs, the opportunities to study science, and the sisterhood that is immediately recognizable when visiting.

"I absolutely loved all of the girls I met when I toured Saint Mary's, and immediately knew it was where I wanted to be," says

Miller. "The opportunities are endless, and I encourage current and incoming students to not only take advantage of learning in the classroom, but also from your peers outside of that environment." Miller did just that, as a member of the Saint Mary's Dance Team, as well as being involved with the choir, musicals, and operas, and spending a semester abroad in Rome, Italy.

Outstanding Senior: Kaitlyn Rabach '15



The Outstanding Senior award recognizes a member of the senior class who exemplifies the spirit and values of the College. The recipient is recognized for living her faith, and is distinguished by scholarship, leadership, and outstanding dedication to Saint Mary's—as demonstrated through participation in both curricular and extracurricular activities.

The Alumnae Association Board of Directors chooses the recipient from nominees submitted by students, faculty, and staff. Honoree Kaitlyn Rabach '15, from Muskegon, Michigan, is a political science major with minors in gender and women's studies and global studies.

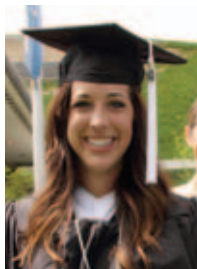
Rabach was honored at the Alumnae-Senior Champagne Brunch as part of Senior Week festivities leading up to Commencement.

She offered this thought in her remarks to the Class of 2015: "Because of our all-women's, faith-based education, we have developed the tools to be confident leaders. We learned to be strong in the classroom, and now we're ready for wherever our career takes us in years to come. During our time here, no matter if we spent our energy pursuing the sciences or the humanities, we saw women doing great things. We did great things."

Rabach's extracurricular involvement includes four years of many, varied posts, notably: serving as the Saint Mary's editor to *The Observer*; working in the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership (CWIL) as both a lead peer mentor and a student coordinator for two summers with the Study of the U.S. Institute (SUSI) a U.S. Department of State supported program at the College; interning at ILive2Lead International in Washington, D.C., where she had the opportunity to report on the 2014 "Women in the World Conference" for The Huffington Post and ILive2Lead blog; and interning in the South Bend mayor's office and for the Michigan Women Win Political Action Committee (PAC), and as a staff member for Cathy Forbes's Michigan Senate campaign.

Rabach's moving award speech is available on the Saint Mary's website: alumnae.saintmarys.edu. Click on Spread the Word, then Courier Extras.

Lumen Christi: Samantha Grady '15



The Lumen Christi Award is the highest student honor at Saint Mary's, awarded to an outstanding Christian woman. The recipient is traditionally someone who has excelled in leadership and loyalty to Saint Mary's and whose presence has had a profound effect on the College community. The name of the recipient is not revealed until her name is read at Commencement.

"When my name was read I could hardly believe what I had heard. The description for the Lumen Christi award was the description of every Saint Mary's woman I know. To be recognized with this award is quite humbling," says the honoree Samantha Grady '15, a political science and religious studies double major from Corrales, New Mexico. "At Saint Mary's I truly sought to be like the people around me. I'm very thankful to Saint Mary's for forming me over the last four years." Grady was recognized as an excellent student and woman of faith known for her leadership, love of learning, and concern for others.

A four-year varsity volleyball athlete, Grady recognizes the importance of athletics, health, and wellness, and what it means to be part of a team as a woman of faith. She participated in a women's spirituality group, Friends with Sisters at the convent, and served as a Eucharistic minister and lector. She also studied abroad, led retreats, and coached girls basketball and tennis.

Grady thanked her parents for their support. "They have inspired me by their love, patience, and guidance. They taught me the value of faith and to use that as an anchor. They gifted me with five wonderful siblings and through that instilled in me my first love of community and others."

Grady will go on to Loyola University Chicago to pursue a master's degree in theological studies with a minor in education.

Saint Catherine Medal: Haleigh Ehmsen '16



Haleigh Ehmsen '16, a communication studies and English writing and literature double major from Mount Vernon, Iowa, thought she was attending Honors Convocation on Sunday, May 3, to write a story for *The Courier*. She had no idea that the occasion, an honors assembly for seniors and faculty, would also celebrate her contributions to the College.

Saint Mary's College President Carol Ann Mooney presented Ehmsen, a junior, with the Saint Catherine Medal, an award recognizing a sophomore or junior who demonstrates high standards of personal excellence and scholarship and contributes to the College community in the spirit of Christian leadership. The award commemorates Saint Catherine of Alexandria, the patron saint of scholars (especially women scholars). Kappa Gamma Pi, the National Catholic Honor Society, sponsors the award.

"I am so honored and filled with gratitude for the wonderful opportunities I have had at Saint Mary's," says Ehmsen.

Ehmsen's Catholic identity is an inseparable part of every commitment she has made throughout her college career. She has been involved in many aspects of Campus Ministry as a liturgical minister and lector for three years, a leader of rosary group, and a Ministry Assistant for two years in Holy Cross Hall.

Ehmsen is a gifted writer who serves as the Saint Mary's editor for the Notre Dame/Saint Mary's student newspaper, *The Observer*, and as co-editor of the literary and art journal, *Chimes*. In these roles, Ehmsen inspires others to express themselves through their own writing.

In addition, Ehmsen is committed to service for the greater good of God. As a coordinator of Dance Marathon on campus, Ehmsen has worked tirelessly to raise money and put on a successful event for Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis. This summer she will intern with the YMCA in Chicago, because of their mission to put Christian principles into practice while promoting a healthy mind, body, and spirit.

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

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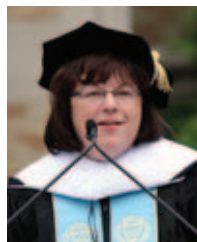
The College awarded two honorary degrees to outstanding women about whom President Carol Ann Mooney '72 says, "At Saint Mary's we challenge our students to promote human dignity throughout their lives. We are delighted to honor these exceptional women for dedicating their lives to some of our most vulnerable citizens."

Commencement Speaker: Rosemary Connelly, RSM



The 2015 Commencement speaker, Sister Rosemary Connelly, RSM, is executive director of Misericordia Home in Chicago, which provides programs, services, and residential care to more than 600 children and adults with developmental and physical disabilities. The College recognized Sister Rosemary with an honorary doctorate of humanities for her 46 years of leadership, which has been integral to Misericordia growing into a loving, challenging, and dignified environment to its residents.

Honorary Degree: Terri Kosik



Also receiving an honorary degree at Commencement was Terri Kosik, executive director of the Early Childhood Development Center at Saint Mary's College and the University of Notre Dame. The ECDC program serves children, ages two through kindergarten during the school year and school age children through age 10 during the summer day camp program. During her 40 years with the ECDC, Kosik has dedicated her work focusing on the importance of quality programs for young children, their families, and teachers both locally and throughout the state.

FACULTY AWARDS

The College also honored five faculty members for demonstrated excellence and awarded two honorary degrees. The Academic Affairs Council, chaired by Saint Mary's College President Carol Ann Mooney '72 and made up of administrators, faculty, and staff, votes on the most deserving recipients after reading through nominations. The vote results are kept secret until the honors are bestowed.

Spes Unica Award: Marc Belanger



Marc Belanger, associate professor of political science and chair of the Department of Political Science, was recognized with the Spes Unica Award at the College's Honors Convocation on May 3. This award, established in 1958, recognizes a faculty member's eminent service to Saint Mary's in the areas of teaching, scholarship, creative activity, and/or service. Belanger has been part of the Saint Mary's faculty for 20 years.

Maria Pieta Award: Stacy Davis



Stacy Davis, associate professor of religious studies and chair of the Department of Gender and Women's Studies, was recognized with the Maria Pieta Award. The award recognizes the quality of teaching in courses for first-year students and sophomores. The award was established in 1976 in honor of Sister Maria Pieta, CSC, who was a faculty member and administrator at Saint Mary's College. Davis has been a member of the Saint Mary's faculty for 12 years.

Carmi and Chris Murphy Faculty Award for Student Mentorship of the Senior Comprehensive: Patrick Pierce



Patrick Pierce, professor of political science, was honored with the Carmi and Chris Murphy Faculty Award for Student Mentorship of the Senior Comprehensive. Pierce is the first recipient of the award, which was established through the recently concluded *Faith Always, Action Now* capital campaign. Pierce has been a member of the Saint Mary's faculty for 34 years.

Kevin J. and Marijo Rogers Kelly '77 Faculty Service Award: Frances B. Kominkiewicz



Frances B. Kominkiewicz, professor of social work and chair of the Department of Social Work and Gerontology, was honored with the Kevin J. and Marijo Rogers Kelly '77 Faculty Service Award, an award established through the recently completed *Faith Always, Action Now* campaign forum on salient issues facing the South Bend community. Kominkiewicz has been a member of the Saint Mary's faculty for 18 years.

Donald R. and Nora Barry Fischer '73 Faculty Award for Teaching Excellence: Susan Latham '91



Susan Latham '91, associate professor of communicative sciences and disorders, was recognized with the Donald R. and Nora Barry Fischer '73 Faculty Award for Teaching Excellence, another award established through the *Faith Always, Action Now* campaign. Latham has been a member of the Saint Mary's faculty for 16 years.

Congratulations, CLASS OF 2015!



“Graduates, you are a blessed people. The world is waiting for you. Trust God. Trust yourself. Continue to understand your truth. Keep all of life in the perspective of eternity.”

— Commencement speaker
Sister Rosemary Connelly, RSM

2015 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.)

Kathrine Elizabeth Alexander, *Maureen Kahn Alexander* '87, Anne Hogan Brown '77, Maura O'Neil Kahn '83, Sharon Marie Kahn '90, Eileen Isleib Schaffler '92, Nicole Yvonne Kerbrat '09

Lauren Maureen Anastasi, *Maureen Martin Anastasi* '84, Ann Hurley Martin '60, Mary Jo O'Callaghan Martin '60, Megan Martin Galgano '87, Ann Martin Flynn '92

Shauna Marie Barry, Florence Romano Daly '82, Patricia Daly Borg '10, Kathleen Florence Klauer '14, Margaret Mary Romano '15

Kendra Abbott Barwick, Jean Weigand Morrissey '86, Jillian Serena Barwick '13

Lauren Kathleen Bilinski, Ashley Doughty Swan '05

Kathleen Paige Bradley, Abigail Elizabeth Henning '13

Julia Marie Brehl, *Marianne McCabe Brehl* '76, Mary Brehl Given '78, Katherine Brehl Corcoran '79, Vanessa Brehl Hayward '92

Justine Marie Bresnahan, Susan Bresnahan McHugh '75

Caroline Rose Brown, *Lisa Maglio Brown* '78

Hannah Jean Bruggeman, Elizabeth Marie Blust Bruggeman '82

Karli Alyssa Bucci, Marilyn Barry Bucci '78

Madison April Carroll, Alicia Rose Carroll '12

Morgan Adeline Carroll, Caroline Zern Lee '87, Brianne Ilana Carroll '12

Erin Ronayne Cassidy, Irene O'Leary VanBeckum '57, Meghan Elisabeth Cassidy '06

Samantha Marie Chittenden, Rita Andreas Milas '59

Nora Veronica Clougherty, Maura Clougherty Bonham '09

Erin Elizabeth Cole, *Molly Thompson Cole* '82, Carolyn Thompson Ronan '81, Mary Cole Simms '87, Mary Margaret Ronan '12

Bridget Grace Condon, Jennifer Kaplan LoConte '94, Lauren Frances Condon '06, Erin Maureen Condon '07, Erin Kaplan Kirkendall '10, Caitlin Jean Condon '12

Erin Elizabeth Cox, Ryann Cox Szczepanski '01, Kaitlin Cox Hilger '07

Allison Rose Cox, Molly McKenna Sliney '76, Myriam Hickey O'Neill '85, Margaret Claire McKenna Sliney '14

Kelly Eileen Crooks, Maura Barille Crooks '87, Daphne Kosse Crooks '89, Kathleen Marie Crooks '91

Maeve Rose Rieger Curley, *Holly Rieger Curley* '80

Sarah Joan Dapper, *Kathryn Knych Dapper* '87, Carol Knych Stephens '83, Christina Knych Ugo '97, Katelyn Marie Dapper '12

Julienne Louise DeLee, *Monique Lemieux DeLee* '88, Michelle Renee DeLee-Hamilton '91, Maria Dominello Panowicz '92, Lisa Dominello Winde '95

Kiley Carey Dolezal, Patricia Carey Mysak '77, Megan Ashley Carey '13, Heather Lynn Mysak '14

Michaela Maria Eby, Amy Renee Giarmo '07

Colleen Anne Fahrenbach, *Katherine Wilson Fahrenbach* '83, Susan Fahrenbach Forester '78, Mary Pat Wilson Russell '78, Molly Elizabeth Wilson '12, Margaret Mary Fahrenbach '13, Katherine Maire Russell '14, Madeline Elisabeth Wilson '14, Kelly Elisabeth Wilson '15

Lauren Anne Fox, Susan Fox Jacobsen '92

Catherine Cecelia Freeman, Teresa Meyer Steichen '84, Melissa Meyer Burke '85, Ann Bettendorf Freeman '88

Emily Pauline Getz, Courtney O'Callaghan Ranson '99

Therese Frances Gorecki, *Mary Rost Gorecki* '78, Katherine Mamaux Rost '71, Therese Rost Brown '80, Jean Rost Gollage '82

Samantha Michelle Grady, Autumn Grady McCarthy '00, Tamela Rea Grady '02

Kelly Ann Gutrich, Kathryn Elizabeth Gutrich '13

Tabitha Latisha Hackbush, Jennifer Hackbush Monroe '03

Danahy Carol Haley, *Julie Cox Haley* '87

Grace Ann Harvey, Madeline Elizabeth Miles '13

Lydia Rebecca Hathaway, Juanita Clizbe O'Keefe '30*, Wendy Betz Chapman '95

Teresa Mae Haurert, Christine Haurert Dalton '08

Janice Elizabeth Heffernan, Elsa Victoria Summerville '09

Madeline Kay Helman, *Jamie Bock Helman* '82, Christi Bock Harman '78, Kaley Helman Taylor '07, Courtney Helman Schultz '10

Gabrielle Therese Hidalgo, *Jeanne T. Grammens* '86, Stephanie Katherine Grammens '05

Sarah Elizabeth Hossfeld, *Karen Seppala Hossfeld* '90

Mary Kathleen Hussey, *Kathleen Vilona Hussey* '80, Maureen Hussey Key '76, Mariana Hussey O'Rear '85, Kerrienne Hussey Key '12, Kelsey Farish Key '15

Christina Daley Hutch, Jane Ellen Hutch '11

Katherine Grace Johnson, Kelsey Ann Johnson '15

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Sarah M. Kastelic, *Mary Lanois Kastelic* '77, Anna Kastelic Loroencik '11

Elizabeth Alma Kenney, Kathryn Korhumel Dise '75, Karen Korhumel, Crotte '77, Ann Korhumel Filipiak '83, Maureen McCarthy Kenney '83, Joyce B. Murtagh Stengle '86, Colleen Kenney Vedra '94, Claire Patricia Kenney '10, Julia Catherine Kenney '13

Kelsey Farish Key, *Maureen Hussey Key* '76, Kathleen Vilona Hussey '80, Mariana Hussey O'Rear '85, Kerrienne Hussey Key '12, Mary Kathleen Hussey '15

Audrey Kathryn Kiefer, *Bridget Baran Kiefer* '81, Kathleen Kiefer Golmont '80, Ann Kiefer Casey '83

Jacqueline Rose Kjolhede, Janet Del Giudice Balakian '84

Carrie Kendall Kuhen, Callie Kuhen Hamilton '02, Trisha Suzanne Jones '03

Catherine Elizabeth Lattner, *Ann Picchietti Lattner* '84

Jennifer Marie Lefere, Ellen Lefere Schwartzfisher '92

Molly Christen Levi, Christine Mulvihill Roy '88

Annemarie Elizabeth Loessberg, Carol Smither Mansfield '66, Carol Mansfield Fox '89, Michelle Mansfield Bocock '93

Samantha Nicole Lopez, Jessica Alicia Lopez '13

Cara Terese Lutz, *Frances M. Spaniola-Lutz* '83, Teresa Rogge Crawford '74

Bridget Ann Lyons, Mary Catherine Clair '48, Geraldine Clair Gilboy '49, Joanne Clair Lyons '49, Kerry Clair Barry '92, Kelly Rose Lyons '11

Courtney Kathleen MacDonald, Marcia Ann MacDonald '64*, Amy MacDonald Simon '76, Margaret MacDonald Luxem '81, Emily MacDonald Fredericks '97, Maureen MacDonald Dettler '02, Emily Beth Mathus '08, Kelly Christine MacDonald '08

Abigail Christine Majewski, Lucy Ann Hostetler '90, Elizabeth Katherine Majewski '13

Elizabeth Catherine Maloney, Mary Hannigan Adamonis '67, Donna Barbano '73

Hillary Elizabeth Mangiaforte, Samantha Mangiaforte Books '97, Lauren Bernadette Mangiaforte '09

Ellie Elizabeth Markham, Candace McElligott Johnson '03, Britni McElligott Creamer '07

Catherine Eileen McClintic, Catherine Moran Lee '42*

Claire Katherine McGinley, *Lori Kubicki McGinley* '88, Gina Kubicki Ogden '79, Ashley Ogden Shonkwiler '09

Mary Kate McLaughlin, Karen Lalley Adymy '91

Gabriella Susan Meagher, *Diane Demasi Meagher* '82, Alison Reka Meagher '13

Meredith Elayne Mersits, Anita Mersits McCombs '81

Kristen Marie Millar, Dolores Dietsch Berry '55, Kathleen Scheiber Hart '79, Tara Melichar Millar '90

Samantha Anne Moorhead, Erin Elizabeth Mahoney '08, Amy Kathleen Mahoney '08, Kathryn Elizabeth Mahoney '14

Erin Katherine Moran, Ali Nicole Moran '13

Elizabeth Jean Murphy, *Laura Lea Halland Murphy* '84, Kristin Grace Murphy '15

Kristen Grace Murphy, Laura Lea Halland Murphy '84, Elizabeth Jean Murphy '15

Gretchen Lynn Newcomer, Mary Beth Roitz Spore '79, Emily Spore Lowder '04, Bridge Spore Faulk '08

Anna Rachelle Nolan, Kathleen Nolan Robinson '75, Patricia Nolan Anderson '85, Meghanan Robinson Kirzeder '03, Sarah Maureen Robinson '08

Kelsey Noire Osinski, Lorette Borda Schmuhl '66

Lauren B. Osmanski, Mary Gavin Osmanski '46, Mary Osmanski Ferlic '70*, Angie Lynn Osmanski '05

Nicole Elizabeth Papiernik, Susan Nicholas Papiernik '80

Rachel E. Powers, Barbara Norton Powers '53

Colleen Marie Quigley, Michelle Marie Chandler '02, Melissa Chandler Wright '07, Molly Lamping Fleck '09

Caroline Patricia Riccolo, Ann McAuliffe Martin '82

Francine Lucille Rizzo, Meredith April Rizzo '12

Margaret Mary Romano, Florence Romano Daly '82, Patricia Daly Borg '10, Kathleen Florence Klauer '14, Shauna Marie Barry '15

Megan Noelle Ross, *Cara Calzolan-Ross* '89, Mary Anne Goodnow Calzolan '89

Madeleine Jean Sampson, Loren Elizabeth Sampson '12

Julia Cathleen Saran, Allison Holly Stride '15

Emily Anne Scanlon, *Julie Herbsttritt Scanlon* '86

McKenna Leigh Schuster, *Mary Anne Brown Schuster* '77

Rachel Charney Schwartz, Deanna Marie Deery-Schmitt '84

Kayle Cree Sexton, *Tonya Sheets Sexton* '90

Helena Marie Shannon, Lorraine Vanetti Shannon '49*, Betty Vanetti Amaroso '52, Mary Shannon Kurtz '79

Allison Marie Sheets, Mackenzie Leigh Sheets '09

Rachel Ann Sinchak, *Jayne Reardon Sinchak* '82

Madeline Anne Snyder, Karen Ann McKenna Sullivan '77, Emily Anne Caltrider '13

Claire Teresa Steward, *Teresa Skeehan Stewart* '74, Catherine Deck Skeehan '50*

Courtney Marie Stierwalt, Ann Stierwalt Gerry '82

Allison Holly Stride, Patricia Wiedner Purcell '69, Julia Cathleen Saran '15

Shannon Whitney Swartz, Rachel Kathleen Degenhardt '03

Hannah Kayte Sweet, Chloe Anne Leach '02

Arianna Colleen Thelen, *Margaret O'Connell Thelen* '85

Morgan Lea Thomas, Theresa Kloska Thomas '85

Anna Marie Ulliman, *Julie Melvin Ulliman* '82, Mary Elizabeth Ulliman '10

Jennafer Lauren Vuono, Louise Rose Schrage '92

Rebecca Jeanne Walker, Jenna Michelle McKeown '14

Victoria Reed Wilbraham, Catherine Wilbraham Shields '94

Kelly Elisabeth Wilson, Mary Pat Wilson Russell '78, Katherine Wilson Fahrenbach '83, Margaret Mary Fahrenbach '13, Katherine Maire Russell '14, Madeline Elisabeth Wilson '14, Colleen Anne Fahrenbach '15

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2015 REUNION

Reunion 2015 was a weekend of fun, reconnecting, and learning. Alumnae enjoyed a full program of lectures, the reunion banquet and awards presentations, and we celebrated the opportunity to spend time on campus with our classmates and friends.



CONGRATULATIONS To the 2015 Award-Winning Classes!

1955 received the Highest Class Gift to the Annual Fund Award, raising \$206,285 for the Annual Fund.

1985 received the Highest Class Gift to the College Award, raising \$2,748,644 for Saint Mary's.

1955 and **1985** tied for the Mother Pauline Legacy Award, each documenting or contributing three planned gifts to the College this year.

1965 received the Class Participation Award, with 57 percent of the class making a gift to the College.

2000 and **2010** tied for the Young Alumnae Participation Award, with 32 percent of the classes making a gift to the College.

Reunion 2015 Class Standings

Class Year	Total Class Members	% Participation	Annual Fund Gifts	Total Gifts & Pledges
1945	36	28%	\$8,900	\$9,650
1950	90	37%	\$39,474	\$42,699
1955	114	36%	\$206,285	\$1,084,090
1960	222	33%	\$28,583	\$830,448
1965	230	57%	\$25,500	\$460,571
1970	281	45%	\$123,847	\$323,680
1975	442	30%	\$95,649	\$559,907
1980	463	39%	\$91,800	\$181,272
1985	440	30%	\$70,041	\$2,748,644
1990	412	36%	\$51,662	\$225,738
1995	320	31%	\$43,854	\$657,314
2000	319	32%	\$13,860	\$40,046
2005	380	29%	\$18,692	\$28,852
2010	398	32%	\$9,428	\$10,991

Thanks to all the Reunion classes for their generosity!

2015 REUNION AWARDS

Four outstanding women received awards from the Alumnae Association of Saint Mary's College at this year's Reunion. Meet our honorees and find out which classes won awards for their Class Gift Campaigns in the pages that follow.

ALUMNA ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Dr. Anne Connolly '80

Dr. Anne Connolly '80 earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Saint Mary's, graduating *summa cum laude* and receiving the "Mother Rose Elizabeth Award for service and academic excellence in biology." In her senior year, she was the first president of the Beta Beta Beta Biological Honor Society. Anne earned her medical degree from Indiana University. She is a professor of Pediatrics and Neurology at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. Throughout her career, Anne has been honored with several professional awards including a listing in Best Doctors in America 2005-2015 and the Irwin Levy Prize for undergraduate teaching from Washington University. She has published more than 75 academic articles and reviews in prestigious journals and is an associate editor for *Journal of Child Neurology*.

Anne has volunteered in Ecuador and Honduras and is a member of the American Academy of Neurology's Advisory board for Ecuador. She is a supporter of the Muscular Dystrophy Association, and has served as the physician for the Missouri MDA camp for 25 years.

As a mother of four, Anne's greatest priority is her children. She has coached their sports teams, wholeheartedly supports their academic pursuits, and organizes inspiring family vacations all in the service of guiding her children to become active, loving, and happy young people.

OUTSTANDING YOUNG ALUMNA

Janet Gay Horvath '00

Since graduating from Saint Mary's with a Bachelor's of Business Administration with a concentration in marketing, Janet Gay Horvath '00 completed law school at Indiana University. She then joined Jones Obenchain as an associate and has been a partner there since 2009. Having distinguished herself as a knowledgeable and efficient legal practitioner, Janet became a member of the firm's executive committee and has served as the human resources chair for the past five years. Most recently, she has served as chair of the marketing committee as well. In 2013, Janet was selected as one of *Sassy Magazine's* "Women to Watch." She was also awarded the 2012 YWCA of Northern Indiana Woman to Watch Award and was a Michiana Region Forty Under 40 award recipient in 2009.

Janet is a past president of The Junior League of South Bend and remains active in the organization. Janet also serves as a director of the Scholarship Foundation of Saint Joseph County. In addition, Janet's passion for music led to a position as a board member of the Fischhoff National Chamber Music Association. Growing up, Janet was active in 4H and most recently served that organization as the keynote speaker of the 2014 LaPorte County 10-year breakfast. Also a wife and mother to two preschool-aged boys, Janet delights in her home and her sons' school activities.

Janet remains a dedicated member of the Saint Mary's community. She is an adjunct professor of business law and she is active in the South Bend Alumnae Club, including as a past board member and president of the Club.



Our honorees are all smiles at the Reunion Banquet. Left to right: Catherine Hammel Frischkorn '75, Janet Gay Horvath '00, Dr. Anne Connolly '80, President Carol Ann Mooney '72, Pamela Carey Batz '70

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNA

Pamela Carey Batz '70

A passion for education led Pamela Carey Batz '70 to a career as a respected high school English and journalism teacher. She earned her master's degree in American studies from the University of Minnesota and has authored a book on values education.

Pamela's service to Saint Mary's includes serving on the Madeleva Society Steering Committee and as chair of the Parents' Council—two of her five daughters are Saint Mary's alumnae, continuing a legacy begun by Pamela's mother Marie Corby Carey, Class of 1941. Pamela has also served on the Alumnae Association Board of Directors, led the Cleveland Alumnae Club, and has been an active member of the Pittsburgh Alumnae Club, and her class' Reunion Gift campaigns.

Pamela's support of the *Faith Always, Action Now* campaign includes her recently established Pam Carey Batz Endowed Scholarship, which will give future Saint Mary's women the opportunity to earn the Saint Mary's education that so inspired her.

Pamela is an active participant in her church community, including her parish's RCIA program, her children's schools, and a residential girls' school in Kenya. She and her husband established a scholarship with the Community Foundation of Upper St. Clair. Pamela has served as director of the Community Foundation of Upper St. Clair, among other important community positions.

HUMANITAS AWARD

Catherine Hammel Frischkorn '75

Catherine Hammel Frischkorn '75 graduated from Saint Mary's with a degree in business. Since graduation, Cathy has worked tirelessly to better her community and provide help and guidance wherever she has seen a need.

In her hometown of Pittsburgh, Cathy serves on the board of the Crossroads Foundation, which provides wraparound services to underprivileged students. Her Crossroads work includes her efforts to find scholarship resources, helping students win the Gates Scholarship, taking groups of students for campus tours, recruiting volunteers, leading workshops, and mentoring young people.

In addition, Cathy volunteers with the St. Vincent DePaul Society and St. Bernard's Parish. She was an active parent at Seton LaSalle and Our Lady of the Sacred Heart high schools.

Cathy is a member of the College's Board of Trustees and serves the College through efforts in Pittsburgh. In addition to hosting an annual welcome gathering for new Saint Mary's students, Cathy was a member of the most recent Campaign Steering Committee and participated in a number of send-off parties as well as assisting the general promotion of the College and its fundraising activities. Most recently, Cathy led a team of Class of 1975 alumnae who have worked with the Office of Alumnae Relations to encourage Reunion attendance and class gift campaign participation.

Alumnae Memorial Scholarship Honor Roll

January 1, 2014 – July 21, 2015

Established in 1994 by the past and current members of the Alumnae Association Board of Directors, this endowed scholarship fund enables donors to commemorate a cherished relationship or special occasion with a lasting gift to the College. Scholarship recipients are selected by the College in accordance with financial aid guidelines. Preference is given to relatives of alumnae.

To obtain a gift card packet, please contact the Office of Alumnae Relations, Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN 46556, call (574) 284-4578, or email alumnae@saintmarys.edu. Gifts may also be made online.

2015-2016 RECIPIENTS

Morgan Kinniry '18

cousin of Sheila Egts LaMaster '05

Alice Russell '18

daughter of Lee Ann Smith Russell '87

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IN MEMORY

Elizabeth J. Casey '70

Jessica Rinna Beling '70
Cathleen Linnehan Cronin '70
Mary Beth Tetlow DeNiro '70
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Elizabeth McGuire Fleming '70
Margaret Goodwin Harrison '70
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Hayes Kennedy

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Helen Kennedy Ryan '50

Sister M. Francesca Kennedy, CSC

Deborah Johnson Schwiebert '74

Richard S. Kirk ND '50

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John Korb

Adaline Stefanac Cashore '70

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Louise Lauer

Barbara Bolla Kopko '89

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Patricia Lauerman Nobbe '75

Jimmy Malone

Sara Bateman Koehler '70

Mary McCrea

Richard J. Antonello

Edward L. Mooney

Mary Sue Dunn Curry '85
Mary Gladys Turner Enderle '57

Charlotte Hanley Morrill '44

Genevieve Clare Morrill '98

Barbara Patrick O'Toole '59

Mary Carpenter Erler '59
Teresa Nutting Marcy '59

Gerald Rauenhurst

Barbara Jacobs Mueller '74

Marie Balfe Richardson '52

Mary Gladys Turner Enderle '57

Ann Schwertley Seeler '52

Marguerite Prebys Blue '86

Ann Shaughnessy '47

Rita Conley Bourjaily '56
Catherine Shaughnessy Nessinger '56

Mary Ellen Smith

Kara M. O'Leary '89
Mary Tuohy O'Leary '89

Bernie Suchy

Shari Rodriguez

Stephen K. Sullivan

Michelle Poepppe Egan '93

Jean Zimmerer Thomas '54

Ann Korb '54
Joan A. Rossi '54
Rena Bianucci Sereno '54

Deborah Byrne Tynan '70

Jessica Rinna Beling '70
Cathleen Linnehan Cronin '70
Mary Beth Tetlow DeNiro '70
Christine Turkal Dutmers '70
Lucy Collins Fitch '70
Elizabeth McGuire Fleming '70
Margaret Goodwin Harrison '70
Susan Gudgeon Reilly '70

Rick Urrutia

Christina Kathryn Tecson '98

Kathleen "Bobbe" Phalen Valenta '45

Janet Israel Borst '78
Sharon and John J. Malusa
Mark Morgan
Margaret M. Showalter
Eileen T. Valenta
Elizabeth Valenta White '78

Sally Disser Weigand '52

Margo Lawrence Ludwig '65

Regina Wissert

Mary Ann Kramer Campbell '54

Helen Withey '28

Teresa Nutting Marcy '59

Margaret M. Miller Zenner '49

Sharon Krauss
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Madeline M. Gallagher
Katherine A. Jordan
Theresa Pirchio Miller '47
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Rita Conley Bourjaily '56

Jennifer Veselik Bourjaily '88

Rita Conley Bourjaily '56

Mary Rebel Carroll '45

Margaret C. Fiegel

Jill Moore Clouse '99

Deborah Johnson Schwiebert '74

Sister Miriam P. Cooney, CSC '51

Margaret C. Fiegel

UNDESIGNATED

Laura Proto Campise '92

Seeing *with the* Difference

Saint Mary's students help South Bend woman leave legacy

By Amy H. Smessaert

Who knew that “a last wish before I die” request would forge a bond of love among two Saint Mary's College students, a Sister of the Holy Cross, and a South Bend woman living with AIDS.

It all started with Sheila Muhammad's desire to leave a written legacy for her family about her challenges and triumphs since she was diagnosed with AIDS 25 years ago. “I wanted to leave something for my kids about my life and help others who have the virus and are dealing with the struggles I went through,” says Muhammad, a widow with three children and six grandchildren. She is also blind, having lost her eyesight in 1995 due to CMV, or cytomegalovirus, which she may have contracted because of her compromised immune system.

“I try to keep positive. I put one foot in front of the other. My motto: ‘Don't let anyone tell you that you can't do something.’ I try everything. I am a fighter,” Muhammad says. “I've been employed (by Sodexo) at Holy Cross College for 12 years. I wash dishes. I try to be as normal as I can be. Losing my sight does not mean I lose my ability to work.”

When Muhammad expressed her wish to share her life's story, her longtime friend Holy Cross Sister Linda Bellemore “got into gear” to find someone to help Muhammad. That someone turned out to be the team of Morgan Carroll of Fort Wayne, Indiana, who graduated from Saint Mary's in May with a degree in communication studies, and Faye Kennedy of Stillwater, Minnesota, who graduated in 2014 with a degree in business administration. Both were students of Marne Austin, assistant professor of communication studies. The two learned about chronicling oral histories in one of her courses. When Austin alerted her class that a Sister of the Holy Cross had a service project for someone to document Muhammad's story, Carroll and Kennedy promptly volunteered.

“The students' immediate, positive response to this invitation was indicative of women who know and believe that life, learning, growing, faith, and service are their personal values and why they are at Saint Mary's College,” says Sister Linda, who first met Muhammad through AIDS Ministries/AIDS Assist in South Bend.



Left to right, Sister Linda Bellemore, CSC, South Bend resident Sheila Muhammad, and Morgan Carroll '15 enjoy one another's company. Carroll, along with Faye Kennedy '14, responded to Sister Linda's request to help Muhammad leave a written legacy for her family about her struggles living with AIDS.

Carroll wanted to help Muhammad for another personal and compelling reason. She was born with a condition that could have left her blind, if not for surgeries at Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis.

“This experience has put my personal situation into perspective and helped me appreciate the vision I have been blessed with. Sheila is truly a role model in the way she lives her life despite the many challenges she faces,” Carroll says. “I deeply appreciate all that she has done for me.”

The six month long service project for Muhammad began shortly after Carroll and Kennedy volunteered. “Sheila would talk and we would record her on our phones. Then we transcribed the conversations and compiled her story,” Carroll explains. “It was important for the three of us to get to know one another.”

“I really loved meeting the girls and telling them my story. I love them for not judging me. I know I have them as friends for life,” says Muhammad. “If my story gets published in a book, they will get special mention in the credits.”

Carroll describes the impact the project—and Muhammad—has had on her life. “Each time we left Sheila's house, we got a deeper understanding of how amazing she is. Her inspiring attitude and outlook lifted my spirits. She is one of the biggest inspirations in my time at Saint Mary's.”

“Sheila has always kept me grounded,” echoes Sister Linda. “She sees obstacles and asks, ‘How do I get around it?’ She has such a positive outlook on life—she lives it.”

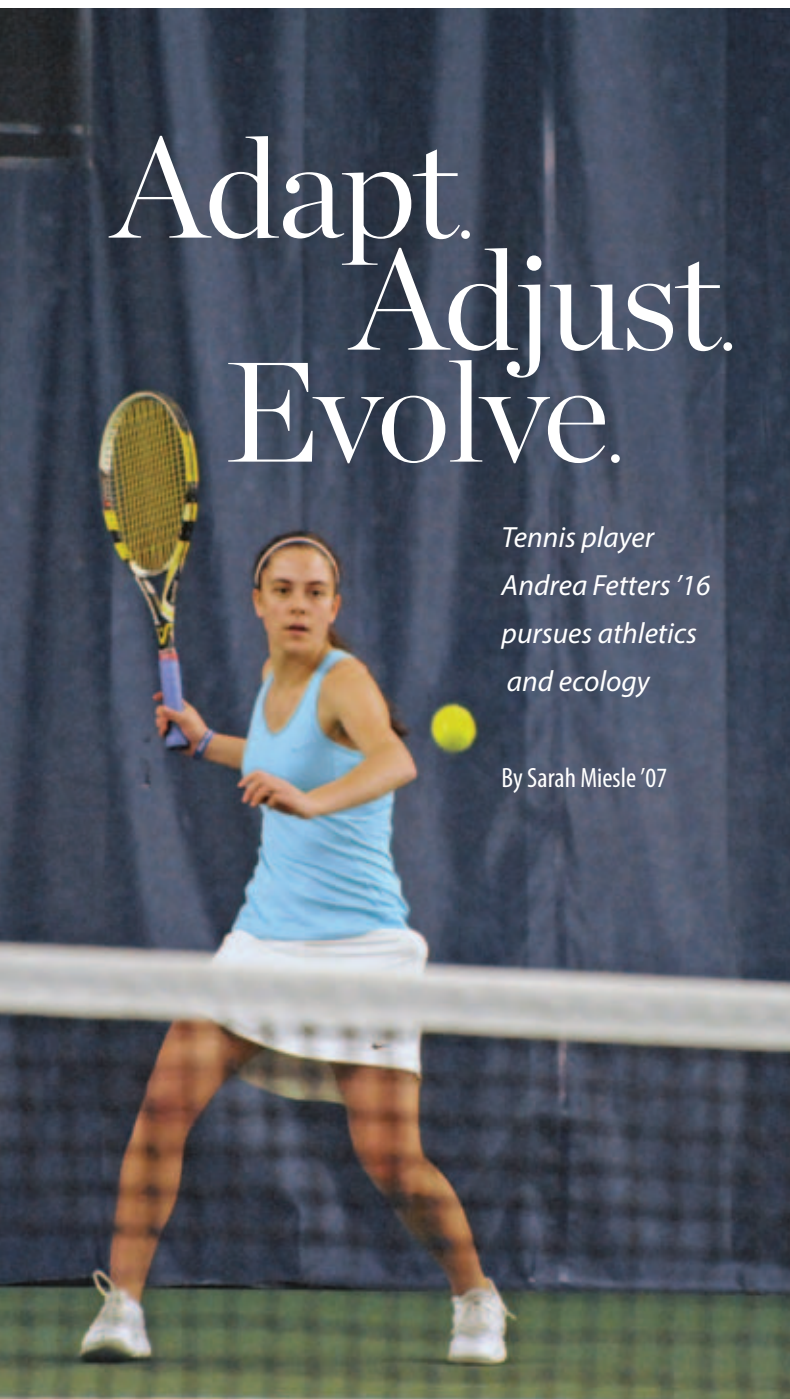
Sister Linda recalls the moment when Carroll and Kennedy presented Muhammad with the finished product. “Witnessing Sheila's excitement that her greatest wish for her anticipated short life was fulfilled, and hearing her expressed gratitude for a task that she had been unable to accomplish herself, confirmed for me that the mission of Saint Mary's College is alive and impacting our world. Indeed, these women were prepared to make a difference in the world and they already are.” **C**

Amy H. Smessaert is the communications director for the Sisters of the Holy Cross.

Adapt. Adjust. Evolve.

*Tennis player
Andrea Fetters '16
pursues athletics
and ecology*

By Sarah Miesle '07



As a tennis player, Andrea Fetters '16 does all three of those things seamlessly in order to be the best competitor possible. But as a biology major, she takes those three actions a step further. This past summer, she spent time on campus with other biology students conducting research for their senior comprehensive projects.



Left: Andrea Fetters '16 on the court; Right: Fetters with a fellow student

In research funded by the Marjorie Neuhoff '61 Summer Science Research Communities Grant, Fetters focused on analyzing the effects of different nitrogenous soil compositions on floral scent plasticity in petunias while studying plant-pollinator relationships

“Phenotypic plasticity has huge implications in plant-pollinator relationship studies,” said Fetters. “Evolutionary ecologists can use results from such studies to uncover the intricate and delicately balanced evolutionary relationships between plants and their pollinators.”

While those intricacies may be enough to make even the most focused biologist’s head spin, Fetters has struck a balance in her college experience outside of the classroom and lab by becoming a big contributor to the tennis team’s success. After transferring to Saint Mary’s from Ohio State midway through her first year of college, it was not until her sophomore year that Fetters joined the Belles on the tennis court. Her impact was immediate.

Fetters led all Belles with 18 singles wins and helped pick up 14 doubles victories in her first season in 2014. Last spring, she moved up from number five singles to the number one singles flight. A big jump in terms of pressure, level of competition, and attention, Fetters learned to adapt and adjust from match to match. At the end of the season, she earned Second Team All-MIAA honors for her performance for the Belles.

“I learn new things whenever I’m in the classroom, the lab, or on the tennis court,” added Fetters. “In doing both, I have also learned new things about myself, and I have also learned how to persevere through many different types of challenges.”

After she earns her degree at Saint Mary’s, Fetters plans to pursue a doctorate in evolutionary ecology. She attributes that aspiration to Dr. Cassie Majetic’s guidance in and out of the classroom. Her research this past summer will undoubtedly play a factor in her academic success beyond Saint Mary’s.

“Throughout this project, I have had the opportunity to learn several research techniques that are not usually covered in a typical undergraduate-level lab,” said Fetters. Those skills will be something which she will use to her advantage when she begins the next step in her academic career.

One conclusion can certainly be made from this past summer’s research. Much like the plants she has studied, Andrea Fetters knows how to adapt to whatever may come her way. **C**



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Amanda Blackwell '09 shares in some fun with a speech-language therapy client.

After practicing speech-language pathology in Dallas for a few years, alumna Amanda Blackwell '09, went on a mission trip to the Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos Orphanage (NPH) in Honduras. She'd learned about the agency via the Daly family. Florence "Lulu" Romano Daly '82, a registered nurse, and Dr. Peter Daly ND '82, an orthopedic surgeon, and their daughter Tricia Daly Borg '10, have been conducting medical mission trips to the orphanage for several years.

The trip opened Blackwell's eyes to the opportunities to put her time and talents to use with underserved populations in Central America. "I felt like God was calling me to give more radically of myself," she says. Blackwell applied for a volunteer position with NPH, an international organization, and she was assigned a post at an orphanage in Chimaltenango, Guatemala, where she worked through July of 2014.

Blackwell graduated from Saint Mary's with degrees in elementary education and communicative disorders. She went on to the University of Texas-Dallas, earning her master's and completing her PhD coursework, with just the research portion yet to complete.

Blackwell explored the field of speech-language pathology as a Saint Mary's student volunteering respite care to families with children with special needs. Through this service opportunity, Blackwell met a family with five children, one of whom had autism. She determined to learn more about autism and services available for special needs kids. She signed up for Introduction to Communicative Disorders with professor Susan Latham '91. "Her passion for serving individuals with special needs and her commitment to the field of speech-language pathology has inspired me beyond words. I was hooked from that first COMD class on!" says Blackwell.

Giving Radically

By Shannon E. Brewer Rooney '03

Since 2013 Blackwell has served the people of Guatemala, including having made a big difference in the life of one little girl at NPH in particular. She was seven years old when Blackwell met her, and she weighed 27 pounds. Blackwell suspected that this little girl was aspirating on her food and because of that inability to swallow, she had a constant cough and/or pneumonia. Determined to help, Blackwell searched for a doctor who would let her and her team do a barium swallow study so they could confirm the diagnosis.

"A wonderful doctor in Guatemala City let us do the evaluation which confirmed that she had indeed been aspirating on foods and liquids nearly every time that she swallowed," says Blackwell. It was decided to put in a g-tube and now Blackwell's client is fed through a small button directly into her stomach. She has been steadily gaining weight since the surgery, is much more alert, and now goes to the Montessori school on the NPH campus five days a week with her peers.

Successes like these inspire Blackwell to keep working with the kids that need her skills most. "What I love most about my work is every second that I get to interact with individuals with special needs," she says. "I love pondering why God created each one of them with all of their uniqueness. I am always searching for their most special gifts and imagining the ways in which they can positively impact the people in their lives." Even when she and her clients don't make any progress in language in therapy, Blackwell says, "I want so much for each one of them to know that they are loved and that they have dignity and purpose."

When her yearlong service at NPH ended, Blackwell found that, knowing the great need among children with special needs in Antigua, she could not in good conscience return to the states to work right away. She decided to stay in Guatemala, where she could continue to answer that call to give more radically.

Now Blackwell works at Antigua International School and two clinics in Guatemala City doing feeding and swallowing evaluations with a pediatric gastroenterologist and doing therapy for children with dyslexia. She has since opened a new clinic in Antigua, Talk2mí Bilingual Therapy Services, with a Guatemalan speech language pathologist, where she and her partner provide therapy for children with special needs.

Blackwell remains committed to serving children in the area with the goal of giving them the best quality of life possible. **C**

Interested in learning more? Amanda Blackwell welcomes your emails: talk2miantigua@gmail.com.

Alumnae Deaths

1934 Eleanor Godfrey Beveridge Mary Cunningham Deitle	October 24, 2013 June 20, 2015	1948 Virginia Kreutzer Klug Dorthea Dunkin Looney Dorothy Maher Niemer Phyllis Francois Santini	January 7, 2015 January 8, 2014 May 29, 2015 January 8, 2015	1957 Anne Bittorf Cox Mary Oswald Nicola Sister Madeline Therese Wilhoit, CSC	March 23, 2015 January 27, 2014 July 3, 2015
1936 Eleanor Gartland Organ	March 31, 2015	1949 Teresa Murphy Barlow Sally Tiedebohl Billingsley Marjorie Geoghegan Ledwith Margaret Miller Zenner	May 25, 2015 June 24, 2015 February 15, 2015 February 12, 2015	1958 Margaret Lomasney Kegaly Mary Lee Sheftic	January 15, 2015 May 11, 2015
1939 Grace Druecker Dufey Muriel Zang Welch	December 28, 2013 September 3, 2013	1951 Joann Dawson Swisher	February 2, 2015	1963 Maria Anna Andrews Kay Kelly Lindbergs Marilyn Habig Schultheis	July 8, 2015 April 14, 2015 January 20, 2015
1940 Mary Wyant Franche	January 1, 2012	1952 Sister Fara Impastato, OP Anne Sergio Kotoske Bernadette Hemingway Martin Elizabeth Werres Ravenscroft	May 8, 2014 April 17, 2015 November 7, 2014 February 10, 2015	1966 Sister Mary Elizabeth Niesen, CSC	June 10, 2015
1941 Genevieve Ruetz Collins Evelyn L. Hannon Helene Durham LaSalle Mary Van Epps McDowell Sister Mary Peter Schlueter, RSM Elizabeth Hein Swett Marie Rudd Ventresca	July 4, 2014 November 4, 2014 February 23, 2014 November 6, 2013 September 14, 2012 April 9, 2013 November 20, 2013	1953 Jane Furlong-Cahill Ann Haskins Kelly Barbara Norton Powers Rose Donovan Witous	September 25, 2011 June 14, 2015 June 29, 2015 December 3, 2013	1967 Mary Jane Bull	April 13, 2015
1943 Emily Upton Crowley Sister M. Clare Anne Rumschlag, CSC	April 1, 2013 March 6, 2015	1954 Peggy Finan Immel Maxine Gnoth McCray Jean Zimmerer Thomas	December 17, 2014 February 1, 2015 June 20, 2015	1968 Barbara J. Micetich Sister May Ann Seeker, CCVI Sister M. Aquin Svoboda, SSND	May 27, 2015 August 1, 2013 October 3, 2013
1944 Joan Long George Virginia McGuire Guest Wolf Mary Louise Pfaff Miriam Moser Thornton	January 29, 2014 December 4, 2013 June 4, 2015 September 16, 2014	1955 Florence Senger Rose	March 19, 2015	1969 Virginia Gilberg O'Hair Sister M. Helene Schmitz, SSND Mary Vargo Wesolowski	February 15, 2015 February 22, 2013 December 05, 2011
1945 Mary Ryan Bremhorst Evelyn Murray Fitzgibbons Marylynn Booher Moore Mary Callaghan Mulcahy	January 16, 2015 May 28, 2013 August 20, 2013 May 11, 2015	1956 Nancy Redmond Barron Anne Thiede Crete Helen Abel Dundon Frances Sheeran McCarthy Maureen McCormack Slosar Martha Svete Springer	February 18, 2015 March 16, 2015 October 2, 2014 February 14, 2015 June 26, 2015 February 1, 2014	1970 Elizabeth J. Casey	July 1, 2015
1946 Rita Guisinger Geraldine O'Rourke Niezer	April 12, 2013 January 16, 2015			1972 Deborah Dishinger Newman	March 15, 2015
1947 Helen Joan Lane	February 9, 2015			1974 Ann McGee Porter	May 20, 2015
				1978 Mary Muzilla Torma	June 6, 2015
				1980 Janet McMeel Orlando	April 29, 2015
				1981 Mary Whalen McMickle	March 15, 2015
				1985 Ann Wodehouse Lauer	April 13, 2015
				1986 Beth A. Goblet Caryn Sadowski Lavin	July 15, 2014 December 22, 2014
				2009 Katherine Rose Goebel	June 13, 2015

Family Deaths

Michael Abroe, husband of Mary Munsell Abroe '68, February 9, 2015.

Enrique Aguayo, father of Beatriz Aguayo Mayfield '94, January 20, 2015.

William John Backus, Jr., husband of Suzanne Morphy Backus '69, April 19, 2015.

Kenneth Barnes, father of Sarah Dow Barnes '09, April 6, 2015.

Edward Bauer, father of Sandra Bauer Fisher '89, April 4, 2015.

John Baiardi, husband of Cathy Martin Baiardi '71, November 16, 2014.

Dr. Michael John Beierle, brother of Camilla Beierle Benson '63, June 23, 2015.

Marshall Blankenship, father of Kathryn Blankenship '81, January 18, 2015.

Eugene Bolotin, father of Therese Bolotin Wilson '82 and Kathryn Bolotin Heniff '87, April 8, 2015.

Anne Brelowski, mother of Mary Brelowski Zicafoose '73, February 28, 2015.

Patricia Bright, mother of Melinda A. Bright '77, November 17, 2014.

Kenneth Brown, father of Doreen Brown '90, February 13, 2015.

James Butz, father of Roberta Butz Zabel '71, October 12, 2014.

John Cassetti, father of Jaye Adrienne Whitlock '76, September 7, 2014.

Michael Chrisman, father of Stephanie Eryn Brown '04, January 26, 2015.

Carl Christensen, father of Patricia Anne Christensen-Rees '95, January 21, 2015.

Richard Christian, father of Janet Christian Parish '78, May 24, 2015.

David Clippinger, husband of Joan Evans Clippinger '67, March 3, 2015.

Karl Cook, uncle of Karien Cook Goodwin '96, June 8, 2015.

Vincent Cositore, father of Mary Ellen Beebe Cositore '75, April 1, 2015.

James Creamer, husband of Shirley O'Brien Creamer '57, March 27, 2015.

Charles Crutcher, father of Jean Crutcher Boyle '87, January 29, 2015.

Thomas Curigan, father of Dr. Colleen Emily Curigan '72, December 27, 2014.

James Delaney, father of Kathleen Siobain Schroeder '94, June 6, 2015.

Fred DeNucci, husband of Mary Danielson DeNucci '48, December 19, 2014.

Mary Devereux, grandmother of Mary Frances Gisch Kitz '86, Margaret A. Gisch '87, Elizabeth Catherine Gisch '91 and Kathleen Gisch Ogilvie '95, February 7, 2015.

Albert Dhaene, father of Denise Dhaene Lynch '73, January 15, 2015.

Joanne Dirksen, mother-in-law of Mary Beth Barger Dirksen '93, April 21, 2015.

Dominic Divirgilio, husband of Ann Cecelia Praught '77, May 20, 2015.

Brendan Donovan, husband of Andrea Dereng Donovan '80, April 21, 2015.

Philip Doran, Jr., son of Mary Irene Scanlan Doran '62, nephew of Suzanne Scanlan Eiben '66 and Margaret Scanlan Brown '74, April 6, 2015.

Daniel Downey, father of Catherine Downey White '70 and Carolyn Downey '71, uncle of Leada Seelman Sohl '82, brother-in-law of Rita Hermann Freeman '55, December 7, 2014.

Jack Doyle, father of Nancy Doyle '80, January 13, 2015.

Robert Farley, Sr., father-in-law of Jane Hyde Farley '78, April 22, 2015.

Thomas Fenske, father of Jillian Fenske Boerstler '01, March 14, 2015.

Michael Fogarty, husband of Marlene Slavin Fogarty '58, June 12, 2015.

Paul Georgas, father of Jeanann M. Georgas Freier '83 and Mary Catherine Georgas Flath '84, February 9, 2015.

William Gibbons, father of Margaret A. Gibbons '76 and Catherine A. Gibbons '78, January 30, 2015.

Donald Gomber, father of Christine Gomber Cahill '78 and Meridyth Gomber Burrows '81, May 16, 2015.

Edwin Gonter, father-in-law of Marjorie Phelps Gonter '71, February 8, 2015.

Jean Gonter, mother-in-law of Marjorie Phelps Gonter '71, May 22, 2015.

Edward John Gray, husband of Mary Jane McKeon Gray '53, January 17, 2015.

Christine Haas, sister of Mary Beth Smith Romano '89, April 30, 2015.

Thomas Hagerty, husband of Veronica Henahan Hagerty '66, January 1, 2015.

Patty Hagggar, mother of Patricia Hagggar Turner '67, sister-in-law of Rosemary Hagggar Vaughan '48, aunt of Lydia Hagggar Novakov '72, Marian Hagggar Bryan '76, Mary Lynn Vaughan '77 and Victoria Vaughan Miller '79, December 2, 2014.

Thomas F. Hanlon, grandfather of Elizabeth Hanlon Sands '04 and Jennifer Marie Hanlon '06, great uncle of Mary Borchers Flynn '82, June 12, 2015.

Paul Hatfield, father of Mary Hatfield Hagen '88, May 29, 2015.

Walter Haywood, father of Lori Haywood Hyland '79, January 19, 2015.

Robert Heimlich, father of Laura Heimlich Keyse '76 and Teresa Heimlich Settle '78, February 4, 2015.

Donald Hellinghausen, husband of Marjorie Fiehrer Hellinghausen '53, father of Mary Hellinghausen Schlecht '77 and Ann Hellinghausen Rusnak '79, December 3, 2014.

Josephine Serrano Silvani Helm, mother of Carol Silvani Macleod '71 and Mary Jo Silvani '77, February 22, 2015.

Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, CSC, great uncle of Courtney Elizabeth O'Neill '12, February 26, 2015.

J. Patrick Hickey, Jr., husband of Deborah Peeney Hickey '62, July 14, 2014.

Joseph Hickey, husband of Mary McGann Hickey '53, father of Mary Hickey Woodka '77 and Katherine Hickey Bradford '79, grandfather of Mary Elizabeth Woodka '00, father-in-law of Kathleen Polales Hickey '79 and Ann-Marie Bracken Hickey '84, February 3, 2015.

Stanley Jewell, husband of Deborah Manetti Jewell '77, January 26, 2015.

Valerie Kelver, mother of Angela Kelver Hall '97, April 27, 2015.

Robert Kidder, son of Nancy Prawdzik Kidder '60, February 18, 2015.

Martin King, father of Jillian Claire King '11 and Allison R. King '14, June 1, 2015.

John Korb, brother of Ann Korb '54, July 10, 2015.

Mary Laflin, mother of Gerilyn Kearns Zeidler '74, grandmother of Rose Zeidler Brock '07, July 4, 2015.

Francesco Lanzillotta, father of Diana Lanzillotta Bobis '95, May 13, 2015.

David Lawless, father of Catherine Lawless Gaudreau '78, October 2, 2014.

Mary Ellen Lawless, mother of Catherine Lawless Gaudreau '78, February 11, 2015.

Jorge Lawton, brother of Paula Lawton Bevington '58, September 21, 2014.

Marilyn Long, mother of Kerry J. Long '70 and Connie Long Myers '75, grandmother of Bridget Myers Mullins '03 and Margaret Celene Long '17, aunt of Colleen Feehan Grizzard '76 and Kathleen Feehan George '77, great aunt of Caitlin Elizabeth George '14, June 18, 2015.

Family Deaths *(continued)*

Harry Lucaitis, father of Helen H. Lucaitis '85 and Faye Lucaitis Blaszk '87, February 10, 2015.

Bernard Malone, husband of Mary Ellen Berry Malone '61, February 27, 2015.

Emmett Malloy, husband of Mary Hock Malloy '63, brother-in-law of Margaret Hock Cahill '60, June 30, 2015.

Bernard Marsho, father of Mary Marsho Walton '77, January 20, 2015.

Joseph Mattimore, father of Anne Mattimore Cronin '76, Mary Mattimore '77 and Carolyn M. Kezele '79, November 27, 2014.

John McCambridge, father of Melissa McCambridge Buckley '95, April 10, 2015.

Joseph McCarthy, husband of Roberta Schnaus McCarthy '66, father of Colleen Ellen McCarthy '90, March 8, 2015.

Derek McColl, husband of Nancy Miller '62, January 16, 2015.

Bonnie McFadden, mother of Maureen McFadden-Dorgan '79, March 4, 2015.

Callix Miller, Jr., husband of Theresa Pirchio Miller '47, April 25, 2015.

Eugene Mueller, father-in-law of Barbara Jacobs Mueller '74, grandfather of Elizabeth Anne Mueller '12, July 1, 2015.

Ava Mary Mullins, infant daughter of Bridget Myers Mullins '03, and granddaughter of Connie Long Myers '75, June 17, 2015.

Thomas Murphy, father of Megan Murphy Garver '95, June 17, 2014.

Claire Murray, mother of Cheryl Murray Burke '77, February 26, 2015.

Sharon Ann Nagy, mother of Lori Nagy Harrington '92, May 13, 2015.

Marion Needham, mother of Kathleen Patricia Needham '89, February 19, 2015.

James E. O'Brien, father of Colleen O'Brien Carey '74, June 5, 2015.

Marilyn Parin, mother of Beth Lynn Parin '00, January 24, 2015.

Joseph Pecs, father of Elizabeth A. Pecs-Guerrero '78, June 5, 2015.

Mary Lucille Pelzer, mother-in-law of Mary Duffy Pelzer '76, February 20, 2015.

George Quatman, father of Vanessa Quatman Damschroder '00, February 21, 2014.

Kathleen Rabach, mother of Kaitlyn Kathleen Rabach '15, March 14, 2015.

Robert W. Remini, brother of Joan Remini Costello '75, May 8, 2015.

Charles Rice, father of Jeanne E. Rice White '87, February 25, 2015.

Danielle Riley, mother of Katie Riley Colvin '93, January 24, 2015.

Michael Robakowski, father of Christina Jean Robakowski '11, February 19, 2015.

Robert Roeder, father of Linda Roeder Tortorelli '84, May 19, 2015.

Robert Rossiter, husband of Mary Jane Paden Rossiter '51, July 17, 2014.

James Rundborg, Sr., grandfather of Carly Elizabeth Rundborg '08, April 10, 2015.

Neil Schermitzler, father of Rachael Alicia Schermitzler '08, March 4, 2015.

Constance Schneeberger, mother of Maureen Schneeberger McDaniel '92, February 9, 2015.

Kevin Shanahan, husband of Nancy Du-pray Shanahan '75, February 14, 2014.

Barbara Shelly, mother of Amy C. Shelly '91, June 12, 2015.

Richard Spicuzza, father of Marie D. Spicuzza '82 and Sharon Spicuzza Popielewski '87, March 24, 2015.

Matthew Stefani, nephew of Kathleen Viloni Hussey '80, cousin of Mary Kathleen Hussey '15 and Megan Marie Hussey '18, April 23, 2015.

Mary Anne Sullivan, mother of Sherry Sullivan McGrath '82 and Eileen T. Taeyaerts '87, June 8, 2015.

Stephen Sullivan, father of Sarah Sullivan Bigelow '96 and Sybil Jolenne Sullivan '01, February 22, 2015.

Lloyd Szkwardo, father of Andrea Michelle Szkwardo '98, May 23, 2015.

Generose Szostak, mother of Dr. Rose-marie Szostak '74, April 8, 2015.

Louis Tabit, father of M. Janet Tabit '86, December 2, 2014.

Jerome Taylor, husband of Jane Dolan Taylor '75, November 7, 2014.

Thomas Thies, husband of Marilyn Manion Thies '59, March 16, 2014.

Gerald Turley, father of Diane Turley Grich '84, January 24, 2015.

Richard Urbanski, father of Holly Urbanski Szymczak '96 and Heather Noel Urbanski '00, July 7, 2015.

Janet Vartabedian, mother of Erin Vartabedian Zick '00, October 27, 2014.

William Walton, husband of Mary Marsho Walton '77, May 14, 2014.

Jerald Weger, father of Tonya Lea Weger '97, October 9, 2014.

Francis Weiss, father of Karen Weiss Schlageter '80 and Joanne Weiss Weaver '84, September 28, 2104.

Gerald Wess, husband of Joann Bukovic Wess '64, June 30, 2015.

Richard Zech, husband of Kelly Con-nery Zech '89, May 1, 2015.

William Zint, father of Sharon Zint Marts '92, February 27, 2015.

For births and weddings please visit Baby Belles and Wedding Belles at alumnae.saintmarys.edu

Funding Scholarships: Alumnae Clubs Get Creative

Over the years it has become a tradition for many of our clubs to provide the College with a Club-Scholarship to be awarded to one of their local area students. As this tradition has grown and changed, so have the ways our clubs fundraise for these scholarships. Here are a few of the creative ways our clubs have raised money to benefit a student from their area.

Indianapolis



The Saint Mary's Indianapolis Alumnae Club recently hosted a private shopping event for Saint Mary's Alumnae and friends at a local jeweler. The event took place on April 16, 2015. Guests enjoyed wine and hors d'oeuvres, provided by the club, while shopping for special gifts. The Jeweler, G. Thrapp, then donated 10% of all proceeds from this evening to the Indianapolis Alumnae Club Scholarship Fund.

South Bend

In keeping with the jewelry theme, this spring the South Bend club has been working with ADesign & Sons on a fundraiser for their scholarship fund. ADesign & Sons, an alumna owned business, generously provides the club a 40% discount towards the purchase price which will be donated to fund local scholarships.

Chicago East

Our Chicago East Club recently had a local alumna volunteer to host a Stella & Dot Fundraiser Brunch. The event was held at a Chicago restaurant and the alumna donated all of her commission back to the Chicago East Club's Scholarship fund.

Columbus

In the past several years, due to a loss of value in their Scholarship fund, the Columbus Alumnae Club made it a club goal to increase its Scholarship Fundraising. Then, on the heels of Saint Mary's College's 24-hour Donor Challenge this past spring, the Club hosted its own "614 Challenge". The name is a play-off of the Columbus, OH area code, 614.

The 614 Challenge was set up that a generous club member offered to give \$1,000 if the club was able to secure 35 donations towards the Club's Scholarship. Initially, it was meant to be a one day challenge held on June 14th (another play on 614). However, only 25 donations were made on June 14th. So, the Club extended the Challenge through the entire month of June 2014 (luckily, another play on 614). By the end of June, the Club had reached 35 donations and received almost \$2,000 in donations as well as the \$1,000 gift.

Our club worked with the college to have all donations called in or given to Saint Mary's College directly through its online giving page. When making the donation, the donors had to note that the donation was for the 614 Challenge. This method was preferred because the Club did not have to directly handle any money.

Los Angeles



Starting in 2015, the Los Angeles Alumnae Club will design and produce a series of official Saint Mary's College collectible Christmas ornaments. A new ornament will be released each year that honors the heritage of Saint Mary's College. The first in the series, the 2015 ornament, is made in USA of brass and depicts a view of The Avenue.

Proceeds from the sale of the ornaments will benefit the Los Angeles Alumnae Club scholarship which provides need-based financial aid to Saint Mary's students from the Los Angeles metropolitan area. Ornaments may be purchased at the Shaheen Bookstore or directly from the LA Alumnae Club. To learn more about the program, please visit: www.saintmarysLAClub.com. Find us at: www.facebook.com/SaintMarysCollegeLosAngelesAlumnaeClub, and Twitter at @SMC_Ornament.

Carolinas Club

The Carolinas Club met at Christina Vellucci's '93 house in April to launch their first discussion group meeting for Charlotte-area alumnae. With a BBQ dinner and beverages, they discussed the book and movie, *WILD* by Cheryl Strayed. Our discussion group idea was inspired by lectures and discussions we enjoyed while attending Saint Mary's. Charlotte-area alumnae are invited to contact Christina for future ideas and topics: csvellucci@gmail.com.

Chicago East

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

Our club enjoys spending time together, whether we're discussing a good book, sharing our faith or helping out at the food pantry! Come join us! If you'd like to participate in the club's events and pay your dues, please email club treasurer Kristin Newell at mkeh@comcast.net. We can now electronically collect your dues! Other events to watch for this year include Dinner Out and A Day at the Park, so stay tuned - and follow us on Facebook at Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame Chicago West Alumnae Club. For more information about the club, contact Alison Kavulich at irishannie93@yahoo.com or 630-640-8156.

Cleveland



Alumnae gathered for a fun lunch at Clementine's.

The Club welcomed the beginning of Spring with lunch at Clementine's Victorian Restaurant in Olmsted Falls on Saturday, March 21st. Alumnae had the opportunity to celebrate the end of a very brutal winter season and enjoy delicious food and socializing. Many thanks to Kathy Friday Sobanski '78 for arranging the event.

With alumnae donations, Linda Holtcamp McVoy '74 arranged for the preparation and sending of Spring Exam Care Packages. Saint Mary's students surely enjoyed the Club's endeavor to make final exams successful.

If you are new to the Cleveland/Akron area, email the Club at smcosu@earthlink.net to get the latest information about all upcoming news and activities. We really look forward to hearing from new alumnae in the area.

Columbus

Katie Vincer Sears '03 hosted the popular Spring Luncheon at Lindey's Restaurant in April. It was a wonderful social event, but we also had a silent auction will help raise funds for our local scholarship fund. Durning this event, Katie also explained and kicked off the 614 Campaign and worked with Amy Mundt '88 to make it all happen!

Speaking of the 614 Challenge, again this year,



Members of the Columbus Alumnae Club joined together for spring lunch and scholarship fundraiser.

a generous Columbus alumna agreed to donate \$1000 to our club scholarship fund if we can hit our target again for the "614 Challenge". Thanks to all who were a part of this wonderful event.

This year, we will have new Chair Persons for Christmas Mass and Brunch held in conjunction with ND Alumni Club of Columbus. This year Jennifer Hadden '96 and Jack Butler (ND '68) will be coordinating this special event in December for us with the help of Sarah Ryan '89. More details to come.

Many thanks go to Julie Feasel '89 for organizing, packing and sending care packages to our Columbus students during both semester exam weeks. The students have sent many "Thank you's," and we echo their sentiments. Our Book Club is very active, with kudos to Laurie Flanagan '74. We just read *Kitchen House* and discussed it at Julie Vieta's '95 house over a fabulous dinner. We have also, recently read *The Edge of Eternity*, which was discussed over dinner at Erin Gibbons '86 home in May.

On June 3rd, we invited the graduating class of 2015 to join us for a happy hour. It was a great opportunity for them to learn about our club and to connect with alumnae in the area (especially those looking for a job). It was also an opportunity for us to encourage involvement as we offer free club membership for the first year to those who just graduated.

Speaking of club membership, Amy Mundt '88, our treasurer, reminds us we can pay our yearly dues anytime. \$30 annually or \$200 lifetime. Reach her at amymundt@gmail.com to ask about her online option to pay!

Des Moines

The Des Moines Club leadership team met in early June to plan the upcoming year. Please contact Aimee Beckmann-Collier (aimee.beckmann-collier@drake.edu) for more information.

This year the club sponsored a successful Founders' Day event featuring local writer Mary Kay Shanley and also provided a meal and supplies for St. Joseph Emergency Shelter.

Detroit



The Detroit Alumnae Club celebrated Mother's Day with a lovely brunch where many members joined together to enjoy wonderful food and conversation on a very special day!

The Detroit area alumnae club enjoyed a Mother's Day brunch on May 3rd. Thanks to all who were in attendance. Stay tuned for more fun events this summer and fall!

Fort Wayne

The Fort Wayne Club has paired with our local Notre Dame club for two socials. On April 13th we had a Mommy and Me group meeting at the Java Mama café and we held our annual drive for donations for finals week care packages for our 40 local students that were delivered to campus to help our students make it through their finals week.

We have kicked off our scholarship fundraising drive and will have a scholarship recipient in August 2015. If you would like to donate please contact the Fort Wayne club president, Jodie Emerick at jodieemerick@gmail.com.

Indianapolis

The Indianapolis Club is experiencing tremendous growth this year - we love seeing all of the new faces at our events! With support from our local alumnae in February, we had a clothing drive for the Indianapolis chapter of Dress for Success where we collected over 250 gallons of clothes for local women in need. In March, we packed care packages for our central Indiana students who are outgoing seniors at SMC. Next, we partnered with a local jewelry store and had a fundraiser for our scholarship fund in April. The jewelry store kindly hosted us and offered the club 10% of the evening's proceeds to be given to our club scholarship.

We have an exciting summer planned - May brought us an opportunity to walk the Monon Trail together (while stopping for ice cream of course!) and the rest of the summer will be full of an Indianapolis Indians baseball game, an evening with Symphony on the Prairie, our traditional Freshmen Send-Off dinner, and our new "Happy Hour Pop-Up Series."

The club leadership is tremendously grateful for everyone's support and excitement as we continue to grow. If you are new to Indianapolis or the surrounding area and would like to get involved, please contact us at smcindybelles@gmail.com or find us on Facebook at "Indianapolis SMC Alumnae."

Knoxville/E. Tennessee

In March the club had our annual St. Patrick's Day gathering at the Irish Times restaurant. We will have our annual send off for current students and new students and their mothers in August.

Congratulations to Deanna Gomochak Pickel '99 on the birth of her son Joseph Anthony in March and Maureen McInerney Fricke '71 on the birth of her grandson Nicolas on April 6. We have a small, but dedicated group and meet four times a year. If you live in the area and are not on the email list, please let us know at knoxsmc@gmail.com.

Los Angeles

The LA Club will host a Founders' Day Mass & Brunch on Sunday, November 8 at the Long Beach Yacht Club. The LA Club is excited to announce the first in series of collectible Christmas ornaments that the Club will produce in honor of the heritage of Saint Mary's. The 2015 Ornament depicts a view of The Avenue. This is a limited edition. To purchase the 2015 ornament, learn more about Club activities, get involved, or join the Club, visit: www.saintmarysLAclub.com.

Milwaukee

We are currently seeking interested Belles to fill the SMC Alumnae Club of Milwaukee Board positions of Vice President and Secretary. If you're interested in learning more about joining the Board, please contact smcmkealumclub@gmail.com.

We also very much welcome any thoughts, questions, or ideas you have about the Club or the events. If there's an event you'd like to do but don't see on the lineup, let us know! If you'd like to help plan, coordinate, or lead an event, we'd welcome your involvement!

On April 23, we held a happy hour at Indulge Wine Bar as a way for us to unwind with fellow belles in downtown Milwaukee. Then on July 14 we attended a Sunday afternoon game to cheer on the Brewers to victory against the Washington Nationals. Belles and family members of all ages came out to attend the SMC tailgate and game.

Molly Bell once again has offered to host the annual SMC 1st Year Send Off! First years, current students, and alumnae are invited to spend this time together sharing their excitement and fondness of our beloved SMC on August 2, 2015.

As the Club's service project this year, the Club will also be collecting donations at the Send Off to give to the Milwaukee Women's Care Center. The Women's Care Center was founded by Dr. Janet E. Smith in 1984, when she was a young professor at the University of Notre Dame. The center has grown to become the largest, most successful pregnancy resource center in America.

Finally, we are in the beginning stages of planning our Founders' Day celebration in October. In the fall, SMC Alumnae Clubs across the country gather to

celebrate the founding of Saint Mary's. This year we will meet at a restaurant downtown to celebrate this special occasion. While exact details are still being finalized, we will be celebrating during SMC's fall break (October 17-25) so all current students and alumnae will have the opportunity to attend. We hope to see you there!

Pittsburgh

In an effort to connect the Pittsburgh-area alumnae, the Club is continually updating their contact list. If you would like to be included on future Club event announcements, please contact the Club at pghmsclub@gmail.com. Your contact information will only be used for Club notices, and will not be shared.

Your Pittsburgh Alumnae Club events have included happy hours, book discussions, "field trips" to Pittsburgh-area attractions, wine tastings, and dinners. We hope that you will send us your information so we can assure a strong future for the Pittsburgh Alumnae Club.

South Bend

During the 2014-2015 year the South Bend Alumnae Club made some major changes to update communication by going digital. We also had a variety of really great events take place where local alum had the chance to connect and network with each other. This coming year we are looking to continue improvement as we expand our board.

Board members meet once a month to discuss events, scholarship, college connections, and community outreach. If you are in the South Bend area and would like to get involved we have several positions open for the 2015-2016 year. If you are interested in any of the following positions please

contact our club president Meagan Temple Hartman '10 at mhartman8913@gmail.com or through the club email at smcsclub@gmail.com. Please enter "SB Club Board Member Position" in the subject line. There is no experience required for any of the following positions and many are new this year. Hope you join us!

Open Positions:

Treasurer: Balances budget and checkbook, writes checks, deposits money, and runs PayPal account.

Social Chair: Coordinates monthly social events such as happy hours, wine tastings, and networking events. Tracks event RSVPs and communicates with vendors/locations. Expected to attend events that are planned.

Scholarship: In charge of facilitating fundraisers, events, or sales to raise money for the scholarship fund.

Alumnae Resource Chair: Forms relations with college through the Alumnae Office and communicates campus events (plays, speakers, audited classes, etc.) to the local alum.

Marketing Chair: Update and advertise for upcoming events through social media, MailChimp, online newsletters, and website. Markets to the community and works closely with the Alumnae Resource Chair.

Secretary: Takes notes at meetings and sends to other board members. Keeps track of login credentials for social media, website, etc.

Twin Cities

A newsletter with details on these upcoming events is coming soon. New to the Twin Cities? Contact the leadership team at MinnesotaBelles@gmail.com to get involved. We look forward to welcoming new Belles!

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



Alice Flynn Osberger, and her fellow Class of 1950 graduates, attended their 65th Reunion. Alice still works at Notre Dame full-time, in the same position she has been in for 37 years. She and her husband met at Saint Mary's/Notre Dame, and they have two grand-daughters who are recent graduates (Jean Louise Osberger '13 and Megan Osberger '07), one daughter who is an SMC graduate (Julia Osberger '73) and another daughter who attended Saint Mary's for one year (Kathleen Osberger). Her grandmother, Julia Nunning, was in the 1876 class at Saint Mary's. Her son, Dan Osberger, also served as a vice president at Saint Mary's.

'51

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I received a personal postcard from **Rosemary White** thanking me for continuing to be our class secretary. She is living in a condo where her sister-in-law lives. This makes it easy to enjoy her 24 nieces and nephews at holiday time. As she says they are lucky that there is a nice hotel nearby.

I had a lovely Christmas letter from **Virginia Vallee Delaney** and Joe Delaney. They live in Salt Lake City, UT. This past year they welcomed their third great-grandchild. My husband, Dick, spent the months of September, October, November, December, and January being treated for cancer. He has recovered and is now doing therapy to regain his strength and walking ability. Thank you for your prayers. My faith has been made stronger especially in the Blessing of the Sick. We live in a senior establishment run by Erickson's. We have a comfortable apartment and good food, Mass on Tuesday and many other interesting activities. I joined a book club, a writing club, etc. Please write.

'52

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As I was driving to Kansas City for Easter, I received a call from **Dorothy Murnane McMahon**, who said that on a visit to Chicago to see her family, she had heard superstar cellist YoYo Ma play with the Chicago Symphony, in an all-French program: Camille Saint-Saens' "La Muse et le Poete" and Edouard Lalo's "Cello Concerto in D Minor." And, for an encore, he had performed Gabriel Faure's Elegy for cello and orchestra (When she asked the usher what the encore had been, she thought he said "foret" — forest in French). Altogether, she breathlessly explained, it was an "electrifying" experience. She lives in Naples, she reminded me, where hearing Saint-Saens and Lalo is not a common experience.

Marilyn (Lynn) Dargis Ambrose emailed me the sad news of the death of **Sally Disser Weigand**. Lynn had expected to see Sally as usual in March when Sally and Bob came to Palm Desert for their usual winter break, but she heard nothing. She contacted Sally's sister **Josephine Disser Barger '53** at Holy Cross Village in South Bend (where **Eleanor V. Fails** lives), who told her that Sally had died January 12, 2015 of Myelodysplastic Syndromes (MDS), a blood marrow platelet disease. Her husband Bob Weigand lives at 2727 Fox Chase Run, Fort Wayne, IN 46825.

'53

From the Courier Office:

Want to see more news from your classmates? We are currently looking for a new class reporter for

the class of 1953. Contact Shay Jolly '05 at hjolly@saintmarys.edu to find out how you can volunteer!

'54

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Bernice Boucher Hopp and Jim are in their fourth year at Marquette Manor in Indianapolis where she writes the monthly chapel newsletter. **Gloria Kennedy Hermann** spent a week in Panama City, FL and in Chicago in June for a reunion with friends and relatives from SD.

Jane Flynn Carroll continues to volunteer at the thrift shop in Elgin that benefits the mentally ill; she was granddaughter Grace's Confirmation sponsor in San Antonio. She recommends "The Storied Life of AJ Fikry" by Gabrielle Zevin (I agree!). **Rose-Marie (Rody) Oppenheim Dilenschneider** again recommends "Boys in the Boat"; she's now reading Edward Rutherford's "London" after finishing his "New York." **Rose Marie Murphy Foley** and Ben are back after the winter in Bonita Springs. Next on their agenda are The Shaw Festival and AK, both in June, and Paris in October.

Judy Jones Sullivan and Dick are still playing couples' bridge. They spent Christmas in HI with their daughter and her family. Judy talked occasionally to **Ann P. McCullough** and **Alice Elizabeth O'Hanlon Ruden**. Recalling her Trivium days, **Peg Tiernan Sheehan** sent us a syllogism: I'm nobody; nobody's perfect; therefore I'm perfect. Wouldn't her freshman English teacher be proud of her!

I had two wonderful surprise phone calls recently. **Sue Whalen Heyer** called from Maggie Valley where she's living with her daughter Ann. Sue has vision problems but her family has her TV placed close to her. **Sister Jo Magoffin Lucker, MM** is in Ossining, NY, celebrating her 60 years, 32 of them in Africa, as a Maryknoll nun. She'll be there for their Renewal program in April and May and helped write the history of Mary Knoll in Namibia for the community archives. In CA she and **Mary Shane Hefley** meet occasionally for lunch and Mary Carolyn reports Jo is still full of pep and enthusiasm.

Joan A. Rossi's good news is that her grandniece has been accepted into Notre Dame's ACE program. She'll spend two years teaching in an inner city school and her summers on campus before receiving her master's degree. **Mary Wieland Scheetz** and **Barbara DiSalle Lindskold** get together often, most recently at a Royals-Giants baseball game and at Barb's for Easter dinner. Mary will return to MO in May with plans to sell her home there and live in AZ permanently.

Marlene Gaubinger McGinn and **Evelyn Holland Mennes '45** (who spent her freshman year at Saint Mary's in 1941-42) have started a monthly Rosary group at their retirement home in Pompano Beach. They thought it might be just two of them at their first meeting, but 30 appeared and 30 plus have joined them every month since. In Chilton, WI, **Teresa Martin Weber** is busy with family, parish work including playing the organ, and her newly acquired quilting skills. She, too, is traveling: an Italian pilgrimage in November and a Texas visit with her sister Betty. Also traveling to Italy in May were **Lois Langford Berry** and Bill (ND '53) who plan to celebrate their 60th anniversary

in June with family in NY.

Please remember in prayer: **Mary (Midge) Myler Russo's** brother Charles Myler and Tom Campbell (ND '54). Tom was diagnosed with throat cancer in February (you can find him on caring-bridge.org. Type in his name and check on Visit).

'55

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Dear Classmates: As you know I have recently taken over the position of Reporter from **Barbara Bridgman O'Connor** who has done a fabulous job over many, many years. I always enjoyed reading her news articles and didn't realize how much time this takes. I hope I will do a better job of bringing you current news in the future. First and foremost, however, news of the death of **Florence Senger Rose** around Eastertime was very sad. Her health had been frail for some time; however, the final passing from this earth is not easy for family and friends. My condolences to all.

I have enjoyed some very pleasant conversations with some of our classmates and had hoped to have more to report in this issue; however, you know how it is as we age the time passes so quickly that our results do not always meet our scheduled timetables.

A complete update of Reunion will be in the fall issue of the *Courier*.

I had lunch with **Shirley Dyckes Kelley** and **Carol Graham Moran** in Stuart, FL while I was in FL this winter. Shirley is very, very busy with a myriad of volunteer activities and Carol and her husband leave the cold, snowy MI winters to be able to enjoy golf and boating activities. **Frances Clohessy Spillane** also leaves her lovely home in the Boston area for a couple months in the Miami area where she entertains family and friends and classmates like myself and **Mary Beth Croxall Wahl**. She is a wonderful hostess and I had a great time while I was with her. I also spent several days with **Shirley Wagner Van Devere** and her husband, Joe, while in FL. They too keep very busy with church activities and volunteer opportunities of all kinds. Shirley is very happy that she can still play tennis on a regular basis.

I had the opportunity to attend the Notre Dame-Purdue game last Fall with **Patty McNulty Bindner** in Indianapolis. Had a great time watching the Irish win.

In phone conversations I learned the following: **Margaret Remacle Brown** has a granddaughter studying English at Notre Dame.

Joan Hausman Campbell is still managing her Real Estate business from her home office; has two children in town nearby each with 3 children. She plays bridge regularly and loves to travel.

Mary Annis Eklund is a widow living in the Chicago area. She and her husband had two children and became a grandmother for the first time at age 76. She now has five under the age of five. She says she struggles with arthritis; however, don't we all feel some aches and pains at this age to some degree.

Rita Hamilton Cunningham lives in Hot Springs Village, AR. She is retired after many years and has two children. Her husband's health has failed and she is trying to sell her house and

hopes to move back to St. Louis where she has grandchildren.

Mary Ryan Darling lives in NM and is basically retired; however, still has several clients in her own CPA business. She is in good health and fairly active. Two of her three children live in CA while one is in NM.

Natalie Healy Doell and her husband went to Phil's 60th Reunion at Notre Dame in 2014. She had a stroke in 2011; however, says she is still as active as possible and looks for wheelchair accessible places.

Gerry Krysko Fritz says she is fine and spends her winters in FL. However, she lost her husband/best friend (Bobby) to cancer in November 2011. As always Gerry was upbeat and counting her blessings. She and Bobby were married for 54 years (having dated for 10 prior to that). They had five children and loved to travel. She has three grandchildren. Gerry taught Humanities and Arts for many years and loves music.

Rita M. Gould spent her freshman year with us and then moved on to the Holy Cross Nursing Program in town, as did several others of our classmates. She would like to come to our Reunion; however, they usually all go to the Nursing Program Reunion.

Mary Anne McManus Harahan has moved from her apartment in Troy, MI to a lovely Senior Residence in Rochester, MI where she has become involved in many of the activities — exercise, bridge, concerts, etc...

Carolyn Linnig O'Rourke is still teaching students with various disabilities who are at risk learners and are at the Juvenile Center. God Bless you Carolyn for "keeping on and keeping on."

Greetings to all from the Class of 1955: "All aboard the train for reunion" was how I started the last issue and kept thinking about the saying "Cheaper by the Dozen." Had hoped we would have 12-15 members present; however, we did manage to have eleven members of our Class attend parts or all of Reunion 2015. It was a very nice weekend and the weather certainly cooperated, Praise God! No rain at picture-taking time! Those who were able to attend included **Dolores Dietsch Berry, Joan Hausman Campbell, Sue Mitchell Crowley, Natalie Healy Doell, Marie DeMeester Meehan, Carol Graham Moran, Sarah Struett O'Keefe, Carolyn Linnig O'Rourke, Frances Clohessy Spillane, Elise Torczynski** and myself.

I think all who attended had an enjoyable time. The program contained pictures of some of our classmates in various activities while in school. Fun to review and reminisce! The weekend was filled with many interesting activities and service was certainly top-notch. The golf cart and van drivers were eager and waiting to take us almost everywhere we needed/wanted to go. Tours of the buildings and grounds were conducted throughout the weekend. We attended various lectures of personal interest and most everyone heard **President Mooney '72** talk about her years at Saint Mary's and her plans for the future of the college. Very interesting and hopeful. Friday evening we attended Mass in LeMans Holy Spirit Chapel and dinner following, both arranged for the "More than Golden" Alumnae. At the dinner representatives of the class of 1960 took us down memory lane using an A-Z format in which we all

participated. Such Fun! At the Saturday Reunion Banquet various awards were given to honorees of the various classes including the Highest Class Gift award and the Mother Pauline Legacy Award, which were accepted by our very own **Frances Clohessy Spillane** on behalf of the entire class of 1955. Sunday morning Reunion Liturgy in the church of Our Lady of Loretto was followed by a Champagne Brunch prior to departure for home.

Lots of pleasant conversation was held in between all the planned activities. Some stayed at the Inn at Saint Mary's and the Hilton Garden Inn and some in LeMans, which made it a bit difficult for late-night reveling all together. One experience I will remember for a long time was the fun I had watching the Belmont Stakes Race at the Inn with Joan and Carolyn to see the Triple Crown Winner. Being from KY they were both avid fans. Do hope this gives you a snapshot of what you missed by not being with us; however, I think the letter I received from **Marie DeMeester Meehan** says it all.

"Dear Saint Mary's, Notre Dame, Alumnae Association: As I thought about what this 60th Reunion meant to me, I so often replaced "Retreat" for "Reunion." Maybe this wasn't as odd as it seemed. A "Retreat" is a time to reflect, a time to pause, a time to remember, and a time to meditate on the meaning of our lives. I realize the many gifts God has given me: my parents, my husband and children, my immediate family, my teachers, my classmates, my career (teaching). We classmates can share all this again. Not only did we renew our shared experiences, but we were also blessed to hear those who hold the future of the college elaborate on the future of Saint Mary's, Notre Dame as it fulfills its Mission. These are positive plans in a time of mostly negative noises. Thanks to all who provided us with a wonderful, joyous time of "renewal." Sincerely, **Marie DeMeester Meehan**"

Let's hope and pray we can be together again in five years.

'57

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Christmas cards brought their usual delight and in my case, a great source of news to share with all of you. Sam and **Rosemary Knope Trippe** shared a picture of them and their grandchildren at a family reunion in Lake Geneva, WI and the hope that their granddaughter, Samantha will decide to attend Saint Mary's. Another Southern Belle from our class, **Patsy Moore Payne** mentioned the significant birthday that classmates are starting to acknowledge. She and Bill, known for their amazing foreign travel schedule have decided to concentrate on seeing the U.S.A. They thoroughly enjoyed a cruise from Providence to Portland, ME on a small 49 passenger ship with pleasant companions and as Patsy said, "lobster and more lobster." The card of **Margi McCarthy Rice** featured a beautiful depiction of The Mother and Child, by the artist, Margi herself! John and **Peggy Maher Engler** still spend half the year at their mountain home in Linville, NC. This year they enjoyed Thanksgiving there with Peggy's sister, **Ann Maher Lee '62** and her family. **Katie Reasor Anglin** sent her wonderful Christmas letter and "Mele Kalikimaka" wishes from her Honolulu home.



This picture was taken in March in Marco Island, Florida of the following members of the class of 1957: Left to right: Regina Crane Gschwind, Dee Kiley LeFevour, Irene O'Leary Van Beckum, Judy Hanks Maus and Mary Ann O'Loughlin Szydlowski.

From the other end of the weather spectrum came greetings from **Pat Bauervic Leonard** enjoying the beautiful northern MI winter. Pat continues her work as president and executive director of her father's educational foundation and enjoys the continual contact with private schools and various grants. Her ten grandchildren continue to bring her joy, with the oldest a recent graduate of Miami University in OH and the youngest in "home school preschool." Pat keeps in contact with **Theresa Binkley Byrne** in CA and her freshman roommate, **Joan Kay Snetsinger Oswald**, as well as **Imogene (Jean) Haenn Rainey**, **Mary Lou Ahern Colfer** and **Janet O'Connell McCue**. **Mary Kathleen Carroll** has moved from her long time home in Capitola, CA to Elk Grove, CA, to be closer to some of her large family. **Liz McCorkle Groden** had successful spine and neck surgery in the fall in time to be able and happy to prepare Thanksgiving dinner. Her grandson, Colin, was accepted to a selective five year PhD program at CO State University. Liz misses having him nearby but is delighted that he is happily pursuing his goal.

Receiving the Courier brought welcome responses from several classmates. Last winter **Jean Giddens Cass** enjoyed the hospitality of **Mary Comisky Riley** at her winter home in Scottsdale, AZ. **Sallie Costa Ineich** noted that she and Paul had also celebrated their 57th anniversary last year. Sallie took time off from college to take a wonderful trip to Europe with her parents while Paul started dental school before their marriage. When Sallie received her degree from IL College in Jacksonville in 1973, Sister Alma sent her a note of congratulation.

Some of you may have noted the death of **Elaine Garcia Gonzalez** in the Alumnae Deaths column of the fall/winter *Courier*. Elaine lived in Gary while attending Saint Mary's for her freshman year. She is survived by her three children and four grandchildren and services were held in Merrillville, IN last July. Thanks to our Alumnae office I am aware of her amazing obituary. I wish I could include more, but to summarize, Elaine was an award winning chocolate instructor, an internationally known chocolate artist, the author of several books, lecturer and tour leader. She truly had an amazing career.

The *Chicago Tribune* carried the death notice in February of **Nancy Redmond Barron** and mentioned her graduation from Saint Mary's in 1957. Nancy was in the Nursing program and worked as a nurse for years in the Chicago area. Our sympathy to her husband, James, seven children and twenty-two grandchildren.

On a recent snowy day I had a delightful email from **Maureen Butler O'Malley**. She and Pat are

still living in Three Rivers, MI where Pat is the city attorney and practices law five days a week. The O'Malley's "retirement home" is a condo in South Bend, down the river from Saint Mary's. About two years ago Maureen made a commitment as an Associate of the Sisters of the Holy Cross. As she explained there are no expectations of service or money but a mutually supportive relationship with the Sisters and each other and one that she has found surprisingly enriching. By coincidence, **Jody Donohoe McGoldrick** was at Saint Mary's when she was on the Madeleva Society Steering committee and was present at the commitment ceremony in the Church of Loretto. This March, **Irene O'Leary Van Beckum** gathered a group at her Marco Island, FL condo. The lucky guests were Larry and **Mary Ann O'Loughlin Szydlowski**, John and **Regina Crane Gschwind**, **Dee Kiley LeFevour**, **Judy Hanks Maus** and Jim Ziperski, husband of the late **Pat Hoag Ziperski**.

Just as I was finishing this column for my April 1st deadline, I heard of the death of **Anne Bittorf Cox**. Anne came to Saint Mary's from Sterling, IL but had spent her adult life in the Chicago area, then IA (Bettendorf and Davenport) and CO (Dolores and Gypsum). The news came from **Bobbi Frederick Black** who for a time had the pleasure of having Anne and her late husband Bob, living near her in CO. Anne, Bobbi and **Barbara Barker Dooley** were roommates for three years at Saint Mary's and have remained close. Anne leaves behind six children and eight grandchildren and many who were happy to have her as a friend. The responses I received from our classmates after I sent out an email notification of her death were heartfelt and a reminder to continue to stay in touch.

'58

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Ellen Canny Werner sent news from Fort Myers, FL and that perked me up. **Karin Moore Beckert** was visiting Ellen in early February. Ellen made "phone calls to the usual suspects" and **Mary Ann Coryn McGee**, Karin, **Lynda Leigh Scott**, **Sally Hultkrans Callahan**, **Pat Kennedy Flock** and **Eleanor Hanks Connors** and of course Ellen met for lunch. The group had a lot of fun laughing and talking of course. Makes one a trifle jealous.

Karin Moore Beckert sold her lovely home near Charleston, SC and has moved to a retirement community in NC. Ellen wrote: Karin is an amazing person, planning ahead, "I on the other hand will go out of here on a gurney to the home, rest or funeral, I don't care."

Ellen is enjoying the SMC Lenten Reflections: "A great preparation for Easter. Saint Mary's is such a blessing to us all."

On a somber note, Ellen wrote of **Peggy Lomasney Kegaly's** death from cancer. Ellen drove down to North Naples for the memorial Mass. "The Mass was beautiful, like Peggy, simple and very Catholic." **Lynda Leigh Scott** met us at the church and **Pat Kennedy Flock** did the readings. What a wonderful tribute to Peggy.

Paula Lawton Bevington and I received news that the Sister M. Alma Peters Scholarship as of 6/30/2014 totaled \$199,058.59 with \$7,300.00 available for disbursement for the academic year 2014-2015.

Paula sent me a copy of an enthusiastic letter from recipient **Allison Natalia Lukomski** of Fort Myers, FL.

Allison is a Major in communicative science and disorders who graduates in Spring, 2016 and intends to become an audiologist in a children's hospital. In addition to working three jobs at Saint Mary's, Allison made the Dean's List. Congratulations Allison.

Paula's Christmas letter contained news of her brother Jorge's death in September, 2014. Not only was Jorge an international economist who interpreted in Spanish, Portuguese, and English, he spent a year in Chile as a Fulbright Scholar and contributed to the *Financial Times* and the *Wall Street Journal*. Please accept our condolences Paula. On the joyful side, Paula welcomed a new granddaughter who lives with her father George and mother Kathy and older brother Peter about a mile away from Paula. And Paula's son Charles was married in October.

Joan Renehan Thompson may be the most traveling person in the class. In addition to trips to Washington D.C. for a grandson's graduation from WA University, and San Francisco for a granddaughter's graduation, Joan had the honor of pinning her niece at her graduation from nursing school in Chicago, and then another visit to Chicago for the 60th high school reunion. After visiting friends in NH and ME, Joan took a cruise that started in Montreal and ended in Portland, ME. If that isn't enough, Joan moved from her home of forty four years into a condo. Her new address is 535 S. Orange Grove Blvd, # 9 Pasadena, CA 91105.

Hannah Storen Kreps sent pictures of husband Bill and the children and grandchildren from their joint family. The first part of 2014 saw family trips and one to the US Tennis Open, but the second half saw six hospital trips for husband Bill. Hannah asked for prayers.

After being extra careful all winter because of the extreme cold and ice, in early March I managed to fall in Chicago in the bathroom of an apartment I share with friends. Now am sporting cast, plate and screws in left arm. If I miss anything this column I plan to blame it on the fall.

The arm better heal quickly because I am planning to travel to Charlotte, NC for a grandson's first communion later in April and taking an ND - Saint Mary's trip to northern Italy in May.

At lunch today with **Sue Lipetska Cierzniak** I learned **Teddi Reid Murray** and George have welcomed their first greatgrandchild, also that Teddi has been diagnosed with macular degeneration. **Nancy Schwind Gallagher** has eleven grandchildren, and three lucky ones studied abroad this year in Brazil, France, and England. Nancy relayed to Sue that **Jewel Reitz England** and husband celebrated their 50th Anniversary.

Happy, healthy spring and summer.

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I'm sorry to report the passing of our classmate, **Ginny Wittliff**, on June 5, 2014. Please remember her in your prayers.

Barbara Kelley Toepf writes: "I read in the *Courier* that **Lynn Hawkesworth Heydon** mentioned our long distance friendship. I also treasure my many friendships from Saint Mary's. I'm lucky

to have **Joyce Spink Harris '60, Mary Pazera, Eileen Owens, Sister Leomarie Luecke, OSF, and Nancy Kleinrichert Pence** as friends I'm still in touch with. I was able to contact my Saint Mary's Big Sister, **Viola Kovacs Fischer '57**, who was also in our wedding 57 years ago. Bud (ND '56), and I meet Sister Leomarie for lunch once a year. I still get a Christmas card from Joe Bogart, who was the head of the Food Service when we were all staff students at SMC. He and his wife, Joan, live in MI. Those of us who were staff students thank Saint Mary's for the opportunity to attend school. We were lucky to make lasting friends as well as a great education."

Fred and **Fran Tetaz Juliano** have traded the cold winters of IL for the hot summers of Sun City Mesquite, NV. **Mary Carpenter Erler** continues to teach at Fordham where a friend recently organized a mini-conference in her honor on the subject of medieval reading. **Betsy Finneran Kennedy** spent the month of January on warm, sunny Bonita Beach in Naples, FL where she hosted **Gerry Dunn Leinenweber**. Jim and **Martha Risher Davis Lamb** stay busy with their 19 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Mary K. Moran Gaudet plays tennis in two groups, is an active member of Assistance League and volunteers as an usher at a suburban Fine Arts Center. On a trip to DC to visit their children, Bob and Mary K. had lunch with Bob and **Anne Sheehan Cullen**, who live in Bowie, MD.

Last fall **Peg Stratton Burleigh** met up with **Mary Sheets Klinkose, Louise Schulte Johnson, Mary (Meg) Stone Longtine** and **Cathleen (Kit-c) Clyne Fitzgerald** in southern IN for a four day reunion. They stayed at a nice golf resort and toured Bloomington, Columbus, and Nashville, Indiana - an area rich in art and architecture. **Jackie Baumer Berg** had a nice visit from **Alice J. Broucek** last summer. Alice was planning a winter trip to Paris.

Carol Ann Cruise is still "on the road" traveling to craft shows. She stays with **Marilyn Kerkoff Peltzer** when she's in the Denver area. Carol is hoping to sell the wholesale end of her pattern designing business and spend more time doing the retail side which is more lucrative. She'd like to get off the road and sell primarily through her website.

Mary Moran Smith is looking forward to a visit with **Colleen Taffee Goldkamp Harmon** when Mary attends her granddaughter's nursing graduation from Saint Louis University in the spring. **Sue Brown Bapst** is trying to stay healthy with some Silver Sneaker classes. She plays golf a couple of times a week, weather permitting, paints, and belongs to several clubs. Of course her grandkids' many soccer, basketball, and baseball games keep her running into Atlanta quite often.

Rosie Mudd Nickodemus joined her two ND sons and families at their rented house in South Bend for the ND-Stanford game. In spite of the 21 degree temperature a good time was had by all. She stays in touch with **Mary Schaeffer Conroy**, who lives part time in Switzerland where her husband has work. Rosie will travel to Fort Jefferson with many Mudd family members this summer to visit the prison where her great-grandfather, Dr. Sam Mudd, was sent after the Lincoln assassination...exactly 150 years to the day.

Jeanne Pflaum Gnuse has extended her vocal interests from choral to cabaret, making her public debut as part of a new trio *Cabaret on Tour*. She also spent two one-week sessions with the

Berkshire Choral Festival, one at the school and the other near Dublin, Ireland. Jeanne and Tom traveled to Bath, England, to celebrate the life of Jeanne's "little brother," Rick Pflaum.

Martha Gillis Esrig loves living in Tustin. She and Aaron wonder why they didn't move sooner and leave the rat race of a beach city behind. They're busy with bridge, golf and occasional classes at the local university.

From **Sally Marie Brown**: In process of moving to a retirement community not far away. It's been a busy year and once again in our musical here "Gershwin by George" have enjoyed doing the shows over the years and will miss that and friends here, but know I will find many new ones...and the first of May they will open a new clubhouse with a 200+ theatre and AV department...should be more shows on the horizon...have even sung here in several of our Cabarets...duets, trio and even a solo...great fun. Family doing well and granddaughter, Isabelle will start at VA Tech this August.

Gerry and I had dinner with **Katie Hall Kilcullen** last night. She was in town to visit her sister who lives near us in Carlsbad. We had a great rendezvous.

Spoke with **Sarah Scales Mulcahy** a couple of times this winter. She headed for FL in January and will return after Easter. Had dinner with Brian and **Carol Podesta Foley** in late January in Palm Desert. They were on their annual-get-out-of-Chicago-snow-trip.

Gerry and I will travel to FL the end of April to visit my sister, **Betty Benford Belfiore** in Venice and our daughter who lives in Naples. I'm stocking up on bug spray.

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Here we are again in spring...and anxiously looking forward to seeing everyone in June at our 55th reunion. **Peggy Hock Cahill, Elaine Van Etten Cassidy, Jane Simpson Kiep, Maureen C. Madigan, Karen Wilke Galvin, Nancy O'Toole Doppke, Diane Zarantonello Sullivan, Maureen Hogan Lang, Nancy Madigan Schlacks and Mary Jo O'Callaghan Martin** had lunch together the first day of spring to get revved up for Reunion.

We also learned that **Diane Zarantonello Sullivan's** grandson Ian Williams performed the piano solo for Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue" at Carnegie Hall in New York City in March. Diane and her family were there to share this exciting event with her daughter Lisa and friends.

Maureen C. Madigan had a wonderful time with **Margaret McClean Johnson** and her husband Tom at their beautiful home in Scottsdale.

Mary Jo O'Callaghan Martin and Larry Martin ND '60 recuperated in Venice, FL this winter. Of course, Mary Jo was not only active in physical therapy, but at the local art center where she even convinced Larry to imbibe. **Maureen Hogan Lang** and her husband Bob joined them one day for lunch in Old Venice and a great tour of the area.

Maureen and Bob stay nearby in Tierra Verde.

Our sympathy and prayers for **Nancy Prawdzik Kidder** whose son Robert Kidder passed on Ash Wednesday.

Let's remember one another in both our prayers and laughter. Looking forward to being together – in body or in spirit. Keep smiling, M and M.

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Catherine (Katie) Herbstritt McMahon

wrote to thank all those classmates who prayed for her daughter, **Shannon C. McMahon '87**, during her recovery from lung cancer surgery. Prayer definitely works. She is cancer-free and they were truly blessed that it was caught in time. Shannon's daughter, **Catherine (Kate) Jean McMahon**, is loving her freshman year at SMC, is doing very well and will be an RA next year in McCandless. Katie didn't ski this season for the first time in 42 years due to pending back surgery in February. She had picked the right year for the surgery as the snow conditions were the worst since 1976-77. She and her husband, Ed, are looking forward to a river cruise from Amsterdam to the Black Sea and ending in Bucharest next summer.

Sandy Graham Bartlett emailed from Ridge-wood, NJ to say her only news is that their empty nest was only temporary. It is full again.

News from **Beth Mackin Baxter** was that her third novel, *What the Horse Knew*, is published and is available from Amazon, at all bookstores, and on Kindle.

A quick note from **Mary Ellen Carroll Convery** said she had no news — good or bad. They're both hanging in and hanging on. She hopes her classmates are well and happy.

Now that the College has successfully surpassed its Campaign goal by 25%, **Susan Fitzgerald Rice** reported on another project. She is involved with the Los Angeles Alumnae Club to create a College-endorsed Christmas tree ornament. The Club will be selling it online with surplus revenue going toward Scholarships. For more information go to <http://www.saintmaryslclub.com/>.

I truly appreciate hearing from those who answered my request for news. 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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A number of our classmates are still taking to the slopes. In late March, **Dona Duncan Hotopp** and Tom (ND '63) took their annual family ski trip with their children and grandchildren—I can picture Tom leading the grandkids down the slopes of Colorado! **Kathy Wiedl Mettler** and Steve were also planning to be in CO for skiing in the same March time frame. **Mary Jo Pauli Landry** and John (ND '61) met daughter Meg and her family for skiing in British Columbia. Others in our class still into the sport?

No news on any mid-summer mini-reunion has come to me. **Judith Ann Reardon** reported that nothing was forthcoming from the presumed "organizers" in Chicago so she assumed the planning process never got off the ground. **Kathy Wiedl Mettler** had so hoped she'd get a second chance to be with folks after being downed by the flu at our FL mini-reunion a year or more ago. Kathy also noted that she'd be attending the Staff Student Reunion in June at SMC. She hoped that **Flo Theurer Hernandez** would be accompanying her.

Beverly Troxler O'Grady worked with the Snite Museum at Notre Dame to publish a magnificent book of the South American artifacts — crafts, sculptures, photographs, paintings and sketches — that she and Robert O'Grady (ND '63) had collected over the years and given to the museum at intervals. The collection — which also features several of Robert's poems — is most unusual, featuring the art of the Southern Cone area of South America. The book is entitled *Myth and Melancholy* and is such a beautiful tribute to Robert, also the brother of our classmate, **Mary O'Grady Den Dooven**. It is something enduring that will be treasured by collectors and researchers specializing in South American affairs in the years to come.

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Becky Laird Ryan and her husband, Phil, are renewing their vows (50 years) August 28th in Cana while they tour the Holy Land. **Mary Ann Hansman Troutman** and her husband are being invested into the Knights and Madames of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem at the Basilica of Notre Dame. **Jean Canizaro Enochs** has just sold the family pecan farm and has spent lots of time settling the details - she is so sad about severing the family ties but it is time! **Martha (Marty) Thompson Coe** has had stomach problems and Charlie, her husband, is having a pacemaker put in so they hope spring brings better weather and better health. In a book Mary is reading, *Stumble* by Heather King, there is this phrase: Aging is a Calvary.

Kathleen M. Roeder missed our reunion because of her granddaughter's graduation but is thrilled that she is now at the Art Institute in Chicago. During this past year, Kathy has been to Haiti to a village, *Gros Morne*, in the mountains where even clean water is hard to find. She worked with the local people, setting up clinics and identifying medical needs within various rural communities. In January, she was in Jamaica — in Trenchtown, the home of Bob Marley — again seeing to the needs of the inner city poor of Kingston. These trips are always eye opening and she finds that she learns more than she teaches on each occasion.

Frances Bardello Craig tries to see friends from DC and the West Coast. **Mary Carmody Bradley** and Fran met for lunch over the Christmas holidays on Coronado Island, CA where Fran's son and family live. Fran and **Mary Donovan McCusker** met for lunch in Redwood City over the Easter Holidays. Mary does such good work with children and the court system. **Eileen Bleeg Cavanagh**, **Pat Ralicki McGowan**, and Fran discussed with other friends the current political happenings and will we have a woman president.

Fran's company, Unanet, is releasing the one new software purpose-built for professional services organizations to manage projects, people and financials! See www.unanet.com. Unanet is having its Champions Conference at the Coronado Marriott in San Diego May 28 and 29!

The news from the **Jinx Hack Ring** is that all goes well... had a great Xmas with just Kristin in the wine country of Napa – Sonoma... first Christmas on West Coast with just us. Peter's Mom, Ellen Ring, passed away in October after a long and adventurous life. She was 97! So for the first time, we did not go east! We all miss her. Peter and I continue our Paris adventures ... leaving again on May 1 and returning July 1 ... Always fun and always a new adventure!

Kathy Cullinan Seggerson wrote that **Jeanne Kozmer Marszalek** and her husband were in Atlanta last week. He was speaking at a Civil War Symposium. Kathy and her husband joined them for the lectures and a nice lunch together. **Roberta Blake Nesbit** was in Bath during the spring and highly recommends going to see and use the new baths! Keep in touch ladies, enjoy the summer and does anyone know about **Nancy Fagan Hardin** who has moved to FL? JOY, PEACE, PRAY! Love, love **Mary Ann Curnes Fuller**

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"We've done lots of skiing here in Denver this season," writes **Sheila Flynn Boone**. "The snow has been wonderful, and there's been lots of it! Have some nice trips coming up — to CA in April for grandson Hayden's First Communion, to NYC to visit our son and his girlfriend there later in the month, and to Paris with neighbors who traded their time share for a place there in May. In early April, I get to welcome **Elise Meyer** after her moved to CO. It will be so fun to have her here. I've been getting together with **Valerie Maracz Per-rone** regularly. Our husbands go to a senior ND luncheon every month, and we tag along and chat all through lunch! I know several of you visit family here in Denver. Next time you come, please let me know and we can have a mini reunion!"

On Dec 9, proud grandma **Mary (Junie) Miller Smith** wrote: "My grandson Spencer has made it to the finals of a TX state chess tournament. This is his first year playing chess at school and he will be in Austin, TX on January 10th for the tournament in the state capital!! Isn't this cool?"

On a sad note, **Joan Blila Boettcher** writes: "Just have time to let you know that my mom died this weekend at the tender age of 101. I am so sad that she is gone but so grateful for all the years she was with us. She is finally celebrating Christmas in heaven with her beloved family and friends". I know for a fact that Joanie was a wonderful caregiver to her mother AND mother-in-law.

Elise Meyer and **Sheila Kennedy** got together for dinner in NYC. Lots of fun discussions ensue. Both are planning to attend Reunion.

Cille Sorrentino Bucolo posted a picture on Facebook of her beautiful granddaughter, Marisa, on her 16th birthday. Marisa is a sophomore at Fenwick H.S in Oak Park, IL. They were having tea

at the Ritz in Chicago to celebrate. What a very special occasion. Then, Cille headed off to warmer climates. "I was in Mexico with Jerry and **Margo Lawrence Ludwig**. It was paradise. Came home to brrrry cold weather with great memories of warm sunshine and friendship. Family news: Son David and Becky are expecting #4 in June. It's a boy, so that makes boy, girl, girl, boy. Everything looks good and healthy, and so far so we are blessed. They are in the Denver suburbs, but I wish they were here. So, I'll have a newborn through 16. I did send in my bio for the Reunion booklet. Michael Boone, Sheila Flynn Boone's husband, is an angel to do all the work for us."

In a prelude to our 50th Reunion, Joe and **Sue Sheridan Joyce**, John and **Therese McCaffrey McConville**, and Herb and **Anne Locher Knudten** spent a great evening in Vero Beach (the best kept secret in FL) reminiscing about SMC and enjoying the beautiful weather. Lots and lots of laughter. "Oh those poor souls up North!" said Sue.

I received a very nice note from a **Sandra Kudnowski Iaconetti**. It has a picture of husband John, ND '66, and their daughter and son-in-law. It was sent from Scottsdale, AZ. In the note it says, "I am grateful for us sharing our blessings. I especially appreciate the Lent Prayer/Meditation readings from our Communications Staff @ SMC. Happy (early) Easter!"

A thoughtful email note from **Paulette Crouere Gamard**. "I will be completing my 38th year of teaching in June and am busy preparing my students for their First Holy Communion. I'm looking forward to spending some quality time with my four children, their spouses, and my ten grandchildren at our annual trip to the beach. I also have a wedding to get ready for — my oldest son, Paul, will be getting married in August. Sorry that I won't be at the Reunion — I will miss seeing everyone."

I can't wait to see as many of you as possible at our 50th Reunion! And, please do remember our Class of 1965 Memorial Scholarship Fund. This fund has helped a number of Saint Mary's students with tuition assistance.

Our 50th Golden Reunion, Class of 1965.

Colleen Leahy said it all, and so well: "A very BIG thanks to the whole committee who made this 50th Reunion so fabulous. I know that that kind of work is never easy and you were all doing it via emails and phone calls. Thanks also go to **Katherine Zeller Nicklin**, **Mary Harris Russell** and **Norma Tilden**, and others for their delightful presentations. I know now never to "buy a horse" and have a permanent image of my mother's old Maytag! You're the Best! I also suggest that we make Michael Boone an honorary '65 Belle for all his hard work for our class and his fantastic work on the Memory Book. Michael is the husband of **Sheila Flynn Boone** and he created and donated all our Memory books and created our private 1965 Facebook account. And thanks to all the women who came back for the first time in 50 years. It was so great to see you all and I hope that the experience was a good one. If I am so blessed to be able, I promise to be on the 2020 committee for the 55th"

Even the weather was perfect! Sunny, cool and dry — it made for beautiful campus walks. The "LitWits, SMC Writers After The Avenue" provided wonderful readings of their own works. Led by **Mary Harris Russell** and **Norma Tilden**, who read their stories, and then **Sister Eva Mary**

Hooker, CSC, and a selection from our late friend **Mary Carroll Daniel** — read by **Mary Delaney Willer** (who leads a mean Architectural Boat Tour in Chicago), and **Carla M. Aderente**. These gals are impressive. There was great laughter and an occasional tear.

Our own **Katherine Zeller Nicklin**, PsyD, Clinical Psychologist, led "Are We Old Yet." We discussed transitioning into old age and all that it entails. Then we had groups assemble at different tables for discussions dealing with topics such as financial concerns, spirituality, mental health, bereavement, and more. It was excellent and insightful.

Dr. Carol Mooney '72 made us so proud with her Presidential Address. We are in great shape with our endowment, and new and higher degrees to be offered. I have to say that I did, as an Art major, voice serious concern about the Art Department — it has not changed in 50 years, which of course means that it is miserably outdated. Other Art majors present were equally concerned. Dr. Mooney assured us that there would be improvements in the future.

Our Class Mass, the picnic, the beautiful 1965 Class dinner in Stapleton Lounge, the great Belle's Cabaret sing-along led by Carla and Terry and classmates, our touching memorial for our deceased classmates (thank you **Pat Hoben Daniels** and **Theresa Smith Harron** for your readings), where we gathered on the island to remember and pray for our friends that are no longer with us, and to say healing prayers for those that need them. All events were perfect! And, I thank you all for the "Courier Crown!" I've enjoyed writing for you all for 45 years. And, I do not forget that **Ann Lucille Pindar** wrote our news for five years, right after graduation.

I give thanks, just as you all do, for our president, **Lil Chard Beshel** who worked tirelessly for us all. Lil is a strong, guiding force and I am grateful to call her an inspiring friend and email buddy. Lil did so much behind the scenes to bring us together. Bless **Terry Miltich Murphy** and **Sheila Flynn Boone** for their expertise, organization and efforts. And, **Kathleen McAnaney Campbell** for gathering an amazing calling committee. Kathleen and her committee did a great job urging our class to contribute. The goal was 60% and I believe we came in at 58%. So, as a class, WE WON for most contributions. And, to **Marilyn Petroff Connor** for giving each one of us a CD with the music we loved while at SMC. There are so many more of you that assisted, and we all thank you for your time and talent.

It took me a few days to regain my voice after all the laughter and joy with you all, and then driving **Judy Piers Locher**, **Sheila Flynn Boone** and **Elise Meyer** to O'Hare. Great friends, great fun. Thanks to all who attended. Let's do it again in five, God willing.

As a *Post Script*, may I add that when **Judy Piers Locher** missed a flight home due to bad weather, **Sheila Flynn Boone** and husband Michael brought her to their home in Denver overnight. Judy was on a Denver connection flight to OR with Sheila. Judy said, "Sheila wrote me a thank you note, and thanked me for coming! She and Michael were so welcoming! Plus washing my only clothes while I wore her t shirt to sleep in! Above and beyond the call of classmate-ship!" And, that's what we are all about, isn't it? Friends forever.

From the **Courier Office**:

We received the following letter from **Katherine (Kay) Nazzaro Abraham** and **Emilee (Emi) Nazzaro Demetriou**.

"The class of 1965 gathered together, once again, to reunite, revisit, renew and revitalize their and SMC's continuing 'mission' to educate a woman's mind, body, heart and soul.

The early 60s was an especially tumultuous time and it was a special time in St. Mary's history, as Sister Madeleva, renowned philosopher, educator and poet, was its president ("Return," a poem of hers, "This is your home to which you are returning"...).

Her leadership and wisdom resulted in what SMC is today, highly respected and admired.

SMC remains an all-women's college today and is still dedicated to empower women to make a difference in the world. Our classmates definitely have done that and now in their early 70s are inspired to let go, challenge themselves, seek change, and move on (Recommended reading: *Composing a Further Life*, Mary Catherine Bateson).

We embraced each other and our SMC, which we shall each be forever thankful for what it has and continues to give our lives and those around us. We have been blessed."

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As I look into my magic globe, I see a 50th reunion in the future for the class of 1966.

In anticipation of this grand event, the Alumnae Office asked **Barbara Borchers Bernath** and **Liz Bermingham Lacy** to chair the Planning Committee. They also tagged **Marilyn Kozmer Sommers** to head the Gift Gathering Committee.

On Wednesday, April 8th, eighteen members of the Class of 1966 traveled to South Bend to meet and to plan the 2016 anniversary Reunion. Attending as volunteers for the Planning Committee were: **Carol Smither Mansfield**, **Mary Roberts Nelson**, **Mary Lee Hamilton Spencer**, **Terry Morton Krause**, **Patricia Hilger Zeigler**, **Anne Sheehan Garbarino**, **Kate O'Hara Aubert**, **Suzanne Scanlan Eiben**, **Carolyn Hart Irvine**, **Mary (Dede) Cotter Delaney** and myself.

Working with Marilyn were **Betsy Renaldi**, **Maureen Rodgers Budetti**, **Ellen DeRaedt Hoover**, **Christine Nichols Donohue**, **Mary Dunn Finneran**, and **Mary Fran Gleason**.

Several classmates could not make the trip. Those unable to attend were **Jackie Devereaux Michener**, **Pam Smith Malone**, **Carla Johnson Lewis**, **Elaine Amann Mayeux** and **Alana McGrattan**.

We met for dinner on Wednesday night at the Student Center in the President's Dining Room.

Carol Mooney '72, our President for the last ten plus years, hosted the evening and gave a talk on the State of the College. We were introduced to **Kara O'Leary '89**, our Liaison for the Reunion and **Stephanie Burke** from the Annual Giving Office.

First, the dates of the Reunion are Thursday, June 2 to Sunday, June 5, 2016. It is a most that everyone puts these dates on your calendar NOW! We will gather on Thursday to start festivities. On Friday activities will include a Speaker, Abigail

Trafford, Author of *As Time Goes By* and *A Gift of You* Trafford is a graduate of Bryn Mawr College, a women's college located in Pennsylvania. She recently retired her post at the Washington Post. The author visited Saint Mary's College about seven years ago when she presented a week long seminar. Friday will be our special day! We will celebrate Mass on Friday night in the LeMans Chapel. At this Mass we will remember our classmates who have died.

The planning committee will fill Saturday with wonderful activities and will allow plenty of time for catching up with old friends and making new friends. We are the honored guests at the Saturday night all class dinner. The class of 1966 will stay at the Saint Mary's Inn where we will have a hospitality room. The hospitality chairpersons hope to fill the room with memories of the past....pictures, videos and music.

Look for the Big R as a class symbol.....to begin with..... R U Coming.....Yes.

In chatting with classmates, I learned that **Anne Sheehan Garbarino** still has her place in the Adirondacks, God's country in Upper NY. Annie still swims and even rows with a crew team. I hope she has read *Boys in the Boat*, a favorite book of **Liz Bermingham Lacy**.

Mary Roberts Nelson keeps in touch with her freshmen roommate, **Rosary Hartel O'Neill**. Rosary who lives in New Orleans is a playwright and has her own theater. In Houston, Mary sees **Pam Pagano Cooney** and **Veronica Henahan Hagerty**. **Patricia Hilger Zeigler** lives in the Villages near Orlando. She spends most of her time on her pottery making. **Ellen DeRaedt Hoover** also spends her winters in Ostero, FL.

Mary Dunn Finneran just returned from two months in CA. She and EJ are trying to avoid Chicago winters. They did a road trip to visit their son and daughter in law in Portland.

Mary Fran Gleason visits her children and grandchildren in Phoenix to evade the icy winters of Chicago. **Christine Nichols Donohue** resides in one of those sweet towns in CT.

Marilyn Kozmer Sommers started as teacher, but finished as an instructor for the IRS. Presently Marilyn retired to her greatest delight. **Mary Lee Hamilton Spencer** entertained us with her stories as a fourth grade teacher. She then decided she needed to work with middle school or high school. Mary Lee finished her career in banking.

One side note, I just learned that the plight of the Day Students left them with no place to study or to take a break between classes. While at school **Betsy Renaldi** arranged for the Day Students to have a room outside the Reignbeaux.

This summer members of the class of 1966 will be calling all classmates to invite them to the Reunion. We have a committee that will search for lost classmates. To help us with the plans, we ask that you contact me or the college with any email changes. We hope to start a blast email to keep everyone informed about the upcoming Reunion. We will add pictures and remember questions to encourage everyone to participate. Hopefully, we will also begin a Facebook Page for our class. This will not require you to have an account with Facebook. It will ask that you LIKE us. More details later.

We discussed adding book suggestions to the column. Here are a few: *Dancing to the Precipice* by Moorehead; *What is What* by Dave Eggers; *All the Things We Can't See* by Doerr; *The Gift of Years* by Chittister and *Let the Great World Spin* by McCulloch.

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Francie S. Russell wrote on March 24 that she had been in Bonita Springs, FL visiting **Claire Callahan Johannesen** and then visiting **Maureen Murphy Sheehan** in Port Charlotte, FL. Claire organized a luncheon of classmates attended by ten Belles from our class who winter in the area. Francie noted that it was special to be together in a mini reunion and to reaffirm that our 50th Reunion is a must — even if it is difficult to wrap our minds around the idea of 50 years since graduation. Francie hopes everyone will seriously consider making the commitment to be at our 2018 Reunion. She loves living in rural northwest AR where she is so close to nature. Retirement has been a good change for her. Francie is also planning a trip to Hot Springs to meet with Fran Farrell Callahan and her husband, Tommy (ND '68), Claire's brother. They were going to the horse races. They also plan to take the hot baths they had enjoyed so much last year.

Sister Catherine Osimo, CSC wrote that she will be ending 12 years of teaching religion at a Catholic high school in Ojai, CA and will move to the Saint Mary's campus in September to begin a new ministry in the Office of Archives and Records of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Cross. Sister Catherine has not lived on the Saint Mary's campus since 1963-68 and looks forward to reconnecting with the college community whenever she ventures out of Bertrand Hall. Our brief exchange taught us we both have a sense of humor so I hope to be able to meet Sister Catherine in person during a football weekend in fall 2015.

Patricia Herrick Sheridan wrote that it is so nice to hear from our classmates and is trying to find contacts on Facebook since recently signing up but has had little success as she does not know many of our married surnames. I offered to Pat and repeat to all Belles '68 that I can add anyone to our Facebook page if I know you are interested and have already or will be joining Facebook.

Sara (Sally) Blackley Clemmer wrote that she had a much awaited Reunion with roomie **Veronica (Ronnie) Vodicka Simon** and husband Denny with a fun evening spent catching up on the past 47 years and remembering the fun four years at Saint Mary's. More fun awaited Sally in a couple of days when she was getting together with roomie **Sherrill Knight Ferree** and **Donna de Manbey Boynton** for some fun in Palm Beach. Quite a year ahead as Sally and Dayne will be doing their usual cruising and also hope to get together with **Betty**



Front Row, Left to Right: Nancy Root Smith, Karen Huisking Coffey, Vera (Penny) Wingeier Sullivan, Mary Donoghue Bruegen. Back Row, Left to Right: Claire Callahan Johannesen, Barbara Gibson South, Francie S. Russell, Rosie Van Gelderen Lyons, Maureen Murphy Sheehan, Mary Jo Day Knauf

Christopher Elmore and husband Richard at a home Notre Dame Football game in fall 2015. They have missed the yearly get together the past few years but plan to get back on track in 2015. Sally concluded her news by asking fellow classmates to follow her example and "Just remember to keep practicing those 'beep, beep' for the 'Alive in 5', our next and 50 year Reunion."

I have not included much about myself in recent reports but will do so now with the time and space and some distance from the experience of the last days of my mother's long and wonderful life. She had continued to enjoy family gatherings in the summer months (wedding, two birthdays and our 44th Anniversary) and into the Fall, including a wedding of a great-great niece on October 3 and the October 4 Stanford game watch at the home of her only granddaughter, **Elizabeth Christopher Palaksy DiPoalo '06**. The pain she had been having since September turned out not to be from arthritis but from gall stones. Mom did not hesitate to schedule the surgery for October 14 and seemed to recover well but then had medical issues that sent her back to the hospital and then kept her in rehab for most of the rest of the fall semester. She still very much of sound mind and wanted to join Richard and me again for our annual winter vacation on Oahu so we were able to celebrate Christmas and New Year's there with her. We had expected Mom to return with us to NJ so were very surprised and saddened that this was not to be when she died on January 5. Richard and I were with her in the hospital where I slept in her room the last three nights, Richard was able to work with the local mortuary and the one we had always planned to use in NJ and Mom was able to fly back with us although not in the seat next to me in the main cabin. We were able to honor what we knew as her wishes for the two days of wake and funeral service which was held on her 102nd birthday. We laid Mom to her perpetual rest next to my father who had died on December 18, 1976 and then celebrated her life at the repast attended by more than 50 friends and family members.

While I remain active in the Gerontology Program at the now Richard Stockton University of NJ, this is not real preparation for living the experiences of eldercare or the dying and death of a loved one. I am serving the second year of a two year term as an At Large Member of the Executive Committee of the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education and had the opportunity at the Annual Meeting to meet and talk with Dr. JoAnn Burke of the Saint Mary's Social Work Department who is doing so much to promote Gerontology Education there. We will both be serving as members of the Public Policy Committee of AGHE. This spring semester I began my first of a five semester term as Director of the Stockton Center for Economic and Financial Literacy (www.stockton.edu/scefl) and am currently planning the live streaming on campus of the Ninth National Financial Literacy Summit (<http://www.practicalmoneyskills.com/summit2015/>) held in Chicago.

Richard has been retired since July and we are planning to travel to Saint Mary's a weekend in April and take an Alaskan Cruise in May with our god-child and niece **Elizabeth Christopher Palaksy DiPoalo '06** and her spouse Rocco. Then we look forward to the summer months living as we have for most summers since 1990 at Mom's house and

spending long days into the evening at the shore in Sea Bright, NJ which has made a tremendous comeback since SuperStorm Sandy. Next fall, we plan to go to at least one ND home game on campus joined by Sally and Dayne Clemmer and any other classmates who may care to do so, the home game against Boston College at Fenway Park.

I welcome any news anytime sent to econprofessor@aol.com but please use the subject line: SMCBelles68.

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Hello, friends! Several classmates so kindly answered my request for news. As always I was struck by the heartfelt replies I received and will share the messages right away!

Congratulations to **Ann Hollander Sedlacek** who wrote to say she was thrilled to finally be a grandma. "Our son Joe and his wife Denise are proud parents of Lucas Lee Sedlacek."

As I write this column on April 1st, our classmate **K.T. Cannon-Eger** is again on the move. She wrote to say she was heading out to Japan for a short visit to cherry blossoms and gardens in Hiroshima, Miyajima, Kobe, and Kyoto from April 1st - 11th. K.T. added, "In late June my husband and I will attend retirement ceremonies for our son who has spent his (first) career in the U.S. Army. I'll be in the Midwest in August for the 50th high school class reunion at Muskegon Catholic Central."

Cathy Lund Moore reported a busy week of preparations for her husband Steve's (ND '67) 70th birthday party. "Our four children were all here to celebrate in south FL as well as Steve's four siblings and their spouses. Steve sold his car dealerships in south FL and bought a Chevrolet dealership in Charlotte, NC, so he now commutes to NC every week. Our oldest son, Steve, Jr., works there as well along with Natalie, our 3rd child. Our daughter Keller lives down the street from us and is married to Tom Lanahan (ND '93), and they are the parents of our three granddaughters. Our youngest son also lives nearby."

From **Kate Garrity Leatherman**:

"**Nan Raaf** hosted a holiday gathering for CO classmates and visitors, including **Susie Martin, Kathy Ellis Prescott, Mary Ann Tavary, Mary Alice Herod Lajoie, Kate Garrity Leatherman, Joyce Kenny Young, Nan Raaf, and Ann Hollander Sedlacek**. The CO group gets together monthly to make quilts for charity. Nan and Mary Ann are the world travelers — Japan, Croatia, and Central America."

It always makes me smile to report such an active account of "retired life" which is exactly what **Nan Raaf** has. It is the antithesis of the original conception of a laid-back, slowed down style for sure. Nan wrote, "I just got back from a delightful and informative trip to Japan, in spite of the un-spring-like weather. My Saint Mary's Facebook friends got to see a few of my photos along the way and determinedly worked together to get me in touch on the phone with **Kathleen M. Schmitz** who is phasing out her teaching duties as an English teacher in Tokyo. Kathy and I reminisced about the 5,000 mile, five week driving trip from Chicago to the Yucatan Peninsula in Mexico that we made together in her Camaro

without a/c in the early 70s. We admitted we were more naïve than brave and very lucky to accomplish all that we did on that trip. Last year a first grade friend of mine and I decided to see Vietnam — highly recommended. Her husband was not interested in going back after his free, government-sponsored trip as a young adult. Our extended, accidental layover in Tokyo led to this year's trip to Japan. I looked up **Georgia Florin Gasner** when I was in San Francisco a year ago. Two days with Georgia is always an upper. She introduced me to Francis, her first grandchild and to her daughter Emily. **Kate Garrity Leatherman, Kathy Ellis Prescott, Susie Martin, Mary Ann Tavary, Joyce Kenny Young** and I often get together in the Denver area. **Ann Hollander Sedlacek** and **Mary Alice Herod Lajoie** come to town often to visit their married children... and us. We are waiting for **Sally Strobel Ladky** and any other classmates to get in touch when they are in CO. It is a beautiful state, and we make it even more interesting. I have retired 13 times from my teaching duties and have 2 more months of a special, non-subbing assignment before my final teaching license expires. Because of my library experience, I got carried away passing on the old family photos. My initial two month, 20 page project turned into a 144 page book that took me over a year and a half to finish. I learned so much about my motivated ancestors during my research. I was amazed at what I found online in the Notre Dame Archives about my great-grandfather and his brother who were enrolled in the Junior Department (high school) at Notre Dame in the early 1880s. Little did young Henry David Hibbler know that I would see his final exam grade for 1883. He was the first of the 25 people in the last five generations of our family to attend either Saint Mary's, Notre Dame, or Holy Cross College."

Our next contributor, **Diane Smith Rigaux**, emailed her news, though I am not sure from where! "Armand and I continue to be gypsies. He is a locum tenens physician, so we spend about 7 months each year on the road, from AZ to the gulf states to NC, while he provides temporary medical coverage where needed. The other five months we split, very contentedly not working, among New Orleans, Lake Michigan, Maui and Buenos Aires. Every Christmas our family (brother Tony and sisters **Pam Smith Malone '66** and **Connie Smith Barker '73**) always gather at our Mother's house in Florence, AL. Mama is 93 and very energetically enjoying life. I am looking forward to coming to our 50th reunion in 2019."

Therese Ambrusko moved last May from San Francisco to San Diego which is why she was unable to attend our Reunion. "I was so sorry I had to miss it! My husband is working for a biotech company here. I must admit the weather is great! I stopped practicing law 15 years ago, but the last six years I have been working as a recruiter for a private equity firm that owns software companies. I recruit entry level software developers. At least now I kind of know what Java is. We have one daughter. She is graduating from Stanford this June. She wants to work in baseball operations for a major league team. Last fall she got to work for the SF Giants in the post season — all the way through the World Series. My family has never fully recovered from my sister's murder. Her sons are 28 and 26 now. We are all very close to them and try hard to make up for my sister's absence, but there is certainly no replacing her. I still treasure our



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years at Saint Mary's. If anyone is near San Diego, please let me know. I would love to see you."

Another classmate sent news from CA as well.

Sally L. Davis sent her update from Lafayette, CA, the "East Bay" area of San Francisco. "I am married to a General and Vascular Surgeon, Greg Rhodes. I am a practicing Cardiologist. We both work at John Muir Med Center. We had four beautiful children. Our oldest, Jessica, is graduating from UC Davis Med School in June and plans to practice Family Medicine in an under-served area. She is married to Ian Fein who is a lawyer, and they have two of our grandchildren — Jack, three years old, and Annabelle, four months old. Both Ian and Jess graduated from UC Berkeley. Our older son Jake is a Public Defender in San Jose, as is his wife Meghan, and they have our third grandchild, Cecily who is a one year old. The grandchildren are just so much fun to watch grow. We had a son John who died in a car accident at the age of 18 in 2002, two months before graduating from high school; he was going to row on the crew team for UC Berkeley and was a wonderful bright star in all of our lives. We have a scholarship in his memory at UC Berkeley, and they have a crew shell named for him. A loss such as this is the gigantic hole in our hearts that we have learned to live with, with the love and support of friends and family. Our youngest, Jane, is in Teach for America and about to be married this summer to Andy Martin. She will start Law School at UC Davis this fall. I am sure most of the class will wonder about my wonderful twin sister Susan who was with us at our freshman year at Saint Mary's and transferred to Trinity College in Washington, DC. She went on to have a highly successful career in art. She had 16 New Yorker covers, a great number of covers for the Washington Post magazine and illustrated multiple children's books. Her fine art was exhibited in several shows in Washington, DC, and she did exquisite mural work in private homes. One such project for Ben Bradlee and Sally Quinn of the Washington Post was featured in Architectural Digest. Susan was diagnosed with a brain tumor in 1998 and died at the end of 1999. The loss of an identical twin is indescribable pain, and she remains very vivid in our memories; her paintings all over the walls of our homes are part of her legacy. She was married to Robert Barkin who was art director for the Washington Post, and they had one daughter, Jaimie, who was married last summer. In contrast to these great losses, I



Two classmates from '69 meeting in Chicago last Oct. Eileen Hayes Sutter who lives in Chicago and K.T. Cannon-Eger who was visiting from Hawaii.

have still had a life very full of blessings and joy. I took great comfort in thinking that my sister Susan was there in Heaven to be with John when he died. I like to think that we can all grow from experiences like this although we don't wish them to happen to anyone else. I am sure many of our classmates have had challenges like this."

In closing I want to again express my gratitude for those of you who took the time to share your updates which also affirm your devotion to our college and our class in particular. I know we will continue to hold one another in our hearts and prayers. God bless!

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I am still on adrenalin high from attending our 45th class reunion! We had a great turnout — 53 classmates altogether attended one or more events. I cannot name all in this column but I do want to thank **Helen (Dee) Martin Huie** for getting **Bridget Mooney Phillips**, **Lucy Salas Riebling**, and **Sheila Slattery Leete** back once again, as well as **Mary Asman Laramore**, **Susan Bourdin Roffmann**, **Jane Hobson**, **Marie Mirro Edmonds**, **Cecile Naulty Heimann**, **Mary Noell Rooks**, **Rosemary Nugent Hanratty**, **Jane Sullivan Kneeland**, **Ann Toffanetti Schumacher**, and **Diane Wallace McKee** for joining us this reunion be it your first or the first in a long time! I also want to note those of you who were at our 35th and/or 40th Reunions but were unable to attend this Reunion, you were missed! Hopefully you will be with us for our 50th!

Thanks to **Rosemarie Rinella Stocky's** persistence, we were able to enjoy our own class dinner at the Hilton Garden Inn on Friday night. As this was not a college sponsored event, it was funded by our classmates — thank you to all who contributed to make this happen! Ken Koehler (husband of **Sara Bateman Koehler**) was designated as the event photographer and did a wonderful job! One of **Louanne Scanlon Mauro's** daughters (**Jeanine Mauro Stricker '01**) and Peter Kessenich (**Ronnie Henry Kessenich's** husband) also joined us for this special evening. **Addie Stefanac Cashore** made sure our hospitality suite was set up and ready and helped to keep track of classmates who would be attending our special Friday night dinner. We had a special video made of the four years we shared at Saint Mary's to share at this special dinner. I have sent out the links for both the video and the dinner pictures to everyone on my Class of 1970 email mailing list. If you are not on that list and want to be included or would just like the links to view these dinner pictures and video, please email me at karen.mccarty@comcast.net.

Other highlights of the weekend included the Friday afternoon special class breakout session led by **Diane Wallace McKee**, **Pam Carey Batz**, **Ronnie Henry Kessenich**, and **Kathy Yuhus Kwinn** on how we are dealing with the challenges we are now facing as we enter this next phase of our lives. The sharing was incredible and was one more opportunity for us to reconnect! Once again, we were able to honor one of our classmates at the Saturday night reunion banquet — **Pam Carey Batz** was awarded the Distinguished Alumna award — personally, I could not be more pleased — Pam was my sophomore year roommate and really is responsible for bringing me back into the SMC fold, for which I will be forever indebted!

Lots of catching up and sharing happened over this special weekend at meals, walking and talking and in our class hospitality suite. Several of our classmates **Marie Mirro Edmonds** brought a mini skirt that she had worn in our years at SMC that she shared in our hospitality room. We all had a good laugh and could not believe we were ever that tiny! In addition, **Sue Strittmatter Sandeen** had double knee replacement and spent several months in rehab therapy so she could join us for Reunion. Talk about going the extra mile!

As would be expected, we now have a number of classmates who have retired or are about to (**Kathy Bernard Franzel** and **Becky O'Connor Chandler** are on the horizon) with only a minority of us still working, and many who have or are in the process of downsizing and/or moving to new locations — **Pat O'Hara Gable**, **Sara Bateman Koehler**, **Rosemarie Rinella Stocky**, **Bridget Mooney Phillips**, **Patty Scully Keane**, and **Prudence Wear Farrell** to name a few. Most of our classmates now have grandchildren — usually in the multiples and some were adding to their family during the weeks coming up to or shortly after Reunion weekend: **Rosemarie Rinella Stocky**, **Sheila Slattery Leete**, and **Nancy Delaney Nesbit** who at this writing is still waiting for her newest grandchild to arrive. **Ronnie Henry Kessenich's** son Peter and his wife are now expecting their first child. **Donna Halbert Bachtel** has the honor of being the first great grandmother in our class!

During reunion weekend, **Pam Carey Batz** was keeping in touch with her youngest daughter, **Catherine Ardath Batz '12**, who has just finished her second year at the medical school at University of West VA and was taking her medical boards that weekend. This past spring, **Rosemarie Rinella Stocky's** daughter, Melinda, received her doctorate in higher education in Boston (while raising four children) and **Gwen Gill Caranchini's** daughter, Kelly (who has two daughters), is starting her research project to complete her doctorate specializing in using the arts to promote learning with special needs students.

Kathy Yuhus Kwinn is three quarters of the way to meet her goal of swimming a mile non-stop.

Mary Catherine (Cathy) Collet continues her consulting work and is also very involved in the fight against ALS after losing her mom to this disease almost 20 years ago. She is also very interested in the e-patient changing healthcare today.

Lucy Salas Riebling reported that she had her niece visiting from Bolivia and they had two very busy and fun months here, but due to the winter weather on the east coast, they saw far too many museums! Lucy is still working part time. Lucy's husband, Bill, just retired four months ago.

Judy Johnson Crates was unable to attend Reunion because her daughter and grandchildren were arriving from Barcelona to visit for the summer but hopes to attend our 50th.

Patti J. Walters, **Rosemarie Rinella Stocky** and I were able to get together for a long and delightful lunch this past spring. Unfortunately, **Judy Johnson Crates** was not able to join us. We definitely want to continue these get-togethers. If you live in the Bay Area CA, let me know if you want to be included!

Sally Bertoldi Lewis was on our missing in action list. She has now been located and has a very successful consulting practice in Christ Church New Zealand. Hopefully we will be able to get her back for our 50th!!

Travel wise, in the past five months, **Ronnie Henry Kessenich** and Peter Kessenich have taken a river cruise to Amsterdam, **Pat O'Hara Gable** and Steve Gable have taken a river cruise from Switzerland to Austria, and **Pam Carey Batz** and Bill Batz have spent two weeks in France. I am so jealous — I use this word because envy is a sin!

Unfortunately, I also have sad news to share. Four of our classmates who were at Reunion are either in treatment for / or in remission with breast cancer. We also have several other classmates going through treatment for other serious illnesses. We received news during Reunion weekend that **Elizabeth J. Casey** has been diagnosed with lung cancer. Liz had just left for Australia on Easter weekend to enjoy her new husband's (a former ND flame) sabbatical in Australia but was not feeling well once she got there. Liz subsequently came back to the US after three weeks. From all reports, she is responding well to treatment. I have forwarded Liz's email and mailing addresses to my Class of 1970 email mailing List. If she did not receive this email and want to reach out to Liz, just email me for her contact information.

I am now working with several of our classmates to create an SMC Class of 1970 Prayerline. We will have more details as this comes together — the intent is that the prayers of 150+ classmates are powerful. We will set up a way for any of our classmates to add your names and/or others whom you want us to pray for. No reason will be needed unless you want to provide that information. We will share the details as we get ready to launch.

To all — you are the best! For those who attended Reunion, it was so great to see you and reconnect! For those who were not able to join us, please give serious thought to joining us for our 50th! In the meantime, because life is just too short, give some thought to also having mini Reunions in different regions. A group of us started doing this after our 40th and we were able to get together twice between our 40th and 45th reunions. What a blessing because we lost one of those classmates **Barbara Morrin Cook** during that time.

Take care all!



Members of the class of 1970 gather together at Reunion 2015

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I have many friends who are not fans of Facebook. Some people think it is an invasion of privacy, etc. I am not a fanatic about posting my every activity, but do post a photo of me with friends or family once in a while. However, there is a wonderful side to social media. It has given me the opportunity to connect with a number of college friends. I truly enjoy seeing wonderful classmates on Facebook and learning a little more about their lives. I also love looking at their photos and realizing that we have aged.

One new Facebook friend is **Ann Radford Foster** who lives in Novato, CA, about 30 miles north of San Francisco. She moved there to be closer to her daughter, Katie. She also has a son, Rob Kunzler, and three grandkids in Wilmette. Ann had a lot of posts about the Mens' NCAA college basketball finals and is obviously a fan of many teams. She is originally from Oshkosh, so she was rooting for University of WI. She posted that she was conflicted about who to choose when the Irish played Butler since she also lived in Indianapolis for 30 years. And she was thrilled with Notre Dame's success and had positive comments about their loss to Louisville. We all agree with you, Ann — it was a great game and is a great program. Ann has stayed best friends with **Mary Bernath Petrosky**. Mary has been in Canfield, OH for almost twenty years. She and husband, Chuck, have two daughters. Chuck is retired and Mary will do so soon.

I have also connected with **Susan Godfroy Romine**. She and her husband, Terry, crossed a trip off their bucket list by visiting the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show. She said the extreme cold weather was a challenge for them — they are from Sarasota, FL. Her Facebook photos of the dogs were fun to see! Susan was looking forward to a visit from **Celine Jordan Osborn** and forwarded a wonderful photo. One of her posts had a fabulous picture of her, Terry and friends at the Sarasota Ballet Gala.

Maureen Callan Fischer sent an update of her life. She lives in Edina Prairie, Minnesota with husband, Curt. Maureen says she had her children late in life - her photos show two very handsome sons. The youngest, Steven, just graduated from the University of MN with a B.A. in Journalism. Last January, he headed down to Mexico City to be an English teacher and practice his Spanish. Maureen attended an Alumnae Dinner/Fundraiser last fall with Jim (ND '72) and **Ginger Birkovich Anderson**. They enjoyed sitting with **Carol Mooney** and reminiscing about Angers. Maureen was very impressed with the amazing accomplishments of Carol and the amount of money she has raised for Saint Mary's. Maureen left advertising and now writes website copy and marketing communications for Maureenink Marketing. Last summer, she spent three weeks in Uganda with African Mission Outreach — her first visit there. She took side trips to Murchison Falls National Park and Kaberga Falls and saw all of the amazing African animals. It must have been an amazing trip!

Bill and **Claire Mignelli Hughes** escaped the NJ winter with several trips including one to see me in southern FL. We drove down to Worth Avenue in Palm Beach and looked at all of the



Photo of Celine Jordan Osborn (married to Charlie Osborn ND '71) and Susan Godfroy Romine at Susan's house following dinner. It was Celine's first time in Florida.

fabulous stores. The weather was beautiful and it was great to see them both.

Over the years, my group of friends planned a trip every five years to celebrate our "big" birthdays. As time passes, we are going whenever anyone suggests a location! We are meeting in NYC after Memorial Day this year. We did a similar trip many years back and loved every minute of it — all planned with detail by **Maura T. Carroll**. So we decided to return in honor of our "welcome to Medicare" birthday. We will stay in the city for two nights and then head out to NJ and the homes of **Claire Mignelli Hughes** and **Heather Tripucka Carr**. While in the city, we will see a play, visit the 9/11 Memorial, and celebrate being together. Also attending will be **Janet Teichen McHugh**, **Martha Ann Coyne**, **Mary (Kate) Berney Werring** and **Chris Newland Ketterhagen**. We will miss **Frances Spinks Caver** who has a work conflict.

By the time this is published, the nasty, cold winter will be a distant memory. Once again, I wish all of you a fabulous birthday celebration. The marvelous Class of '72 only gets better! As always, I send all of you my love.

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From the Courier Office:

Want to see more news from your classmates? We are currently looking for a new class reporter for the class of 1977. Contact Shay Jolly '05 at hjolly@saintmarys.edu to find out how you can volunteer!

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As I write this article we are about to welcome spring and I forgot about the anticipation associated with the snow melting and the trees budding. I only wish that spring lasted a bit longer than it normally does.

My husband, George and I are thrilled to return home to northeast OH with family and friends. As my parents age it is crucial to be available to help them. My daughter, Lesley, 31, is now living here as well and it is comforting to know that we are always available to lend a hand. Lesley is a Sales Representative for DePuy Orthopedics for the past 3 years. She sold her house and is moving to downtown Cleveland as so many people are doing these days. Cleveland is enjoying a wonderful rebirth and it is fantastic to be a part of it.

In February, we had the pleasure of celebrating **Suzy Plavac Heidkamp's** father, George's

90th birthday in northeast Ohio. It was a beautiful party and I enjoyed catching up with Suzy's sister Marianne Plavac Sweeney came in from Marlton, NJ. Marianne studied at Saint Mary's and was always a wonderful big sister to all of us and we are blessed to have known each other since high school. Terrence and Suzy put on quite a feast and we were thrilled to be a part of it. Suzy has been dealing with health issues with both of her parents and wrote to me today: "Pray that God won't give me more than I can handle but He keeps testing me." So many of us are in this situation and we should pray for one another regularly. She now works as an elder care advocate and understands the many issues of affecting our families. Suzy and Terry's youngest daughter, Genevieve is graduating from ND this year. Daughters Lisa and Erin both live in the Chicago area and Suzy spends lots of quality time with Erin's children. Their son George is still working for ESPN in CT and seeing the world in his travels with the company.

I was attending to my 84 year old mother in Naples, FL for 3 weeks in February and was able to sneak out to spend time with **Sheila Mathew Wales** and Mark Regan. We had plenty of time to reminisce and visit. Sheila shared a story about a smoky BBQ on the balcony of Holy Cross involving former residents of 4th floor McCandless, **Jo Ann Baggiano Hunter**, **Suzy Plavac Heidkamp** and **Kathleen A. Groskopf** to name a few! I heard that one of that same bunch commandeered security to help bring a heavy trunk of "books" up to 4th floor McCandless our freshman year to help prepare for a party. We laughed and really enjoyed our time together. During that same time frame I visited with **Catherine Lawless Gaudreau** and **Sandra Cipriano McAndrew** who were both in Naples and saw a post I made on Facebook with Sheila so they contacted me to get together. Facebook does have its advantages! Sadly, Catherine lost both of her parents within months of each other so she was thankful for the support of her dear friend Sandra who winters in Jupiter. Catherine and Bill have three children. Kristen age 32 lives in NYC and has a 20-month old son, Patrick. She attended ND and was an accountant, but not working at the moment. Andrew, age 31, attended ND, and is an attorney, living and working in Baltimore. Kelly, age 27, is a neonatal intensive care nurse. She got married two years ago to Luke Lucyk, also an ND grad, and they live in Milwaukee. I speak with Sandra often and her three kids are also doing great. Her daughter Kelly and husband Ryan are raising two boys, Tim, 4, and Andy, 2, in Mission Hills, KS. Kelly is still working for Care Fusion selling Respiratory Instruments. Her son Mark is in the SF Bay area working for Andreessen Horowitz a VC firm. We were able to see him when we lived there and he loves the west coast. David is a stock broker with Morgan Stanley in Providence, RI. They do get together in FL for the holidays and as often as possible.

So, while visiting with these lovely ladies we had multiple conversations about planning a class of '78 group 60th birthday celebration. How does March 2016 in Naples, FL sound? Please talk to your friends and get a consensus and email me with your thoughts and the number of girls in your party and the number of days we should enjoy. I am happy to plan the event as I did our 50th in Chicago for a smaller group. I need everyone's help. We thought it would be a great place to be in March. Please email me at susan.salem@gmail.com. Many thanks to **Michelle Roberge** and our beloved late **Maria-**

Lisa Mignanelli Brown for years of dedication to keeping the class of '78 updated. I am happy to take some of the responsibility but I REALLY need your input. Please send me updates, exciting events, family goings on to help make this article interesting. I am nearly out of Reunion updates to publish and they are a bit dry so please help make this a fun read for all. Thank you.

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I was so pleased to hear from **Mary Beth Higgins Williams** and **Colleen (Cokie) O'Brien Scheidler**! They both gave me a quick update on their lives.

I hope that more of you will drop me a line at jpmurphy@flash.net so that I can include you in the next class column.

Mary Beth Higgins Williams and her husband Ron live in Glen Carbon, IL where Mary Beth practices law and is currently serving a four-year term as a Village trustee. Ron is a retired Army colonel, engineer and attorney. The Williams' enjoy traveling. Alberta, CAN and Central Europe were their 2014 destinations.

Last October Mary Beth met up with several classmates for a mini-reunion in Nashville, (Brown County) IN. "We have met annually for the last couple of years and look forward to many more mini-reunions," Mary Beth wrote. Those who attended were **Mary Anne Dempsey Poinsett, Barbara (Bunny) Blankenburg Kiep, Pam Eisenlohr Moul, Maria Tan Mitchell** and **Susan McKinney**.

Colleen (Cokie) O'Brien Scheidler and her husband, Bill, have six children (three boys and three girls) and one grandchild. She works as an RN in the Emergency and Trauma Center at the IN University Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis. She also substitutes as a school nurse.



Last October Mary Beth Higgins Williams met up with several classmates for a mini-reunion in Nashville (Brown County) Indiana. Left to right in photo: Mary Anne Dempsey Poinsett, Susan McKinney, Maria Tan Mitchell, Mary Beth Higgins Williams, Pam Eisenlohr Moul, Barbara (Bunny) Blankenburg Kiep.

The Scheidlers have two daughters getting married this year. Julie (a ND grad) married fellow ND grad, Teddy Ruth, in May. Congrats to the happy couples.

'81

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Greetings Ladies! I have taken over as the Class of 1981 Reporter. A huge thank you to **Cindy Jones Helgason** for doing such a fabulous job of keeping us connected for so many years. I hope to be able to continue her great work.

Unfortunately, I am starting on a sad note. **Mary Whalen McMickle** passed away in March. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family.

From **Catherine Shaughnessy Brennan**: We have reached a milestone as we have paid our last tuition payment for our children's pre-college education. I am looking forward to saying that in four years when we have completed our last college payment! My husband John is finishing up 20+ years of being a law professor and he is now working for a small law firm a block from our house in Okemos, MI. Our eldest son Eddie is finishing his first year of law school at WA University in St. Louis. Our daughter Clare will finish at the University of MI in December and our youngest, Kevin, heads off to (as yet undecided) college to study Nursing, which of course makes me very proud, as unfortunately he can't go to SMC. I continue to work full time as a Clinical Nurse Specialist at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing, MI. With the many recent changes in healthcare it is a very challenging time to be working in a hospital. If your travels bring to MI feel free to stop by.

My marriage to Tim Reed three years ago put me on the fast track to grandparenthood. Our grandson Luka was born 12/13/14. He lives nearby and we see him often, especially since I babysit a couple of mornings during the week.

Beth A. McPherson reports that she is involved with the Los Angeles Alumnae Club to create a College-endorsed Christmas tree ornament. The Club will be selling it online with surplus revenue going toward LA Club Scholarships. For more information go to <http://www.saintmaryslaclub.com/> I have really enjoyed my connection with SMC alumnae in the area. They are an inspiring group of women!

By this time, I hope you've received an email from me requesting news. If you haven't, please email me with your updated contact information. The Class of 1981 also has a Facebook page if you prefer to keep in touch that way. Please keep in touch.

Excelsior

KELLY CRAVEN '83 was named Director of House Operations in Speaker John Boehner's office in 2014. Prior to this appointment she served as Staff Director of House Administration Committee. She is a former chief of staff for then-Rep. Steve Buyer (R-IN), and Deputy Staff Director of the House Veterans Affairs Committee. She also served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Manpower and Reserve Affairs under President George W. Bush, and was a 5th grade teacher at St. James Catholic School in Falls Church, VA. According to Speaker Boehner, "Kelly Craven is a dedicated, experienced public servant and longtime friend of our team."

SHEILA M. CRONIN '71 won the 2015 Beverly Hills International Book Award, in the Holiday category, for her book *The Gift Counselor*. These awards celebrate the physical book in print that has always and will always be a part of American culture. Winners are decided through the consideration of cover and interior design, promotional text, aesthetic components, and other factors that demonstrate outstanding presentation, in addition to the writing.

JEANNE REYNOLDS '83 was honored by the Women's Bar Association Foundation for having demonstrated visionary approaches to their professional accomplishments, while freely giving back to other women and members of the legal profession, and making a contribution to the well-being and empowerment of women as a whole.

JESSICA MCMANUS WARNELL '98 had her book, *Engaging Millennials for Ethical Leadership: What Works for Young Professionals and Their Managers*, published by Business Expert Press in February.

SARAH MIESLE '07 was recently honored with the Robin Hartman writing award, which is presented to a Sports Information Director in the MIAA for their extraordinary contributions and outstanding writing in a sports information capacity. Sarah won the award for a short story about a first year basketball player, Kelsey Trimble, who participated in the "Bald and the Beautiful" initiative at Notre Dame for those battling cancer.

CHARMAINE S. TORMA and **KELLI ANN FOLEY '02** were named as members of the 2015 Michiana Forty Under 40. The program shines the spotlight on 40 of the area's most talented and dedicated young executives, professionals, and leaders who demonstrate career success and community engagement.

JEANNE CHOQUEHUANCA '08 has been selected as one of five recipients of the USAID Donald M. Payne International Development Graduate Fellowship. This fellowship will enable her to pursue a full-time Master in Community Planning at the University of Maryland-College Park and will lead into an appointment with USAID Foreign Service.

'82

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I've been working with the SMC Los Angeles Alumnae Club on a new fundraising project. It's a beautiful Christmas ornament that depicts "The Avenue." The proceeds will go towards LA student scholarships. It can be ordered through the web site, <http://www.saintmaryslaclub.com/>.

Paul (ND '82) and I went back in February for ND Junior Parents' weekend. I was delighted to meet **Barbara Raff Wolff '75**. Her son Adrian Wolff and my son Paul Hurley are good friends and roommates in O'Neill Hall. Adding to the weekend of festivities, the Wolffs brought with them a taste of their native Bolivia, a Fine Dark Chocolate bar for each of us.

'83

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Greetings to Class of 1983! We don't have a lot of news this issue, but for anyone who hasn't submitted news in a while (or ever!) I do have an inspiration from **Mary F. Patrick**: "I have been thinking about writing in for about 30 years or so! I am currently working for Lockheed Martin and living just outside of Washington, D.C. I would love to get together from other alums in the D.C. area!"

Monica Gugle Graffeo writes that she joined **Amy Lowden Saletta, Julie Kanak Rigali, Mary Stauder Keefe, and Ellen Placey Wadey** for a mini-reunion in Nashville in February. "Though the weather was a little cold (and icy) for that area, we had a blast catching up and getting to see a bit of the great venues Nashville has to offer!"

For anyone who wants to see more class news next time, this is your cue to send me an update! Twice a year I send out requests for news — if you're not getting my emails it's because I don't have your correct address, so feel free to send me your current address. Thanks!

'84

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Greetings, Classmates! Hope all is well with you. Thanks to everyone who sent me their news.

From **Alicia Ojascastro Behrmdt**: Last May, thirty years after our own graduation, my daughter, Allison, graduated from Notre Dame. It was a wonderful weekend of celebrations! The last MI football game was a "mini-reunion" for my family. Kevin (ND '82) and I drove from St. Louis, Allison joined us from Cleveland, and our son, Ryan, and his friends made the road trip from Xavier University. The awesome added bonus was that **Jennifer Luttrell** was able to join us also. It was great to have us all together to see the Irish crush the Wolverines!

Janice Dwyer Wiggins writes, this March, I was honored to receive a Certificate of Appreciation from International President Joe Preston for outstanding service to the District 1-A Lions Global Leadership Team. This award, which is the 4th highest award for Lions Clubs International, is given in

recognition of distinguished achievements in fulfilling the mission of Lions Clubs International. Thank you District Governor Terry DSouza for nominating me — I am humbled. Congrats, Janice!

Ann vonWahlde Fink sent this quick note from St. Louis: We are in the process of obtaining an ultralight 17' camper to extend our years of tent camping and thousands of trips across the continent with our dogs. This will open up the long requested blog series on how to find happiness at your feet and beauty in all you see and do. 2015 is a year of new beginnings.

In November, I joined Janice, **Mary Rymarquis Stiglmeier, Karen Wagner Lewis** and **Anne Archibald Deutsch** in South Bend for the ND/Louisville game. It was cold and chilly but we had a great time! I flew into Chicago and Janice and I made a quick stop at the Museum of Contemporary Art to see the David Bowie exhibit. It was fascinating! We all met for our annual stay at the Inn at Saint Mary's! We headed back to Chicago on Sunday and **Angie Sleeper Helmstetter** met us for dinner!

Happy spring, everyone! Email me with any class info: joe131@msn.com.

'86

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Laura Ingallinera Cody and Bill are doing well in Wilton, CT. Their son Billy, a Boston College alumnus, married Ruth O'Donnell in September, 2013 and are living in Alexandria, VA. Laura and Bill are thrilled with their new daughter-in-law. Son Tommy, a Providence College graduate, is pursuing his Masters in English Literature at University of South Carolina, after the challenge of teaching at a high school in Haiti for a year. Daughter, Lauren, is a senior Art History and Studio Art double major at Boston College, and is gearing up for her senior art portraiture show and graduation. Laura says she thoroughly enjoys teaching art classes to grade school children in Regina Pacis Academy.

Julie Lackner Ryan and Paul (ND'86) are busy in the Chicago suburbs. Their son Raper is a student at Lewis University, and daughter Claire is at Butler University. Sons Kevin and Jack are at Nazareth HS. We got to visit with Julie and Paul at an ND tailgate this fall.

Marci Woods Kilpatrick and Kevin (ND'86) were in South Bend between a new overseas assignment last summer and we got to catch up over margaritas. Kevin is now stationed with the state department and living in Zimbabwe with Marci and their high school aged son, Aiden! Son Liam is freshman at Marquette University, daughter Eileen is a senior at Purdue, son Quinn graduated from ND and is now training with the Marines. Oldest son, Connor and his wife Casey, both West Point graduates, are on assignment in Hawaii. I witnessed Marci's high level of organization as she prepared for the move to Zimbabwe, and I was in awe! Marci says she is also working at the embassy and they are all "enjoying our time here in Harare."

Joining us for margaritas were **Corinne Flores DeTrempe** and Chris (ND'86), who live in Granger, IN. Corinne works at Christ the King School as a PreK teacher, Chris works in development at ND. Their two sons, Lou and Will are at St Joseph HS, and



Classmates from the class of 1986 seized an opportunity when they were all together, to recreate a picture taken back during their time at Saint Mary's (photo old/new)

are friends with our daughter Megan. Corinne and Chris have two who are studying at Notre Dame, Molly, a junior, and Sam, a freshman. Oldest son Ben and wife Meg, both West Point graduates, moved to Fort Bragg, NC where he is a First Lieutenant and flies the Blackhawk helicopter. So cool! Corinne and I get together regularly and our circle of friends locally intersects often, which is great for me!

Susie Miller Schilling and Nick (ND'86) celebrated their daughter Katherine and Christian Clark's beautiful wedding in July 2014 in Kansas City. The happy couple lives in Boston. Their son Patrick will wed Alexandra Bronska in her hometown of Scottsdale, AZ in April 2015. Their daughter Megan enjoyed her semester in London and is back at Notre Dame for her junior year. Their son Nicholas graduated from ND in May 2014 and is enrolled in Notre Dame Law School. Youngest son, Christopher, is a high school junior and talented football player. Susie enjoys being a life coach for clients nationally.

Jeanne T. Grammens is a Campus Ministry Director at Marian University in Indianapolis. Her oldest son, Nicholas, is in Harvard Law School. Daughters, Gabrielle and Madeline are students at Saint Mary's College and both have taken advantage of the wonderful study abroad programs that the college offers. **Gabrielle Therese Hidalgo '15** studied two semesters in Rome, and **Madeline Grace Hidalgo '17** in Madrid for a semester. Youngest son, Tomas, is at Cathedral High. Jeanne and I get to visit when she is in town to drop off her daughters, which is a real bonus for me!

Mike (ND'85) and I are doing well in Granger. Mike is teaching business practicum in the engineering college at ND, which he loves. Megan is a senior at St Joseph HS and is running on cross country and track teams. She is finalizing her college decision. Daughter Catherine is a sophomore at Notre Dame studying mechanical engineering. Son Brendan is working in the golf department at Dick's here in the South Bend area. Catherine and I ran a 10K race together at ND this spring, which was a lot of fun. I watched her speed away from the starting line and she cheered me to the finish line! Please send me an update for next time! God bless!

'88

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Katy Kronenberg Penna and **MaryKay Kathleen Scheid** report that they are involved with the Los Angeles Alumnae Club to create a College-endorsed Christmas tree ornament. The Club will be selling it online with surplus revenue going toward the LA club Scholarship. For more information go to <http://www.saintmaryslclub.com>.

But given that Mary Kay would be traveling out of the country when the class reports were due for the *Courier* deadline, she asked me to put together the Class of '88 news. Being a freelance writer and a stay at home mom, I turned to the Internet.

Greetings from MD and the Saint Mary's College Class of 1988 Facebook page, where we find **Colleen Harty Taricani** working at the UC Irvine School of Law as the Assistant Dean for Communications. She also gave a shout out to **Erin Haggerty Antonietti**, who she saw in Chicago as they wandered around "Eatily" recalling their year at Saint Mary's in Rome. Also visiting Chicago, **Nancy Fazio Finn** connected with **Debora Lee VanOoteghem**, **Jamie Smith Taradash**, **Kathleen Mary Moran** and **Heather Hypes O'Bryan**.

Just a short drive away, **Suzy Spurr Nagy** sent an email to let people know, she's been living in Indianapolis for the last 15 years. "Before that my family spent about 6 years in Asia with my husband's company, Eli Lilly, (2 1/2 in Taiwan and 3 in Thailand). My husband, Mark Nagy is ND Class of '85. We have 3 children. Our oldest daughter, Alex graduated from ND last year (2014). She is now living in Indy working for Maxim Healthcare Services. Our middle son, Matthew, will graduate in May from ND (2015). He has taken a job with Mu Sigma and will spend 3-6 months training in India before coming back to the U.S. to work and our youngest son, Nicholas, is deciding on college now... I have been a stay at home mom for a long time and have enjoyed every minute of it!! Well, almost every minute. I have done a lot of volunteering and been very engaged in the kids' many activities over the years. I now have to figure out the next phase for me as we become empty nesters this fall. I was able to have dinner and catch up with **Angie Teeple Connors** while she was in town last year for a class." She also keeps in touch with **Jennifer Cook Henner** and **Mary Carol Cahill Sullivan**.

Ann Rucker O'Connor checked in from Atlanta where she works at the Center for Disease Control and Prevention as Deputy Director for the Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity.

If you're a member of the Class of 1988 and remember those days when you had to camp out in the basement of the Library to get a computer so you could use your floppy disc, or want to reflect fondly back on those years with people who remember you then, join us on the Facebook page, Saint Mary's College Class of 1988. We won't make you sing out the lyrics from Yaz's "Only You" or quiz you about the menu at Naugles but we'll have some fun remembering those sorts of mo-

ments. There are even proposals of a mini-reunion, of people getting together from the Class of 1988 for a football game at that other university across the street. Come renew your old friendships with your fellow SMC chicks. **Sherry Green Antonetti**

'89

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Where has the year gone? Easter, Memorial Day, and Independence Day have come and gone... and possibly Labor Day, too! Hope everyone had a fun and safe summer.

June brought big changes for **Martha Flick Jungenberg**... after two years in Kathmandu with the U.S. Consulate, the Jungenbergs—Martha, Todd, and family—are now off to Lagos, Nigeria! But first they were back in the U.S. for months of home leave, mostly in WI, Chicago, and MI; with 2-3 weeks in Virginia for evasive driving and using firearms training (yikes!). An addition returned with family: Pumpkin Momo, their adopted street dog from Kathmandu.

The Jungenbergs will spend the next 2 years living on the island of Ikoyi of the coast of Lagos. With school now in session, Sophie, Grace, and Emmalee have started 12th, 8th, and 6th grades, respectively. Martha accepted a position in Information Resources Management in the U.S. Consulate in Lagos. All the best on this next great adventure!

Closer to home, **Jennifer Rourke Sante Soller** welcomed **Rachel Chua** and **Sheila Feeley Dodds** to Pittsburgh for a girls weekend over the first weekend in March. While together, they called Barbara Stautberg, the late **Julia Ann Stautberg's** mom, to catch up with her. The threesome spent the rest of the time eating and drinking at as many hipster bars and restaurants as they could pack into the weekend. Rachel is still practicing in Louisiana and Sheila continues to work at Children's Hospital of WI. Jennifer is in early retirement (or hiatus) from her practice until her kids finish high school. Jennifer loves Facebook as a place to reconnect and stay in touch with all the awesome and hilarious women of the Class of '89. She gives a special "shout out" to Regina 2 South: "You rock!"

Also last March, **Katie Rose Gule** met up for lunch with **Barb Bolla Kopko** when Barb was in OH with her husband, Tom, to cheer for Valparaiso University in the first round of the NCAA basketball tournament. They had a great time and missed seeing **Deanne Wachel Sabatino**, who couldn't join them because she was out of town attending a volleyball tournament for one of her daughters.

Please keep in touch!

'90

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Lots of big news in this update from **Maureen Aboud Shaheen**. First, Maureen married Dan Shaheen in June 2014. As if being a newlywed wasn't news enough, Maureen's cookbook, *Rose Water and Orange Blossoms: Fresh and Classic Recipes from my Lebanese Kitchen*, will be published in April by Running Press. The book is filled with wonderful stories, photos, and recipes and is based on her award-

winning blog by the same name (read it at www.maureenabood.com). She also demonstrated a few recipes for it at the Student Center at our Reunion.

Laura Ann Jacob was unable to make it to Reunion, because she was caring for her newborn adopted twins, Thomas Jacob and Genevieve Mary Wozniak. Both were born in April and joined Laura's family soon after — the best possible reason to miss a Reunion!

Colleen Mooney McGee recently started an exciting, "colorful" new job. She is the Manager of Community and Government Affairs at Crayola. She's loving their corporate culture and the opportunity to work for such a powerful brand. I'm told she is unable to secure discounts on crayons.

Colleen McCarthy Stein wrote to say that her family is doing well in St. Louis. Colleen and her four children attend St. Clement of Rome School. Her youngest child, Patrick, is an active outgoing Kindergartener. **Liz Molinsky Redmond's** sixth grade son, Thomas, is Patrick's sixth grade buddy. They attend mass together and do special projects throughout the school year. It has been a sweet, special friendship between the two boys and both Colleen and Liz have enjoyed reconnecting at their parish. Colleen also reports that she was able to see **Evelina Bartolome Teglia**, **Sara Mantei Broderick** and **Nancy Campbell Tjaden** in the past year.

It was so great to see so many of you at Reunion 2015 — what a marvelous time to reconnect during our Silver Jubilee year (hard to believe). The weather was glorious and so many special events were planned in celebration of our class. I had a terrific time reconnecting with many of my friends in Chicago the night before we headed to South Bend — **Katherine (Kim) Mahoney Barrio**, **Mary Cassidy**, **Sarah Hughes Smith**, **Chrissy Fleming Giesinger**, **Colleen Mooney McGee** and I started the Reunion weekend early by telling stories and laughing long into the night at the Trump Hotel in downtown Chicago. Friday night of Reunion weekend meant a special Class of 1990 dinner, where we were able to reconnect with so many of our classmates. **Patti Marie Weed Bennett** made the trip to Reunion from Rogers, AR, where she is a Senior Manager of Human Resources for Walmart. Shortly after Reunion, Patti caught up with **Doreen Brown**, who is living in Fairfield, CT. Our prayers go to Doreen who recently lost her father, Kenneth Brown, to a long illness. Doreen and her husband, Clifford Tyler, lovingly took care of him throughout his illness.

At Reunion, I was able to catch up with **Anita Knebel Ehmsen** and had so many laughs with her at the cocktail party after our class dinner. Anita is a Facilitator in the Cedar Rapids Community School District and the proud mom of two daughters at Saint Mary's, **Keighley Marie Ehmsen** '18 and her oldest, **Haleigh Marice Ehmsen** '16, who had just won Saint Catherine's Medal — a Saint Mary's award recognizing a sophomore or junior who demonstrates high standards of personal excellence and scholarship and contributes to the College community in the spirit of Christian leadership.

Opus Hall was filled with so many pictures from our 1990 yearbook and **Lynn Marie Daly** brought many more scrapbooks full of pictures too, which were great. Lynn is a Director at HCSC — the parent company of Blue Cross Blue Shield of IL and lives in the Chicago suburbs with her two sons.

Mary Beth Blajda Green is working as Development Director for the Sisters of Christian Charity in

Mendham, NJ. These are the Sisters who educated her throughout high school, so she's pleased to be in a position to help give back. **Deirdre Milon Ralph** made the drive to South Bend from Annapolis, MD, where she lives with her husband, U.S. Navy Captain John Ralph (ND '87) and their six children.

Deirdre helped to coordinate our Silver Jubilee Mass. It was so special to be in LeMans Chapel and see so many friends up there with roles at the Mass. Reunion also gave me the opportunity to connect with **Debbie Weltin Katzbeck**. Debbie is a Project Manager at FutureStep Careers (a division of Korn Ferry) and is the President of One Small Voice Foundation — a not for profit that gives voice to children with Optic Nerve Hypoplasia.

There are many more Reunion tales to tell, but those will wait for the next issue. If you were there, by all means please send me your stories for inclusion in our next Class Report. And for those of you who haven't joined, you've really missed out on some great activity in our SMC '90 Facebook group, so please join the over 150 or so of your classmates already taking part in the fun!

'91

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Colleen Walsh Shelburne and her husband, Cody, will celebrate eight years of marriage in October. They have been living in Atlanta, GA for the past 6 years and their daughter, Cate, will turn six in July. Cody left his job at CNN and moved to TravelPort, where he is a Senior Analyst. Colleen is still working at Turner Broadcasting as an IT Manager and part time with her professional photography business.

Jeni Racine McBride lives in Germantown, TN with her husband, Steve ND Law '97, and their four children, John, 15, Katie, 14, Ben, 11, and Will, 6. Jeni decided that after working in Chicago for a couple years after graduating, that she wanted to go back to school and become a nurse. She went back to SMC for the accelerated nursing program and received her BSN in a year in 1995. She now stays home with her kids and enjoys helping out at all four of their schools, traveling, running, and an occasional triathlon. She sees **Tracy Veeder Simon** from time to time at ND club activities.

After 10 years in the freelancing business, **Kristen Ann Gill** has started her own media company, Kristen Gill Media, which caters to the travel, outdoors, and technology industries. Kristen was invited to visit the lesser-known kingdom of Bhutan on a press trip and will later be visiting Rajasthan, India and Patagonia, Chile on assignment as a travel writer, photographer, and videographer. She also regularly visits Ireland, where she works with tour operators in the adventure travel industry and also gets to visit her sister, **Maureen Gill Emerson '99**, who lives in Ireland with her husband and two children. Her travels have also brought her into contact with other SMC friends this past year, including **Merle "Anna" Stackpoole**, **Megan Margaret Siczek**, **Kristen Sullivan Lynch**, **M. Guadalupe Duron**, **Maura Burns Sullivan**, and **Ranya George Baramki Tarazi**.

Beth Pollak Meleski sent me this beautiful tribute about our fellow classmate to share with all of you: On December 3, 2014, our classmate and

my dear friend, **Katherine (Kelly) Krauser Knott** passed away after a 19 month long battle with triple negative breast cancer. At her funeral, Kelly continued to do one of the things she always did best; bring together old friends to share memories and new friends to share stories of the woman we all loved very much. Krauser, as she was known to her SMC classmates, never forgot a name. She was a thoughtful and generous friend, a wife and a mother humbled by her good fortune and a well-respected member of the lobbyist community. Those of us who were fortunate to have known her will remember and emulate her cheerful nature, her enormous heart, and her quiet strength. We will miss her ready grin and the ever present twinkle in her eye. She is missed terribly, but we know her love is everlasting. Rest in peace Krauser. We love you.

'92

From the Courier Office:

Alissa Murphy and her husband published the book *Who's That Doggy?*, which tells the story of Jon Jon, an American Cocker Spaniel, who was given a second chance at life through the support of a local animal shelter. The 44-page book combines photos and illustrations to tell Jon Jon's story from his perspective. The book not only helps raise awareness of adopting shelter animals, a portion of the proceeds from its sale are being donated to local animal shelters such as the Human Society of MO, Animal Protective Association and Stray Rescue. *Who's That Doggy?* is currently available on Amazon.com and can be purchased by visiting whosthatdoggy.com.

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From **Alyson J. Leatherman**:

Class of 2001, I wish you sunshine and relaxation as you read the latest updates from our classmates. **Katie Willkom Stopczynski** wrote, "Currently, I am a Store Manager for Old Navy in Mishawaka, IN. I have been happily married going on 11 years to my husband, John, and having so much fun raising my children Madilyn (9) and Jacob (7)!" And **Melissa Grabek Boltz** added, "We are finally moving out of Chicago... Houston, TX here we come! My husband, Matt, got a job that we couldn't pass up with the Houston Astros. He will be leaving next week for spring training. My daughter, Emma (5), son Theodore (2), and I will be joining him around June 1st. I will be looking for a job as an SLP, but will enjoy a few months off to help with the adjustment! After 10 years in the city, I will be sad to leave family, friends, and such a wonderful city, but we are looking forward to a fresh, exciting start." **Kristen Wolfe Theisen** checked in, "I am in my eighth year at Meals on Wheels PLUS of Manatee in Bradenton, FL, and recently obtained the CFRE (Certified Fundraising Executive) credential. I was honored to be featured as a business leader in a local magazine, promoting my passion for philanthropy. I am enjoying the sunny days with my husband, Nick, and our two boys, but hope to get back to see my fellow Belles in the Midwest soon!"

Several classmates also shared about new bundles of joy including **Molly Banahan Edwards**, "My husband, Andy, big brother, Aidan, and big sister, Finley welcomed Brendan McDaniels Edwards on May 22, 2014." And **Gretchen Trybus Batalis** added, "On Jan 25, 2015, my husband, Nick, and I welcomed our second son into the world! Big brother Denny (4) was super excited to take on his new role and meet his little brother John Alva (Jack). It is certainly a change from my SMC days with all the Belles to now be surrounded by a houseful of boys, but I am enjoying every moment! I also am continuing to teach high school Spanish at Porter-Gaud School in Charleston, SC."

Betsy Zack Peterson shared an update that highlights the strength of our special community, "It's been a crazy couple of years for me. My husband Dave and I welcomed our baby boy, Bennett, on May 5, 2014. Shortly after, I had a double mastectomy and started chemo for breast cancer. I am doing great and will be all done with my treatments in August. I could not have made it through any of this if I didn't have the love and support from my fellow Belles. I am truly thankful and love you all. Thank you to **Erin Martin Williams**, **Jenelle Marie Boyle**, **Beth Lynn Lovoi**, **Julie Glud Hilbrenner**, **Julie Norman Kimmons**, **Genevieve Yavello Boyle**, **Heather Podraza Connor**, **Katie Rebecca Crean**, **Megan Lynne Markovich-Kulik**, **Mary (Katie) Paccione Icasuriaga**, **Kathleen Giel Alessi** and **Allison Webb Demong**!"

And lastly, I'm doing well and am looking forward to summer vacation! Until next time, my best.

From **Molly Kahn Allen**: Greetings, Belles of 2001! Exciting news to share on career, marriage and baby Belles!

Jill Fenske Boerstler recently accepted a promotion within Franciscan Alliance, a Catholic healthcare system in Indiana and Chicago. She moved from her position as Administrative Director of Imaging for the St. Francis Hospitals in Indianapolis to System-wide Director of Ethics for the cooperation. Jill also completes her second Master's Degree, an M.A. in Theology with Bioethics concentration in May. She reports that while she enjoys hospital operations and management, the formal position in Ethics is exciting! Congratulations, Jill!

In October of 2014, the tradition of a weekend away to celebrate a big birthday continued. The 35th birthday Belles celebrated in Nashville, TN. **Amanda Shock Johnson**, **Brook Hughes Fates**, **Casey Russell Bechtel**, **Catherine Schroeder**, **Colleen Borkowski Fontaine**, **Colleen Carey Passolt**, **Colleen Sullivan Schaefer**, **Ellen Wright Riley**, **Lori Schulte Smith**, **Mary Ellen McGowan Landry**, **Molly Kahn Allen**, **Shannon Ross Perrino**, **Sherry Desautels Prisco**, and **Stephanie Rosenthal Boreale** enjoyed a pedal bar, game watch, shopping, and dining together over the long weekend. **Katie M. Kelleher** stayed in touch but was unable to attend as she awaited her son's birth.

The broods belonging to Belles have continued to expand with many classmates sharing joyful additions to their families. **Paula Ann Fitzpatrick** and Jarret Francis welcomed baby girl Isla Rose Francis on March 10, 2015. **Heather Aislynn Sklenar Johns** and husband Ken Johns celebrated the final adoption of their two children, Noah Joseph and Natalie Lucille, on December 12, 2014. Heather shares, "They have been home with us since November 19, 2013." Congratulations on the addition!



Row 1: Colleen Sullivan Schaefer, Colleen Borkowski Fontaine, Brook Hughes Fates, Catherine Schroeder, Mary Ellen McGowan Landry, Shannon Ross Perrino. Row 2: Lori Schulte Smithe, Ellen Wright Riley, Sherry Desautels Prisco, Stephanie Rosenthal Boreale, Casey Russell Bechtel, Colleen Carey Passolt, Molly Kahn Allen, Amanda Shock Johnson.

Mary (Katie) Paccione Icasuriaga and husband Jorge welcomed their third child, Henry Artigas on June 23, 2014. Henry joins older brother Ethan William, born on October 21, 2012 and older sister Evelyn Beatriz, born on June 16, 2010. **Desiree Hollis Dewey** and Matt Dewey (ND '01) are overjoyed to announce the arrival of their daughter, Hollis Katherine Dewey, born December 30, 2014. Big brother Granger Rock Dewey (born July 2012) adores her. The family lives in Champaign, IL where Desiree works as the Technical Consultant for Sales at Health Alliance Medical Plans. **Genevieve Yavello Boyle** and husband Jamie welcomed Matthew James into the world on August 20, 2014. Genevieve reports that they love being parents to this little guy.

I, **Molly Kahn Allen** married Jim Allen, Jr. on June 22, 2013 in Peoria, IL. Belles and Domers in attendance included **Katherine Theresa Best '03**, **Colleen Sullivan Schaefer**, **Catherine Schroeder**, **Colleen Carey Passolt**, **Lori Schulte Smithe**, **Elizabeth Rockwell Noonan**, **Brook Hughes Fates**, and Michela Costello Lakkala '00, Ted Devlin ND '01, Chris Avila ND '01 and Timothy Noonan ND '01. The wedding was photographed by friend **Nellie Williams Gould '03** of Photography by Nellie.

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Erin McGarry Hardison and husband, Scott, welcomed a new baby, Leo Fenway, on July 24, 2014. Big sister, Quinn, age 2, loves helping with her baby brother. Leo is named after two of his great grandfathers, one great uncle, and one uncle — there are a lot of Leos for him to look up to on both sides of the family! Erin is now working in the public schools in Iowa as a Speech-Language Pathologist.

From **Gina Caponi Parnaby**: We welcomed our third child and second daughter, Margaret Colleen Louise (Molly) on November 30, 2013, causing me to miss our annual care package stuffing party with the Georgia alumnae club. Molly has already made two trips to Saint Mary's as she accompanied me to Madeleva Society Steering Committee meetings. She is a big fan of running on Alumnae Green and eating at the dining hall.

Professionally, I was named one of three recipients of the 2014 Rebecca Cox McKinley Humanities and Global Education Grant at Marist School. This grant recognizes a teacher who demonstrates professional excellence and a desire to grow in his or her

field with a unique professional development experience. My two fellow world literature teachers and I received this grant to continue our work in collaboration with the Japanese model of *jugyokenkyu* or lesson study. We are attending a lesson study conference in Chicago in May and have been accepted to present at the National Council of Teachers of English annual convention in Minneapolis in November.

Anne Blair Payne and Vince Payne welcomed Bailey McKenna Payne on July 3, 2014. Bailey was 8 lbs 6 ounces and 21 inches long. She is a happy, smiley and healthy baby and we are enjoying every second with her.

Elizabeth Linkous married Jennifer Klein on January 18, 2014 in Pullman, WA. **Kristen Elizabeth Matha '03** served as officiant, while **Jaime Dineen Gleason** and **Anne Blair Payne** were bridesmaids. Elizabeth and Jen relocated to Los Angeles, CA from Pullman in February 2014. Elizabeth now works at the University of Southern CA in the Rossier School of Education as an academic advisor.

Margaret (Jolie) LeBeau Fair, husband, and four boys recently relocated to MI from IL.

Lee-Catherine Bateh Hicks and her husband Deno Hicks welcomed their first child, a baby girl, Melina Marie Hicks to the world. They are doing well and live in Jacksonville, FL.

Alison Ashley Johnson writes "We have been living in San Francisco for over three years and continue to enjoy our CA adventures. We welcomed our son Cameron August Johnson to the family on January 19, 2014. Big sister Devin (4 years old) is thrilled to have someone to boss around. After taking some time off, I started a new position in August at Marin General Hospital in the Clinical Social Work department. I am enjoying part-time work which allows for good work/life balance."

Mary Weiland Hutchison writes "We recently had our first child, Paul Charles, born on October 21, 2014 in Chicago. After 12 years, I left my job at General Electric and loving my new (much more challenging) role as stay at home mom."

Tara Land DeWitt and husband, Eric, welcomed with love their second daughter, Lillian Mae, on October 24, 2014. Big sister Simone Margaret (2 years old) is absolutely in love and enjoying being a big sister. Tara is enjoying every moment of being able to stay home with Simone and Lillian. They are living in Indianapolis, IN.

Jaime Dineen Gleason and Neel Gleason welcomed a daughter on July 14, 2014. Kiley Dineen Gleason joins big brother, Logan. I continue to work part-time for Sanofi pharmaceuticals and am enjoying the western suburbs of Chicago.

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Such wonderful updates from the Class of 2003 — Please continue to share your news with us; it is a joy to be connected with fellow Belles even twelve years after graduation!

Melissa Alvarez Stevens and her husband David welcomed their daughter Magdalena Theresa to the world on March 15, 2013. Melissa writes, "Our son Joseph is a great big brother."

Alaina Indriolo Moran has been busy: she reports that she often sees **Kim Corsentino Keyworth** with her living just a few miles away in Park

Ridge: "Her two daughters Claire and Avery are just darling. Kim is busy in school at DePaul studying journalism and writing. **Katie Moorman Rahrigh** is in Cincinnati with her husband and two cute daughters. She still is working as a NICU nurse. **Nina Ready Sina** and Rob Sina (ND '03) just finished renovating a beautiful house in Palm Beach. Their son Henry is almost four." Alaina also writes, "My husband and I welcomed our third child while on vacation in FL six weeks early. My water broke literally in the Disney Magic Kingdom parking lot. Keegan had a 10 day NICU stay and then we traveled back to Park Ridge. Big sister Brinley and big brother Johnny are adjusting and are awesome with him. I can't thank the number of Belles from all different classes that reached out to us while we were in the hospital — offering support, prayers, opening their home to us, and even offering us a break. The love and prayers we received was amazing! We truly appreciate it. Keegan is doing great at home and now we have a very fun birth story to share! Not one I wanted but nonetheless an amazing one!" Alaina goes on to say, "Ann Hoover Sinclair cracked me up by digging out the dog book. I wish Saint Mary's would republish it at our next Reunion as our favor!"

Amy Greene Smith and her husband Stephen are still living in Cincinnati with their dog and kitty (also known as their "fur babies"). In March 2014, Amy accepted a new job working as an Assistant Compliance Officer with UC Health, a large health care system based in Cincinnati. Over the past several months Amy was happy to get together with some fellow Belles on various occasions including: **Stephanie Redwanski Belschner**, **Kendall Riedlinger Ymalay**, **Deanne Czajkowski McKenna**, **Candi McElligott Johnson**, **Janelle Koop Keller**, and **Katie Marie McVoy**.

Margo A. Klosterman recently accepted a new job working in Government Relations for the American Dental Association as a lobbyist in the Washington, DC office.

Katie Vincer Sears, DDS recently became a sponsored speaker for Colgate and Convergent Dental while still running both of her dental practices, Confident Expressions and Maysville Dental. Katie recently spent the afternoon with **Corrine Negrelli Carlson** to celebrate her son Nate's first birthday.

Regina Andaloro Bakalar was married in October 2013 and has been in Chicago since graduation in 2003. She spent six of the last seven years working in marketing for Nike. Last year, she made a change to join her husband in residential real estate (he is also a developer). Regina writes, "I am absolutely loving it and always welcome new clients. My contact - no questions too small - is reginaa@atproperties.com. Would love to help any Belles hoping to find their next home in Chicago."

Heidi M. Klosterman writes, "My husband Kyle and I adopted our second child, Eliana Violet, at Christmas. I am so happy to have **Kristi Butman Brandon** as her godmother."

Gabrielle Campo Neal and her husband Roger, along with big brother Daniel, welcomed Matthew William Neal into the world on December 1, 2014. Gabrielle also mentions that her sister **Cicely Campo Siepka '98** and her husband Dennis, along with big sister Sophia and big brothers Luca and Leo, welcomed Xavier Francis on October 26, 2014."

Sarah Stegmaier Masters and her husband Bob (ND '05) had their first little boy James Henry

Masters on August 11, 2014 in Mishawaka, IN.

Evelyn Gonzales Avila was recently hired at South TX College to teach dual enrollment English courses at her high school, Vanguard Academy in Pharr, TX. She has two children, Olivia (3) and Oscar (2), and she and her husband Rick will be celebrating five years of marriage this year.

Katie Erchick Gilbert wed her beau, Bill Gilbert on October 4, 2014. In attendance were the bride's sister, **Emily Anne Erchick '04**, **Kara Lynn Harms**, **Monica A. Ortiz**, **Anna Marie Lentz** and her husband, Pat Sluka, ND '03. Sending well wishes from afar were **Bridget Margaret Yearwood** and **Heather Lynn Muth**. Katie and her husband reside in OH, where Katie is an Assistant Prosecutor for the City of Canton.

Mel Burke Cameron recently designed flowers for a wedding at the esteemed Four Seasons Hotel in Georgetown in DC. She is a home-based floral designer, since 2011, providing affordable flowers arranged with a prayer. Based in Fairfax, VA, her growing business now services weddings between Fredericksburg, VA and Baltimore, MD. She also provides sympathy, event, and occasion flowers locally in northern VA. Mel invites everyone to visit her website at mysticalrose.blogspot.com.

After 12 years, **Sarah Michele Punzo** has moved from Kansas City, MO to Atlanta, GA for a new opportunity. She is working with the Cloud OS App Launch team on marketing campaigns for the Microsoft Azure platform with N3. She is excited to be in a new city and welcomes any connections with other ATL Belles!

In November 2014, **Nicole Marie Prezioso** and her husband Jim welcomed their fifth child, Clementine Beatrice, into the family. Nicole writes, "She is the happiest baby and completely adored by her older sisters and brother."

Adrienne Potoma Brummet reports that she is currently working as a Business Analyst-IT at DirectBuy.

Bridget Horne Christian and her husband welcomed their second child Benjamin Wade Christian on June 8, 2014. Bridget reports, "He was/is a big boy at 11lb 3oz, and yes, I pushed him out!"

Liz Stevens Kijowski got married in October 2013 to Chet Kijowski. **Amber Leigh Jernigan** was a bridesmaid. Liz is still working at PricewaterhouseCoopers in the Data Assurance group; it will be 11 years this August.

Sarah Joanne Rykowski writes, "In March 2014 I was promoted to Major in the United States Army. I am currently stationed in Charlottesville, VA completing an LLM in military law as a member of the 63d Graduate Course here at The Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School in Charlottesville, VA. I am enjoying visiting many Belles in the greater DC area, including **Kathy Harter Harris '02** and **Laura Porto Atkins** and their beautiful families. I also recently survived early stage breast cancer and am doing extremely well. When not in class I enjoy riding my horse, Pete's Horse, a 21 year old Thoroughbred who thinks he's three. It has been a joy to reunite with a previous Saint Mary's and Officer Basic Course classmate **Shanna Conner Cronin '02**."

Last Fall, **Karen Margaret Fink** celebrated her 10 year anniversary at Random House with a month-long sabbatical spent part sailing in the Gulf of Mexico and part visiting friends and family around the country. She even had a mini Saint Mary's reunion, meeting up with **Beth Didier Krieg**, **Janelle Koop Keller**, **Christine LaVigne**

Osburn and **Suzanne Marie Dolembro** for brunch at the Noble Family Dining Hall. In March of 2015, she left Random House and joined the Hachette Book Group as Deputy Director of Publicity at Grand Central Publishing, where she oversees the book launch campaigns for several bestselling brand authors, including Nicholas Sparks, David Baldacci, and Brad Meltzer. She resides in Hoboken, NJ, and works across the Hudson River in NYC.

Annie Elizabeth Kelly writes that she ran Lunafest in mid-March to benefit Postpartum Support VA and the Breast Cancer Fund: "We raised about \$10K and it was the most successful to date."

Kelly Long Jackson proudly writes, "Graham McCord Jackson was born on November 12, 2014. He is an incredibly sweet and happy baby. We are all settling in nicely to being a family of four, especially big sister Hadley (4 years old.) After taking three months of maternity leave I returned to work at DaVita. Not long after being back I noticed a familiar piece of jewelry on the hand of a fellow Teammate. Turns out that **Jody Kathleen Brezette '10** had just started working on my floor! We plan on getting together soon to talk about SMC. Such a great small world moment!"

Meganne Hoffman Brezina was promoted to Renewal Operations and Enablement Specialist at the Salesforce Marketing Cloud in Indianapolis. She and her husband, Chuck, are excited to announce the opening of their restaurant Ladle, touted as downtown Indianapolis' newest lunch spot. Meganne happily reports that she has had recent occasion to see **Heather Lynn Muth** and **Cathy Canetti Ginter** and sees **Kristen Elizabeth Matha**, **Rachel Finley Doyel**, **Gabrielle Campo Neal**, **Megan Piazza Anthony** and **Katie Nicole Bacone** around town through the SMC Indianapolis Alumnae Club's activities.

Lane Herrington Mohr and her husband moved to Abu Dhabi in 2011 and their daughter Samantha Jane was born there last May.

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Lyndsey Rae Bergen just moved back to the United States, Portland, OR, from South Korea after 10 years abroad!

Candace Marie Schmidt completed a highly competitive APA internship at the Federal Medical Center in Devens, MA and officially graduated from the MA School of Professional Psychology with a PsyD in Clinical Psychology with an emphasis in Forensic Psychology. She is going to start a forensic postdoctoral fellowship at Mendota Mental Health Institute in Madison, WI, and is working on publishing her dissertation which is entitled "Working with Survivors of Domestic Sex Trafficking: Obtaining the Perspective of Mental Health Professionals to Build a Therapeutic Model."

Danielle Clements Nellis is now an attorney at Watje and Moore, Ltd in Minneapolis, MN.

Kendall Krische Weller received her Master's in reading instruction from Loyola Marymount University in May. She also made a change from eight years of preschool director and teacher to first grade teacher.

Annemarie Alice Kennedy, for the past two years plus, was the sole Catering Sales Manager for the food and beverage provider Delaware North Sportservice at TD Garden in Boston. The Garden is home to the Boston Bruins, Boston Celtics, and numerous concerts and family shows. She just moved over to work directly for the Garden as one of three Event Operations Managers, handling building operations and event planning for everything from 18,000 person sold out concerts to 30 person private events. After eight years planning high end events in a couple hotels in Boston, she is on an amazing path at the TD Garden and absolutely thrilled! AND the change will mean she gets to spend more time with nieces and nephews, all of whom are children of SMC and ND grads (of course!)

Sarah Anne Kelleher received her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from VA Tech in May 2014. She now works in clinical research and practice in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Duke University Medical Center, including work on NIH-funded clinical trials and providing psychotherapy to patients with chronic illness and disease-related physical and psychological symptoms.

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I hope you are all doing well! I accepted a new role as a client manager at Aon Hewitt in July 2014. My husband Brian Carroll and I welcomed son Charles Nelson Carroll on November 2, 2014.

Jasmin Maria Abbatiello is currently employed by Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of NY and leads the Junior Board, which includes young professionals in their 20s and 30s who participate in fundraising, social, faith, and volunteer events throughout the year. The group hosts an annual gala each spring which supports their annual St. Nicholas Project Shopping Day Event. The event provides winter clothing and necessities for over 4000 individuals/2500 families who receive ongoing services from Catholic Charities of NY.

Shannon McManus Dvorsky and husband Matt (ND '06) moved to England for Matt's military career last autumn with daughter Sophia. They welcomed daughter Charlotte Claire on January 5, 2015.

Monica Beil Critell and husband Matthew welcomed a second daughter, Ellie Kate, to the world on March 19, 2015.

Lindsey Lozmack Nelson and husband Robert welcomed their first child, Robert Curtis Nelson IV on March 12, 2015. In December 2014, Lindsey received a Forty Under 40 award from the National Automatic Merchandising Association Forum of Chicagoland and *USAE* weekly newspaper at their annual industry Holiday Showcase.

Amy Kelley Thorpe and husband Michael had twin boys Jackson and Robert on November 17, 2014.

Danielle Renee Lerner was recently promoted to morning news anchor at the ABC station in her hometown of Phoenix, AZ.

After 5 years of living in NYC, **Michelle Leann Fitzgerald** moved across the Hudson to Jersey City, NJ in January. Soon after she was hired as Chief Strategist and Reporting Analyst for TRANSCOM, a coalition of government agencies that coordinate public and private transportation for NY, NJ, CT, and PA. On April 24,

Michelle was married to Allen Abi-Yaghi in a traditional Maronite Catholic ceremony. Michelle is enjoying her new job and married life, and she and Allen will remain in Jersey City for the next year or so before moving further into NJ. In the meantime, they are happy to host any SMC '06 visitors to the NYC/NJ area.

Sinamon Rose Wolfe will be graduating with a second Master's Degree in Ministry, Leadership, and Service (M.A.M.L.S.) this May at Claremont School of Theology in Claremont, CA. She earned her M.A. in Religious Education (M.A.R.E.) from Claremont in 2011.

Heather Mosny Diaz, husband Donny, and daughter Dylan welcomed Lawden Anthony on September 20, 2014.

Kelly Sigler Watson and her family welcomed son James Robert Watson on November 18, 2014.

Kelly Nelis Nicholas, husband Ryan, and son Blake welcomed Luke Tyler Nicholas on Feb 12, 2015.

Kim Tayner Sauer and husband Evan welcomed son Crosby Louis on September 22, 2014.

In August 2014 **Kristina Schliesman Daloia** was promoted to Director of University Ministry at Niagara University. She married Michael Daloia September 27, 2014. **Erin McQueen Young, Kristen Marie Palombo, Breeana Gregory Wallick '07, Laura Miller Scott '08, and Katie Marie Chmelko '09** all traveled to Niagara Falls to celebrate.

Meg Elisabeth Cassidy moved to Portland, OR where she continues to do author publicity on a freelance basis and for Tin House Books. She's looking forward to being back in South Bend for her sister Erin's graduation from SMC this May.

Stephanie Hile Allen welcomed son Mark Francis in July of 2013. Her husband, Dan (ND '07, '11) took a new job at Notre Dame in July 2014 and they welcomed son Nicholas Anthony in August 2014.

Rona Dabbay Delavega will be attending the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in the Class of 2019.

Patricia (Trish) Brewer Olson married Abraham Olson August 2nd, 2014.

Meghan Lambourne Stegeman married Jason Stegeman on March 15, 2014. **Amy Oliva Campos** was a bridesmaid.

Annie Palmitier Acker welcomed potential future Belle Mary Claire Acker on March 24, 2015.

Lauren Magnifico Melancon and her husband Bruce welcomed baby Frances June on September 12, 2014.

Angela Rizzo Gay, husband Matt and big sister Katherine welcomed a second baby girl, Audrey Ann, on September 24, 2014.

Amelia (Amy) Maria Oliva Campos and husband Roberto (ND '06) welcomed son Leopold Augustine Campos on May 9, 2014. They are living in northern KY, and Amy will finish her child and adolescent psychiatry fellowship at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center in September 2015.

Shelby Baughman Burghart married Zachary Burghart on October 25, 2014 in South Bend, IN. Their wedding party included **Bridget Purcell Ortmann** and **Katie Hanley Pecora**. Also in attendance was **Maureen Zimmer Guziec**. Shelby and Zack live in Chicago's North Center neighborhood.

Angeline Johnson and **Dave W. Daley (ND '06)** eloped in September 2014, exchanging vows in the garden of the Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, France. Angeline is completing her term on the Saint Mary's Alumnae Board of Directors this year and encourages her fellow classmates to apply to be a part of this amazing and unique experience. She works for the University of Notre Dame Alumni Association as the Clubs Program Director.

Sharyl Zarnowski Syring writes: "I had my first child, a daughter, on March 2, 2015. Her name is Emily Catherine Syring. Father's name is Brian Syring."

Julia Malone Hum and her husband, **Houston Hum (ND '07)** welcomed their daughter, Hadley, on May 2, 2014. The Indianapolis Alumnae Club has had so much fun with her at all our events!

Matt and **Sarah Mullin Scheuer**, along with older brothers Ronan (4) and Brogan (3), welcomed baby brother number three in September 2014, Conlan Joseph.

Jennifer Woods married Craig Moore on August 9, 2014 in South Bend, IN. She and her husband reside in Athens, OH.

Catherine Wagner Miller married David Miller on April 5, 2014 at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at Notre Dame. Several Saint Mary's grads from the class of 2007 were in attendance, including **Rachael Katherine Stowe** (bridesmaid), **Sarah Marie Wieber** (all the way from Paris!), **Lauren Marie Sullivan, Anne Elyse Cusack, Jessica Marie Binhack, Michelle Katelynn Lonnee, Amy Elizabeth Dardinger, Ann Marie Carpenter, Megan Boyle Thomas, and Catherine Bradley Day '06.**

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On June 14, 2014, **Corey Duff Troia** married Andrew (ND '08) in LeMans Chapel. Bridesmaids included **Mary Esler Bortman** and **Nora Kathleen Casey**. The bride's cousin is **Britt Conway Staley '05**. The groom's aunts are **Anne Troia '80** and **Virginia Troia Fusco '73**. Saint Mary's women celebrating with the new couple were **Audrey Marie Ballinger, Ann Regan Casey '79, Cate Leone Cetta, Mary Bridget Fearon, Allison Marie Fleece, Sarah Rose Griffin, Abby Elizabeth Hinchy, Megan Staley Lunne, Jenn McLean Morgan, Ashley Brown Sheahan, and Connie Colleen Walsh**. The reception was held at Tippecanoe Place in South Bend. The couple lives outside of Detroit, in Birmingham, MI where Corey works for Xerox.

Nora Casey Bonaventura married Drew in Three Oaks, MI on October 18, 2014. Bridesmaids included **Renée DiNovo Bagdon '06, Cate Leone Cetta, Mary Bridget Fearon, Abby Elizabeth Hinchy, and Corey Duff Troia**. The bride's mother is **Ann Regan Casey '79** and aunts are **Katy Regan Kreutter '84, Marie Regan Hammond '86, Margaret "Peggy" Regan Hanson '89, Elizabeth "Beth" Regan Berry '94**. Saint Mary's friends also in attendance were **Al-**

lison Marie Fleece, Sarah Rose Griffin, Mary (Lori) Shannon Kurtz '79, Megan Staley Lunne, Kara O'Leary '89, Erin O'Neal Ryal '79 and Jenny Suzanne Wolff '06. The couple lives in Chicago and are the new pup parents to rescue dog Charlie Tillman.

Mary Esler Bortman and Brent Bortman welcomed son, Nolan Samuel, on October 24, 2014.

Megan Josephine Gill married Jeff Stempin on August 16, 2014 at Saint Michael the Archangel in Livonia, MI. Her sister, **Lisa Gill Grabowski '03**, served as matron of honor. **Kristie Schroeder Brickner** and **Abigail Megan Richardson** were both bridesmaids. Other Belles in attendance were **Rosemary Gill Kenyon '76, Mary Jo Gill Lynch '83, Claudia "Muggs" Traudt '73, Tami Marie Kozlowski '03, Meghan Jane McEvoy-Hein, and Cara Ann Grabowski**.

Anney Brandt Roach married John Roach on August 1, 2014 at her life-long parish of St. Noel in Willoughby Hills, OH. In attendance from the class of 2008 were **Sarah Ruth Holohan**, who beautifully sang the "Ave Maria" as a communion reflection, as well as **Giuliangela Rosato** and **Suzanne Swygart Stanzel**. Additional Belles present included **Mary Katherine Golden '18, Megan Elizabeth Golden '14, Kendra Fallet Greenmyer '10, and Margaret Pecjak Golden '85**. The couple resides on the east side of Cleveland, where Anney teaches theology at Beaumont School.

Jessica Boback Maloney married Kevin Maloney in April 2014 in Waukegan, IL. In April 2015, she will complete her masters in pathologists' assistant studies at Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science. Following the completion of her degree she will begin a full time position as a pathologists' assistant at Methodist Hospital in Peoria.

Brittany Pangburn Mendez now has a job with OH State University Extension as a 4-H Educator, working with youth on projects throughout the year, helping them learn how to raise livestock, taking them to camp, and helping with our county fair. She was also just accepted into OH University's education department to earn a doctorate in educational administration (she currently holds a master's degree in history from OH University). She married Ramon Mendez on May 2, 2014, whom she met when they were both working for Disney World in their internship program. **Katie Szewka, Kathleen Captola Sabol, and Sarah Patten Sagardia** were bridesmaids.

'09 From the Courier Office:

Courtney Parry reports that she is involved with the Los Angeles Alumnae Club's effort to create a College-endorsed Christmas ornament. The Club will be selling it online with surplus revenue going toward LA Club Scholarships. For more information go to www.saintmaryslaclub.com

'10 From the Courier Office:

Kaitlyn E. Sahd has been working as a staff nurse at Milton Hershey Children's Hospital for three years and is also an adjunct clinical faculty member at PA College of Health Sciences in pediatric nursing.

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I hope that everyone is doing well. As always, there is some fun and exciting things going on with our classmates!

Tara Scannell Reddy moved out of Chicago in May of 2014 after finishing the required class work for her Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing which she is doing through Northwestern University and is currently working on her Master of Fine Arts thesis. Tara married 1LT Daniel M. Reddy on September 27, 2014 at Saint Mary's in Loretto. Her sister **Lillian Marie Scannell '14** was her maid of honor. **Kate Elizabeth Urhausen** and **Natalie Matuszak Emmanuel '12** stood up as bridesmaids. **Anna Rose Frantz** and **Katie Louise Ineich '10** also attended. The newlyweds moved to Leesville, LA where Dan is stationed with the United States Army at Fort Polk.

Cassie Kral Romine married Matthew Romine (ND '11) on August 22, 2014. Belle bridesmaids include **Mary Colleen McKevitt**, **Alison Jilli Spurlock**, **Erin Norrine Melone** and maid of honor **Katie Ann Fadden**.

Nicole Taylor Dent married Rick Dent on October 18th, 2014. Fellow Belles **Molly Schall Colglazier**, **Claire Danielle Crowley**, and **Megan Elisabeth Weinandy** were bridesmaids.

Sarah Weber Furtado and husband Nathan (ND '11) welcomed their first baby, Grace Elizabeth, on October 23, 2014. The Furtado family moved from Orlando, FL, to Bristol, CT, for Nathan's new job with ESPN.

Stephanie Waite Flach and husband Jakob welcomed their baby girl, Cecilia Rose, on December 15, 2014.

Karolyn Marie Wojtowicz moved from a job in the small town of Greencastle, IN, to the metropolis of Seattle, WA. Her new job will be working with 4H International Programs, helping international students who come to the USA for a year of American high school to succeed personally and professionally.

Kendall Codi Davis graduated from Ball State University in May with her Master's degree in Special Education.

Kara Margaret Joseph graduated from Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine in May with her Doctor of Medicine degree. She was elected into Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society and matched into Anesthesiology residency at Northwestern University in Chicago, IL.

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Katie Nash Greenspon was accepted to graduate school at Northwestern University for a Master of Science and Communication degree. She started in January 2015.

Maggie S. Stewart was promoted to Media Supervisor at Starcom Chicago in the fall of 2014.

Libby Karpus Schirtzinger married Matthew Schirtzinger (ND '13) on June 28, 2014, in the Holy Spirit Chapel in LeMans. Bridesmaids included Saint Mary's grads: **Claire Buethe Prescott**, **Elizabeth Ann Munger**, **Liz Johnston Busam**, **Emma**

Deborah Brink, and **Allie Ashleigh Courtney**. The couple now makes their home in Cincinnati, where Libby is a high school science teacher and Matthew is in medical school at the University of Cincinnati.

Katie Ciresi O'Brien married Pat O'Brien on October 18, 2014 in Indianapolis. Bridesmaids included Saint Mary's grads **Lauren Ann Lees** and **Grace Marie Schmidt**.

Taylor Shay Paton graduated with her Master's in Public Administration and ran her first full marathon in 2014. Her nephew was born on December 28, 2014.

Melissa Abigail Wagner graduated from the Catholic University of America in Washington, DC with a Masters in Clinical Social Work. On February 21, 2015, she married Patrick Hernandez, Notre Dame C/O 2012, who works as a contractor for the Department of Defense in DC.

Lauren Elizabeth Stearns graduated with her Master of Health Administration from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health in May 2014. She is now working as a project administrator for the Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, MD.

Stephanie Michelle Cherpak Clary married Matthew Clary (ND '13) on December 13, 2014 at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

Cassie Palmer Gohn married Rance Gohn at the Holy Spirit Chapel in LeMans on August 9, 2014. The couple is now living in Indianapolis.

Noelle Doundoulakis Hubbard and William James Hubbard were married on September 20, 2014, in Chicago, IL, and honeymooned in Spain. Belle Bridesmaids included **Rebecca Marie Guerin** and **Hannah Kate Biniecki**.

Kayla Elizabeth McColl started her dream job at Scottish Rite Hospital of Atlanta, Children's Healthcare in the NICU this past March.

Rachael Le Givens accepted a new position at Penn-Harris-Madison as a part of their new ENL Travel Team in January of 2015, where she works with the children that have ELPs at all of their elementary schools.

Katherine Casey Condon married Stephen Condon on November 22 in Woodridge, IL at St. Scholastica Church. Saint Mary's grads **Keelin Claire McGee** and **Kellie Ann Collier** were in the bridal party. Katherine and Stephen now live in their new home in Grand Rapids, MI.

Ellen Nicole Niemiec graduated from the Physician Assistant program at Lock Haven University of PA and has been working as a physician assistant in Trauma/Critical Care at the Cleveland Clinic since September 2014.

Bridget Marie Gartenmayer recently graduated from Notre Dame's ACE (Alliance for Catholic Education) Program with a Masters in Teaching. She is now enrolled in the ChACE (ACE in Chile) Program where she will be teaching in Santiago, Chile for 18 months and earning a certification in ENL.

Hannah Catherine Hupp recently moved to Minneapolis and accepted a new job as a Merchandise Planning Business Analyst for Target.

Liz Marie Leeuw recently moved from Minneapolis at Target Corporate and accepted a new position at Bath and Body Works Corporate in Columbus, OH.

Clara Anne Bartha moved from Elkhart, IN to Winnsboro, TX and accepted a position as Clinical Nurse Educator (CNE) for the Behavioral Hospital of Longview.

Katie Elizabeth Lay started a dual degree program at IU Bloomington in the fall of 2014. She is pursuing a Master of Environmental Science and a Master of Public Affairs.

Kimberly Rose Jordan accepted a new position at Abbott Laboratories: Digital and Information Architecture Solutions, Business Systems Analyst (BSA).

Alexandra Marie Mirandola Mullen moved from Chicago to Atlanta, GA and now works at Moxie Interactive working on the Verizon Wireless account, planning all of their digital media/advertising.

Alexandra Gentile Zellner moved to Baltimore, MD to pursue a Master's of Science in Mental Health Counseling at Johns Hopkins University in the fall of 2014.

Alicia Smith Albertson graduated from IN University Robert H. McKinney School of Law with her J.D. in May 2015.

Lauren Ann Lees, BSN, RN moved to Boston, MA and accepted a new job working for Cerner as a Consultant in Healthcare IT.

Samantha Rose Tulisiak married Nathaniel Lee (ND '12) on May 23, 2015 in Colorado Springs, CO.

Holly Karches Bachus was married on April 11th, 2015 to Nicholas Bachus in Cincinnati, OH.

Elizabeth Angela Caldwell started a new job as a Research Programmer for the Center for Research Computing at the University of Notre Dame in May. She is currently living in Mishawaka.

KateTheresa Mitchell graduated from The John Marshall Law School in May 2015. She accepted a position as an Associate Attorney at Stephan Zouras, LLP in Chicago, IL starting in August 2015.

Meg Patricia Otten was married on June 20, 2015 to Jordan Jurinjak in Peoria, IL. Saint Mary's alumnae in attendance included **Lindsey Elisabeth Downs**, **Caroline Walker Lerum '08**, **Kate Marie Murphy**, **Riley Bridget Pummill**, **Jennifer Jane Putman**, **Catherine Margaret Swanson**, and **Alyssa Williams**.

Cece Witous Hess and husband Patrick just welcomed their first baby, Connor Patrick Hess, on May 19, 2015.

Ashley Marie Marks will be attending The OH State University College of Veterinary Medicine this upcoming fall 2015.

Maggie Ann Slavin received a Fulbright Scholarship to teach English at the University of Jordan in Amman, Jordan for 2015-2016.

Sarah Marjorie McCroy is currently hiking the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT), a 2,650 mile national scenic trail that runs from Mexico to Canada. The trail goes through CA, OR, and WA. She started April 23 and plans to finish sometime in September. It took Sarah a year to prepare for the epic journey — she quit her job and moved across the country from Baltimore to Phoenix two months before she started. Track her journey on her website: chasingmydaydream.wordpress.com.

Ellie Marie Frawley '13 accepted a position at Lurie Children's Hospital on the Pediatric Surgical and Transplant floor.

Alessandra Marie Stamper graduated from the University of Chicago '15 with a Master's Degree in Humanities. She has a summer internship with MAKE Literary Magazine and hopes to stay in Chicago.

Lindsey Nicole Thielmann was accepted into the Army Medical Service Corps-MSW Program at Ft. Sam Houston in San Antonio, TX. Her direct commission is June 22, and will become a

Second Lieutenant. She will report in September for a three-month training program called BOLC, and then begin a 14-month academic phase in January 2016. Then, Lindsey will have two years of internship and five more years of service as an Army social worker. Her dream is to work directly with lesbian, gay, bisexual (and hopefully soon, transgender) members of the military.

Alexandra Davin started a Masters of Digital Communication and Media Arts at DePaul University in the fall of 2014.

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Hello Class of 2013! Spring has arrived with lots of news and announcements to share!

Annie Maureen Doyle is currently working as a behavior analyst at The Thompson Center for Autism and Neurodevelopmental Disorders at the University of AZ. **Rebekah A. Kohn** is currently a social worker at Children's Hospital of WI.

Cecelia Marie Gatto-Guerrero was married to Hugo Guerrero on January 31, 2015. She is currently a second year doctoral student. **Morgan Talamantes McSweeney** married Corey McSweeney in August.

Hanna-Jane Murdoch Thomson '14 and husband Joseph (ND '13) welcomed baby Olivia Jane on February 28, 2015. **Ashley Hannapel Bournay** and husband Ben (HC '14) welcomed Jack on March 20, 2015. Congrats on the new bundles of joy!

Helen Feist recently started working as a Labor and Delivery Nurse at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center. **Meghan Katherine Dillon** started working at Intelligent Medical Objects, Inc. a few months ago. **Jillian Serena Barwick** is now working as an Account Coordinator at Uproar PR in Chicago, IL. Her new address is: 3528 N. Bosworth Avenue Apt. 2, Chicago, IL 60657.

Please feel free to email **Amy Tiberi** or **Meghan Feasel** with any changes in address or updates!

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We find it hard to believe that by the time this update reaches readers, it will be a full year from our graduation! All the updates we've received this past year show that 2014 Belles are well on their way of confidently embracing new opportunities, celebrating important moments, and making an impact on their worlds. Our latest updates include:

Several of our classmates have relocated and are exploring new cities. **Allie Diane Priede** was hired as an Online Marketing Associate at DIRECTV in NYC. In September, she moved to Manhattan and starting working in site optimization and personalization. She also serves as a social media rep and content manager. **Sarah Victoria Schlessner** moved to Houston in September 2014 and is currently working as a nurse on the stem cell transplant unit at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center. **Gianna Antonette Burkhardt** is currently working in Washington DC at The Federalist Society as an assistant director of the lawyers division and lives with **Colleen Mary Klemczewski**. We hope you are all enjoying exploring these exciting cities!

Mollie Kessel Valencia graduated from Notre Dame with a Master's of Science in Accountancy (along with fellow 2014 graduate **Katie Anne Woolum**). She plans to work for KPMG in Washington, DC starting in August. Mollie will be living her SMC roommate, **Anna Elizabeth Stollhans**.

Hillary Elizabeth Hesterkin graduated from Notre Dame in May with her Bachelors of Science in Mechanical Engineering. At the end of July, she will begin her career at Ford in their Ford College Graduate Program with a specialty in interiors.

Megan Kristine Hire is teaching in Fort Wayne as a Resource Teacher at two Catholic schools: St. John the Baptist and St. Therese and enjoys spending her Sundays singing with the South Bend Chamber Singers.

This June, **Bethany Blaise Tabor** will be starting graduate school at the Tisch School of the Arts

at NY University to pursue a master's degree in Performance Studies.

Corinna Martinez currently works for Inspira Mentoring and Counseling in OK City as a Certified Behavioral Case Manager in the community. She helps many families who are dealing with trauma or behavioral issues happening in the home or at school. As the coordinator of the agency's tutoring program she is excited to see it become an independent non-profit in the year ahead. Corinna will be attending the University of OK Anne and Henry Zarrow School of Social Work beginning July 2015.

Brooke Vail Kostielney works as the Community Outreach Coordinator at Mahoney Family Dentistry and TMJ and Sleep Therapy Centre of northern IN. In addition to work, she is involved in the South Bend/ Mishawaka Young Professionals Network, Young Professionals Against Poverty and a graduate of the EMERGE Leadership Program. Brook also enjoys spending time volunteering with the Center for the Homeless PEDS program, the Center's Dancing with Our Stars Auction, Christ the King Parish auction, and was elected to the Young Professionals Against Poverty: On the River Executive Committee. She is also finishing up RCIA with Christ the King Catholic Church and will become a member of the Church this June. Brooke got married in August to Tom Kostielney (ND '12). In September, the happy newlyweds got an adorable Aussiedoodle puppy, Halsey. Sounds like you're staying very busy, Brooke!

We're excited to share that several 2014 Belles are working in MLB! **Beca Maria Garcia** began her dream job this past January — working as a Sales Consultant with the Houston Astros, her favorite baseball team in the MLB. **Megan Elizabeth Golden** also accepted a job as Coordinator of Media Services with the Chicago White Sox. We look forward to see what's next for these Belles!

We are glad to see that everyone is doing well, please continue to share your accomplishments with us as we all start new chapters and show the world what the 2014 Belles can do! Be sure to also join our Facebook group, Saint Mary's College Class of 2014 to facilitate news sharing and making connections! #GoBelles

Miss the marriages and births? Find Wedding Belles and Baby Belles notifications and pictures at *Our Avenue*, the new online social and professional alumnae communities at alumnae.saintmarys.edu.

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WHEN LIFE DOESN'T GO ACCORDING TO PLAN

By Clairmarie Hanavan Field '78

Ten-and-a-half years ago, we welcomed our newest family member into our excited brood of seven biological children. This beautiful dark-haired, smiling 11 month old girl, whom we adopted from Guatemala, became the focus of attention for all of our children, from my oldest son—then 18—to the youngest seven-year-old twins. We had waited quite a while for our baby girl due to bureaucratic red tape and attempts by the Guatemalan government to adhere to the Hague guidelines, standards of practice for inter-country adoptions.

One afternoon when Andrea was just four years old, I received a phone call from my doctor that completely turned my busy happy world into one of terror and uncertainty. I had been diagnosed with early stage invasive breast cancer and as I watched my four year old munching on her after school cookie, my mind filled with fear. I began to think that all those naysayers who had questioned our decision to adopt must have been right. Questions flew through my head, and my youngest daughter's fate was first and foremost in my mind. After Andrea had been taken from her birth country and the foster family who cared for her, her life uprooted, would she now be traumatized again with an adoptive mom with a life-threatening illness?

I explained the illness to our children in a matter of fact, calm way, giving some details of my surgery, and letting

them know that I would soon be home again and healing. I answered their questions, but always with a positive spin, because I knew the way I faced my illness would set the tone for our children's well-being.

As I waded through the recuperation period, and my family seemed to be faring well, with no signs of depression or trauma, I realized that their love and support had strengthened me more than I had realized. My older daughters registered in the Susan Komen's Breast Cancer 5K, and completed the run in our town, proudly presenting me with a beautiful pink "survivor" tee shirt, which I wear often.



Clairmarie Hanavan Field '78 and her daughter Andrea, now 12

Though I tried to maintain an outwardly stoic appearance, there were many days when I wondered how my daughter Andrea would have fared, should my outcome have been bleak. Thankfully, our story has a happy ending. The strong bond that I have with Andrea seems to have solidified as we've traveled these years since my illness together. The good news is that with the bevy of resources, support groups, and treatment options available to us today, along with the benefit of

early detection, breast cancer is no longer a death sentence. It can even motivate us to slow down, let go of anger and regrets, and smell every sweet flower nature has to offer, if we only take the time to see it. **C**

Clairmarie and her husband Bob live in Wilmington, DE, with their family. Clair teaches children and adults with reading disabilities, mentors other women struggling with breast cancer, and is active in her church and community.

Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN, is seeking comments from the public about the College in preparation for its periodic evaluation by its regional accrediting agency. The College will host the visit November 9-10, 2015, with a team representing the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association.

Saint Mary's College has been accredited by the Commission since 1922.

The team will review the institution's ongoing ability to meet the Commission's Criteria for Accreditation.

The public is invited to submit comments regarding the College to:

Third-Party Comment on Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN

The Higher Learning Commission

230 South LaSalle Street, Suite 7-500

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The public may also submit comments on the Commission's website at **www.ncahlc.org**.

Comments must be in writing and must address substantive matters related to the quality of the institution or its academic programs.

All comments must be received by October 1, 2015.

