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On the cover: Saint Mary's College President Carol Ann Mooney '72, center, is surrounded, left to right, by Kaitlin Nelson '16, Melissa Fitzpatrick '16, Jennifer Vosters '16, Maria Welsner '16, Olivia Jackson '17, Kate FitzMaurice '17, and Nellie Petlick '16. President Mooney is famous on campus for her many, many pairs of reading glasses that coordinate with her outfits. Photo by Matt Cashore.

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UPON REFLECTION

It is springtime at Saint Mary's College and the magnolias, lilacs, and perennial gardens are in full bloom. Picture perfect, just as former president Sister Madeleva and her groundskeeper planned it several decades ago. It's the season of hope and new beginnings, which we are experiencing in other ways too.

Carol Ann Mooney '72 will attend her last Commencement as president of Saint Mary's College on May 14. She expects to shed as many tears as any of the graduates. After 12 years at the helm, she will officially leave office on May 31. The mark President Mooney leaves on Saint Mary's is indelible (see pages 4–7). She solidified its reputation as a leading liberal arts college while leaving no doubt that it will remain a formidable undergraduate women's college. Carol felt called to the presidency of her alma mater, leaving the University of Notre Dame where she was a vice president and the associate provost.

President-elect Jan Cervelli sees the opportunity to lead Saint Mary's College similarly. "This is a blessed calling and I hear the call," Jan exclaimed to the crowd assembled in the Student Center Atrium at a February welcome event. She starts her tenure on June 1.

Jan is a lifelong Catholic and South Bend native who attended Holy Cross-staffed schools during her formative years. Growing up in a house on the other side of the St. Joseph River, the bells of Our Lady of Loretto beckoned to young Jan to climb Saint Mary's trees and explore her gardens. Perhaps those childhood adventures helped influence her to pursue an undergraduate degree in landscape architecture at Purdue University and her terminal degree at the University of Guelph, Canada.

President-elect Cervelli comes to us from The University of Arizona where she is Dean of the College of Architecture, Planning, and Landscape Architecture and Professor of Landscape Architecture. She held similar administrative and faculty roles at Clemson University and the University of Kentucky.

Alumnae who attend Reunion, June 2–5, will get a chance to meet the president-elect. Whenever you get acquainted with her, I believe you will notice her friendly demeanor and can-do attitude.

The transition in presidents comes against the backdrop of the 175th anniversary of the founding of the Women of Holy Cross — three congregations, including the Sisters of the Holy Cross who founded Saint Mary's in 1844. The sisters' mission calls them to reflect on the times, discern needs, and respond. All these years later, the ministry that became Saint Mary's College is still needed. "Dare to be whatever you want to be. We need you to be daring in this world," President-elect Cervelli told students, promising to help them achieve their dreams.

There is so much to celebrate in Saint Mary's rich past and so much to look forward to in her promising future. We look forward to the beauty yet to unfold in our well-planned garden.

— *Shari Rodriguez, Vice President for College Relations*





The Vision of Thoughtful Leadership

*An interview with
outgoing president
Carol Ann Mooney '72*

By Haleigh Ehmsen '16

When Carol Ann Mooney '72 chose to attend Saint Mary's College, she had no inkling how that decision would affect her life.

Prior to arriving on campus in 1968, she had never been surrounded by so many bright and accomplished women — not just her classmates, but the administrators, faculty, and staff too.

"I hadn't been in a place with so many clearly stellar women and it changed me in a profound way. I don't think the moment for that is over. I'm not sure the moment for that will ever be over."

She would become a stellar woman herself. She graduated *magna cum laude* from Saint Mary's in 1972 and first in her law class at the University of Notre Dame in 1977. Mooney joined the law school faculty in 1980, served the school as assistant and then associate dean, and became a university vice president and the associate provost. Ultimately she was appointed as the first lay alumna president of Saint Mary's College in 2004.

Mooney will retire on May 31 after a 36-year career in Catholic higher education, and she knows what, or rather *whom*, she will miss most.

"It's certainly the students. I only get to know a few really well, but I have the opportunity to interact with many and I really enjoy seeing the women they become at the end of their four years here."

Mooney is continually impressed not just by the students' accomplishments and confidence, but by their goodness and sense of purpose. "It feeds my soul."

Leading by example

Many Belles are drawn to President Mooney. She has been accessible and interested in them. Donning reading glasses that coordinate with her wardrobe of brightly colored jackets,

she could be spotted easily at the front or back of the room at anything from First-year Orientation to an athletic event.

She has inspired some to leadership, like **Kathleen "Kat" Sullivan '14** who is pursuing her master's of science in higher education and student affairs at Indiana University-Bloomington. Sullivan, who served as student body president as a senior, turned to Mooney for career guidance.

"It meant a great deal to me that she was willing to schedule time to meet one on one to discuss my future. That is a sign of a true leader, mentor, and administrator."

Sullivan attended an alumnae reception for the president in Indianapolis in October and was struck by her presence.

"President Mooney is the most inspiring leader the College has seen since Sister Madeleva," Sullivan commented. "Her final words that night spoke to me: 'There is no one way to be a Saint Mary's woman. No way to dress. No way to act. No way to think. We see our students as individuals...well prepared to take on whatever life puts in front of them — and they know it.'"

Her work here is complete

A Saint Mary's woman to her core, Mooney is working through feelings of leaving the College.

"I've told a lot of seniors that I will be as much a wreck at Commencement as they will be."

The president wears her iconic gold Saint Mary's class ring on her pinky, a visible sign of her love and dedication to the place.

"I know intellectually and probably in my gut that it's time for me to go. It's a good time. All our projects will be completed. We went through the accreditation process (with the Higher Learning Commission, HLC); we finished the capital campaign; and we're coming to the end of a strategic planning period. I feel so connected here, it's going to be hard to step aside, but I will."

During her 12-year presidency Mooney accomplished many things (see timeline on pages 6–7), including the successful conclusion of the *Faith Always, Action Now* campaign, the launch of three graduate programs, increasing diversity on campus, and the Voices of Young Catholic Women project which she hand delivered to Pope Francis in November 2014.

Another Saint Mary's president getting it done

There is a series of Saint Mary's presidents who led thoughtfully, even bravely. President Mooney may be remembered as one of them.

When Saint Mary's College launched the capital campaign in 2008, the recession wasn't fully realized. Many doubted that the College would achieve the president's ambitious goal of \$80 million. When the campaign concluded in February 2015, \$105 million was raised, making it the most successful fundraising campaign in the school's 172-year history.

"Mother Pauline (O'Neill) built Le Mans Hall when she didn't know where the money was going to come from. She got a fair amount of grief from other sisters in the congregation for moving forward on such a huge project, but she did it anyway," Mooney shared.

Sister M. Madeleva Wolff was another president who saw what needed to be done and did it.

"She started the Graduate School of Sacred Theology when there was no place in the world where women or even laymen could pursue advanced study in Catholic theology. But she thought, let's do it at Saint Mary's."

It is the practice of the Sisters of the Holy Cross and the College to reflect on the signs of the times, discern needs, and respond. When times changed and women and laypeople were allowed admittance into other theology schools, the school closed. It was open from 1943 to 1966.

Similarly, after several years of careful deliberation with the faculty and Academic Affairs, and with HLC



approval, Mooney announced that the College would launch three graduate programs in the fall of 2015 — the Master of Science in Speech Language Pathology, the Master of Science in Data Science, and the Doctorate of Nursing Practice. This year 35 women and men are taking part in the programs and enrollment looks to be even greater in the fall.

Lessons from the sisters

The Sisters of the Holy Cross have had a constant presence in President Mooney's adult life.

"My family worshipped at the Church of Our Lady of Loretto for years before I became president."

Working with the sisters has been a privilege. "I think what they exude is a real sense that they see the face of God in every single human being."

Like the sisters, President Mooney sees value in the diversity of ideas and experiences. She set a goal early in her presidency to increase racial, ethnic, and international diversity. During her tenure, the percentage of students coming from historically underrepresented groups increased from nine to 19 percent.

"Racial and ethnic diversity are still markers in our society for different lived experiences. Having students in the classroom with a variety of lived experiences enriches education for

every single student. It makes it a more vibrant intellectual community and all our students deserve that. In this country there is a need for reparation for past injustices and I don't think we've yet paid back that debt."

Voices of Young Catholic Women

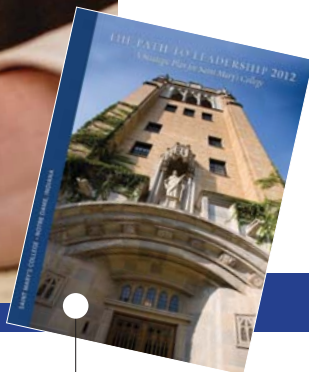
Under President Mooney's leadership, the Division for Mission's Center for Spirituality and Campus Ministry launched the Voices of Young Catholic Women project in September 2014. Students active in Campus Ministry invited their millennial peers across the country to join them in writing letters to Pope Francis expressing love for their Catholic faith, challenges they face in a secular world that objectifies women, and ideas for the Church's outreach to young women.

President Mooney along with her husband George Efta and two Belles — **Grace Urankar '14** and **Kristen Millar '15** — traveled to Rome to deliver more than 200 letters.

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President Mooney may*



JUNE 2004
Carol Ann Mooney '72 begins term as first lay president of Saint Mary's College.



OCTOBER 2007
First Strategic Plan is published from which the *Faith Always, Action Now* campaign would be based.



NOVEMBER 2007
President's Council on Multicultural Affairs is established to educate College community on multicultural diversity.



OCTOBER 2008
Spes Unica Hall, an academic building, is dedicated.



APRIL 2010
Board of Trustees approves new general education curriculum, Sophia. It's the first change to "gen-ed" in 30 years.



AUGUST 2010
Belles Against Violence Office (BAVO) opens to educate students on sexual assault, relationship violence, and stalking.



“This is about the Church and for all women struggling to maintain their Catholic identity at a time when religion is not deemed necessary. I am here to give a voice,” Millar declared from Rome via social media.

The letters, many of them intimate, contained the joys, hopes, griefs, and sorrows of young Catholic women.

“Meeting the pope was wonderful, but carrying those letters where young women had poured out their hearts to Pope Francis was most powerful to me.”

The future is bright

President Mooney and George have lived in South Bend for more than 36 years. They plan to stay in the area and make trips to spend more time with their four daughters and grandchildren. There are four grandbabies and, as of this writing, one on the way. She feels fortunate to call her husband her best friend and smiles at the thought of enjoying retirement together.

Still, leaving is bittersweet.

“I’ve lived on the fringes of Saint Mary’s pretty much my whole life,” she said. Mooney was directed to the College by her high school advisor, the

sister of Father Theodore Hesburgh, CSC, then-president of Notre Dame.

“It’s turning into a long goodbye, but I’m trying to find pleasure in each day.”

As for Saint Mary’s future?

“The world needs Saint Mary’s women. Women hold few governmental positions. There is the injustice of the gender pay gap. Saint Mary’s alumnae are women of intelligence, faith, integrity, vision, and compassion who make a difference in the world and I see them making a difference for many years to come.” **C**



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NOVEMBER 2014
President delivers
*Voices of Young
Catholic Women*
project to
Pope Francis.

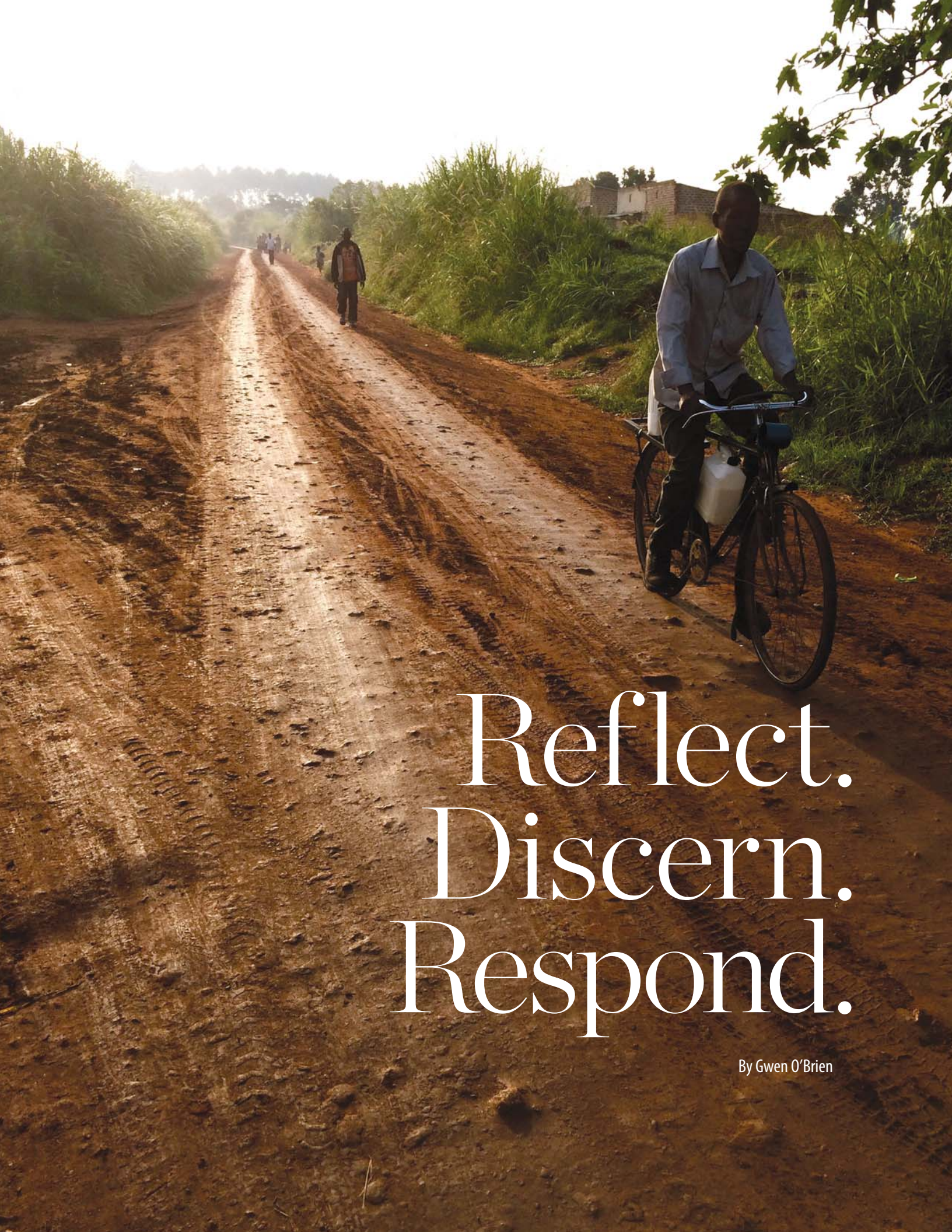
DECEMBER 2014
Faith Always, Action Now
campaign concludes
with \$105 million raised.

APRIL 2015
Presidential Task Force on
Sexual Assault established
to examine prevention
efforts and support
services for survivors.

APRIL 2015
Ground broken for
Patricia Wiedner Purcell '69
Athletic Fields.

AUGUST 2015
Three graduate
programs,
the first in 50 years,
begin.

APRIL 2016
Ground broken for
new Angela Athletic
& Wellness
Complex.



Reflect. Discern. Respond.

By Gwen O'Brien

What might your life have in common with the Sisters of the Holy Cross? Their mission today is as compelling as when Blessed Basil Anthony Moreau founded the Women of Holy Cross 175 years ago: Compassion moves us to **reflect** on the signs of the times, **discern** needs, and **respond**. We stand in solidarity with the poor and the powerless.*

These are the stories of three alumnae who live that mission in their life's work.

**From the Mission Statement of the Sisters of the Holy Cross*

■ Exploring the Call to Religious Life

Megan McClowry '10, a neonatal intensive care unit nurse, may become the first American in several years to profess initial vows with the Sisters of the Holy Cross. She is in formation in Jinja, Uganda, and soon will be back on the Saint Mary's campus where she'll spend two years at the International Novitiate with candidates from Uganda, Kenya, Ghana, Tanzania, India, and Bangladesh. If it's God's will, she says, she will then take her initial vows.



Megan McClowry '10 snaps a selfie with students from Moreau Primary School in Kirinda, Uganda.

"It can be overwhelming knowing that I am the only American. Yet I know I am not alone. I have the support and prayers of professed sisters who have gone before me. I have fellow (candidates in Uganda) journeying with me. And I have God walking with me. What more could I need?"

McClowry's first trip to Uganda was the summer between her junior and senior years. She was among the first group of Saint Mary's nursing and education students to travel to Kirinda to work with sisters at Kyembogo Holy Cross Health Centre and Moreau Primary School.

"I thought that after six weeks I would come home, share my experience, and focus on senior year. However, I came back to Saint Mary's and couldn't get Uganda out of my mind. I truly missed the people, the culture, and the life there."

McClowry used her passion to help create the club Belles for Africa. Students organized talks and fundraisers for the sisters in Uganda and initiated a shoe drive for the kids there.

“As a Sister of the Holy Cross you are called to serve and respond to the needs of the times. After the novitiate I do not know if I will be serving as a nurse or in another role. I love Uganda, and would be happy to serve here. I trust that God has a plan for me and I pray that I remain open to wherever He calls me in life.”

— Megan McClowry '10

“My faith life also deepened after I returned, and I began to develop a stronger relationship with the Holy Cross sisters, in America and Africa. Still it never crossed my mind that I might have a vocation as a Holy Cross sister. I thought my future consisted of getting married and having a family.”

She visited Uganda again in 2012 and in 2013, “I quit a nursing job I loved and went with **Anne Maguire '11** to volunteer at the clinic in Kirinda. It was during my time there living and working with the sisters that I began to truly listen to what God had been whispering to me for some time.”

It was a gradual process, but she believes God had been preparing her for this vocation.

“I felt so much joy, peace, and happiness when I was with the sisters and working in their ministries. Many people search for years to find this joy.”

Whether she will be serving as a sister and nurse in Uganda is uncertain.

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■ Finding Social Justice in the Courtroom and Classroom

Kristina Campbell '97 finds her calling in the courtroom, representing immigrants and low-wage workers. She found her voice at Saint Mary's.

“It's hard to be an assertive woman who has character and strength and is not afraid to speak, but I definitely learned to do that at Saint Mary's.”

Campbell earned a degree in English, with a minor in gender and women's studies, and then a law degree at the University of Notre Dame. She served as a legal aid attorney for farmworker programs in Virginia and Arizona before working for the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund where she engaged in immigrants' rights litigation in Arizona



Children wait patiently for McClowry's attention at a clinic outreach at Kyembogo Holy Cross Health Centre in Kirinda, Uganda.

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— Kristina Campbell ’97



and California. In 2010 she arrived at the University of the District of Columbia as a law professor and director of the Immigration and Human Rights Clinic.

“I teach a live client seminar and course where we have actual clients who have immigration human rights cases. My students are second- and third-year law students who represent people pro bono under my supervision.”

The cases involve those seeking asylum from countries in Africa, Asia, and Central America. Asylum seekers have a well-founded fear of persecution in their home countries.

“Recently we have come to represent entire families because of the migration of people from Central America fleeing domestic violence and gang violence.” Most come from Honduras, Guatemala, and El Salvador and travel up through Mexico and into the US.

“They journey on their own. Sometimes they pay a guide to lead them through. They ride buses. They ride trains. It’s a very dangerous journey. A lot of our clients are kidnapped along the way and held for ransom. A lot of horrible abuses happen to them.”

While a senior at Saint Mary’s Campbell participated in an alternative spring break through Notre Dame’s Center for Social Concerns. “I did a farm worker immersion in south Florida and it spurred my interest in working with migrants and immigrant workers.”

She is just as passionate about her work now as she was when she started.

“I think immigrants are the most vulnerable and powerless group of people in our society.”

The reward in her work is not guaranteed and it’s not immediate.

“To see our clients, once their cases are over, and they’re settled in, and they have jobs, and their children are in school, and they have learned English...seeing them live life and be empowered, that is inspiring. They are incredible models of humanity.”

■ Walking into Retirement with Purpose

Jan Dunkin Brengel ’78 approached retirement much like a Saint Mary’s student prepares to enter the world. She discerned how her talents and interests could make a difference to help others. Life experience also provided direction.

The Chicago-area alumna retired in 2013, at age 56, after a 33-year career in medical device sales. Among her client settings were veterans’ hospitals and clinics.

“I developed a great empathy for what our returning veterans go through, especially those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder and psychological and physical trauma.”

When Brengel meets veterans, she treats them with grace, hospitality, and respect, never trepidation. It is a gift that she puts to good use.



Brengel poses with veterans during a running event at the University of Notre Dame (left), and with actor Gary Sinise.

She is active with the Gary Sinise Foundation, started by the actor who played Lt. Dan Taylor in *Forrest Gump*. Sinise’s foundation honors service men and women, veterans, and first-responders with programs designed to entertain, educate, and inspire. The foundation also raises money to build smart technology homes for wounded veterans.

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— Jan Dunkin Brengel ’78

Through the foundation Brengel serves as a greeter at Veterans’ Night events held at Chicago’s Steppenwolf Theatre, which Sinise also helped found.

“Veterans’ Nights are held for every single production of the season. About 300 veterans attend. I greet them at the door. I go around to the tables, talk to the veterans, and then escort them to the theatre to see the play.”

Every month or two, she goes to the Great Lakes Naval Base. “I serve dinner to the young cadets and military families. It’s through the USO (United Service Organizations), which is involved with the foundation.”

You might also find her walking in one of the foundation’s “Run, Forrest, Run” 5/10Ks. She has participated in events at the University of Notre Dame and in the Chicago area.

Brengel is equally devoted to other causes, including suicide prevention and outreach to those who have lost someone to suicide. Her husband George died by suicide in 2008.


She is a volunteer with LOSS (Loving Outreach for Survivors of Suicide), serving as a trained support group facilitator, and she is active with the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP).

Mental illness and suicide affects many age groups and demographics, including college-aged students.

“I am on the Saint Mary’s Alumnae Association Board of Directors and at a board meeting Vice President for Student Affairs Karen Johnson described how some Belles face mental health challenges. I told her about AFSP’s evidence-based education programs that have helped many colleges.”

Brengel connected AFSP and Saint Mary’s. She will assist AFSP with training Student Affairs and Campus Ministry staff this spring. More staff and faculty will be trained by the fall when the AFSP programs are introduced to students.

“The programs use diagnostic screening tools for students and interactive education programs for faculty, counselors and students. Attendees will learn the risk factors and warning signs of suicide and how to prevent it.”

Retirement life is fulfilling to Brengel. “My career was very rewarding. I always felt that I was helping to enhance people’s lives and I still feel that way.” 



Do you know an alumna we should write about?
Tell us about her: Courier@saintmarys.edu

Moved by the Mission

By Melissa Fitzpatrick '16

*Peru Pilgrimage opens
Belle's eyes to Sisters' work*



At Saint Mary's College we share a campus with the Sisters of the Holy Cross, but it took a trip to Peru, 4,000 miles from Notre Dame, Indiana, to bring me closer to the sisters and their mission.

Over fall break I was one of five students to go on the Peru Pilgrimage sponsored by Campus Ministry and the Division for Mission. Although much of our trip was spent physically helping others, the focus of the journey was to experience God through solidarity with the people and places we encountered.

I'll never forget meeting the six sisters living in Peru. They welcomed us into their hearts and home with giant hugs. Over tea and strawberry shortcake, we listened to their stories of vocational discernment and about their dedicated work. Their efforts are not without challenges, but they face the wilderness and oppressive politics as fearless disciples of God.


We followed Sister Esperanza and Sister Conceição to the mountain town of Cacachaqui where they work every weekend. Their current project is focused on improving the faith community. With no parish in the town, they have their work cut out for them. The sisters have implemented a children's catechesis program and a women's support group to reignite the light.

Sister Esperanza was full of contagious energy as she led the children in dance and song about God's love for all of His

creation. Their faces, flushed from excitement, mirrored their anticipation for the next activity. There was no hiding that the children of Cacachaqui needed these holy women.

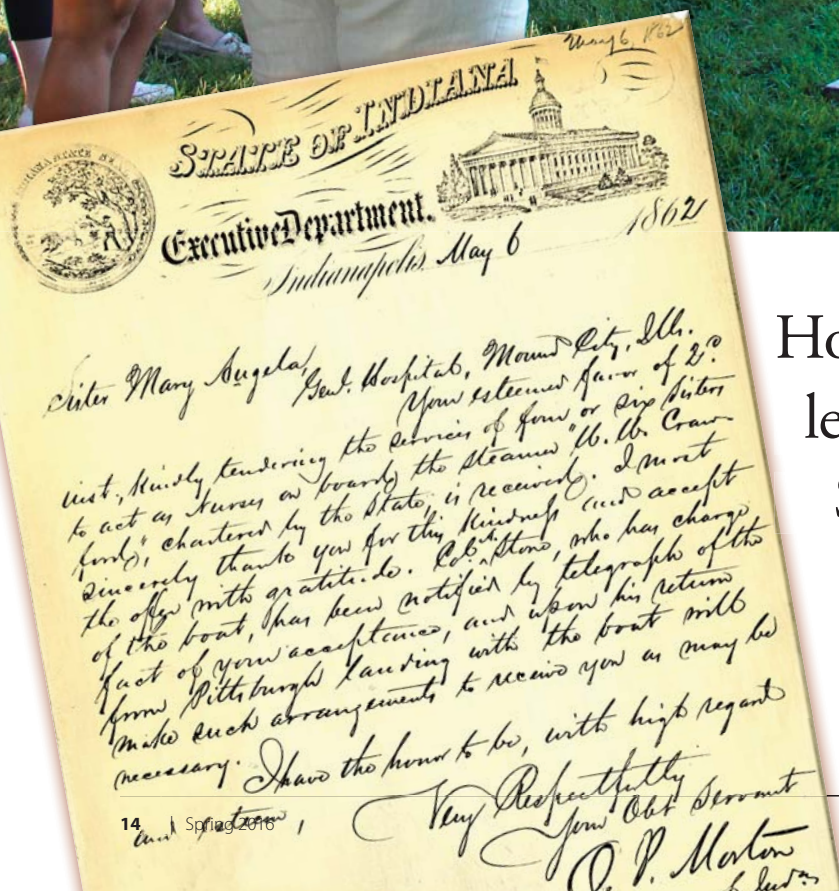
We then met the group of women that Sister Conceição gathers with to share faith triumphs and troubles. The women told their stories and it was easy to see how the sisters have enriched their spiritual lives.

As we headed down the winding mountain road praying the rosary, I thought about these sisters' work. Both had listened to Christ's call, helping wherever help was needed. Just like the congregation's mission proclaims, compassion moved these sisters to "reflect on the signs of the times, discern needs, and respond... standing in solidarity with the poor and the powerless."

Thanks to the Friends with Sisters program on campus, retired sisters at the convent had shared with me amazing memories of their ministries. But my experience in Peru was different. I saw the beauty of the sisters' selfless service in real time and I am forever moved and grateful for the experience. As I prepare to graduate in May, I hope in my life to follow God as fearlessly as the Holy Cross Sisters do every single day. 

Melissa Fitzpatrick '16, pictured at right, is an intern in the Department of Integrated Marketing Communications at Saint Mary's College. Also pictured is Katelyn Beam '16 and two children from Piura, Peru.

Bearing the Torch



Holy Cross nursing
legacy passed on to
Saint Mary's students

Letter from the Indiana Governor
to Mother Angela provided by the
Saint Mary's College Archive.

By Kathe Brunton

The Saint Mary's campus houses two worlds — the College and the motherhouse for the Sisters of the Holy Cross who founded the school in 1844. The convent is home to sisters with legacies of making a difference in the world, while the College grounds are bustling with young women preparing to do the same.

On a crisp September morning, **Sister Maureen Grady, CSC**, a faculty member with the College's nursing program, took 26 seniors on a little field trip behind Regina Hall to the sisters' cemetery, Our Lady of Peace. There she would present a most unusual history lesson for assistant professor **Juliana Mwose's** Nursing Leadership course.

In introducing Sister Maureen, Mwose said, "We have come together today to hear the voices of women who became nursing's forerunners in a time of great danger and widespread unrest. These women, without formal nursing education, had to learn on the spot...how to communicate, innovate, manage conflict, and lead in the midst of great chaos."

History lesson in a cemetery

"It is a joy to have you here on *my* side of the campus," Sister Maureen said. "This is, in a sense, holy ground. You are here today because over 150 years ago there came a time for the Sisters of the Holy Cross to demonstrate leadership."

She shared with the students the unique legacy of Holy Cross sisters, who in 1861 answered the call to serve in the Civil War. In doing so, the sisters helped establish nursing as a new and honored profession.

Noting that the first nursing education in the US didn't exist until 1872, Sister Maureen explained how the sisters did not have the benefit of ambulances or an army nurse corps. They had field hospitals — sometimes makeshift ones in old, empty warehouses.

In their own words

To bring the stories of the Civil War sisters to life, Sister Maureen read archival letters and journal entries written by the sisters as she stood at their grave markers:

Sister Adele Catherine Moran, CSC, (1831–1906) was in the first group of six sisters to respond to the Indiana governor's call for help in 1861. At one point, the six were caring for 1,400 patients — a 1:230 ratio. She also was one of the original four sisters who in 1862 boarded the Mississippi River-based naval hospital ship, the *Red Rover*, becoming the forerunners of today's Navy nurses.

Mother M. Augusta Anderson, CSC, (1830–1907) recalled: "Many wounded men whose limbs had been amputated were here with little or no care...Although we were tired and sick for want of sleep, there was no rest. We pinned up our habits, got brooms and buckets of water, and washed the blood-stained walls and scrubbed the floors."

"These are the women who led the way to the establishment of Saint Mary's nursing program," said Sister Maureen, herself a nurse who has served in war zones and trouble spots around the globe.

Respect for those who went before us

Shannon Grant '16, who is at Saint Mary's on a Navy nurse scholarship, had never before heard of the *Red Rover*. "I have a lot of respect for those sisters who blazed the trail," she said. "I didn't know about their history but I'm glad I do now. Today's talk seems like an affirmation that I am in the right place."

At the end of the talk, Sister Maureen asked the young women, "If those sisters could talk with you today, what would they say? I think they would say, 'Believe in the call that is in your heart. Reach for the strength that is within you. Be open to change and let it change you.' That is what they did. You are a part of this and you stand on their shoulders." **C**



Excerpts of the sisters' historical accounts were taken from "On The King's Highway" by Sister M. Eleanore (New York: D. Appleton and Company, 1931).



Connie Adams '08

Educating Belles *about* Sexual Assault Prevention

By Kate FitzMaurice '17

Belles are prepared to make a difference in the world, and sometimes “the world” is closer than an alumna might think.

Connie Adams '08, who majored in social work at Saint Mary's, hadn't imagined she would be back on campus two years after graduating. She had just completed a master's degree in social work at Washington University, with a concentration in intimate partner violence, when she heard about a job opening at the College.

Saint Mary's was looking for someone to start the Belles Against Violence Office (BAVO), an initiative funded through a grant from the Department of Justice's Office of Civil Rights. BAVO would provide programming for students on sexual assault, intimate partner violence, and stalking.



Directing BAVO was the perfect fit for Adams. “I believe that God has brought me to this work. I am grateful that He has provided me with the gifts, the skills, and the abilities to be able to do this work and to have the right perspective and balance,” she says.

Saint Mary's was the first women's college to receive the grant, which doesn't surprise Adams. “This is an institution that is focused on women's empowerment and often ahead of the curve when it comes to addressing the needs of the time, in the tradition of the Sisters of the Holy Cross.”

Her work has an impact on virtually every Belle, starting at First-year Orientation and throughout a student's four years. On a recent Saturday, Adams could be found in Haggard College Center training students about Green Dot, a national sexual assault prevention program that emphasizes the power of bystander intervention.


Imagine a map of a town or a college campus with red dots indicating where crimes have occurred. “Red dots are acts by individuals perpetrating violence. We'd like to see a map with green dots, showing where individuals make decisions to counter acts of violence,” Adams explains.

The statistics* on violence against women are shocking:

- 20–25% of college-aged women experience sexual assault
- 1 in 4 women experiences relationship violence in her lifetime
- 1 in 6 women experiences stalking in her lifetime

An important aspect of her position is to serve as a counselor to students in crisis. Adams is available on-call to provide advocacy and support services. “I offer students options, so they are empowered to make decisions that are best for them.” Her work may include accompanying a survivor of sexual assault to the hospital or helping her file a police report, if the student chooses. Studies indicate that it's crucial for a survivor to determine her course of action because power was taken from her during the assault.

Adams knew from the start that students would be an integral part of the BAVO dynamic. “The BAVO Student Advisory Committee on campus plays a huge role in coming up with ideas and helping to implement programs.”

From students to faculty and staff, there are always new ways to become involved. “The reason BAVO is so successful is because of the investment of the community.” 

Kate FitzMaurice '17 is an intern in the Department of Integrated Marketing Communications at Saint Mary's College.

**The Center for Disease Control and Prevention's National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey, 2011.*

“It’s Cool to Play Like a Girl”

By Sarah Miesle '07

For the second consecutive year, the Department of Athletics is showing girls ages 6–12 the importance and positive influence of sports by giving life to those traits. That life comes in the form of a National Girls and Women in Sports Day Clinic, held in February.

The clinic provides an opportunity for girls to try several new sports while learning about teamwork, commitment, and how to have fun while being active. Nearly 80 girls took part in this year’s clinic, which found its roots in the Women’s Sports Foundation. The foundation’s mission is to advance the lives of girls and women through sports and physical activity.

“Whether these girls play only in middle school, through high school, or end up playing in college, I’m glad I get to fuel their excitement about what it means to be an athlete as a whole,” said lacrosse player **Hanna Makowski '18**.

According to research and studies done across the country, girls who play sports are more likely to graduate from college, find a job, and be employed in male-dominated industries. True to the mission of the College, the Department of Athletics hopes to empower young girls to make a difference in the world while having fun trying new sports.

“Knowing that [this clinic] might help change any young girl’s perspective about sports is the best thing I could ever want,” said softball player **Caitlyn Migawa '17**. “I hope that these girls can see how rewarding sports and athletics can be, not only to our health but also socially and emotionally as well. I want these girls to know at the end of the night that sports can and will change their lives as it has for all of us!”

The night saw each of the participants try out four different sports. Each girl had a half-hour session in each of her four sports in a fun, non-competitive setting with Belles athletes serving as clinic counselors. At the end of the night, each girl got her counselors’ autographs before receiving a drawstring bag filled with facts about a healthy lifestyle, snacks, a French cross headband, and a handwritten note from a Belle student-athlete about the importance of sports in a girl’s life.

As one note said: “Being a girl is awesome. Playing a sport is awesome. That makes you twice as awesome!” We couldn’t agree more. **C**



New! Fine Arts Camp for Children with Communication Disorders

This summer Saint Mary's College will offer its first Character Central Fine Arts Camp for campers ages 10–15 with communication disorders. Graduate students in the College's Master of Science in Speech Language Pathology program will serve campers as dedicated clinicians. Girls in the fluency camp have the option to live on campus for the week; otherwise, these are day camps. At the end of each week, campers will showcase their hard work on stage in O'Laughlin Auditorium.

Character Central Fluency Camp is offered the week of July 10. Campers will explore art, dance, theatre, music, or creative writing. Dedicated clinicians will join campers during their sessions, as well as provide intensive therapy throughout the week.

Character Central AAC (Augmentative and Alternative Communication) Camp is offered the week of July 17. Campers will be immersed in the world of theatre, stretching their dramatic muscles while working with a dedicated clinician. Campers must be proficient or established AAC users, and able to handle routines and variability.

For more information or to register, visit saintmarys.edu/Camps.

Actress Anna Deavere Smith Works with Theatre Students



Anna Deavere Smith, left, poses with theatre students at a reception following a one-woman performance on campus.

Award-winning actress, playwright, professor, and social commentator Anna Deavere Smith was on campus in February as a Margaret M. Hill Endowed Visiting Artist. She worked with theatre students in private master classes in the days preceding her public event on February 22. Her talk and one-woman performance was titled "From Rodney King to Michael Brown:

The Narrative of Ferguson." Smith is well known for her unique, one-person shows that bring to the stage contemporary American social issues.

The Margaret M. Hill Endowed Visiting Artist Series, launched 10 years ago, is made possible by a generous gift from Hill, a Saint Mary's alumna and Broadway producer. Recent visiting artists include The Second City, Audra McDonald, Sigourney Weaver, Lily Tomlin, and Glenn Close.

"This visiting artist series allows theatre students to visit with, learn from, and be inspired by renowned artists whose talents have entertained and moved us all," said Katie Sullivan, associate professor of theatre.

Women's Choir Performs at Regional Choral Directors Conference



Professor Nancy Menk takes a selfie with the Women's Choir backstage at the Palmer House's Grand Ballroom in Chicago.

The Saint Mary's College Women's Choir was one of just two such choirs invited to perform at the American Choral Directors Association's central division conference in Chicago in February. They performed in front of an audience of 600 in the Palmer House's Grand Ballroom.

"The choir could not have performed better. They sang a challenging program of new works from memory and were very well received," said Nancy Menk, choral director and the Mary Lou and Judd Leighton Professor of Music.

The choir is made up of 36 singers, representing 12 states and China and 20 different areas of study. Menk said all of the other college and university choirs that performed were made up primarily of music majors.

The choir got in a dress rehearsal the night before when they performed at a Chicago Alumnae Club event honoring President Carol Ann Mooney.

For more Avenue News, visit saintmarys.edu/News



Introducing President-elect Jan Cervelli


By Gwen O'Brien

Saint Mary's College students, faculty, and staff gave a rousing welcome to President-elect Jan Cervelli on February 17 at a celebratory event held in the Student Center Atrium.

The introduction of the 12th president was streamed live for alumnae and friends of the College. The standing-room only crowd erupted in applause when Cervelli, a dean at The University of Arizona, emerged from behind a royal blue curtain. Following the introduction by **Mary L. Burke '85**, chair of the Board of Trustees, and **Sister Veronique Wiedower '70, CSC**, president of the Sisters of the Holy Cross, Cervelli took her place at the podium.

"Saint Mary's is a great institution. I like to think it has the higher education trifecta," Cervelli said.

"It's got strong academic programs grounded in the liberal arts, it's based in Catholic education and the traditions of the Holy Cross education of the whole individual, and it empowers women."

Watch the recorded event and read more about Cervelli at saintmarys.edu/PresidentElect. 





Charlie Poinatte | In Memoriam



Charles “Charlie” Poinatte, 90, passed away on February 3, 2016. A professor of history at Saint Mary’s College for 43 years, Poinatte served as chair of the Department of History and co-director for the Urban Studies Program. He had an instrumental role in founding the Women’s Studies Program, a legacy that lives on at the College in the Department of Gender and Women’s Studies.

Former students remember Charlie Poinatte for his pioneering spirit, his passion for history, and his kindness. Upon learning of his passing on the College’s alumnae Facebook account, they shared memories of him, and his friends and fellow history professors Tony Black and Jack Detzler. Black passed away in 1997 and Detzler died in 2005.

Laureen Poinatte Jones ’83 commented, “Dad is smiling big up above with all the wonderful things said in these posts. I know that teaching history and being influential to the students at Saint Mary’s was such an important part of his life. It is wonderful that so many of you have such fond memories of him, Dr. Black, and Dr. Detzler.”

Poinatte is survived by his wife Anne-Marie and their three children and seven grandchildren. 

Alumnae Deaths

1941	Jeanne Offermann Lawless	May 29, 2015	1955	Sister Mary Michna, OP	December 14, 2015
1942	Kathryn Houser Sanford	November 17, 2015	1957	Barbara Heckethorn Bouley	December 13, 2015
1943	Stella Regan Koch	October 8, 2015		Mary McCarthy Dumouchelle	December 24, 2014
	Sally Ann McRoberts	March 5, 2015		Regina Crane Gschwind	February 1, 2016
1944	Mary Louise Pfaff Wolf	June 4, 2015	1958	Melodee O'Connor Disbrow	December 13, 2015
1945	Abigail Schultheis Hutton-Stitts	October 23, 2015	1959	Mary Fey Crawford	September 2, 2015
1946	Virginia Johnson Clauss	July 30, 2015		Patricia Molumby Gosling	August 18, 2015
	Dorothea Jahnke Di Girolamo	December 11, 2015	1960	Peggy Aggas O'Brien	September 19, 2015
	Kathleen Black Peczkowski	January 14, 2015		Sue Remmers	October 25, 2015
1948	Virginia Oppenheim Barlock	December 6, 2015	1961	Sister Clotilde Angela Bourassa, OSU	January 20, 2016
	Mary Carolyn Powers Powell	February 18, 2016	1964	Elizabeth Brazis Hoffend	March 4, 2015
	Regina Milligan Sweeney	September 2, 2014	1967	Sister Maureen Dorr, OSF	October 1, 2015
1949	Jean Graf Gryp	October 23, 2015	1968	Mary Jo Archer Bregenzer	July 18, 2015
	Sister M. Dolores Kessinger, CSC	January 1, 2016		Sister JoAnn Maria Torti, SND	August 31, 2015
1950	Petra Anderson Beatty	November 13, 2012	1969	Mary Ellen Boppart Crowe	May 16, 2015
	Bernadette Dermondy Hufford	September 25, 2015	1970	Karen Anne Weller	October 6, 2015
1951	Barbara Buckley Aldrich	August 9, 2015	1973	Mary Patricia Slye	November 23, 2015
	Mary Bryan Phillips	April 17, 2014	1978	Lynn F. Lukmann	January 31, 2016
	Patricia Bagwell Roach	March 19, 2013	1980	Bonnie P. Keyes	December 18, 2015
	Suzanne Cairns Wille	September 10, 2015		Monica Jones Olivette	January 6, 2016
1952	Marjorie Pearce Baker	November 7, 2012	1981	Deborah Braunlich Cousino	November 11, 2015
	Mary Jane Belfie Boles	November 30, 2015	1983	Melanie A. Margiotta	November 7, 2015
	Florence Lawless D'Agostino	May 6, 2015	1984	Maria Tondreau Ftergiotis	January 14, 2016
	Dianne Jurincic Stasco	October 3, 2015		Geri Fitzgerald Gianfrancisco	November 1, 2015
1953	Celia McGuire Forristal	December 20, 2015	1986	Jennifer Malouf Cummings	July 16, 2012
	Sylvia Schneider Meunier	October 30, 2015	2000	Lauren Mariola Marantette	October 30, 2015
	Mary Meehan von Wahlde	September 26, 2015	2006	Jessica Masterson	December 16, 2015
1954	Judith Jones Sullivan	February 5, 2016			

Family Deaths

Eileen Adams, mother of Rebecca Adams Strong '96, February 15, 2016.

Robert Andrews, father of Colleen Bridget Andrews Morrison '96, January 15, 2016.

C. Richard Anselmino, father of Lisa M. Anselmino '80, September 13, 2015.

Kathryn Artnak, mother of Stephanie Ann Artnak '04 and Shannon Artnak Quinn '05, October 30, 2015.

Clare Asher, mother of Mary-Clare Asher Witham '62 and Jennifer Asher Rubin '78, January 4, 2016.

Anthony Aubuchon, father of Anne Aubuchon Mueller '96, October 20, 2015.

Brett Blecha, son of Constance Lisowski Blecha '79, October 1, 2015.

William Bracken, father of Noreen Bracken '80, Kathleen Bracken Gambla '80 and Teresa L. Bracken '82, December 16, 2014.

Edmund Burke, husband of Jane Doyle Burke '56, father of Margaret Burke Gagliardo '81 and Jennifer Burke Britt '92, December 19, 2015.

Mary Ellen Burns, mother of Colleen Burns Pochly '82 and Maureen Burns Bekta '84, December 8, 2015.

Alexis Cholis, uncle of Mary Wolf Loiselle '83, November 8, 2015.

Theresa M. Cipkala, mother of Melanie Cipkala Shellenbarger '75 and Melissa Cipkala Scott '80, August 29, 2013.

Thomas James Conaty, Jr., husband of Mary Wolf Conaty '76, father of Colleen Conaty Bowen '03, Julie Conaty McDonald '05, Caitlin Conaty Eldridge '07, Meghan Anne Conaty '09, and Kelly Marie Conaty '12, brother of Mary Kathryn Conaty Leicht '74, and Anne Conaty Selvaggi '82, brother-in-law of Carol Wolf Gubbins '83, uncle of Amy Elizabeth Leicht '10, cousin of Mary Ellen Stumpf '74, October 3, 2015.

John Francis Coogan, father of Mary I. Coogan '79 and Joan E. Coogan '83, November 3, 2015.

Patricia Cortas, mother of Bernadette Cortas Golitz '87 and Jennifer Cortas Howe '91, October 5, 2015.

Eleanor Dailey, mother of Kathleen J. Dailey '87, June 27, 2015.

Richard Dearing, father of Linda S. Kawecki '79, December 9, 2015.

Mary F. Dempsey, mother of Mary Clare Dempsey '83, January 3, 2016.

Theodore Derksen, father of Karen Derksen Weber '92, November 5, 2015.

Joseph Di Girolamo, father of Jan Di Girolamo '74, January 20, 2016.

Rosemary J. Doherty, mother of Lillian Doherty Luksenburg '74 and Rosemary Doherty Beyer '76, December 19, 2015.

Family Deaths , continued

Philip Donegan, father of Kerry F. Donegan '86, October 19, 2015.

Joseph Dray, Jr., brother-in-law of Evelyn Van Huffel Reese Lawlor '45, uncle of Mary Guarnieri Carson '57, Marilyn Van Huffel Callahan '63, Mary Dray Fouts '63, Carolyn Van Huffel Gold '63, and Karen Reese Klier '69, August 24, 2015.

Ronald Durbin, husband of Mary Ellen Norris Durbin '61, December 3, 2015.

Timothy Fangman, husband of Ann Reins Fangman '68, June 6, 2015.

Leona Faulkner, mother of Vickie L. Warner '77, January 3, 2016.

Donald Fouts, husband of Mary Dray Fouts '63, December 17, 2015.

Jerome Frazel, husband of Joanne Hickey Frazel '52, February 6, 2016.

Mary Catherine Georgas, father of Jeanann M. Georgas Freier '83 and Mary Catherine Georgas Flath '84, September 28, 2015.

John George, husband of Olive Windbiel George '46, father of Ann George Jahr '71, October 1, 2015.

William Green, husband of Joanne Casey Green '68, brother-in-law of Maureen Casey Maves '72 and Patricia Casey Gemperline '74, November 28, 2015.

James Grumley, father of Joan Grumley Broderick '74, December 10, 2015.

M. Patricia Hanrahan, mother of M. Shannon Hanrahan Garcia '77 and Maureen Hanrahan Fink '81, November 9, 2015.

Walter Haaser, husband of Margaret Gardner Haaser '50, May 13, 2015.

Frederick Heroman, father of Anne Frederick Heroman Jeanmard '94, February 20, 2015.

John Humphrey, father of Sarah Humphrey Banning '91, November 22, 2015.

Thomas E. Johnson, father of Kathryn Johnson Filby '95, May 9, 2015.

Wilbur Kanak, father of Susan K. Drolet '80 and Julie Kanak Rigali '83, February 12, 2016.

Judith Kochman, mother of Julie Kochman Soose '98, September 16, 2015.

Joseph Lauber, father of Mary G. Lauber '81, September 20, 2015.

James Leatherman, father of Alyson J. Leatherman '01, December 12, 2015.

Nanette Lesniak, aunt of Alexandria Nicole Charter '15, October 7, 2015.

Bernadette Lewandowski, mother of Katherine Lewandowski Taylor '01, January 23, 2016.

Eugene Lyon, father of Michelle Lyon King '78, November 12, 2015.

Wilbur McDougal, husband of Mary Curley McDougal '53, December 6, 2015.

William McEnery, stepfather of Jennifer Geary Christopher '94, November 23, 2015.

Patrick McGahan, father of Sheila McGahan Monardo '82 and Anne E. McGahan Harmet '86, uncle of Kathleen K. Shea '79, November 29, 2015.

Dennis McGinnity, husband of Martha Sullivan McGinnity '68, September 12, 2015.

Edward McKernan, husband of Regina Conway McKernan '50, April 14, 2015.

Robert Metro, father of Lori Metro Alexander '87, Marybeth Metro McCormick '90 and Alison Metro Boeckman '95, October 13, 2015.

Gene Meunier, brother of Mary Meunier Farrell '47, September 27, 2015.

William Clair Moran, husband of Carol Cronin Moran '64, father of Elizabeth Moran Sharpe '87, October 25, 2015.

Colleen Moren, mother of Amy Moren Kenesey '90, June 30, 2015.

William Myler, father of Jean Myler Beaudet '83, November 8, 2015.

Frances O'Connor, mother of Margaret A. O'Connor '68, August 28, 2014.

Arthur O'Grady, father of Mary-Alice O'Grady Sullivan '86, September 26, 2015.

David G. Paxton, husband of Mary Jean Wallace Paxton '52, November 16, 2015.

Thomas J. Persin, Sr., father of Amy Marie Persin '93, January 13, 2016.

Emil Pfender, father of Corinne Pfender Noyes '89, January 28, 2016.

Michael Philbin, husband of Shannon McKinnon Philbin '68, April 24, 2015.

Ben Piotrowski, husband of Lyndsay Epley Piotrowski '13, January 27, 2016.

Dr. Charles Poinssatte, father of Francoise Poinssatte '81 and Laureen Poinssatte '83, father-in-law of Mary Anne Dempsey Poinssatte '79, February 3, 2016.

Marian Quinlan, mother of Kyra Quinlan Sill '72 and Mary Quinlan '76, aunt of Anne-Marie Quinlan Mack '86, November 4, 2015.

David Regan, husband of Karen M. Farrell Regan '90, January 24, 2016.

William Reifenrath, father of Julie A. Reifenrath '79, uncle of Ann Reifenrath Walters '74, August 18, 2015.

Richard Rozman, husband of Donna Sisson Rozman '76, May 16, 2015.

Kevin Ryan, husband of Nancy Dougherty Ryan '61, father of Shannon Clair Ryan '92, September 21, 2015.

Audrey Sabo, sister-in-law of Sara Ann Metts '07, November 5, 2015.

Howard Schrager, father of Debra Sue Schrager '75, October 12, 2015.

Rita Sleeper, mother of Angela Sleeper Helmstetter '84, October 27, 2015.

Theresa Sliney, mother-in-law of Molly McKenna Sliney '76, December 3, 2015.

Jack Smither, father of Carol Smither Mansfield '66, grandfather of Carol Mansfield Fox '89 and Michelle Mansfield Bocock '93, great grandfather of Annemarie Elizabeth Loessberg '15, September 4, 2015.

Edward Sullivan, father of Kelly M. Sullivan '82 and Patricia Sullivan Maher '87, grandfather of Katherine Rose Sullivan '12 and Clare Maureen Maher '14, November 12, 2015.

Lawrence Sullivan, father of Patricia Sullivan Weber '89, November 3, 2015.

Payton Toole Sullivan, niece of Mary Margaret Sullivan Moore '88 and Margaret Gazzolo Sullivan '92, cousin of Kaileigh Ann Moore '17, October 31, 2015.

Sharon Swartz, sister of Kathleen Moore Gibbons '62, November 22, 2015.

Roxie Mae Tribble, mother of Shirley Ann Tribble '74, November 21, 2015.

Dionysius Trimakas, husband of Vaidilute Jankauskas Trimakas '52, November 22, 2015.

George Van Hagen, father of Mary Dietrich Siragusa '79 and Lorie Dietrich Donnelly '82, October 31, 2015.

Meg Von Wahlde, sister of Ann von Wahlde Fink '84, October 22, 2015.

Patricia Walsh, mother of Katherine Walsh Hennessy '94, December 16, 2015.

Charles Webber, father of Sharon Webber Poulin '73, October 18, 2015.

George Weller, father of Valerie Weller '72, May 25, 2015.

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

Carolinas

The Carolinas Club continued their discussion groups with Charlotte-area alumnae this summer and fall. Our own alumna, Dr. Amy Kleinfehn Knab '04, who is an assistant professor at Queens University of Charlotte, NC and runs their exercise and sports science program led a discussion group in August. We were tested on metabolic fitness in the lab and educated on what the numbers mean. The discussion covered current trends in nutrition, dieting, and fitness. It was a fulfilling evening in the new sports facility of Queens, enjoying Amy's knowledge and personal stories from her and participants.

Our fall discussion group read and reviewed the new Harper Lee book, *Go Set a Watchman*. Beautifully hosted in the home of Cassie Callon '08, the evening touched on Lee's depth of perception of the South during the Civil Rights era. Ali Costanzo '11 researched and led the discussion with questions and references to Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

Discussion groups will continue in the new year. We hope to have seasonal meetings of a variety of subjects. Please contact Christina Vellucci '93 if interested at csvellucci@gmail.com.

In December, the annual SMC/ND alumni Christmas party was hosted in the home of Beth Bowman Zuhosky '90. Alumni from both campuses came together to enjoy dinner, drinks, and camaraderie. Each year donations for the Mira Via Charity are collected. This charity provides a safe haven for pregnant mothers and their children.

Cleveland

Kathy Friday Sobanski '78 arranged for the Cleveland Club to celebrate Founders' Day on November 1 at the Church of the Holy Angels. Liturgy was followed by a delicious brunch at the Chagrin Valley Athletic Club. On November 19 the Club prepared fall semester exam care packages for Belles from the Cleveland and Akron areas. The McVoy family — Linda, Molly, and Katie — coordinated the preparations. The club shared in the spirit of the Holidays by holding its annual Christmas Social and Cookie Exchange at Burntwood Tavern on December 10. Club members enjoyed a scrumptious dinner and the exchanging of three dozen cookies. For more information about the Club, contact smcosu@earthlink.net.

Columbus

Our club has a lot going on. Our annual SMC/ND alumni Christmas Mass and brunch was held at St. Charles on December 13. Jennifer Paluszak Hadden '96, Sarah Hussey Ryan '89, and Jack Buttler ND '67 helped organize the Mass and catered breakfast and arranged to have a visit from Santa.

We are hoping to continue with some Impromptu Happy Hours. Caitlin Albany '09 or Annie Sofranko '11 will post on our Facebook page (Saint Mary's College Alumnae Club of Columbus, Ohio). Please visit and hit LIKE!

Julie Wagner Feasel '89 and Annie Sofranko '11 will request help twice a year to help our Belles get through exams with care packages for SMC Columbus area students, so look for information coming soon about spring care packages.

Marilyn Murphy Messick '69 coordinates our book club by sending invites to anyone who indicates interest. Dinner and fun conversation takes place usually every six weeks at a local restaurant, so contact her at marilynmessick@gmail.com to be included.

Lisa McConnell Orsinelli '92 is the coordinator of our Prayer Chain. She works to keep prayers private. She will email you with any requests, so you can email her to help pray, or you may email her with a request, at lorsinelli@yahoo.com.

Katie Vincer Sears '03 and Annie Sofranko '11 will host our spring brunch at Lindey's Restaurant again this year on May 22. They will announce more details later.

Erin Gibbons '86, Katie Vincer Sears '03, and Amy O'Brien Mundt '88 are working on the 6/14 Challenge. This June 14, or 6/14, the "all-on-one-day" fundraiser will increase our Columbus Club's scholarship to a grateful local Belle. Look for information coming soon.

Julie Radca Vieta '95 hosted a dinner for about 30 people during fall break for Belles and their families to meet local alum families.

Erin Gibbons '86 has offered to organize a service day for all local alumnae available to help. We'll share more details in the summer. Annie Sofranko '11 is coordinating volunteers to help staff SMC booth at local college fairs. Please contact her periodically to see if she needs help.

Amy O'Brien Mundt '88 is our Treasurer. You can mail your yearly dues to her at 6915 Bay Forest Dr. Westerville, Ohio 43082 or use these links to pay online:

<https://www.paypal.me/smcbus>

[https://cash.me/\\$smcclub](https://cash.me/$smcclub)

Yearly dues are \$30 and lifetime dues are just \$200. New alumnae are free for the first year. You can catch her at an event as she can swipe credit cards on her phone. Dues are not required to attend events but are encouraged to help defray event costs and to help build our local scholarship fund.

We're having such a good time and hope all Columbus alums will join us in the fun.

Dallas



Mary Holland '05, Annette Hayden '78, and Adriana Trigiani '81 at Big Stone Gap release in Dallas.

The Dallas Club had a visit from best-selling author Adriana Trigiani '81 in November. Adri came for the opening of the "Big Stone Gap" movie and did a fabulous Q&A after the show and book signing the following night. We also had the pleasure of hosting Anne Morgan, Director of Gift Planning, at our annual Christmas party on December 8.

The new year and spring are filled with lots of events, including book club every other month starting in January; a clothing and accessory swap in February; and a spring finals care package party for Belles from the area in April. If you are in Dallas, please join us! Contact smcdfwclub@gmail.com or "like" our Facebook page, which has more information on all events.

Dayton

The Dayton Club held a fall celebration and open house on October 27 at the home of Bernadette Volpe Mitsch '71. We also hosted a First-year Send-off with the Notre Dame Alumni Club of Dayton on August 2 for all incoming students and their families.

Des Moines

The Des Moines Club hosted a Founders' Day event in November that featured Marsha Ternus, former chief justice of the Iowa Supreme Court and the first woman to serve in that capacity. The alumnae and friends gathered for the event found her stories fascinating and inspiring. The Club will do a service project in the spring but details are not complete at this time. For more information, contact Aimee Beckmann-Collier '75 (aimee.beckmann-collier@drake.edu).

Detroit



Members of the Detroit Alumnae Club at Painting with a Twist to celebrate Founders' Day

On November 5, we had a Painting with a Twist event for Founders' Day where we painted The Avenue. We also had a service event in December to shop for toys for the C.S. Mott's Children's Hospital in memory of Detroit alumna Lauren Mariola Marantette '00. Look for information, coming soon, about events this spring.

Fort Wayne



The Fort Wayne Alumnae Club celebrated Founders' Day with a lovely brunch where many members joined together to enjoy wonderful food and conversation and received an update from the College.

The Fort Wayne Club celebrated Founders' Day in November at Biaggi's with 15 alumnae. Shay Jolly '05, assistant director of Alumnae Relations, joined us with updates from campus. To wrap up the year, the club hosted its annual co-alumni event with the Fort Wayne Notre Dame Club for a Christmas Mass. In 2016 there will be more exciting events to come including a spring student care package bagging party and the annual Notre Dame/Saint Mary's student send off. To become more involved with the Fort Wayne Club or attend an event, please contact smcfortwayne@gmail.com.

Grand Rapids

The Grand Rapids Club has been busy. In August we hosted a sendoff for the SMC first years at the home of Luci Staples McCall '78. Parents and students were able to meet alumnae and current Belles. There was an informational group discussion with everyone to answer all things related to being a first-year student at Saint Mary's.

In October a group of alumnae celebrated Founders' Day at what better place than Founders Brewing Company in downtown Grand Rapids.

In December Janet Krueger '69 hosted the largest annual Christmas party for the club to date. We enjoyed each other's company with drinks and dinner. The

alumnae also put together care packages and mailed them to the current SMC first-year students from our area.

We now have an active young alumnae group led by Sarah Slomski '11. The SMC young alumnae had a Christmas party at HopCat in downtown Grand Rapids along with the young alumni from the Notre Dame Club.

The Notre Dame Alumni Club holds regular networking luncheons and breakfasts and the SMC alumnae are invited as well.

Our book group continues to meet every other month, which we have been doing since 2002. If you ever need a book recommendation, let us know.

If you're in the Grand Rapids area and would like to join us, please contact Sarah at sslomski89@gmail.com for young alumnae information and Tara Millar '90, our club president, at tmillar@comcast.net for any general club information, happenings or to join our book group. We would love to have you!

Indianapolis

The Indianapolis Club had a busy end to 2015 and we are gearing up for an exciting 2016. We hosted more than 80 people at our annual First-year Send-Off dinner in August, hosted by Tara Land Dewitt '02. This is a crowd favorite each year and we were thrilled to send off almost 20 first-year women. The club also hosted the annual meeting in September, where we discussed initiatives for 2016 and reviewed our successes in 2015.

In October the Indianapolis Club was pleased to host President Carol Ann Mooney and her husband George Efta at the annual Founders' Day dinner. Almost 90 Indy Belles were present as the club was awarded the designation of Club of The Year from Dr. Mooney. We celebrated at the Allison Mansion in Indianapolis with a cocktail hour, video viewing about life at Saint Mary's, and a wonderful dinner.

December's annual event of packing care packages for our 19 first-year Belles proved to be another fun get-together. Susan Smith Gilbert '91 personally delivered the packages. We hope that the first-year students enjoyed the goodies as much as we enjoyed putting them together.

We are excited to plan for 2016 with new board members. We are now seven women strong and we continue to welcome new faces at each event. We are grateful for the opportunity to share our Saint Mary's stories each month and we look forward to meeting more Indy Belles!

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.

Pittsburgh

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

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.

San Diego

The Belles of San Diego send warm and sunny wishes for a fabulous 2016 to all our fellow alumnae. It has been a beautiful and busy fall and winter for

us. We cheered on the Fighting Irish with our Notre Dame friends at game watch parties, and we enjoyed following the professional football success of our Irish Chargers, Manti Te'o, Chris Watt, and Trevor Robinson. Even though our Chargers had a losing season, it's been fun having former Irish standouts to cheer for.

In October, we celebrated our annual Founders' Day. Several SMC alums gathered for Mass on October 17 at the beautiful Immaculata on the campus of The University of San Diego. Father Matt Spahr gave us a special hello, and we enjoyed warm camaraderie as we prayed together. After Mass we had a fun lunch at Tio Leo's, a well-known Mexican restaurant. Among our alums and family celebrating were Sandy Parry Kesser '07, president of our club, and her husband Daniel; Emily Olsen; Barb Drossel McKnight '77 and her husband Wade; Nicole Mercado Fortunato '00 and her husband and mom; Martha Hartwich Hagenbrock '01; and Lynn Dargis Ambrose '52. We cannot leave out our youngest honorary Saint Mary's kids who also celebrated with us, Sandy's beautiful new baby, Charlotte Elizabeth Kesser, and Nicole's darling little boy, Gianni Fortunato. We also congratulate Martha on the birth of her beautiful future Belle, Ina. Thanks to Barb, Sandy and Jen Wagner '05 for organizing this wonderful annual tradition.

Another joyous tradition the San Diego Belles celebrate is our annual Christmas Cookie Exchange. Always scheduled around the Feast of The Immaculate Conception, Lynn Dargis Ambrose '52 again hosted a festive gathering for several Belles. Besides exchanging cookies, recipes and Christmas cheer, Emily Olsen organized our charity project. We brought baby items to support BirthChoice of San Diego. Among the alumnae enjoying Lynn's hospitality and delicious hot apple cider were Tina Hooker '65, Jen Wagner '05, Mary Jean Paxton '52, Nicole Fortunato '00, Anne Kassman '84, Rachael Chesley '11, Martha Hartwich Hagenbrock '01, Symone Pompey '12, Jennifer Carroll '97, and Emily Olsen. Thanks again to Lynn for helping us start our Christmas season in such a joyful way.

Lynn also continues to coordinate our book club. She sends out a monthly email with details about the host and book. Everyone is welcome, even if you haven't read the book.

2016 promises to be another busy and successful year for the San Diego Club. Peggy Burns '81 and her husband Chris will host our annual fundraiser in May. We will send more information by email later.

If you are new to the San Diego area, or live here and want to join the fun, please contact Sandy Parry Kesser '07 at sandyparry@yahoo.com or Barb Drossel McKnight '77 at barb.mcknight@gmail.com.

South Bend

During the summer the South Bend Club was excited to welcome several new officers, which doubled the size of the board. With so many helping hands we have been very busy and have had a lot of fun during the fall semester. We have also continued to develop new ways to improve club experiences for our local alum. We kicked off the year with our First-year Send-off where we welcomed local Belles and their families to campus. We held a happy hour event at Rocky River Tap & Table, and hosted a fashion night at Flourish Boutique. We closed the first semester with our second annual photos with Santa event where several alumnae and their families took part in holiday crafts, enjoyed snacks, and had the chance to meet Santa. Proceeds from this event went directly to our scholarship fund. The club looks forward to many fun events we have planned for the spring semester.

As a reminder you are able to pay club dues, donate to our scholarship fund, and view our calendar of events and RSVP online at our website smcsclub.com. Don't forget to also check us out on Facebook under "Saint Mary's College South Bend Alumnae Club." Our ongoing ADesign & Sons French Cross Jewelry Fundraiser provides the perfect gift for anyone and 40% of each purchase goes to our scholarship fund. Check it out on our website. If you ever have any questions please feel free to contact the club president Meagan Temple Hartman '10, or any other board member at smcsclub@gmail.com.

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 leader, Cheryl Handley '68, are working to get a social club up and going in the area. Let us know if you would like to be a part of the fun. Contact Cheryl at cjhhandley@gmail.com or Shay Jolly at hjolly@saintmarys.edu

Twin Cities

Are you new to the Twin Cities? Contact the leadership team at MinnesotaBelles@gmail.com to get involved. We look forward to welcoming new Belles!

Washington, D.C.



Members of the Washington D.C. Alumnae Club pose for a picture with President Carol Ann Mooney '72 during her visit to the nation's capital in November.

In our previous D.C. Club update, we signed off with a "see you soon"... and that we did! We saw D.C. Belles braving the threat of Hurricane Joaquin in early October to help us kick-off our Club's "re-launch" with a Founders' Day Mass at The Cathedral of Saint Matthew the Apostle and following celebration, hosted at the beautiful ACA Headquarters Mansion.

On a warm November evening we welcomed two very special guests to DC — President Carol Ann Mooney '72 and Mr. George Efta. They joined nearly 100 alumnae, representing classes spanning from 1959 to 2015, spouses and guests for a Presidential Reception at the University Club. The photo is from that inspirational evening. Pictured are President Mooney and our D.C. Club leadership team.

In December, we spread some Christmas cheer... our 24 area Belles loved their "Stay Calm and Study On" care-packages and we loved spending time with three wonderful Catholic Charities residents while decorating Christmas trees, crafting paper snowflakes and jamming out to "Jingle Bell Rock"

Our 2016 calendar looks exciting: a speaker series featuring local alumnae, a month of service to celebrate of the 175th anniversary of the women of Holy Cross, and our first happy hour on April 21.

Don't forget to check our website, "like" our new Facebook page, "SMC Washington DC Alumnae Club", and email us with additional event ideas. Hope we hear from you 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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From the Courier Office:

Mary Ann Hoffman Woodhouse wants the Saint Mary's community to know that her granddaughter, **Justine Woodhouse Debelius '10**, completed her PhD in biochemistry at the University of Colorado, Boulder in November. Justine was awarded her master's degree in chemistry from South Dakota State University in 2013. Justine has been studying the human gut microbiome and will be working as a post-doctoral researcher at the University of California, San Diego.

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Ann Trautschold Sheedy wrote from Waco, TX that having raised six children, she and husband Fred moved to a condominium on the eighth floor and she has started to paint again.

Mary Joellen Pence is enjoying living in an Omaha, NE retirement center that has wonderful activities.

We received a really nice upbeat note from **Sister Ramona Marie Oppenheim, MM** at the Mary Knoll Sisters Center in Ossining, NY where she is receiving complete care due to physical disability. She states that she is still active in "Pax Christi" and proactive on nuclear banning and fracking issues in New York state.

Summer passed too quickly. After Reunion the Nolans got together to celebrate the Fourth of July with Mass and dinner at St. Patrick in Iowa City. After that, I enjoyed a weekend of opera and a trip to Colorado. With snow in the forecast, I look forward to 10 days in Hawaii in late January.

'51

From the Courier Office:

Nancy Wills Browne reports that she is now feeling more settled in her retirement home in Novi. Her main activities are writing, reading, exercising, and amusing her husband.

In February they will celebrate 60 years together and a family of nine beautiful children. Nancy says that God has been very good to them.

Nancy has heard from **Rosemary White** and **Virginia Vallee Delaney** and they send greetings to all.

'52

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It's December and nearly Christmas. Time to check up on what has been going on in our lives.

I was watching TV during the Pope's visit in September and there, sitting in the front row of one

section at the outdoor Mass at Catholic University, was **Faith Kilburg McNamara!** Her daughter Claudia works for the Department of State and worked on arrangements for the Papal visit, so she got three tickets. Faith said that spectators at home may have had a better view, but there is nothing like seeing him in person and absorbing the joy he generates.

Death seems to be stalking our class this year, doesn't it? **Eleanor Fails** died in South Bend on September 17. Eleanor was undoubtedly the best-known member of our class, as our student council president, and a gifted speaker. (She majored in Sociology/Political Science with a Speech minor at Saint Mary's, and went on to get a Master's degree in Theatre from Notre Dame, and a PhD in Sociology from Loyola University of Chicago.) She had a long and brilliant career as a professor of sociology at Duquesne where she chaired numerous committees, served on the faculty senate, and inaugurated many new programs. She and **Mary Stoeckinger '57**, her longtime friend, moved to South Bend after retirement, ending up in Andre Place at Holy Cross Village, across the street from Notre Dame. There she continued to shine, had a reputation as a story-teller and party-giver, and acquired a boyfriend five years her senior. Her speech at her 85th birthday there, she told me, was one for the books! Needless to say, all of us who were close to Eleanor already miss her exhilarating presence. Less than a week later, September 23, Eleanor's dear friend from college, **Jean Wade Bestler**, died. Like Eleanor, she was a sociology major and a buddy of Sister Sophia. I remember "Soph" saying she was surprised when Jean married, thinking she was too idealistic to be satisfied by a man. We *were* a bit unrealistic back then, weren't we?

More deaths followed in November. **Mary Jean Wallace Paxton** lost her husband Dave on November 16, after caring for him for several years. The presence of so many alums in the San Diego Saint Mary's group supports her, I hope, as does her son Jan who lives with her in Oceandale. Only a few weeks later, on November 30, Mary Jean's dear friend from our class, **Mary Jane Belfie Boles**, died in Alexandria, LA. Mary Jane had broken her hip, and after surgery to repair that, she contracted pneumonia, then had a stroke, followed by a chest infection that left her on a respirator. Her death left her husband Bill without his best friend, for whom he had rearranged his life and moved to the south to be with her.

Dorothy (Dor) Murnane McMahon has been in Chicago occasionally to support her sister **Marie Murnane Walsh '49**. Over Thanksgiving her visit coincided with the death in South Bend of the husband of **Mary Curley McDougal '53**, affectionately known as "Mac" to those of us who visited South Bend occasionally. **Sister Grace Shonk, CSC**, Dor and I were close to Mary in the Holy Cross community.

On a happier note, **Mary Berners Kishler** is anxiously awaiting the birth of her first great-grandchild, a girl, due December 27. "I have an ultrasound picture of her face at seven months and am constantly reminded of the beauty of God's creation when looking at it."

I am in a choral group, *Le Cantanti di Chicago*, which performed a holiday concert December 20 at the Hyde Park Union Church. I feel like I have a whole new group of girlfriends — from all

nationalities, ages, religion — all united in our love of music. I was most concerned that arthritis would stop me from being able to stand up and sit down on my chair on cue, stand while singing, parade through a darkened church holding a candle. Fortunately, we didn't have to go up or down any steps, as I need a railing for steps now. It was a great climax to my year!

Blessings for you all at Christmas, and happy New Year!



Mary Rose Shaughnessy in a choral group, *Le Cantanti di Chicago*, which performed a holiday concert December 20 at the Hyde Park Union Church.

'54

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Memories of windows at Saint Mary's have inspired **Bernice Boucher Hopp** to promote a large stain glass window planned for their chapel. She's been helping gather history and planning for the 100th anniversary of the Department of Nutrition and Dietetics which she's been associated with for 46 years.

Gloria Kennedy Hermann and her gang of Merry Widows will spend time in New Orleans before a December Caribbean cruise. She's still pet sitting and wonders if anyone makes counted cross-stitch Christmas ornaments any more (I don't even know what they are!).

Jane Flynn Carroll recommends reading *What the Lady Wants* by Renee Rosen. It's about Marshall Field at the time of the Chicago Fire: "Great Chicago history and a real page turner." She had her annual lunch visit with **Helen Kuhn Carey '51** and their daughters in October.

Margaret Keller Howells is still at Riderwood in her comfortable apartment. It has been an eventful family year — weddings, a funeral (son-in-law Rich), and a birthday. These bring the family together which makes the times special. Margaret still (for 40 years) goes to her prayer group meeting on Sunday evenings. For the last three years **Barb DiSalle Lindskold** has joined them summers. Margaret highly recommends a contemplative photography class at her parish, *visio divina*. She's also began doing Meals on Wheels through the church.

A few briefs: Some of **Nancy Gibbon Ross'** family saw the Pope and were thrilled. She hopes we are in good health — for our age. **Anne Feldpausch Hubert's** 16th great grandchild was born November 7. Reading suggestions from **Marlene Gaubinger McGinn: Boys in the Boat** by Daniel James Brown and *The Dressmaker* by

Kate Alcott. **Lois Langford Berry** reports football weekends are difficult for them — overnight guests and many people for dinner. **Mary Schmitz Bartley** plans to move to a new retirement community in NC. Having two of her three nurse daughters help out during knee replacement was truly a blessing from God writes **Terry Martin Weber**. "I'm a true bionic woman with two knees and an ankle all wired." **Judy Jones Sullivan** and Dick did get to her 65th high school reunion in Dixon, "an awesome group of octogenarians."

Sister Josephine Magoffin Lucker, MM, spent a month in El Salvador for the 35th Anniversary of the martyrdom of the four North American churchwomen killed in 1980 (two were Maryknoll sisters and friends). "They were killed for living the Beatitudes so completely... we celebrate their lives and presence with us now. I like the Spanish word used when a martyr is named which is *PRESENTE!*" Jo was in mission in El Salvador for seven years after many years in Africa, so she considers it a privilege to be back and see old friends and join in the Pilgrimage activities. "To my classmates of SMC 1954, do know that you share in the joy and blessings."

Pat Byrne Lyren did spend time in England on her "Jane Austen tour" with her daughters and sister **Mikell (Mickey) Byrne Wood '62**. "It was glorious, and should be a requirement for every English major." Cuba was Pat's Thanksgiving destination.

Janell Wenzel O'Barski was again **Joan Rossi's** roommate at the Shaw Festival. Joan reports that 200 plus SMC Belles attended a reception for **Adriana Trigiani '81** in Chicago and viewed *Big Stone Gap*. "A must see! Mind-boggling!" At a ND Chicago Club Event, Fr. Monk Malloy spoke on, "In Honor of Ted Hesburgh: Priest and Educator." Outstanding! (Father Ted gave our Baccalaureate Address: "The Divine Idea of Womanhood" — I know we all remember!)

I had lunch this fall with Marlene when she was here for ND's glee club celebration and with **Sister Terese Fabbri** and **Mary Curley McDougal '53** last week. I am still a guide at the Basilica, editing a monthly Christ Child newsletter, reading (try *The Japanese Lover*), and playing bridge among other things, but I'm always up for lunch so do call!

'55

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Greetings to the Class of 1955:

Hope all are doing as well as can be expected at our age and that your winter (wherever you were) was not too challenging. Also hope you will have a Happy Eastertime.

Received a few more letters on our class Reunion last June and I regret that a few of our classmates were not asked to submit their thoughts. Please forgive me, girls. It is never too late if you wish to complete the circle. Thanks. For those who did send in reflections, I appreciate your time and effort. Hope I didn't forget to send them on for inclusion in *Courier*. I didn't realize what a challenge this *Courier* Reporter opportunity is. Again, **Barbara Bridgman O'Connor**, many, many thanks for all the years you did this — it is quite a task to keep things straight especially when one is submitting

information when the last info has not been published yet.

From **Carol Graham Moran**: There were twelve hardy souls and it was good to see them. The weather could not have been better. When we had our pictures taken on the O'Loughlin Building Steps while at the picnic, it was sunny but not hot. It was a pleasure to walk the campus especially with all the beautiful flowers in bloom. Many buildings have been added since we were students. I especially enjoyed attending President **Carol Ann Mooney's** 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. The building has changed. No more pews. One now sits 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. Oh well, Carol, such is life!

Elise Torczynski had the following to report: "The weekend of the Alumnae Reunion was festive, entertaining and filled with friendships dating back many years, even to those from the class of 1955. That group included twelve of us, a wonderful number since we are all in our eighties, many still spry and active. 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 roadways in the golf carts. It seemed 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 designation. 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 had 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 cancelled 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 was there. 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. Carol Ann Mooney** 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 Loretto was full of graduates, families, retired sisters, all singing from the heart. The good-bye champagne brunch fortified us for our final exchanges and our journeys home. The weather was perfect for the whole week-end. I thank all

involved for giving us such a remarkable and refreshing reunion.

Carolyn Linnig O'Rourke responded by saying **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. 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 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. The "plan" worked perfectly.

Joan and I didn't really 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 80s. 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 throughout the weekend. 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."

I want to pay special tribute to one of our classmates, **Natalie Healy Doell**, who exhibits great patience, determination, and faith in the Good Lord. She has been in a wheelchair most of the time since her stroke in December, 2011. She was able to come to Reunion with the dedicated and patient help of her dear husband, Phil. No set of circumstances seemed to deter them from getting around campus for all the various and sundry events. She was as upbeat as anyone could be and visited with as many people as came into her path. Thanks, Natalie, for providing us with such inspiration.

Although many of our classmates are no longer with us, and some were unable to attend Reunion, for various reasons, 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 cover of 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 Saint Mary's classmates of 1955 move forward — with smiles on our faces and with much courage.

I think **Sue Mitchell Crowley** submitted something on Reunion in the last issue. However, because my memory lapses somewhat, I asked her to send in something again. She writes: "Reunion was as grand as always, except there was simply no way to make the past present as much as we tried. I heard of **Noreen Gallagher-Woodward's** death when I arrived, and memories of all our dear friends came flooding in. I hope all these new saints are praying for us.

I have managed to give myself a latter-day career: giving small group seminars for "seniors." I

began with Aspen summers, then at the University of Missouri's Adult Ed program. Now, here at my splendid retirement home in Dublin, OH. I have gathered folks who are ready to read Emily Dickinson, Walker Percy, or Flannery O'Connor. I am working up "Poetry for Christmas" and "Poetry for Valentine's Day" for larger groups here. You, too, might really enjoy doing your own best things for others near you.

I would love to see any of you who can come this way. I have a guest room waiting for your use. My phone number is 614-495-9262. When I am in Aspen during the summer, my phone number is 970-925-8540.

Mary Ann Immonen Haidinger called me the day before Thanksgiving to say they were up in Vermont at their lovely cabin. She loves being there and especially for the holidays where many of the family gathers. They are finally getting settled into their new CT Retirement Home. There are several lovely couples with whom they play cards and visit. Much to her surprise there are twelve women she has known for over 40 years so it is fun reminiscing. Bob has been dealing with his back problems like a trooper. He hasn't been able to drive since spring and I don't usually drive long distances; however, the children and grandchildren are more than helpful. We have a nice deck on our apartment where I grew herbs and spices this summer and where we play gin rummy. The children and grandchildren are all doing great.

Around Thanksgiving time, I had the opportunity to talk with several of our classmates. **Sue Riley Wiedeke** has three children (one is married and one is getting married in the near future). She is now happily married to her third husband and lives "a driver away with a golf club" from one of her children in Dayton, OH. The other two are in the Atlanta area.

Mary Ann Braun Merline moved to a duplex a couple years ago after her husband died. She is within an hour of her children. She has five children, five grandchildren, and one great grandchild. She planned to spend Thanksgiving with one of her daughters and son-in-law (who loves to cook). Bet it was DELICIOUS! She attends a Silver Sneakers exercise program twice a week, participates in a quilters' group, and sings in the funeral choir at church. She has/had three sisters who were nuns (Editor's note: can't remember if she told me if they were all still living). She had the opportunity to visit Duluth, MN this summer and spent a couple hours at the Mall of America. **Sheila Enright Russell** had two children (one in Chicago and one in Minnesota) and two grandchildren. One granddaughter graduated from Marquette in May. Sheila is President of her Cardinal Complex Community Board. I can imagine that is almost a full-time job. Sheila is looking forward to her daughter coming from MN for a week or so at Christmastime.

I had a great conversation with **Richie Coleman Scott**. She lives alone and was so pleased to hear from someone at Saint Mary's. She raised three girls on her own and is happy to report that they all were able to obtain full college scholarships. Two of the girls are attorneys. One attended the London Law School and one is now Assistant Dean at Loyola. One of the girls lives in Bermuda (maybe we can plan a reunion there sometime!). Unfortunately I don't remember which girl is doing what. "Old age sets in now and then." Richie worked for 30 years

in school administration and is in good health. A car accident in 2012 necessitated her getting an artificial right ankle which somewhat hinders her driving. However, she gets to go to Mass around the corner and lives seven miles from Andrews Air Force Base, where she has lived most of her adult life. She has three brothers in Mobile, AL and hasn't been there in a while because of her ankle injury. Richie has a wonderful spirit and it truly was a joy to visit with her on the phone. Her parting remarks to me were: "The saddest part for me about the ankle injury is all the high heels that are stacked up in my closet upstairs." We had fun reminiscing about the days when we wore those fancy shoes. Now I am in flats most of the time, as are probably the rest of you.

Barbara Bridgman O'Connor received a new knee in October. She is doing very well. She was in the hospital for three days and ten days in rehab (where her father died some while ago). Her son, John, took her to the hospital and was very helpful throughout the ordeal. She is now doing water aerobics and walking as much as possible.

She went to visit a friend in a nursing home (**Lora Pagliari Mraz's** sister-in-law) where she ran into **Molly Maloy Griffin's** husband, Ned.

Barbara also mentioned that **Jane McCormick Nilles** had some sort of an episode and was taken to the hospital. At this time, we don't have the exact information on her condition.

Well, I was going to ask you to pray for Jane; however, we need to pray for all of our classmates — living and deceased. We don't know what tomorrow brings for each of us.

Again, Happy Spring and remember "Any day without laughter is a wasted day." Can't remember the author!

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The response to my email appeal for news, celebrations, and reflections on our shared significant birthdays was absolutely terrific! I am happily beginning this column with items that simply wouldn't fit or came too late for the previous one. This is not a bad problem! **Ann Schultheis Massey** enjoyed two celebrations. In April her children hosted a birthday luncheon for Pittsburgh friends, including Mike and **Kathryn (Kay) Howard Boyle** and relatives. In June her family including all four children and all but one of eight grands took a vacation to the Grand Canyon, Lake Powell, and Sedona. The best part of the story was that all 14 of them, including Ann, rode the famous mules at the Canyon. She added that "Happy Birthday" was sung in four different restaurants and candles blown out on four very different desserts. Ann, I like that part better than the mule ride. Not one of her four children live in the Pittsburgh area so vacationing together was especially meaningful.

Julie Dittoe Schmidlin's daughters and daughter-in-law had a girl's luncheon for Julie, including her granddaughters, nieces, and golfing buddies. Their sons and nephews marked Ray's birthday with a fishing trip on Lake Erie. As Julie summarized well "no big trips, no awards but we are trying to stay healthy. What more can we ask?"

Barb Barker Dooley caught me up on the move she and Vince made last year to a condo around the corner from their home of 45 years. This kept them close to longtime friends and family. Three of their four children live in OH, several within minutes. Barb sees **Nancy McNamara Score** in the summers before the cold brings Nancy back to FL. Another classmate with a new address is **Carol Williams Dolan**. She and Bob decided to downsize, going from six bedrooms to two. As Carol humorously understated "It turned out to be a challenge." **Bobbi Frederick Black** is now spending summers in CO and winters in AZ (Chandler) in addition to visiting her children in TX and CA. It is no wonder that she has her very large Victorian home, the Bauer House, on the market in Mancos, CO. For years Bobbi operated it as a Bed and Breakfast and some of us were lucky enough to enjoy her hospitality but she would like to devote more time to being an Event Coordinator, playing golf and traveling. As a birthday present, she looks forward to attending the Kentucky Derby next May.

Mary Jo Cleary Maddux celebrated her October birthday by taking her entire family to Ireland in August. The group included her son, two daughters, two sons-in-law and five grandchildren and they spent ten days on the West coast exploring the area and even met some of the Cleary family "maybe distant cousins" before finishing the trip in Dublin. Larry and **Mary Ann O'Loughlin Szydlowski** marked the occasion with a trip to Maui.

The July wedding of their youngest daughter was a joyous occasion for Al and **Jean Giddens Cass** and their family, who came from far and wide to the ceremony in Portland, ME. Another daughter, Mary, came from her home in Valencia, Spain, with her five-year-old twin daughters. As flower girls they no doubt stole the show. The bride, Jeanie, is a nurse practitioner in Portland. Sam and **Rosemary Knope Trippe** are excited that their granddaughter **Samantha Rose Geaslen '19** is enrolled at Saint Mary's as a freshman. Samantha is following in the footsteps of her mother, **Judy Trippe Geaslen '84** and aunt, **Patty Trippe Brand '80**. **Pat Smith Parish** continues to be in print, publicizing her book, *"Dutchman and the Devil: The Lost Story."* A great write up, including her picture and a featured illustration from the book covered the front page of the Tri Valley Dispatch in AZ in July, preceded by an interview in the February issue of Arizona Highways magazine. Proud Grandmas **Ruth Keefe Herman** and **Liz McCorkle Groden** are wondering if their grandsons, who are both pursuing their PhDs at CO State University, have crossed paths yet. Ruth mentioned celebrating her birthday with a family party and noted three weeks of house guests! As previously mentioned her D.C. home and her knowledge of the area make for a welcoming B and B. Liz has continued to struggle with heart issues but at this writing is on the mend. Not a birthday celebration but perhaps stimulated by it, I decided to retire from my job in the front office of Trinity High School. After 33 years, it's quite a transition.



Seven of the Class of 1957 enjoyed a Viking river cruise in France (Rhône and Saône rivers) in October. Left to right: Dee Kiley LeFevour, Peggy Kearin Carey and Joanne (Jody) Donohoe McGoldrick. Seated: M.G. Turner Enderle, Josie Murphy Vorda, Mary O'Connor, and Peg Balfe.

Judy Hankes Maus had a wonderful trip to Italy in the spring with her daughters **Catherine Maus '81** and Susan Pratts ND '82. A highlight was enjoying the sights with Susan's daughter, Katie, a student at FL State University who was spending a semester in Florence. A group of classmates toasted the birthday on a river cruise on the Saône and Rhône in France. Happy to enjoy the trip together were: **Peg Balfe, Peggy Kearin Carey, Dee Kiley LeFevour, Joanne (Jody) Donohoe McGoldrick, Mary O'Connor, Josie Murphy Vorda**, and myself.

Those of you who are on my email list (and I wish there were more), were aware of the September death of John Maysak, husband of **Anne White Maysak**. John, a graduate of Catholic University in D.C., was a well-respected school psychologist in the Montgomery County MD schools. He had been ill for several years, with Anne faithfully at his side. He is also survived by their five children and six grandchildren. Our sincere sympathy to Anne and family.

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Just talked with **Sistie Doherty McEnergy** who had a great trip to the Loire Valley including Le Mans, France, home of the Reverend Basil Anthony Moreau, founder of the Holy Cross Order. Saint Mary's College President **Carol Ann Mooney '72** led the trip and Sistie and husband Gene and their daughter **Mary McEnergy Harding '84** and her daughter Eleanor Harding ND '15 accompanied Sistie and Gene. Sistie and Gene were planning to attend a cocktail party December 12 hosted by **Betty Drey Woodward** and her husband Ken. Sistie keeps in touch with **Honey Hurley Gfroerer** and **Pat Kinney Doyle**.

Mary Hustead Bottum and I had a long-overdue phone conversation. Mary is still playing the piano Sundays at the Los Angeles County Jail for Catholic prisoners and was about to leave for a few days in La Hoya, CA. She entertained her family for Thanksgiving. Daughters Stephanie and Elizabeth and family live nearby and daughter Catherine and family in San Francisco. Fortunately, one of Catherine's daughters also lives nearby. Mary's granddaughter Charlotte attends Vassar and Charlotte and Roddy Bottum celebrated Thanksgiving together in NY. Roddy's group *Faith No More* had a successful reunion tour and appeared on

Jimmy Fallon and Jimmy Kimmel's shows.

Jody Vetter Olson and I met for lunch in St. Paul early in November when I visited my son Dr. Michael Willson and family. We took in the wonderful Delacroix Exhibit at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts and had lunch at the museum. Jody and family are fine and we had a special time as always renewing old memories and making new ones.

I gave a talk on the relationship of Schuyler Colfax and Abraham Lincoln at the Studebaker Museum in South Bend in August as part of a lecture series connected to the exhibition "Lincoln's Final Journey."

Colfax was one of the last people to visit with Lincoln the night of the assassination. By the way, the Colfax Copy of the Thirteenth Amendment is currently on display at the Underground Railroad Museum in Cincinnati.

Our Sister Alma Peter, CSC Memorial Scholarship recipient, **Allison Natalia Lukomski '16** made the Dean's List and is planning to attend Audiology School after graduation in 2016 and hopes to work in a children's hospital. Allison thanks our class members for their generosity.

All the best for a healthy and satisfying 2016.



Saint Mary's College Alumnae celebrate Sally Teppert and John McKendry's wedding in October 2015. Left to right: Julie Hutchins Stackpoole '63 (hostess), Sally Teppert, Joan Mette Reddy '56, Lurray Pfister Bell '63 (hostess), and Julie Skelly Fries '52.

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As you may have read in the last *Courier*, **Marilyn Manion Thies's** husband, Tom, passed away on March 16, 2014. Please remember the family in your prayers.

Colleen Taffee Goldkamp Harmon's husband's health is so improved following major heart surgery that he plans to go deer hunting with his son and grandson this year. She and Bob will also participate in a Harmon family reunion in Costa Rica in March and a Goldkamp family reunion in Hilton Head in July. She had a nice visit with **Mary Moran Smith** this spring when Mary attended her granddaughter's graduation from St. Louis University nursing program.

Katie Hall Kilcullen emailed me that her artist husband, Bob, displayed some of his work in August at the Outnumbered Gallery Exhibit in Littleton, CO. **Connie Roller Curtin** is delighted that she is now a great-grandmother. Connor Benjamin Curtin was born in Seattle on July 28, 2015. Congratulations!

Rosalie Riegle writes: "I have jumped into Catholic Worker life again, at least up to my ankles, by becoming a member of the Board at the newly reorganized Su Casa in Chicago. While I don't live there at the house, I visit there every week, often speaking to the young people who come to learn about Dorothy Day and the Catholic Worker." She wants you gals who live in the Chicago area to know Su Casa is in need of live-in workers and volunteers, so please pass the word.

Gerry and I didn't get to South Bend for any games this year, but did enjoy a small 11 day cultural tour of Ireland in September. What a beautiful country. We also visited friends in Dublin and Cork. Our oldest son was married in October. His vows coincided with the ND-SC kick-off so there were a few cell phones being passed around amongst the "I dos."

Betsy Finneran Kennedy and her oldest son, Jim, who lives in Los Angeles, visited us last weekend. We had a lovely brunch on the San Clemente pier with good food and good cheer. Betsy's travel plans also included a trip to Mesa, AZ to visit her sister. She has rented a condo on Barefoot Beach in Bonita Springs, FL (gulf coast) for January, February, and March where she will enjoy life as a "snow bird."

Spoke with **Sarah Sceales Mulcahy** today. Tom left her with three pieces of property: a lake condo, a FL condo, and her main residence and she commented that she's feeling the need to downsize. As she described the snow covering her WI back yard, I suspect the FL condo will survive the realtor's cut. Next deadline is April 1, 2016.

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Here we are again, west of Chicago having lunch with good company, **Nancy Prawdzik Kidder, Jane Simpson Kiep, Elaine Van Etten Cassidy, Maureen Hogan Lang, Peggy Hock Cahill**, and **Diane Zarantonello Sullivan**.

Laughter prevailed...though we did admit to a few aches and pains...and grieved over some shared passings. Peggy visited her sister **Mary Claire Hock Malloy '63** in Naples, FL in early December. Diane and her husband Jim went to Mesa, AZ in January. Maureen and her husband Bob went to Tierra Verde, FL in January. **Arlene Lagona Feldmeier's** granddaughter is a sophomore at Notre Dame this year. Elaine and **Nancy Madigan Schlacks** and **Nancy Ryan Soller** had a great visit with Sister Joalice (Sister Jean Finshke) at Reunion last June. She is retired and living on campus (I think I forgot to tell you that — they had a great time together).

Mary Lou Ashley Summers and **Maureen Hogan Lang** spent a great day together when Mary Lou was grandchild sitting at her daughter's while her daughter and husband traveled to Thailand to visit their daughter who is teaching there.

Book titles: *The Goldfinch, Killing Regan, Girl on the Train, Being Mortal*

That's all we know. We are all busy with

grandchildren and enjoying retirement, but please take a moment to send an email with news or a good book. And last, but not least, we are reaching the age where we need to pray for each because we are not feeling up to par...or in thanksgiving that we are. Molly can use a few of those prayers. Keep smiling, M and M

'62

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Holiday Greetings: I am writing this as we celebrate our Gratitude for many BLESSINGS on Thanksgiving and begin our Advent preparation to celebrate the JOY, PEACE, and LOVE of the birth of Jesus on Christmas. "May the Holy Spirit fill all of us with wisdom today, and through the next year and may Notre Dame the Mother of Jesus and seat of wisdom, be our beacon along the way" (Father Hesburg, CSC- Pattern for Educational Growth, 1952).

Not much news this time. One of my regular "Courier News" reporters **Mary Anne Balles Bland** sent news that in mid-September **Eileen McDermott, Patricia Emmert Melaku, Mary Ciruli Marcello**, and Mary Anne had a delightful get-away together. They traveled to Ashland, OR to attend the Annual Oregon Shakespeare Festival and enjoyed the outstanding theater experience in spite of the almost 100-degree weather (Editor's note: I have been there on one of our trips West — It is Awesome!).

Saint Mary's hopes to reach 35% participation in alumnae generosity in honor of **Carol Mooney's** legacy, as she steps down as President of Saint Mary's College. Can you help make that Happen? I THANK YOU classmates who have made a donation. We thank Carol, for her hard work and wisdom of life. It is an exciting time on campus with renovations to the Science Hall and Athletic fields construction in progress, and graduate programs launching. She is leaving the College on solid ground, with a bright future as she passes the torch to her successor.

I have had a wild year of unexpected events. As I mentioned in August 2015 *Courier* report, I fell the end of May while walking into Notre Dame College Prep H.S. in Niles, IL to present Biology Teacher/Coach Bill Casey Scholarships in honor of my brother who taught there for 38 years, after graduating from Notre Dame University in 1959. I don't know why I fell, tripped. My leg "gave way," I broke nose/bones in sinus, bruised right side of body. After seeing many doctors and physical therapy to strengthen legs/balance, I use a cane when outside/on uneven surfaces and stairs. But I can still "talk and walk," and am "Counting my Blessings!" My husband's sister Marianne, who has lived with us since 2000, died suddenly in early August while Jean and I were vacationing Up North with our daughter Lise and husband, both ND '93 and two granddaughters, in Eagle River, WI. We found her unresponsive when we returned home. So it's been a very busy and stressful past 6 months, settling her affairs.

As I have told previous Alumnae News Editors, **Shay Jolly '05**, I am technically handicapped!! I NEED all the HELP I can get!

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News! Such as it is...please keep it coming! There is news from a Manhattan contingent. **Joann Vanek, Beverly (Barry) Troxler O'Grady, Mary Schuh DeSilva**, and **Maureen McCafferty '62** have been meeting since the summer at one another's homes as an informal book club. As they report, not only have their get-togethers filled a need for intelligent conversation, they have enjoyed satisfying and far-ranging discussions that are getting better with each meeting. Barry notes, "certainly the subjects on our booklist do not define boundaries." Others dare to say that age lends a perspective that is rare, comforting and honest. Another participant notes that when they work at thinking that rigorously, they, of course, get to eat as well. Thus far, they've tackled Harper Lee's two books — *To Kill a Mockingbird* and *Go Set a Watchman*. Next was *Americanah* by Chimamanda Ngozi followed by Vivian Gornick's *The Odd Woman and the City*. I think many of us would love to know if there are comparable groups of classmates meeting across the country. Let us know what you've read recently or whether your group organizes around another activity.

Joann Vanek hasn't missed a book club meeting, though she has been traveling as much as ever. July saw her in Tokyo to teach in a course on labor statistics that was part of a United Nations training program for specialists from Asian countries. September saw her in Manchester, England, for a meeting of the Board and staff of the organization she was appointed to after she retired from the United Nations — a group focused on women and their employment and organizing in third world countries. In October, Joann taught a course on labor statistics at the training center of the International Labour Organization (ILO) and in December she traveled to Geneva for a meeting of the ILO on revising several of the traditional classifications in labor statistics to reflect the rise of new employment arrangements in the "gig economy." Those are the new entrepreneurial jobs, services and products made available online that can range from selling your crafts on Ebay, offering taxi services through Uber, accommodating tourists in your spare room via Airbnb, renting your driveway to commuters, and more.

Ruth Schmelzer Balestra and her husband, Victor, were also on the road again. This time they drove from Coral Gables to Steamboat to visit friends in southeast Colorado. Enroute, they attended a liturgy at Nada, a Carmelite retreat house "in the middle of nowhere" at the foot of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains which extend across northern NM and southern CO; there, they also discovered Buddhist and Hindu shrines and retreat houses in an area so breathtakingly beautiful that Ruth longs for a repeat visit.

Ruth also visited **Barb Hajdu Mastrone** and her husband David on this journey; later, she sent word of Barb's death. Barb had been Ruth's roommate. I had not known Barb well during our college years and discovered such a sweet person at our mini-reunion in FL a few years ago. A year after that event, Barb was diagnosed

with uterine cancer and she came north from AL to the Sloan-Kettering Medical Center in New York City for extended treatment, living with her daughter during that time. Barb's husband sent her obituary and I was so intrigued to discover what an interesting career Barb had forged after her years in college — working in the office of US Vice President Hubert Humphrey and later winning nomination as an Inspector for the United States Civil Service Commission which later became the Office of Personnel Management; these appointments were followed by other federal interagency positions. Rather than flowers, Barb's family hoped that her love of the college would inspire contributions to the scholarship fund at Saint Mary's. David Mastrone can be reached at their address in AL: 109 Easton Circle, Fairhope, AL 36532-1344.

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Dear Ladies,

I applaud those of you who answered my plea to reflect, review, report. **Trish O'Leary-Treat** leads poetry and creative writing classes for the Institute for Learning in Retirement at Albertus Magnus College in New Haven, CT and for the Orange Senior Citizens Center. Her husband is recovering from gout and Lyme disease with lots of physical therapy. They have just joined Home Haven, an organization for "aging in place." Now, they will remain in their family home which suits her just fine since she hates disposing of things that bring back good memories.

Jeanne Kozmer Marszalek and **Margie Carroll Flynn** met up in Saugatuck, MI with their husbands and had a wonderful time reminiscing about their days at SMC and ND. Jeanne and **Kathy Cullinan Seggerson** see each other in the Atlanta area when Jeanne's husband, John, gives Civil War lectures. She travels to Civil War conferences and helps out at the Ulysses S. Grant Presidential Library at MI State University (John is the director) and has chaired for 5 years a history committee for the National Federation of Democratic Women which entailed collecting and organizing their papers and presenting them to the Library of Congress.

Maria Mazza Kompare suggested that in this Advent season of waiting for the arrival of the holy Word spoken by GOD that we reflect on the power of words. Words are spoken and reported with no regard for truth. The reactions can be deadly. Words are extremely powerful; they leave lasting effects — we need to employ our words with care in our daily lives. Peace, shalom, salaam, namaste.

Kathy Roeder writes: I have still been traveling and hope to continue as long as the joints hold out! In a mission trip to the Frenchtown district of Kingston, Jamaica, a team of medical personnel from Global Health Ministry saw and treated 800 people. Seventy-five women received reading glasses so they could sew and read their Bibles. In November, she went on a ten-day trip to Africa with Building a Bridge to Uganda (volunteer group which has financed and built a Secondary School in Luweero, 2 hours north of Kampala. It is a residential school educating 500 students, all by merit, progressing to University). Plus, Kathy enjoyed a safari with lions, crocodiles, elephants, and one hyena.

Roberta Limarzi Weinsheimer and Bill celebrated their 50th with a family dude ranch trip. **Mary Ann Hansman Troutman** is looking for **Nancy Fagan Hardin's** whereabouts. **Kathy Pace Hirons** lunched with **Sally Diggles Muller**, **Auralea Sharrar Carroll**, and **Gail Nelson Griffin** in Denver. I spent the day with **Nancy Drew Sheehan** in Naples, FL — she is planning to help **Susan Aschauer Ozdaglar** after hip surgery. **Jinx Hack Ring's** husband, Peter, is finally retiring as a teaching professor and once again they enjoyed Paris and France for two months.

Joan Marks Houck reflected and wrote the following letter:

*My husband Carl and I and our six kids, over the past 37 years, have now made a total of 58 round trips to New Zealand. Add in spouses and grandchildren and we're up to 70. Carl and I first went there for a month's vacation in 1979. Later we would return about every five years or so. When Carl retired in 2004, we began our annual January–April visit to Gore, South Island, NZ. Two years ago, **Pat Malone Nathe** and her husband Jerry were visiting NZ, so the four of us arranged a lunch date in nearby, Queenstown. As many of you know, Carl died suddenly and unexpectedly March 13, 2014 while fishing on the river near our "wee" home. A week later, instead of lunch, Pat, Jerry, Carl and I were in our local Catholic church for Carl's Requiem Mass. As busy as I was with many local guests, plus several family who came to Gore, I was so grateful to see and be with Pat and Jerry, for themselves, and for the reminder they gave me of you, plus Carl's and my SMC–ND connections.*

For those of you who have suffered the loss of your spouse, I have new compassion. And often I'm amazed that so much joy for the good and sorrow for the loss can be in me all at the same time. About seven years ago in NZ, I said to Carl, that if anything happened to me, he needed to come back to NZ, grieve, be with people, fish, and keep coming as long as the Lord said. And then I casually said, if anything happened to him, I'd do the same. With kids' and others' support, last year I did that. . . a most stretching and good experience.

In Colorado and in NZ, I've joined in retreat work, parish missions, teaching and evangelization, which Carl supported and blessed. That part of my life is similar, and I'm glad. Still I find my and my family's New Zealand connection most amazing!

ENJOY, PEACE, HOPE!

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Our Denver gal, **Sheila Flynn Boone** with husband Michael, are great representatives of our class. Sheila and Michael had a wonderful dinner party. "Tom Smith ND '89, Director of Major Gifts at Saint Mary's, was in town last week and joined **Elise Meyer** (a Denverite since last June), and **Valerie Maracz Perrone** and her husband Tony ND '65 and Michael ND '66 and me for dinner to tell us about the current activities at Saint Mary's. It was good to hear that the new graduate programs are very successful and that the search for a new President of our college is well under way. Dr. Mooney is going to be a hard act to follow! Snow

has arrived in our Rocky Mountains, so we plan to start skiing next week. Then to our son's home in CA for Thanksgiving. Hope you all had a Happy Thanksgiving and a Blessed Christmas. And please call if you're passing through CO and we can get together."

"After looking forward to it for so long, it's hard to believe that our 50th Reunion has come and gone!" writes **Sheila Flynn Boone**. **Terry Miltich Murphy** was in town last week, and we talked about how wonderful the weekend was. And, what made it so special is our classmates — the most thoughtful, caring women ever. It was great to reconnect with everyone, and we really missed the Belles who couldn't make it...But, hope to see everyone at our 55th! If you missed seeing the DVD of our college years, you can see it now on our class of 65 Facebook page. To join our very secure group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/SMC65/> Facebook Full Title: 'Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN Class of 1965'

1. In search bar at the top of any Facebook page ("f" followed by white space and magnifying glass) type 'Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN Class of 1965'
2. Alternatively, you can put this address, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/SMC65/> in the bar on any browser and you will be taken to our class page.
3. Click "Join Group" in the top-right corner.
4. That will generate a request to **Sheila Flynn Boone** to approve your request.
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Marianne Spalding Schiavone and husband Dave entertained in a wonderful way. "Last night Dave and I hosted a cocktail party for 75+ guests to introduce the locals to the OK programs for disabled young adults and foster their new "Warrior Catering Company." We assumed the costs of the party and their new uniforms, which they loved, and it was a successful, beautiful evening. Most of the Warriors are Down's Syndrome though some have other major developmental problems. Our Sarah, Brett, and Paul worked their tails off to help all night. What a wonderful evening it was to showcase these great OK achievers. They selected the menu which was only hors d'oeuvres but featured skewered roasted tomatoes, mozzarella cheese and basil, like caprese on a stick, duck confit with fig preserves, shrimp with cilantro crema, beef tenderloin sliders, and mini strawberry shortcakes. People loved the food. We hope they get some business from this exposure. Wish you all could have been here."

Lovely, newsy note from **Sue Casey D'Amico**: "Dick and I had lunch in September with **Kathleen Walsh Harty**. We had a good visit. Also in September we spent time in the Midwest between Notre Dame games. We spent two days at the lovely IN home on Lake Michigan of Nick and **Sara Johnson Walz**. We then traveled to Oak Park, IL, and had lunch at the beautiful home of **Cille Sorrentino Bucolo**. Cille also had **Katherine**

Zeller Nicklin and **Mary Delaney Willer** join us. We had a great time. Mary is a docent for the Chicago Architectural tour on the Chicago River. She invited us to go on the tour and she was the docent that day! We finished the week by having dinner with Cille."

Judy Piers Locher was recently interviewed by the Oregon diocesan newspaper, *The Catholic Sentinel*, about her Art and Spirituality, a therapy group, and the article was in their diocesan paper with a picture of Judy's art! The article reads: "It may be oil pastels, chalk, water-color, acrylics, colored pencils, or even markers. 'You're bringing beauty into your life, whatever the medium,' Locher says. Although Art Therapy isn't as well known by the general public as, for instance, talk therapy or group sessions with a therapist, it works. It's a proven healer, actually reforming and adjusting our brain's wiring. It's been shown to reduce stress, help resolve conflict, increase self-esteem and achieve in-sight. And it's fun. "This is all the more reason that Judy and I, and our other SMC Art majors, are so sad that our own Art Department at Saint Mary's is so terribly lacking. I also want to mention that Judy came to visit me in Dixon for a week. Such a wonderful, relaxing time! It worked so well, because Judy wanted to visit her daughter and family in nearby Gurnee, IL. Our time together was so enjoyable, and it made us both wish that we lived closer. I hope to visit Judy and her husband Bob in the spring in Grants Pass, OR. Old friends truly are the best!"

It was "Take Your Mother to Work Day" at Google, and **Betty Ann Rice Kaminsky's** son did just that. What a wonderful day it was for Betty Ann. She recently returned from her three week visit to the children and grandchildren in the Bay Area. "I had to come home to rest!"

Darlene Maria Currier writes: "I'm in Austin, and I am a docent at the humanities center and it is wonderful to get a mini course from the curator every time we have a new exhibition. I enjoyed a visit from my 10 year-old, Lucy. I sub at the local parochial school and I am the third SMC graduate that works there! The senior group that I belong to is 500 strong and attends lectures, happy hours and tours. Austin is a busy and intellectually stimulating city. I love living downtown and walking and riding the bus. My car is in NC and I don't miss it."

Dick and **Susan Casey D'Amico** went to Quebec for a week and then flew back to Chicago to go to the ND-SC game.

"Gene ND ('64, '66, and '70) and I celebrated our 50th Anniversary this summer with our kids and grandkids on a Disney Alaska cruise," writes **Judy Gerhart Lynch**. "Wonderful time — and with grandkids ranging from 7 to 18 years old, the perfect venue! Because of that and other summer commitments, we weren't able to join you at our Reunion, but I'd love to welcome any of my classmates that may find themselves in Portland, OR. Just as with our marriage, it's hard to believe that fifty years have passed!"

An upbeat note from **Mary (Junie) Miller Smith**. "I don't really have much news except I am in remission from my lymphoma. This miracle happened sometime before the PET Scan obtained after my second chemo treatment. But, all six chemo treatments were recommended and done. I am extremely grateful for all the prayers that barraged the heavens during this. Thank you to

everyone who thought of me and prayed for me. It is hard to get through the drama of cancer without the aid of prayers and friendships."

Travel news from **Colleen Leahy**. "We just spent two weeks in Ireland, Croatia, and Montenegro. Dubrovnik is stunning. It is a place to be seen when one's knees are a bit younger but for four old people we did pretty well. I was the youngest — how sad is that?"

"We have a new grandchild — Piper! She is number six!" writes **Pat Farrell Wareham**. "Our son and daughter-in-law live close by and have a four, two, and one-year-old; two girls and a boy. Our daughter and son-in-law also have three children ages 17, 15, and 13. They live in CO and will be here for the Baptism and Christmas. They are great with the little ones. We love babysitting the in-town kids. They are full of energy and come up with interesting ideas, so busy! Recently, our two year old tried eating from the dog bowl and loved it. As he is climbing on everything, the dog bowl is now concealed! We are considering downsizing as we have a two story, and know stairs will eventually be a problem. We moved here in 1978, and we still enjoy the house. It's hard to make a firm decision to move in the near future. I would guess some Saint Mary's friends are experiencing some of these same choices. Jim will be 75 this week; time is flying!"

The recipient of our endowed scholarship, The Class of 1965 Memorial Scholarship, is **Kylie Marie Bridegroom '18**, of Knox, IN. Kylie is in her second year at Saint Mary's and has decided to pursue a degree in Social Work. We want to wish Kylie all the very best in her future.

I wanted to include this food-for-thought comment from **Katherine Zeller Nicklin's** wonderful Golden Reunion presentation entitled, "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.



Sheila Kelly Ames and Judy Piers Locher celebrating Judy's birthday during her visit to Sheila's home in Dixon, IL.



Sheila Flynn Boone, SMC Major Gifts Officer Tom Smith ND '89, Valerie Maracz Perrone, and Elise Meyer. At a dinner party hosted by Sheila for Denver area gals.

'66

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While I was attending the Notre Dame Navy game this Fall in South Bend, I ran into **Anne Sheehan Garbarino**. We were both at the Administration Building to hear the Notre Dame Band Trumpeters play in the big Rotunda. I had my three grandchildren. We were mesmerized by the sound of all the trumpets playing around the second and third level of the Rotunda.

Anne proudly mentioned that her granddaughter, **Danielle Leona Fields '19**, who is a freshman at Saint Mary's, plays trumpet for the Notre Dame Band. Anne said Danielle's schedule is a little tough now with the practices, game days, and school work.

Anne and I exchanged information as I have a granddaughter at Saint Mary's also. **Caroline Duffy Kennedy '19** is in a triple in McCandless and Danielle is in Regina Hall. We hope the girls find each other.

Caroline's twin and older sister Deirdre Mary Kennedy and Casey Colleen Kennedy are at Notre Dame in Walsh Hall. It is definitely a family affair.

Anne said that she drove from upper NY to the game. On Thursday night she spent time with **Diane Sulzbach Pexa** and her husband Jim.

Speaking of the East, **Kathleen Donovan Dur** moved from a lovely place in the Georgetown area of Washington D.C. to the heart of New York City. Kathleen's daughter, Courtney and her family live close by. Kathleen has met for breakfast with **Doris Wilke London**. At the moment, Kathleen is waiting for the renovations to be completed on her unit.

This November eleven of our classmates traveled to Las Vegas. The group flew from Pittsburgh, San Mateo, Nashville, Chicago, and many more states.

Mary (Dede) Cotter Delaney, Kathleen Donovan Dur, Pam Smith Malone, Mary Kay Gott, Jane McCoach McKee, Mary Dunn Finneran, Amy Bertorelli, Gail Marino Meiering, Elizabeth Naes Kringle, Sharon Priester Lewert, and Carolyn Hart Irvine were among the classmates who partied endlessly in Las Vegas.

The highlight of the trip was attending a performance by Elton John at Caesar's Palace. We solved the problems of the world, shared beauty secrets and discussed the upcoming fiftieth Reunion.

Amy Bertorelli shared that her sons graduated from college this year. Todd finished Cum Laude from Cal Polytechnical College at San Luis Obispo in Computer Science. He is working for Amazon in San Luis Obispo. His twin, Wyatt, graduated from Northeastern University in Boston, MA. His degree is a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering. Wyatt hopes to work in Silicon Valley.

Barbara Borchers Bernath and Liz Bermingham Lacy are the leaders of our upcoming Reunion. Their committee have many activities planned for our Reunion.

Barbara just returned from a six week trip to visit her son and his family. She sent me a picture of the family in front of the Hallgrimskjotja Lutheran Church in Reykjavik, Iceland. Now that is a trip!

Marilyn Kozmer Sommers chairs the Reunion Gift Committee. Our legacy to Saint Mary's College at this Reunion time is a scholarship to help another

young lady become an outstanding woman.

Many of you will hear from fellow classmates inviting you to attend our Fiftieth Reunion and also contribute, no matter how small, to our Reunion Gift Scholarship. Please be receptive to these calls or letters.

Marilyn spent Thanksgiving with her older son, Michael and his family in Columbia, MD. With a group of friends, Marilyn visited Nantucket for the "Christmas Stroll." Then she travels to West Lafayette, IN to spend Christmas with her younger son, David and his family.

The last *Courier* carried the sad news of the death of Joseph Lee McCarthy, husband of **Roberta Schnaus McCarthy** and the death of Thomas Hagerty, husband of **Veronica Henahan Hagerty**. Tom Gerlach called me to say that his wife, **Joanne White Gerlach**, died this past summer. Joan attended Saint Mary's for three years before graduating from Ohio State.

In closing, we have started a closed Facebook page for our class of 1966 50th Reunion. As administrator, I must invite you to join. Barbara and Liz will send out another letter with a link to join the Facebook Page. Hopefully we will keep everyone in touch with the schedule and happenings at the Reunion. Everyone is able to post old pictures, write comments or just view the other posts. We hope that everyone joins on this Facebook Page. Everyone who wishes to join can email me at marykgott@aol.com for their personal invitation.

Here's hoping that we see everyone at our fiftieth Reunion from Saint Mary's College from June 2-5, 2016. Remind to follow "Roots 66" back to the Avenue at Saint Mary's this summer to commune with her classmates.

'68

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I want to start with an apology for this abbreviated class report as this semester was a very difficult one for me and the December 1 deadline came in the final days of my fall term. I want to thank **Shay Jolly '05** for sending the blast email that provided one of the items below and for allowing me an extension so that I could submit even this brief report.

Margaret Piton writes that she is enjoying the FL sun again this winter, playing tennis, yoga, and participating in a writer's group. She was delighted to visit Russia again in September, but discovered her Russian hasn't improved much since her first course at Saint Mary's. Minor health problems had kept her from traveling overseas for several years. On this trip she stayed with a lovely family in a suburb of Moscow, and spent another week in St. Petersburg. We can read a detailed report of her trip on her blog, www.yourtravelwriter.blogspot.com

Angie Maynard Sewall writes from a Facebook post reply that she has retired from her long tenure as Dean of the School of Education at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock and is now doing national consulting in education.

Sara (Sally) Blackley Clemmer and Dayne were able to join Richard and me in ND for the Georgia Tech game in September. They continue their frequent travels by land and sea.

Kathleen Huisking Sullivan wrote to tell

me the sad news about the tragic death of Tim Fangman ND '69, the husband of our classmate **Ann Reins Fangman**. Tim lived on the first floor of Keenan in his freshman year. He was the son of a well-known Omaha doctor. Tim went to Creighton's Medical School and later did a year at the Mayo Clinic. He practiced cardiology for many years. In early June, Tim was driving to a cabin heading north near Glacier National Park above Columbia Falls, MT when he had an accident on a viaduct. Tim was wearing his seat belt and was the only occupant of his SUV. A larger truck crossed over; its only occupant was a 23-year-old male driver who suffered only minor injuries. Investigating officers did not believe the evidence at the scene supported the other driver's comment that Tim's vehicle had veered over. The truck driver evidently was speeding and two months after the accident the driver was arrested because his blood alcohol level had recorded almost double the limit under MT's law. The driver initially pled guilty but was sentenced to five-year (maximum 30 years) for vehicular homicide.

Ann and Tim now have one son, three daughters, and 10 grandchildren Tim is also survived by his father, three brothers, and three sisters. He is remembered as a really-nice fellow and received many notable tributes from his patients. Our classmate **Judith Donofrio Culcasi** was going to notify some of our classmates.

Ann (Mimi) Banovic Mika had already been notified. Her husband Phil, a Board Certified endocrinologist, had known Tim from pre-med at ND.

After seeing the posting on our Belles68 Facebook page, I received an email from Robert Bregenezer, the husband of 47 years of **Mary Jo Archer Bregenger**, that she had passed away suddenly in July of this year, minutes after returning home from evening Mass. Mary Jo leaves behind three children (Michael ND '91, Jennifer ND '92 and Matthew ND '95 and nine grandchildren, each of whom she loved fiercely. Mary Jo and Robert have lived in the Chicago area since 1969, most recently in Inverness, IL. We were able to share a brief email exchange with mutual expressions of sympathy for the death of a loved one.

Other sad news is the death of our classmate **Constance Crosson**. Connie died from complications of diabetes. My AOL account has been acting strangely; I seem to have lost all the emails prior to November 29 so the email with more of the details intentionally not deleted from my inbox could not be retrieved. I was able to use www.whitepages.com to find Connie's most recent address on the upper West Side of Manhattan, New York City. There was no answer at the phone number shown and could not an obituary. As of this writing, the Alumnae Office had not received notice of Connie's death. My sincere condolences to her family.

Mary Bartlett Wolf reports that adapting to retirement was easier than anticipated. When grandchildren live in MI and IN, it takes travel time to see them, but as "retirees," she and husband, Mike ND '68 have managed to attend their grandkids' soccer tournament in IN and take them to historical sites in Philadelphia and Washington, DC. When it isn't raining in Williamsport, PA she is playing more golf with her husband and friends.

Richard and I were able to travel to the wedding of **Danielle Renee Lerner '06** and Al Porteus in

the chapel of Al's high school in a mass celebrated by one of Al's longtime friends. Two of Daniel's classmates **Elizabeth Palasky DiPoalo '06** and **Nicole Elizabeth Kusack '06** were among the bridesmaids and classmates **Kristen Vokaty Thomas '06** and **Sarah Borkowski Henderson '06** also attended this joyous occasion on the weekend of the Southern Cal game. And we were able to celebrate Thanksgiving with Elizabeth and her spouse Rocco at their residence in my home town of West Long Branch, NJ.

I believe the next deadline is April 1 but do continue to send your news to econprofessor@aol.com

'69

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Hello, dear classmates!

Our first bit of news was sent by **Janet Krueger** who wrote from Grand Rapids, MI. "In October Bruce and I headed east to his college reunion in Boston. We stopped in Syracuse for dinner with **Kathy O'Donnell Effler** and Steve ND '68. Kathy is the first Saint Mary's classmate I "met." Our big sisters were roommates, so Kathy and I became pen pals in the summer of '65. Our next stop was Meredith, NH. **Sheila Dwyer Robusto** and Dan ND '70 have built a picture perfect log home overlooking Lake Winnepesaukee. Sheila and I became fast friends in the 90's when at that time we discovered we were living only a couple of miles apart. **Joyce O'Donnell Bussewitz** and Roy stopped in Grand Rapids last summer, and we lunched at a local brewery. It has been a great joy to connect with Joyce. I talk often with **Georgia Florin Gasner** and **Rosemary Naphin**. Georgia is still working and very busy with her two little grandsons. Rosy makes frequent trips to Ireland to visit her niece and five little grand nephews! Bruce and I are looking forward to having our three kids plus spouses and in-laws for Thanksgiving. It's my favorite holiday, and I'm more thankful for my Saint Mary's College friends every year."

Maryanne Wolf wrote from MA. "I have just returned from a meeting of the Vatican Academy of Sciences convened by Pope Francis to bring converging disciplines to work on the lives of disenfranchised children, poverty, and education. I presented my work on global literacy in which my team from Tufts, MIT, and GA State University delivers literacy-loaded tablets to help children without schools learn to read on their own. My group is now working in Ethiopia, South Africa, Uganda, India, and rural US. I send greetings to all of our classmates!"

In August my husband Roy and I made our Midwestern trip, postponed from the previous summer. Roy is from WI, where we visit family and friends there, though we make lots of stops along the way in each direction, doing some zigging and zagging. On our way west from our home in NC we stopped first to see **Margaret Roberts Richards** in Columbus, OH. We enjoyed lunch at the French spot several of the Columbus — Cincinnati classmates meet periodically to gather and re-connect. Margaret gave us a tour of Columbus too — our first visit! We next went to Saint Mary's College and were so grateful to visit with Margaret's aunt, **Sister Agnes Anne Roberts, CSC** and

with **Sister Rose Ann Schultz, CSC**. We stayed overnight, roaming the Saint Mary's and Notre Dame campuses, and I took lots of photos, relishing the peacefulness and memories. It was especially nostalgic for me when I saw new students moving into Holy Cross Hall, and I realized I had done the same thing 50 years earlier in 1965 as a 17 year old freshman from NJ! From IN we continued our trip, stopping for lunch and a visit with **Janice L. Williams** in Gary. It is always a lively discussion with Janice whether over books, politics or news in general! On our way back east from WI we took the ferry from Manitowoc, WI to Ludington, MI, and from there drove to Grand Rapids where we spent a wonderful lunch time — and beyond — with **Janet Krueger** and Bruce which she already mentioned earlier. What she didn't mention was that we all gabbed so much that they got a parking ticket, but she assured me the lunch visit was worth it! Next time Roy and I will have to show them where to park for free, and then who knows how long we'll be?! From Grand Rapids we drove to Grand Blanc, MI where we stayed a couple of days/nights with my roommate of all four years, **Beverly Pagorski Reid** and Don ND '70. I think it was very fortuitous that most of their neighbors were away at summer cottages, as we four sat out back on their patio thoroughly enjoying beer, ribs and lots of music — many laughs and stories — sharing old memories and making new ones! We missed seeing **Mary Alice Herod Lajoie** and Dick ND '69 in Cincinnati, but they had the best excuse ever to be gone! They were en route to CO to meet their first precious grandchild — Sadie!

And now I want to close with a pep talk! As always I contacted close to 25 of you classmates by small group emails, requesting news. I had a few bounce backs from incorrect email addresses, and heard from just two of you. Many of you do not have email addresses listed at all on my class list. I would be SO grateful if you would contact me without being solicited for news! Just send me an email, facebook message, or snail mail. I will keep your update until it is time for my next column. They are due every four months — April, August, and December. Please don't wait for me to ask you. Write me anytime! God Bless!

'70

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Once again, I must start my column with news of the loss of another one of our classmates, **Karen Anne Weller**. Karen passed on October 6, 2015 in Brunswick, ME. After graduating from SMC, Karen received her master's degree in medical anthropology from the University of Notre Dame, and earned a master's in Health Services Administration from the School of Public Health at the University of Michigan in 1984. Karen was a strong advocate for affordable, patient-centered care and held many leadership roles in non-profit health care. Please keep Karen and her family in your prayers.

Addie Stefanac Cashore saw a feature article on the home of **Marie Mirro Edmonds** and Dave Edmonds ND '70 in Medina, OH that the South Bend Tribune randomly picked up written by a reporter from the *Akron Beacon Journal*. Their house

was built around 1874 by Harvey H. Sage, a farmer who sold it in 1875 to an attorney and clerk of courts named Joseph Andrew. It survived an arson attempt in 1905, when the back porch was set afire and an oil can was found nearby. Supposedly the house served as a way station for industrialist John D. Rockefeller, who rested his horses there during trips between Cleveland and Chippewa Lake. Dave found evidence to corroborate that story when he stripped wallpaper in the breakfast room, revealing a pencil sketch on a wall of a man in a top hat and the signature, "John D. Rockefeller."

Nancy Erdman Coffey writes "I've been married since '71, have three children and one grandchild, and am still working (as social work supervisor, developing a kinship care resource center in the county where I work). No plans for retirement yet, though my husband has been retired since 2008. Nancy lives in northern VA.

Donna Feliciello Holtz also reached out to reconnect. Donna was a student at SMC for only our freshman year and roomed with **Barbara Morrin Cook** before moving on to other schools and another life. Donna remembers that Barbara was an absolute delight and they did keep in touch for a few years, but was surprised and saddened to read of her passing in the *Courier*. "To me she always seemed the picture of health and full of boundless energy." Donna also remembers **Gwen Gill Caranchini, Louanne Scanlon Mauro, Connie Kish Cunningham, and Molly Morell**. Donna and her husband Bill recently travelled to Italy hiked two of the Cinque Terre trails as part of their amazing adventure. Donna & Bill are living in Long Beach, CA.

Sue Gudgeon Reilly reports that she and **Patty McCusker Allgood** "found" each other as a result of our class column and when Sue is back in Savannah, they will reconnect. Patty lives in Atlanta, GA.

Elaine Zimpleman Maimone, Diane Daly McGarry, and Jackie Pinson Cunningham reported that they all survived the terrible rains and flooding this fall in the Carolinas without major incident.

Jane Blanchard Weirich shared the following update, "I am still working as a Regional director for Government Affairs for a pharmaceutical company. Basically, I lobby state legislatures. It is interesting and fun. Bill ND '70 and I travel a lot in between work. We have two children. Our daughter lives in San Francisco with our two grand babies and our son lives here in Richmond."

Terri McBirney Begas is living in Henderson, NV. Her two daughters live in the San Francisco Bay area (Mountain View and Fremont). Terri, **Rosemarie Rinella Stocky** and I will be getting together for lunch when Terri is here to spend the Christmas holidays with her daughters — we are really looking forward to catching up!

Rosemarie Rinella Stocky, Patti J. Walters, and I recently got together for lunch and then were able to visit with our SMC art professor Jim Paradis and his wife **Adine C. Paradis**. Jim is now 92 and they live in the same San Jose, CA community as Rosemarie. Jim and Adine have been there for 20 years and Jim teaches weekly art classes at their community center and still shows his work.

If you live in the San Francisco Bay or Monterey Bay Area and are interested in reconnecting with our classmates who also live in these areas let me know as we are trying to get together for lunch three to four times a year to stay connected.



Rosemarie Rinella Stocky, Patti J. Walters, Jim Paradis (our Art Professor), and Karen Preston McCarty when visiting in November 2015.

Likewise, if you want to organize a similar get together for our classmates living in other regional areas, feel free to let me know — so I can include that information in my next column.

Alice Tsui writes — In the last 45 years, I've moved around a lot: Los Angeles, San Diego, San Francisco, the last thirty years in Phoenix, AZ, and back to the Bay Area since June '14. I now live in San Leandro, near Oakland. I have four sisters and their families living in the Bay Area; and we get together a lot. I retired from my work as a clinical psychologist in 2005, and now spend my time doing volunteer work, taking art class, gardening, doing photography and flower arrangements, all of which I absolutely love. Of all our classmates, I've always kept in touch with **Pat Lyons Gottlieb, Johanna Julie Welch, Sally Kunsch, Roseann Cannariato**, and Mike Findra, who sadly passed away five years ago. In fact, Sally, Roseann, and I were at Pat's daughter's wedding a year ago. Pat had wanted me to go to our Reunion this year. But it was also my high school 50th reunion, and I couldn't go to both. Alice will be celebrating Christmas with her family on a river cruise from Amsterdam to Basel.

Along those lines we have a number of classmates who are also "on the move..."

Judy Johnson Crates will be once again celebrating the Christmas season with her daughter and her family in Barcelona.

Rosemarie Rinella Stocky and Tom Stocky ND '70 took a "theatre trip" to London and Paris with one of her close high school friends in October. Of all of the plays and musicals they saw — "Kinky Boots" was her favorite. They spent Thanksgiving in Boston with their daughter and her family and watched Notre Dame beat Boston College. As always, Rosemarie did lots of cooking! They are home for Christmas and will be celebrating with their son Tom and his family as well as Tom's brother and his wife.

Patti J. Walters and her husband report their three-week trip to Europe in September was incredible — spending one week on a boat in Portugal, one week in Spain, and one week in France.

My daughter Megan and I are getting ready to leave for France to enjoy an eight-day river cruise from Paris to Normandy and back followed by three additional days in Paris. This will be a first trip to France for both of us and we decided to not let the terrorist attacks in Paris stop us from living our lives to the fullest.

Bucket Lists ...

Kathy Yuhus Kwin let us know at Reunion that one of the to dos on her bucket list was to swim a mile — Kathy started swimming several days a week several years ago — she met this goal on December 4th! Please feel free to share your bucket list and how you are doing on crossing

those experiences off your list!

Last but not least — a number of our classmates have reached out to me since our 45th Reunion to be added to my email class list and to share your news. Thank you! This has become a going-forward experience — the more news you are willing to share, the more included all of our classmates feel.

Closing with this note... take care, stay safe, and let's pray for one another and our families.

'72

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Does time seem to be moving faster for you? Here we are before Christmas and I am writing for the spring *Courier* issue.

Our big class news is, of course, the retirement of classmate and Saint Mary's President, **Carol Mooney**. Carol has done an outstanding job as President with fundraising, campus improvements and promoter of Saint Mary's as a top womens' college. At this time, she leaves Saint Mary's in excellent shape. The entire college community is in her debt.

To honor Carol and thank her for her hard work, the college is looking for a 35% fundraising participation from all of us alumnae. Class ambassadors have volunteered (or been volunteered!) and will be contacting you about a donation. Please try to give to the college fund this year as a tribute to Carol, and to give her successor a message that we alumnae are highly invested in the future of the College.

I don't have much other news to report. A lot of classmates are retiring from careers, or have recently done so. And, a sign of our age, I guess — we are undergoing surgeries! Always upbeat and positive, **Chris Newland Ketterhagen** had a knee replacement last fall and was recuperating well. I had minor surgery for a torn meniscus. Chris and I shared photos of riding the mobile carts at the grocery store — now that is exciting! I also saw on Facebook that **Pat Corrigan Cotter** took a fall in France and was hospitalized there. That was not a good ending to what had been a wonderful trip.

As always, I send love and good wishes to you!



Alumnae from the Class of 1977, Susan Bax Manning, Eileen McElligott Ahlstrom, Mary Jo Silvani, Susan Divita Langenfeld, enjoyed dinner together at the summer home of Eileen McElligott Ahlstrom, in Oak Brook, IL last summer.

'78

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I am happy that some of you were willing

to provide me with updates. Please keep them coming and do connect with me on Facebook to help the Class of '78 *Courier* articles remain relevant and interesting to you all. Thank you.

Many emails were circulated regarding the changes in the Rome program. **Janet Israel Borst** was kind enough to forward the notice to everyone. As you can imagine overwhelmingly the Roman's said that it was the very best year of our lives. The change seemed inevitable so we are pleased that it will continue one way or another. It will never, ever even compare to living in Hotel Tiziano — that we know for sure, sadly.

Nancy Mogab's friends went to Philadelphia in October for the wedding of **Pat Caserio Clark's** daughter Catherine. **Mary Rost Gorecki, Maureen Morris Bowman, Mary Pat (Pitty) Wilson Russell, Shelagh Crook Merenius,** and I attended. It was a beautiful weekend, they had a blast.

Nancy Mogab reported: I have been practicing law for 33 years in St Louis. Workers compensation, personal injury cases, Social security, long term and Veterans Disability claims. Tom Burke ND '77 and I have 3 children. Colleen works in NYC. Michael is attending Charlotte Law School in Charlotte NC and Brendan worked for Blackrock in NYC for year and came home to start law school at St. Louis University. I am happy to have one back here at least for the moment.

I was elected Vice President of Missouri Bar for the upcoming year. That took me to a Bar conference for Officers in Virginia who was the host state for meeting this year. The chair of the meeting was a past president of Virginia Bar and 1980 SMC grad **Lucia Anna (Pia) Trigiani**. After the conference she was on her way to Big Stone Gap for the movie premiere of her sister **Adriana Trigiani's** '81 book *Big Stone Gap*.

One of the legal sessions on selection of Judges in different states was another SMC grad class of 1962 retired VA Supreme Court Judge **Liz Bermingham Lacy**. That was kind of fun!

Nancy asked me to please give her best to all SMC classmates I speak with... Just the mention of their names brings a smile to her face! XOXO

Mary Beth Vieha wrote: I own a business mainly creating lawn and garden products for Costco Wholesale Club. I have been working in Asian factories for the past 20 years (and I'm writing this from a Chinese hotel room!!). I've lived in downtown Chicago for more than 30 years. My joys are great theatre, music, and food in the big city.

I stay in touch with about 12 fabulous women from Saint Mary's, six of whom live in the Chicago area. I am single and get my greatest pleasure out of talking about life and business with my seven nieces and nephews. I have three sisters and a brother, and we actually all love each other!

'81

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On October 9, **Adriana Trigiani's** first novel, *Big Stone Gap* opened as a movie. Adri wrote the screenplay, selected the cast and made her debut as a film director. Congratulations to Adri on her success and lucky her to get to work with such a talented cast including **Maureen Campbell Lopina**, who was an extra. We all remember Adri as a hardworking, gifted writer and playwright and knew she was destined for great things. The day before, there was a special screening of the movie in Chicago and several classmates attended the screening with other SMC Alums and shared

cappuccino and dessert with Adri afterwards. It was exciting to be able to see her and share such a remarkable achievement with her.

By the time you receive this, you will probably have received some information from the Alumnae Office regarding Reunion which is the first weekend in June. Please try to attend. It's always more fun to catch up in person.



1981 Classmates of **Adriana Trigiani** who attended the Chicago premier of *Big Stone Gap*. 1st row from left: **Patty Meagher Clare, Marguerite Quinn Zappa**. 2nd row from left: **Kathy Wadsworth Newcomb, Ann Coryn Lohmuller, Kelly Chambers Mazeski, Terri Connor Brankin, Kathy Gorman Kyler, Patrice Tuohy, Michelle Diener Filicichia**.

'83

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Carol Knych Stephens writes: "In July I met **Jan Meyer** and **Jill Hobgood** at Saint Mary's. We had a BLAST walking campus, remembering funny stories, and even getting in to MOST of our old rooms! We want to say hello to all of our fellow Belles, especially Regina North Zoo 2!"



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Photo taken before the Chicago premier of the movie, *Big Stone Gap*, written and directed by Adriana Maria Trigiani '81. From left to right: Michele Brennan DiCanio, Kathleen Murphy '84, Mary Anne Daher Leonard, Lisa Dufrane Vrablik, Robin Renee Fortman, Tracee Hargreaves Hicks, Mary Laughlin Hillstrom, Anne Armstrong Amick, Sue Boos Kilayko, Paula Mazeski Maloney, and Kathy Owens Sherlock '84

'84

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Happy Spring Fellow Classmates:
Hope life is treating you well. Here are the stories I have received from our fellow classmates:

From **Laura Halland Murphy**: Life is good here on Long Island! Our twin daughters, **Kristin Grace Murphy** and **Elizabeth Jean Murphy**, both graduated from SMC in May of 2015! It has been wonderful visiting them on campus for the past four years and serving on the Parent Council. Our daughter, Kathryn Ann Murphy, graduated from ND in 2013 and is now a math teacher. Our youngest, Colleen, is a senior in HS. I'm still loving teaching second grade! My husband, Bill ND '85, is enjoying serving as the president of the ND Club of Long Island.

From **Jill McPartlin Schwartz**: This past May, my daughter Lindsay ND '11 was married. She was married at St. Joseph's Church in Libertyville, IL. At the reception we had a great showing of SMC friends! We even had the photographer do a "Saint Mary's Ring picture!" With us to celebrate were:

Gretchen Bruggeman Miller and her husband Jim, **Ann Pequet Rau** and her husband, Jeff ND '84, **Sharon Manion Trockman** and her husband, Brett, **Linda Roeder Tortorelli** and her husband, Dan ND '84, **Cathy Gibbons Morrissey '83** and her husband Jim ND '84, **Tricia McPartlin Weekly '87** and her husband Tom, **Mary Fran Gisch Kitz '86** and her husband Mike ND '84. It was great to see everyone and we all felt like we should really just be dancing at a hall formal at Century Center, rather than at one of our kid's weddings! In other news for me, Ted ND '84 and I have now been married for nearly 31 years. We live in Libertyville, IL. Our four kids, Lindsay ND '11, Tyler, Quinn ND '17, and Ian (a junior in high school) are great! I work at our local high school, running a resource and tutoring center, and selling real estate part time. We make it to ND for lots of games and love every visit!

Anne Archibald Deutsch writes, **Janice Dwyer Wiggins** and **Angie Sleeper Helmstetter** celebrated both **Anne Archibald Deutsch** and daughter Jessica's birthday at a festive Navy/ND tailgate on October 10. The weather and victory were great! Jessica is a Freshman at Notre Dame living in Badin Hall, majoring in biochemistry with a

supplemental major in Spanish. The SMC alumnae enjoyed exchanging stories and giggles with Jessica and her Freshman friends over dinner at Hacienda after the game.

Angie Sleeper Helmstetter writes, the support you all showed me really meant a lot from my gal pals! **Annie Archibald Deutsch** and **Janice Dwyer Wiggins** drove all the way (almost 3 hours one way from Chicago) to Kewanee, IL for the wake of my mom, Rita Sleeper in November. Diane, Karen and Mary were there in spirit. We raised a glass to Rita during the Wake Forest weekend, a fitting tribute to a life-long ND fan! Those Irish eyes of me mum were smiling!

From **Kelly Cambron**: I opened my own firm, Law Offices of Kelly A. Cambron in Vero Beach, FL where I live. I represent clients in workers' compensation, social security, disability and personal injury cases. I am married to Bruce Fretwell and have two daughters: Annie age 10 and Bella age nine.

Jane Regina Graf moved to Philadelphia in January after her company was acquired.

Karen Wagner Lewis writes: I am VP of Development at Lawton Community Theatre in Lawton, OK. We produced The Rocky Horror Picture Show live for the first time this past Halloween weekend. Probably the most fun I have ever had on stage. I am in Crimes of the Heart which opened the first weekend of December.

I enjoyed a great Wake Forest weekend with Anne, Karen, Janice, Angie and **Mary Rymarquis Stiglmeier**. Our stay at The SMC Inn was lovely as always. Fun times at O'Roukes and the Linebacker. Great tailgate with Anne's Husband, Doug, and 5 of their 6 children! And numerous other family and friends! Anne's 6th child, Jessica, was working the goalpost nets on the field for the football game! Angie's husband, Tom ND '82 joined us, too!

I also spent a long weekend in NYC in October. LOVE NYC!!! Loved having lunch with **Diana Butler Buxton**! We spent a few hours catching up after 25 or so long years! Diana is a Senior Marketing Director in Banking and Financial Services for Cognizant in NYC. Diana and husband, Douglas also lead a yearly trip to Zimba, Zambia to provide ophthalmic services to the local community. It was so great to see you, Diana!

Karen Gibson Ruhl is living in Richmond, IN. A favorite memory of her time from SMC was her year abroad in Innsbruck, Austria. She enjoyed encouraging other students to do the same!

Claire Paulson Morabito enjoyed all the women on Regina 5 North! We all stayed great friends during our four years at SMC.

Mary (Beth) Aisthorpe Ebinger is in Atlanta, GA. Late night jogs to the Grotto with friends is one of her fond memories. Also coconut covered donuts with Madeline after a late night from Claire and her now husband!

Tracey Paunicka Russell and husband, Gregory ND '84 live in Bellewe, WA.

Ellen Marie Ryan is in Hingham, MA with her two lovely daughters, who I have the pleasure of seeing on Facebook!

Amy Tenbusch McKaig is now in Sales in Cincinnati, OH, after she left teaching in 2013. Her son graduated from The Ohio State University in 2014. Her daughter is a sophomore at Ursuline Academy High School. Her favorite memories of SMC are her wonderful friends and Senior Bar!

Laurie Forst Anderson is Director of Tennis at Club West in Greeley, CO and has a lovely 4-year-old granddaughter.

Beth Valente Schuller is a Marketing Consultant in Westmont, IL.

Barb Weber Oglesby lives in Derby, KS with husband, Sam. Sam has five sons, ages ranging from 22 to 34. They adopted a daughter, Maria, from Guatemala in 2007. A life-changing experience! Her favorite memory of SMC: "studying in the peace and quiet at the lake in front of the old library with the breeze stirring in the leaves of the tree and the ducks swimming slowly by."

Anna Marie Orrico lives in Addison, IL with husband, Eugenio and their children, John (20), and Angeline (17). Her personal triumph was to return to SMC after a year off when her mother passed away. Her current triumph is the journey she is on as a mom to an autistic son. Her favorite memories of SMC included the lasting friendships that continue today, Sophomore Parents Weekend, and her spiritual life at SMC and ND.

Barb Neroni Murphy and husband, Tom, are proud parents to four children ranging in age from 19 to 26. They live in Bristol, IN. One of Barb's favorite memories at SMC: "Singing 'Pink Cadillac' with future roommates, **Diane Cardis Tripp** and **Carol Dillon Berglund** while drinking sloe gin fizzes in Regina 5 North. We were told to turn it down at all levels." Don't tell the RA! I think the ladies of Regina 5 North had a lot of fun!

On a sad note, we lost one of our fellow classmates, **Geri Fitzgerald Gianfrancisco**, this past November to cancer. Geri is survived by her husband, Al and daughter, Erin. Geri and her family are in our thoughts and prayers. Thank you **Victoria Mary McBrien** for being a loyal friend and keeping us informed about Geri, so we could send our prayers to her and her family.

Lastly, as all of you know, **Dr. Carol Mooney** is retiring this year. As a tribute to her phenomenal work as President of Saint Mary's College, we are working on a 35% participation of all classmates to the Annual Drive. Every donation helps to ensure Saint Mary's College continues on as one of the Premier Women's Colleges in America. Thank you for your support! Great to hear from all of you! Keep the updates coming!



One of the best things about being a SMC alum, is that you just never feel like you left! This past May at Jill McPartlin Schwartz daughter's wedding and many SMC friends! From left to right: Linda Roeder Tortorelli, Sharon Manion Trockman, Jill McPartlin Schwartz (me!), Ann Pequet Rau, and Gretchen Bruggeman Miller.

'85

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Greetings 85'ers! Still updating you with news from the Reunion attendees and updates from those who were unable to attend.

Cindy Minot is a trainer, certified motivational career coach and instructional designer working at Career Source Brevard in FL. She's using her many strengths to help educate job seekers and career coaches — rewarding work for her, and I'm quite certain she's very good at it!

Mary Ann Potter Ruthmeyer shared that she is winding down from her corporate career and moving to the development office at the University of Dayton, and enjoying seeing the kids of SMC and ND kids at UD (**Trish Nolan Anderson's** youngest and **Melissa Van Ort Schrauth's** middle children study at UD).

Kathleen Nicholson Webber is teaching journalism and recently moved her oldest son Sullivan into a house at Penn State. Sullivan's younger brother Rory at 16 and sister Nell at 15 are in high school.

Martha Jones Rheault was at Reunion and enjoyed meeting up with former roomie **Susan Brandt Dorst** on Saturday who was in from CA for a family visit. Martha works as the VP/Editor-in-Chief for Elsevier, a world-wide publishing company and lives in Grand Rapids, MI. She has three sons, Ian, being the oldest. Ian is in his last year of graduate school for his doctorate in physical therapy at University of Miami. Son number two is a senior at Central Michigan University and her youngest, Casey, is a freshman in high school. She and husband Alan recently celebrated their 28th wedding anniversary.

Others who sent back the class of '85 update form shared details of their lives, as well as answering questions of personal triumph and advice to a younger self.

Outside of Reunion, **Mary Pat Ketter Ingwell** shared that she and her two daughters were able to catch up with **Kate Hesslau Miller** and daughter Frannie, and **Allison Pellar** and daughter Cat at Kate's beach house in Michigan right after Reunion. They caught up with **Gillian Anne Foley-Coates** and **Leslie Anne Wade** at an ND football game. MKI advised her younger self to go to class more, go to a job fair, and know that it is okay to not go to Saga three times a day.

Kathleen Billings is a physician at Ann and Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital in Chicago. Reunion time, she was celebrating her son's graduation from 8th grade and advised her younger self to have more fun.

Wendy Rice Bank is independently employed in the real estate business, and was swimming around Key West at time of our Reunion in an open water race. She's having fun showing her 12-year-old daughter Karolina that life is a journey just waiting for you to say yes!

Julie Berg Pulte lives in Bloomfield Hills, MI and is busy with her husband and their two step children, William and Caitlin, 27 and 26-years old respectively, as well as Emily 20, Steven 19, Jeannie 16 and Margaret nine. She advised herself to volunteer more and get more involved.

In addition to receiving her update, I was fortunate to see **Colleen King Kuhn** at the wedding of **Mary Isphording Ladricks's** oldest daughter Sally, at which I officiated. Also, there (not surprisingly) was Mary, as well as **Jaynellen Kenny Mikulski** in from Chicago. Colleen noted that her occupation includes all things Mom, including psychologist, counselor, and personal assistant and fan. Her on the job training serves her and her family well. Her three oldest kids Elizabeth, Josef, and Andrew all graduated from Notre Dame. Her youngest Claire hopes to attend ND as well.

Quick updates: **Karen Overly DeJonckheere** lives in Erlanger, KY and is a tutor at Gateway Community College. **Noreen Callahn Pulte** living in Chicago. **Susan Morrissey Schmitt** lives in Cincinnati, OH works at Jewish Hospital, and advised her younger self to travel the world before marrying and having kids. **Mary McGlinch Schilli** is a lawyer in Charlotte, NC whose advice was to not take the world or her younger self so seriously. **Colleen Flynn Roohan** is in Atladena, CA working as a Nurse at Foothill Homecare. **Patty Walsh Smith** is a Professor of Accounting at DePaul University, and has four adopted kids (her personal triumph!), and daughter Allison is attending ND Law School, having graduated from Boston College. Her advice to her younger self was to be flexible. **Annie Gallagher Connors's** advice was to relax. **Nanci Reiland** is a faculty member at Lewis University in Romeoville, IL. **Kacey Horner Schmitt** is a freelance sign language interpreter at the Hearing, Speech and Deaf Center of Cincinnati and advised her younger self to trust in the Lord and know that everything will turn out well. **Maura Hurley Sykes** lives in Pittsford, NY and is thankful that she has been able to volunteer countless hours to other children, while raising her own. Her volunteering has gifted the Junior League, Cub Scout Leader, Religion class teacher and more. **Maureen Karnatz Smith** is in Cleveland, and all three of her children are at Notre Dame. She joined Annie advising her younger self to relax and enjoy the ride. **LeeAnn Franks McConnell** is a community volunteer now in Sturgis, MI now that she is retired from a career as a kindergarten teacher and principal. She advised her younger self to enjoy every moment of college life. **Mary Sue Dunn Curry** is a swim coach at Mecklenburg Aquatic Center in Charlotte, NC.

Last, sadly, **Margaret C. Lindower** shared that her husband Jason D. Lindower, Jr., passed away on January 6 of 2015. Sending her and her children peace.

Thank you for your updates. Please note my new email address: Laineysnow@gmail.com. Blessings for you and those you love in the coming year. If you've never sent in an update, perhaps this will be the year. We'd love to hear from you!



The O'Rear and Smith families together at an ND game this past Fall: Bridget O'Rear '16, Marie Smith '16; Kevin O'Rear ND '85, Missy Hussey O'Rear '85, Carol Pratten Smith '85, and Mike Smith ND '85.



Then and Now: A photo Bridget O'Rear '16 and Marie Smith '16 recreated from an original of Missy Hussey O'Rear '85 and Carol Pratten Smith '85 at a Notre Dame football game. Their daughters found this old photo from 1983 and thought it would be fun to recreate the photo and they did a terrific job.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our classmates, most of whom celebrated their 50th birthdays during 2015! How is that even possible?

It turns out that many groups of Saint Mary's friends gathered to celebrate the milestone together! If you gathered with your Saint Mary's classmates, please send me the details for the next *Courier* issue.

From **Catherine Cerulli**: I hope this finds you all well. Many of us have recently celebrated our 50th birthdays — and sent children off to college. As I dropped my oldest son off at college, I was struck by the memories of Saint Mary's that came flooding back. The first trip up the driveway, when my Uncle Buddy dropped me off in front of Regina Hall, and the first two women I met: **Mary Ann Van Tassel** and **Ludmilla (Ludy) Kaehler Pellar**. Some of those hallway conversations became lasting friendships. One of my SMC friendships led to remarkable friendship for my son, Michael, who is in constant communication with Ludy's daughter, Laura Elizabeth Pellar. That is not something I would have guessed as I unloaded our car in 1987. Despite the distance and the miles, I cherish my SMC friendships. Please send news so we can build our classmate catch up for the next edition!

From **Megan Martin Galgano**: In October, a large group of us met up in AZ to celebrate turning fifty. It was incredible to catch up with such wonderful, amazing Saint Mary's women and discover that we could pick up pretty much where we left off despite not seeing each other for so long. It was a weekend of laughter and connection.

I know I listened with incredible admiration for what each woman has accomplished since leaving SMC. Unquestionably, each one of us left filled with gratitude for the opportunity of a Saint Mary's education and the opportunity to be part of such a great group of supportive, fascinating, and intelligent women! While nearly a month has passed since being together, my mind is still processing all of the amazing conversations.

Lori Lohman Camblin: I am still in the Chicago area with my husband Kevin ND '88 and four children (Marlowe, 18; Colin, 17; Clare, 14; and Ryan, 11). I "retired" from my job as Vice President of Marketing from the Kellogg Co. three years ago to spend more time with my kids. However, the call to go back to work is ringing louder so in another couple of years, I'll likely get back in the swing. But, it's been a wonderful career hiatus. In the meantime, I'm staying involved with my church, volunteering here and there and learning a lot about logistics and transportation with all the carpools! It was so wonderful to spend time celebrating our 50th with many lovely Belles! It felt like time had stood still for the past 28 years. And what an impressive group of gals. Saint Mary's sure knows how to attract high caliber young women and then prepare them exceptionally well for the real world.

Lori Metro Alexander: I am living in Cleveland (still) since graduation. I have four kids — three in college and one in high school. I work in sales for Park Place Technologies and get back to at least one ND football game every year!

Jennifer Hirschfeld Ryan: I am living in Framingham, MA with my husband Bob ND JD '90 and our six kids, five boys, and a girl at the end. I am the director of Admissions at Saint Bridget School, a Catholic elementary school in Framingham, MA. My crew — Christopher, 21, Sewanee University, TN; Dylan, 20, St. Anselms College, NH; Matthew, 19, High Point University, NC; Robert, 19, Elon University, NC; William, 16, high school junior, Catholic Memorial, West Roxbury, MA; Abigail, 11, 6th grade.

Leslie McKay: I am currently residing in Denver, CO and currently the Executive Director of the Eating Recovery Center Foundation, a national foundation which raises funds for education, research, and charitable care for those suffering from eating disorders. I'm the proud mother of a ten-year-old son, whom after watching the movie "Rudy" wants to attend ND. He's a redhead and is built like a linebacker, so we shall see what the future holds!

Karyn Ruesch Winkel: After being back and forth to Peoria, IL multiple times, Chris ND '86 and I are settled in Peoria for a few more years and getting our three boys through school. Jack is a junior at Notre Dame, majoring in finance. Adam is a freshman at Indiana University, majoring in marketing with a future goal of law school. Grant is a sophomore in high school and is adjusting to being home alone. I would like to say he loves my undivided attention, but I think he misses his brothers more! Chris continues to enjoy his job at Caterpillar. I am working part time as a commercial loan underwriter for a local bank and appreciate the flexibility. I continue to volunteer in several organizations, something instilled in me at SMC.

Michelle Coleman Peirona: We are almost empty nesters. Our daughter Megan, is a Senior at

Carondelet High School and headed out of state for college next year. Our son, Ryan, is a sophomore at Del La Salle High School. The high schools are literally right across the street from each other, just like ND and SMC. After years of volunteering at the kids' school and even more years of carpooling, it is nice to start a new chapter. My husband, Andy, recently retired from JPMorgan after 20 years in Equity Sales and brutal market hours. We have had a blast reconnecting, playing golf, traveling and being spontaneous (movie on a school night, YUP let's go!). We are a big skiing family so we are looking forward to an epic winter (bring on El Niño!). I had a quick visit to Chicago in November of last year and was able to see **Kathleen Geary Vitanovec** and **Loretta O'Connell O'Malley**. They are both doing great, look amazing and are as funny as ever!

I, Elisa, was fortunate enough to gather with **Elizabeth Hughes Boice**, **Anna Gaffney Conway**, **Mary Wheeland Luhmann**, **Linda Joerger Cross**, and **Amy Marie Nies** this summer in AZ to celebrate! We had a great time reminiscing, laughing and smiling! We did some tourist activities but mostly just spent time talking and reconnecting! How blessed we all feel to have been a part of Saint Mary's and to celebrate together!

Lucy Putnam was in town for a 5K during the summer and we had a delightful dinner date at a Chicago Pizzeria. Lucy committed to doing fifty 5K races before she turned 50. She started roughly 18 months before her birthday and met her goal! She had a blog detailing the races and if you need a humorous read — look her up! The entries were priceless, insightful and will cause you to LOL. I'm committed to getting back into Reporting for our Class. So, please send me updates on you and our Saint Mary's classmates! We all know this is the first part of the *Courier* we all read! I look forward to hearing from you! Elisa



Women in photo from top left to right (then next row, left to right, etc.) Julianne Spala Stumpf, Kim Vanderbilt Meier, Lisa Galicki Tyler, Sheila Doyle Tully, Megan Martin Galgano, Katie Sullivan Fritz, Susan Makey Smith, Lori Lohman Camblin, Karyn Ruesch Winkel, Leslie McKay, Patti Novak Sheedy, Jennifer Ann Commisaris, Jennifer Hirschfeld Ryan, Regina Robie Gallo, Karen Virginia Lombard, Danielle Kleinrichert, Gertrude Landsfield Lyons, Lori Metro Alexander.

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The class of 1988 is approaching the half century marker and it seems life has only gotten busier. Still,

several of our friends have taken the time (during the holiday season that is upon me as I write) to identify what makes them thankful. I know I have very much appreciated the opportunity to see **Katy Kronenberg Penna** and **Anne Marie Borgman** at a variety of Saint Mary's Los Angeles Club events. All three of us made it to Founder's Day. Katy managed ornament sales while Anne served as a guest speaker.

Sherry Green Antonetti writes: "I am thankful I got to fly down to TX from D.C. to care for my mom, **Margaret Woodin Green '63**, as she recovered from surgery."

Meghan Farley Astrachan is: "Grateful to be able to spend the holiday time with my son Aidhan (who is officially a teenager!), my husband Isaac-Daniel and my mom! (as well as) for the students I work with, health, artistic pursuits... AND my lifelong SMC friends!"

Nancy Fazio Finn started a new job in August teaching 7th grade science in a rural/suburban district outside of Cincinnati. She is looking forward to spending Christmas and New Year's celebrating **Debora Lee VanOoteghem's** 50th in Puerto Vallarta!

Please keep the news of celebrations coming, either via email, or Facebook. We want to be in the know the next time we all gather together. Reunion is a short 2 and 1/2 years from now!

'90

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Thanks to all of you who completed the survey that went with Reunion packets this past year. I'll try to include most of your responses in this edition, with any that I may have missed in the next one.

Christine Cronin Falkenberg works in Sales and Marketing at 8T018 Media. She and her husband, Thomas live in Elmhurst raising their five sons — who range from age 15–24. **Doreen Ann Brown** is a Senior Sales Manager for the Walt Disney Company (her dream job) and lives in Fairfield, CT with her husband, Clifford. **Mary Lakatos Basker** is a teacher in the South Bend Community School District. She lives in Mishawaka with her husband, John, and their children, Delaney and Bowen. She recently began running and was planning for a 10K. **K.C. Soule Gies** lives in Rye, NY with her husband Eric and their four children (two boys and two girls). **Lisa Cellini Doyle** lives in LaGrange Park, IL with her husband Kevin and their five children — ranging in age from 8 to 19.

Liz Beckley Higgins is a Mortgage Consultant for Wells Fargo living in MN with her husband Brian and their two sons, Sam and Max. **Janene Niedzwiecki** teaches language arts to students at East Jackson High School in Jackson, MI. She lives nearby with her three children, Catherine, Liam, and Shannon.

Mary Devlin Bierbusse is living in Atlanta with her husband, Paul. They have two children, Erin and Patrick. **Christina Carroll Carter** works in Sales at Horizon Software, International. She lives in Smyrna, GA with her husband Phillip and their teenaged daughter, Madeline.

Lisa Catenacci Midkiff recently relocated to Ponte Vedra, FL with her husband, James, a Captain

in the US Navy, who is taking over on the USS Iwa Jima, LHD 7 (an amphibious assault Naval ship). Lisa and James have three boys — two of whom are in college (her son Steven is following in his father's military footprints and recently started at Virginia Military Institute). **Deirdre Milon Ralph** is also a Navy wife — living in Annapolis, MD with her husband John ND '87, a Captain and Clinical Psychologist for the Navy. They have six children (five girls and a boy). I can only imagine what Navy football game weekends must be like for the Midkiff and Ralph households!

Amy Baranko Banta is living in Ashburn, VA with her husband Banta and their three children.

Stephanie Nash Hart lives in Winnetka, IL with her husband, Paul and is an Executive Vice President for Nash Brothers Construction Company in Chicago. She and Paul are raising six children.

Kelly Steffes lives in Palm Beach Gardens, FL and works in Sales Management. She is proud of her Saint Mary's education ("it's still one of the best choices that I ever made" she wrote) and is still best friends with **Anne-Marie Laboe** and **Robyn Malone Thompson '89**.

Mary Caren Ferrini D'Anniballe lives in Mount Prospect, IL, where she is an Instructional Coach for Niles District 71. She and her husband, Glenn are raising two daughters, in between Mary Caren also serving as an adjunct professor at National-Louis University during the summers and teaching daily fitness classes.

Christeen O'Brien Paulison lives in Edina, MN with her husband Christopher and their six children

and was on the brink of returning to the nursing world. In the fall, she ran her eleventh marathon — this one with the added challenge of running in the mountains!

If you turned in a survey and I wasn't able to report on you this time, fear not, you'll be in the next issue. And don't forget to join our SMC 90 group on Facebook where you can connect with your classmates more directly!

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I can't believe that it's our 25th Reunion year, class of 1991! The Reunion is June 2–5. Depending on when you receive this issue, Reunion may be right around the corner or it may have just happened. Either way, please write me and let me in on any news from the Reunion. I have not heard from many of you in a while, so write me with any other news that you have, as well. Thank you to

Heather Maverick Rubsamen, who is always willing to share. She writes "Hello from San Antonio, Texas! I'm counting down to seeing y'all at our 25th Reunion! In the meantime, I am raising money for my two sons schools, have parent prayer groups at each, am enjoying my 12+ Beth Moore bible study, teaching my son to drive, and looking forward to some girl time and reuniting with you all at our

Reunion in June. It has been too long since I have seen y'all."

Kristen Ann Gill just celebrated the first anniversary of her company, Kristen Gill Media (www.kristengillmedia.com), which provides storytelling services for the travel, tourism, and technology industries. This year, she and her company took assignments in Bhutan, India, Kenya, and Tanzania, working with indigenous tribes and documenting the intersection of conservation and culture in the Masai Mara and Serengeti. She also spoke at the Indigenous Tourism Conference in Vancouver, Canada.

'92

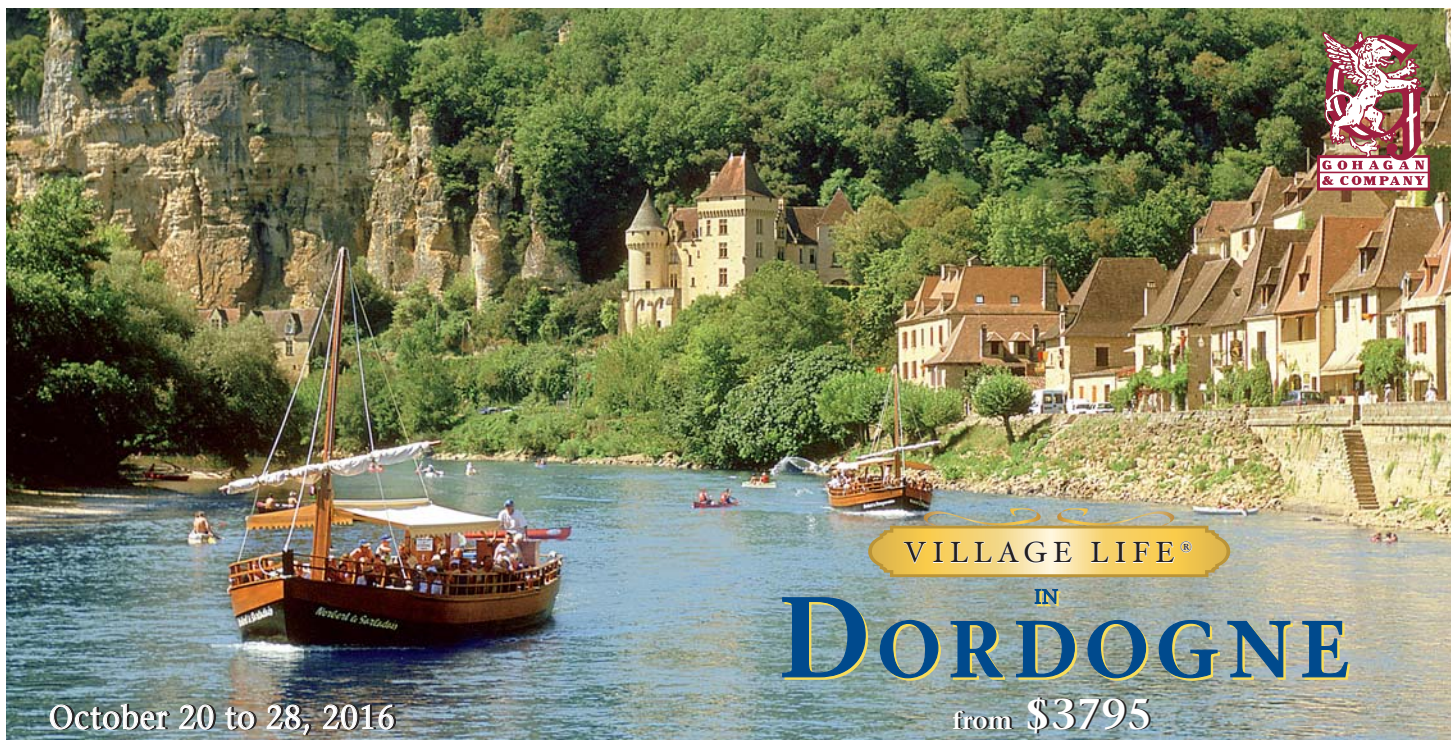
From the Courier Office:

Jennifer Libby Kenealy's father, Joe Libby, wrote to let us know the great things his daughter is doing for "Alexandria Book Shelf (ABS)," a citywide literacy program run by the DreamDog Foundation. For more information visit: <http://blog.aarp.org/2015/09/17/books-program-exposes-kids-to-the-joy-of-literacy/>

'00

From the Courier Office:

Kathleen Heron Rogers, and her husband Patrick, welcomed daughter, Leia Christine, on September 26, 2015. They live in Worthington, OH where Kathy is a preschool teacher for children with autism. Patrick, who graduated with his MBA



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Dearest Belles, I hope that this edition of *Courier* finds you well! To kick us off, I heard from **Andrea Herek Wetters** with this fun update, "**Christine Diana Crissman, Molly Kathleen McVoy, Mary Wald Duncan, Kelly Sterritt Clancy, Alice Fox Fasula**, and I met up for our annual SMC reunion in Grand Rapids, MI in mid-November. It was a weekend full of laughter! **Christine Diana Crissman**, her husband Eric, big brother Mason, and big sister Ashley, welcomed Ryan James to their family in October. **Alice Fox Fasula** and her family just made a move to Jacksonville, FL. Hopefully, a future reunion will take us to her neck of the woods. We already have Reunion 2016 on our calendars as we look forward to seeing one another in South Bend!"

Emily Koelsch Rebori also had blessed news, "We are enjoying and feeling blessed this holiday season with the arrival of Beatrice Eleanor Rebori. She completes our family and her big brothers William (6) and Alexander (3) totally love her. I am so excited to finally have my little Belle!" As did **Lindsay Landvogt Leahy**, "My husband, Michael Leahy, and I welcomed a baby girl into the world on July 6. Her name is Grace Slight Leahy and I have no doubt I have a future Belle on my hands." And **Betsie Sprague Monico** added, "My husband and I welcomed a baby boy this fall. Anthony Christopher was born on October 8, 2015." Yay for babies!

And lastly, all is well in my little corner of the world. I'm enjoying the holiday season and looking forward to a spring break trip to Belize! Until next time, my best.

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Kelly Koslow Dilling Quinn married Frankie Quinn ND '02 on 10/12/13 in Sawyer, MI at St. Agnes. In attendance was, **Colleen Marie Dolphin '01, Kathleen Ann Kennedy '01** - maid of honor, **Liz Mullen Blair-Broeker '01, Katie McIntyre Lesh, Mary Brennan Stiers, Monica Mendoza**, Sarah Dilling Fretwell ND '00, Allison Dilling Bliesner ND '94, Dan Dilling ND '94, Leo Dilling ND '60, John Glynn ND '03, Lenny DeLorenzo ND '03. Kelly and Frankie currently live in Chicago, IL with their dog Fozzie Bear.

Laura Stevens Powell married Ryan Powell ND '99 on August 15, 2015 in Indianapolis, IN. **Kerry Gill Rogers** and **Marlee Seiler Griek** were Matrons of Honor, and **Tammy Grady Thornton** and **Katie Miller Quinn** were bridesmaids. In attendance were **Erin Roberts Davidson, Jenny Maureen Wejman '99, Tricia Yvonne Malovey '99, Shannon Cibella Teague '99, Sara Levandusky Reinthaler '99, and Molly Cullen Mahru '00**. Laura and Ryan live in Chicago and Laura is a Private Client Advisor at J.P. Morgan Chase.

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Greetings, all! Thank you so much for writing and sharing your news. Please do not hesitate to contact any one of your three class reporters about anything you'd like to share with the Class of 2003. We love hearing from you!

Caroline Coughlin married Collin Sniff on October 24, 2015 in Tulsa, OK. Several classmates were in attendance including: **Jaime Rubino Henry**, Mike Henry, Andy Mitchell ND '00, Law '03, **Emily Anne Wick**, Mike Shultz ND '03, **Darcey Palmer-Shultz, Concetta Siciliano Johnson**, Mike Johnson, Jaci Martin, and Chris Martin ND '03. **Jeni Hackbush Monroe** and her husband, Thomas, were unable to attend due to the birth of their son, James.

Jessica Saxton Fraser wrote to announce the birth of her daughter, Emery Claire, who will be three in January. Jessica also had a professional achievement this year when she was appointed by IN Governor Mike Pence to a two-year term on the State Workforce Development Board.

Monica Cannon Meeker recently relocated from Cincinnati to Nashville, TN. Her husband, Giacomo, graduated from a General Surgery Residency in July 2015 and is now working as a full-time General Surgeon for The Surgical Clinic of Nashville at their Dickson, TN location. Monica writes, "We absolutely LOVE Nashville and are enjoying being closer to family. Both of my girls are in school and I keep myself busy with volunteer work and caring for Annabelle and Camilla. I'm currently wrapping up coaching first grade girls basketball. To date, we are undefeated."

Katie Vincer Sears and her husband, Scott, welcomed a baby boy, John William, on August 12, 2015. Katie writes that siblings "Scotty and Stella love their 'Baby Johnny'! Stella and John joined me for a weekend back on campus in September when I returned for the Alumnae Board of Directors Meeting. This past spring, my family and I moved from the city to a suburb of Columbus, Pickerington. We're thoroughly enjoying all of the extra space! I remain busy with two dental practices, but I'm looking forward to the many upcoming family trips!"

Candi McElligott Johnson and her husband, Eric, had their second child, a daughter named McKinley TerryLynn, on September 4, 2015. She joins big brother Brooks, who is turning two in January. Candi also purchased a home in Tinley Park, IL in November 2015 to have plenty of room for the kids to grow. Candi is currently Marketing Director at J.C. Restoration, Inc. in Rolling Meadows, IL and loves it.

Christine LaVigne Osburn shared Lydia Genevieve was born in October and joins big sister, Elizabeth, and big brothers, Jacob and Nathaniel. Christine is keeping plenty busy homeschooling her older kids, volunteering as a youth minister at church, and teaching dance part-time. She sees **Janelle Koop Keller** pretty frequently, and was able to get together with **Stephanie Redwanski Belschner** in Cincinnati in the fall. Christine writes, "Our kids all get along so well. It's so much fun to see them grow up together and form friendships just like their moms."

Mary Campe was married in April to Jorge L.

Reyes in Chicago. SMC attendees included **Linda Padilla Bowie, Kerry O'Reilly Hurley, Christina Reitano Sutter, Amy Virzi Schaul, Casey Campe '06, Katie McNeill Rand, Jennie Elizabeth Buehler, Sarah Nestor Babcock, and Jackie Frances Bauters '04**.

'04

From the Courier Office:

Kathryn Lea Harrison received the Allegheny County Bar Foundation's Jane F. Hepting Award at the 2015 Pro Bono Achievement Awards. Katie was recognized for her work volunteering with Operation Safety Net, the Uptown Legal Clinic and Neighborhood Legal Services, all of which provide free legal advice.

'06

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Susan Elizabeth Mitchell married Michael Derenski on September 19, 2015 in Lake Geneva, WI. SMC alumnae were there to celebrate, including **Elizabeth Eileen Shiel, Catherine Bradley Day, Maureen Kathryn Barrett '11, and Ann Gatmaitan McSorley '79**.

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Samantha Peterson married Richard Harty on June 20, 2015 in Dayton. Her sister, **Michele Christine Peterson '10** was maid of honor, and **Brittany Nicole Taylor** was a bridesmaid. Also in attendance were **Bridget Gulvas Ennis, Molly LaBarge Ireton, Sierra Campoli Liggett, Amanda Goetz Krupa, Laura Beth Urban '09, Elizabeth Ann Alexander '09, and Jenny Douthart Peterson '93**.

Ashley Brown Sheahan and Brock welcomed son Beau James Sheahan October 19, 2015.

Jenn McLean Morgan and Ryan welcomed daughter Havey Marie Morgan November 24, 2015.

On Nov 7, 2015 **Ann Mason** married Robby Kiley ND '08 at the Sacred Heart Basilica. They are currently living in South Bend. There were several SMC girls celebrating with them! Bridesmaids were: **Amy Lynn Mason '04** (sister), **Stephanie Marie Mason '06** (sister), **Jeney Anderson Christensen, and Erin Heck Shambaugh**. In attendance at the wedding were **Julie Paunicka White, Stephanie Smucker Shepard, Biz Kathryn Stohl, and Lisa Peppers '87**. In 2013 Ann started working at SMC in the Campus and Community Events Office.

Jeanne Natalia Choquehuanca has called many places home, but holds Lakeland, FL especially dear. She was raised to take great pride in her Native American Quechua and Ukrainian heritage, and it ultimately motivates her interest in international development. She earned a BA in

Political Science and Intercultural Studies from Saint Mary's College of IN. An active student leader, she was awarded the college-wide Saint Catherine's Medal for community service and received a Sistar Independent Research grant to examine the politicization of mestiza and indigenous identity in Ecuador and Peru.

Following graduation, Jeanne served as an AmeriCorps VISTA with Arizona 4-H and led a community asset mapping initiative that empowered youth to illustrate and address community issues through the use of global positioning systems (GPS) and geographic information systems (GIS). She then worked at the University of Arizona on the USDA-funded Stealth Health project, which utilized mobile technologies and social media to increase youth physical activity and civic engagement. Jeanne also volunteered with the Nonviolence Peace Legacy Project as an advanced level Trainer of Kingian Nonviolence.

She continued to employ data visualization and participatory assessment methods in her work as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Nebaj, Guatemala. In Guatemala, she partnered with the Ministry of Education on the development of an integrated youth development program, organizing four youth leadership groups and a regional intercultural youth leadership conference. She also served on Peace Corps Guatemala's Gender and Development Committee as the Girls Leading Our World (GLOW) Program coordinator. She has since worked in freelance graphic design and in Financial Systems at Peace Corps Headquarters.

Jeanne is pursuing a Master's of Community Planning and International Development at the University of Maryland, College Park. She plans to harness the dynamic approach of Urban Planning to facilitate more inclusive, community-driven development. Deeply inspired by the late Congressman Payne's work, she is honored to be a Payne fellow and hopes to continue his legacy throughout her career as a USAID Foreign Service Officer.

'09

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Well, Belles, the Class of 2009 has scattered across the United States in the past few years. While we still have a few years until our next Reunion, you could go on quite the vacation to stop and see everyone who wrote in with updates this time.

Let's start close to "home" at Saint Mary's.

Cathy Lynn Kurczak reports that she couldn't stay away from the Saint Mary's area and recently moved back to Mishawaka after serving two years in AmeriCorps at the YMCA of Greater Indianapolis and Greater Indy Habitat for Humanity. She's now a Site Manager for Habitat of Humanity of St. Joseph County. She joins a rich community of 2009 Belles in the area — we'll all have to get together for a happy hour soon!

If you head down the road to Valparaiso, IN, you'll find **Rachel Rattay Freyberger**. Rachel and husband Craig welcomed Joel Robert to the world on October 3. Joel joins big brother Luke at home.

Heading further West, you can visit **Molly Lamping Fleck** — though she might be busy having just opened her own law firm. Lamping Fleck PC opened in late 2015 and represents clients in family law matters.

Maria Lindsey Cuda recently left the Windy City to move to Cleveland, OH. She teaches Kindergarten at Imagine Bella Academy, a charter school in the area.

If you want to head south, you might choose to visit with **Courtney Elizabeth Parry**. After marrying Joshua Talley on August 1 at Sacred Heart Basilica the couple moved to Charlotte, NC and are enjoying life in the southeast. **Mary Beth Albrect '11** and **Ashley Talley Briganti '11** served as bridesmaids.

Or you could jump across the Atlantic to visit **Laura Kinney Maher**. Laura married Niall on November 7 in South Bend with **Theresa Ruth**

Kinney '16 serving as Maid of Honor. Laura and Niall live just outside of Dublin, Ireland.

Heading out to the West Coast, you might visit **Kristi Lynn Pellegrini** in Richland, WA. After graduating with her PhD from Notre Dame six years to the day after she graduated from Saint Mary's, Kristi accepted a Postdoc position at the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory and is enjoying exploring her new home.

Or consider a trip to AK where you could visit with **Leah Bocinsky Godwin** in Anchorage. She and her husband Zachary are adjusting to life with a little one — William Field was born on August 25 and is already exploring with his parents if Facebook photos are any indication!

And while it's been a mild winter so far, if you're looking to get away from it all you might consider a trip to visit **Ashleigh Jane Telman**. She moved to Kailua, HI in May to continue her Army career at Tripler Army Medical Center. She's the Clinical Nurse Officer in Charge of the Sterile Processing Department.

You could also visit **Jenn Mahlke Wood** who shares that she gave birth to another baby girl, Hadleigh Hope, on September 30. She joins big sister Avery Mae, who turned 2 in December, at home.

Or **Shawnetta Schock Thompson** shares that she and husband Mark have a future Domer and a future Belle at home having welcomed twins Mark Jeffery and Molly Leigh on August 12.

'10

From the Courier Office:

Mary Ann Hoffman Woodhouse '45 wants the Saint Mary's community to know that her granddaughter, **Justine Woodhouse Debelius**, completed her PhD in Biochemistry at the University of Colorado Boulder in November. Justine was awarded her Masters in Chemistry from South Dakota State University in 2013. Justine has been studying the Human Gut Microbiome and will be working as a Post-Doctoral Researcher at the University of California San Diego.

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Hello Class of 2011!

I hope that this spring issue of *Courier* finds everyone in good health and happiness. As always there has been some pretty exciting stuff going on with the class of 2011. Congratulations to everyone below for your exciting news. Remember, if you have something you would like to submit please contact me anytime throughout the year.

Can you believe it has been five years since we graduated from Saint Mary's? Our five-year class Reunion is coming up very quickly and I hope to see you on back on campus June 2-5, 2016! Go Belles!

Nora Collins Lewis (daughter of Dr. Michael Collins ND '71) married Daniel Lewis ND '11 on November 1, 2014 in Chicago, IL. Maid of Honor **Mary Colleen McKevitt** and bridesmaid **Erin Melone Smith** stood up in the bridal party. Also in attendance were **Leah Christine Brueggemann**, **Kathryn Colleen (K.C.) Gies**, **Margarita Lee Jennings**, **Angela Regan Mattingly**, **Claire Elizabeth Mullen**, **Sinead Anne O'Shaughnessy**, **Katie Maureen Pariso**, and **Laura Lynn Smith** as well as many ND grads. The newlyweds are currently living in Chicago, IL.

Celina Tolson Frankland married Alex Frankland on July 18, 2015 at the Historic Church of Saint Patrick in Toledo, OH. **Kristin Chemma Saylor** was the Matron of Honor. The newlyweds currently live in Chicago, IL.

Erin Melone Smith married Matt Smith on August 7, 2015 at Saint Francis Xavier Church in Lagrange, IL. Belle bridesmaids were **Mary Colleen McKevitt** and **Nora Collins Lewis**.

Hannah Camisasca and **Jillian Lopina** were married on August 8, 2015 in Washington D.C. Belles celebrating with the couple were **Mary Ann Kramer Campbell '54**, **Kathleen Campbell Lorenz '80**, **Maureen Campbell Lopina '81**, **Gina Denise Romano '03**, **Megan Elizabeth Aldrup-MacDonald**, **Laura Elizabeth Dolder**, **Brett McGaffigan Masters**, **Emily Puscas Toole**, **Lauren Elizabeth Stearns '12**, and **Rebecca Marie Jones '12**. The newlyweds also had the chance to meet up with **Angie Marie Hollar** in Seattle while on their honeymoon.

Maire Ready DeLand married Ben DeLand on August 29, 2015 in Ann Arbor, MI. Maid of Honor **Grace Ellen Sadowski** and bridesmaids **Elizabeth Wade** and **Maria Chipman Stopulos** stood up in the bridal party. The newlyweds are currently living in Ann Arbor, MI.

Kathryn Elizabeth Humes married Colleen Rasinski Humes on September 4, 2015 in Indianapolis, IN. Fellow Belles **Laura Elizabeth Dolder** and **Nicole Ashley Krou** were in attendance. The newlyweds are currently living in Indianapolis, IN.

Allison Drake Bernstein married James Bernstein on October 24, 2015. **Jessica Schott Lezynski**, **Elizabeth Eileen Molnar**, **Molly Kathryn Rose Nelson**, **Mary Kathleen Parsons**, **Megan Miller Stickley**, and **Kelly Jean Zenere** all served as Belle bridesmaids.

Megan Coleman Deal married Michael Deal on November 7, 2015 in Georgia. **Sharon Lynn Coleman '06** was the Maid of Honor and **Meaghan Kathleen Heatherman '10** was a bridesmaid.

Megan Kraft Gray and husband Matthew ND '10 welcomed son John "Jack" Matthew on November 12, 2015.

Carolynn Smith Oblizajek and husband Nick welcomed the birth of their baby girl Addison Irene on November 13, 2015.

Alison Chudzinski Miller and husband Kyle welcome the birth of their baby boy Neil Douglas on November 19, 2015. Their daughter Nora Danielle is now a proud big sister! Alison was accepted into the Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist program at Texas Wesleyan University through a distance program in Dayton, OH.

Colleen Rebecca Lowry is now the Executive Director of the Ohio Democratic Women's Caucus at the Ohio Democratic Party in Columbus, Ohio.

Randi Eileen Beem received her Masters of Library Science from Indiana University Bloomington in May of 2015, and has now accepted a position at Ball State University as the Archives Records Analyst. Randi is eternally grateful to all the SMCs who gave her kind words on the journey to get to her position.

Sara Hickey Crandall graduated from Northwestern University with a Masters in Sports Administration. Sara is currently working in the Sport Industry as an Account Executive at a Sports & Entertainment Marketing company in Chicago, Intersport. In the spring she will have been with the company for a year and a half.

Ashley-Rose Cameron graduated in December 2015 with her Master of Arts in Educational Administration from Concordia University-Irvine.

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Hello 2014 Belles, it is hard to believe that as you read this, it has been two years since we graduated! With another year come many more new beginnings from our classmates that we are excited to share with you.

Lauren Marie Bruner and **Kaitlin Elizabeth Teichman** both live in Colorado and are busy exploring the ski slopes and beautiful hiking views! Lauren is working in downtown Denver as an Executive Assistant to the VP at Time Warner Cable. Kaitlin lives in Colorado Springs and works as an oncology nurse at Memorial Hospital.

Katie Elizabeth Cooper just started a new job at Lutheran Children's Hospital working in Pediatrics. **Vanessa Suzanne Fisher** has been living in Rochester, MN for the past year working at Mayo Clinic as a nurse in Radiology. She will be transferring units to the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit

in May. In January, **Sarah Victoria Schlessner** will become roommates with Vanessa and join her at Mayo Clinic as nurse in the STEM Cell Unit. **Hannah Elizabeth Mudd** is officially half way through law school and Mizzou and will be interning with Edward Jones legal department this summer.

We had some wedding Belles as well!

Samantha Marley Favorite married John Favorite ND '14 on July 10, 2015 at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. They are now living in Chicago.

We are always so proud of our small but mighty class. Congratulations on your new positions and endeavors, Belles! Stay connected on our Facebook group, Saint Mary's College Class of 2014. Keep us updated on your news and always remember, #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.



Excelsior

Ronnie Henahan Hagerty '66 has been named as Chairman of the OneStar National Service Commission by Governor Greg Abbott.

Nora Barry Fischer '73 is the recipient of the Mediation Council of Western Pennsylvania (MCWP) 2015 Conflict Resolution Day Award. She was selected for this award due to her dedication to training and mentoring lawyers throughout their legal careers and for serving as a helpful, positive role model to both male and female lawyers, her family and the Pittsburgh community.

Karen Barker Hill '79 was honored with the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Freedom Award, at The 11th Annual Champions of Diversity Award Dinner in Indianapolis.

Jennifer Kaniecki Macneil '93 was named as a recipient for Saint Joseph High School's (Natrona Heights, PA) inaugural Spirit of Saint Joseph Award. This award recognizes alumni and friends of SJHS whose everyday lives exemplify that of their patron — living the ordinary in extraordinary ways.

Marguerite Schropp Lucarelli '93 was promoted to Director of Photography for the Sports Illustrated Group. As stated in the announcement, "she is a creative force with the vision and expertise to uphold SI's longstanding tradition of photographic excellence." In addition to overseeing Sports Illustrated, she will continue to be responsible for *SI Kids* as well as *Golf*.

Heather A. Steinmiller '97 was nominated to the Board of Directors of the National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers (NARAB) by President Barack Obama. The US Senate will need to confirm the nomination. She explained, "NARAB was created in January 2015 and this is the inaugural board. The Law provides for a 13-member board (8 insurance commissioners and 5 insurance professionals). I was selected to be one of the five."

Lisa Maxbauer Price '99 released her first children's book — *Squash Boom Beet: An Alphabet for Healthy, Adventurous Eater* — in January 2016.



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I often tell parents that a Saint Mary's education comes with a guaranteed return. I should have realized that, in like manner, any effort I put into the presidency at Saint Mary's would return to me blessings in many multiples of my efforts. I thank all of you for the privilege and gift that the past 12 years have been for me. Learning about your love for and dedication to this place has inspired me and fueled my energy. Watching our faculty pour their lifeblood into the education of our students has edified me. Getting to know the current Belles has given me hope for the future not only of our college but also of our communities and our world.

There have been many special moments during my time here, but the times when a student has looked at me and told me that she wants my job someday have been especially moving. Several years ago the theatre program staged *Macbeth*, which is one of my favorite plays. After Saint Mary's productions, the tradition is to gather outside the Little Theatre and greet the actors. My husband and I went to congratulate the students on the excellent show. A student actress came running up to me and asked me to wait until she returned. She quickly ran back from the dressing room with a Saint Mary's library book about Lady Macbeth's character; I wondered what was so special about that. She then opened its back cover to display the check-out card used before libraries had electronic check-out. On the card was my signature and a due date from many decades

ago. She then said that when she checked the book out, she was given the same month and day for her return date as I had been given. She looked me in the eye and said, "Maybe someday I will be president too." I had chills when I responded, "Maybe you will." Inspiring today's students to see themselves leading this College, or doing any of the amazing things that Saint Mary's alumnae are engaged in around the world, is an important part of the work done by many people every day at Saint Mary's. And the inspiration can be planted by the simplest acts: a word of encouragement, an action performed without thought of any observers, or an advising session that progresses into a more wide-ranging conversation.



Saint Mary's truly is a special place. It is a place built by the holy women of the Sisters of the Holy Cross for the women of yesterday, today, and tomorrow. The sisters' legacy is given new life by your work and prayers so that it will continue to prepare women of faith, courage, strength, and compassion. Saint Mary's women, in the words of Blessed Basil Anthony Moreau, are women who "prepare the world for better times than ours." That is holy work. Thank you for pulling together with all of us at the College to continue the work. I count

on you to welcome my successor with all the warmth, love, and support that you have provided me. I thank you profusely for your presence in my life.

-President Carol Ann Mooney '72

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