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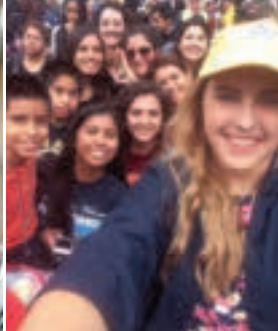




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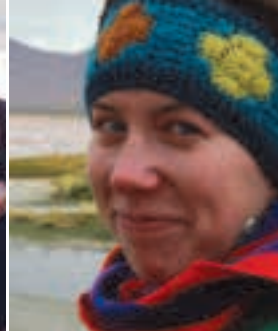
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### The Mission

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

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Do you remember your first drive down The Avenue? It might've been snowing or 90 degrees, or maybe you were blessed to see The Avenue in the fall. A canopy of trees bursting into shades of red and gold, sunshine, and crisp fall air. It's fitting that one of our community's iconic symbols is a path.

Following in the footsteps of the College's foundresses, the Sisters of the Holy Cross, more than 170 years ago, we endeavor to educate women who will go on to make a difference in the world. The sisters pushed boundaries, leaving Le Mans, France for the wilderness of Indiana to eventually start a school for young women. In this issue of *Courier*, we celebrate the ways in which we as the College, alumnae, and students continue to push boundaries in education, in life, and in the world.

Recently, Br. Joel Giallanza, CSC, associate director of the Holy Cross Institute and scholar of the heritage of the Holy Cross congregations, visited campus to speak about Holy Cross education. At one gathering he reflected on our mission statement, which reads,

*"...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."*

Giallanza said three words in the mission stood out to him. I share his thoughts as a reflection for you:

## **Pioneer**

*Pioneers have a willingness to take up the adventure, to explore, to discover new territory, to take necessary risks for the sake of that adventure; never being content to the point of paralysis.*

## **Community**

*Pioneers call upon the resources they need, including one another; they collaborate and cooperate, building upon a common spirit. This spirit of community vitalizes the pioneers, safeguarding them from discouragement even when all does not go as planned.*

## **Faithful**

*Pioneers are faithful, not because they see the road ahead clearly, but because they believe in what they are doing; they choose to be on the journey, they are convinced of the mission... (at Saint Mary's) you have made and will continue to make a difference in our world and, by that, you prepare the world for better times than ours, much like the Congregations of Holy Cross have done for nearly 200 years.*

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*Shannon E. Brewer Rooney '03 is the editor of Courier.*





Photo: Zara Osterman



## President Carol Ann Mooney to Retire in May 2016



Carol Ann Mooney '72 recently announced that she will retire as Saint Mary's 11th president at the end of the academic year. In her 12 years as the College's first lay alumna president, she solidified Saint Mary's reputation as a leading liberal arts college, among other accomplishments.

"We are profoundly indebted to Carol for all she has accomplished during her tenure as our president," said Chair of the Board Mary L. Burke '85. "Her tireless efforts have made Saint Mary's financially and academically stronger, and more diverse."

President Mooney will leave office when her contract ends on May 31, 2016. The Board of Trustees has begun the presidential search process to ensure an orderly and transparent transition of leadership. Academic Search, Inc., a nationally recognized firm, is assisting the Presidential Search Committee, which includes representatives from the Board of Trustees, faculty, staff, alumnae, and students. *Visit [saintmarys.edu/presidential-search/updates](http://saintmarys.edu/presidential-search/updates) for news on the search.*



Gabby Diamond '18 and Bailey Oppman '18 welcome new students as they drive down The Avenue.

## The College Welcomes the Socially Conscious and Diverse Class of 2019

Saint Mary's College welcomes the Class of 2019, which boasts approximately 420 women. It's one of the most diverse classes ever at Saint Mary's, with 20 percent of the class from under-represented populations. These women share our core value of commitment to social justice, and they understand what it means to take an active role in their communities.

"There is no one definition of a Saint Mary's woman," says Vice President for Enrollment Management Mona Bowe. "Some are athletes and some are musicians. Some are here to become teachers and others hope to start their own businesses. Having read their applications, I can tell you that they share a common passion for community service and a love of learning."

## Saint Mary's Recognized Among the Best Nationally and Regionally



Saint Mary's College President Carol Ann Mooney '72 set and met a goal early in her presidency to move Saint Mary's into the national liberal arts rankings. The College remains in the top 100 of the *U.S. News & World Report's* Best National Liberal Arts Colleges list for the seventh consecutive year. This year Saint Mary's moved up from 96 to 82 out of at least 235 liberal arts colleges. *U.S. News* uses many indicators to capture academic quality, including assessment by administrators at peer institutions, retention of students, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources, alumni giving, and graduation rate performance.

*The Princeton Review* also listed Saint Mary's among the Best in the Midwest for the 13th consecutive year. In surveys for *The Princeton Review*, Saint Mary's students described the school as a unique women's Catholic college with a strong sense of tradition, high standards for education, great faculty and staff, and an excellent sense of community.

## Novelist Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie to Speak at College March 3



Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

Nigerian novelist and best-selling author Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie is the 2015–16 Sister Alma Peter Endowed Speaker. The author of three novels — *Purple Hibiscus*, *Half of the Yellow Sun*, and *Americanah* — will speak about her life and writings on March 3 at 7:30 p.m. (ET) in O’Laughlin Auditorium. The cost of the engagement is \$8 per ticket. Seating is limited and tickets are expected to be in demand for this event.

Go to [MoreauCenter.com](http://MoreauCenter.com) for tickets.

Adichie has received numerous awards and distinctions, including the Orange Broadband Prize for Fiction and a MacArthur Foundation Fellowship. In 2011–12, the Radcliff Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard University awarded her a fellowship, which allowed her to finalize *Americanah*. The book, released in 2013, is this year’s selection for the Saint Mary’s College Alumnae Association’s One Book, One Saint Mary’s program. Join us at [alumnae.saintmarys.edu](http://alumnae.saintmarys.edu)

## 10th Annual Christian Culture Lecture Featured Martha C. Nussbaum



Martha C. Nussbaum

This academic year’s speaker at the 10th annual Christian Culture Lecture on November 4 was world-renowned, award-winning philosopher Martha C. Nussbaum. The lecture, titled “Anger and Revolutionary Justice,” offered a close philosophical analysis of anger and why it is of dubious value in life and the law. “We were honored and delighted to have hosted Martha Nussbaum at Saint Mary’s,” says John Shinnors, humanistic

studies professor and the Bruno P. Schlesinger Chair of Humanistic Studies. “She is one of the world’s most eminent and prolific philosophers, and has written or edited over 35 groundbreaking books exploring moral and political philosophy, human emotions, women’s rights, international development, and the humanities.” The Christian Culture Lecture is sponsored by the Department of Humanistic Studies, through the generous gift from Drs. Susan Fitzgerald Rice ’61 and Donald Rice.

## Food Recovery Project Benefits the Homeless



Sidnee Silveira ’19, Eleanor Jones ’16, and Jade Johnson ’17 deliver food to the Center for the Homeless. Photos by Taylr Davis ’16.

What started out as a goodwill project by two students has turned into an official partnership between the College’s Office for Civic and Social Engagement (OCSE), Sodexo Food Service, and the Center for the Homeless (CFH) in South Bend. Twice a week three students employed by OCSE — Eleanor Jones ’16, Jade Johnson ’17, and Sidnee Silveira ’19 — pick up unused food from the dining hall that Sodexo packages for the CFH. The students weigh the food and enter the amount into the Food Recovery Network database. The trio then delivers the food to the kitchen at the Center for the Homeless where it is used for guest meals. The Food Recovery Network includes nearly 200 colleges and universities, and Saint Mary’s is just one of three colleges in Indiana taking part in the effort.

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# *Pushing* Boundaries to Make a **Difference**

By Gwen O'Brien

Quick, can you recite the mission statement of Saint Mary's College? One line probably comes to mind. Saint Mary's is where students "develop their talents and prepare to make a difference in the world." Making a difference means pushing boundaries, or as our foundresses the Sisters of the Holy Cross say, "responding to the needs of the times."

Making a difference is not comfortable or easy. The mission doesn't promise that. Here, three alumnae share their stories of pushing themselves — out of chaos, heartache, and the culture of the times. Bet they'll cause you to reflect on your life and how you've made a difference in the world.



Photo: Renee Salas '03



## Unshakable in Chaos

Her story has the makings of a bestselling novel or Hollywood action movie...

*Dr. Renee Salas '03 is drawn to the adrenaline rush of emergency medicine, but could she survive a wilderness medicine fellowship in the Himalayas? Extreme winter weather and the 14,500-foot elevation were minor adversities compared to what she'd face — an earthquake, an influx of casualties from a resulting avalanche, primitive clinic conditions, and language barriers. She would need to think clearly. Decisively. Lives would depend on it. Did she have what it would take?*

Spoiler alert — yes!

Salas says the two-year Massachusetts General Hospital Wilderness Medicine Fellowship, which included three months with the Himalayan Rescue Association (HRA), “pushed my physical, emotional, and clinical practice limits in ways like never before.”

The three-month assignment began in March 2015 in Pheriche, Nepal — a remote village set against soaring pinnacles that include Mount Everest.

“The HRA created the post in Pheriche because it was en route for trekkers on their way up to Everest Base Camp (EBC). It's a place they

can adjust to the altitude.” EBC, a nine-mile hike up from Pheriche, sits at 17,590 feet. Mount Everest's peak, the highest in the world, is 29,035 feet.

On April 25, a 7.8 magnitude earthquake hit the region. “My colleagues and I ran out in front of the clinic. We watched in horror as buildings collapsed around us.”

Amazingly, there was only one injury. Further up the mountain at EBC, though, the earthquake caused a 180-mile-per-hour avalanche. “We learned of the avalanche nine hours later, when the first patients, who self-evacuated on foot or horse, arrived at the clinic.”

Salas says approximately 18 hours after the earthquake and avalanche, doctors at EBC began evacuating 73 patients to Pheriche by helicopter. There were just three doctors at the clinic, including Salas, and very limited supplies.

“We recruited additional aid from the trekking population — those with and without medical training... approximately 150 individuals from all over the world. We overcame environmental challenges, language barriers, and difficult terrain to provide the best care possible. Without international teamwork, we never would have had the success we did.”



Over the course of seven hours, they treated and stabilized the 73 patients. About 20 of them were critically injured. Patients were evacuated by helicopter — 18 at a time — to a hospital in Lukla 23 miles away. Amazingly, all but two survived their injuries.

The experience pushed Salas to the brink. “I had to push aside my own fear about continued aftershocks, personal hunger, and cold intolerance, and focus my energy solely on patient care and the logistics of the operation.”

And when technology, testing, and electronic medical records disappear: “You are left with two humans interacting on a very intimate and fundamental level. That is why I love what I do.”

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Renee Salas '03 earned a degree in biology and minors in chemistry and psychology at Saint Mary's and attended medical school at the Cleveland Clinic College of Case Western Reserve University, also earning a master's in clinical research. She will complete a master's degree in public health at Harvard School of Public Health in May 2016. Salas is the assistant fellowship director for the Massachusetts General Hospital Wilderness Medicine Fellowship, clinical instructor of Emergency Medicine at Harvard Medical School, and a practicing emergency department physician at Massachusetts General Hospital.





## Finding Sense in Tragedy

**Delia Garcia '93** was on a dream trip to Ireland with her husband — so why did she feel more exhausted than exuberant? Sure, she was 25 weeks pregnant, but Garcia hadn't even experienced morning sickness. Her doctor gave her the "all clear" to make the international trip, a "babymoon" with her husband, Kelly Stokes.

Garcia shrugged off the lethargy as jetlag. She boarded the bus headed for the Cliffs of Moher.

"When we got to the Cliffs that morning, my water broke in the restroom."



Delia Garcia '93 earned a degree in political science and Spanish and a minor in French at Saint Mary's and a master's degree in public policy, housing, and urban development from Harvard University. She is director of communications for Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. and serves on the College's Board of Trustees. Garcia and her husband, Kelly Stokes, have a 4-year-old daughter Madeleine Clare, whose middle name points to County Clare where Nicholas is buried. (Madeleine is pictured with her mother, Delia, in top photo.)

She was in labor in the visitors' center of Ireland's most popular natural attraction — located in one of the country's most remote regions. The front desk called for an ambulance, which could take an hour to arrive.

"A million tourists come to the Cliffs each year, and there wasn't even a first aid kit."

Garcia delivered her baby boy — Nicholas — on the floor of a tiny office.

The ambulance arrived, but Nicholas stopped breathing on the way to the hospital.

"I kept praying for a miracle," she says. "But it was very clear it was a lost cause."

It was July 12, 2006. Three days later, the couple laid Nicholas to rest in County Clare, where he was born. Garcia would later call it Divine providence that they chose a cemetery in the town of Ennis.

Back home in Phoenix, the couple felt they had to make sense of the tragedy and thank those who helped

them. Garcia Googled "Irish Embassy" and "Phoenix." What popped up was "City of Phoenix Sister Cities" and a list of cities, which, remarkably, included Ennis.

Garcia, a former Phoenix city employee, knew people in the office. She and Stokes met with program leaders who "were clearly moved by what happened to us and wanted to help."

The couple learned that a multi-million dollar visitors' center was under construction at the Cliffs of Moher. They met with Irish diplomats, looked at blueprints, and found a space that could serve as a first aid room. The couple raised \$86,000 to establish Nicholas's Room, dedicated in 2007. Since then, they've continued fundraising to support and expand the services provided there.

"It's built to be an ambulance without wheels. Staff members at the visitors' center receive basic to advanced first aid response training. There are defibrillators, spinal boards, and a flatbed golf cart to transport injured visitors to Nicholas's Room, where they are triaged until an ambulance arrives."

So where did she and her husband find grace in the face of adversity?

"It was a faith response for us," Garcia says. "Christ is the ultimate example of following God's will. As Christians we are called to follow where God leads us."

In October the couple was honored with the Anam Cara Award by the Irish Center in Phoenix for their contributions to the Irish Community.



## Shattering Glass Ceilings

When **Fran Bardello Craig '64** was starting out, most people hadn't heard of computers — herself included. It was the '60s, after all.

"My father's friend knew that I majored in math and said, 'You should be a computer programmer.' I said, 'What's that?' He explained that programmers make computers work. To which I said, 'What are computers?'"

She worked at a phone company that sent her to school to learn programming and coding and soon found herself in what would become the IT industry.

"I am definitely in a male-dominated field, and I always have been. I was usually the only woman among 50 men. It has changed a little, but not a lot."

In the '70s when most moms chose to be at home, Craig took the career path. "I worked the whole time, except for short times off when the kids were babies."

It was a transformative era for women, and for Craig. Becoming a mom stirred in her a need to succeed. "I guess it was about security."

Early in her career Craig realized something about herself.

"It seemed that whenever I was put into a group for something, I was perceived as the leader."

Craig thinks Saint Mary's helped her find her voice.

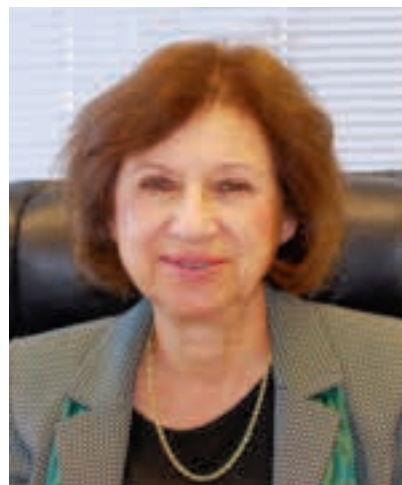
"We, as women, don't want to stand back and let men overshadow us. Studies show women that go to all-women colleges actually do better in the business world."

And Craig has done very well in that space.

The 73-year-old is CEO of the technology firm Unanet, which publishes cloud software for businesses that work with government agencies. The Washington, D.C.-area resident says she built the company "by attracting a team of bright people who are deeply involved in, enthusiastic about, and committed to building Unanet and helping customers achieve successful outcomes."

Two of those bright people are her children. Christopher Craig is president and chief operating officer of Unanet and Ellen Craig is vice president of professional services.

Retirement is the boundary Craig is currently pushing. She *may* retire — in seven years, at age 80. In the meantime she has mastered work-life balance, splitting her time between work, bridge, golf, and travel, which includes trips to California to visit her grandsons.



**Fran Bardello Craig '64** earned a degree in mathematics and minors in chemistry and physics at Saint Mary's. Go to [alumnae.saintmarys.edu](http://alumnae.saintmarys.edu) to find her career tips for women. Click on *Courier Extras* and look for the article under the Spread the Word tab.





# When Passion Ignites Action

By Shannon E. Brewer Rooney '03

Britt Blackwood '17, Aiko Kawano '16, and Eleanor Jones '16 are three different Saint Mary's students with a common strength. It's a typical trait of Saint Mary's women. And each woman expresses it in her own, individual way — through her career, her relationships, her intellectual interests, and myriad other outlets. These three women are pushing boundaries spiritually, academically, and in service to others. Here's what they've discovered so far.

## Walking By Faith

These days Britt Blackwood '17 just calls herself a Christian. It's not that she has never been one. It's



just the simplest way to explain her faith journey. Blackwood grew up in what she describes as “a non-denominational Christian household.” Her mother is not religious and her father was raised Catholic but converted to the IFBBC (Independent Fundamental Bible Baptist Church) when he was a teenager.

Blackwood's own journey began in middle school and early high school when she became involved in a church that was connected to the Assemblies of God Pentecostal churches. She joined a

mission building and began participating in ministry in various villages.

It was at the age of 13, where she was saved. Blackwood explains, “being saved is the moment when you take Christ into your heart and consider him youravior.” When Blackwood was a junior in high school, she was baptized into the IFBBC and became a member of that church.

Her background, having given her an appreciation for every individual's faith journey, led Blackwood to her eventual passion for interfaith dialogue. “While I was brought up with a lot of conservative Christian values, I am forever grateful for my father's encouragement to find a faith path and community that works for me,” she says.

With the help of Campus Ministry leaders and students of various faiths, Blackwood is working to establish interfaith dialogue on campus. Her goal? Understanding and inclusivity. “I want it to be all inclusive — people from every age, gender, and faith background. I want it to become a group where people can come to talk about faith matters that are important to them and where we can learn from each other. I also want it to be a force on campus where we can eradicate stereotypes and phobias.” Eradicating Islamophobia, so present in the news lately, is a major conversation point for the group.

Blackwood realizes approaching interfaith conversations can be intimidating for students who aren't Catholic. As a non-Catholic who was used to interpreting the Bible more literally, she admits attending her first Bible study on campus was a little scary. “But, honestly, it has been so enlightening and I am able to see things that I have never noticed about these biblical stories before. More importantly, these women are so kind and we all agree that the Bible is a great source of comfort in our lives,” she says.

This is the kind of community experience Blackwood wants to create for women of all faiths on campus with her interfaith group. “I want people to know that we will always be more the same than we will ever be different.”



## Intercultural Insight

In their junior year at Saint Mary's, students begin thinking about possible senior comp topics. Aiko Kawano '16, a sociology major and math minor from Japan, followed her natural curiosity about interracial marriages. Now a senior, she is conducting a content analysis of the struggles of interracial couples made up of Japanese women and white American

men. The topic is reflective of Kawano's experience in the U.S. Among her friends' parents, there are several interracial marriages.

To better understand them from a sociological perspective, Kawano surveyed four blogs written by Japanese women married to white American men. She first translated them into English, then compiled significant data points.

Kawano's results showed that these couples struggle with issues common to any given married couple like division of chores and disputes over child-rearing methods. But one struggle was particular to the interracial couples. The language barrier they face prevented them from communicating effectively with one another.

While Kawano's research focuses on interracial marriage, her interests in intercultural issues are broad. In addition to her coursework, Kawano is involved with the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership (CWIL) on campus. She works with CWIL staff to create events for international students on campus. And she tutors a group of women from Saudi Arabia, helping them learn English.

Kawano believes endeavors like her comp are useful to students and to anyone interested in bridging gaps between cultures. "My senior comp is important learning because there are so many misunderstandings toward certain racial groups in the U.S., even though the country consists of different racial and ethnic groups." And learning about each other's specific struggles is the first step on the path to understanding.

## A Just Business

Global studies major Eleanor Jones '16 is passionate about helping other women remove limitations. Last summer she was among four Saint Mary's students to take part in the Study of the U.S. Institute (SUSI) on campus along with about 20 undergraduate women from Jordan, Egypt, Libya, Tunisia, and Iraq.

At the conclusion of the institute, the Jordanian delegation came up with the idea to start SheCab, a taxi service with female drivers for women passengers. Women in Jordan are often sexually harassed on public transportation, which can affect whether or not a woman works outside the home. The delegate students hoped to start a business that would support professional women by providing safe transportation to and from work.

Jones and other Saint Mary's students and staff have supported the SUSI participants by helping them put together a business plan, apply for grants, and fundraise to get SheCab started. Jones even traveled to Jordan over spring break when the Jordanian women pitched their business idea to officials at the U.S. Embassy in Amman.



According to Jones and a recent article in *The National*, Abu Dhabi Media's first English-language publication, SheCab has received mixed reviews in Jordan. Conservative Jordanians struggle to accept the idea of women driving taxis or even of women working outside the home. But Jones and the Jordanian women have hope, knowing that new ideas often face resistance.

In addition to starting a conversation about a serious issue for Jordanian women, "The SheCab team is demonstrating the entrepreneurial and activism power of women," says Jones. "These four women are not business majors — three of them are pharmacy majors and one is a finance major; however, they acknowledge an issue that they are passionate about and they stepped forward with a solution."

Working on the project with the Jordanian students has been one of the most rewarding of Jones's college career, which includes a year studying abroad in South Africa. She points to a quote from *The National* article on SheCab, in which student Rahmeh said, "People tell me that I have been brainwashed by the Americans after we participated in the program. But I tell them I have brainwashed the Americans back, changing their perception on Islam and women through our discussions." Jones says, "I believe that this quote sums up the power of exchange through programs like SUSI." For Jones, this project has been about breaking down barriers both for and between women of different cultures.





# *Expanding* Our Limits

## Graduate Programs at Saint Mary's

By Megan Eifler

For the first time in nearly 50 years, Saint Mary's College is offering graduate programs. The programs stem from a history of progressive initiatives in graduate education, most notably the School of Sacred Theology. Sister M. Madeleva Wolff, then-president of Saint Mary's, launched the school in 1943 at a time when women were not permitted to study theology in post-graduate programs.

Aligning with the Sisters of the Holy Cross's mission of seeing a need and meeting it, and building on Sister Madeleva's forward-thinking educational model, Saint Mary's is now offering a Master of Science in Speech Language Pathology, a Master of Science in Data Science, and a Doctorate of Nursing Practice to meet the demands of three rapidly growing fields. The Master of Science in Data Science and Doctorate of Nursing Practice (DNP) programs represent Saint Mary's first foray into primarily online education; data science students make an annual visit to campus, while nursing students visit each semester.

### Doctorate of Nursing Practice

So far, the model is providing the same one-on-one interaction with professors that is a hallmark of the Saint Mary's undergraduate education. According to Daniel Petrie, a student in the DNP program, "The instructors have been open and caring, and have made themselves available for questions and feedback on performance." Petrie's career goals align with Saint Mary's commitment to social justice, so he was naturally drawn to the DNP program. "I like the

idea of giving a higher level of care to those that don't have access to it," says Petrie. Petrie is passionate about this and a dream of obtaining his pilot's license to fly into remote areas to help people. The DNP program focuses on relationship-centered leadership in healthcare from the perspective of an entrepreneur who operates within a tradition of social justice. The program is offered in two tracks: a post-Bachelor's in Nursing (BSN) to DNP degree and a post-Master's in Nursing (MSN) to DNP.

### Master of Science in Data Science

The Master of Science in Data Science program is offered at a time when the market is ripe for deep analytical skills. A study by McKinsey and Co. projects that, "by 2018, the U.S. may face a 50 to 60 percent gap between supply and requisite demand of deep analytic talent." While many programs have been established to meet this need, Saint Mary's is one of the few that will produce professional practitioners with the necessary mathematical and computational depth needed to refine the tools others simply use.

In other words, Saint Mary's graduates will be those who actually write the algorithms used to decipher and interpret data. This expertise in turn helps business leaders make more informed decisions. "Students will come out of the program with enduring mathematical skills that will allow them to take on data challenges now and in the future, no matter what programming language they're using," says math professor and program director Kristin Kuter, PhD.

The broad application of data means students hail from a wide variety of backgrounds. Current students include a math teacher, an information technology (IT) specialist, and a data warehousing expert, to name a few. Alumna Lisa Horenkamp Durham '93 found out about the program last year through a *Courier* article and both she and her



Lisa Horenkamp Durham '93 and husband Mike Durham work together as professor Kristin Kuter looks on. Both Lisa and Mike are in the Master of Science in Data Science Program.

husband Mike applied and enrolled. Durham previously worked in IT consulting, which led her to Scott Air Force Base, where she became involved with data modeling. She hopes to use her degree to go into analytics, ideally for a sports team. Mike works in data warehousing, which involves putting data onto a system. "The systems we build sometimes turn into a data roach motel — the data checks in, but it never checks out," he says. He wants to help people get that data out of the system and turn it into useful information.

### Master of Science in Speech Language Pathology

Like the DNP program, the on-campus Master of Science in Speech Language Pathology program has a commitment to social justice. There is a shortage of qualified speech language pathologists in education and healthcare, and this shortage is felt deeply in Indiana. Students will work with underserved populations through partnerships with local clinics, schools, hospitals, and other services. The program

is functional and hands-on, meaning students meet people where they are. For example, in working with a stroke patient, a student might go with the patient to the grocery store and help him or her shop for meals, incorporating therapy techniques into real-life situations.

The program also emphasizes clinical experience. All speech language pathology graduate programs provide students with clinical experience, but Saint Mary's offers more extensive, varied hours. "At the heart of what we do is creat[ing] clinicians — thoughtful, reflective clinicians who base their decisions in evidence," says professor and program director Susan Olney Latham '91. "Students will gain firsthand experience in evaluating evidence by actually going out into the community and conducting research. They'll have the opportunity to participate in studies that affect the course of peoples' lives." **C**

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# Belles Share

By Gwen O'Brien

## *Their Papal Encounters*

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Photo 1: Emily Peters '18 takes a selfie in Philadelphia with Emily Rojas '16, Clarisa Medina '16, Perla Ocadiz '18, Dalia Rodriguez '17, and Teresa Valencia '17.

Photos 2 and 4: Sara Mahoney '04 has a good vantage point from the White House Lawn.

Photo 3: An expectant Linda Janke Ruszkowski '04 meets Pope Francis. Mackenzie Francis was born November 7. Photo by Doug Lawrence, brother of Meg Lawrence '04.

Photo 5: Anna McCambridge '18, Alexis Royce '18, Jessie McCartney '18, and Caroline Koenig '18 pose in Philadelphia.

He's called "the rock star pope," "the humble pope," and "the people's pope." *He* is Pope Francis and does he draw a crowd. More than a million people flocked to the Northeast in September to be near him. Belles were there too—on the White House and Capitol Building lawns, on the streets of Washington, D.C., and New York City, and along Benjamin Franklin Parkway in Philadelphia. The papal experiences of students and alumnae ranged from "popemobile" sightings to conducting a choir at a papal Mass to a chance one-on-one meeting (and blessing).

## Providential moment

On the morning of September 24, **Linda Janke Ruszkowski '04** stood outside the Apostolic Nunciature of the Holy See in Washington. The director of campus ministry at the nearby Academy of the Holy Cross was with a small group of students and school leaders hoping to catch a glimpse of Pope Francis on his way to address Congress. For Ruszkowski, just to be there was extraordinary.

"I have been so inspired by how he has embraced a servant-leadership style to his papacy, a quality I strive for in my own ministry," she says.

When Pope Francis emerged from the residence, Ruszkowski, in her third trimester, called to him: "We love you so much, Papa...My baby can't wait to meet you, Papa." In a moment captured on video, the pope approached a smiling Ruszkowski, placed both hands on her midsection and quietly said a blessing. Audible gasps can be heard from the crowd.

Thaddeus Ruszkowski, Linda's husband, told us in a Facebook message that day, "It was completely providence... It was a very real passing on of God's grace to Linda and our daughter."

## In the City of Brotherly Love

**Katherine Chmelko '09**, choral director at Nazareth Academy in Philadelphia, directed a 50-member regional high school choir that sang at an open-air Mass celebrated by Pope Francis on Benjamin Franklin Parkway in Philadelphia on September 27. Among the crowd were 41 Saint Mary's students and seven staff who made the pilgrimage by bus thanks to the College's Division for Mission.

"I hadn't experienced the greatness of a universal faith until the papal Mass," **Perla Ocadiz '18** said of the hundreds of thousands of pilgrims. "All the waiting and walking and fasting and Power Bars were worth it and I will forever cherish it."

## Reporting from the nation's capital

**Sara Mahoney '04** was invited to the arrival ceremony for Pope Francis held on the South Lawn of the White House on September 23. Mahoney is a diversity manager in the U.S. Department of State's Office of Civil Rights.

Alumna and Congresswoman **Eddie Bernice Johnson** attended Pope Francis's September 24 Congressional address. She generously shared tickets with some D.C.-area alumnae to watch the historic event on a Jumbotron on the Capitol's West Front Lawn. **Kelly Cook-Lewis '97** took her 10-year-old daughter Riley there for "the best field trip ever."

**Kelly Craven '83**, director of House Operations for then-Speaker of the House John Boehner, called it "an exciting day," which included seeing Pope Francis in person. Craven noted that Boehner, who is Catholic, had been trying for 20 years to have a pope address Congress.

## Communicating history, in real time

Normally **Stephanie Cherpak Clary '12** serves as director of campus ministry and religion teacher at Rice Memorial High School in South Burlington, VT. But during the papal visit, she put her communication studies and theology background to work as a member of the media relations team for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops communications committee. She was in all three cities of the papal visit, helping facilitate news conferences and media requests.

**Kathleen Hessert '74**, founder and CEO of Sports Media Challenge led a digital initiative to inspire millennials. The @PopeIsHope effort featured pope emojis that could be downloaded for free on smart devices. A digital street team of about 60 millennials, like **Kelly Vaughan '17**, created content demonstrating that #GoodIsWinning, to build excitement about Pope Francis's visit. **Ellen Wilson Hoover '90** was involved in the execution and analysis of the project. Social media insights derived from @PopeIsHope could help the Vatican understand which issues young people are most concerned about and how to engage with millennials going forward.



# Lights. Camera. *Action.*

By Sarah Miesle '07



*The Faith Always, Action Now* campaign tri-chairs and the President prepare to break ground on the Patricia Wiedner Purcell '69 Athletic Fields. Pictured: College President Carol Ann Mooney '72, Sarah Belanger Earley '71, Susan Fitzgerald Rice '61, and Mary L. Burke '85. Photo: Sally O'Donnell

It may not be a movie in the making, but the Purcell Athletic Fields are undoubtedly the venue for innumerable future highlights. Through the generosity of Patricia Wiedner Purcell '69 and her husband Paul, the north side of campus has been going through a massive facelift.

This summer, a \$4.5 million project started on both the renovation and creation of our athletic fields. A new soccer field has been built at the west end of the complex. The former athletic field, which was home to both soccer and lacrosse, has been renovated and will serve as the lacrosse field. The softball field received a new infield, grass, and fencing. Each of our fields are unique to their sport and each has lights. Ours are the only fields of their kind in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association. The College is a member of its Division III conference.

"As a student-athlete, it's amazing to see the commitment the College has made to athletics and our future," says Liza Felix '17. "We cannot be thankful enough for this gift and what it has meant to the soccer team and to all our teams."

The entryway to the complex aligns with Le Mans Tower and provides a singular focal point for the fields. A nearly 2,000-square-foot building is home to restrooms, a concession stand, an athletic training room, and a multi-purpose storage area. Before long, it will be game time for the Belles.

"Our new fields are beautiful and signal a new era in Belles Athletics," says athletic director Julie Schroeder-Biek '88. "This complex is designed for varsity collegiate teams — and it looks like it. Athletes, athletic staff, and fans will all benefit from its design and amenities. We cannot thank the Purcells enough for their generous gift."





Jody Matousek Padar '94

# Pioneering Change

## in the Accounting Field

By Shannon E. Brewer Rooney '03

Jody Matousek Padar '94 didn't set out to change an entire industry. But the CEO and popular AccountingToday.com blogger has become a leader in her field by heading a new movement of "digital CPAs." A Certified Professional Accountant, Padar is the CEO and principal of New Vision CPA Group in Mount Prospect, Illinois. Five years ago she began blogging about the accounting business and has just published a book titled *The Radical CPA: New Rules for the Future-Ready Firm*.

Padar's path from Saint Mary's accounting major to award-winning CPA and sought-after conference speaker was a logical, if not magical, one. "I didn't really know what I wanted to do after graduating," she says. After Saint Mary's Padar joined a Big 4 firm, then a mid-size firm, and then, she joined her dad's accounting firm.

Because of her liberal arts background Padar found she could think outside the CPA box and then communicate her ideas to other professionals. "The benefit of having attended a small liberal arts college, gave me skills my peers in the field didn't have. They helped facilitate my unique views of the industry," says Padar. When she saw a need for CPA firms to change their practices in order to accommodate their changing clientele, Padar started blogging. She discovered a receptive audience in her peers via the *Forbes* and *Accounting Today* websites, among others.

Padar had been blogging her ideas for more than five years when a publishing company reached out to her. Her book, *The Radical CPA*, based on her blog articles, is a down-to-earth practice management manifesto. It outlines four tenets Padar

believes are key for CPAs who want to move into the future. They include embracing new technology and social media, focusing on the customer experience, and doing away with billable hours. "I tell other CPAs that our customers have changed. If we don't change with them, we'll become irrelevant," says Padar. As with most pioneering women, Padar simply saw a need for advancement and acted on it.

The CPA industry has been responsive to Padar's message. It shows in her accolades. Padar's been named one of *Accounting Today's* 100 Most Influential People from 2011-2015. The same organization named her 2015 MP (Managing Partner) Elite. In addition to these and other awards, Padar spearheads media events "to shake up the profession" and is a regular featured speaker and expert contributor to industry events.

Padar created a career for herself as a blogger and author that falls outside the traditional CPA lines. "That's something Saint Mary's sets you up for," she says. "Thinking, speaking, writing — those kinds of skills help you when you climb further up in your career." The process of finding one's passion, she says, is sometimes a process of elimination. Padar worked at a CPA firm after college, eventually getting her master's in taxation. "I didn't find out what was really important to me until I started blogging," she says. Because she was an experienced CPA, she established credibility in the business blogging world and found her niche. And that path has led Padar to a successful career through which she can make an impact.

In reflecting on her Saint Mary's education, Padar says she and her friends, fellow alumnae, are all successful in different ways. Whether it's teaching and then staying home with children, becoming a nurse, starting a business—defining success for yourself is key. "We can all be successful in whatever is important to us," she says. For Padar, that means embracing change and helping her chosen industry do the same. **C**



**Susan Alexander**, professor of sociology; article, "The corporate masquerade: branding masculinity through Halloween costumes," *The Journal of Men's Studies* 22, 3: 180-193, 2014.

— Article with **Kelsey Collins '15**, "From Patriotic Troops to Branded Boyhood: Hegemonic boyhood masculinity as depicted on Boy's Life magazine, 1911-2012," *Boyhood Studies: An Interdisciplinary Journal*, Vol. 8 No. 1, 2015.

— Presented, "Resurrecting Hegemonic Masculinity in the Post-Apocalyptic World of *The Walking Dead*," Popular Culture Association's Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, April 2, 2015.

**Teresa Aubele-Futch**, assistant professor of psychology; article, "The Serotonin 5-HT1B agonist sumatriptan increases aggressive behaviors in adult male rats in a neutral cage setting," *IMPULSE, The Premier Undergraduate Neuroscience Journal*, December 11, 2014.

— Presentation, "Cosmic Rays are Neurotoxic," Applied Behavioral Analysis annual meeting, Chicago, May 15, 2014.

**Thomas Bonnell**, professor of English; lecture, "Pray gentleman compositors ...: Boswell's *Life of Johnson* from Manuscript to Book," University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, June 9, 2015.

**Kurt Buhning**, associate professor and chair of the Department of Religious Studies; paper presented, "Day and Niebuhr on the Great Depression," Dorothy Day and the Church: Past, Present and Future conference, University of Saint Francis, Fort Wayne, IN, May 13, 2015.

**JoAnn Burke**, associate professor of social work and gerontology; appointment by Governor Mike Pence, Indiana Commission on Aging, June 6, 2014.

**Mary V. Connolly**, professor emerita of mathematics; presentation and article, "Net Neutrality: The Great Debate," Proceedings of the 2015 Annual Meeting of the Association Supporting Computer Users in Education (ASCUE), Myrtle Beach, SC, June 16, 2015.

**Indi Dieckgrafe-Dreyer**, professor of dance; performance with Ron K. Brown/Evidence Dance Company in "On Earth Together," a choreographic work incorporating themes of community, ritual, and shared experience. Selected by audition as one of 16 community dancers to rehearse and perform with the ensemble, Decio Theatre, DeBartolo Performing Arts Center, University of Notre Dame, January 22-24, 2015.

**Nancy L. D'Antuono**, professor emerita of Italian; paper presented, "Dell'Arte rappresentativa (1699) and Andrea Perrucci's Passion for Spanish Golden Age Drama," *La commedia Nuova spagnola e le scene italiane nel Seicento*, Università di Roma Tre, January 19-21, 2015.

**Dawn Farmer**, visiting assistant professor of music; paper presented, "The Role of Go-go Music in the Life of a D.C. Native," Desert Skies Symposium for Music Education 2015, Tucson AZ, February 21, 2015.

**Amy Gillan**, assistant professor of education; article with T. Hebert, "It's a zoo out there! A school collaborates with community partners to support authentic inquiry," *Science & Children*, Vol. 51 No. 9, National Science Teachers Association, July 2014.

— Presented, "Aquaponics across the spectrum: A curriculum bridging science education to STEM-based careers and eco-stewardship," National Marine Educators Annual Conference, Newport, RI, June 29-July 2, 2015.

— Paper presented with T. Hebert, "Using the NSTA Learning Center to build content confident teacher candidates: Best practices," National Science Teachers Association National Conference, Chicago, IL, April 2015.

— Paper presented with **Theresa Suico**, assistant professor of education, "Anything but standard: Using young adult literature and NGSS lessons to meet the CCSS," National Science Teachers Association National Conference, Chicago, IL, April 2015.

**Kathryn L. Haas**, assistant professor of chemistry; article with M.J. Pushie, **Katharine Shaw '17**, K.J. Franz, J. Shearer, "Model Peptide Studies Reveal a Mixed Histidine-Methionine Cu(I) Binding Site at the N-Terminus of Human Copper Transporter 1," *Inorganic Chemistry*, American Chemical Society, August 2015.

— Poster presentation co-authored by **Stefanie Schwab '13**, **Katharine Shaw '17**, M.J. Pushie, K.J. Franz, J. Shearer, "Ct1 controls Cu redox through bis-His coordination structure," Cell Biology of Metals Gordon Conference, Mount Snow, VT, July 2015.

— Invited speaker, presented work by **Stefanie Schwab '13**, **Samantha Moorhead '15**, **Erin Reinhart '15**, and **Katharine Shaw '17** "Transition Metals in Human Health and Disease," New England Biolabs, Ipswich, MA, July 2015.

— Poster presentation co-authored by **Stefanie Schwab '13**, M.J. Pushie, K.J. Franz, J. Shearer, "Ct1 controls Cu redox through His & Met coordination," 5<sup>th</sup> Canadian Conference for Bioinorganic Chemistry (CanBIC), Perry Sound, Ontario, Canada, May 2015.

— Poster presentation co-authored by **Stefanie Schwab '13**, M.J. Pushie, K.J. Franz, J. Shearer, Q. Su, "Coordination environment defines copper as cargo or cofactor," Penn State Workshop in Bioinorganic Chemistry, 2014.

**Philip Hicks**, professor of humanistic studies; article, "Women worthies and feminist argument in eighteenth-century Britain," *Women's History Review*, August 13, 2014.

— Chapter, "Female worthies and the genres of women's history," *Historical Writing in Britain, 1688-1830: Visions of History*, ed. Ben Dew and Fiona Price (Palgrave Macmillan, 2014), 18-33, October 2014.

**Suzanne Hinnefeld**, collection development coordinator/reference and instruction librarian, co-presented with **Ula Gaha**, librarian, "All in OneSearch: Usability Testing of a Web-Scale Discovery System," Discovery to Delivery VI Conference, Indianapolis, IN, May 8, 2015.

**Krista Hoefle**, associate professor of art, solo exhibition, "Choose Your Own Adventure," featuring interactive video and video game-based sculptures, artLab, Krasl Art Center, St. Joseph, MI, May-June 2015.

— Group video exhibition, "Parallel Fictions" featured Hoefle's video/machinima "Respawn," Zuckerman Museum of Art, Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, GA, June-July 2015.

**Phyllis H. Kaminski**, professor of religious studies; article, edited by Dickinson, C., "Desire and Contemplative Silence: A Feminist Exploration of Transformation Within and Beyond the Tradition," *The Shaping of Tradition*, Leuven, Belgium, 2013.

**Patricia Keresztes**, associate professor of nursing; presented, "Integrating Healthy People 2020 Into A Health Assessment Course," Sigma Theta Tau International's 26<sup>th</sup> International Nursing Research Congress, San Juan, Puerto Rico, July 25, 2015.

**Renee Kingcaid**, professor of French; article, "About Jokes and Who Gets Them, from Medieval France to Jon Stewart," *Creativity is Risky- Free Speech in a Charlie Hebdo World*, August 2015, **Sally O'Dowd '90**, editor.

**Laura Kloepper**, assistant professor of biology; article, "Support for the beam focusing hypothesis in the false killer whale," *The Journal of Experimental Biology*, Vol. 218, 2015.

**Frances Bernard Kominkiewicz**, professor and chair of social work and gerontology; presentation, "Advancing social work assessment: A quantitative evaluation of CSWE-accredited undergraduate program websites," Council on Social Work Education APM, Tampa, Florida, October 26, 2014.

— Elected, Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors (BPD) Nominations Committee, February 5, 2015. The committee conducts national elections according to the BPD bylaws and Board policy.

— Appointed, Council on Social Work Education Ad Hoc Group: Commission on Diversity & Social & Economic Justice & Religion & Spirituality Work Group, Alexandria, VA, 2014.

— Presented, with E. Blue, "Curriculum Mapping and Continuous Improvement: What Does Your Program Do?" Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors Annual Meeting, Kansas City, MO, March 6, 2015.

— Presented, with K. Krase and E. Blue, "Supporting Emerging Social Work Educators and Leaders through BPD's New Mentoring Program," board-sponsored session, Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors Annual Meeting, Kansas City, MO, March 7, 2015.

— Grant, coordinator/faculty contact of project, social work program named as a partner with the National Center for Excellence in Homeless Services at the University of Albany School of Social Welfare. Grant received to increase inclusion of homelessness in the social work curriculum and strengthen homeless services through partnerships with the community, research regarding homelessness, and policy advocacy.

**Kristin Kuter**, assistant professor of mathematics; article, "Harmonic functions of Brownian motions on metric graphs," in *Journal of Mathematical Physics*, January 20, 2015.

**Cassie Majetic**, associate professor of biology; presented, "Phenotypic plasticity in *Petunia hybrida* floral traits and its impact on pollinator behavior," coauthored with **Olivia Beck '16**, **Elizabeth Stachnik '16**, **Katelyn Beam '16**, and **Andrea Fettes '16**, 100<sup>th</sup> Annual Ecological Society of America Conference, Baltimore, MD, August 11, 2015.

— Poster presentation, coauthored with **Katelyn Beam '16**, "The effect of soil nitrogen on vegetative phenotypic plasticity in *Petunia hybrida*," 100<sup>th</sup> Annual Ecological Society of America Conference, Baltimore, MD, August 12, 2015.

— Poster presentation, coauthored by **Andrea Fettes '16**, "Shifting scents: Analyzing the potential for phenotypic plasticity in floral odor production," 100<sup>th</sup> Annual Ecological Society of America, Baltimore, MD, August 13, 2015.

— Article, "Timing is Everything: Temporal Variation in Floral Scent, and its Connections to Pollinator Behavior and Female Reproductive Success in *Phlox divaricata*," *American Midland Naturalist*, Vol. 173, Issue 2, April 2015.

**Elena Malits, CSC**, professor emerita of religious studies; book review of "Unruly Catholic Women Writers: Creative Responses to Catholicism" by Jeanna Del Rosso, *American Catholic Studies*, the journal of the American Catholic Historical Society, Villanova University, PA, Summer, 2015.

**Kevin McDonnell**, Edna and George McMahon Aquinas Chair in Philosophy, emeritus; paper presentation, "Ethics from the ground up," honoring the late John Freeman, MD, McDonnell's co-author for *Tough Decision: A Case Book in Medical Ethics*, The Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, November 16, 2014.

**Nancy Menk**, professor of music; conducted, concert of choral music for women's voices and orchestra by American composer Gwyneth Walker. The Saint Mary's College Women's Choir participated with several other choirs including two conducted by music alumnae **Jennifer Chester Ferguson '06** and **Katherine Chmelko '09**, Alice Tully Hall, Lincoln Center, New York City, November 29, 2014.

**Aaron Moe**, assistant professor of English; essay, "Telling an animal's story from a 'human' point of view: Affective neuroscience and the objective correlative," *Kudzu House Quarterly*, 4,2, 2014.

— Presented, "The Protean Poetics of Spiders and Seeds," and led discussion on documentary, *Even Though the Whole World Is Burning*, about poet W. S. Merwin, Association for the Study of Literature and Environment conference, University of Idaho, June 24-28, 2015.

**Robert Morse**, senior lecturer, Italian; presented three-hour lecture in Italian on the organizational differences between sports in North America and in Europe, University of Milan-Bicocca Sports Marketing Program, Milan, Italy, May 15, 2015.

— Presented in Italian, the cross-cultural aspects of life in Varese, Italy, as seen by an American in the 1970s, University of the Insubria, Varese, Italy, May 14, 2015.

**Zae Munn**, professor of music; recording, "Zae Munn showcases works for alto saxophone in electric chamber combinations, featuring internationally renowned saxophonist Timothy McAllister," *They Were Mysterious Guests*, Navona Records CD, released March 10, 2015.

**Portia Prebys**, director of Rome program; presentation, "Una testimonianza," Journées Internationales d'études Giorgio Bassani, Paris, Maison de la Recherche de Paris, Sorbonne, January 31, 2015.

— Presentation, "Didattica e territorio: il valore dell'incontro tra culture e saperi," Seminar on Istruzione e cultura nell'era della globalizzazione: gli studenti negli istituti di alta formazione, Tuscan Regional Government Center, Cenacolo di S. Apollonia, Florence, January 16, 2015.

**Sean Savage**, professor of political science; published book, *The Senator from New England from New England: The Rise of JFK*, State University New York Press, August 2015. Presented question-and-answer session, with **Sophia Schrage '14**, who helped type and edit manuscript, Barnes and Noble, University Park Mall, Mishawaka, IN, September 24, 2015.

**Bettina Spencer**, associate professor of psychology; participant, "Kwibuka 20 International Forum" at the Rwandan Parliament, Kigali, Rwanda, April 4-7, 2014.

— Presentation, "Sexism in sister-schools," Conference for New Research on Gender and Political Psychology, The College of Wooster, Wooster, Ohio, October 2014.

— Presented, "Warm, but stupid: Sexism in 'sister-schools' and their affiliated institutions," New York, NY, Association for Psychological Science Annual Conference, May 24, 2015.

— Published chapter, "Intelligence testing and ethnicity," in the book, *The SAGE encyclopedia of theory in Psychology*, SAGE Publications, in press.

— Presented at the Mentoring Conference for New Research on Gender and Political Psychology, The College of Wooster, Wooster, OH, October 9-12, 2014.

**Terri Suico**, assistant professor of education; presented with **Amy Gillan**, assistant professor of education, "Anything but standard: Using young adult literature and NGSS lessons to meet the CCSS," National Science Teachers Association National Conference, Chicago, IL, April 2015.

— Presented, "Who Do You Think You Are? Using Personal Narratives to Help Students Determine Their Teaching Attitudes," National Council of English Teachers 2014 Annual Convention, Washington, D.C., November 22, 2014.

— Presented "Is the Sky the Limit? Forging Time for Young Adult Literature within an English Education Program," Assembly on Literature for Adolescents of the NCTE 2014 Annual Workshop, Washington, D.C., November 24, 2014.

— Published book review, "Gatsby: The Cultural History of the Great American Novel," *The Journal of Popular Culture*, February 2015.

**Laurel Thomas**, professor of music; world premiere performance of *From These Honored Dead*, a chamber music song cycle by composer William Averitt, written to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the Civil War, Texas Lutheran University, Seguin, TX, April 20, 2015.

**Jamie Wagman**, assistant professor of history and gender and women's studies; article, "Crossing Boundaries: A Family Story," *Nashim: A Journal of Jewish Women's Studies & Gender Issues*, Fall 2014.

**William Waymouth**, head of media center, information technology; photography exhibit, Colfax Campus Gallery, South Bend, January 16-February 27, 2015.

**Alice Siqin Yang**, assistant director for global education; poster presentation, "Innovative Ways to Engage Study Abroad Students in Intercultural Learning at Different Stages," NAFA 2015 Annual Conference Poster Fair, Boston, MA, May 27, 2015.

— Presented, "Liberal Arts Education and Young Women's Leadership," Sino-U.S. International Education Forum, Beijing, China, June 20, 2015.



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## Alumnae Deaths

<b>1935</b>	Dorothy Brown Dugas	August 6, 2015	<b>1953</b>	Sister Bette Moslander, CSJ	March 22, 2015
<b>1943</b>	Marita Oppenheim Larkin	June 29, 2015	<b>1956</b>	Sister Joseph Mary Hoess, CSC	July 27, 2015
<b>1944</b>	Geraldine Breit Walsh	September 5, 2015	<b>1959</b>	Mary Cole Akers	May 15, 2015
<b>1945</b>	Elizabeth Ertel Moore	June 28, 2015	<b>1963</b>	Barbara Hajdu Mastrone	September 18, 2015
	Marion Holaves O'Gorman	December 18, 2014	<b>1966</b>	Joanne White Gerlach	August 22, 2015
<b>1949</b>	Sister M. Anita J. Reeves, CSC	September 30, 2015	<b>1971</b>	Kathryn Ewaniec Phebus	September 29, 2014
<b>1950</b>	Sally Johnson Froman	July 16, 2015	<b>1982</b>	Michelle Duda Ondis	July 18, 2015
<b>1951</b>	Sally Behham O'Keefe	July 7, 2014	<b>1993</b>	Joan Van Hersett Elledge	July 31, 2015
<b>1952</b>	Jean Wade Bestler	September 23, 2015			
	Eleanor V. Fails	September 17, 2015			
	Maryan Mulholland Stevens	August 7, 2015			

## Family Deaths

Lorraine Bacone, grandmother of Kathryn Nicole Bacone '03, July 14, 2015.	Robert Evans, father of Joan Evans Clippinger '67 and C. Pete Evans Wanner '75, September 13, 2015.	Carol Martin, mother of Sarah Elizabeth Martin '00, September 12, 2015.
Leona Bango, grandmother of Kathryn Nicole Bacone '03, March 17, 2015.	Francis Fahey, father of Mary Fahey Youngs '81, August 25, 2015.	John Maysak, husband of Anne White Maysak '57, September 29, 2015.
Edward Bartley, husband of Mary Schmitz Bartley '54, June 22, 2015.	Charles Falkenberg, father of Elizabeth Falkenberg Rams '93, August 30, 2015.	James C. Miller, father of Joannell Miller McKenna '75 and Nancy Miller Daluga '79, grandfather of Mary Rose Daluga '10, July 26, 2015.
Alexander Bosselman, grandson of Patricia Wilson Fastiggi '59, February 16, 2015.	Nancy McNulty Gastineau, sister of Patricia McNulty Bindner '55, June 8, 2015.	Charles Myler, brother of Mary Myler Russo '54, April 6, 2015.
Richard Broeren, husband of Susan Wagner Broeren '49, August 17, 2015.	Carol Gresens, mother of Amy Gresens Driscoll '02, August 3, 2015.	John Philbin, father of Maureen Philbin Wimbiscus '90, cousin of Suzanne Morrissey Gaumond '55, Barbara Morrissey Kelly '59, Marilynn Morrissey Sparacino '60, Carol Morrissey Showel '62 and Mary Morrissey McGowan '92, August 11, 2015.
Jack Brown, father of Jeanne Brown Morris '84, July 23, 2015.	Floyd Haag, husband of Ruth Marion Haag '68, August 23, 2015.	Joyce Rossi, sister-in-law of Joan A. Rossi '54, June 30, 2015.
Francis Callaghan, father of Karen Callaghan Guenther '77, August 21, 2015.	Christine Hammond, mother of Heather Hammond Post '04, January 31, 2015.	Celestine Sehn, mother of Patricia Sehn Ruffin '81, December 9, 2014.
Roberto Celio, father of Carla Urbana Celio '14, August 19, 2015.	Louis Harding, father of Donna Harding Douglass '79 and Barbara Harding Cooney '83, grandfather of Kathleen Louise Douglass '05, December 17, 2014.	Thomas Skoniecke, husband of Beverly Miller Skoniecke '52, July 22, 2015.
Jack Cesarone, husband of Mary Kay Shanahan Cesarone '56, July 29, 2015.	John Hayford, father of Kathryn Chase Haase '87, April 24, 2015.	Paul Tomasula, husband of Eleanor Kuhn-Tomasula '64, October 8, 2013.
Kathleen Cherven, mother of Patrice Cherven Lockwood '76, December 16, 2014.	John Head, husband of Carolyn Powley Head '67, brother-in-law of Jean Powley Murphy '79, July 16, 2015.	Anna Kathleen Trustey, daughter of Kristine Anderson Trustey '86, July 29, 2015.
Mary Ann Creamer, daughter of Shirley O'Brien Creamer '57, cousin of Kathleen O'Brien Miller '75, Colleen O'Brien Scheidler '79, Christeen O'Brien Paulison '90, Charleen O'Brien Vierhile '91, Kathleen Miller Kuhn '04, and Megan Miller Stickley '11, July 20, 2015.	Joseph Humenik, father of Mary Beth Humenik Kilrea '82, July 26, 2015.	Joseph F. Trustey, husband of Kristine Anderson Trustey '86, July 29, 2015.
Norm Darwish, husband of Constance Mettler '64, brother-in-law of Kathryn Wiedl Mettler '63 and Margaret Mettler '74, May 9, 2015.	Vincent Kenney, grandfather of Kathryn Grace Kenney '10 and Maria Margarita Kenney '11, July 18, 2015.	Margaret Welch, mother of Elizabeth Welch '78, grandmother of Margaret Frances Robenalt '07, July 25, 2015.
Patrick Deane, father of Kathleen Mary Deane '77, grandfather of Katherine Margaret Gorszyk '10 and Molly Kathleen Gorszyk '11, August 12, 2015.	Jonathan Koller, husband of Margaret Daday Koller '90, September 25, 2015.	Larry Wells, father of Shannon Wells Whitfield '02, July 23, 2015.
Maribeth DeDecker, mother of Kara DeDecker Monson '01, October 28, 2014.	Ronald Krok, father of Karen Krok Hasler '89 and Michelle Krok Zabukovic '97, September 27, 2015.	Robert Wiseman, grandfather of Angela Karlene Bronicki '11, July 20, 2015.
	Josephine Kuharic, mother of Christine Kuharic '72, aunt of Mary Ann Katovsich Horn '66, September 4, 2015.	Gerald Xavier, father of Sharon Xavier Guess '83, September 28, 2015.

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



## Chicago West



Students at the Chicago West Alumnae Club Send-Off event.

The summer brought our Chicago West Alumnae Club another round of young ladies to toast at our Annual Student Sendoff. Patty Piercy '90 & Dan Cushing were this year's hosts and they were joined by sophomore Caitlin Finan '18. As parents mingled, students caught up on last minute packing ideas and heard about the different majors that would be pursued. It was another great opportunity to meet the parents of our future SMC sisters and remind those young students just how special the place, the friends and this time will be in their lives. I still remember my student sendoff — do you?!

Thanks for joining the club's Founders' Day wine tasting event! As we celebrated Saint Mary's, we had a wonderful time sipping wines and toasting one another too. Our lucky raffle winners enjoyed beautiful raffle prizes and we raised money to support the Chicago Scholarship! Not a bad night's work! Many thanks to our committee chaired by Anne Murray McDermott '85 and Meaghan Barret Grimes '90 for organizing this 3rd annual event.

If you misplaced your newsletter that was mailed earlier this fall, please go to the link on our club website and send in your dues! We accept electronic payments now. Once you're a member, we'll add you to our email distribution and shortly you'll receive the book club list for 2016! If you have ideas on how to improve our events or would even like to join our board, please contact Alison Spohn Kavulich '93 at irishannie93@yahoo.com. And finally, a warm Christmas wish to all the board that keeps this club going, the members who support it and all our event attendees who make the time shared together so fun. God bless and have a wonderful new year!!

## Cleveland

On Saturday, June 13th, the Club volunteered their time at Providence House in downtown Cleveland. We were assigned to help support staff organize free clothing for incoming children. Providence House is a non-profit organization that provides temporary living arrangements for at risk children while working with parents to engage support services for the long term well-being of their family.

The Club celebrated Founders' Day on Sunday, October 25th by attending Mass together at the Church of the Holy Angels in Chagrin Falls. Following Mass, brunch was enjoyed at the Chagrin Valley Athletic Club. Many thanks to Kathy Friday Sobanski '78 for chairing both of these events.

We encourage all alumnae to get involved with the Club. Contact Cheri Miller '79 at smcosu@earthlink.net with your ideas or to receive more information about the many activities that the Club sponsors.

## Columbus

The Belles of Saint Mary's Alumnae Club of Columbus are amazing. Everyone is helping and the Club is full of life. The best part of our Columbus Club is

the variety of ages interacting and enjoying each other.

The Christmas Mass and Breakfast is planned for Sunday, December 13. We have three new members of the Club stepping up to help with this event: Jennifer Paluszak Hadden '96, Sarah Ryan '11 and after losing JoAnn Licate Buttler '69 — her husband Jack Buttler (ND '68) has offered to help with our Christmas Mass and Breakfast in coordination with the ND Columbus Alumni Club. We are looking forward to this favorite event and the opportunity to work with the Columbus Club of Notre Dame.

We're happy to report that the Columbus Club hosted a "614 Challenge" on June 14th, using a similar format as the College, encouraging our Central Ohio Belles to contribute to our Scholarship fund, and we raised almost \$2,000 in one day! Thanks for chairing this event, Katie Vincer Sears '03 and to Erin Gibbons '86 for the encouragement!

The Book Club is a favorite of Columbus Belles! Usually 6-8 members gather for dinner at a local restaurant and discuss their choice for that month. Laurie Bracken Flanagan '74 is moving out of the area, but is going to Skype to our meetings and try continuing as Chairman from her new Southern home! Usual members include Julie Radca Vieta '95, Erin Gibbons '86, Amy O'Brien Mundt '88, Debbie Valentino Leach '78, Laura Reed Fattalah '84, Irene Beitler Kennedy '63 and Marilyn Murphy Messick '69.

Caitlin Albany '09 has organized a couple of Happy Hour and Wine Tasting Events that have been very successful. She varies the place and times, so watch our Facebook Page. Caitlin also keeps the FB page current, so please "like" us at Saint Mary's College Alumnae Club of Columbus, Ohio for the current info on what's happening! Caitlin will also use our email lists for event invitations, so let us know if your email changes. She can be reached at caitlinalbany@gmail.com

\$30 Dues are payable in January, so feel free to mail those to Amy O'Brien Mundt '88. You can contact her at amymundt@gmail.com for info. Feel free to choose lifetime dues of \$200, and take advantage of that opportunity to save!

Our Spring Luncheon will be coming up in late April or May, chaired this year by Katie Vincer Sears '03 and with some welcome help of Annie Sofranko '11. As usual, invites will come via email and our Facebook page!!

As you can see, Columbus Club is busy! Keep up with everything on that Facebook page: Saint Mary's College Alumnae Club of Columbus

## Des Moines



The Des Moines Club held a social event on August 5 on the rooftop patio of our newest member, Malea Schulte '14, who recently moved to Des Moines. Alumnae enjoyed this "no agenda" social, as well as hearing news from the College supplied by Kelly Lewis, a former Des Moines resident and current national Alumnae Board member, who now lives in the D.C. area. The Club will gather on Nov.



6 for a Founders' Day event, with a speaker TBA, at the home of Aimee Beckmann-Collier. Plans are underway for a service project in early 2016.

## Detroit



Members of the Detroit alumnae club gathered together for a lovely Mother's Day Celebration.

In May, we hosted a Mother's Day brunch for our alumnae and families at the Heather's Club. We had a great turnout!

On August 6, we hosted our first year sendoff at the home of Chrissy Forester '93 on Cass Lake. We had 10 new first years and their families attend in addition to a dozen SMC alum. Brigid Bealin '79 monogrammed french cross towels as a send-off present as well. We had a great time welcoming the new families and reminiscing about our old freshmen days!

## Indianapolis

The start of 2015 brought a new board to the Indianapolis Alumnae Club. Elected leaders include Jillian Boerstler '01, Meganne Hoffman Brezina '03, Katelyn Dapper '12, Megan Hogan '13, Katie Smith '93 and Alyssa Vinluan '13. The board coordinates club events and administrative functions. New initiatives included expanding the use of social media, particularly the Facebook page that now serves as a highly trafficked means of communication and connection for Indianapolis alumnae. A new organizational and membership structure also led to growth and increased visibility for the club and its monthly gatherings.

In February, a brunch event inspired tremendous generosity from attendants. Each alumnae in attendance brought clothing donations for the organization, Dress for Success, that promotes the economic independence of disadvantaged women by providing them with professional attire, networking support and career development tools. This drive was held nationally by SMC alumnae clubs. The spirit of giving carried into March when the club gathered items to create care packages for senior students to welcome them to the alumnae club upon their upcoming graduation.

The spring served as host to fundraising events including a reception at G.Thrapp Jewelers, where a

portion of the proceeds benefited the club scholarship fund, and pop-up happy hour creating a fun atmosphere for alumnae to take part in the donor challenge, #BellesGiveBack. The club later hosted an evening walk on the Monon Trail through the city with a stop for ice cream along the way!

To kick off the summer, the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra outdoor concert series produced an atmosphere for families to picnic together and enjoy the summer night on the lawn. In August, the first-year student send-off dinner was attended by over 80 alumnae, students and their families! It was a huge success and wonderful celebration of the connection shared amongst belles as the new class began their journey to campus.

The annual club meeting was the forum to announce that Dr. Carol Ann Mooney would attend and deliver a keynote presentation at the Founder's Day event in October. It was a true honor to have Dr. Mooney in Indianapolis addressing the rich history of the college during her last year of service to the institution. The event was an incredible evening of networking and reconnecting for alumnae.

To close out 2015, care packages were assembled for the first-year students to wish them luck on final exams. The contributions of alumnae in support of the club and the current students from the Indianapolis area throughout the year is greatly appreciated. The club will continue to support the traditions of the college, the club and all participating belles through 2016.

## Knoxville/E. Tennessee

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](http://www.saintmarysLAclub.com).

## 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](mailto: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 East Florida

South East Florida alumnae — are you interested in reconnecting with fellow Belles in your area? The Office of Alumnae Relations and your club leadership, Cheryl Handley '68, are working to get a social club up and going in your area! Let us know if you want to be a part of all the fun! Contact Cheryl at [cjhndley@gmail.com](mailto:cjhndley@gmail.com) or Shay Jolly at [hjolly@saintmarys.edu](mailto:hjolly@saintmarys.edu)

## Toledo



The SMC Club of Toledo met on Thursday, May 21, 2015 at Biaggi's at Levis Commons, Perrysburg for our annual spring dinner.

## 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](mailto:MinnesotaBelles@gmail.com) to get involved. We look forward to welcoming new Belles!

## Washington, D.C.



Alumnae, students and families enjoying an afternoon together at the Washington, D.C., Student Send-Off.

...and we're BACK!

Coming to you live from the DMV (DC/MD/VA area), with an alumnae club that's revitalized, rejuvenated and ready to reconnect — with alumnae, students, and Saint Mary's.

We kicked off our club events on a beautiful Sunday evening, in early August, with a fabulous & FUN Student Send Off. Nearly 50 alumnae (graduating from '63 to '14), current students and families, welcomed incoming first years into our Saint Mary's circle. Stories were told, questions answered, photos taken and our parting words, echoing across the distance, were "see ya soon." No truer words have been spoken as our Founders' Day event quickly approached!

Not receiving any of this information? We can help! Please update YOUR contact info in "Our Avenue" and then check out OUR updated info on the Washington D.C. Alumnae Club website on [alumnae.saintmarys.edu](http://alumnae.saintmarys.edu)

Now that your mind is full of all things D.C. Alumnae Club related, we're signing off with a heartfelt SEE YA SOON!"

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

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### Nancy Byrnes Riley

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Lapses in my coverage would be avoided by your telephone calls with news.

**Jo Ann Wilkinson Carberry** called a few months ago to say she missed the Chicago group luncheons in Chicago. She had a wonderful time at our 65th SMC Reunion staying in Le Mans Hall with three of her nursing program buddies. **Jeanne Black Clark, Joanne Stuhlfauth Corcoran**, and question mark on number 3.

**Louise Brady Collins** (TX) and I had a phone visit a few days ago. She is very happy in her Dallas retirement home. She volunteers at a hospital twice

a week and is busy with children (three of whom live nearby). She leaves for San Diego soon to visit Bill, who has lived in the Netherlands for many years, and is now home. Another son, Jim, had just visited TX for two weeks, coming from NY.

**Sue Wagner Broeren** and Dick made their usual summer visit to WI. Poor Dick had to give up his beloved golf as he wears oxygen full time. Otherwise, they are fine.

I was so grateful to **Jean Murphy Westland** for sending me a copy of the special Notre Dame newspaper printed in honor of Father Hesburgh's life and death. Jean was fortunate to get tickets for the commemorative ceremony on Friday night preceding the funeral on Saturday. Ten thousand people were in attendance for the weekend events. Jean's cottage is across the street from Father Hesburgh's brother and his wife in Holy Cross Village.

**Mary Ann Fellingner Ryan** and her son Mark just returned from their annual trek to Aspen, and now she is on visits to WI and MN where her two daughters have lake cabins.

Many of us are so saddened by the death of **Sally Tiedebohl Billingsley** of Englewood, FL — particularly the first floor Holy Cross group from freshman year. Sally died from a stroke on June 24,

2015 while on vacation with family in SC. Her son and son-in-law accompanied Bob back to FL where Bob was to undergo open heart surgery. Prayers are needed for their family.

The Chicago group was so happy to have had a chance to reconnect with Sally in the past ten years while one of her daughters lived in St. Charles, a suburb of Chicago. Sally came in to visit frequently and we had many reunion luncheons with her. She never changed through all the years — looks, vivacity and beautiful smile and above all, interest in all her friends. I will miss her.

Please send news — even if it is to say you are still alive.

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### Elizabeth Nolan

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One of the best things about writing this report is finding renewed friendships. In May, **Mary "Cookie" Cucchi Depman** wrote that out of the blue she recently had a phone call from **Dot Bernica Malik**. Dot was a freshman classmate from Cheyenne, WY, who now lives in Sacramento, CA with one of her triplet daughters. They enjoyed many years of catch up family news.



Five of us "golden oldies" made it to the 65th Reunion and raised a glass for the rest of the class. **Anne Reynolds Pyron** drove from Destin, FL to Saint Mary's College with her husband Ira. **Pat Theiss Sears** who spends her summers in IL came with three daughters and a granddaughter. **Marge Quinn O'Grady**, **Alice Flynn Osberger** and I rounded out the quintet. It was a great get-together.

**Mary Mudd McHale** maintains a busy schedule. She is Story Lady three times a week at a daycare operated by a Catholic order from Eritrea, Africa, sings in the St. Philip's choir, writes a neighborhood column for three county weeklies, edits the Skyline Citizen newsletter and serves on the board of directors for the Dr. Samuel A. Mudd Home in southern MD. In July she gathered all of her seven children, grandchildren, her sisters **Johanna Mudd Vargas '55** and **Rose Marie Mudd Nickodemus '59** to take the Key West ferry to Fort Jefferson in the Dry Tortugas where their ancestor Dr. Samuel A. Mudd was imprisoned 150 years ago for setting the leg of John Wilkes Booth. Dr. Mudd received a Presidential Pardon in 1869. He was the father of Sister Rosamunda, CSC, and Sister M. Samula, CSC.

Mary's letter also stated that she travels to OH

several times a year and often visits **Jean Kinsella Wood**, resident librarian at the Cottingham Retirement Community in Cincinnati.

Please send this year's Christmas cards early – next deadline for *Courier* news is December 1 and your news is important.

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Let us remember our dear classmate, **Elizabeth Werres Ravenscroft**, who died on February 10, 2015, in Seattle, where she had moved after living most of her life in the Washington, D.C. area. She lost her husband, Ian, last year and was carrying on in The Aljioya, an assisted living center where she was active. We remember how full of life she was and that she was the only one who could talk to Dr. Schlesinger about current events. It was no surprise that she went on to get a Masters in American History from Georgetown and then spent over 40 years as a school teacher, co-founding and operating the Wilson Lane School for over 20 years.

and teaching at the Woods Academy in Bethesda, MD for over a decade. At the same time she managed to have five children (including two sets of twins — bi-coastal) and eleven grandchildren. On top of that, she was active in her parish, Our Lady of Mercy, in Potomac, MD, for more than 30 years, according to her obituary. I might add that she was a faithful correspondent. She had described life in the assisted living center, in spite of having macular degeneration, difficulties hearing and walking. "I have 'scribes' who help me with correspondence, (one is doing this) and I keep in touch with a great number of my classmates both from SMC and from high school, believe it or not." I will miss her!

**Mary Berners Kishler** wrote: "I have two graduations this spring — one High school and one MS. In between I'm taking a trip to Europe with my frequent travel companion — someone I know only because she's my son Mark's mother-in-law. People we meet love to take bets as to whether the mothers-in-law will still be speaking to each other at the end of the trip. We just laugh and say we talk about our mutual grandchildren and agree they're perfect. My brother, Ed, retired Physics Prof at N.D., is joining us for the trip. I'm still a volunteer buyer for our local hospital gift shop which means a buying trip to Atlanta each January and many hours behind the scenes in the shop."

My faithful reporter from the West, **Mary Jean Wallace Paxton** wrote about the San Diego group: "Indeed, I have joyful news! **Marilyn (Lynn) Dargis Ambrose** and I are happy members of the St. Mary's Club of San Diego, which was named as the Club of the Year last year! The event was celebrated at the home of Chris and **Peggy Battle Burns '81** and the plaque was presented by Shari Rodriguez from the College. Marilyn was unable to attend the event; only pneumonia could have kept her away! She has been very instrumental in the success of our club by her gracious hosting of the events that bring us together, including a book club that she insisted I join. I'm glad I did! We have read and enjoyed some great books, starting with *The Help*. We also have a Christmas party cookie exchange at her home, just before the holidays. Marilyn and I also look forward to the late summer meeting with our classmates, **Mary Musante Kraemer**, **Janet A. Rowe**, and **Mary Dvlaitis Blanford**. Together we mourned the death of Father Hesburgh, who was President when her sons attended ND, and from whom I received my degree in June, 1964. I reread his autobiography, *God, Country, Notre Dame*. We will not see his like again." Father Hesburgh was indeed an icon for many of us.

**Beverly Miller Skoniecke** wrote that she joined the Notre Dame Club of McHenry County in attending a special Mass, followed by breakfast and Retreat, at Loyola Academy in Woodstock, IL. On November 8, 2014, she and Tom celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary, followed by a "big party." We can imagine! Congratulations to you both!

I had an interesting encounter with an SMC alum recently. I was waiting in line for the Ladies' during intermission at a play at Court Theater before Easter when I heard someone behind me ask, "And where did you go to college?" A voice answered, "St. Mary's College, South Bend." I turned around immediately and said that I too had gone there, and had graduated in 1952. When had she graduated? "1967!" Then we go to the same Reunion years," I added. "Do you go?" she asked. "Oh, yes, always," I said. "Well, then, you must have been there in 2012 when I received the Distinguished Alumna Award, she said. "Oh, my gosh! You're a famous person!" I gasped. "Are you the president

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of a corporation?" "Yes," she answered, and gave me her card. **Kitty Plunkett Freidheim '67**. I hope to get together with her when life settles down (That reminds me of Mary Jean's comment that our 1952 class has 6 PhDs, "which is 6% of our class," she noted with pride).

I went on a *Prairie Home Companion* Caribbean Cruise in March. The 40-year-old radio show had chartered the whole ship, about 1800. It was like no other cruise! We had choir practice every morning on deck before breakfast, where the crowd was divided into SABB parts, and we sang lustily all the great Lutheran hymns. We even brought a few hymns over into our Catholic Masses, said by a Holy Cross priest, Fr. Tracey, from New Brunswick — an ND graduate. The passengers were all fans of Garrison Keillor, had been on cruises before with the Lake Wobegon group, and knew the routines. They were eager to join him not only on deck for the hymn singing, but on stage, reciting (by heart) poems they had memorized, singing songs (also memorized), telling stories. They had brought along their musical instruments and joined in picking sessions in the various bars. The sounds we heard as we walked around the Westerdam were not from the slot machines but from the banjos. I am eager to go on another one and invite others to join, if you're a fan.

**Sally Disser Weigand's** death was in the spring 2015 *Courier*. Sally died January 12 of Myelodysplastic Syndromes (MDS), a blood marrow platelet disease. Her husband Bob Weigand lives at 2727 Fox Chase Run, Ft. Wayne, IN 46825.

A lot of people responded to the email I sent out in April about her death, among them one from **Joanne (Joey) Bryan MacDonald**, who mused about her new life without Mac, after 62 years together.

"Dealing with Mac's absence after 62 plus years is difficult, as is reconciling with his death, and with death, period. I'm experiencing many changes in my beliefs and am focusing on acceptance and a trust in what I call 'the big picture.' Until Mac's death, I had never lived alone. How rare that is! And at times, the quiet seems as loud as sound. I miss sharing thoughts and feelings with him and enjoying our 5 PM happy hours... My moving soon after Mac died goes against the norm, but it was right for me. This retirement community has a driver five days a week, [but] oh, how I miss hopping in my car on a whim and heading for wherever! But the many losses have their balances and I remember to count my blessings. Good is always present if we but search for it. I hope I can continue to believe that, as my life continues to change in ways not of my choosing."

Joey wrote again in August, to say that she is happy living in a retirement community now. She has fewer responsibilities, has made new friends, engages in many activities, has enjoyed taking some courses and hopes she'll always love learning new things.

"In early July, I took a bus from Madison to Union Station (Chicago) where my youngest son and his family met me. We drove to their home at Lakeside, Michigan for a weeklong 4th celebration with endless fireworks on the beach. Two weeks later I flew to Boise, ID for my youngest daughter's wedding. My seven children and some spouses were able to attend, and it was a memorable weekend for everyone. Now my life is quieter and back to normal. In September my grandson, his wife and baby Lucy MacDonald will visit. I'm excited to meet my 10th great grandchild, the first with the name MacDonald. Life continues to move forward and life is good. I wish good in every new day for all my Saint Mary's friends and classmates."

I had asked Joey about reaching **Joyce McMahon Hank**, whose husband Jerry died a while back. Joyce

is no longer on email. Joey wrote that Joyce "has left Moline and moved to Minnetonka, west of the Twin Cities. She has three daughters who live there (Kathy lives near Traverse City). Most of her and Jerry's friends in the Moline area are no longer living, and Joyce and Jerry were a quiet, family-oriented couple who avoided the cocktail party circuit in spite of their wealth. I always admired their ability to retain their values. Joyce's address is 5300 Woodhill Road, Apt. 342, Minnetonka, MN 55345. Phone 952-938-5725"

Some of our class I never hear from, and one of them, **Vivian Tuerk Markham** wrote a long letter by hand for me to share with you:

"After many years I am sending a message to our classmates. I am the last of a dying breed of letter writers. I shun the computer and all its allies. Luckily Bill is with this electronic age, so he keeps me somewhat informed. You, lucky lady, must be extremely mobile with all your travels. My balance is not good so I must use a cane, which limits [me from walking on] uneven surfaces, and Atlanta is all hills. After reading our Class '52 news, I am compelled to share some good thoughts on a positive note. It is 7 AM and I'm on the porch — a tree house — my favorite place on earth, surrounded by bird song and a summer breeze and a good book. God is in His heaven and all is right with my world. Recently in the car with the radio on, the song, "He Don't Bring Me Flowers" made me realize how blessed we are after more than 62 years of marriage, and he'do'bring me flowers: peach blossoms in April, snowball blooms in May, and roses all summer long. We remain in our home where Bill maintains the yard, his form of exercise. I read and cook, enjoying the accoutrements all over our home, which invoke fond memories of loved ones from our past. We have outlived our couple friends but have three of our five sons in Atlanta, with the other two within a four hour drive. Only two of the grandchildren are married, and we have two great grands in Raleigh, NC, 11 grands plus two by marriage. Life is good at a much slower pace. I remain mildly active in our parish, chairing events for senior men and women. Of all the ministries in which I have participated, Liturgy of the Word for Children is my favorite. Recently this beautiful prayer came my way and I want to share it with all of you: "The Gift of Life... Lord, teach me not to hold onto life too tightly. Teach me to take it as a gift. To enjoy it, to cherish it while I have it, but to let go gracefully and thankfully when the time comes. The gift is great, but the giver is greater still. You are the giver and in you is a life that never ends. Fond regards to all and don't forget to smell the roses." Vivian

**Dorothy Murnane McMahon** just successfully (in July) had her fourth and hopefully final surgery — she has had both hips and both knees replaced. The knee surgery revealed a bladder problem that might have been fatal had it not been discovered, so the elective knee surgery turned out to have a miraculous side effect of saving her life! **Kathleen Smith Schaffer** was going to be visiting Dor in Naples in August.

I went on a cruise in July from Amsterdam around the British Isles and used a cane for the castles, with their winding staircases and uneven pavement.

When I heard **Marilyn (Lynn) Dargis Ambrose** had pneumonia, (she recovered) I wrote that I was finding walking more challenging and had even bought a scooter, to use recreationally, she wrote: "So far my walks are enough. Having a dog really keeps me going, and especially my therapy pal, Caleb, since he's such an attraction to many... We'll go to the local coffee house on Coast Highway, then walk

to the ocean, sit for awhile as I watch the surfers and he watches the birds. We always meet new people who love to pet him and ask about his work.... My daughters have closed on an older home very near me, close to the ocean but a bit north, less than a mile, so when they move in, May 1, Caleb and I will walk to their home. If I got a Vespa, which are quite popular around here, I'd have to have a rumble seat for Caleb!"

Lynn is one of our class who are on Facebook, so I see pictures of her and Caleb occasionally. **Nancy Ahlforth Steele**, who lives in Los Gatos, CA, is also there. I see her visiting the Hakone Gardens. She looks great! **Kathy Smith Schaffer** lives in Stamford, CT and also looks very well! She is holding a great grandchild in a picture.

I talked to **Eleanor Fails** in mid-August. She threw a huge party at the Holy Cross Village in South Bend where she is a resident, to celebrate her 85th birthday. She gave a speech (didn't she minor in speech?) reflecting on her blessings. She is very popular, as we would expect. Over a hundred people attended. Her boyfriend, Peter, who visited her every day when she was in the hospital last year, remember, visits her now every day that she's home. "He kisses me when he comes in. We watch Jeopardy [and other shows] together. And he kisses me when he leaves." Do they hold hands while watching? "Yes, indeed." They are, she said, "an item" at the Village. Unfortunately we lost Eleanor in September. Our thoughts and prayers to her family and friends in this difficult time.

Many people mention looking forward to our 65th reunion in 2017. Keep walking, even with canes and walkers, to be able to make it then!

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It's hard to begin with sad news. Our beloved **Jean Zimmerer Thomas** died at her Kokomo home on June 20. Jean had made a reservation for our 2014 Reunion but had to cancel because of illness. **Mary Schmitz Bartley's** husband Edward died June 22 in Pinehurst, NC.

**Midge Myler Russo** lost her brother Charles in April; **Rose-Marie (Rody) Oppenheim Dilenschneider**, her sister **Marita Oppenheim Larkin '43** in June; and **Joan Rossi**, her sister-in-law Joyce in June. My brother John died in July.

A new address for **Barbara DiSalle Lindskold**: 106 North Inglewood Street, Arlington, VA 22205 (phone 703-536-6163). She writes of her daughter's newest book *Artemis Invaded*.

**Jane Flynn Carroll** asks for prayers for her sister, Martha, who's been in a nursing home for the last two years, had a heart attack in June. Jane is involved with her parish's Bereavement Ministry and has just become chairman. **Patricia Gannon Scully's** son-in-law has had surgery at Mayo's and she too asks for prayers.

"A wonderful summer," says **Lois Langford**

**Berry**. NY state was the site of a family 50th anniversary celebration. She and Bill ('53) went on another ND trip to Italy. **Marlene Gaubinger McGinn's** family gathered once more for the annual John McGinn Memorial Fishing Tournament in May.

**Bernice Boucher Hopp** toured the new Mormon Temple in Indianapolis: an "amazing edifice." She's getting ready with her entries for the Country Fair and for a Mass celebrated at Marquette Manor by Archbishop Joseph Tobin in August.



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**Sue Whalen Heyer** broke her hip in a May fall. After 63 days of rehab, she wants us to know she's now back home.

**Pat Byrne Lyren** has a new great granddaughter just moved from Japan and now living near her. Not that Pat's home often. She spent two weeks in Israel in March, saying scripture is so much more meaningful now. This September she'll take the "Jane Austen Tour" with her sister and daughters. Cuba is her November destination. Oh, September 5 is an ND home game.

"When the *Courier* arrives I am always eager to go right to the pages with the Class News. It doesn't seem that long ago that we were at the end of the pages and now we are very near the first pages," says **Lorraine Nigro Cervanyk**. She had talked to **Betty Galloway**. Betty's been active in the Saint Mary's Alumnae Buffalo book club for some time and finds it's very rewarding, enjoying interacting with this special group of women.

Rody and Jack (ND '53) will be in Chicago in October when Jack meets with his ND classmates. Two of their granddaughters attended SMC camps for their second summer and then joined other family members for the ND Family Volunteer camp.

Rody enjoyed *Go Set a Watchman*. Anyone else?

**Joan Rossi, Janell Wenzel O'Barski** and **Rose Marie Murphy Foley** and Ben will attend The Canadian Shaw Festival in August.

Rody quotes Pascal: I lack the time to be brief. But I too lack your news!

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Greetings to the Class of '55:

What did they say, "The older one gets the quicker the time goes?" Well, it seems like I just provided the Alumnae office with material for the *Courier* and here it is time once again for the next edition. I do need to make a correction from the last issue as we did have 12 class members attend Reunion. Please forgive me, **Gretchen Hartman Sherman**, for leaving you off the list. I will hope to come to OH in the fall and treat you to lunch or tea or something.

I was in Washington, D.C. over the first weekend in August for a wedding of one of my host students at Notre Dame. It was a very lovely occasion. However, the real highlight of the weekend was being treated to a lovely dinner in a very delightful restaurant in Georgetown by **Mary White** and **Juliette Noone Lester**. They both look great and were disappointed that some health challenges kept them from attending Reunion. I attempted to relive the weekend for them and we reminisced about former days with classmates both on campus and in later years.

The following are remarks from some of our classmates regarding Reunion 2015. Hope you enjoy reading them and will know that you were missed and will now feel a bit more connected with those who did attend.

In conversation with **Sue Mitchell Crowley** she indicated that she was excited to be back on campus, hear some great lectures and renew acquaintances; however, she was sad to think of how many of our classmates have gone to their Eternal Reward and others who have to face the fact of health concerns that come with the aging process. Sue has moved back to the Columbus, OH area from her longtime home in Colombia, MO and spends the summer months in Aspen, CO. She teaches classes in both areas.

**Patty McNulty Bindner** was said she couldn't make it to Reunion because of the impending death of her dear sister, Nancy McNulty Gastineau. Nancy did die on June 8 and I was able to visit with Patty and her brother in July and reminisce about all the fun times we had had together over the years.

**Mary Ann Immonen Haidinger** reported that they have survived the move from their house of 60 years to a very nice retirement complex. However, her husband, Bob, had to have back surgery about the time they were planning to come to Reunion so she missed seeing everyone. He is on the mend and coming to the end of his physical therapy sessions soon, she hopes.

**Shirley Wagner Van Devere** and Joe celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in July. They have seven children, 33 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. She is still playing tennis both in OH and FL where they spend the winters. They are actively involved in many charitable efforts.

FYI: 36% of our class participated in the Reunion Gift Campaign and the Class of '55 received the Highest Class Gift to the Annual Fund Award and the Mother Pauline Legacy Award which was presented to **Frances Clohessy Spillane** at Reunion. This award was made possible by gifts from many of you and a special gift from the estate of the late **Marianne Thode Matson**. Many thanks to all who were able to participate.

From **Carolyn Linnig O'Rourke**:

When **Maureen Sullivan** asked that I write Reflections on our sixtieth class Reunion (1955), I responded that I would do it. Actually, **Joan Hausman Campbell** and I began talking about attending Reunion early in the year, 2015. **Mary Ann Immonen Haidinger** was also a part of the planning however Mary Ann was unable to attend the Reunion. We had not been back to Saint Mary's since our 50th Reunion in 2005, and I think that attending this Reunion was in the "now or never" category.

The "plan" was for me to fly to Louisville to visit with family and friends there, and then to drive to South Bend for Reunion. Luckily, Joan's niece, **Kathy Dunlevy Walker '80** was able to accompany us. Another part of the "plan" was for my son, Tim, and his wife Laura, to join us at Saint Mary's, and I would ride with

them to their home in IL.

Joan and I really didn't know what to expect. After all, sixty years is a long time since our graduation from Saint Mary's and now we found ourselves in our 80's. We wondered how that had happened! What I found amazing though, is that from the moment **Carol Graham Moran** tapped me on the shoulder outside of Holy Spirit Chapel in Le Mans Hall and greeted me with, "Hello, classmate," I knew that we had truly arrived, and that we were home!

More faces of more classmates appeared — at Mass and at the Banquet for the "More Than Golden" that evening. **Maureen Sullivan, Marie DeMeester Meehan, Sue Mitchell Crowley, Gretchen Hartman Sherman, Natalie Healy Doell, Dolores Dietsch Berry, Frances Clohessy Spillane, Carol Graham Moran, and Elise Torczynski** were all with us at the Banquet that evening. **Sarah Struett O'Keefe** joined us for the class picnic the next day.

Never did I envision myself as "More Than Golden," but "More Than Golden" I am. This is actually all of us in the Saint Mary's College class of 1955, and we were all celebrating together — as "classmates"!

Although many of our classmates are no longer with us, and some were unable to attend Reunion, all are remembered and are deeply missed. We all continue on, remembering our times together, and our joy filled friendships through the years. I believe that the picture of the Saint Mary's girls on the spring 2015 issue of *Courier* captures my total Reflection, "Thank you." Added below this picture is the message, "Faith Always, Action Now." And so, the classmates of 1955 move forward — with smiles on our faces, and with much courage.

From **Carol Graham Moran**:

There were twelve hardy souls at Reunion 2015. It was good to see them. They were **Frances Clohessy Spillane, Marie DeMeester Meehan, Dolores Dietsch Berry, Joan Hausman Campbell, Natalie Healy Doell, Carolyn Linnig O'Rourke, Sue Mitchell Crowley, Sarah Struett O'Keefe, Maureen Sullivan, Gretchen Hartman Sherman, Elise Torczynski** and myself, **Carol Graham Moran**.

The weather could not have been better. On Saturday, the day of the picnic, it was sunny but not hot. That day we had our pictures taken on the O'Laughlin building steps.

It was a pleasure to walk the campus. It was beautiful with all the flowers in bloom. Many buildings have been added since we were students. I especially enjoyed attending **President Carol Ann Mooney's '72** speech in the Helen Carroll auditorium at Madeleva Hall. This was memorable for me, because Helen Carroll and my mother were students together.

After the evening events ended, some of us had a great time talking about our life as students and thereafter.

On Sunday, the Mass was celebrated at the Church of Loretta. It has changed. No more pews. You now sit in a circle around the altar. The Mass was beautiful. Everyone said the sermon was great. However, I had forgotten to turn my hearing aids on. Wish you all could have been there.

From **Elise Torczynski**:

The weekend of Reunion 2015 was festive, entertaining and filled with friendships dating back many years, even to those from the class of '55. That group included about 10 or 12 of us, a wonderful number since we are all 82 years old, many still spunky and active. We have had various

bouts with a number of illnesses but still quite functional. For myself, my major problem is reduced ambulation, having decreased ability to walk very far. I congratulate all those who trundled about the campus walks and road ways in the golf carts. It seemed that no matter where I was, all I had to do was raise my hand and someone, previously unseen by me, would suddenly appear and whisk me off to my next destination. They were a real blessing to me and others, and deserve extra commendation for their quick help. Riding in the cart enabled me to see more of the campus than I would have if I only walked. The campus was beautiful, at the height of its early summer blossoms and greenery, marvelously tended.

The educational and intellectual presentations were often more for the recent graduates about getting jobs, taking care of children, marriages, etc. I heard a most interesting discussion on considerations and problems that candidates in the upcoming election will face, surprisingly with an apolitical tone. Another that I had hoped to hear had been canceled because of illness of the speaker. I made a visit to the school of nursing but did not find anyone in although an open house was scheduled for the hour that I went. The liturgies in Le Mans Holy Spirit Chapel were quite refreshing.

The Saturday picnic luncheon on the lawn was full of tasty food, salads and dessert treats, lots of fun. One could casually wander around to catch up on classmates and other friends. We all had our group photos taken. The special dinner on Saturday evening with awards for many persons was very interesting. **Dr. Mooney '72** introduced us to the many aspects of running a college, even a small one, these days. The college will lose a special president who led us in new modernizations and directions. She is a fine model for the next president.

Sunday Mass in The Church of Our Lady of Loretta was full of graduates, families, retired sisters, all singing with their hearts. The goodbye champagne brunch fortified us for our journeys home and final exchanges. The weather was perfect for the whole weekend. I thank all involved for giving us such a remarkable and refreshing reunion.

Hope you all will have a very enjoyable fall season and we will hope our Irish football team will do well. God Bless and let's pray for each other. Maureen.

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Once again time has passed with no word from anyone from our class. The one exception has been a phone call from **Maryjeanne Ryan Burke**. We both centered on the upcoming 2016 Reunion, which will be our 60th! We would like to have a good turnout from our class. Of course we realize that time has taken its toll on our members, and illness and other afflictions have slowed us down. However, there are many of us still able to get around and still interested in seeing our old friends again. We would ask that each of you contact your roommate — or perhaps your fellow "little sister." If you receive Christmas cards from classmates, contact the senders. If you need addresses you can contact the Office of Alumnae Relations at Saint Mary's. You will be hearing more from Saint Mary's and me about Reunion in the future. But start thinking about it now.

Sadly, we lost one of our classmates recently. **Maureen McCormack Slosar** passed away after a long illness. You can't remember Maureen without smiling. Maureen was the dramatic genius behind most of our class presentations — a gift she carried with her until illness slowed her down. She could make the most mundane daily activity into an unforgettable hilarious event. Maureen and I attended grammar school, high school, and Saint Mary's together. She will be missed by all at our Reunion — but I am sure her stories will be retold and she will be remembered with love.

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Once more I am starting the column with the deaths of two classmates, listed in the For the Record section of the spring *Courier*. **Eleanor Bath Robison** died in June 2013. Eleanor came to Saint Mary's from Birmingham, MI but spent most of her married life in Albion, MI where she passed away. At the time she was survived by her husband, Chuck, four sons, three daughters (including **Elizabeth L. Robison '85** and **Jennifer Robison Hubley '91**), 14 grandchildren, and seven great grandchildren. Also reported then was the death of **Marita Reising Dieter**, December 2014 in Evansville, IN. Marita had come to Saint Mary's from nearby Fort Branch, IN and is survived by her husband Tom ND '57, two sons and two daughters, four grandchildren and her brother Ken Reising and sister in law, our classmate **Beth Kamm Reising**. Marita was an active volunteer in her parish and community. She and Tom enjoyed travel, visiting their four children who lived in four scattered states, and the Reising and Dieters had the pleasure of several trips together, including Branson, MO.

After that sad news, I am happy to continue with travel and birthday celebration news. Yes, we must face it, this is the year for a VERY BIG BIRTHDAY for most of us. **Marge Smith Broucek** thinks she was one of the first with her April natal day celebrated with a family party. I'll let her be first with that one! She was delighted to receive a birthday phone call from **Rosemary Knope Trippe** who recognized the significance of the date. **Irene O'Leary Van Beckum** marked the event by taking her six children and spouses to Italy and France. After the April trip, Irene was proud to attend the Saint Mary's graduation of **Erin Ronayne Cassidy '15**, her second granddaughter to graduate. **Peggy Kearin Carey** took 22 of her family for a two week trip to Ireland in June. It was not exactly a birthday commemoration but Peggy wanted to introduce the charm of Ireland to the grandchildren who were too young (or not born) when she and Bob took the family there in 1997. These lucky children got to bring their parents along. **Joanne (Jody) Donohoe McGoldrick** had a wonderful visit with **Maureen Butler O'Malley** while in South Bend for her grandson, Robert's graduation. Jody went to three consecutive grandsons' college graduations this spring. Maureen visits frequently with our former teacher, Sister Miriam Patrick, who is a distant relative. Each time the *Courier* arrives I hear from some of our classmates who happily are motivated to share their stories or just send greetings. After the Spring 2015 issue I was happy to hear from my Saint Mary's "Little Sister" **Sue Colby Vandegrift '59**. Sue had noted my picture with **Katie Perry, Peggy Kearin Carey** and **Dee Kiley LeFevour** on a river cruise last year. Sue and her



husband, Chuck, look forward to a similar cruise. What fun to reconnect! Then I received a wonderful email from **Deirdre Grant Gehant '83**. Deirdre's mother was our classmate, the late **Diane Donovan Grant**. Deirdre sweetly assured me that she and her sisters, **Marijane Grant Brangle '90**, **Jennifer Grant Prendeville '93**, and **Diane Grant Nevin '97** all read our class column, recognizing familiar names and thinking of their dear Mother and how much her Saint Mary's friends meant to her. She continued with a wonderful summary of the Grant clan and left me a bit teary, thinking of life's changes, but thrilled that the connections continue.

Little did I know how soon Deirdre would be contacting me again, this time with the sad news that **Shirley O'Brien Creamer** and her family had two recent deaths. Jim ND '50, Shirley's dear husband of 56 years, had passed away March 27th after a lengthy illness. After serving in the Marine Corp, Jim's career as a Director for General Motors took the Creamers to Connecticut for eight years, then thirty years in Norwalk, OH, finally returning to Indianapolis, Shirley's childhood home. Jim was survived by their six children and 16 grandchildren. Then the Creamer's daughter Mary Ann died July 20th in Sandusky, OH after also suffering from cancer. Mary Ann was a well recognized leader in education and was the founder and executive director of Teen Leadership Corps. **Joanne (Jody) Donohoe McGoldrick**, who had been a CT neighbor of the Creamers years ago, informed me that **Eva Haas Dolan** had been supportive of Mary Ann's leadership program. What a very difficult time for Shirley and her family and I know we all send our sympathy. Deirdre heard this news because in happier times the Grants, Creamers and Dick and **Pat Mason Allen** and family had all vacationed at the same place in Sanibel Island, FL.

My mid-July email appeal for news brought wonderful emails, notes, and phone calls. I'm delighted to have reports from our Oklahoma friends. In June, John and **Jacqueline Buckley Hobbs** enjoyed John's 60th ND Reunion. They had the opportunity to visit with **Carole Harnist McMahon** and Jack and **Carolyn Rooney Connelly** and Dick who were also Reunion attendees. Jacque and John are enjoying retirement and get to see **Carol Williams Dolan** at morning Mass and an occasional coffee after. Reporting from Tulsa, **Barbara Geary** says that when she isn't at the piano she continues working to have some pro-environment effect on city government. She sees **Lou Kippenberger Batey** occasionally, such as at the talk on the Catholic Worker that **Rosalie Riegle '59** gave in Oklahoma City earlier this year. **Theresa Binkley Byrne's** response from California made me smile. "My life is the same for many years — play tennis, bike, boogie board in ocean, work at Trader Joe's, and pray a lot for my kids. Same old thing but I am blessed to be healthy and able." Isn't that terrific? Theresa has remained great friends with **Pat Bauervic Leonard**. **Nancy Frank** is still in Phoenix and continues to volunteer at the elementary school where she taught, helping primary students with reading and writing as a "Pencil Pal" at another school. As she said "once a teacher, always a teacher." Despite a few health issues she still goes to the Y and walks on the treadmill. Way to go, Nancy! I'm saving the rest of the responses and more birthday celebrations until the next column.

My thought today is that everyone is too busy with their own responsibilities, interests and health to write or call me. I guess that is good and bad. I did have a call from **Patricia Rogan Beckman** saying that **Joan Drymalski Heuel** fell and broke her hip. **Pat Elen Costello** is in touch with Joan and has visited her. I think Joan is out of rehabilitation and I know she would love to hear from classmates.

**Marlene Slavin Fogarty** called recently to tell me her husband Mike Fogarty had died of Lewy Body Dementia. His funeral was in Oak Park at St. Giles June 19, 2015. Martie and Mike had wonderful years together, before and after their move to Jacksonville, FL. **Kay Duffy O'Leary** and **Marilyn Miller Waud** attended the funeral and Martie said Catherine O'Connell sang the Mass. Mike donated his brain to the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville for research because two of his sisters died also died of LBD.

**Barbara Hilger Hanahan** wrote to tell me her husband Mike suffered from Parkinson's, not dementia. The Parkinson's caused serious balance problems and caused Mike to fall off their dock. Babs wants to bring this disease into the light.

Three of my brothers have died in the past eighteen months. All these losses for all of us, loss of friends, family, health, and financial loss can drain the spirit. My brother Fr. John Donnelly Leonard of the Melkite Greek Catholic Church "went to sleep in the Lord" April 28, 2015. Fr. John was a graduate of Notre Dame (magna cum laude) and after thirteen years of service in the U.S. Foreign Service Diplomatic Corps, he retired to pursue studies at St. Vladimir's Seminary in Eastern Orthodox theology.

He graduated with both Bachelor's and Master's degrees and was ordained to the priesthood in Beirut, Lebanon November 18, 1973. For the next 23 years he served as Chaplain to the Melkite Greek Catholic Monastery of the Annunciation in Nazareth. All his life, Fr. John worked and prayed constantly for peace between Arab and Jew and Catholic, and for reconciliation between Western and Eastern Christians. He and his wife Barbara returned to Grand Rapids, MI in 1997 and Fr. John accepted the invitation to assist the Pastor of St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church in Grand Rapids until his death.

Our classmate **Mary Husted Bottum** visited Fr. John and Barbara in Nazareth and Fr. John gave Mary an icon of St. Mary and St. Elizabeth executed at the monastery.

One bright spot this spring was a trip with Notre Dame to northern Italy, with our base Ferrara. Trips to Verona, Mantua, Bologna, and Venice, with a brief visit to St. Anthony's church in Padua furnished wonderful art, churches and loads of good memories.

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Please remember in your prayers, John Stone, brother of **Mary (Meg) Stone Longtine**, who passed away August 14, 2014. Sadly, I received an email from **Pat Wilson Fastiggi** in April and I quote: "In February, our family was faced with the untimely death of my grandson, Alex. I'm not sending this to you to get more hugs and prayers (although they are always welcome) but to inform everyone about the senseless "choking game." It is also called "the good kid's game." Start the conversation with your grandkids

—"I know this lady whose grandson died from this" — and go from there. Some kids have admitted to knowing about the game, others have not. A good website about it is: [www.erikscouse.org](http://www.erikscouse.org). Please start talking and send this to anyone you know with teenage kids." We are sorry for your loss, Pat. Thank you for sharing this information.

In April, **Sally Marie Brown** moved to a nearby retirement community in Ashburn, VA. She will miss the musicals she has performed in and the friends she's made over the years but looks forward to a new clubhouse with a 200 seat theatre and to new shows and friends on the horizon.

**Colleen Taffee Goldkamp Harmon** and husband, Bob joined **Margo Heineman Daniels** and husband Pera on a northern Norway Cruise in June. Enjoyed seeing pictures on Facebook. Ran into **Janice Feller Schmidt** at a recent graduation party (our daughters married into the same family). She looks great and enjoys her docent work at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library.

Had lunch with **Martha Gillis Esrig** and husband Aaron at our local golf club last month. They had just returned from a two week tour of Ireland and shared many insights with us as we are going there in September. They both look terrific and enjoy good health. We also met **Sharon McGee Sittion Bradshaw** and husband Murray for lunch in the Valley. They were also coming off a lovely two week cruise to HI. They love their new apartment in Westlake Village which is across from their parish church where they are able to attend daily noon Mass. Sharon no longer drives as she suffers from an untreatable visual impairment, however Murray and her daughter are there for her.

Tom and **Jeanne Pflaum Gnuse** celebrated their 50th anniversary with a cruise to AK with their family — 15 in all. Jeanne performs regularly in care centers and adult day care with her trio called "Cabaret on Tour." "This public service brings us and the patients great joy with each booking."

Email from **Mary Hughes Enright**: "Last weekend was very touching for my siblings and me, as we all gathered at Chaminade Prep School in St. Louis. Gene, who was a twin of Jerry (her brothers), was introduced to the Athletic Hall of Fame. Unfortunately, he died of cancer in 1998, leaving five kids and lots of grandchildren too. Fifteen of his classmates, and many others joined the Hughes Family as we celebrated Gene, who was quite an athlete and a really good man." A subsequent email followed: Mary's son Buddy, who is in the movie business in Hollywood, sent her an email: "I was scouting this place last week for a shoot on Wednesday and asked the owner about the history of the stage. He said a photographer named Gerry Trafficanda had this as his studio for years... 'How about that!' Gerry did indeed design and build the studio in 1984. It was his "baby" and he worked there happily for another 20 years and is delighted to see it still in use as he intended.

Gerry and I visited my sister, **Betty Benford Belfiore** as well as our daughter on FL's gulf coast in April. A week before we arrived Betty and Jack were on a cruise in the Dutch West Indies when Jack suffered a heart attack. He was airlifted to his hometown hospital in Venice, via St. Maarten and Ft. Lauderdale, underwent a five-way by-pass and was home recuperating by the time we got there. Amazing! Betty is also happy to report a clean bill of health following cancer treatment.

**Rosalie Riegle** recently spent an afternoon with **Annette Fontana Saylor**. She also stays in touch via email with **Adele Schepp Young**. Rosalie had the

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misfortune of falling down a flight of stairs in the dark resulting in several broken bones, but after three braces and lots of therapy she is on the mend. In April, she will be the keynote presenter at St. Scholastica's College in Duluth speaking on "Crossing Lines and Doing Time: Nonviolent Resisters Speak Out for Peace." She will also do a presentation at her own parish in Jan. on "Dorothy Day: A Saint for Our Times?" On September 20, Rosalie will become a Benedictine oblate at St. Scholastica's Monastery in Chicago. "I find that Benedictine spirituality fits well with my Catholic Worker ethos..."

**Betsy Finneran Kennedy's** twin sons, Tim and Pat, are shareholders/co-owners and cofounders of a company called Spikeball which was recently featured on the TV show, Shark Tank. They made a deal with Daymond John and negotiations are underway. Spikeball is a game that's a cross between volleyball and foursquare and is very popular in the San Diego area.

**Sue Brown Bapst** is very proud of her 16-year-old grandson, John, whose oil painting was selected by the Georgia Art Education Assoc. to hang in the High Museum of Art, Atlanta.

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Reunion was great! Campus is reenergizing and rememberful, as well as really beautiful. We missed you, if you were not there, but you were part of our rememberful reminiscences, of which there were many. **Nancy Ryan Soller, Elaine Van Etten Cassidy, Liz King Durand, Nancy Madigan Schlacks, Arlene Lagona Feldmeier, Cass Orwan Rydesky Connor, Mary Lou Ashley Summers, and Maureen Hogan Lang** (and Maureen's sister **Coleen Hogan '75**) enjoyed a wonderful celebration. We all looked FABULOUS, had not changed a bit — being on campus does that, you know.

We walked — or rode on golf carts — to new buildings and old, we went to some interesting dialogues and presentations, but most of all we laughed and enjoyed one another. Friday night's Mass in Le Mans for those celebrating their 50th Anniversary and "more" was followed by a special reception and dinner. Since this is our first reunion as part of the "more," we were the youngest ones there. After dinner Liz and Cass guided us through the alphabet in hilarious remembrances of SMC, such as "S" is for signing in/out, "T" is for trivium and tunnel, and "U" is for uniform.

**Carol Mooney's** address on Saturday morning was well attended and really caught us up on current college status, events and future goals. That brought us to the picnic. Remember the rains at our last picnic? Well this time it was warm and sunny and delicious. From there we did more campus seeing, including visiting the retired sisters. The banquet was grand as always. Mass and champagne brunch on Sunday brought our 55th reunion to a point of looking forward to our 60th.

We learned that we no longer have to count sheep as we fall asleep each night — thanks to Liz and Cass, we can remember the "ABCs" of SMC. Keep smiling, M and M.

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**B.J. Sitzberger Gorman** sent word she and husband, Earl, were planning to be in Key Largo starting in November and expected visits with **Patty Crotty Misrach** and **Marylee Zahner Foley** and her husband, Howard. Yoga is a big part of their lives while staying healthy working out and eating good food. This year they have been connecting with family and doing their best to stay out of trouble.

An email from **Sandy Graham Bartlett** in Ridgewood, NJ, said she is still a crossing guard and her husband, Bill, is 8/10ths retired. Their health is typical of their age. He has Parkinson's, and she has diabetes, etc. They are fortunate that all of their seven grandchildren are nearby and are entertained with attending musicals, dance recitals, and other school functions. One of her grandsons hit a deer while driving Sandy's car which was damaged in exactly the same way as Sandy had done to a car when she was young. The long-time owner of their usual repair shop had a good laugh as he reminded her of the likeness.

**Pauline Capelli McTernan** was excited to announce that her granddaughter, Madeline AnnMcTernan, will be attending Saint Mary's in the fall of 2015. Madeline graduated from St. Joseph Catholic Academy, in Kenosha, WI, which is also Pauline's alma mater.

An email from **Mary K. Biddle Aisthorpe** apologized she didn't have something fantastic to report for my article. She did tell me that **Claudia Cronin Waller** and she spent time in early June attending two graduations in Chicago. Their granddaughter, Beth Waller, graduated from grade school and her brother, Brandon, from high school. Claudia, husband John, and Mary K. enjoyed a Chicago River Architectural Tour and the Irish Exhibition at the Art Museum.

The following is from **Mary Ellen Berry Malone**: This has been a very difficult time for me these past few months and you all have been very sweet with me (I know that "sweet" does not do it justice, but that is the word that comes to my mind). Many of you sent cards to me and sent wonderful flowers to Buddy's funeral. And, yes, the Masses you had said for him. And then, so many of you simply saw me or called me and were so nice to me. I will not forget those gestures. I have lost my partner of 50 years, my lover, my confidant, my cheerleader, my friend, the father of my children, and the only man I ever loved! When my dad died in 2007, I thought I could not go on living, literally. This has been 10 times worse. Buddy gave our family laughter, song, and love. He is buried in our cemetery at Trinity Pines with that epithet on his grave. The abject pain and sorrow of not having him anymore is overwhelming. On the bright, yes, very bright side, we had Buddy for his last 19 fun-filled, music-filled, love-filled days in the hospital. He taught us so many lessons along the way. We are also overwhelmed with all the love we have received in support of the life of this great man. My children and I are very lucky. There was nothing left unsaid and we have no regrets. And, yes, we know that life must go on. We are all in the process of putting our lives back together as we adjust to life without him. He was a great presence. Please keep us in your prayers as we adjust.

Keep in mind and mark your calendars for our 55th Reunion scheduled for June 2-5, 2016. It would be great to be together again.

I truly appreciate hearing from those who answered my request for news. My next deadline is December 1, 2015. 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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I received news from **M. (De Vonne) French McClinton** who called me June 28, 2015: Her phone-friend/former roommate **Susan Crowder Burks** had a sudden stroke in late Dec. 2014, did not want "extended care," went into hospice and died a week later on Jan. 2, 2015. She is survived by her husband Harold David Burks in Newport, VA, a daughter Stephanie and grandson, who are both attorneys. DeVonne is still working, mostly part time in General Psychiatry practice in greater Kansas City, MO area, and will celebrate 50 years of practice on June 16, 2015 (Ed. note: Congratulations DeVonne-on your wonderful work you have done!).

**Paula Walsh Henry** sent news June 19: Classmates **Mary McCarthy Brooks, Grace Ruppert de Casillas** in Naperville, IL. Grace was visiting the U.S. from Mexico to celebrate her aunt's 100th birthday! Paula also noted that her husband Bob (ND '62, '65, '67) received his PhD in Mechanical Engineering and will be inducted into the National Academy of Engineering in Washington, D.C., October 3-5. There are only about 2100 people in the world in the Academy (Ed. note: Congratulations Bob — Quite an honor!).

News from Saint Mary's Board or Trustees — June 22, 2015: Announced that **President Carol Mooney '72** will retire on May 31, 2016, after 12 years as the first lay alumna president. She has led the college to complete many successful capital campaigns, added three new graduate programs to begin in fall 2015, increased the endowment, increased student diversity, established the Belles Against Violence Office (BRAVO), built Spes Unica Hall, and renovated the Science Hall. Her leadership on many boards, including her time as chair of the Women's College Coalition, was with one goal in mind — the advancement of Saint Mary's College. The Board has begun a search for a new president and the committee will make an announcement during the 2015 academic year. We thank Carol for her years of leadership/service and love for Saint Mary's College, and wish her many blessings in her next adventure in her life with husband George!

On May 29, while walking down a hallway going into Notre Dame College Prep H.S. in Niles, IL to award my brother Bill Casey Memorial scholarships we established when he died in 1994. Bill (ND '59) had taught biology (1959-94), then coached swim team and football, and was athletic director when he died in '94 on his 57th birthday.

I fell face first hitting the floor. Broke my nose (deviated septum) and bones in my right sinus. I am still sore (nose, cheek, knees, right shoulder). Thank goodness I did not break a leg, arm, or hip! The high school staff was wonderful in caring/praying for me, and calling EMT, who took me to Lutheran General Hospital ER in Niles, where I saw many doctors, nurses, etc. I ended up staying overnight (husband



Jean stayed at our daughter's home in Hawthorne Woods, IL. We were planning to have dinner with them (Lise & John Wiseman (ND '93) and two daughters — all ND fans! I was released from hospital and came home Saturday 1:00 PM.

Since I am home I have seen many doctors and had physical therapy for "balance." I have no idea why I fell, but I have had numbness in my right leg (neuropathy?) for several years. I now use a cane when going out of the house (We have a tri-level house so that can be a challenge at times, but I use the hand rail on stairs and walk very carefully, watching where/how I walk). I guess Our Lady and my guardian angel (Bill) was watching over me! I am healing slowly but am able to get around.

Please continue to send me or the College Alumna Office, any Class of '62 News, so we can keep our Class News included in future *Courier* issues. If we have no news, our class will not be included!

My deadline dates each year are: August 1 for the winter issue; December 1, 2015 for spring issue; and April 1, 2016 for the summer issue. Sorry, I can't forward photos to Saint Mary's on my old computer software, so don't send photos to me — send them directly to the *Courier*/Alumna Office. Thanks to my loyal classmates who send news/reports throughout the years. Keep it coming! Until the next time...

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Seated Left to right, Patricia O'Grady Justeau '69, Carol O'Grady Weld '66, Virginia O'Grady Forrester '60, Anne O'Grady Curtin '60. Standing Left to right, Beverly Troxler O'Grady '63 and Elizabeth Anne Forrester '91.

Hello, All! News about travel from **Joanie H. Dorgan**: "I was in Europe for the second half of June on an incredible river cruise through Germany, Austria, and Hungary on the Danube, Main, and Rhine. I loved the pace of the rivers, so pristine and serene with castles on the hills and charming villages on the shore, gorgeous cathedrals in Cologne, Vienna, and Budapest, historical sites in Passau and Nuremberg, and festivals in Regensburg, vineyards sloping down the hills in meandering vertical rows, walking and bus tours, concerts, wineries... it was fabulous! I'm reliving the memories now." Joanie loved her teaching and serving as middle school department chair for social studies at the Francis Parker School in San Diego, but retirement also has its delights. She'll visit Boston in the fall as first grandchild, Katie Stepsis, will be a freshman at Boston College. Joan also enjoyed the summer months to read, garden, and "Dorganize" — down-sizing and simplifying all the "stuff" of the years of teaching and accumulating.

**Beverly Troxler O'Grady** wrote that twenty family members, all O'Grady's, were with her for a week on Kiawah Island, SC, where they

all marked the two-year anniversary of Robert O'Grady's death on June 14; Robert, as most of you know, was a member of the Class of 1963 at Notre Dame. Beverly writes: "What a memory and a great comfort! Four of Robert's sisters, some of his godchildren, nieces and nephews, and grand-nieces travelled to be with me. Justeaus came from France, Forresters from the U.K., others from NY and FL. Extended family came from NJ, OH, IL, and CT for the reunion and celebration."

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What a great immediate response! **Angie Braunstein Maher** wrote that she had been kayaking with **Bobbie Borchers Flecker** and making up for not travelling: adding to her passport: Greek Islands, Turkey, along the Danube and Rhein, Netherlands; there during the Greece debt crisis and in Istanbul for their election.

**Pat Malone Nathe** and Gerry celebrated their 50th in MT with family and friends at the family farm-ranch where Gerry was raised. Gerry's sister and husband were married just a week after them so great celebration. **Pat Powers Gowdy** also took her clan (17: 9 grandkids: 2-15) to the Drowsy Water Ranch in Granby, CO for their 50th. House has sold and moving to condo in Boston.

**Jinx Hack Ring** and Peter hosted **Mary Kay Brady Turner** and John plus **Linda Camiller Sanderson** and Mike in Paris in May with dinner under the Eiffel Tower. When Jinx returned, she was involved in the Special Olympic World Games in LA. Their daughter, Kristin, is in SF working as an administrative law clerk in the Northern District and lives in the Marina. Peter retires this year.

**Becky Laird Ryan** celebrated her 50th on August 8, 2015, with family and friends in her parish but then on August 28, 2015, renewed their vows in the Holy Land at Canal!

Both **Pat Malone Nathe** and **Denise Cavanaugh** said to check out **Fran Bardello Craig's** review in the *Washington Post*, August 3, 2015. [www.washingtonpost.com/business/economy/entrepreneur-fran-craig-just-isnt-the-retiring-type/2015/07/31/684ad986-3553-11e5-adf6-7227f3b7b33ch\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/economy/entrepreneur-fran-craig-just-isnt-the-retiring-type/2015/07/31/684ad986-3553-11e5-adf6-7227f3b7b33ch_story.html)

**Mary Ann Roach Butkovich** and her husband John spent a wonderful week with family on Lake Michigan for their 50th — lots of beach time, conversations, games, and s'mores.

**Jean Canizaro Enochs** flew to Philadelphia and spent time with Mike and **Linda Sanderson** seeing the sights and also toured Nova Scotia and loved the cooler temperature. **Kathy Pace Hiron** lunched with **Auralea Sharrar Carroll** and **Gail Nelson Griffon** in Denver and then **Sally Diggles Muller** and her friend, Patty, visited Kathy in Los Alamos, NM and toured the area.

**Constance Mettler's** husband, Norm Darwish died in May and in July, there was a celebration of his life with family and friends and **Sally Kintzele Ankony**. **Marilynne (Sue) Prendergast Burtenshaw's** father passed away at 98 while she and her husband, Noel, were visiting him in AL. In March, he was buried at Arlington National Cemetery with full honors, one of the last WWII veterans. Sue was three months old when he left

and a three year old when he returned a different person. He was a career Army officer who served in North Africa. Sue wrote that she continues to understand the toll it took on him and her family. It was truly a "resurrection experience" for all of them.

**Bobbie Borchers Flecker** reported that the whole Flecker Family (seven kids, six spouses, and 11 grandchildren) all came to Pittsburgh for five days this summer. **Joanne Casellini Kelly** and Ed stopped enroute home from Cape May, NJ for the ND-Temple game; all the room mates are gathering at **Linda Camiller Sanderson** and Mike's.

**Marquita "Quita" Olsen Carmouche** and Charles "Chris" Carmouche ND '64 are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. Their children **Mary Claire Carmouche Upton '89** and **Catherine "Catie" Carmouche Calderhead '92** celebrate this milestone.

**Patsy Wellman Bove** and Jim spent 6 weeks in New England, stopped in NYC to see Colin Quinn's "New York Story." Chris Rock was in the audience. Enroute to Vero Beach, FL (home) and off again to Boston, Newport, and Manhattan.

My news is that Kent and I took our group (eight adults, seven grandchildren: 5-12) to the Triangle X Ranch (**Mary Kay Brady Turner** and John)! Spectacular Tetons, Snake River, dude ranching, magnificent wildflowers, float trip, and lots of riding like cowboys and cowgirls. Our families met each other, Katherine and Mara had gone to ND together, Mary Kay hosted us at the ranch and her fabulous mountain house, our grandchildren ate, played, and rode together. Christina and Mara had a lot in common with their medical missions (Christina is a doctor in Jackson now and had volunteered in Honduras; Mara volunteered in Bolivia and goes two or three times a year to Bolivia with a medical team that operates, teaches, and leaves equipment). Lots of bonding!

Thanks again, keep well — live well. As **Linda Camiller Sanderson** reminds us: "There are only two days in the year that nothing can be done. One is called yesterday and the other is called tomorrow, so today is the right day to love, believe, do and mostly live." Dalai Lama

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Most of my recent news, and all summer reunion news, was printed in our Summer '15 issue of *Courier*. However, I do have a few updates.

**Carla Aderente** made an absolutely beautiful quilt encompassing our four years at SMC. She brought it with her to reunion and we hung it in the class reception room at the Inn of Saint Mary's. It was stunning, with transfers of pictures of classmates in 1965, and campus photos. We were all made aware that **Mary (Junie) Miller Smith** had recently been diagnosed with Lymphoma, and was unable to attend Reunion. It was decided by all present that the quilt would be sent to Junie to wish her well and speed her recovery. Here is Junie's response to our get-well gift: "I just opened the gorgeous quilt and shed a few tears as I looked at all the intricacies of the fabric and the stitching. The words do not exist to adequately thank you, Carla, for such a beautiful gift. And the words will never exist to adequately thank everyone who signed

the card. I am truly beginning to believe in the power of prayer, as I was surrounded by it with the gift of the quilt. Thank you so much for the quilt and cards. This may be the best cancer treatment ever!" Junie is, most fortunately, in remission and this is wonderful news.

Sad news from **Susan Casey D'Amico**: "Some people may know, but my sister, **Elizabeth Casey '70** passed away July 1, 2015." Sue and her family are all in our prayers with this loss.

Our 1965 Reunion class, collectively, raised over \$460,000 in gifts and pledges, according to **Kathleen McAnaney Campbell**, our Reunion Gift Campaign Chairman, with 57% of the class making donations. As I mentioned in the summer *Courier*, our 1965 class won the Class Participation Award. Collectively, all SMC reunion classes raised over seven million dollars. We can certainly be proud of this accomplishment, and also the fact that Saint Mary's ranks "as an elite private Catholic women's college in the Midwest," as mentioned at Reunion by our outgoing President, **Carol Mooney '72**.

I will be receiving the questionnaires that we all filled out in our Reunion packet. SMC sends these to me after every Reunion, and there is always tons of news to be included in future *Courier* columns. So, more classmate information will be coming your way in the future.

Food for thought at **Katherine Zeller Nicklin's** wonderful Golden Reunion presentation, "Are We Old Yet?" "We have all been challenged. We have all been hurt in some way. We have all experienced blessings and tragedies, victories as well as defeats, immense joy as well as sorrows. We have all managed to get here today. We have lived!" Amen.

Please continue to remember our Class of 1965 Memorial Scholarship. Our 1965 Reunion Class gift to the scholarship fund exceeded our reunion goal with over \$361,000 in gifts and pledges for this priority. This will help pass on the gift of a Saint Mary's education for years to come.

Please send me news! I love hearing from you all.

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We are on the countdown to our 50th Reunion from Saint Mary's College.

According to the schedule we, the class of 1966, will arrive early for the full festivities.

Officially, the Reunion dates are June 2-5, 2016. We plan to begin on Thursday with activities designated just for our class members.

**Barbara Borchers Bernath** and **Liz**

**Birmingham Lacy** will chair the Planning Committee and **Marilyn Kozmer Sommers** will lead the Gift Gathering Committee.

In the next few months we hope to reach everyone in our class to welcome them to Reunion. We will be also approaching classmates to help us present to Saint Mary's College with monies to fund a scholarship in our name. In this effort we hope to exceed the giving of previous classes.

To mention again, activities will start on Thursday. On Friday we will enjoy a lecture by Abigail Trafford, author of *As Time Goes By* and *A Gift for You*. Trafford is a graduate of Bryn Mawr College, a women's college in PA. The author recently retired her position at the Washington Post. Friday night we will celebrate Mass in the Le Mans Chapel. At this time we will remember our classmates who have

died. Saturday, of course, is the picnic followed by the dinner where we will be the honored guests.

Mark your calendars now with 50th Reunion from June 2-5, 2016.

**Carla Johnson Lewis** sent a note saying that **Barbara Borchers Bernath, Elaine Amann Mayeux** and she meet for lunch to celebrate their respective birthdays. Carla wrote that they discuss life, politics, and world peace.

**Mary Fran Petricca Gleason** shared the wonders of Chicago with her granddaughter, Addison. They toured the Science Museum and had lunch around the University of Chicago. Mary Fran showed her granddaughter, the Robie House. Mary Fran is a docent for the Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation in Oak Park, IL. Her oldest grandson plays for the Naval Academy football team.

**Marilyn Kozmer Sommers** spend a long vacation at Bethany Beach in Delaware with her whole family. They enjoyed good books, good times, and great fresh crabs chased with a cold beer.

**Carol Smither Mansfield** returned to campus this May to celebrate the graduation of her granddaughter, Annemarie. Carol credits her dear friend, **Pat Harvey Howell**, with suggesting SMC as a college choice. Carol proudly brags about the three generations that attended Saint Mary's College.

After returning from the graduation, Carol hosted fellow classmate **Barbara Haenn** and her puppy Ani. Barbara joined the extended family for Friday Night Pizza. **Judith Svoboda Alessandri** and her husband, Llio stopped in town for two nephews' graduations. Although the visit was short, the two classmates relived some 50 years.

Like Carol, I will in four years witness the graduation of the third generation of my family from Saint Mary's. Our third granddaughter, Caroline Duffy Kennedy will start the fall in a triple in McCandless Hall. The poor kid has been bombarded by all our SMC relatives telling how wonderful her years will be at SMC. Her twin, Deirdre will be at Notre Dame as well as her older sister, Casey.

**Anne Sheehan Garbarino** will also have a granddaughter from Texas attending Saint Mary's in the fall.

**Jane O'Boyle Donovan**, a learning resources teacher at Latin School of Chicago for more than 25 years, was honored upon her recent retirement with the creation of a named endowment fund.

Hopefully we plan to employ social media to communicate and to connect with everyone in preparation for our greatest Reunion!

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**Pat Herrick Sheridan** wrote before the last deadline that it was so nice to hear from classmates! She had just joined Facebook so was new to this social media and tried with little luck to find some contacts there since she does not know the married names of many of our classmates. She offered her empathy for the death of my mother and told me that her family had been prepared for the death of her mother in fall 2014. She thought she had no other news, but did report that she is expecting a new grandbaby in the fall and wants to keep up with our classmates!

**Maureen Claire Hunter-Bone** writes that she is looking forward to a reunion with **Mary (Zip) Largey Basile, Jan Nienberg Swift, and Doralil**

**(Dee) Sauer Pugliese** in northern CA this fall and is beginning to look forward to our 50th at SMC in a few years! We had a brief exchange about the bane of autocorrect after which I sent her a link to a How-to-Geek explanation for disabling this feature that I will share here [www.howtogeek.com/222769/how-to-tame-and-improve-the-iphones-autocorrect-feature/](http://www.howtogeek.com/222769/how-to-tame-and-improve-the-iphones-autocorrect-feature/)

**Kathy Huisking Sullivan** and husband Steve spent three weeks in Punta Gorda, FL, this year. Several of our 1968 classmates live in or visit the Naples area in the winter: **Barbara Gibson South, Karen Huisking Coffey, Claire Callahan Johannesen, Maureen Murphy Sheehan, Christine Gott Dickemper, Mary Donoghue Brueggen, Vera (Penny) Wingeier Sullivan, Roseann Van Gelderen Lyons, Amy Borchers Ewert, Muriel Duggan Wolff, Mary Jo Day Knauf, Francie Russell**, etc.

Kathy was able to entertain **Christine Gott Dickemper, Maureen Murphy Sheehan** and **Claire Callahan Johannesen** for lunch in January. Kathy and Steve traveled quite a bit after leaving Florida. The highlight of their visit was to New Zealand for 2 1/2 weeks. They toured both islands by car with another couple, and would love to return. They are traveling to South Bend for the ND-USC game in October and hope to see some of our classmates there.

**Sister Catherine Osimo, CSC**, wrote that she is looking forward to relocating to the Saint Mary's campus. I am also looking forward to meeting her, perhaps during another mini-reunion with **Sara (Sally) Blackley Clemmer** during the Georgia Tech weekend. With enough notice we can arrange a tailgate at our condo across the from the ND baseball field so do let me know at [econprofessor@aol.com](mailto:econprofessor@aol.com).

**Francie Russell** writes that it seems 2015 is a year filled with SMC reconnections. In March, she visited **Claire Callahan Johannesen** and **Maureen Murphy Sheehan** in FL in the Fort Myers area. Claire had a great luncheon mini-reunion attended by the dozen classmates who winter in this area. Francie thought it special to spend time with Claire and Maureen and reflect back on their lives. Later in the spring, she met **Fran Farrell Callahan** and Tommy



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



Alumnae enjoy an evening cocktail party and banquet in the dining room of the SMC Campus Center.



Callahan (Claire's brother) in Hot Springs, AR for the horse races at which they had lots of fun and Tommy won big! She will be going to Houston in August and September for great celebrations of the weddings of Fran and Tommy's son and daughter. She can't believe she will see Claire, Fran, and Tommy three times this year. Northwest AR is very beautiful. She is grateful to be living there. The Crystal Bridges Art Museum in Bentonville, AR is one hour from her and worth seeing.

**Sara (Sally) Blackley Clemmer** writes she will have a triple header this year. In March, roommate **Veronica Vodicka Simon** and husband Denny visited her and Dayne in FL, talking as if graduation had been the day before — but isn't that what Reunion is all about? A couple of weeks later she picked up **Sherrill Knight Ferree** and **Donna de Manbey Boynton** at the Palm Beach airport, and thus began a five night slumber party at which a good time was had by all. In September, Sally and Dayne will resume what had become since Reunion 2003 a yearly Notre Dame Football game with **Elizabeth Christopher Elmore** and Richard. She and Dayne also plan a couple of cruises so for what better year could she ask. Sally ended by reminding us to "Keep practicing those 'beeps, ladies — our 50th is only three years away."

**Virginia Ward** writes that she is a proud great grandmother of Tamiyah, two, and her brother Aiden, one month. The family did have a scare when Aiden came down with meningitis but luckily his Mom, her granddaughter Breann, is an RN at Duke Medical Center so Aiden got the best of care. Her middle son just joined United Airlines, so Ginny foresees some trips on the horizon. All seven kids who can be employed have jobs, houses/apartments, spouses, or special friends. Amazing, life is good. Ginny will be posting a photo of her great grand kids on Facebook.

**Margaret Piton** writes she was delighted to see her roommate, **Donna de Manbey Boynton**, in FL in January. She had last seen Donna on her wedding day to George. Margaret is enjoying tennis, volunteering, working on her second crime novel and blogging. She looks forward to a return trip to her beloved Russia in the fall, and is still trying to learn the language she first studied briefly at St. Mary's.

**Sharon Anne Linnehan** writes she has retired from her visual art teaching position at Erskine College in Due West, SC and this fall she will move to Valley City, ND to be near her daughter and her daughter's family. She shall open an art studio there and work full time making and marketing her art.

**Claire Callahan Johannessen** writes that our class seems to be well represented in southwest FL during the Winter months and since 2003 they have been enjoying getting together several times for lunch and sharing great SMC memories. Joining in earlier lunches were **Muriel Duggan Wolff**, **Kathy Huisking Sullivan** and **Christine Gott Dickemper**. They would love to have any classmates in the area join these mini-reunions, so just send an email to [clairecjohan@sbcglobal.net](mailto:clairecjohan@sbcglobal.net).

In FL, Claire also had the pleasure of running into **Mary (Zip) Largey Basile** and her husband, Vince, who were in town visiting friends for the weekend.

During the Christmas holidays in Chicago, Claire attended a spur of the moment luncheon with fellow classmates **Muriel Duggan Wolff**, **Phyllis Duggan Wieher**, **Peggy Ann Roth** and **Jeanmarie Fillenwarth McGowan** who drove in from Indianapolis for the great fun occasion.

I can add news of our time on campus for the April 16-19 weekend. We were able to arrive in time

for the Senior Project presentations in the Cushwa-Leighton Library prior to the on site dedication of the new athletic facility made possible by the philanthropy of the Purcell family. I was especially delighted that one of the projects had been mentored by social work professor JoAnn Burke who for the past decade has been developing the gerontology program for Saint Mary's and sharing her expertise with the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education. We both attended the annual 2015 AGHE meetings in Nashville and now both serve on the Public Policy Committee. I enjoyed talking with the soccer team and coach and other Belles supporters among them a CSC who also remembers **Sister Catherine Osimo, CSC**. We enjoyed talking with **Jo Ann MacKenzie '69** at the evening cocktail party and banquet in the dining room of the SMC Campus Center and were able to have a brief visit with **Marne Roark Roche** and Hoop Roche. The weather for the outdoor Friday afternoon event and evening could hardly have been better and held up for the Blue and Gold Game at Notre Dame that Richard and I attended the next day.

Following the lead of Sally and Dayne, Richard and I took a two week cruise to AK in May with one day in Seattle before and after the cruise. We shared this experience with our niece **Elizabeth Palasky DiPoalo '06** and her husband Rocco. We highly recommend the Duck Boat Tour and the Underground Seattle Tour. We were not prepared for the Alaskan weather: sunny and warm (80 degrees in Juneau!) in a rain forest climate but the glaciers and wild life were truly awesome.

Our dinner companions reminded me of the banquet table at Reunion 2003: Four of the five couples had been married for at least 45 years!

As mentioned, we plan to be at ND for the Georgia Tech game and Richard has plans for all but the USC game as we attended the wedding of **Danielle Renee Lerner '06** in Phoenix that weekend. Richard continues to enjoy retirement; he went to Phoenix for ten days in March to follow Cactus League Spring Training Baseball and to Pittsburgh to see the Irish Men play in the NCAA Basketball Tournament. Since our return from AK, we have been enjoying the Jersey Shore (my home town of West Long Branch and Sea Bright) where we have many relatives and long time friends. Summer has always been a happy time for us although less so now without Mom here with us.

Please do send me any news at any time to [econprofessor@aol.com](mailto:econprofessor@aol.com). I keep a folder for use when preparing the next class report. I can add any classmate to the Belles68 group if I know the Facebook account.

'69

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Hello, dear classmates!

It is always so good to hear news from you, and it is an added bonus when that news includes happy mini-Reunion reports as well! **Andrea Magazzu Johnson** sent me an email saying that she needed to be in Indianapolis for professional reasons last summer — June of 2014 — and that **Patti Valentine** suggested she arrive a couple of days early to spend time at her house with **Janice Misuriello Horan**, Andrea's former roommates.

"A great time was had by all, just sharing news of our families and talking about old times. It was a blessed time for us all, and we promised to do it more often. I have invited both Patti and Janice to visit with Spencer and me in Annapolis any time."

**Mary Alice Herod Lajoie** filled me in on the most recent lunch gathering of the Cincinnati — Columbus group. **Alison Whittaker Rink** hosted everyone at her home. Other classmates present were **Fran Roat Stinnett**, **Marian Morris Furey**, **Marilyn Murphy Messick**, **Margaret Roberts Richards** and **Cathy Kearney Buser**.

Thanks to Facebook and encouragement from **Margaret Roberts Richards** and **Sally Strobel Ladky**, I was able to connect with **Helen Sherry** who responded to my request for her news. Helen has been a licensed psychotherapist in CA since 1980. She and her Kiwi husband Colin and two sons moved to Nipomo on the Central Coast in '97 (I had to look up what a Kiwi husband was. Colin is from New Zealand). Here is the rest of Helen's news, "My office is in Arroyo Grande, but for the past six years I have also worked as a military counselor for the troops all over the world. I wrote a picture book for a young child who loses a parent to war, *Always and Forever: Angel's Ladybugs*, which came out the same week I left for my first assignment in Germany in '09. It's also an iPad interactive app. I care deeply about serving the troops and their families who give everything for our country. A year ago I was living in Holland for three months, serving on NATO bases in Germany and Belgium. When I returned, I injured myself lifting those heavy suitcases from the floor to bed to unpack. It resulted in emergency back surgery and a year of pretty relentless pain, so for the past year I have only been seeing my private practice clients and writing. No more three month military rotations! My co-authored book, *Pebbles in the Pond: Transforming the World One Person at a Time*, launched in June and reached international #1 best seller status in the U.S. and nine other countries. It's been surreal. My chapter is called "Put an End to Running on Empty: Bringing Back Balance for Over-Givers." My dad's mantra had been that we are on this Earth to be of service to those who have less, so I always pushed to exhaustion. At this advanced age I've finally learned to factor myself into the equation." Helen keeps in touch with Sally, Margaret (her friend since 1st grade in Columbus!) and **Nancy Waldeck**, her former roommate.

**Sally Strobel Ladky** got together with **Nan Raaf** and **Mary Ann Tavery** while on a trip out to Denver. She said, "We talked of retirement, travel and updates on our classmates. The years just fall away and a bond is unbroken! More reunions will happen on other trips before the big 50th!" For her family's update Sally wrote that she and Tom now have eight grandchildren: 4 in the Milwaukee area, two in Denver, and two in Cleveland. Their youngest daughter just moved to Portland, OR, working on the critical care floor of Portland Providence Hospital so they have another part of America to visit. Sally and Tom spent the last six months purging their home of 40 years! They started with the intent to sell in the near future but are now wavering. "Nice to have empty drawers, fewer knickknacks, and half the books we had. Feels great and our kids will thank us someday!"

Next up is news from **Susan Madden Darrow** who is literally and figuratively on the GO. "As some of our SMC classmates already know, my husband David and I sold our house on Marco Island, FL, in May of 2014 and have been living full time and traveling

around the country in our 40' motor home. Last summer we visited family and friends in Chicago and traveled around Lake Michigan. We spent the winter months in a beautiful RV resort in Naples, FL. This summer we have been traveling west and spent time in Custer State Park, Glacier National Park, visited the Calgary Stampede, enjoyed Lake Louise, Banff and the Canadian Rockies and spent 10 days exploring Yellowstone National Park. We will be spending most of August in CO, then traveling to Austin, TX, for a convention. In mid-September we head back to Santa Fe, Flagstaff, and then Albuquerque for the Balloon Festival in October. On our way back to FL we will spend two weeks in Asheville, NC. We will winter again in Naples so we can spend time with family, friends and our church family on Marco Island. While on the road I continue to work part time as a software consultant and also as an independent consultant for Rodan + Fields skin care products. If you want to see pictures of our adventures, send me a friend request for Facebook and visit my page or email me at [sdarrow99@me.com](mailto:sdarrow99@me.com). We would love to visit SMC classmates on our travels!"

From the west coast, **Nancy O'Laughlin Salmon**, checked in. "All is well here in the Bay area. I am still working at a great independent bookstore and thoroughly enjoying it. My oldest son Kevin and his family live nearby. They have 10 year old twins. Patrick and his wife live outside of Boston with their two boys. My daughter Shawn recently married a wonderful guy, and they live about 10 minutes away. They both work for Google and are expecting their first baby in December. I talk to **Beth Brown McCarthy** periodically and saw George Dunn (ND '67) after he fought 17 hours of weather delays to get to Shawn's wedding. That guy simply doesn't age."

**Prudy Schober Smith** sent an email right before blasting off on vacation. "Five years ago my husband Chris Smith (ND '67) and I retired from Gettysburg, PA, to a small town just outside of Raleigh, NC. We followed our two sons down South and love it. Tomorrow we join **Janice Misuriello Horan** and her husband John for a week in Taos, NM. We have spent the first week of August with them for 40+ years... many good trips together!"

Thanks so much to everyone who contributed to this column, dear friends! Our next deadline is December 1st, always an extra busy time of year. Please put aside a few minutes to send me any/all news about yourselves, your families, your classmates. God bless! Joyce

'70

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It is with a heavy heart that I am reporting that **Liz Casey** lost her battle with cancer and passed on July 1, 2015. Please keep Liz, her husband Bill Bailey (ND), her sister **Sus Casey D'Amico '65** and all of Liz's family in your prayers.

For the most part, the rest of this column is reporting "Grandma summer camps," mini-class reunions, travel, and other fun experiences.

**Pam Carey Batz** reports — I am surprised by how much joy my grandchildren give me and of how silly and "child-like" I can be with them. Since I am not "Mom" I have a certain freedom to direct, teach, comfort, and play with each of them. I am quite good at quieting each of them for bed even



July visit in Washington, D.C. area with Carolyn Bayer Hauser, Mary Lee Carr Charles, Molly Morell, Julie Castrop. Some of us hadn't seen each other in 40 plus years!



Nancy Roberts Dobson, Lynn Lombardi Norris, Mary Brugge Flood, Sue Moore Legge, and Sue Bracco Gleason, who could not make it to South Bend this June, met up at Sue Moore Legge's ranch in Wyoming. A great time was had by all.

when parents struggle. My daughters tell me I have an aura of peace. I like to think so.

Clara is four and lives in Boston (Jamaica Plain) with Theo her brother of five months. These are Anne and Kent Rodziewicz children. Anne graduated from Boston College and Kent from Harvard. But they went to high school together and Kent's Mom lives a mile away.

Matthew is a delightful determined inquisitive two years old. He lives in Pittsburgh. I am fortunate to see him often. **Carolyn (Carey) Batz McGee '05** is an attorney, as is her husband Kyle.

Marie graduated Notre Dame in 2000, got a MA from Columbia then a law degree. She is with Alcoa here in Pittsburgh.

**Catherine Ardath Batz '12** is in third year medical school doing rotations. Bill is an ordained deacon and is busy always.

I have completed a formation/education program as a spiritual director and serve as such. I am also an advocate for those seeking an annulment of a marriage for our diocese. Currently I meet with 8-10 people. I trust in God's guidance as I meet with people.

**Rosemarie Rinella Stocky** had her daughter Melinda and two of Melinda's children (the seven year old twins) visiting from MA the week of July 4th as well as members of Tom's family — at one point they hosted a group of 14 for this family get together!

**Gwen Gil Caranchini's** daughter Kelly came to visit from Chicago with her two children — Maggie & Nola — and they enjoyed the Kansas City Zoo, and other local trips but the all-time favorite is cooking Italian with Grandma!

**Nancy Delaney Nesbit** — Nancy reports that "We are enjoying the new little guy — Liam Robert — he's wonderful and we are so grateful he "landed safely" — life is good!"

**Sue Bracco Gleason** shared the news that five of the Class of '70 (**Nancy Roberts Dobson, Lynn**

**Lombardi Norris, Mary Brugge Flood, Sue Moore Legge, and Sue Bracco Gleason**) who could not make it to South Bend this June met up at Sue Moore Legge's ranch in WY. A great time was had by all. They all hope to make it back to SMC in 2020!

**Molly Morell** gave this update: In July, I travelled from ME to the Washington, D.C. area to visit **Carolyn Bayer Hauser, Mary Lee Carr Charles and Julie Castrop**. Some of us hadn't seen each other in 40-plus years! Everyone but Carolyn (a lawyer teaching ESOL to refugees and editing a legal journal) is retired; Julie from her pediatric medical practice and teaching, Mary Lee from teaching third grade, and Molly from disability and nonprofit work. We had an amazing time reconnecting and talking about personal histories (three husbands; five adult children between ML and Carolyn with a nursing degree and two doctorates, a medical degree and a master's degree in progress), careers and travels (Julie, 47 countries; Molly 36) and lots and lots of memories. A wonderful time was had by all.

**Patti J. Walters** and her husband will spend three weeks in September in Europe — "Our trip is to Europe exploring some new and some old. We always love Paris and will spend time there (lived there one year). Also we will go to south of Portugal for sailing lessons and mid-way getting between Paris and Portugal we decided to spend some time in Madrid. Several times we have spent September or October in Paris and Provence but we wanted to mix it up this time.

Still I am getting a bit of a lingering for Provence where a good friend has a house. Well we decided this was enough time on the road, and I wanted to be back in time for a Stanford reunion of Architecture students/staff. All the travel for the first time in Europe will be by plane not train and we have rented apartments in Madrid and Paris so it should make our trip easier and less complex in terms of trying to see too much — just roughly a week on the boat, a week in Paris and a week in Madrid. Very excited about the trip.

**Sue Gudgeon Reilly** reports about a wonderful SMC hosting opportunity — I was contacted by the Alum Office at SMC, asking if I could invite Bethany to stay with us in Savannah, when she was visiting SCAD (Savannah College of Art And Design). She had been accepted into their two year Historic Restoration Master's Program, and she was visiting the school. I was just blown away by her — her knowledge, her energy, and broad range of interests.

And she decided to attend SCAD. That fall, I invited her to join us when **Libby Gray Koultourides '93**, Development at SMC, came to visit me. We had breakfast together. And invited her to the Savannah Children's Choir Christmas program, and after program (I am on the board, and was a volunteer for SCC). Tom and I often attend the community based Savannah Winds at Armstrong University (part of the U of Georgia system). There she was playing the piccolo! Everyone from local high school students, to professors at Armstrong, to retired Army retired musicians.

Please take care and stay in touch!

'71

From the Courier Office:

**Joan Gifford LeSage** and Bernie went on ND's Great Journey through Europe in July. There were several Belles on board and Father Monk Malloy was kind enough to have an afternoon alumnae meeting with them in Zermatt, Switzerland!





In Zermatt, Switzerland, Pat Campbell O'Neil '58, Louise Habeeb Anella '64, Joan Marksey Slattery '65, Joan Gifford LeSage, and Susan Buzbee Canham '75 had a mini SMC reunion with Father Monk Malloy

In Zermatt, Switzerland, Pat Campbell O'Neil '58, Louise Habeeb Anella '64, Joan Marksey Slattery '65, Joan Gifford LeSage, and Susan Buzbee Canham '75 had a mini SMC Reunion with Father Monk Malloy (currently serving on the SMC Board of Trustees). Fun was had reminiscing about the changes over the years, and there was a lively discussion of the SMC challenges for the future! This was definitely a highlight of the Travelin' Irish trip — Great Journey Through Europe.

'72

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Congratulations are in order to **Eileen Beehan** who lives in Nashville and retired last January from Catholic Charities of TN. Eileen worked for Catholic Charities for 34 years and was director of the Social Services department for the last 23 years. She sent me a wonderful article from the local diocesan newspaper complete with photo. Unfortunately, I cannot duplicate the photo. The article mentioned that she came to Saint Mary's with the intent of majoring in biology, but decided to switch to sociology. She had field placement with Catholic Social Services in South Bend during her senior year and learned "what a field placement should be like, that you should have real experience". In her email, Eileen mentions that she continues to see how her education, faith experiences and friendships at Saint Mary's and Notre Dame were a cornerstone. Eileen ended her email to me with a funny story about her transitioning into retirement. She had always been curious about courses offered by Vanderbilt Osher Life Long Learning Institute. The Monday after her retirement, she signed up for a course. It was Irish humor and they watched a movie



From left Chris Newland Ketterhagen, Maura Carroll, Janet Teichen McHugh, Claire Mignelli Hughes, Martha Coyne, Kate Berny Werring and Missy Underman Noyes on the roof of the Metropolitan Museum of Art last May.

a week for six weeks. It reminded her of a course she took at Notre Dame. I think I took that course, too — maybe Visual Arts? We watched movies — everyone dozed off as soon as the lights were lowered!

More birthday celebrations! **Anne Marie Tracey** sent a great photo of her and husband, Dan Buckley. They spent her birthday kayaking on a beautiful, glassy lake in northern MI. She said this might tempt her to retire!

Last May, I celebrated our mutual big birthday in New York City with **Maura Carroll, Chris Newland Ketterhagen, Kate Berny Werring, Janet Teichen McHugh, Claire Mignelli Hughes, and Martha Coyne**. It was a whirlwind three days which included a moving visit to the 9/11 Memorial and tickets to see the musical, Kinky Boots. We ended with a trip to the Metropolitan Museum of Art and lunch at the Boathouse Restaurant on the lake in Central Park. Way too much fun!

Please keep the emails coming! It is so fun to have your news to report. As always, sending love to all of you.

'73

**From the Courier Office:**



On the right is Mary Anne Madden Hoffman who was part of the Allison Transmission leadership team that had the honor of ringing the closing bell at Wall Street, July 30th.

**Mary Anne Madden Hoffman** was part of the Allison Transmission leadership team that had the honor of ringing the closing bell at Wall Street, July 30th. She is the VP of Human Resources there (Indianapolis, IN). Incidentally, in honor of their 100th anniversary, they donated scholarships to IN colleges, including SMC! Her two SMC daughters are **Meganne Hoffman Brezina '03** and **Jennifer Elise Hoffman '10**.

'74

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Well it seems in my last update I married off **Nancy Tuohy** to a new guy! Ha... Anyone who might have panicked, Nancy is still happily married to Jim Scherzinger. Fortunately, I remember Nancy has a GREAT sense of humor so I hope this got a giggle going!

I've been traveling around myself, mostly for work, but fun too. I was recently enjoying lovely Costa Rica and the Dominican Republic, several trips to Orlando and Las Vegas in the last year. Boston and Cincinnati for family weddings. As I write this, I will shortly be heading up to the Traverse City, MI area to meet some friends and will be joined by **Judie Moore Green**. Are we all finding we are travelling a bit more? I so enjoy meeting up with old friends and family members.

Earlier in the year, I know **Julia Griffin Murphy** was able to join **Natalie Dwyer-Haller** at Natalie's daughter's graduation from her graduate program in nursing. Fortunately, it was at the town where Julie lives so they enjoyed the ceremony together. I got to visit with **Jackie Schimizzi Ehler**, too, which was nice. Her sons are doing very well with Michael off at Purdue University and Richard starting college this autumn (probably as you read this). Jackie sent us a wonderful news story in the Chicago papers talking about the wonderful job **Judie Moore Green** has done bringing exciting events, like the NFL Draft Days program, and funds to the restored Auditorium Theatre of Chicago. She made the front page of the Tribune.

I received a card from **Patricia Olvany Hodson**, who looks like she is greatly enjoying this time of life with her husband Bob and family. As I write this in August, I'm sure she's enjoying sailing Long Island Sound with the devoted sailors in her family.

Yesterday I spoke with **Jan Gabler Cranfield**. Her daughter Brooke, who recently finished her OB/GYN medical residency, received about 80% of the awards distributed in her class year! She is going to be an amazing doctor! Gabe (Jan's son) is still serving proudly in the air force and Bree is working hard and mother of two adored grandkids, Peyton and Sawyer. We will not discuss Peyton swallowing a quarter the day before yesterday. Jan is still working hard as a teacher for the disabled community in her Lafayette, LA home.

Our classmate **Delores (Dede) Lohle** will be the President of the ND Club of Chicago next year, isn't that great? Most of you will remember Dede transferred to ND junior year. I'm excited for her. She also has a great new job in that she is working for the State of IL to help the unemployable and veterans get back to work. I know those looking for jobs will have a fighter on their side. What a great way to do meaningful work with your time.

I'm hoping to visit **Janet Caldemeyer** and her husband Rick in Punta Gorda, FL this winter: if you live nearby, let me know, I can be a reporter in person at your home!

I'm always happy to hear and share your updates. [jbirkettct@yahoo.com](mailto:jbirkettct@yahoo.com)

'76

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So, this is column often sounds a bit too much like *The Usual Suspects*, but I do have news from two classmates we've not heard from in a long time:

Thanks to my phone # being in the last *Courier*, I am in touch with **Ann Vandemotter Voll** and, by the time this news is published, Ann will have been in Bangkok to welcome her second grandchild, whose father (Ann and Bill's son, Kevin) is married to a Thai woman; so the baby will be born here. No doubt, Ann and I will have caught up on all the news that's fit to print — and then some, perhaps. So, stay tuned.

In the realm of grandmotherhood (not a word, I realize), I see in Facebook posts that my roommate of three years, **Mary Angyus McLaughlin**, and sophomore year in Rome-mate, **Eileen Klee Sweeney**, are enjoying that role, and have now been joined by **Sandy VanGilder** who, along with her husband Dave Rust (ND'76) welcomed a first grandchild, a granddaughter, this past summer. I am sure we have other grandmothers among us — so, share your news! Meanwhile, through Sandy, I've heard from **Rose Gill Kenyon** who, in addition to being a lawyer

with a many-named-partner firm in Raleigh, NC is the proud mother of three grown daughters: a lawyer, a medical student, and a Congressional staffer. Wow! Besides her local volunteer work, Rose is going to co-chair our 40th Reunion class gift committee, and is a member of the national Alumnae Board, along with Sandy, so we are well represented in that group.

Rose's reunion gift co-chair is **Karen Zagrocki McDonald** who, in relatively recent months, retired from nine years as SMC AVP for Integrated Marketing Communications and, together with her husband Tim, celebrated a 25th wedding anniversary in Paris. While there, Karen and Tim spent an afternoon with **Kat Beaulieu** and her husband, Jim Peterson, who live in Paris when they are not living in Chicago or traveling the world. Since Jim and I are Facebook friends, I know he and Kat spent some time on Paxos in Greece earlier this year, in addition to which Kat shared with Karen some "all is well" updates from being in touch with classmates **Anne Samuelson Hogan** and **Molly McKenna Sliney**.

"Speaking of retirement," Karen also wrote that **Eileen Flanagan DeJong** is enjoying her first fall in 30 years with no lesson plans as she retired from teaching this past May.

Separately, I am in touch on Facebook with **Madeleine McLean Longano**, whose adventures in early grades teaching (a second career for her) and family travel with Don Longano (ND'76) and their children are fun to follow. And, I'm always in touch with **Marianne McCabe Brehl** and Steve (ND'76) as they celebrated #3 daughter **Julia Marie Brehl's '15** graduation with an

SMC nursing degree this past may, and are now planning a trip to visit me here in Bangkok – where I continue to appreciate the opportunity to work with Church World Service ([www.cwsglobl.org](http://www.cwsglobl.org)) colleagues and the communities and families we accompany across Southeast Asia as they seek to improve their lives.

Finally, let me join Sandy, Karen and Rose in encouraging everyone to join our 40th Reunion and, of course, to consider joining our Reunion gift campaign! As of this writing (August 2015) I do plan to be in South Bend next June, and I do hope to see many of you there then.

'78

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Friends, I hope that you will ask me to friend you on Facebook so that I may stay in touch with you and possibly glean some information that, with your permission, you will allow me to put in the *Courier* articles. I need your input please.

We are enjoying Cleveland and feel like we never moved away 15 years ago; it's amazing how that happens. Unfortunately, in April I fell and broke my left humerus. Thankfully, my daughter works for DePuy Orthopedic and was able to get me to see the chief of orthopedics at the Cleveland Clinic and surgery within two days of my injury. What a blessing! I am surprised at how much a broken bone and major surgery (5" plate and 10 screws) takes a toll on both mind and body, a

long struggle to recover. Apparently the humerus is the worst bone to break and heal in the body so I'm told. In the scheme of things this is a little bump. Regardless, we have enjoyed a fairly nice OH summer and for that we are very grateful. A ton of sunshine in July!

I attended graduation at SMC in May for **Caroline "Callie" Rose Brown '15**, **Lisa Maglio Brown's** daughter. Callie earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and a minor in International Peace Studies at ND. She will continue her education working on a Master of Arts in International Peace and Conflict Resolution at American University in Washington D.C. It was such a joy being back on campus for the festivities and reliving our days at SMC. Lisa and I stayed in McCandless which made getting to the events much easier. We spent days packing up Callie and enjoying the final celebrations and ceremonies. We are both proud of her accomplishments as well as the fine education and experience she had from our alma mater. Once a Belle, always a Belle. We had dinner one evening at Legends with **Rosemary Rappelli Mandrici**. She is a second term St. Joseph County Assessor. Her son Alex will be a junior at Trine University with a major in Informatics and a Business Minor. He is very involved in his TKE Fraternity as a new member educator. He is also on the Dean's list and Rosemary is very proud of him. Lisa and I have been watching Alex mature for the last four years visiting him each time we are in South Bend, what a wonderful young man he has become. Salute to Rosemary!

**Suzy Plavac Heidkamp's** father George was just honored by the Honor Flight Chicago honoring our WWII veterans with an all-expense paid trip to Washington D.C. to see the WWII Memorial built in



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The late Anne Mullaney's '78 husband, Judge Cohill, celebrating his 50th year on the Bench with Nora Barry Fischer '73 and Magistrate Judge Lisa Lenihan.

their honor. It was a surprise, and thankfully Mr. Plavac was well enough to be honored and welcomed home MAIL CALL- the same kind of mail call that kept their spirits alive while fighting for our freedom almost 70 years ago. Of course, many friends and family wrote thank you letters and cards for this occasion and George was overwhelmed with the whole experience. Thank you especially to Mr. Plavac and to all who fought or currently fight for our country and put your lives on the line every day.

I had the pleasure to receive a call from **Diane Smits Lein** recently. She sounds as wonderful as always as she and Bob are enjoying their grandson Derek who turned two in May. Diane babysits daily while Jenna works; Derek's dad is in the PA National Guard and also works with Toshiba Business Systems. Bryan left Conde Nast for a financial analyst position with Remy Cointreau. Nick is in college at Marymount Manhattan College. Her mom had two hip replacement surgeries within seven months which was very difficult for all. The family is happy and healthy and Diane is an amazing friend, always checking in.

**Shelagh Crook Merenius** is self employed and lives in Birmingham, MI. **Regina Ann Giczi** works as a purchasing agent for Hubbell-RACO. She resides in South Bend. **Julie Latchford** lives in Veradale, WA and has two children Dean Clark Jr. who is 27 and Emily Clark who is 19 now. She earned her MBA from Loyola University in 1983 and works in Customer Service for Travelers Insurance.

I saw **Elizabeth Welch** two weeks ago for lunch at her lovely home on my old street in Shaker Heights, OH. She is doing very well and was leaving for SF for a coaching program that she teaches across the country. **Margaret "Meg" Frances Robenalt '07** was at home and it was wonderful to see the lovely lady she has become. Beth just lost her mom last week and she will be dearly missed.

The late **Anne Mullaney's '78** husband, Judge Cohill, celebrated his 50th year on the Bench with **Nora Barry Fischer '73** and Magistrate Judge Lisa Lenihan.

Please send me your updates via email or Facebook, I need your input. Photos are always welcome. Thank you and stay happy and healthy.

'80

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Class of 1980 enjoyed a wonderful 35 year Reunion

in June. Classmates near and far traveled to see old friends. At this point in our lives, we find we have so much to celebrate and be thankful for. Many milestones were shared including the graduations and weddings of children, celebration of the birth of grandchildren, mourning the loss of parents, career changes and successes and moves toward downsizing.

**Kathy Vilona Hussey** organized a lovely class gift of a bench near the Regina Gazebo. Classmates gathered for a ceremony to celebrate the donation to the college.

**Barb Raynor Lucas** gets the award for most weddings in the family and still attending reunion with two daughters getting married this summer. WOW – that's an accomplishment! And one was a destination wedding!

After a weekend of fun, a group of classmates gathered for a photo after Sunday Mass on Reunion weekend.



Classmates gathered for a ceremony to celebrate a donation to the college of a bench near the Regina Gazebo.

Later that month, Chicago classmates celebrated the wedding of Dan (ND '80) and **Kathy Vilona Hussey's** oldest daughter in Lake Forest, IL.

Last summer, longtime SMC Class of '80 classmates and friends celebrated the wedding of Ken (ND '78) and **Mary Beth Dvorak Soblewski's** daughter in Lisle, IL.

Chicago SMC friends and ND husbands gathered to celebrate the wedding of Tom (ND '80) and **Maria Frigyesi Etling's** daughter in Ivanhoe, IL.

'81

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**Catherine Cantwell Pujals** writes: I live in Glenview, IL with my husband Pedro and my three sons, Peter (20), J.C. (16) and William (13). A couple of things have occurred in our lives over the past few years. My oldest son Peter is going to be a junior at The College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, MA. He plays football there. Also my husband, an alumnus of ND Class of '79, has been working since last October to help build a company in Boulder, CO. The business is a fast food casual dining restaurant called 'Boulder Bowls,' you can find it on Facebook. It's located on the 'Hill' across from Boulder University. It's hard having both of them gone a lot and so far away but at the same time I am also excited for them!

From **Joan L. Grabowski '82**: After being laid off from my job in corporate America, I accepted an invitation from my parish priest to go to Indonesia for a couple of months as a volunteer at the world's largest Catholic seminary. They need volunteers to come for 1-3 months and speak English with the seminarians to help them practice. Many of them have never met a

native English speaker. After volunteering for two months, I returned to the U.S., having fallen in love with the island of Flores and its people. Five months later, after much prayer and discernment, I had sold my home and everything I owned and returned to Indonesia in September, 2014. I continue my volunteer work here and, in August, 2015, will begin graduate school at the seminary, working towards a Master's degree in theology. After that, I don't know what the future holds for me but I trust that God will lead me. If you are interested in a great volunteer adventure, you can reach me at J\_L\_Grabowski@hotmail.com. Blessings to you all! In between her two stints in Indonesia, she stopped and had lunch with **Ann Monaghan McAlexander** in Indianapolis on her way through town. Ann said, "It was great to see my old choir buddy again after all these years!"

**Jane Cutter Nickels** lives in Knoxville, TN and teaches art in the Catholic school system there. She is also a painter whose work is displayed regularly in the Knoxville area. Husband Dave (ND '81) is a physician with a pediatric endocrinology practice. They have three grown sons.

This is **Ann Coryn Lohmuller** (Joe ND '81) — wanted to share the news that our daughter **Kate Lohmuller Decker '05** had a future SMC on July 12, 2015 named Grace Katherine in Minnetonka, MN. Joe and I are still living in IA with a married daughter in San Diego and a son living in Medellin, Colombia. We have a good time traveling to visit our children.

'83

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Thanks to everyone who sent in news! It's always great to have a few updates of what our classmates are doing in their lives.

**Patrice Jennings Dawson** writes that she has been living in the Philadelphia suburbs since graduation. She and her husband Bill married at Villanova University in 1987. Patrice worked in public accounting and in health care finance positions for 13 years but left her job when their son, Andrew, was born. "Have been at home since then and now he is a freshman at the University of Pittsburgh, studying civil engineering. Where did that time go? Our daughter Liann, whom we adopted from China, will still be keeping us busy for a few more years as she is a sophomore in high school."

**Sarah Clarke Madigan** and her husband David, ND '81, welcomed their first grandson on June 8. James Gerald Madigan was born to their son Clarke and his wife Kathryn, both ND '11. Sarah and David split their time between Duxbury, Mass. and Boston. Sarah teaches fourth grade in Duxbury and David works for an investment firm in Boston.

This from **Katie Barry Stack**: "The Grateful Dead's Fare Thee Well Tour provided the perfect backdrop for a fantastic reunion. Over the Fourth of July weekend **Heidi Lucke Sullivan '82, Barb Deal McDonald '82, Katie Barry Stack, Mary Beth Kinsella Malloy**, Sean Sullivan ND '83, Tommy Ebzery ND '83, and Julie Kipp ND '83 gathered for food, friends and fun. The shows were great. The good times rolled and the music never stopped!"

**Carol Knych Stephens** writes: "**Janet M. Meyer, Jill Hobgood** and I met in South Bend on July 11th. We found our old rooms, laughed and shared many memories. We went to Notre Dame, to Mass, the grotto, and the football stadium. We

ate at Sunny Italy and got dessert on Eddie Street at Kilwins. It was an incredible day!"

And finally, a message from **Julie Lowins Zielke**: "This summer my husband Bob, and our daughters Molly Zielke (age 16) and Erin Zielke (age 12), enjoyed a trip to Italy. I wanted to let all my Rome friends know that il delfino is still there (had several great lunches!) and Bruno is even still behind the counter making fruilattis at Pascucci's!"

'85

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Greeting 30-year-old 1985ers! Reunion was a great chance once again to see "old" friends and meet new ones — those classmates you recognized but never really got to know.

A few reports on some who were not able to make it to reunion: **Kathleen Lach-Rowan** works in Columbus, OH and is helping people navigate the markets to protect and grow their wealth. She has two sons, one of whom is attending Virginia Tech as a freshman. She says she would not trade her Saint Mary's years or friends for anything, and was wishing she had a daughter to send to SMC, as she looked at colleges with her son.

**Anne Connors'** son Brendan graduated from high school the Friday night before Reunion. He just started college at Villanova and makes three for Anne in college right now. Daughter Margaret is a senior at Creighton and Tessie at Lesley University in Boston. Anne is holding out hope that her youngest daughter Juliette goes to SMC (Anne points out to her how much better the dorms smell than at coed colleges).

**Robin Delaune Backhaus** is still holding the fort down in Echem, Germany. She is a successful 20-year translation business owner, specializing in technical documentation. She spends the bulk of her free time working at her daughter Caitlin's school, and keeps in touch with **Kelly Nagel Evans**. Robin's son Brian is in a work-study program in Germany.

At Reunion, **Cathy McIsaac Branigan** enjoyed rooming with **Kerry Klein Herman** and enjoyed "precious" moments, reminiscing and looking forward to the future. They greatly missed their third roommate, **Ellen Byrne Willertz**. Ellen's youngest son Nick graduated high school reunion weekend. They will have reunited along with **Patty Etling Suprenant** at the ND vs Texas game on September 5th. Cathy is an Area Senior Vice President, Client Development for Arthur J. Gallagher in Chicago, IL, providing health & welfare consulting advice to corporations structuring employee benefits programs. Cathy and husband Tim (ND '86) reside in Frankfort, IL. Their daughter, Caleigh Lydon, is a junior at SMC. Ellen's son Jake is working in Maryland and her daughter Beth plays Lacrosse for the FL Gators. Ellen is married to Steve (ND '86) and they reside in MD.

**Julie Strazzabosco Graham** attended reunion for the first time this year and lives in the Philadelphia suburbs with husband, Dave, and a dog and a cat that she says get way too much attention now that daughter Allison has graduated college and moved to Manhattan, and son Ben studies and summers in Boston. Julie works part time as a financial management consultant for non-profit organizations, and plays lots of tennis when not working.

**Heidi Skupien** also attended Reunion this year for the first time. She lives in CA, is a cyclist and travels much for work and for fun.

**Maggie Duffey Gerth** enjoyed the Reunion and looks forward to seeing even more SMCers at the ND football games. She has lived in Hinsdale, IL for 20 years and has four daughters. Daughter Colleen graduated from Notre Dame in 2012. Mary is a senior at Saint Mary's and has loved her experience there as much as Maggie did. Elizabeth is starting high school and her youngest, Kathleen, is in 8th grade.

**Maureen Meagher Orsini** was happy to catch up with **Kathleen Nicholson Webber**, **Julie Stazzabosco Graham**, **Mary Sue Dunn Curry**, **LeeAnn Franks McConnell**, **Sue Naples Nye**, **Ann Boutton Raguz**, and **Caroline George Meena** at Reunion. She lives in the Northwest suburbs of Chicago with husband Tony and sons Michael who is 16 and Patrick who is 12.

**Ellen Sullivan Vicenzi** had a great time catching up with old friends at Reunion. She lives in CT with husband Rich (ND '84), and they just celebrated their 30th anniversary. Happy anniversary ES! She just sent her youngest son (of five children) to Clemson, and her daughter is a senior at ND.

**Michele Manion Rhoda** has several updates from Reunion. **Molly O'Hara Niezer** lives in South Bend and was a generous host to **Mary Ann Flood Mulhall**, **Ellen Sullivan Vicenzi**, **Patty Nolan Saenz**, **Karen Young Smith**, **Jennifer Spence**, **Meg Linnen Caplice** and **Michele** at her home. Molly hosted dinner for them along with **Jenny Doyle Young**, **Catherine Brissette Reidy** and **Maggie Duffey Gerth** at local restaurant Parisi's. She also reports that **Patty Nolan Saenz** retired from 30 years of teaching in Houston in the same school district for that time. The gathering continued after Reunion at Patty's family's house in Saugatuck, MI. The group missed **Mary McQuillan** who recently relocated to Atlanta, GA. She shared that it feels as if you have never left Saint Mary's when you are with your friends. Michele lives in Rochester, NY.

**Carolyn Ryan Moser** lives in LaPorte, IN with husband Bill and was amazed at all the changes she saw at SMC. Both of her daughters live close by in Chicago. She met **Elizabeth Randal Pitre**, **Laura Hartigan Kennedy**, **Michelle Dolan Cannan**, **Jodi Hudson Pegg**, **Bridget Gordon Neff**, **Sue Karling Chai** in Chicago for brunch for the first time they have all been together in over 15 years! **Jodi Hudson Pegg** is a Pharmaceutical Scientist at Pfizer Saint Louis, MO. Like Ellen, she and her husband are also celebrating their 30th wedding anniversary soon, but in 2016. Jodi has three daughters: Kerri, Kelsey and Caitlin, ages 17, 23, and 26 respectively. Caitlin is at Northwestern Medical School Chicago IL, Kelsey at Webster University Saint Louis, MO and Kerri at Marquette HS Saint Louis, MO.

**Colleen Flynn Roohan** says she loved the Reunion, especially the visit to the old nursing lab with classmates where they recalled fun memories of years ago! She is officially an empty nester with child #4 beginning her sophomore year at ND. She works as a Geriatric Nurse Practitioner part time, mostly dealing with dementia and hospice issues. She also separately reunions with other 85-ers including: **Anne Connors**, **Kathleen Conley Taiclet**, **Chris Sweeney Johnson**, **Peggy Pecjak Golden**, **Mary Blaha Doyle**, **Kathy McKenna Gelfand**, **Ann Goldkamp Lamb** and **Maria Gshwind**. She says they have a fairly active text messaging stream to keep up with each other.

**Melissa Van Ort Schrauth** was a Reunion first-time attendee and was able to get together with **Myriam Hickey O'Neill** after Reunion while

daughter Maddie attended Boston College field hockey camp. Myriam lives in Chelmsford, MA with husband John and three kids — Jack, Claire and Tom. Melissa lives in Glen Ellyn, IL with husband Mike (ND '84) and three tall children: Patrick is at Saint Louis University in his senior year, Connor is at University of Dayton in his sophomore year and Maddie is a sophomore in high school. Melissa also sees **Patricia Brennan** often. Patricia lives in Tinley Park, IL and works for the American Bar Association.

**Mary Miltenberger Reed** says that her biggest update for us is that the last of her six children graduated high school this year, so she and her husband are officially empty nesters! Mary sees **Joanne Noonan** a couple of times a year when she is passing through Chicago. Joanne is a partner at Larus Strategies and is working hard and loving life.

**Katie Lunzer Conneely** enjoyed seeing Regina and post grad roommates at Reunion. At home in Minneapolis, she loves the flexibility and learning that come with working contract administrative positions. She's recently completed a contract at retailer Room&Board's headquarters. Daughter, Sheila, is 26 and lives and works in the Twin Cities, and daughter Nora, 23, is starting law school in D.C. Katie and husband Kevin hosted a dinner party attended by **Mary McGlinch Schilli**, **Kathy Burke Kruse**, **Patti Buchanan Barniskis'** twin sis **Maureen (Mo) Lunzer Quist**, and their husbands. Mo lives nearby in the suburb of Richfield. Mo works for Express Scripts and recently spent a month in Manila, Philippines where she had a great time doing training for her remote staff.

**Mary Ann Flood Mulhall** lives in Omaha, NE with husband Dan (ND '86) and their five children. The oldest two boys have graduated college, their third son is in his senior year of college, one daughter is in college and their youngest daughter is a senior in high school. Ah, the empty nest is coming closer! Mary Ann went back to work three years ago and works for Lululemon. She enjoys the yoga/fitness world and culture of the company.

It was great to see the "Ireland contingency," which also came together at Reunion, including **Mary L. Burke** (thank you for your great service on the SMC Board, Mary!), **Heather Anne Holland**, **April Mason Buttner**, **Mary Durkin Carr**, and **Eileen Emmite Calabria's** husband to represent her in spirit. I didn't go to Ireland with these gals, so sorry if I missed any of your group!

It was great to see many more at Reunion. Much more to share, so please send in any updates or fun facts for the next submission, and have a blessed (and fantastic!) 2015 all! **Elaine Suess**, elaine@beyondbeingcoach.com, or on FB.

'86

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**Joanne Hanrahan Bergum** joined The BERO Group as a Business Development Manager. The BERO Group is a Milwaukee based consulting firm specializing in damages, valuation, forensics, and expert testimony for commercial and intellectual property litigation matters throughout the United States. Joanne earned her law degree from William Mitchell College of Law, St. Paul MN in 1992. She lives near Milwaukee with her husband, Bill, three



children, two dogs and one turtle.

I hope this latest issue of the *Courier* finds you well and enjoying fall. I recently heard from our classmate **Carolyn Reppa Blocher** who shared some celebratory news and a very fun pair of before-and-after photos. Looking great, ladies!

From Carolyn: Several classmates had a mini-reunion/50th birthday celebration in South Bend in mid-November to watch the ND/Navy game. **Kathi Miller Hoyer** and **Maria Groner Watson** drove in from the St. Louis area. **Mary Beth McManus Jones** drove from NC and picked up **Stephanie Callendar Frey** in WV on the way. **Susan Raab Kloberdanz** came from St. Charles, IL to pick me up in Munster, IN. We decided to have a wonderful, warm, indoor tailgate at my in-laws' lake house, since it was about 15 degrees that day. We recreated a photo that was taken in 1984 in McCandless. Thanks to Mary Beth for being the photographer!

It would be terrific to hear from you, so feel free to take a sec and jot an email or send a note if you're so inclined. 'Till next time...

'88

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I write this as I am sitting in my empty classroom. I have been preparing the room for the past three days and am preparing myself to meet my new students tomorrow — amazing how fast the summer has passed. Travel was a big part of my time away from the classroom. I attended the NEA Representative Assembly in Orlando. **Karen Marie Walker** drove from the coast to spend a day with me at Disney World.

The number 50 has been on my mind of late. I was in Chicago in July to celebrate my parents' 50th wedding anniversary. A different milestone is just around the corner for me. **Karen Franck Clifford**, aka 'Frankie', has given me some great ideas on what to do about it. She writes: "I have just turned 50 and celebrated it by enjoying a lovely vacation in Paris and the South of France! I am moving from Rowayton, CT to Palm Beach County, FL; if there are any SMC graduates living there now please let me know! I have two beautiful daughters in college at the moment — a senior at Colby College, ME and a sophomore at Catholic University in Washington, D.C. I am an interior designer, project manager in renovation and build, and a Real Estate Agent. I am hoping to start an e-trade business soon. I'm looking forward to some big life changes."

**Suzie Bare Snyder** didn't travel to France herself; but her daughter did. She shares: "My daughter **Melissa Marie Snyder '17** spent her sophomore year studying abroad in Anger, France. She will be returning to campus in a few weeks for her junior year. I'm already looking forward to Junior Mom's weekend! My older daughter, Jennifer, was married in June. We are looking forward to attending a few football games this year: Georgia Tech, Navy, and the Boston College game (Shamrock Series at Fenway Park)!"

**Nancy Fazio Finn** has done an outstanding job of connecting and cavorting with classmates. I am green with envy as I read this: "I have had so much fun with my SMC sisters this year! In November of 2014 I went to Chicago to celebrate my 22nd anniversary with my husband and was treated like royalty by **Debora Lee VanOoteghem**. Architectural tours, manicures, bar hopping at Chicago's swankiest places, and dinners at the finest of restaurants were the agenda! I had so much

fun I returned in April 2015 with my daughters for a fun spring break week and spent the time again with DVO. We did a college tour, saw The Blue Man Group (and got to meet them!), ate like pigs, and generally embarrassed ourselves by our silly antics wherever we went. We also had a chance to hang out with **Jamie Smith Taradash** and **Kathleen Mary Moran**.

Summertime brought more Finn Family Fun, but this time to Atlanta... We spent a few days with **Andrea Thomas Barnes** and her family where we ate, shopped, went to The High Museum, picnicked at Stone Mountain, and repacked my daughter Chelsea's suitcase (which we melted on our travels down to GA!). Andrea was such a gracious and lovely host. She even picked Chelsea up at the airport and returned her there when we flew her up later from Tampa on her way to teach in South Korea for a year! She sent her off properly with lots of hugs, prayers, and advice since the rest of the family was in FL and we couldn't see her off. The rest of the Finns went on to Florida to meet **Debora Lee VanOoteghem** for 2 weeks on the beach, more shopping, bar hopping, great home cooked meals, and a trip to "The Freckled Finn" — an outdoor bar in Bradenton.

Two weeks later I traveled BACK to Chicago for a mini-reunion with **Regina Rudser Hoyt**, **Jamie Smith Taradash**, **Lisa Ting Yee**, **Kathleen Mary Moran**, **Andrea Thomas Barnes**, and **Debora Lee VanOoteghem**. I am so glad I have had so many opportunities this year and each year since our 25th Reunion to hang out with these ladies! They are truly a Godsend to me and such an important part of my life! I am so glad we are all back in touch and we all swore NEVER to lose touch for any amount of time again!"

Let's take Nancy's advice and seize every chance we can to connect with our SMC sisters, either in person or in writing. Look for my email around Thanksgiving and please consider responding with news. It makes my day! marykay\_scheid@yahoo.com

'89

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Summers fly. Winters walk. But every year seems to go by faster!

**Karen Handloser Bradford** reports that all is well with her family. The Bradfords now have two high school graduates! Son, Justin, is a sophomore at Central Michigan University studying meteorology; and Nolan graduated from Livonia Stevenson High School and is at Western Michigan University studying accounting. Karen's daughter, Natalie, is a junior in high school — Karen is campaigning for her to attend Saint Mary's! Her son, Evan, is an 8th grader and loves basketball and baseball.

After a gap year to pursue his hockey-playing dream, **Karen Luby Burton's** son, Andrew, is a freshman at Indiana University. Karen sent in sentiments that I think we all share... "It seems like another lifetime that we were arriving at Saint Mary's for our freshman year, but I can remember those first few days like they were yesterday!" The Burton's other son, Alexander, is now an 8th grader — so this will be a big year.

**Jenny MacDougall Bero** taught for 12 years at St. Joseph School in Lake Orion, MI. And now she is very excited to have started a new phase in her career this school year as the assistant principal at Shrine Catholic Grade School in Royal Oak, MI. Go

Jen! Coincidentally, Shrine Catholic is where Jen attended grade school and high school and where she taught her first two years after leaving Saint Mary's — what a treat to be back! The Beros are also busy with college tours with their daughter who is a high school senior. Among the 14 schools they've toured, was Saint Mary's. Appropriately, the tour was during a blizzard weekend. Jen sends thanks and a shout out to **Kara M. O'Leary** for hooking them up with the volleyball coach and getting them a private tour on a Sunday to make it all work out.

After two years in Kathmandu with the U.S. Consulate, **Martha Flick Jungenberg**, Todd, their three daughters: Sophie, Grace, and Emmalee, and their dog Pumpkin Momo are now in Lagos, Nigeria! The family will spend the next two years living on the island of Ikoyi off the coast of Lagos. Martha is working in Information Resources Management in the U.S. Consulate in Lagos. All the best!

A personal note from **Karen E. Crespy**: For anyone who played Regina Hall flag football our sophomore year, you'll remember our Grace Hall coaches... and so it is with a heavy heart that I share with you that one of our coaches and my dear friend, **Robert Sedlack ND '89**, passed away on May 30, 2015. Robert was a professor of visual communication design and taught at Notre Dame for the past 17 years. I attended his wake and funeral at Notre Dame and they were beautiful celebrations of Robert's too-short life and of the amazing contributions and impact he, his design skills, and his philosophy had on his students, the University, the greater South Bend community, and social justice foundations in Haiti and South Africa. To paraphrase some of Robert's favorite sayings... let's take an existing situation and turn it into a preferred situation by using our talents to change lives for the better.

Please keep in touch.

'91

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Greetings Class of 1991. I'm writing this as my summer of 2015 is coming to an end soon. I really felt that our class news this time held a lot of inspirational stories. I also asked everyone if they wanted to share any good summer vacations that they had just gone on. I will start off that subject by sharing that I have been trying to get my daughter to the Grand Canyon and my husband and I finally organized a trip that filled everyone's interest. We started off in Las Vegas and then drove east and stopped at the Hoover Dam, went through Route 66, then up to the Grand Canyon, and finally down to Sedona and Phoenix. I did feel, at times, we were Chevy Chase in the movie "Vacation," but it was a fantastic trip.

**Kristen Ann Gill** headed this past summer to Newcastle, England on a travel-writing press trip sponsored by VisitBritain, followed by a visit to see her sister, **Maureen Gill Emerson '99** at her new home in Cork, Ireland.

**Heather Maverick Rubsamen** wrote me the following: My son had a mysterious illness that kept him from school and in the hospital and doctor's offices in the fall of 2014. After a 30 day fast by our church, family, friends, and even a few people that we did not know, as well as countless others praying over the five months that he was sick,

one night while praying before going to sleep, he was miraculously and instantly healed. I want to remind everyone of the power of prayer, how God can change circumstances instantly, and instead of focusing on the problems, to trust in the Lord's promises. Don't tell God how big your problem is, but tell the problem how big your God is. We celebrated his recovery of health and completion of his school work on time with his class by going to Atlantis in the Bahamas. I will return to volunteering for the boys schools and a non-profit called Heart to Heart.

**Julie Smith Stotzer** writes that she and her family have relocated to the South Island of New Zealand. The majority of her time has been spent focusing on driving on the "wrong" side of the road. She looks forward to traveling through Southeast Asia. Penang and Vietnam are first on her list.

**Elizabeth Fox Latchford** released a jazz Christmas CD called "Winter Wonder" and dedicated it to her mother, SMC '68, who passed away 3 years ago. I would encourage you all to check out her website [www.lisafoxonline.com](http://www.lisafoxonline.com).

**Amy C. Shelly** is living in Evanston, IL. In 2011, she went from running marathons to doing triathlons. She did her first Ironman in 2012. In 2014, she qualified for the Ironman World Championship in Kona, HI that was held in October, 2015. An Ironman consists of a 2.4 mile swim, followed by a 112 mile bike, and a 26.2 mile run (or full marathon). She made this past race more meaningful by raising money for the Alzheimer's Association in honor of her Mom who suffered from this disease and passed away in June of 2015.

**Kimberly Rajski Beistle** lives in Rodney, MI. She has been promoted to the rank of full professor at Ferris State University, beginning the academic year of fall 2015. Congratulations Professor Beistle!

**Kathleen Houlihan Motzenbecker** led a trade mission to Mexico with MN governor Mark Dayton in August 2015. She also was named one of the top 50 women in business by the Minnesota Business Journal in the spring of 2015. It was a big honor and her mother flew in from Chicago for this event. This was very special to Kathleen because her Mom, in the past three years, has had a stroke, a stem-cell transplant for cancer, and had the death of her husband of 50 years. Kathleen writes that her Mom is such an amazing lady and still has tons of energy.

'92

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Wedding bells were ringing on May 16, 2015 for **Heather Anne Pflanz** and Frank Klepitsch who were married in Chicago. It was a beautiful ceremony and wonderful day to spend with Heather, **Lori Corirossi Hazen**, **Annie Martin Flynn** and **Kelly O'Connell Mangel**.

**Alicia Higgins Kinane** passed along the news of a mini-reunion in Chicago with **Chris Ursula Bacon**, **Cathy Jean Fisher**, **Kirsten Meg Dunne** and **Olivia Cezanne Porter**. The ladies enjoyed dinner and fireworks on Navy Pier. Alicia also enjoyed lunch in Elmhurst, IL recently with **Colleen Conley Johnson** and **Margherita (Marge) DeBlasio Hoffman**. Alicia and **Alese Michelle Sortino** lunched and visited recently too. Both Alicia and Alese have daughters that just started college. Alicia's daughter is studying chemistry at St. Thomas in the twin cities. Alicia's son was married in May after he graduated from college.

Congratulations to the newest author in our class, **Alissa Marie Murphy**! Like many dogs who are lost or abandoned, Jon Jon, an American Cocker Spaniel, was given a second chance at life through the support of a local animal shelter. *Who's That Doggy?*, a new book by St. Louis authors Mike Meehan and **Alissa Marie Murphy**, tells the story of how Jon Jon's adoption transformed all of their lives for the better. The 44-page book combines photos and illustrations to tell Jon Jon's story from his perspective. Both children and dog lovers of all ages will enjoy this book. Alissa's book was recently featured as part of the Animal Protective Association's Tuesday Tails. 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 Missouri, Animal Protective Association and Stray Rescue. The book is currently available on Amazon.com and can be purchased by visiting [whosthatdoggy.com](http://whosthatdoggy.com). Alissa, we are all so proud of you!

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Hello Class of 1995! This is our first update since our 20-year Reunion in June, which I was disappointed to miss. Judging by all the pictures posted to Facebook, it looks like it was a great time! I had a good excuse for missing my first Reunion, though; I attended the baptism of my sister **Krista Morrissey Gipson's '00** newest daughter, Kelly Irene. Before we know it, we will blink, and it will be time for our 25-year Reunion. In the meantime, thanks to everyone for sending updates! Keep in mind that our next class news update is due on December 1, 2015.

I was happy to see **Theresa Causa Major** and **Trisha Genovese Conlon**, plus their children and mothers when we met at the Brookfield Zoo in July 2015. Summer had finally arrived in Chicago, so we were a little bit wilted by the end of the day but it was a wonderful visit and fun to catch up.

**Anne Grimm Bartish** has wonderful news to share. She and husband Michael welcomed their daughter Ella Rose Bartish on Father's Day, June 21, 2015. Ella joins brothers Jack and Alex and sister Samantha. Everyone is in love with her!

**Jennifer Rebecca Failla** and her family (husband Joshua Hoffman, and sons Nicola, 5, and Noam, 10) have moved from Miami, FL back to Austin, Texas. She would like to connect with other alumnae in the area.

**Chris Graham Gambs'** sons, Charlie and Michael Gambs, and niece, Katie Dow (daughter of **Mary Colleen Graham Dow '91**), were honored to ring the closing bell at Nasdaq on August 3, 2015 as representatives of First Community Financial Partners. Chris and Colleen's parents, Patty and the late H.P. Graham, helped to start the bank.

From Ireland, **Roberta Noel Hines** writes, "My Montessori Preschool Tiddlywinks & Scaallywags is proud to announce that this September we will be offering an ASD Early Intervention Unit for children under four who have been diagnosed with Autism. The school will offer specialized ABA intervention through the Montessori method of preschool education."

**Katie Kyle** has had a busy summer; after accepting a promotion with Pfizer in June 2015,

she bought a new home on the other side of Indianapolis in July.

**Jennifer Abbate Huffer** married Max Huffer on July 10, 2015 at the Battery in Charleston, SC. The Huffers live in Wilmington, NC with their daughter Vivienne (2). She gave me permission to quote her, so here it is! "I got married. Yes, my baby came before but we are happy." Jen is completing a program in paralegal studies.

**Heather Matula Henwood** writes, "I was at McKinsey for seven years but just left to do leadership development at LinkedIn. Look me up there or if anyone is ever in LA! I moved there three years ago with my hubby and now 4-year-old girl/boy twins, Roan and Stewart. We love LA's golden light!"

**From the Courier Office:**

On September 8, 2015, **Veronica Torres Theodoro** was named as editor-in-chief of *St. Louise At Home* publication.

'96

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Hi, ladies! Wow... can you believe that in the summer of 2016 we celebrate our 20th Reunion? I can't wait to revisit campus again and catch up with all of your smiling faces! So much has happened in the past 20 years! Here are a few recent examples:

I'm living in Fairfax, VA now, where I am completing a postdoctoral research fellowship on the effectiveness of cybersecurity teams. It's fascinating work that keeps me busy but also takes me to some fun places! One of those places was Berlin, Germany and **Madeline Ann Wahl '97** was able to join me for the trip as well as a few extra days in Prague. I continue to meet up with Maddie and **Simone Barber Vecchio** pretty often for a little former roomie fun. I visited both while in Pittsburgh for a conference and Simone helped me ring in the New Year in my new home last year. Simone recently completed her Master's degree at the University of Pittsburgh (whooo-hoo!). Aside from all of the work travel, I spent a few days in Boston with **Anastacia Stornetta Morabito**. Stacia and her husband Scott are doing well and welcomed their second daughter Cassidy in September of 2014. Cassidy and sister Juniper are so adorable and I had the best time hanging out with all of them! I would love to catch up with fellow alumnae out in the Washington D.C. area as well! So far I've managed to see **Stacey Polito Sperow** and **Kimberly Bero Rennick** a few times. Perhaps a mini '96 reunion is in order?!

Some other mini '96 reunions were held when "some nefarious characters in Atlanta" got together while a classmate was passing through town. I won't mention who those characters are, but **Jennifer Owens Passini**, **Christy Lynn Land**, **Beth Urban Cody**, **Gwynne Katherine Davis**, and **Barbara Howells Boukater** know who they are, wink, wink! **Karla Oselka Walsworth** also visited **Betsy Ann Killian** at the end of last summer as well. **Cathlynn Howe Curnutt** ran into a few classmates while dropping her daughter off at SMC for camp last summer. **Robin Bennett Kain**, **Angela McNulty Bannon**, **Mary Good Palmer**, **Jennifer Hardebeck Luce**, and **Tricia Foster Monahan** all mentioned how much their daughters love going to camp every summer! In other news, **Clare Heekin Lynch** is now



working as a Proposal Manager for Hewlett-Packard in Houston. She and her family are adjusting well after moving to Houston from Pittsburgh. **Daniella Nicol Peting** became the North America Social Media Manager and Global Social Media Center of Excellence Co-Lead for Motorola Solutions, Inc. in June, 2015. **Lisa Ellen Siefert** moved to San Diego, CA and is now the Head of HR for DayBlink Consulting where she works with two ND alums from Morrissey (Mike Wong '96 and Chet Taff '95). Any alums in the area feel free to connect with Lisa now that she's in the area!

Several Belles have made recent additions to their families as well. **Patricia Ann Hamilton** and fiancé Marlon Scott Eskridge welcomed their daughter Elizabeth LeeAnn Eskridge on February 4, 2015. **Mary (Meg) Murphy Armstrong** gave birth to daughter Finley Joan on July 30, 2015. **Shane Kaniecki Palumbo** is adding to the SMC population with her three daughters, the most recent being Filomena Mary Palumbo who was born March 5, 2013. And **Mitzi McAndrews Neighbor** and husband, Matt, welcomed their 5th child, Estella Jane, on April 30th. She joins siblings Dominic (12), Emeline (11), Daschel (9), and Deaglan (7). Mitzi continues to work part-time as a Labor & Delivery nurse in Columbus, OH, ironically at a hospital started by the Sisters of the Holy Cross! Mitzi finds it such a blessing to see our crest as she walks into work each morning!

There you have it! Congratulations to everyone on their great news and fun adventures! I hope the rest of you are doing just as well! See you in June!

'97

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Bonjour tout le monde! I hope this finds you doing well and having enjoyed the summer. As I write, it is early August, just ten days before the beginning of the fall semester. It is incredible how quickly time passes. Speaking of that, our next reunion is not far off — I am sure it will be here before we know it. I can't wait.

Ignacio and I returned from Europe a few weeks ago — had a wonderful time visiting family and friends in Spain and France. After one of our busiest school years yet, the vacation was all the more appreciated!

I don't have many SMC updates to share this time though I do have a few. In December **Angie Lynette Cataldo**, **Jennifer Ligda Busk**, **Corrie Hanrahan Mieszcak**, and I met for brunch at Seasons 52 in Oak Brook, IL. It was wonderful seeing them — the first time in a few years yet it seemed as though no time had passed.

**April Sass Johnson** shared some news in July: she is going to be the choir accompanist for St. Patrick's Church in Lemont, IL. She is excited to be working with a new choir and said it was a great musical opportunity that "wouldn't interfere too much with keeping up with the kids." April, her husband Jay, and their children Andrew, Grace, and Nick live in Bolingbrook, IL.

**Margaret Ehlers Savoy** and husband Jonathan, welcomed Josephine Irene on October 14, 2014.

That is all the news I have this time, my friends. Please remember that our *Courier* deadlines have changed recently. Our reports are now due on April 1st, August 1st, and December 1st. If you could send me your news at least a week in advance, that would be helpful. Feel free to e-mail me or to send me a message via Facebook.

Wishing you all a wonderful fall/winter. Take

care and à bientôt, mes amies!

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**Jennifer Mazurek Miles** will be teaching 4th grade at Cherokee Elementary in Lake Forest in the fall.

**From the Courier Office:**

**Jennifer Greenwood** became a CRNA in 2004 and has been working in a variety of hospitals in the north suburbs since that time. After two deployments, she was able to resign her commission in the Army Reserves in 2012. Most recently, she completed her PhD in Health Sciences at Virginia Commonwealth University in 2014, and has been teaching at DePaul University and Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science. Jennifer and her husband Rolf Lundmark have three beautiful girls.

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From **Alyson Leatherman**:

Class of 2001 Belles, I hope that you are all enjoying a relaxing and rejuvenating summer! Here is the latest news from our class:

Blessed events are all around us and **Emily Patterson Salamon** wrote to share her good news, "Andrew and I welcomed our third child on June 8, 2015. Her name is Maurielle Elizabeth and her big brother and sister are in love!" As did **Megan Kosel Shaughnessy**, "Kurt and I welcomed our second son Aidan Shea Hessen on March 20, 2015. Connor (age three) has been a very loving and attentive big brother! I have finally finished all of my training and am now an infectious disease specialist at Hennepin County Medical Center in downtown Minneapolis. And **Martha Claire Hartwich** shared, "Last year my longtime beau Jan Hagenbrock and I got married. We welcomed our sweet baby girl, Ina Mary, in February 2015! I recently returned to work part-time as a gerontology nurse practitioner at Scripps Clinic in La Jolla, CA. While I was expectant with Ina, **Amanda Myers Babin** threw me a fantastic baby shower in the San Francisco Bay area. Our classmates **Adrienne Galvez Gogue**, **Christine Marie Draper**, **Jennifer Elizabeth Senecal**, and Angela DeSapio ND '01 attended."

**Olivia Hart Hayes** also checked in with an update, "I'm not sure when I sent you the last update — it's probably been a few years! I married Aaron Hayes in August 2012 and since then, we've had two children, Austin (15 months) and Emmie (4 months). Things are a bit crazy around here, but we love it!" And **Lydia Miramontes-Loyd** also added, "My husband Mike and I adopted a baby! Her name is Violet May Loyd and she was born on February 5th of this year. She was born in Indianapolis and we were able to take her home right from the hospital. She's our first child and we just had no idea how wonderful it would be to be parents and we're loving it!"

And **Kara Lynn Kezios** wrote to say, "I moved to Kansas City last October for a new position as a legal

counsel working for an Icelandic company called Marel. I recently connected with **Ellen Wright Riley** who provided me with a warm welcome to KC. We had fun attending the Freshman Sendoff last weekend hosted by **Arwen Dickey Moore '98!**"

And lastly, I recently returned from a lovely vacation to Sacramento, CA where I visited with a friend who I have known since the 3rd grade. We were able to spend a little time away in Napa Valley. I'm also looking forward to an upcoming trip to Denver and running Hood to Coast for the 4th time which is a 200 mile relay race in OR from Mt. Hood to Seaside. Until next time, my best.

From **Molly Kahn Allen**:

Greetings, Belles of 2001! Exciting news to share on career, marriage, and baby Belles!

**Kathy Ann Ubelt** married Jason Reed, from Rochester, NY, on June 13th in her hometown of Columbus, OH. Jason and Kathy met in Cincinnati in 2012 and now live in Chicago, where she works for GE Transportation and Jason works for Peapod (the online grocer). Classmate **Megan Kosel Shaughnessy** stood by us as one of my bridesmaids and we were blessed to have a small reunion of Belles in celebration with **Emily Koelsch Rebori**, **Rachele Rodarte Raloff**, **Cindy Marie Traub**, **Kristen Wolfe Theisen**, and **Molly Veronica Strzelecki**. Kathy shares, "We had an amazing day, surrounded by much love and support from our family and friends, and followed it with an unforgettable two-week honeymoon to Spain!"

**Courtenay Irene Verret** accepted a job with the American Red Cross National Headquarters in January 2014 and recently began oversight of employment branding and talent sourcing efforts of our recruiting team. She telecommutes from Austin, TX, so it's the best of both worlds! **Jennifer Griffith Conover** reports, "I recently relocated to Murfreesboro, TN with my husband and two children. I accepted the position of Enrollment Coordinator at Middle Tennessee State University and have settled in quickly! It's a big change from NY, but a welcome one!" **Cindy Marie Traub** recently accepted a position at Washington University in St. Louis. She serves as a Data Specialist, collaborating with faculty, administration, and students, using computers to help them make sense of and recognize patterns in their data.

Many Baby Belles have been welcomed! **Katie Claussen Bell** and husband Nic have Audrey (5) and recently gave birth to Julian Michael and Sloan Marie on May 14, 2015. Congratulations Katie on the double bundle of joy! **Allison Sarnecki Morales** writes, "Bryan and I welcomed our first daughter on January 30. Clare Cecilia is adored by her three big brothers, John-Paul, Max, and Andrew who are slowly learning to welcome pink in to our house."

**Katie McGillis Love** and Chris Love welcomed Declan John Love, December 6, 2014. 6 lbs. 6 oz. of awesome. Katie admits, "Chris and I are so proud that we make such cool kids!" She is such a joy! **Lindsay Landvogt Leahy** and husband Mike welcomed Grace Slight was born in Fairfax, VA on July 6 at 12:50 pm. She weighed 8 lbs., 6 oz. and was 20.5 in long. We can't wait to see this future Belle graduate from SMC in 2037!

Due on Christmas Eve, Mary Crawford Allen arrived on December 20, 2014 to **Molly Kahn Allen**, husband Jim, and big sister Olivia. **Colleen Borkowski Fontaine** and husband Eric report, "Eric and I welcomed another boy on May 19, 2015. Conor Neil is loved lots by big sister Caitlyn (4 years) and big brother Evan (2.5 years). We're still in Charlottesville, VA and trying to get a handle

# Excelsior

**JANE DONOVAN '66**, a learning resources teacher at Latin School of Chicago for more than 25 years, was honored upon her recent retirement with the creation of a named endowment fund. The Jane Donovan Endowment for Learning Resources will permanently support programmatic needs critical to the success of learning resources at Latin School.

**SISTER CATHERINE OSIMO, CSC '68** received special commendation from the Archdiocese of Los Angeles for her 42 years of commitment to the Catholic Education, 12 of those at Villanova Preparatory School in Ojai, CA. The Augustinian friars in the west, who sponsor Villanova Prep, also presented her with the Anima Una Award for her service.

**PATRICIA GAUGHAN '75** has been selected as the 2015 recipient of the prestigious St. Thomas More Award by Lawyers Guild of the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland. This award is presented each year, in honor of the patron saint of lawyers, to a distinguished member of the legal community for contributing to high ethical standards and spiritual growth in the practice of law.

**ROSE KENYON '76** was elected a Fellow in the College of Labor and Employment Lawyers. Election as a Fellow is the highest recognition by the College of sustained outstanding performance in the profession. Only seven other lawyers in NC have earned this distinction.

**LUCIA ANNA "PIA" TRIGIANI '80** received national recognition for her legal accomplishments. She has been named a 2016 Best Lawyer in Real Estate by Best Lawyers of America, an international peer recognition publication which evaluated more than 55,041 attorneys in 140 practice areas covering all 50 states and the District of Columbia. The publication also ranked MercerTrigiani as a Tier I "Best Law Firm" for metropolitan Washington, D.C.

**MAUREEN QUILL '85** was named a 2015 Woman of Influence by the Milwaukee Business Journal after nearly 30 years in business.

**KIM DESOTELL '86** was recently named as President of GRACE, Green Bay Area Catholic Education. GRACE enrolls about 2,200 students in pre-kindergarten through eighth grade at 10 schools in De Pere, Green Bay and Howard-Suamico.

**ERIN E. GIBBONS '86** was invested as a Dame of the Sovereign Military Hospitaller Order of Saint John of Jerusalem of Rhodes and of Malta, at Saint Matthews the Apostle Cathedral in Washington, D.C., on September 12, 2015.

**KELLY GRIER '91** has been named Vice Chair, U.S. Central Region Managing Partner at Ernst & Young LLP. The Central Region encompasses some 8,000 people in 17 offices in 15 states throughout the Midwest.

**DELIA GARCIA '93** was honored by the Irish Cultural Center and McClelland Library at their annual Anam Cara Awards Gala for the work she is doing in Ireland.

**JODY MATOUSEK PADAR '94** was named as one of the 2015 Top 100 Most Influential People in Accounting by Accounting Today.

**VERONICA KESSENICH '01** was featured as one of Atlanta's Women of Power & Influence in The Atlantan. She has recently become the Executive Director of Atlanta Contemporary, non-profit art center in the West Midtown district.

**KATHRYN "KATIE" HARRISON '04** was honored with the Jane F. Hepting Individual Pro Bono Award. This award is one of nine 2015 ACBA Pro Bono Achievement Awards to recognize individuals, law firms, legal departments, and organizations who have made significant contributions to enhancing the provision of free legal services to low-income residents of Allegheny County in the past year.

**MEGAN RYAN '09** was recently named as one of Fort Wayne Business Weekly's "Twenty Millennials Making a Difference." This program was created to showcase the talents of area millennials and challenge some of the stereotypes surrounding the generation that is roughly composed of those 18–34 years old.

**MALLORY PRICE '10** was named as members of the 2015 Windy City Times Thirty Under 30. The program honors the "best and brightest individuals in Chicago's LGBTQIA+ Youth Community."

**MARGARET "MAGGIE" SLAVIN '12** has been awarded a Fulbright Scholarship for the coming year. She left in late August for Amman, Jordan — being placed in the locale is a continuation of the passion she developed for Arabic culture and language in her Saint Mary's Arabic 101 class.

**JOY VICEROY '13** was named a 2015 Cornaro Scholar. This prestigious award, available only to members of Kappa Gamma Pi, includes a grant to assist with graduate program expenses. Joy's selection was based on her strong academic record, history of service and career goals.

**ERIN CISNEROS '15** has been named a member of the newest class of Woodrow Wilson Indiana Teaching Fellows. The highly competitive program recruits both recent graduates and career changers with strong backgrounds in science, technology, engineering, and math — the STEM fields — and prepares them specifically to teach in high-need secondary schools.



on three kids!" **Stephanie Rosenthal Boreale** and husband Mike welcomed Claire Roselen Boreale. She was born at 4:49 am on 7/28/15 and weighed 6 lbs. and 10 oz. She is happy and healthy; her big brother Michael (4.5 years old) is over the moon for her, as is the rest of the family. **Brook Hughes Fates**, husband Tim and big sister Josephine welcomed Millicent Mary Fates "Millie" on July 31, 2014. She weighed in at 7lbs. 8 oz. and 20 inches long. Looks like Claire and Millie are meant to be Belle roommates!

Great to hear from everyone. Mark your calendars for our 15th Reunion June 2-5, 2016. Hope to see everyone there! Until then, blessings to you and yours!

'03

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Thank you to everyone for sharing your news with fellow alumnae!

**Bridget Myers Mullins** and her husband Vince remember their daughter, Ava Mary, who was born sleeping on June 17, 2015, and is now with God in heaven. Ava was 7 lbs., 11 oz. and is loved and missed beyond measure. She will forever be their little angel.

In April, **Beth Didier Krieg**, **Stephanie Redwanski Belschner**, and **Cindy Cvengros McCutcheon** got together for a girls weekend in Columbus. They had so much fun shopping and just talking and laughing for hours!

**Alaina Indriolo Moran** and her husband, John, welcomed Keegan Palmer Moran while on vacation in Orlando in January 2015. Her water broke in the parking lot of the Magic Kingdom! They had a two week NICU stay in Orlando and came home as a family of five. All of the help from Saint Mary's alumnae was greatly appreciated. Keegan is home now and doing amazing. Brinley (4) and Johnny (2) absolutely love him!

**Katie Moorman Rahrig**, Chris and their two girls (Ella, age five, and Delaney, age three) recently moved to Columbus. Alaina had an amazing visit with them this past summer. It was so great to see all the kids together and catch up.

**Kim Corsentino Keyworth** and Alaina Moran have frequent play dates now that she lives just a few miles away in Park Ridge. Claire (6) and Avery (4) are doing great and enjoying the summer!

**Nina Ready Sina**, Rob and big brother Henry welcomed an adorable baby girl, Cosette Linley Michael, in June 2015. All are doing well!

**Katie-Nell Scanlon O'Connell** welcomed Finnegan James (Finn) on November 4, 2014. Big sister Addie is a great helper and is loving every minute with him! They also bought a home in Palatine, IL and are close to the in-laws.

**Lauren Hofer Damron** and husband Rich have welcomed their first child, Vivienne Alyse Damron, on August 2, 2015. They are all doing well.

**Amy Wall Surma** celebrated the first anniversary of her freelance Graphic Design and Web Design business, Made Designs, located in Granger, IN (www.made-designs.com) in the spring of 2015. She works with local and national businesses. One notable client includes the Kelly Cares Foundation, Brian and Paqui Kelly's charity organization. Amy is also very active on the local Alumnae Club of South Bend planning the club's social events and this year implemented and manages a local club website, www.smcsclub.com. The club recently launched a local scholarship fundraiser by partnering with ADesigns and Sons, an alumnae owned business that manufactures and sells SMC French Cross jewelry. Items for sale are available on the club's website and ADesigns generously provides the club a 40% of the purchase price which will be donated to local scholarships. If you have questions or want to get more involved with the local club, please reach out to Amy at smcsclub@gmail.com.

'07

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From **Lisa**: Hey, Belles! Hope you've been enjoying this summer, even though it's been pretty



From left, Jamie Treash Davidson, Cathy Theiss Virtue, and Audra Maxbauer Kirby

rainy and humid! I have some exciting news to share: I recently accepted a position with the University of Notre Dame and moved from Indianapolis to South Bend in April! It was a whirlwind move, with me accepting my new position and putting my house on the market, packing up and moving all within a two week time period! Thankfully, I've had the summer months to take a breather and get used to my new (yet familiar) surroundings!

**Brittany Hartford Donnelly** and her husband, Shane, welcomed their first child, a baby girl named Blair Elizabeth, on June 11, 2015. She weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces and was 20 inches long.

On July 18, **Margaret (Molly) Nora Donner** graduated from Ball State University with a

Master's degree in elementary education with a focus on reading.

**Claudia Toth Reuscher** writes: "My husband Paul and I welcomed our first child, Emily Louise Reuscher on October 30, 2014. We currently reside in Philadelphia."

**Chelsea Lee Foote** tested for and passed her LCSW exam in July 2015 and is now officially a licensed clinical social worker in FL.

**Jamie Treash Davidson** writes: "My husband and I welcomed our first son January 14th of this year. His name is Patrick Quinn Davidson. [In July], my freshman-senior year roommates came to visit with their kids. **Cathy Theiss Virtue** brought her 9 month old, Anna, and **Audra Maxbauer Kirby** brought her 2 year old, Noah. **Sarah Marie DeShon** also joined us for the weekend. We enjoyed a nice walk around campus.

It's a boy! **Jillian Pietrzak Laubacher** and her husband Brett welcomed son Garrett Zander on July 7th, 2015 at 12:01 am. Garrett weighed 6 pounds, 7 ounces and was 20.5 inches long.

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On April 18, 2015, **Lindsay Niemiec McKenna** wed Joe (ND '07, MSA '08) in Carefree, AZ before a large group of Saint Mary's and Notre Dame alums. Classmates **Bridget Nathanson Lindfelt** and **Lauren Lynn Goodwin** read the prayers of the faithful. Friends and family in attendance included **Cate Leone Cetta**, **Jennifer Ashley Rose Pehling '07**, **Allison Marie Fleece**, **Rosemary Walsh Girouard '07**, **Deanne Czajkowski McKenna '03**, and **Connie Colleen Walsh**. Lindsay and Joe live in New York City.

**Abby Hinchy Kennedy** married Aaron in the couple's hometown of Crown Point, IN on June 27, 2015.

**Emma Moore Wendt** and Steve welcomed daughter Sloan Kindrick Wendt February 11, 2014.

**Jenn McLean Morgan** and Ryan welcomed son Camden James Morgan February 12, 2014.

**Christine Haunert Dalton** and her husband Daniel (ND MSA) welcomed their son Declan Rocco on September 9, 2014. The family of three resides in Chicago and are looking to move to the western suburbs in the near future.

In April 2014, **Kelly Marie Payne** became a CPA. In the fall of 2015, she will begin her three year term as a member of the Alumnae Association Board of Directors.

'09

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This update unfortunately starts on a sad note — one of our own, **Katie Rose Goebel**, lost her fight with cancer on June 13. In honor of Katie, we decided to celebrate her life by funding a one-year scholarship for a first year student in need. Please keep Katie, her family and her friends in your prayers.

So many of you getting married, having children, and buying houses! We'd love to hear

your news, big or small! Just get in touch to share.

**Andrea Ortiz Castillejo** married Julio in Austin, TX at Chapel Dulcinea on March 7, 2015. She reports that it was a beautiful, small ceremony.

**Jenna Sprouse Beuerlein** and her husband Joshua David are enjoying life with daughter Jeralyn. She's practicing speech-language pathology at a private practice in Kansas.

**Laura Grace Cronmiller** is still around the South Bend area. She's working on her doctorate in curriculum and instruction at Andrews University and working as the center director for the Mishawaka Sylvan Learning. Let's grab a drink sometime, Laura!

**Emily Marie Croft** is working as an admissions and records representative at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and enjoying her time living with sister **Melissa Marie Croft '10** as the younger Croft studies social work at the university.

**Ashleigh Jane Telman** was promoted to captain in the Army in September 2014. She just moved to Kailua, HI and is stationed at Tripler Medical Center where she works at a Perioperative RN.

**Andrea Krebs Novotney** married Justin on August 23, 2014. **Theresa Marie Loretta Klinkhammer** was her maid of honor and was joined by **Kimberley Burkart Bayer**, **Sarah King Politano**, **Michelle (Mickey) Marie Gruscinski**, and **Jennifer Ann LaVigne**. Ladies, we haven't heard from all of you lately and would love to get an update!

**Katie Kohler Dalhoff** and husband John moved back to Philadelphia from Chicago. They welcomed daughter Rachel Elizabeth to their family in April.

**Katie Putz De Vry** decided she'd had enough of the Midwestern winters and moved to Medford, OR where it gets cold but not freezing with husband Derek.

**Emily Bernath Esteban** married Todd on October 25, 2014. **Kaitlyn Kuns Edwards**, **Mary Grace (Gracie) Deery**, and **Anne Therese Stroude** served as bridesmaids.

**Katy Morgan Cummings** and husband Lee welcomed Becket Edward on July 2. Becket arrived just after 7 am and weighed 7 lbs. 8 ounces.

**Christine Ashby Dorsuleski** and husband Pere welcomed Donovan on June 10. He joins big sister Liliana at home.

**Mackenzie Sheets Meyer** and husband Chris welcomed baby boy Alexander Benjamin on July 19.

**Whitney Camille Fron** married Matthew Cieslinski on June 5 in Detroit, MI.

**Mary Hancock Fremeau** married Michael (ND '10) on July 11. **Anna Hancock Connolly '06** served as the matron of honor and **Frannie Shelburn Yohler**, **Courtney Vietmeier Kubik** served as bridesmaids. Mary's new sister-in-law **Lidija Mitrius Fremeau '97** was also a part of the big day.

And **Meg Frechette Weicher** chimes in to let us know that she and husband, Will, just moved to their first house in Oak Park, IL in April — just in time to welcome their first child Charles on May 11.



Pictured above, Colleen (Connie) Sheridan McCabe '61, right, and Eileen Marie Laskowski '11, left, stand in front of a bison sculpture in the sculpture garden on the C.M. Russell Museum complex.

year class Reunion is going to be June 2–5, 2016 at SMC, and I would love to see all of you there.

**Annie Elizabeth Lamb** graduated from The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine in May 2015. She is practicing at Alpha Veterinary Care in Alpha, NJ.

**Emily Theresa Newton** ran the Boston Marathon in April and in May graduated from Tufts University School of Dental Medicine in Boston, MA, where she earned her Doctorate in Dental Medicine. She will be practicing general dentistry on the East Coast. **Jessica Lee Reese** married Tobias Guennel on June 5, 2015 in Pasadena, MD over the water of Chesapeake Bay. Maid of Honor **Erin Colleen Valencia** and bridesmaid **Mary Sarah McMahon '13** were in the bridal party. The newlyweds are currently living in Washington, D.C.

**Alicia LeRoy Olejnik** and husband Jason welcomed the birth of their baby girl, Quinn Shelley Olejnik, who was born June 13.

**Michelle Christine Hird** married Benjamin Kohn on June 27, 2015 in Madison, WI. **Emily Cassandra Gore**, **Katie Elizabeth Staak**, and **Kayleigh Christine Young** were bridesmaids.

**Laurel Anne Javors** married Mary Bogus on the 4th of July in Rocky Mountain National Park.

**Katelyn Sue Grabarek** married Chad Damp on July 11, 2015 in South Bend, IN. The new Mr. and Mrs. Damp are enjoying living in CT.

**Marie Gill Naylor** married Andrew Rehagen (ND '11) at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on July 17, 2015. **Maura Elizabeth Sommers**, **Rachel Marie Newkirk**, **Colette Anne Bradley**, **Christina Marie Rising**, **Maggie Leigh Williams**, **Anna Kastelic Florenci**, Edward Corrigan (ND'11), Michael Haigh (ND'11), Stephen Rehagen (ND'14) and Matthew Rehagen (ND'18) stood up for the couple in the bridal party. The newlyweds are currently residing in Cincinnati, OH.

**Christina Marie Losasso** married Luke Schroeder on July 25, 2015, at Our Lady of Grace in Minneapolis, MN. **Angela Regan Mattingly**, **Emmy Anne Pavlick**, and **Sarah Ross Schuchman** stood up as bridesmaids. The newlyweds are now living in Mount Pleasant, SC.

**Michelle Pauline LeFort** married Daniel Powers on July 25th 2015 at Glen Magna Farms in Danvers, MA. **Aimee Michelle Cuniff '10** was a bridesmaid.

The newlyweds are currently living in upstate NY where Michelle works as a Certified Nurse-Midwife. She has been there a year and looks forward to more exciting births and continuing to empower women to be healthy just as SMC empowered her to become the best that she could be.

**Sharon Cottrell Ehret** married Brandon Cross on August 7th, 2015 at the Point Lookout Resort in Northport, ME. **Ellie Marjorie Burns** and **Stephanie Ann Parshall** were bridesmaids. The newlyweds are now living in York, ME.

**Kristina Marie Marinelli** started teaching Kindergarten in the Chicago area.

**Colleen (Connie) Sheridan McCabe '61**, and **Eileen Marie Laskowski '11**, connected at the C.M. Russell Museum in Great Falls, Montana in 2013. A third generation Montanan, McCabe is currently a docent at the C.M. Russell Museum and past C.M. Russell Museum board member. Laskowski, from South Bend, IN, moved to Great Falls to take a position in the education department at the C.M. Russell Museum after studying art at Saint Mary's College. McCabe and Laskowski work together throughout the school year and high tour seasons — especially during the museum's annual 5th-grade essay contest, when nearly 900 5th-grade students tour the museum in just the month of January!

As always to submit your news, please email me at [cmkolling@gmail.com](mailto:cmkolling@gmail.com). If you are not receiving my emails with submission deadline reminders, please let me know and I will add you to my list.

'13

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Hello Class of 2013! We hope this *Courier* finds you all happy and healthy. We have a lot of exciting happenings to share with you all!

**Maddie Grace Meckes** started a new job in August as a management analyst for the assistant secretary of preparedness and response at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. **Gina Marie Deom** started working as a senior data analyst for the Indiana Commission for Higher Education. Gina also recently received a Master's Degree in applied statistics from Bowling Green State University. Congrats on the accomplishments, ladies!

**Erin Therese Masko** earned her Masters of Arts Degree in Teaching and Curriculum from Michigan State University in August.

**Bridgett Marie Fey** recently purchased a new home! Her new address is as follows: 1954 E. Claybourne Avenue, Salt Lake City, UT 84106.

**Bethany Mae Emehiser** recently took a job as the historic preservation program manager for the City of Bloomington, Indiana. Her new address in Bloomington is: 605 N. Fairview Street, Bloomington, IN 47404.

**Christina Marie Barra's** new address is as follows: 2012 O St NW Apt 35, Washington, D.C. 20036.

As always, please email either Meghan or Amy with updated contact information or any news you would like to share in future *Couriers*!

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Hello Class of 2011!

Between graduations, marriages, new jobs, and births there has been a lot of exciting news from our class. Congratulations to everyone, I love hearing what is good in your lives! Save the Date — Our five



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This past summer brought many celebrations and new beginnings for 2014 Belles. Our latest updates include:

We have multiple classmates following their passions through exciting new job opportunities! **Megan Elizabeth Harr**, was recently hired at Follett Higher Education Group as a marketing specialist in Westchester, IL. She is loving her new home in Chicago! **Mileva Marie Brunson** started a new position as an assistant account executive at Weber Shandwick in Chicago. **Emily Sarah Taylor** moved from Chicago home to CA and is now working at the Children's Hospital Orange County in the Level 4 Neonatal ICU. In December, **Vanessa Suzanne Fisher** will celebrate one year as a Registered Nurse at the Mayo Clinic. While she isn't working she has loved the opportunity to explore her new home in MN.

**Lisa Marie Soper** and **Bridgette Anne Minnema '15** are beginning an exciting new adventure together as they just began their first year of graduate school at Boston College Lynch School of Education as members of the Urban Catholic Teacher Corps (UCTC) Cohort 19. They are living together in community in Dorchester, MA. Bridgette will be starting her first year of teaching in 4th grade at Mission Grammar School and Lisa will continue teaching in 2nd grade at South Boston Catholic Academy.

This fall graduate studies will also begin for **Rachael Marie Young** who will be attending Saint Mary's new graduate program for Speech Pathology and for **Kat Elizabeth Sullivan** who will attend Indiana University in Bloomington to pursue a master's degree in higher education and student affairs.

Best wishes go out to **Hannah Elizabeth Mudd**

and **Erin Marie Nanovic** as they both begin their second year of law school this fall. Lately, both have had the opportunity to take advantage of some great internships. Hannah spent her summer as a legal intern at The Bank of Missouri. Erin's summer included working at the Special Intelligence Service and in the fall she will begin working for the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

This summer wedding "Belles" rang beautifully for two of our Belles! **Samantha Marley Favorite** married **Jack Favorite** ND '14 on July 10, 2015 at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. They moved to Chicago from South Bend after their marriage. Sam started her job as an ABA therapist at ABS Behavioral Services in August. Our second bride, **Lauren Marie Sweeney** married **Timothy Durso** ND '12 on March 21, 2015 in Peapack Gladstone, NJ.

We love to hear and celebrate our 2014 Belles and can't wait to hear what this group of women will accomplish next! Keep in touch by joining the Saint Mary's Class of 2014 Facebook group! #gobelles

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Hello 2015 Belles! We have lots of exciting news to share with you about our classmates.

**Anna Jane Grinzinger** has accepted a position as a technician and client advocate at Neurocore, a neuroscience center, in Grand Rapids, MI that focuses on biofeedback therapy. She is very excited about this new path and can't wait to tell everyone about the benefits of this new kind of therapy.

**Tabitha Latisha Hackbush** has been working at the Otis R. Bowen Center for Human Services located in Fort Wayne, IN as a rehabilitation service provider. She hopes to begin graduate school next year to become a therapist.

**Ellen Marie Frazee** is teaching general music at Immaculate Conception St. Joseph in Chicago. She is looking forward to joining the Saint Mary's Club of Chicago. Best of luck on your academic and teaching endeavors, Ellen!

**Katherine Elizabeth Alexander** accepted a teaching position at St. Anthony grade school. Katherine went to St. Anthony and is thrilled to work with some of her former teachers. She is teaching middle school science and art and seventh grade religion. Her mother, **Maureen Kahn Alexander '87**, is a fourth grade teacher at St. Anthony.

**Rachel Anne Copley** will be starting optometry school in the fall at the Michigan College of Optometry in pursuit of her O.D. Congratulations Rachel!

**Catherine Hope Sullivan** will be working with the Franciscan Mission Service at a Bolivian women's prison for the next two years! She is hoping to help build up women's empowerment in a male dominated society (no doubt SMC has prepared her for that!). This summer Catherine also ran a 5k and had a blast — YOU GO GIRL!

**Nicole Elizabeth O'Toole** just started classes at DePaul University College of Law and is loving it so far. We are thrilled for you, Nicole!

**Nicole Elizabeth Papiernik** is working at Advocate Christ Medical Center in IL as a Registered Nurse in the ICU Float Pool — amazing news Nicole!

**Claire Katherine McGinley** is working at OptionsHouse as a customer service representative in Chicago assisting customers with placing trades, educating them on how the OptionsHouse platform operates and clarifying accounts confusion. She is also studying for her Series 7 stockbroker test — keep up the great work & good luck Claire!

Hope you're all doing well, don't forget to email bellesnews2015@gmail.com with your updates. #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](http://alumnae.saintmarys.edu).**

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Allison Mae Beyer '07 is pictured with flamingos in Salar de Uyuni, Bolivia, in the Andes in early 2015.

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## SUCCESS—ACHIEVED THROUGH INTERDEPENDENCY

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*By Allison Mae Beyer '07*

Interdependency is the cornerstone upon which my Saint Mary's senior comp was built. As a double major in philosophy and religious studies, I explored philosophies of nonviolence and concluded that the practice of nonviolence is dependent on moral convictions grounded in spiritual beliefs, beliefs that are more specifically rooted in a concept of "inter-subjectivity," as defined by Luce Irigaray, or interdependency. I could not have ever predicted that the theme of interdependency, chosen as a young college senior, would be a prophetic voice in my life, a banner over all of the many seasons yet to come.

I remember with great gratitude the many ways in which I have and continue to depend on the relationships I made during my four years at Saint Mary's. Following graduation I was living and working on the Colville Indian Reservation with Jesuit Volunteer Corps Northwest. I was up to my ears in challenges and new experiences. Then, out of the blue, a former Saint Mary's professor sent me a package of books written by Native American authors to use in my class and to give to my students. Her support made a significant difference in the lives of my students and helped me to feel a little less overwhelmed, a little more hopeful in the face of poverty and oppression. She illustrated to me with her unsolicited act of generosity a truth about interdependency that would take shape more concretely in the next phase of my life.

"Some give by going; others go by giving" is a common saying in missionary circles. When I decided to volunteer in Cochabamba, Bolivia, I did not actually have the means to do so. I was forced to go out beyond myself and ask for help! How humiliating! How un-American! How miraculous to see how God finds a way. Support came from a wide net, including friends and faculty from Saint Mary's College. Those who would not otherwise go to Bolivia were able to connect to the needs of Bolivian people by supporting me financially, spiritually, and emotionally. Generously seizing the opportunity to give, they made sure that I was in turn able to respond to my call to serve. As a direct result of their giving, girls ages 8-18 with slim to no prior schooling learned reading, writing, and arithmetic. I could never have been their teacher without the support of so many back home.

My awareness of interdependency has most recently revealed itself through music. Songwriting in Bolivia gave me a means to process my experiences and to explore my faith. My final months in Bolivia were dedicated to recording an album of these songs. I am in awe at how the generosity of others allowed me to follow my heart to Bolivia and make music there. Now that same music is a gift I can offer in return to those who supported me — and the many others I encountered in my years of service. What a joy it is to share the journey!

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