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## College's sciences follow precedent set by Sisters of the Holy Cross a century ago

*by Dorothy M. Feigl, Denise DeBartolo York Professor of Chemistry,  
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They are called STEM disciplines. It could have been METS or TEMS, or SMET, but STEM—the acronym for Science, Technology, Engineering, Math—suggests a kind of supportive, nourishing, essential element, and that is how we in math, the sciences, and engineering like to think of our disciplines. One of the many attractions of Saint Mary's is a history that establishes a central role for STEM education—a surprising situation perhaps, at a Catholic College for women, a College that proudly emphasizes its commitment to the liberal arts. Surprising or not, the Sisters of the Holy Cross established the precedent more than a century ago. A 1903–04 listing of available “collegiate courses” begins: “astronomy, calculus, botany, trigonometry, analytic geometry, advanced physics, pharmacy, chemistry, zoology, geology...” Walk the corridors of Science Hall and you will see displays of elegant wood and brass instrumentation from the turn of the last century—the best that European instrument makers had to offer—available to our students.

When I came to Saint Mary's in the late 1960s, the United States was in a feverish race to reach the moon before the Soviet Union, having just lost the race into space to that competitor/foe. It was a heady time for the STEM disciplines, which were seen as fundamental to returning this country to the lead position. Women's colleges and Saint Mary's in particular had a special role to play because we were disproportionately effective at encouraging and preparing women to pursue careers in mathematics and science, areas in which women were seriously underrepresented. What goes around comes around. We started the 21st Century in a comparable “race,” only now it is with our economic competitors. Again, STEM education is ascendant, or at least, receiving more attention.

And again, Saint Mary's is both prepared and preparing to play its part. I am impressed daily by a cadre of talented faculty bringing their enthusiasm for their subjects and their expertise as teachers to students with ambitious agendas: careers in engineering, medicine, basic research... future entrepreneurs, future teachers, and future leaders. Whether working side-by-side on a Sistar project or in a “non-traditional” classroom, or for that matter, in a traditional classroom, students and teachers establish educational partnerships that convince me there is no better place to teach or learn.

New technologies and new classroom environments support increasingly diverse and creative approaches to teaching and learning. To get a sense of this 21st-Century environment, you need only visit the College's new Spes Unica Hall or the newly refurbished Madeleva Hall, which houses the math department's extraordinary new facilities. I say that with a touch of envy. We in Science Hall are still in the planning stages for the redesign of our facilities. We are looking to adapt spaces for different approaches to teaching (today's “lecture” classes often are not lectures), to better accommodate the broad range of instrumentation we support, and perhaps most important, to encourage and support the kind of interdisciplinary collaboration that characterizes the best of modern STEM activity. It's an exciting time for the STEM disciplines. It's an exciting time to be at Saint Mary's. We hope the following pages give you a sense of that.

THE  
*Madeleva* 30<sup>TH</sup>  
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Sister M. Madeleva Wolff, CSC, who served as president of Saint Mary's College from 1934–1961, had a vision to make Saint Mary's College the nation's premier Catholic, women's liberal arts college. That goal is unchanged even today, and is a core principle of President Carol Ann Mooney's Strategic Plan. The Madeleva Society, celebrating 30 years of dedication to the College, was established to perpetuate Sister Madeleva's dream and to help carry on her work.

We celebrate and thank the members of The Madeleva Society for their passion and commitment to Saint Mary's. In forthcoming issues of the *Courier*, we will continue to take a look at several of the Society's members who have generously donated their time, talent, and resources to its endeavors.



## ONE PERSON CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Maryjeanne Ryan Burke '54 has been there from the start. Accepting Judd and Mary Lou Morris Leightons' challenge grant in 1979 to support the College, Maryjeanne and her husband, Richard, became charter members of The Madeleva Society. Since then, Maryjeanne served faithfully on The Madeleva Steering Committee for 10 years and chaired it in 1995 and 1996. When revitalization of the group was needed, she agreed to continue to serve on its steering committee, which provided her with an insider's look at the College—a look that deepened her commitment and service to the College. Consequently, the Maryjeanne R. Burke and Daughters Sistar Award for student independent study and research was established. This award continues to support student-faculty research on campus and abroad for two months each summer.



## TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE AN IMPACT.

Since 1979, 74 alumnae and friends of the College have served on The Madeleva Society Steering Committee.

- Today, The Madeleva Society Steering Committee has 23 members including alumnae, parents, and friends of the College.
- This year, the 23-member committee will contact approximately 330 Madeleva Society members to encourage continued support for the College's many endeavors.
- The Madeleva Society offers eight levels of giving from \$1,000 to \$100,000 and more. There are also special giving levels for Young Madeleva Society members beginning at \$500 for graduates through five years, as well as a \$750 level for graduates six through ten years.



*For more information about The Madeleva Society, please visit  
[saintmarys.edu/annual-societies](http://saintmarys.edu/annual-societies) or contact The Annual Fund Office at 800-SMC-8871.*



# Women are good at math

... A belief



The first woman considered to make substantial contributions to the field of mathematics met a brutal end for her unwillingness to conform to the societal standards set for women of her time. She dressed how she pleased, drove where she wanted in her own chariot, and bucked the cultural norms of her day by empowering herself as a scholar. Hypatia of Alexandria, a Greek mathematician who lived in Fifth-Century Egypt, was eventually murdered by a mob of fanatical monks that accused her of heresy for her flagrant behavior.

Hypatia's legacy lives on, inspiring not just women mathematicians, but all women who refuse to "know their place" by breaking into traditionally male-dominated fields. While women have made great strides toward gaining access to the male-dominated fields of math and science in the centuries since, they have always been underrepresented in these fields. Women comprise about 46 percent of the U.S. workforce, but lag behind men in holding top positions in fields such as medicine, engineering, biology, dentistry, and veterinary science.

According to Professor of Biology and Department Chair Nancy Nekvasil, there is a shortage of women in science, technology, engineering, and math, also known as "STEM" fields. "In all the related fields, except for nursing, there's still a lack of women, especially in math, engineering, and chemistry. Biology is somewhat better, but we still need more women scientists overall," she says. "There have been many programs in elementary and secondary schools, and in colleges and universities, encouraging women to go into the sciences, even by offering incentives."

## *A woman's place is wherever she chooses to be*

Like Hypatia, there are Saint Mary's women who want to buck that trend, and the College remains dedicated to

educating and encouraging them to change the status quo. In the last five years, an average 244 students annually have majored in science or math fields. In addition, all students are required to take a minimum of one math and/or one laboratory science course, which means that both the math and science departments support Saint Mary's students regardless of major. "It takes a lot of one-on-one to encourage a student who never thought of herself as good at math," says Professor of Math and Department Chair Joanne Snow. "You don't give up on the students and you don't let them give up on themselves."

## *Piquing women's interest early on*

Nekvasil and Snow agree that you have to interest women in science and math early in life. "The research shows that right around fifth or sixth grade they decide whether or not they are going to—I don't want to say 'pursue the sciences'—but they decide whether or not they're going to be 'okay' with science," Nekvasil says. The same is true for math and many other fields that depend on science and math innovations.

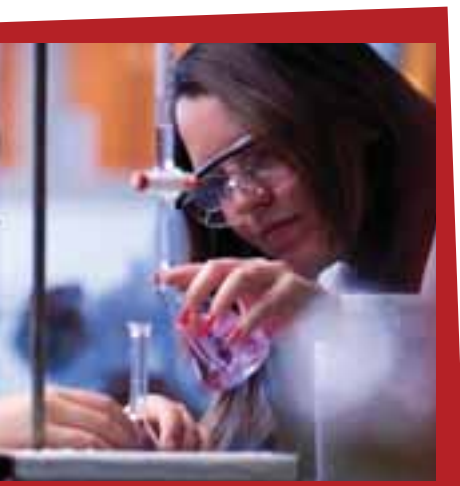
Even then, women's interest in science has traditionally leaned toward the biology side rather than the chemistry side, which may be partly due to women's tendencies to interact with the physical, rather than the theoretical, according to Dorothy M. Feigl, the Denise DeBartolo York Endowed Chair in Science and Professor of Chemistry. "I think that it's the life aspect of the life sciences—that they can connect it much more readily to the natural world around them, and I think that is a draw for them," says Feigl. Conversely, she describes chemistry as an "essential science," which focuses on microscopic atoms and molecules, so it tends to be model oriented in nature.

Young girls are often under-encouraged in math, science, and related studies throughout their schooling, and even

# and science

that spans more than a century in practice at Saint Mary's

by Shannon E. Brewer '03



in the home, according to some studies. "Some parents will even say, 'I wasn't good at math, so it's okay for you to not be good at math,'" says Snow. It's just one of the cultural obstacles women face, despite the great

accomplishments of women scientists and mathematicians that paved the way for them.

## *Women who opt for these careers often drop out as they advance in position*

A recent study by researchers from Cornell University examined the reasons why women who are proficient in math tend to opt for less technical math-related careers and why they drop out as they advance in position. Their findings, published in March 2009 by the American Psychological Association, indicate that such careers don't allow for the flexibility women need to raise a family.

In recent years, the emerging STEM movement has drawn more women into math- and science-related fields. The concept evolved in the business world as companies began integrating research and development across disciplines.

## *STEM education supports the way women learn*

STEM is also paving the future of education at Saint Mary's and across the country, and often as early as primary school. STEM's basis of cross-disciplinary study is appealing to women, who tend to learn best through conversation and collaboration. According to a study posted by the Women's College Coalition

(womenscolleges.org), girls tend to earn better grades in high school math and science than do boys. However, boys go on to major in STEM fields more often than girls. According to the same study, women who attend women's colleges are more likely to enter STEM fields of study because of the supportive, single-sex environment: "Some research suggests that women's colleges provide a qualitatively different experience for women compared to coeducational institutions, including higher levels of academic challenge, opportunities for active and collaborative learning, and greater support for women in STEM majors" (Kinzie, Thomas, Palmer, Kuh & Umbach, 2007; Pascarella & Terenzini, 1991).

For Saint Mary's students, STEM education is still mostly on the horizon. Nekvasil says that the science building isn't designed to support work across disciplines. "Right now, we model the team-centered, collaborative-type setting in our labs. We do it within disciplines, but not as much across disciplines," explains Nekvasil. "Students need to be able to do that same kind of teamwork in an integrated way."

The faculty pictures clusters of offices where professors in related fields can more easily converse, as well as areas where students from different majors can hold problem-solving, "nitty-gritty" work sessions. Professors envision joint classrooms for students in related majors. "There is a whole lot of integrated science work going on out in the world today and we need to be modeling that for our students in our own coursework and our own thinking," Nekvasil says. While the funding to realize the structural and instructional



requirements to fully support STEM education here is not yet in place, it must be a priority for the future.

Women's future in math and science rests on breaking the cultural stereotypes that discourage them early in life. It lies in encouraging and mentoring young women at all levels of schooling, and helping them explore the many career

opportunities open to them in STEM fields. Saint Mary's alumnae who pursued careers in engineering, medicine, chemistry, and many other male-dominated fields, stand as proof to their future opportunities.

*Staff Writer Natalie Davis Miller contributed to this story.*

# Under the Microscope

## A student and two alumnae pursue their scientific passions

by Shannon E. Brewer '03

### *Kara Joseph '11 and Chemistry Professor Isabel Larraza: A Green Partnership*

"I knew this would be a challenging field for me, but at Saint Mary's, we have all the resources to help me succeed," says Kara Joseph '11. Her success as a chemistry major developed from her own hard work, persistence, and the support of chemistry faculty. It also led to a major opportunity for discovery.

Joseph and Chemistry Professor Isabel Larraza received the College's Student Independent Study and Research (SISTAR) Grant, awarded by the Center for Academic Innovation, sponsored by Maryjeanne R. Burke and Daughters. The student/professor team was awarded funds to conduct research during the summer with Joseph working as a junior colleague on a project that influenced Larraza's own research.

Their project, "Hexabromoacetone and Ethyl Tribromoacetate: A Novel Green Path to Drug Intermediates," focused on "halides," which are chemical compounds that are a part of the process to develop new products in chemical and pharmaceutical industries. Halides are usually prepared using harsh, raw materials, and normally form strong acids or toxic gases as byproducts. "The goal of our project was to arrive at an efficient, greener protocol for the preparation of such

halides that would have valuable application in the synthesis of pharmaceutical intermediates (product development)," explains Larraza.

In the end, Joseph's and Larraza's combined research culminated in the testing of a new procedure in the preparation of a drug precursor for the drug Prilosec, an antacid. They will present their research at a meeting of the American Chemical Society next year. The project "took my learning experience to the next level," says Joseph. It helped her apply what she was learning in class to science in the pharmaceutical industry. Larraza adds, "As an educator, I consider undergraduate research in partnership with faculty a vital component of higher education. There is an extensive amount of evidence that shows that engaging in a collaborative research experience promotes effective student learning and, therefore, a first-rate education."

### *Kerry Long '70: Business-minded Chemist*

When alumna Kerry Long '70 entered the business world as a newly graduated chemist nearly four decades ago, the outlook for women in her field was bright. "I graduated on the 'cusp.' Women practicing in my field were not totally unheard of, but it was certainly not as common as it is today," she says.

Long has worked for several major companies throughout her career including Gillette, where she analyzed competitors products. Since then, she has worked for Soya Foods and G.D. Searle Company (now, a division of Pfizer), advancing from analytical chemist to vice president of quality control. "Going into industry versus academia or even the medical field, well, there weren't a lot of examples out there for me. But I didn't set out to be a trailblazer." The three options were



Kara Joseph '11, chemistry major



## Piquing their interest in science early

One way the College engages young women's interest in science is the Saint Mary's Summer Academy, a three-week camp offered to students in grades 8–12.

In summer 2010, the Summer Academy will feature a forensic science week for the first time. Forensic science requires a variety of cross-disciplinary skills. Campers will apply concepts from various sciences to their investigation and gain an understanding of how they all work together, says Andrea Nichols, Summer Academy director.

—Alicia Smith '12

*For more information about Saint Mary's camps in summer 2010, visit [saintmarys.edu/camps](http://saintmarys.edu/camps)*



Kerry Long '70

ones Long considered upon graduation. "I was just more interested in what I could do to apply what I'd learned and still stay in touch with the business world," she says.

Long wants to impress upon current Saint Mary's students that there are a world of options open to women with science degrees. "Not only do you get this outstanding technical training, but because of the liberal arts foundation, you can also join the big picture, the real world. Research your options. There are all sorts of ways to make use of a science degree, so make sure you learn about them." To encourage students, Long has established the Kerry Long Endowed Fund for Science, which sponsors summer research or supplemental internships for students interested in using their science degrees in the business world.

### *Dr. Robyn Lord Fean '02: The Biology Advantage*

Family Doctor Robyn Lord Fean '02 knew she wanted to pursue a science degree when she took a human anatomy and physiology class in high school. Her science classes excited her, and her teachers in high school and at Saint Mary's encouraged her to follow her dream. She majored in biology and came away from Saint Mary's with many fond memories of the coursework she completed in the biology program.

"I will never forget the four months I spent taking care of rats for my research project," Fean recalls. "I have never been very fond of rodents, and apparently they weren't very fond of me either as I have several small scars on my fingers where I was bitten." Fean went to Professor Nancy Nekvasil for pre-professional advising, but says Nekvasil's advice and encouragement didn't stop there. "At other schools, it seemed that pre-professional advisors only encouraged those who were at the top of their class. Professor Nekvasil encouraged everyone to pursue their dreams, no matter how challenging they might be."



Robyn Lord Fean '02

When Fean graduated from Saint Mary's, she went on to obtain her medical degree from Indiana University School of Medicine in 2006. She's currently completing advanced training in sports medicine at the University of Washington. "Because I had a biology degree going into medical school, I think it put me at an advantage over others who had non-science degrees," she says. "The first two years of medical school consist of basic science courses, and since I had been exposed to similar courses at Saint Mary's, I felt well prepared for them."

# Chemical Attraction

**P**rofessor Dorothy Feigl helped pioneer women's entrance into chemistry in an era when women were not always welcomed. She was the only female to graduate with a chemistry degree from Loyola University Chicago's Class of 1961. With a lengthy career—43 years and counting—teaching chemistry at Saint Mary's, Feigl is still in a class of her own.

From early on, the Denise DeBartolo York Endowed Chair in Science and Professor of Chemistry showed an interest in chemistry and technology. "If we went to a farm, I looked at the milking machines as opposed to the cows. I was always inclined in that direction," says Feigl, who played with her brother's chemistry set as a child and knew by high school she was destined to become a chemist. The path to that degree was not an easy one.

When she first applied to Loyola in the 1950s, Feigl was told that women weren't allowed on the main campus where chemistry was taught. "I think the department head wasn't

particularly interested in having women in his department," Feigl says. She took math the first year at Loyola's Downtown Chicago campus at Lewis Towers (now Water Tower Campus). At the time, Loyola's scholarships were awarded based on administered test results. Men who tested well received a four-year scholarship while women received a one-year scholarship for equal scores.

When Feigl's scholarship expired the following year, she applied to DePaul University in Chicago, was accepted, and offered a scholarship that would extend through her expected graduation year. Arming herself with that news, she went back to Loyola to see if they could match it, and they did. Feigl was finally able to gain admission to Loyola's chemistry program and received the balance of the four-year scholarship. In spite of all her efforts, "the actual experience of the education at Loyola was fine: strong, with a lot of support from my fellow students—all male—but all very supportive. It was a very nice environment," she recalls.

**"Even during [the 1970s], women's colleges were very good at not discouraging women from being chemists or scientists," says Dorothy Feigl, professor of chemistry.**



A photograph of Professor Dorothy Feigl, an older woman with short grey hair, smiling. She is wearing a white lab coat over a purple shirt. The background is a solid purple color.

## Professor Dorothy Feigl helped pioneer women's entrance into chemistry at a time when women were not always welcomed.

by Natalie Davis Miller

After later earning a PhD in organic chemistry from Stanford University in 1966, Feigl considered her career options, at first dismissing the idea of teaching, imagining it as endless days filled with endless speeches and questions. Then, Feigl's sister-in-law, M. Joanne Deger Feigl '59, mentioned an available teaching position at Saint Mary's. "There is a God in heaven," says Feigl. "So I thought, 'Well, I'll do that,'" and she did. "Within a month, I knew that teaching was exactly what I wanted to do," she says.

**A**s a witness to changing times and perceptions, Feigl can speak about the role women's colleges had as leaders in non-traditional education for women, particularly in the 1970s, during the women's movement. "Even during the early part of that time, women's colleges were very good at not discouraging women from being chemists or scientists," says Feigl.

"If you came to Saint Mary's, the presumption even then was that 'Saint Mary's has all these degrees, all these

disciplines available to you. Pick which one you like—and try to pick something you like—because we're going to push you hard so you'll have to like what you are doing, so you'll take that push,'" she recalls.

It is good news that the number of women seeking chemistry degrees today is growing. In fact, the majority of chemistry degrees at institutions in the U.S. are being awarded to women, not men, and excellent career opportunities await today's female chemistry graduates. Yet, fewer women than men today choose to pursue advanced chemistry degrees and female chemistry academicians in major research institutions are rare. Research and studies are being conducted to understand this dynamic. Women's colleges like Saint Mary's will continue to work hard to dispel beliefs about women's roles by supporting young women here to choose to be whatever it is they desire to be. And, they can be sure Dorothy Feigl will be up front and center, encouraging them and serving as proof of what they can achieve.



# It all adds up:

## College's Math Center = Student

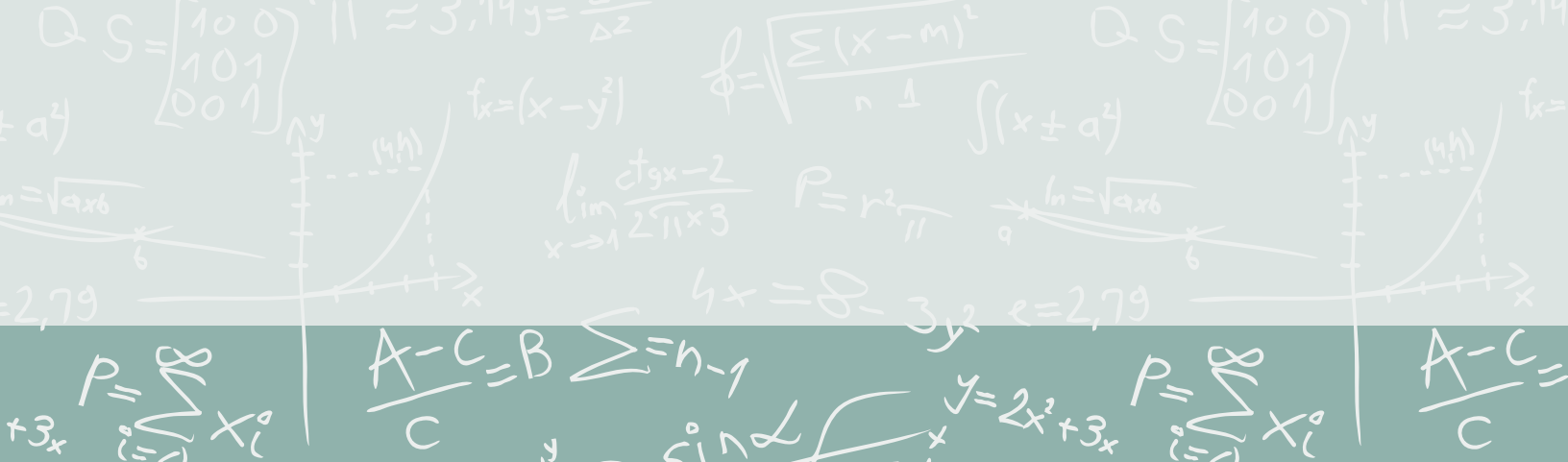
Students receive unconditional help and support with their math studies

by Natalie Davis Miller

When Professor of Math Suzanne Cox was growing up, she had ample help with her math homework. "My mom was a middle school teacher who taught math because she liked it. So, in my house the female was the one who did the math. There was never the issue of 'girls don't do math,'" she says. Today, Cox is a mathematics professor and the College Math Center's instructor and director, where she keeps a daily schedule helping students, most of whom are not math



Mary Kate Conness '13 (left) and Suzanne Cox, mathematics professor and director and instructor of the Math Center, share a light moment over Conness's homework. (Photos by Zara Osterman)



# Success

majors, with any struggles they might have learning mathematics.

The new, spacious Math Center in the newly renovated Madeleva Hall, is fully equipped to support the math learning process with its eight computer workstations, worktables for group study, and an adjacent room for conducting student testing. Bookshelves with reference materials on math line one wall, on top of which sets a jar of candy.

"Sometimes I'll see girls walk in, get a piece of candy, and walk out, which is fine. At least they're in here, and they know we're here," Cox says.

Cox and the math department's faculty are in the business of debunking the myth that women are not good at math. "Saint Mary's faculty members serve as strong role models to our students because of the number of women in our department. Students see women who have been very successful and who would never make the excuse of, 'Oh I'm a girl—I don't get this.' We provide an environment that supports the students and gives them the confidence that they can succeed—the idea that they can do it because we believe they can do it," Cox says.

Students like Victoria Darling '13 and Mary Kate Conness '13 visit the Math Center twice a week to stay on top of their learning. "The Math Center allows me to work



The new, spacious Math Center is well used by students looking for help with their math.

out any kinks I may have in my understanding of a concept," says Darling, a biochemistry major. The center helps her solidify the concepts she has learned in class. Conness says that one of the greatest benefits of the Math Center is having someone there who enjoys helping students. "Everytime I go to the Math Center, Professor Cox is there and we work on my homework or she helps me get ready for my next quiz or test," Conness says.

Whether they stop in for the candy or for math assistance, students are sure to find understanding, encouragement, help, and support from Cox, each other, or the math student tutors.

# earthly focus

## Environmental studies require an interdisciplinary lens

by Natalie Davis Miller



When Patricia Fleming, senior vice president and dean of faculty, first arrived on campus in the fall of 2007, she specifically inquired about the College's environmental studies program. The answer would be particularly important to her because of her own work in ethics, which had focused on the environment, examining the ethical issues surrounding high-level nuclear waste disposal and environmental radiation exposure. Plus, she had taught environmental ethics in an environmental studies program elsewhere for several years, so she recognized the importance of a college providing a solid environmental science foundation.

One way Saint Mary's has given women that foundation is by offering a major in biology with a concentration in environmental biology through the science department. Fleming was delighted by the College's existing program and equally delighted to learn that the biology department had identified Cassie Majetic to lead its efforts to establish an interdisciplinary environmental studies minor in addition to its existing biology major. Majetic officially began leading that effort in 2009.

An assistant biology professor, Majetic's background is in floral evolution, particularly, how pollinators' interactions shape floral odor. Majetic defines environmental studies as "a field in which we explore the connections between humans and the environment," a distinction she makes from environmental sciences, which take a scientific approach through fields such as geology, physics, and chemistry, for example.

Preparing students who want to pursue graduate work by arming them with the knowledge to work in the field, or obtain a position with an environmental or non-government agency (NGO), requires a solid understanding of the science that undergirds environmental concerns, says Fleming. This requires an interdisciplinary approach, she says.

Majetic's own journey is illustrative of the interdisciplinary nature of the College's proposed environmental studies minor. Her undergraduate degree is in biology and her PhD is in ecology and evolution. While working on her undergraduate degree, she switched her sights from environmental science to biology when she realized the value of learning the theory and logic involved in the science underlying environmental issues.

"Environmental studies take a wider approach (than environmental science), incorporating scientific knowledge and information on how people respond to the environment," Majetic says. Some of the questions that environmental studies explore include determining:

- historical perspectives on environmental issues;
- pertinent laws and policies in place in the U.S., which govern environmental interaction;
- the feasibility of a worldwide agreement on environmental standards;
- the value people place on the environment and whether its goods and services are tangible;
- the worldwide environmental influence on culture: art, literature, communication, and anthropology;
- and, if science can agree on singling out specific environmental issues and identify ethical and moral considerations that need to be examined.

As such, the College's proposed environmental studies program would draw from an array of other disciplines, including English literature, psychology, philosophy, and





political science, to name a few. “Environmental problems are a complex blend of all of these fields—future problem-solvers need to be exposed to all of these fields to really understand the issue at hand,” Majetic says.

An environmental studies minor is a perfect fit for a liberal arts college because understanding environmental issues requires an interdisciplinary lens—looking at the issues from different perspectives and disciplines. Students can pair their minor with a variety of majors, such as the English major who writes about environmental issues or the political science major’s career writing environmental policy.

Majetic is working with other professors at the College who have wanted the environmental studies minor program to materialize for some time. “Having an interdisciplinary program allows a wonderful group of diverse faculty to provide different viewpoints to our students. We need economists, politicians, writers, artists, historians, and ethicists to bring their perspective to the issues at hand and train future problem-solvers. That’s only going to happen in an interdisciplinary program,” Majetic says.

As the environment and its concerns continue to evolve, the College will provide a solid foundation for its future scientists.



Saint Mary's Dual Degree in Engineering program with Notre Dame may seem like an awesome, but formidable, undertaking. Yet, its student participants view it as an opportunity that's. . .

*worth*

Just the thought of completing two degrees in five years may seem daunting, but for Saint Mary's students participating in the Dual Degree in Engineering program, it's a way to obtain the benefits of a Saint Mary's education, plus a degree in engineering from the University of Notre Dame.

Casandra Williams '11, one of this program's participants, is enthusiastic. The program enables the Saint Mary's chemistry major to combine her interests of engineering and chemistry. The dual-degree program is open to students in any major, and is a co-exchange agreement between Saint Mary's and Notre Dame. Participants take pre-engineering courses and other degree requirements at Saint Mary's while taking engineering courses at Notre Dame. In four years, they receive a BS or BA degree from Saint Mary's, and in their fifth year, a BS in engineering from Notre Dame in chemical, computer science, electrical, environmental geosciences, or mechanical engineering. "I'm taking advantage of my chemistry major at Saint Mary's because it is a great foundation for chemical engineering," says Williams. Chemistry major Barbie Shaw '10 was drawn to the program because it combines her strengths in science and math and enables her to receive degrees from "two great institutions," she says.

Those interested in science or mathematics are encouraged to apply to the program. Notre Dame guarantees program admission to Saint Mary's students who are recommended by professors and who have earned at least a 2.8 grade-point average in their technical courses after three-and-a-half years of studies. While the curriculum is rigorous, students are guided, mentored, and encouraged each step of the way by Saint Mary's professors. Williams describes the support she receives from the College's chemistry and math professors as "phenomenal," adding, "I truly value the fact that I can speak with my professors about anything."

Williams and Shaw manage to lead well-rounded lives outside the classroom too. Williams has been on the Saint Mary's cheerleading squad since her first year and is an active member of the Notre Dame First Class Steppers. She is active in the Saint Mary's club, La Fuerza, which celebrates Latina heritage. Williams also works three different jobs throughout the school year—as a chemistry department teaching



Barbie Shaw '10 (left) and Casandra Williams '11 will be armed with two degrees—one from Saint Mary's and one from Notre Dame—in as little as five years when each graduates from the Dual Degree in Engineering program.

# the challenge



assistant, a tutor to South Bend community students, and she works at the information desk in Regina Hall. "When I have time to myself, I love to dance. One of my favorite things to do on the weekends is go salsa dancing!" she exclaims.

Likewise, Shaw pursues several interests including serving as a peer mentor to 23 students through the College's new Cross Currents program. She also works as a student manager for the College's Office of Special Events, and her love of technology led her to work at the Cushwa-Leighton Library's

Instructional Technology Resource Center (ITRC) as a media consultant to the campus community.

Shaw plans to pursue a Master's Degree in Chemical Engineering after graduation. She is also contemplating joining the Navy to participate in its Baccalaureate Degree completion program. Williams intends to participate in the Engineers without Borders program, "where I can apply my acquired knowledge of energy systems to assist underdeveloped countries," she says. Williams also plans to attend graduate school to earn her PhD. "My true passion would be to form an organization, using my chemistry and engineering skills to aid third-world countries in education and technology," she says.

Meanwhile, the career outlook is bright for graduates with engineering degrees, especially for those holding additional degrees upon graduation. In fact, degrees in engineering occupy seven of the top 10 spots with regard to compensation with chemical engineering occupying the number two spot according to the study, "Best College Degrees by Salary," conducted by PayScale, a global online compensation data company.

While Shaw and Williams admit that the dual-degree program is far from easy, it is worth the effort. Shaw advises students considering the dual-degree program to "be prepared to work hard and even be let down sometimes, but there are people here at Saint Mary's and Notre Dame, including peers and professors, that want to see you achieve your goals. It is not easy, but it is worth it," she says.

*by Natalie Davis Miller*



# Science Fiction

## the literature of change

by Shannon E. Brewer '03



English Professor Chris Cobb

in science fiction, and its sibling genre, fantasy, in junior high school. He first picked up a copy of J.R.R. Tolkien's, *The Lord of the Rings*, then a friend loaned him *A Spell for Chameleon*, the first of Piers Anthony's Xanth novels. "I found science fiction as well as fantasy, and I read both genres interchangeably all through junior high, high school, and college," he says.

"My preference for 'romance' over 'realism' in fiction drew me to fantasy and science fiction. Those genres probably helped to form and reinforce that preference, which also has expression in my interest in Medieval and Renaissance literatures, which are less bound by realism than the main tradition of English fiction from the 18th Century forward."

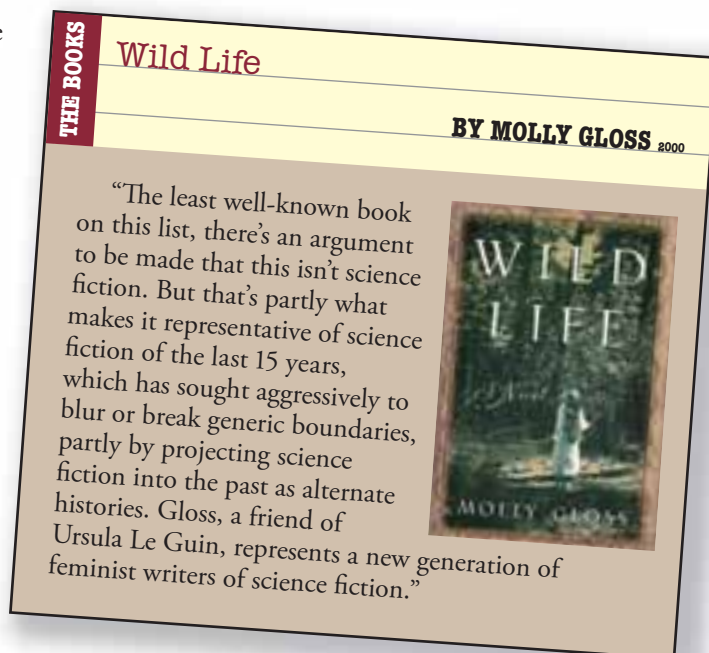
Cobb, who earned his BA from Swarthmore College and three additional degrees from Yale, including a doctorate, has been teaching at Saint Mary's since 2006. He brings his interests in science fiction and fantasy into the classroom, teaching courses like "Tolkien and Modern Fantasy," "Medieval Literature," and "Realism and Race in America."

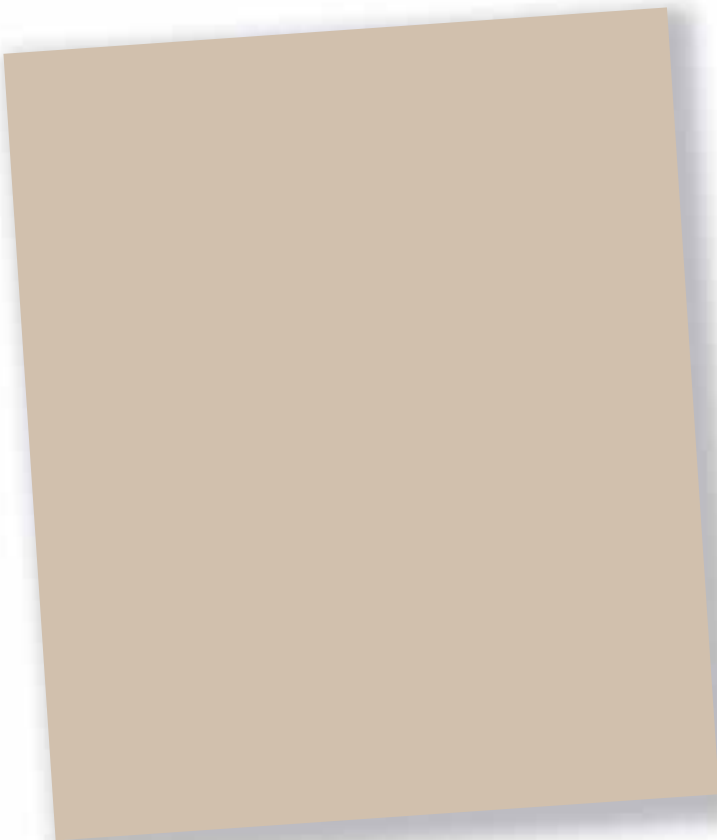
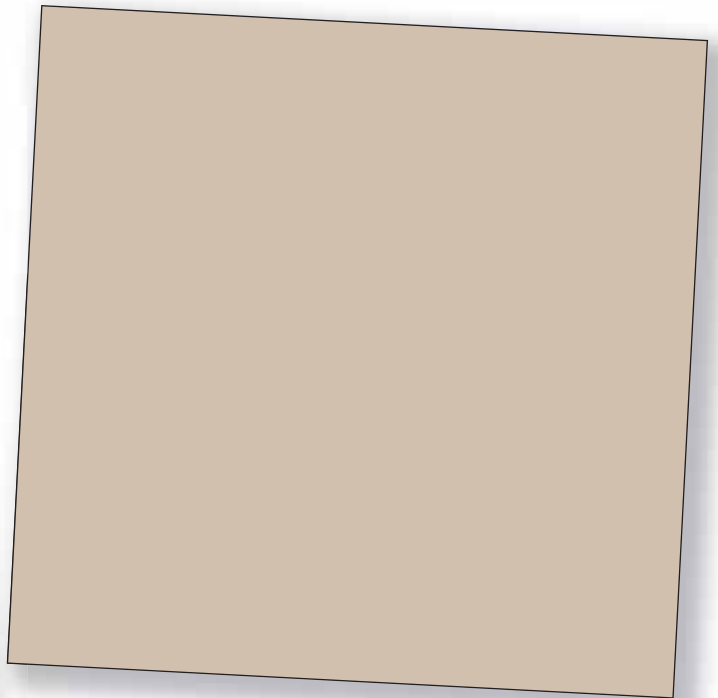
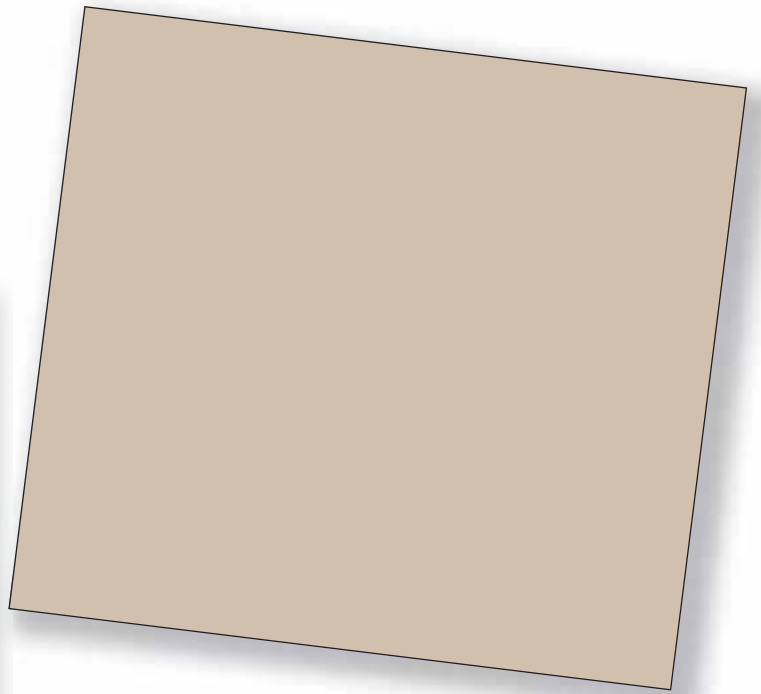
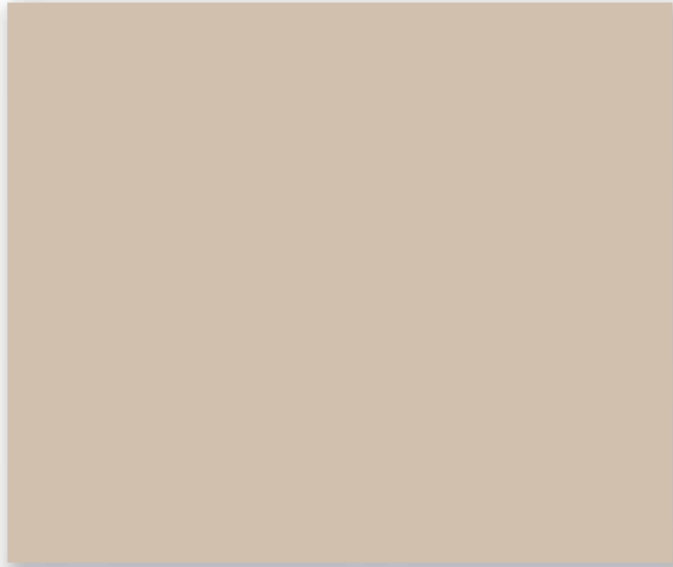
Here, Cobb presents his list of five "must-reads" in the science fiction genre, works that, "I have found powerful and enjoyable," he says.

It's part of the human thought process. We can't help asking, "What if?" The literary genre of science fiction has been asking "What if?" and trying to answer in imaginative ways for decades. Often referred to as the literature of change, science fiction addresses a culture's needs and challenges during times of great scientific and technological advancement. Its authors address controversial political and environmental issues, and boldly indulge our burning curiosity about the unknown in their literary attempts to answer such questions as "Are we really alone out here in space?" and "What does the future hold?"

In fact, science fiction authors are lauded for actually predicting scientific and technological developments through their works. Jules Verne—often referred to as the father of science fiction along with H.G. Wells—authored classics like *From the Earth to the Moon* (1865) and *Twenty Thousand Leagues under the Sea* (1869–70). Verne is credited with predicting the development of air, space, and undersea transportation with remarkable accuracy.

English professor Chris Cobb developed an interest





# Daly Dose

*Nursing student and her  
family administer*

*hope and healing  
in Honduras*

*by Natalie Davis Miller*

In a field that is steeped in the sciences, Nursing Major Tricia Daly '10 combines practical knowledge with care and compassion in her commitment to helping others. Tricia spent last summer as a student nurse at United Hospital in Saint Paul, Minn., where she had a wide range of responsibilities in generalized nursing care. "I observed many procedures, treatments, and operations, which tremendously helped to connect all that I have learned in the classroom. The hands-on experience solidified my nursing skills and enhanced my abilities," she says.

Tricia also volunteered her time with Nuestros Pequeños ("Our Little Friends"), an orphanage in Honduras, last summer. Tricia and her parents, Florence "Lulu" Romano Daly '82, a registered nurse, her father, Dr. Peter Daly ND '82, an orthopedic surgeon, and her siblings, Talia, 23, Michael ND '11, and Patrick, are very involved with Nuestros Pequeños. The family's involvement with the orphanage happened somewhat by chance when Tricia was in grade school. That was when her mother noticed a poster hanging on a wall, depicting two children in a Mexican orphanage. Lulu already had a trip scheduled to Mexico to visit relatives, so she offered to take needed items to the orphanage. That brief side trip in the '90s has resulted in the family volunteering and raising funds in support of the Honduran orphanage. Tricia and Michael, who aspires to be a doctor, cofounded Friends of The Orphans (FOTO), a Saint Mary's/ Notre Dame Club that helps support and raise awareness about the needs of the orphanage's children. The orphanage is one of nine throughout Latin America and the Caribbean that provides shelter, food, clothing, healthcare, and education in a Christian environment.

"My family chose to travel to Honduras because it is a safe environment in which we can volunteer together," says Tricia. "My parents hope to expose us to the reality of poverty in our world and to instill in us a sense of service." Tricia, her parents, and her brother, Michael, are pictured on these two pages during a recent trip where they volunteered at the Holy Family Surgery Center located on the orphanage grounds.



This home is typical of homes in Honduras. The parents of the orphans the Dalys help are often jailed, prostitutes, or have AIDS.



Tricia comforts a patient awaiting surgery. At the time, the facility lacked a generator so there was always the risk of power failure during surgery.





This young adult holding an orphaned child is orphaned herself. She is completing a year of service at the orphanage after which she can elect to continue her education.

"I know that Saint Mary's College gave me the confidence to believe in myself and to reach beyond my dreams. . . That's what Saint Mary's taught me, and I will be forever grateful for that. Not only should we give of ourselves, but we should give with a joyful and caring heart."

—Lulu Daly '82, BSN



Tricia Daly and her father, Dr. Peter Daly, prepare for surgery along with another clinic doctor.



Tricia attending Mass with the orphanage's children. Although the orphanage is non-denominational, most Hondurans are Catholic.



Children in a workshop on the orphanage property. All children receive training in a special skill.



Peter, Tricia, Lulu, and Michael Daly at the dedication ceremony of the Holy Family Surgery Center, made possible by the family's generous efforts. The Holy Family icon on the wall was donated by a hospice patient cared for by Lulu.



# Been There

*Alumnae Association Board offers practical tips and personal connections to support students' future success*

*by Ann Jacobson*

As a seasoned alumna, you may have a multitude of practical tips you could share with current students that would help assure their success after graduation. Assuming that students already possess all the information they will need about etiquette and their career search, may leave their success after Saint Mary's somewhat to chance.

Providing useful tips to future graduates and encouraging them to form alumnae connections is the purpose behind the Alumnae Association Board of Directors-sponsored Success After Saint Mary's (SAS), Grace Under Pressure! event. There, students arrive each year eager to listen to the collective and individual advice offered by some of the College's many successful graduates who have "been there." Students also casually chat with board members to form connections with possible future mentors. "We work closely with the Career Crossings Office in presenting Success after Saint Mary's to help students as they transition from life at Saint Mary's to their careers," says Elizabeth

Birmingham Lacy '66, president of the Alumnae Association Board of Directors.

Students are not limited to benefiting from the guidance provided by board members, says Lacy. "Keep in mind that you can reach out to thousands of other Saint Mary's alumnae from all different majors and careers through the Alumnae Resource Network\*," she reminds students.

Sara Niemann '10 was among several students who attended the SAS event on campus this past fall. It was the second year she accepted the invitation, which is open to all juniors and seniors. "I felt the sincerity from the alumnae about wanting us to contact them," Niemann says. Each provided their personal contact information to those in attendance. "It is also nice to see the support from alumnae and know how open they are to meeting us."

*\*for more information, email the Career Crossings Office at [cco@saintmarys.edu](mailto:cco@saintmarys.edu)*



Top photo: Sara Niemann '10 finds the Success after Saint Mary's event valuable in contributing to her post-graduate success.

Center: Board members Mary Sue Dunn Curry '85 (center) and Barb Wolfston Urrutia '74 (right) talk with students.

Bottom: Jill Moore Clouse '99, chairwoman of the Alumnae Association Board's Student/Alumnae Committee, chats with Caroline Arness '11.





*Marjorie Hosinski Hamel '43*

Blessed Basil Anthony Moreau, founder of the congregations of Holy Cross, once stated in a letter that he envisioned "Holy Cross will grow like a mighty tree and constantly shoot forth new limbs and new branches which will be nourished by the same sap and endowed with the same life." The same could be said of Marjorie Hosinski Hamel '43, who passed away on September 16, 2009. Marge was that mighty tree, for her family and her beloved Saint Mary's, channeling her energy, determination, and flair, to assure they flourished.

A native of South Bend, Ind., and graduate of Saint Mary's Academy, Marjorie went on to earn a BA in history from Saint Mary's College where, in the words of her daughter, Barbara Hamel '79, "She distinguished herself as a top-notch/go-getter student, long before these traits were desirable for females. . . ." Marjorie served on the College's Board of Trustees from 1981 to 1987. She received the President's Medal in 1977, the Distinguished Alumnae Award in 1983, and she was the recipient of an honorary degree from the College in 2002. A tireless volunteer, Marjorie also served on The Madeleva Steering Committee, chaired her Reunion Gift Campaign, and served as Chicago Alumnae Club President.

While at Saint Mary's, Marjorie met her husband, P. Jordan, a "double Domer" (undergraduate and law school). P. Jordan joined Marjorie in her zeal for Saint Mary's, himself serving as one of the first lay members of the Board of Regents. He passed away in 1977 after 33 years of marriage, and Marjorie moved on to the next stage of her life without her beloved P. Jordan.

An avid traveler and active community and church volunteer, Marjorie was energetic and engaged to the very end. However, above all these interests and avocations was her devotion to her family—her children, their spouses, and her many grandchildren.

The '43 alumna leaves behind a number of legacies at the College, including her daughters, Barbara A. Hamel '79 and Patricia Hamel Duffy '75, and four great nieces: Anna Sanford Mlodzik '00; Martha Shannon Sanford '97; Mary Sanford Dodd '97, and Ellen Sanford Aranowski '94.

—Karen Zagrocki McDonald '76



*Ann Meagher Vander Vennet '59*

Saint Mary's College lost a dear friend and advocate with the passing of Ann Meagher Vander Vennet '59 on October 7, 2009. Those who knew Ann will hardly be surprised by the opening words of the celebrant's homily at her funeral Mass. The Reverend William Sheridan related that upon hearing about Ann's death, he called her husband, George, to talk about the liturgy and other funeral arrangements. It was a short conversation. George told Father Sheridan that Ann had planned everything in advance. Those plans included women pallbearers, many of whom were Saint Mary's alumnae, and readings and hymns that were intended to comfort those she left behind—to let them know she's okay. Even in death, Ann was thinking about her family and friends.

A tireless volunteer, Ann served her alma mater in every way imaginable. She was a member and past president of the Chicago Alumnae Club, as well as a long-time member of the Chicago Advisory Council. Ann was a member of the Alumnae Board of Directors from 1988 to 1994, serving a term as president. While on the Alumnae Board, she spearheaded the effort to establish the Alumnae Memorial Scholarship, which has thus far awarded \$143,600 to 16 students. She served as a member of the College's Board of Trustees from 1995 through 2001. Ann was on The Madeleva Steering Committee, and in 2009, she served as co-chair for the Class of 1959's 50th Reunion Gift Campaign. Under her leadership, the Class of 1959 endowed a scholarship in honor of their 50th reunion.

Recognizing the importance of the unique educational experience that Saint Mary's provides young women, Ann and George (Notre Dame '59) endowed a library fund, established the Ann Vander Vennet Endowed Scholarship, and contributed to the construction of the College's Student Center. The Vander Vennet Theatre in the student center recognizes their generous support. Ann and George often hosted alumnae or prospective student events at their home.

The second reading at Ann's funeral mass included the following passage: ". . . And, at the mother's death, she will not seem dead, since she leaves after her, others like herself." May we all learn from Ann's example and continue her work to assure young women today and in the future have the opportunity for a Saint Mary's education.

—Karen Zagrocki McDonald '76



## Saint Mary's among Top 100 Liberal Arts Colleges

Saint Mary's College remains nationally recognized as one of the top 100 liberal arts colleges in the nation, according to *U.S. News & World Report* rankings released in August, which place the College in the 97th position. National recognition remains a key goal in the College's Strategic Plan, which includes providing "educational excellence equal to that of the best colleges in the country."

"It is wonderful to be nationally recognized for the academic excellence at Saint Mary's College," says College President Carol Ann Mooney. "We know that prospective students and their parents put value in these rankings." Saint Mary's was also rated one of the best colleges in the Midwest by the *Princeton Review*, a distinction the College has held every year since the *Review* began its "Best Regional Colleges" categorizations seven years ago.

The *U.S. News & World Report* rankings factor in the percentage of alumnae participating in gift giving to each college. In 2008, 32 percent of Saint Mary's alumnae generously made a gift to the College. While contributing to the College's excellent ranking, Saint Mary's lags behind the alumnae giving participation of some of its higher ranking peer institutions including Wellesley College, Oberlin College, Scripps College, and Whitman College—additional proof that alumnae gifts matter.

—Mary Elizabeth Ulliman '10

## Saint Mary's achieves highest enrollment in nearly two decades

This school year, Saint Mary's College boasts its highest enrollment since 1991. In September, the College announced its total enrollment of 1,664 students—which includes 1,561 students studying on campus and 103 students studying abroad. In response to the increased number of students and these down-turned economic times, the College immediately stepped up its effort to ensure financial aid availability. Since the start of the 2008–09 school year, there has been an 11 percent increase in need among students and/or their families seeking financial aid from the College. In response, Saint Mary's increased its institutional aid budget by \$2.6 million.

"Everyone at the College has pulled together to make this increased aid happen," says College President Carol Ann Mooney. "Our Financial Aid department has worked countless hours processing applications. All departments made budget cuts, and members of the Board of Trustees and our Campaign Steering Committee established a fund to provide emergency assistance to returning students. The importance of alumnae gifts and scholarships was a critical component that enabled the College to meet the needs of

today's students.

"We know this extra effort resulted in a stable enrollment—even in these challenging times," says Mooney. Over 90 percent of Saint Mary's students still receive some form of financial aid from the College.

Two main reasons are cited for the increased enrollment, according to Dan Meyer, vice president for enrollment management. "For the past four years, we have had more than 425 students in each of the first-year classes. Secondly, this year, we had higher-than-expected retention of first-year students to second-year students," he notes. Increasing enrollment has been a long-term objective of the College and one that stands. "We are working to maintain and further boost our enrollment by expanding our market reach," says Meyer.

"We continue our work as a College to become more attractive to minority students. We've put greater emphasis on improving the student experience, which has helped our retention efforts. We're also working hard to maintain the financial commitment needed to recruit and retain students at the College," Meyer says.

—Mary Elizabeth Ulliman '10

## Richard Speller is College's new vice president for finance and administration



Richard Speller

Richard Speller has assumed the position of vice president for finance and administration for the College. Speller formerly served as chief financial officer at DePauw and Arcadia universities, and Jamestown (North Dakota) College. He will serve as Saint Mary's chief financial officer and supervise a broad range of financial and administrative areas, including financial analysis, planning and budgeting, investments, facilities, purchasing, human resources and payroll, campus stores, and food services.

He fills the position vacated by Laurie L. Stickelmaier who left the College earlier this year to assume another position.

## Sister M.L. new to position, but not to service at Saint Mary's

Sister Mary Louise Gude '63, CSC, joined the College in July as the vice president for mission. Sister Mary Louise (or "Sister M.L." as she is also fondly called) is the second vice president to lead the Division for Mission, established in 1994. She replaces Sister Rose Anne Schultz, CSC, who retired from the post last spring. The position is a joint appointment by the president of the College and the president of the Sisters of the Holy Cross. Sister M.L. has spent her career serving the University of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College.



Sister Mary Louise Gude '63, CSC

In addition to being a Saint Mary's College graduate, Sister M.L. holds a licentiate from the University of Montreal and a PhD in French literature from the University of Pennsylvania. At the University of Notre Dame, she served as an Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs and taught in its Department of Romance Languages. She formerly served as an assistant French professor and French program coordinator at Saint Mary's.

The College's Division for Mission seeks to integrate Gospel values, the richness of the Catholic tradition, and the heritage of the College's founders, the Sisters of the Holy Cross.

## A piece of Saint Mary's history from the 1940s you might find of interest . . .

In the Fall 2009 *Courier*, the College's library timeline feature stated that the Alumna Centennial Library was established in 1944 in sole commemoration of the founding of the College in 1844. However, College Archivist John Kovach has since located an article in the February 1941 *Saint Mary's Static* newspaper, in which Sister M. Madeleva Wolff, CSC, referenced the library's commemoration involving two centennials—the College's founding and that of the Congregation of Sisters of the Holy Cross in 1841 in Le Mans, France.

## Alumnae diversity program recognized

Saint Mary's recently received a bronze award from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE), Region Five, for the inaugural African American Alumnae Homecoming in October 2008. The event was the brainchild of College Trustee Paula Dawning '71 and created in support of the College's Strategic Plan. It recognizes the role diversity



Juanita Boozer Bay '52, believed to be Saint Mary's first African American alumnae graduate, was the keynote speaker at the award-winning African American Alumnae Homecoming in 2008.

can play in making Saint Mary's a community that prepares its students for life and work in a diverse and global world.

The Office of Alumnae Relations, the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership (CWIL), and the Office of Multicultural Services and Student Programs (MSSP) sponsored the event. Alumnae, faculty, staff, and students were participants and presenters. In addition to formal information and discussion sessions, the weekend included an ecumenical worship service and dinner hosted by College President Carol Ann Mooney.

This was the first affinity group reunion developed and offered by the Alumnae Association. It supports the Association's overall goal to increase and enrich alumnae engagement, and provides opportunities for alumnae to interact with current students.

**Note to readers:** Due to space restrictions and to ensure consistency and fairness, the *Published and Presented* feature in this *Courier* issue is based on a new format, covering accomplishments between March 1 and July 31. To view a more detailed list of our fine faculty's accomplishments, visit [saintmarys.edu/09-published](http://saintmarys.edu/09-published).

**Laura Williamson Ambrose**, assistant professor of humanistic studies; presentation, "Travel in Time: Almanac Use and Local Travel in Seventeenth-Century England," National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar "The Reformation of the Book," Oxford, England, July.

**Don Balka**, professor emeritus of mathematics; coauthored book, *A Guide to Mathematics Coaching: Processes for Increasing Student Achievement*, Corwin Press, July.

Coauthored book, *A Guide to Mathematics Leadership: Sequencing Instructional Change*, Corwin Press, July.

**Linda Berdayes**, associate professor of communication studies; paper, "Second Orality and Mobile Phones," 10th Annual Convention of the Media Ecology Association, Saint Louis University, June.

**Vince Berdayes**, professor of communication studies; paper, "Scenario as a Socially Conscious Research Methodology," Fifth International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, May.

Paper, "Numbers in Oral Societies," Tenth Annual Convention of the Media Ecology Association, Saint Louis University, June.

**Theodore Billy**, chair and professor of English; article, "Look Here, You See: Focusing on Myopic Vision in *The Great Gatsby*," Approaches to Teaching *The Great Gatsby*, The Modern Language Association of America.

**Carolyn Call**, director of the Office for Civic and Social Engagement; paper, "Knowing Our Roots: Religious Traditions and Community Engagement," Faith, Justice, and Civic Learning Conference, De Paul University, Chicago, June.

**Insook Chung**, associate professor of education; article, "Korean Teachers' Perceptions of Student Success in Mathematics: Concept versus Procedure," *The Montana Mathematics Enthusiast*, 6 (1/2).

**Olivia Barzydlo Critchlow**, assistant director of the Office for Civic and Social Engagement and director of the College Academy of Tutoring; presentation, "Partnering Higher Education with Title 1 Schools," at the 20th Annual National Service-Learning Conference, Nashville, Tenn., March.

**Nancy L. D'Antuono**, professor of Italian; paper, "Andrea Perrucci as rifacitore of Spanish Golden Age Drama,"

Northeast Modern Language Association meeting, Boston, February and March.

**Indi Dieckgrafe**, professor of dance; presentation, "Tools and Fuels for Sacred Dance—a Choreographic Workshop for Your BodySpirit," Lake Shore Chapter of the Sacred Dance Guild, Mount Prospect, Ill., August.

**Keith J. Egan**, Aquinas chair in Catholic Theology Emeritus; article, "Carmel's Love of Learning and the Desire for God," *The Sword*, 2009.

Article, "Funeral Eulogy for Ernest Larkin, O. Carm," *ibid.*

Review, *The Collected Letters of St. Teresa of Avila, Spiritus*, Spring.

Lecture, "John of the Cross," Secular Discalced Carmelites of Twin Cities, Minn., and Buffalo, Minn., May.

Presentation, "Prayer and Hope," Sisters of the Holy Cross, Notre Dame, Ind., May.

Lecture, "Nature, Grace and Glory in John of the Cross," The College Theology Society's annual convention, Notre Dame, Ind., May.

Presentation, Notre Dame's Annual Alumni College, June.

Lecture, "Taking a Long Loving Look at the Real," 2009 Theology Master of Arts graduates, the University of Notre Dame, July.

**Laura Haigwood**, professor of English; paper, "Anne Lutton's Methodism Against the Tide of Modernity," 17th Annual Conference of the North American Society for the Study of Romanticism, Duke University, May.

**Charles A. Hobbs**, visiting assistant professor of philosophy; presented "Pragmatism as a Contribution to Philosophy of Death and Dying," 36th Annual Meeting of the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, Texas, March.

Essay, "Naturalism, Death, and Functional Immortality," *Contemporary Pragmatism*, June.

**Krista Hoefle**, associate professor in the art department; screening of digital animation, "This is a Type of Freakshow Parthenogenesis," "Extremely Shorts" film festival, Aurora Picture Show Theater, Houston, Tex., June.

Exhibition, "ebers/b9," a Chicago gallery, July

Exhibition, Mixed Greens Gallery Group Exhibition "X," New York City, July and August.



**Sister Eva Mary Hooker, CSC**, professor of English; poem, "The Hospitality of War" and "Salt Flower," *Memorious* 12, Summer.

Poem, "Working Methods," *New England Review*, Volume 30, Number 2.

Poem, "Three Woodpeckers," *Terrain*, Fall.

**Jeffrey Jacob**, professor of music (piano, piano pedagogy); music release, Jacob's Symphony no. 3, the Vienna Modern Masters label, September.

Recital, Fine Arts Society of Casper, Wyo., March.

Performance and lecture, Casper College, Casper, Wyo., March.

Solo performance with South Bend Symphony Orchestra, May.

Music release, "Contemporary American Eclectic Music for the Piano," New Ariel Recordings, July.

Music release, *The Piano Music of Vincent Persichetti*, September.

**Richard Jensen**, professor of biology; article, "Phenetics: Revolution, Reform or Natural Consequence?" *Taxon* 58.

Article, "The Origins of Oaks," Amory, M.H. *The Oaks of Chevithorne Barton* Adelphi Publishers, London.

**Phyllis H. Kaminski**, professor of religious studies; convened, Women's Consultation pre-convention session, "Fermenting Impasse: Women's Critical Communities and Ecclesial Transformation," the Catholic Theological Society of America, Nova Scotia, June.

Presentation, "Living Difference(s): Dialogue as Spiritual Practice," 2009 Irigaray Circle Stonybrook Manhattan, September.

**Elizabeth "Lisa" Karle**, library assistant at the College's Cushwa-Leighton Library; book, *Hosting a Library Mystery: a Programming Guide*, American Library Association, April.

**Renee Kingcaid**, professor of modern languages; paper, "I'm Sorry, but Your Story Doesn't Qualify as Narrative: The *Banlieue* Picaresque in Mathieu Kassovitz's *La Haine*," Hawaii International Conference on the Arts and Humanities, Honolulu, Hawaii, January.

**Frances Bernard Kominkiewicz**, chair and associate professor of social work, co-presentation paper, "Students as Producers or Consumers? A National Study of BSW Research Syllabi," Board-Sponsored Research Session, Phoenix, March.

**Jerome L. McElroy**, professor of economics; poem, "On the Mountain," *The National Catholic Reporter*, April.

Poem, "Osprey," *Avocet: A Journal of Nature Poetry*, Spring.

Poem, "Annunciation" and "Incarnation," *Penwood Review* 13(1) Spring.

Article, "The Supply Determinants of Small Island Tourist Economies," *ARA (Caribbean) Journal of Tourism Research* 2(1): 13; *Journal of Baccalaureate Social Work* 22 (with Courtney Parry '09).

**Elaine Meyer-Lee**, director of the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership; presentation, "Assessment Toolbox for International Educators," NAFSA 2009 Annual Conference & Expo, "Fostering Global Engagement Through International Education," Los Angeles, May (*Journal of Baccalaureate Social Work* 29).

**Zae Munn**, professor of music; composition, "Broken Tulip," Society of Composers, Inc. National Conference, Santa Fe, N.Mex., April.

**Don Paetkau**, assistant professor of biology, **Calli A. Davison '09**, and **Kaitlyn S. Kuns '09**; poster, "The Suppressor of Retinal Degeneration, su(rdgB)82, Maps to the 53F8-54F1 Region of Chromosome 2," 50th Annual Drosophila Research Conference, Chicago, March.

**Daniel Party**, assistant professor of music; paper, "*Placer Culpable*: Shame and Nostalgia in the Chilean 1990's Balada Revival," *Latin American Music Review* 30(1).

Paper, "Spanish Cancion Liger: The (un)official music of the late Franco regime," Colloque International Musique d'Etat et Dictature, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris.

**Catherine Pittman**, associate professor of psychology and **Elizabeth "Lisa" Karle**, library assistant at Cushwa-Leighton Library; book, *Extinguishing Anxiety: Whole Brain Strategies to Relieve Fear and Stress*, Foliadeux Press, August.

**Thomas Platt**, professor of biology, **Lindsay Burnsied '08**, and **Elizabeth Bush '08**; paper, "The Role of Light and Gravity in the Experimental Transmission of *Echinostoma Caproni* (Digenea: Echinostomatidae) Cercariae to the Second Intermediate, *Biomphalaria glabrata* (Gastropoda: Pulmonata)," *Journal of Parasitology* 95.

**Ujvala Rajadhyaksha**, associate professor of business and economics; paper, "Gender, Gender Role Ideology and Work-Family Conflict in India," Academy of Management Conference, Chicago, August.

**Joanne Snow**, professor of mathematics; lecture, "Mathematician as Artist: Marston Morse," University of Notre Dame, July.

## Alumnae Deaths

Barbara Bickel Bare '36, grandmother of Suzanne Bare Snyder '88, October 2, 2009.

Lois K. Kamm '36, October 9, 2009.

Mariella Mulqueen Jamieson '38, mother of Susanne Jamieson Tookoian '66, October 10, 2009.

Mary Madonna Hirsch Kuntz '41, August 14, 2009.

Marjorie Hosinski Hamel '43, mother of Patricia Hamel Duffy '75, and Barbara A. Hamel '79, aunt of Ellen Sanford Aranowski '94, Mary Sanford Dodd '97, Martha Sanford '97, and Anna Sanford Mlodzik '00, September 16, 2009.

Marian Faye LaMarche '63, August 4, 2009.

Patricia E. Dieckelman '46, July 13, 2009.

Nancy Garner Hummer '46, mother of Mary Clare Hummer Decker '70, July 12, 2009.

Mary Catherine "Kitty" Velde Watson '46, grandmother of Mary Grace "Gracie" Guebert '07, and aunt of Mary Sue Watson Gillian '66, July 8, 2008.

Clare Ann Pirchio '47, sister of Theresa Pirchio Miller '47, September 13, 2009.

Petrina "Pat" Mitchell Simpson '48, sister of Rose Mary Muhovich LaFrance '56, September 6, 2009.

Lois Smith Hansen '49, July 4, 2009.

Sister M. Kevin (Kathryn Virginia Jones), CSC '50, September 5, 2009.

Amy Cataldi Jones '51, April 2, 2009.

Noreen Doran Peradotto '51, July 24, 2009.

Kathleen Flanagan Baldwin '54, mother of Diane Baldwin Troup '81, sister of Muriel Flanagan Cullen '53, aunt of Carol Cullen Lydiatt '73, Kathleen Cullen Holm '79, Colleen Cullen Akers '81, and great aunt of Therese Cullen '05, August 15, 2009.

Sister M. Catherine de Ricci (Dorothy Bartels), CSC '54, July 25, 2009.

Patricia Louise Morris Gohlke '56, daughter of the late Katherine Cunningham Morris '16, sister of Katherine Morris Langworthy '50, and niece of Mary Cunningham Deitle '34, July 27, 2009.

Diane Griffin Beytagh '57, mother of Maureen Beytagh '88, September 18, 2009.

Jacqueline Fix Bies '59, August 25, 2009.

Ann Marie Meagher Vander Vennet '59, sister-in-law of Marie Lyman Meagher '57 and Anne Vander Vennet Belden '68, and aunt of Molly Belden McCann '92, October 7, 2009.

Karen Eisin Pellaton '61, sister of Claudia Eisin Knoll '62 and Leslie Eisin Miller '76 and aunt of Michelle Miller '03, August 13, 2009.

Marilyn J. McPherson '63, August 19, 2009.

Sister M. Claudette (Margaret Mary Metcalf), CSC '63, September 3, 2009.

Sister M. Kathryn Edward McDermott, CSC '64, September 19, 2009.

Patricia McGuire Kasten '65, August 11, 2009.

Patricia "Pat" Sears Kraemer '65, August 17, 2009.

Jane Moty Floyd '69, July 29, 2009.

Caroline "Carrie" Elizabeth Bellock '74, sister of Donna Bellock Callen '81, July 22, 2009.

Honey McHugh '78, August 23, 2009.

## Family Deaths

John E. Allegrina, husband of Catherine Yuchasz Allegrina '65, May 31, 2009.

Marianne "Mitzi" Andreus Berghoff, mother of Ramona Berghoff Bass '83, August 4, 2009.

Robert A. Blair, grandfather of Loretta Rodts '08, September 11, 2009.

Timothy K. Burke, brother of Sheila Burke Vollman '62, July 2, 2009.

The Honorable Robert Carey Cannon, grandfather of Monica C. Cannon-Meeker '03, October 22, 2008.

Evelyn F. Cabana Ciesielski, mother of Judith Ciesielski Hums '76, July 26, 2009.

John E. Ciaciura, father of Karen Ciaciura Heil '99, and uncle of Mary Ryan Buddig '81, Eileen Ryan Seyfarth '84, Therese Ryan Rooney '86, and Donna Ryan Coffey '90, July 31, 2009.

Nathalie Clark, grandmother of Katie Clark O'Brien '08, September 12, 2009.

Richard Dorgan, brother of Joan H. Dorgan '63, September 3, 2009.

Thomas B. Dunkin, father of Janyce Dunkin Brengel '78, August 4, 2009.

David C. Ford, Indiana State Senator, father of Kelly Ford Konzel '04, March, 2008.

Michael J. Greco, father of Susan Greco Chambers '77, August 11, 2009.

Claire V. Hansen, husband of Renee Chrissis Hansen '46, July 15, 2009.

Dr. Emile Newton Hooker, father of Sister Eva Mary Hooker, CSC '63, August 27, 2009.

Howard C. Kaplan, grandfather of Jennifer Kaplan LaConte '94, July 26, 2009.

Genevieve Angela Calvin, mother of Anne Kalvin Klein '70, February 20, 2009.

Eugene A. Keen, father of Debra Keen Mellinger '76, October 3, 2009.

Frank Kinmonth, Jr., stepson of Caroline Sanchez '86, September 20, 2009.

Edward C. Knuth Jr., husband of Diane Landphair Knuth '57, August 2, 2009.

Mary Jeanne Sullivan Larkin, mother of Kathleen Larkin Hickey '71, and Patricia Larkin '73, September 3, 2009.

Carl F. Lustic and Rudolphia "Rudy" Lustic, parents of Terri Lustic Lonier '74, Carl on May 14, 2008 and Rudolphia on April 21, 2009.

Stephen T. McTigue, Sr., husband of Mary Ann McDonnell McTigue '49 and father of M. Kathleen McTigue '77, September 23, 2009.

Roy L. Merklings, Jr., grandfather of Jennifer Ferguson '08, August 22, 2009.

Mary Evelyn Miller, mother of Joan Miller-Campbell '78, and grandmother of Mary Campbell '09, August 10, 2009.

Esther Murphy, mother of Marilyn Murphy Wholley '75, September 11, 2009.

George L. Olvany, father of Patricia Olvany Hodson '74, November 2, 2008.

Jennie R. Piatkowski, mother of Debra Piatkowski Bauters '77 and Margaret Piatkowski Foldenauer '81, September 5, 2009.

Julie McCague Riley, mother of Ellen Riley Flower '83, June 16, 2009.

Janet Morris Smiggen, mother of Christine Marie Smiggen '93, August 1, 2009.

Leona Babinski Smith, mother of Diane Smith Poirier '84, September 11, 2009.

David B. Sutton, husband of Barbara Leahy Sutton '65, July 19, 2009.

Ralph E. Taylor, husband of Cheryl Kunberger Taylor '72, May 11, 2009.

James M. Tio, father of Jennifer Tio '84, August 19, 2009.

Margaret "Peggy" K. Todd, mother Jennifer Todd Ellis '92, August 31, 2009.

Robert Patrick Walsh Sr., husband of Marie Murnane Walsh '49, father of Cecilia Walsh Burke '76, father-in-law of Laura Barry Walsh '81, uncle of Dorothy Murnane Wehmer '76, Katherine Walsh '94, Molly McHugh '00 and great uncle of Margaret Wehmer '07, August 22, 2009.

Charles B. Wolf, MD, husband of the late Joan Hemingway Wolf '55, brother-in-law of Bernadette Hemingway Martin '52 and Sister M. Bernadette Hemingway, SS '61, and uncle of Amy Martin Uberto '75, June 29, 2009.

Mary Worklan, mother of Patricia Worklan '81, July 21, 2009.

Douglas Zalesky, son of Rita Giometti Zalesky '54, September 24, 2009.

Theodore "Ted" Zelazny, father of Zoe Ann Zelazny '04, August 30, 2008.

## Marriages

Sarah O'Connor Fallon '63 and Richard Arthur, September 6, 2009.

Barbara Kurien Wolfe '65 and Robert, October 4, 2009.

Katherine M. Walsh '94 and Patrick Hennessy, June 6, 2009.

Emily Bochy Fenton '97 and Luke, April 18, 2009.

Brooke Lawrence Smart '99 and Lyle, June 20, 2009.

Amy Hartman Wise '99 and Joe, May 23, 2009.

Mary DeKever Murphy '00 and Frank, August 1, 2009.

Kathleen Heron Pinciotti '00 and Ben, August 1, 2009.

Melissa Pennington Bassler '01 and Casey, October 2007.

Katherine Kelleher Bojar '01 and Christopher, June 27, 2009.

Jennifer Griffith Conover '01 and Jeremy, June 7, 2008.

Megan Kosel Shaughnessy '01 and Kurt Hessen, July 11, 2009.

Natalie Cook Simper '01 and Brian, June 6, 2009.

Siobhan Murphy Watson '02 and Matt, July 4, 2009.

Colleen Conaty Bowen '03 and Stephen, June 28, 2008.

Katie Lee Haddad '03 and Mike, August 1, 2009.

Lauren Smith Marshall '03 and Matthew, May 30, 2009.

Katie Vincer Sears '03 and Scott, August 29, 2009.

Katherine Dooley Blesener '04 and Lucas, August 22, 2008.

Amy Downs Latta '04 and David, May 30, 2009.

Wendy Irvin Shetler '04 and Matthew, July 5, 2008.

Mary Margaret "Maggie" Wurst Thompson '04 and Jeffrey ND '05, August 1, 2009.

Bryant Henry Wood '04 and Bernard, May 31, 2008.

Elise Rupright Bohl '05 and Brandon, July 11, 2009.

Andjela Subotic Bozga '05 and John, May 30, 2009.

Margaret BonDurant Clemency '05 and Robert, August 15, 2009.

Eva Polizzi Duff '05 and Jeff, August 15, 2009.

Stacey Stark Neulieb '05 and Greg, July 18, 2009.

Rachel Kohler Schroeder '05 and Cody, May 9, 2009.

Rebekah Hendricks Thiefels '05 and Michael, November 10, 2007.

Julie Breen Wilson '05 and Nate, August 1, 2009.

Crystal Schauf '06 and Joseph Garlock ND '06, July 25, 2009.

Katherine Kelly Sparks '06 and Matthew, February 2009.

Christine Pearl Rastello '07 and Erik, July 2009.

Jennifer McLean Morgan '08 and Ryan, September 12, 2009.

Renee Woodward Powers '08 and Joseph, August 8, 2009.

Suzanne Swygart Stanzel '08 and Kyle, January 24, 2009.

Janelle Wise Fonner '09 and Andrew, May 30, 2009.

Sharon Rhode Tracy '09 and Christopher, June 20, 2009.

## Births and Adoptions

Ellen Ryan '84: Clare DouQian Ryan, born May 29, 2005, date of adoption, March 22, 2009.

Nora McQuillan Coleman '89 and Kevin: Connor James, July 31, 2009.

Ellen Boyle Kmecak '89 and Steve: Joseph, November 5, 2008.

Jennifer Retoske Keller '90 and Ryan: Megan Irene, August 1, 2008.

Colleen Mooney McGee '90 and Paul: Maeve Claire, July 28, 2009.

Diana Lanzillotta Bobis '95 and Jeff: Nico Alexander, August 25, 2009.

Carol Fitch Burnham '95 and Daniel: Olivia Magdalen, March 26, 2009.

Allison Murphy Hannah '95 and the late Elige Hannah: EllieGrace, June 17, 2009.

Meredith Dodge Melinder '95 and Jeff: Nora Ellen, June 27, 2009.

Brandee Carlson Foley '97 and Matt: Bridget Ann, February 22, 2009.

Christina Giel Hardin '97 and Bill: Jonathan Alexander, November 2, 2008.

Kristin Wisniewski McMinn '97 and Todd: Nathan Vincent, July 6, 2009.

Kimberly Pohlman Meske '97 and Norman: Sophia, February 4, 2009.

Susan Sufka Kaplan '98 and Andrew: Dahlia Rose, July 8, 2009.

Amanda Miskus Adam '99 and Peter: Logan Michael, December 19, 2008.

Rebecca Oliva Barkley '99 and Matthew: Andrew, January 24, 2008.

Christina Kouri Brunnemer '99 and H. Keith, III: Jacob Edward, October 2, 2008.

Katie Peters Dejuras '99 and Jamie: Maddox Graham, January 10, 2008.

Kathryn Suwalski Hartnett '99 and Lawrence: Tyler, November 29, 2007.

Jennifer Love Kress '99 and Benjamin: Sullivan "Sully" Joseph, May 26, 2008.

Moir Lanigan '99 and Jarrett Joyce: Brendan, December 30, 2008.

Mary Tully Lehman '99 and Peter: Madeleine Tully, September 21, 2008.

Angela Pompili Litvak '99 and Stanley: Ella Lelia, February 12, 2008.

Jennifer Mazurek Miles '99 and Jim: Jack James, April 16, 2009.

Monica Cernanec Morin '99 and Joel: Josiah Isaac, June 16, 2009.

Elizabeth La Mora Pierson '99 and Mark: GERALYNN Marie, November 6, 2008.

Courtney O'Callaghan Ranson '99 and Michael: Kennedy Grace, February 17, 2009.

Sara Levandusky Reinthalier '99 and Brian ND '99: Annie June, July 25, 2007.

Laurie Pater Roettker '99 and Brian: Brooke Marie, December 28, 2008.

Joanne Wagner Schau '99 and Chad: Brady, April 20, 2009.

Shannon Cibella Teague '99 and Ryan: Twins, Cole Grayson, and Lexie Della Marie, July 16, 2009.

Madeline Carpinelli Wallack '99 and David: Oscar Alexander, August 5, 2009.

Emily Junius Harrison '00 and Robert: Helen Maryann, December 6, 2008.

Katie Smith Hogerty '00 and Reagan ND '99: John Kenan, July 27, 2009.

Mary Ellen Blumreich Krueger '00 and John: Julia Carolyn, August 27, 2009.

Anna Sanford Mlodzik '00 and Peter: Theodore Francis, November 23, 2009.

Leticia Terri Baltes '01: Marianna Kathryn Rodriguez Baltes, June 23, 2009.

Kelly Sterritt Clancy '01 and Bill ND '99: Mackenzie Grace, August 19, 2009.

Molly Gast Holzrichter '01 and Rob: Riley Ann, November 5, 2007.

Julie Scheib Martin '01 and Scott: Griffin "Griff" Emmet, March 27, 2009.

Kelly Dugan Prina '01 and Pete ND '03: Thomas Joseph, October 5, 2008.

Laura Brennan Schlidt '01 and Thomas: Kathryn "Kate" Elizabeth, February 24, 2009.

Lori Schulte Smithe '01 and Thomas: Emily Loretto, July 18, 2009.

Ryann Cox Szczepanski '01 and Neil: Maria Katherine, May 11, 2009.

Jessica Higgins White '01: Glen "Keagan" White III, September 26, 2008.

Stephanie Redwanski Belschner '03 and Artie ND '01, '02: Spencer Cole, May 20, 2009.

Kelly Rizzi Brooke '03 and Brian: Patrick Richard, August 4, 2009.

Monica C. Cannon-Meeker '03 and Giacomo Meeker: Annabelle Cristina Meeker, June 24, 2009.

Amanda Steenwyk Fickel '03 and Taeg: Magdalene Lucia, February 19, 2009.

Lisa Hudes Frey '03 and Eric: Kelsey Virginia, July 18, 2009.

Rebekah Hauch Gano '03 and Shawn: Elise Lynne, October 5, 2008.

Amanda Sula Goman '03 and Tim: Joseph Frederick, March 22, 2009.

Amanda Beale Johnson '03 and Thomas: Collin P., November 17, 2008.

Cynthia Cvangros McCutcheon '03 and Thomas: Colten Thomas, March 14, 2009.

Christine LaVigne Osburn '03 and Matt ND '03: Jacob Raymond, August 3, 2009.

Elaine Porter Perez '03 and Thomas: Emily Nancy, September 3, 2009.

Leanne Howder Sullivan '03 and Kevin: Jacqueline Marie, August 9, 2009.

Michelle Bezdicek Davis '04 and Jason ND '04: Kalen, January 17, 2009.

Elizabeth Thelen Goerges '05 and Jonathan: Penelope Grace, May 1, 2009.

Sheila Egts LaMaster '05 and Chris: Matthew David, June 19, 2009.

Kelly Hickey Lilly '07 and Matt ND '05, John "Jack" Matthew, August 13, 2009.

Courtney Kennedy Weicher '08 and James: Evelyn, April 14, 2009.



## Boston

Saint Mary's College Alumnae Club of New England has been busy putting on events and keeping alumnae informed of happenings within the club and on the SMC campus. On August 8, the Club hosted a student send-off ice cream social and provided the incoming and current students with SMC-branded laundry bags. On October 16, the SMC Alumnae Club of New England hosted a game watch with the Notre Dame Club of Boston to watch the ND vs. USC game. We also enjoyed celebrating Founders' Day with a Mass and luncheon on November 8 with fellow alumnae and friends.

For more information, or to get on our monthly e-newsletter mailing list, please email [smcboston@gmail.com](mailto:smcboston@gmail.com)

## Chicago West

The Chicago West club finished this year's book club meetings with events at the homes of Patty Cushing '90, Anne McDermott '85, and Debbie Soldato '76. We truly appreciate all our book club hostesses and discussion leaders. And we thank our book club czar, Anne McDermott '85, who has already planned the 2010 book list. Please watch the club Web site for the up-to-date book list and join us!

In November, we held a second service day at the People's Resource Center in Wheaton. We worked in the food pantry again where we stocked shelves and assisted families in their shopping. We finished the day with a lunch bunch event in Lombard at Holy Mackerel's restaurant. Our thanks to Patty Cushing '90 and Joanne Marsh '69, respectively, for coordinating these events.

Our annual Evening of Sharing was held on December 3. Many thanks to Kristin Newell '91 for hosting the evening. We gathered to share family holiday traditions and create exam care packages for students from our area. Thanks to all who participated—your generosity was greatly appreciated by the club and our area Belles!

Your club newsletter is in process and will be mailed early in 2010. Please be quick to respond and send in your dues so we can plan activities to get fellow alumnae together to remember our time at Saint Mary's and help future generations of women gain the same valuable experiences.

If you're interested in joining the club, please email [irishannie93@yahoo.com](mailto:irishannie93@yahoo.com) or call Alison Kavulich at 630-820-6711.

## Cleveland

The Cleveland Club celebrated Founders' Day on Sunday, October 11, with a liturgy at Saint Bernadette's Parish in Westlake. A reception followed the liturgy and was greatly enjoyed by the alumnae and families that attended. In addition, a raffle was held for two pairs of Notre Dame/Navy Football tickets. Proceeds from the raffle benefited another Saint Mary's College scholarship sponsored by the Club.

In November, exam care packages were assembled and sent to Saint Mary's College students. Many thanks to all who donated their time and snacks. The students really appreciate our time and effort.

The Annual Christmas Cookie Exchange was held on December 7. Alumnae enjoyed the evening by starting off the Holiday Season with an exchange of Christmas Cookies and holiday cheer.

Please feel free to get in touch with me, Cheri Petride Miller '79, at [clmiller8457@earthlink.net](mailto:clmiller8457@earthlink.net) if you have any questions or suggestions for the Club.

## Columbus

The Columbus club volunteered again at the Mid Ohio Food Bank in late fall. This is a family event, and we had a great time last year! Also, we prepared for the joint ND/SMC Christmas Mass in December and prepared our care packages for the Central Ohio students at SMC.

## Dayton

The Dayton Alumnae Club welcomed area alumnae and current students to a send-off for new students on July 26. Peggy Frericks Thompson '77 did a wonderful job organizing the event! All had a great time, complete with many wonderful and entertaining stories of time spent on campus.

We anticipate future events and are looking for fellow alumnae who would like to participate. If interested please contact Julie Steinke '96 ([jasmc96@gmail.com](mailto:jasmc96@gmail.com)) or Peggy Frericks Thompson '77 ([dthompson86@woh.rr.com](mailto:dthompson86@woh.rr.com)), or join the Dayton Alumnae Club group on Facebook.

## Des Moines

The Des Moines Club gathered in mid-August at the home of Aimee Beckmann-Collier '75 to send off our current students. Alumnae enjoyed hearing stories from the students about

## Club Clips



The Detroit Club celebrated Founders' Day on October 11 with worship and fellowship. A lovely mass, during which the club was acknowledged and blessed by the congregation, was followed with a brunch at the home of Joan Mette Reddy '56. Those attending included (Pictured, left to right) Jessica Stuijbergen '99, assistant director of alumnae relations; Amy Gentile Karpinen '92, Lisa Walton Roelle '05, Joan Mette Reddy '56, and Megan Flick Schmelzer '05.

their experiences of the past year. Sarah Sullivan Bigelow '96 planned to host the Founders' Day event on November 7. Dr. Linda Timm, Director of Major Gifts for the College, was the scheduled speaker. Michelle Nagle Lickteig '02 is coordinating a service project, which is scheduled for February.

## Detroit

On September 19, 2009 we drove down to South Bend and cheered on our Irish neighbors as they took on the Michigan State Spartans. We gathered on Saint Mary's campus for tailgate fun! In attendance were Meghan Flick Schmelzer '05 and her husband Stefan, Lisa Walton Roelle '05 and her husband Ethan, Maureen Sullivan '55, current student Katie Sears '12 and her parents, Jerry and Lisa, Bridget O'Brien Bealin '79 with her husband and son, and Katie Goebel '09. We had a great time catching up and enjoying the beautiful weather. Thanks to all who could make it! We also stopped by the Alumnae Association Reception and reunited with several of our college friends. We look forward to this event next year.

On October 11 we all gathered to celebrate Founder's Day. This is a day when we recognize the great

work Mother Angela and Father Sorin achieved in creating Saint Mary's College. We are fortunate to have such a wonderful place to call home. We celebrated Mass at St. Thomas More church in Troy then headed to Joan Mette Reddy's '56 house for a light brunch. Amy Gentile Karpinen '92, Kathryn Krampee '58, Sally Teppert '58, Helen Patton '58, Meghan Flick Schmelzer '05, Susan De Ponio Boyer '73, Maureen Sullivan '55, Shelagh Crook Merenius '78, Mary Dahm Howlett '78, Carol Jasper Markly '56, Ann Bronsing Klein '53, Mary Cucchi Depman '50, Annette Fontana Saylor '59, Jody Morris O'Brien '50, Lisa Walton Roelle '05, and Carolyn Martin '58 gathered together to remember Saint Mary's. Several spouses were also in attendance to help us celebrate! Thank you, Joan, for a wonderful time.

## Houston

The Houston Club was very excited to be chosen as Club of the Year! Thank you to all who have volunteered their time and resources in getting the Houston Club active again! Also, many thanks to those who have paid their club dues! This has been another great support for the club. For those

who haven't had the opportunity to pay their annual dues, please visit our Web site to find details on where to mail dues.

Fall was a busy time for the club. Alumnae partnered with the Notre Dame Club on October 9 for happy hour at The Drinkery. It's our goal to establish a monthly happy hour, so keep an eye out for more details. In college fair news, Mary Borden '07 and Anne Spyhalski '07 did a great job coordinating alumnae volunteers at the fall college fairs throughout the Houston area. If you're interested in helping out with future college fairs, please contact them.

Our Founder's Day Celebration was on October 10 at the home of Hannah Storen Kreps '58. Alumnae in attendance spanned 71 class years ranging from the Class of 1938 to the Class of 2009. We were excited that Kara O'Leary '89, director of alumnae relations, was able to join us and share the history of Founder's Day.

On October 31, many from the club traveled to San Antonio to cheer on the Notre Dame football team as they took on Washington State. In addition to the game, many attended the pep rally and met up throughout the weekend.

Jennifer Stevens and her husband Jim opened their home to the Houston Club on December 6 for our annual Christmas Mass and Dinner. Once

again, it was a wonderful way for SMC Alumnae to gather to celebrate the beauty of Christmas.

In January, we are planning to gather for "SMC Flicks Night," an evening of movies and wine. Keep checking our Web site for more details.

Our club Web site is: <http://www.saintmarys.edu/%7Ealumnae/clubpages/TEXAS/houston.html>. Contact information for officers and representatives can be found there in addition to details about upcoming events.

We are sending out quarterly newsletters via email. If you're not receiving them, please make sure we have your most current email address. Also, if you haven't connected with us or need to update your contact information, please contact Jennifer Kincaid '02 at [jenniferkincaid@hotmail.com](mailto:jenniferkincaid@hotmail.com) or 713-868-5392.

## Kansas City

The Kansas City Club added more than \$1,000 to its scholarship fund through a ticket raffle for the ND vs. USC game—that's big news for this little club! Thanks to all SMC and ND alums and friends who entered. The Christmas Tea Party was December 6 at the InterContinental Hotel on the Plaza. If you're interested in getting involved with the club, please visit the

# Timely Reminders

Class news for even-numbered class years are published in summer and winter issues, and for odd-numbered years, in spring and fall. So, if you do not see a submitted item in a particular issue, it is planned for inclusion in an issue that follows.

club's Web page or contact Kelly Tyler '87 ([Kelly@KellyTylerTrainingServices.com](mailto:Kelly@KellyTylerTrainingServices.com)) for more information. We'd love to have more local gals involved, so please get in touch if you live in the Kansas City area.

## New Jersey

2009 proved to be a great year for the Garden State alumnae club. We hosted Adriana Trigiani '81 in February at the Spring Lake home of Beth Culligan '72. In April, we welcomed six accepted first-year students and their parents into the home of Dawn Santamaria '81, four of whom were "on the fence" about attending Saint Mary's. After the luncheon, all six ladies decided that Saint Mary's was indeed their college of choice! In June, we hosted tall ship events along the Hudson and in Atlantic City to which we invited all of the incoming first-year students. Most of the girls attended one of these two events where they had a chance to meet other alumnae and again with each other. They are loving their Saint Mary's experience! To all of you who participate in the Alumnae Endorsed Application program, a big "Thank you." Our annual Christmas celebration was on December 20 at St. Thomas More Parish in Convent Station (Morristown area), a 12-noon Mass, followed by brunch at Rod's Steak and Seafood Grille. Around the Christmas season, we traditionally send our New Jersey students care packages to the tune of about \$25 a piece. We are also looking for help to keep this club going. Please contact [dawn@tallshipunicorn.com](mailto:dawn@tallshipunicorn.com) if you're interested in any capacity. Merry Christmas to all of you and your families and cheers to a healthy 2010.

## Richmond/Central Virginia

As opportunities arise, we love to gather alums, past parents, and friends of Saint Mary's. A recent Commonwealth Catholic Charities event, featuring Adri Trigiani '81, brought us together. Other past activities include adopting a family at

Christmas, sharing a liturgy at the Cathedral, or welcoming the student Choir to town. For more information, networking, or a chance to gather, please contact Mary Ellen Stumpf '74, 804-402-2511 or [maryellenstumpf@aol.com](mailto:maryellenstumpf@aol.com).

## San Diego

The San Diego Belles gained official Club status by the Saint Mary's College Alumnae Board in early September! With this exciting news we continued to plan ahead and work together in representing Saint Mary's within the San Diego community. We had our first General Meeting at the home of Barbara McKnight '77, where we discussed the mission of our Club and how we want to represent our College within San Diego. Being that we had so many wonderful ideas as to how we could volunteer our time, we thought it best to organize a Community Service Committee. Kathleen Hines '59, was kind enough to host our first Community Service meeting. It was at this successful meeting where 6 of us decided our Clubs energies, gifts, and talents could be best used to benefit those families in our community who are less fortunate. Sister Ramona Oppenheim '50, Kathleen Glaser '65, and Kathleen Hines '59, have volunteered to work closely together to organize the ways in which our Alumnae Club can best service those less fortunate. Throughout the month of October, Sandy Parry '07, Jenn Wagner '05, Barbara McKnight '77, Mary Jean Paxton '52, Jenn Carroll '97, and Beth Orton '89 were busy representing SMC at our local high school college fairs in San Diego. On October 18, we celebrated the founding of SMC and the 165 years of success our Alma Mater has produced! A large group of alumnae, friends, and family gathered at historic San Diego Mission Basilica to celebrate Mass with Father Bill Springer ND '66.

On December 8, a Christmas Cookie Exchange was scheduled at the home of Marilyn Ambrose '52. For more information regarding future activities,

## Club Clips



Kara M. O'Leary '89, director of alumnae relations, presented the Club of the Year Award to the Houston Alumnae Club during their annual Founders' Day Celebration in October. It was recognized for its efforts that cultivate fresh ideas which reinvigorate its core alumnae base, encourage new alumnae participants, reach out to current students in creative ways, and serve the needs of others in the community.

or to offer suggestions, please contact Sandy Parry '07 at sandyparry@yahoo.com or 619-871-8016.

### San Francisco

The San Francisco Alumnae Club has had quite a bit of activity this fall! The San Francisco Book Club held its second meeting on November 10th at the home of Jennifer Wachter '87. The group read *The Girl with the Dragon*

*Tattoo* by Stieg Larsson. The Club also started an East Bay Book Club. The first meeting was held on October 22 at the home of Jean Easterly. They read alumna Adriana Trigiani's '81 new book *Very Valentine*. On November 15, the Club co-hosted Founders' Day with the San Jose Alumnae Club. Alumnae attended Mass at St. Dominic's Catholic Church in San Francisco, followed by brunch at Cassis. Attendees enjoyed hearing guest speaker Kara O'Leary

'89, the College's director of alumnae relations, speak on the history of Founders' Day and provide an update on events at the College. At the end of January, alumnae are invited for a Saint Mary's and Notre Dame weekend at MacArthur Place in Sonoma. For additional information about the event, or to get involved in the San Francisco Club, please email Club president Michelle Lagos '05 at michellelagos@gmail.com

Adriana Trigiani's book, *Very Valentine*, while enjoying wonderful Italian-inspired appetizers. Adriana herself was gracious enough to videoconference (Skype) with the fans! Thank you to all who attended. It was a great discussion with a great group of women!

Our next book club will meet on Thursday, January 21, to discuss *Ines of My Soul* by Isabel Allende. If you would like to receive a reminder email about book club, please send your email to Charmaine at cstorma@gmail.com

The Young (and Young-at-Heart) Alums will gather at Beaujo's Wine Bar on Thursday, January 21, at 7:00 p.m.

For questions, comments, or a schedule of events, please email smctalumnaeclub@gmail.com

### San Jose

The club successfully co-hosted Founders' Day with the San Francisco Club on November 15. Members gathered for Mass followed by a lovely brunch at Cassis. Guest speaker was Kara O'Leary '89, the College's director of alumnae relations. If you are interested in joining the San Jose club, please contact club president Christina Tecson '98 at (ctecson3@hotmail.com or 510-866-9000).

### St. Louis

After revamping in 2007, the St. Louis Club is looking for a new, enthusiastic Board of Directors. Please contact Kara Kezios '01 if you are interested in participating and/or being put on the Club Evite list. Email: klk9906@yahoo.com

### Twin Cities

The Twin Cities Alumnae Club successfully celebrated Founders' Day on September 29. Around 20 alums gathered to discuss fellow alumna

### Westchester/Fairfield County

The Club hosted a send-off lunch at the Tuscan Oven in Norwalk for all the students from our area. This year, four freshman are headed to campus as well as five returning upperclassmen.

Founders' Day was celebrated at a Sunday brunch on November 15 at the Red Barn in Westport. Alumnae generously donated children's clothing, toys, and personal care items to benefit Family Services of Westchester, New York, and The Center for Women and Families of Bridgeport, Conn.

Be on the lookout for information regarding our annual Wine Tasting event.

To request information, offer suggestions, volunteer, or just say "hello," please contact Sally Georgen Archer '83 at ctarcher@optonline.net or 203-544-7150.

## Club Clips



San Diego Alumnae Club's First Annual Founder's Day Mass was attended by several alumnae as well as a University of Notre Dame Alumni Father Bill Spring '66.

## We want to include you in the College's new alumnae directory

Saint Mary's College alumnae are scattered across the country and around the world. No matter where your lives have led, our alumnae all share a common bond that is uniquely Saint Mary's. That is why the College is working on a new publication designed to help keep you in touch with each other.

This new alumnae directory will include comprehensive biographical listings with contact information, career overviews, and family highlights of you, our graduates. To ensure our directory is up-to-date, our publisher, Harris Connect, will begin contacting you soon to verify that the information we print regarding you will be accurate and complete. Harris Connect has more than 45 years experience researching and publishing alumni and membership directories.

Please help us make this publication complete with the latest information about you and your fellow alumnae. It will be a fun and useful reference to help you keep in touch with one another. It will also contain a special section about the College where you can reminisce as you read about its past and learn what is in store for its future. When Harris Connect contacts you, we hope you will answer the call to be included.



## Class Clips



Students in the class of 2010 had the opportunity to meet and tailgate with Eleanor Gartland Organ '36 at the October 3, 2009 Notre Dame vs. Washington football game. Front row, left to right: Karlee Jeske, Eleanor Gartland Organ '36, Mary Sponseller; back row, left to right: Kelley Jeske, Megan Carroll, Caitlin Sullivan, Rebecca Meade, Sarah Ryniak, and Megan Beckman.

'47

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**From the Courier Office: Ann Korb '54** writes: **Clare Ann Pirchio** passed away Sept. 13, 2009. Clare spent 17 years on the Saint Mary's College campus. She attended grade school, high school, and college here—graduating with a five-year nursing degree in 1947.

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We missed those of you who couldn't attend our 60th reunion in June. Classmates attending were: **Marian Cannon Clark, Joanne Clair Lyons, Emily Dennard Sant Amour, Mary Ann Fellingier Ryan, Rosamond Feltes Davison, Maxine Lange Orr, Dagny Lenon Diamond, Marylou Manion Gatens, Jean Murphy Westland, Lois Tripeny Shickich, Susan Wagner Broeren, Sister Eileen Mary Scully, O.P., Mary Ann McDonnell McTigue, Florence**

**Mundi DiPiazza, Bernadette**

**Socha Fitzsimmons, June Mulvihill Williams, Mary Ann Heaton Spitters,** accompanied by her charming son, John, **Mary Louise Kelly Sullivan** with her delightful daughter, and yours truly.

Maxine reports that **Mary Jo Mack Blaney** had very serious foot surgery in Grand Rapids in May and is still there recuperating in October.

**Pat Webb Oertley** had just returned from several months in the Middle East and wasn't ready to travel to South Bend.

**Mary Jane Merrill Ryan** said bad knees and difficulty walking are keeping her home: "I live alone, but am not alone, my house has swinging doors." Eight of her nine children live in the Rochester area. She sends her good wishes to us at reunion, as did **Pat Moran Hiaasen**.

Other good wishes came from **Sister Marcella Connolly, O.P.,** and **Ann Cummins McIntyre**. Thank you for your notes. I conveyed your thoughts to the girls at the cocktail party **Jean Murphy Westland** gave for our class on Saturday at her new condo in Holy Cross Village.

**Louise Brady Collins** was due to leave on a cruise up the northeast coast, terminating in Quebec. She will be accompanied by her sister **Barbara Brady Sakurai '52**.

**Margie Herr McGlynn** has been laid up with severe sciatica and other

back problems for several months—all while Bob is recuperating from a broken elbow.

Several of us tried to talk **Jeanne Beck Hofreuter** into coming to the reunion. She said she had taken all of her children and grandchildren to Alaska last year.

**Sue Wagner Broeren** and **Dick** celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary this summer at a family gathering at their daughter's Wisconsin lake house. Congratulations! How well I remember going to Oshkosh with the late **Helen Dietz Compher**. It was our first "Saint Mary's wedding."

As usual, **Mary Ann Fellingier Ryan** spent a week in Aspen this summer. She was off to Land O'Lakes, Wis., when I spoke with her last week.

**Mary Ellen Deibler Gleason** missed the reunion because Bill was recovering from a hip injury. He has been in a rehab center but is expected home soon.

**Lois Tripeny Shickich** said that **Rita McCann Wegener** is totally blind due to melanoma and a stroke. She is attending a school for the blind and leading a "new life style." Rita can be reached at 5020 Brittany Dr., #211, St. Petersburg, FL 33715, phone: (727) 866-1221.

**Dagny Lenon Diamond** is urgently requesting Sr. Miriam Gosyh's "booklist for educated women." Please let her know if you have it. I would love to have the list, as I am sure many of you would. What about you English Lit majors? Dagny can be reached at (574) 232-6918 or dagnyd@Prodigy.net, 2726 Erskine Blvd., South Bend, IN 46614.

**Mary Jane Kobayashi** sent warm regards to all via her brother. You will remember that she suffered a stroke nine years ago, paralyzing her right arm and leg. She is in an assisted living place, but desperately wants to return to her own home; however, she needs full-time care. She is in Medicare no man's land because she went to an assisted living facility after leaving the hospital. Her address is Keirs, 1602 E. Yesles St., Rm 316, Seattle, WA. 98122.

I think it was **Mary Ann McDonnell McTigue** who left me a message that **Alice Gordon Bowe** had died in November 2007 of ovarian cancer. None of us had known about it at the time.

I returned from a two-week vacation in Connecticut and Vermont to a surprise birthday message from **Irene Raywood Johnson** on Aug. 26. I was floored that she knew my birthday, and we had a nice phone visit when I returned her call.

I also returned home to the sad news that **Sis Murnane Walsh's** dear husband, Bob, had died on Aug. 22. He was a wonderful man and a particularly devoted husband to Sis. I was sorry to have missed his funeral. His sister, Dorothy, has been with Sis for a few weeks but must return to Florida before long. Sis's address: 196 Briarwood Loop, Oakbrook, IL 60523, phone (630) 655-0723.

Our prayers are for all our suffering friends, and for those who were unable to join us at reunion.

You have three ways to reach me. Please use one of them before my next deadline: March 1. God Bless, Mary.

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**From Nancy:** It was an unusual summer in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, where my husband, Dick, and I have been since May. Seven of our children and their families have visited us. One of our granddaughters lives in Germany, as her husband is in the Air Force. She came home and brought her two small children—two of our five great grandchildren. Our youngest daughter, Kathleen, became a Lieutenant Colonel in the Air Force in June. She is expecting twin daughters in December. We plan to return to Northville on Oct. 1.

**Noreen Doran Peradotto**, our valedictorian, died July 24, 2009. During her life, she raised four daughters. Noreen received a master's degree in French from Northwestern University and taught French at Lake Forest College. Her daughter said that her mother loved Saint Mary's so much that they buried her in an SMC sweatshirt.

**Virginia Vallee Delaney** always sends me a delightful Christmas letter from Utah. One of her daughters adopted three boys a few years ago. This year, she adopted two girls from the same family. All the children have the same mother. Virginia is researching the meaning of logic through history and the influence of logic as we grow older. She is doing much of her work at the University of Utah.

Up in Wisconsin, **Sara George Crave** and her husband, Bob, are doing well. Five of their sons own and run a huge dairy farm with more than 1,000 cows. The milk is transported under the highway to a cheese-making factory. Their delicious product is Crave Brothers Farmstead Cheese.

Last summer when Fleur Hulsebus Burkhardt and her husband were driving back to Louisville after visiting their son in Minneapolis, they had a pleasant breakfast with the Craves.

**Carolyn Huebner Collins** is busy making small needlework gifts for her Christmas meeting. Walton wrote an article for *Notre Dame Magazine* on the Discovery launch. They visited Seattle and Portland this summer.

**Patricia McDermott Kammerer, Mary C. O'Malley Alden, and Judith Hogan McGah** were planning on lunch together in the coming week when I spoke to Pat. Pat is selling real estate. She had seen Katie in Florida and Joanne Stack, our senior nurse, in Big Canoe, Ga.

**Kathleen O'Connor Brauchler** called from Canton, Ohio. She misses the ND games and cheers for Ohio State. Her husband died in 2005. She lives in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., in the winter. Bridge, her garden, and needlework are some of her current interests. We joked about Sister Kathleen Marie always reminding us to put "first things first." Remember?

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This is such a daunting job, because I always start with not one word from any of you! This time, at nine o'clock on a Monday morning, I started phoning by time zones. **Betty Kiley Roach** was up and around, and we had a nice long visit. She was in Chicago this summer and had lunch with **Nancy Barker Peterson** and **Pat Doyle Mulligan**. Pat went to Venice for a week with two daughters and had a wonderful time. Betty is going on a cruise this fall from Genoa to Lisbon with two old friends.

I have the class list of everybody, and I was trying to call people I haven't called before. That way, I found myself talking to **Mary Jane Farrell Haas**. She has four children and seven grandchildren, all of whom are through college. (This amazed me, because of my 16 grandchildren, only one has finished college, and she has started vet school this fall. The youngest is starting kindergarten this week.) Mary Jane's husband is a retired physicist who graduated from Notre Dame, and they have lived in Alexandria, Va., since college, and love it. Their children live nearby.

**Pat Kroll Lynch** and I had a long visit. She told me that she, **Nancy Barker Petersen, Jo Ann Lyden**

**Soch, and Lois Welch Donovan** do a lot together—when the latter are in Florida. And perhaps more of you are in that group, because I don't think I wrote fast enough! Now, though, that you have been publicly identified, please call, write, or email me while you are there, because I have to do this all over again in February! Pat has lived in Florida for more than 40 years, and has been a widow for seven years. Her husband was an architect. Pat has four children and seven grandchildren. She volunteers in the Boca hospital in the gift and thrift shops. She worked in a nursing home for 10 years. Pat says she is a happy person and is enjoying her life.

I followed up Pat's call with a call to **Jo Ann Lyden Soch** so I could get to the bottom of this SMC Florida group. Jo had lunch last week with **Muriel Flanagan Cullen** and **Judith Schwartz Reuter**. Those two were available for very sad reasons: Muriel was north because her sister, Kathleen, had just died, and Judith husband's funeral was at the same time. Anyway, she says that **Nancy Barker Peterson** started gathering classmates in Florida when **Nancy Driscoll Haley** was still with us. Current classmates have included **Joni Hoffman DeCrane, Pat Doyle Mulligan, and Jackie McMahon Schaub**...plus others that I am sure I missed. Jo and her husband have kept a lake place in Buffalo but spend about eight months a year in Florida—at Delray Beach. They started going south in 1987.

Michigan is in the Eastern time zone, and I talked to **Ruth Shafer Garlanger** in Benton Harbor that morning. She has been working part-time in a hospital lab for 28 years. Her husband is retired, but she is not. Ruth and her husband have four children, eight grandchildren, and four great grandchildren. Ruth sees **Dolly Kulik Angyus**.

Right after Labor Day, Jack and I are driving to Jackson, Mich., via South Bend. We will see the Moriarty and Grays, but their news will be in the next issue, because the deadline for this column is Sept. 1. I called **Pat Kalish Bachle** because she lives in Jackson, and I will not have time to see her. It was fun to learn that Pat is in a church study group with my sister-in-law. We talked a bit about a beloved school principal who had died recently in Jackson, and Pat was surprised to learn that she was my first cousin. Pat and her husband have four children and four grandchildren—all live nearby in Michigan and Indiana. Pat taught middle school for 26 years, and now

she volunteers at church. Their older daughter attended Saint Mary's.

**Jackie Harle Etling** has a granddaughter who is a sophomore living in Le Mans Hall. She makes a third-generation Saint Mary's girl for that family! Jackie went to four family graduations this year, including grade school, high school, and college. Jackie does get to the Notre Dame home games—and reports that she tailgates with her children in the parking lot.

I ended my cross-country phone marathon in Texas, talking at length to **Linda Duffy Hensel**. It has been decades since we communicated, and Linda reminded me that I had fixed her up on a blind date that changed her life! Linda is living in St. Angelo, and she and her husband, a former teacher, are both retired. They are great boaters, and besides having a local lake, they drive to lakes in Texas and Arkansas. Three of Linda's sons work together in a business in Dallas, and they have 28 grandchildren and two great grandchildren. She said she heard from **Madeleva Millar Steffens** a couple years ago but has had no recent news of anyone.

Some exciting news came in an answer to an email I sent on Monday—**Joan Swan** replied! I asked for a couple lines about her, and this is what she had to say: "I am still living in the West Village (Manhattan), homebound since a catastrophic illness last year. My daughters, grandson, and son-in-law are all well. Take care, and my regards to all. Joan"

I am going to end this with the sad news that **Al and Joni Hoffman DeCrane** lost a daughter in May. She died in her sleep.

By the time you read this, I will be working on another column. Please: email, snail mail, telephone—it's your turn to get hold of me!

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As I begin this column on a rainy summer afternoon, my news is a little sparse. Being an eternal optimist, I'm hoping for many notes and emails before deadline time. Right after my last deadline in March, I heard from **Mary Ann O'Loughlin Szydlowski**. She and Larry made a spur-of-the-moment trip to Florida last winter in their motorhome. They stayed near Marco Island and recalled that Jim and

**Pat Hoag Ziperski** and John and **Irene O'Leary Van Beckum** have wintered there for many years. As Mary Ann said, "What better place to look for them than Sunday Mass?" Sure enough, on their second try, there they were! They exchanged phone numbers and met that week for lunch. I smiled about that, thinking that our good foundations pay off often in surprising ways. Recently, I heard from Pat that John and **Carole Nordengren Suttner** were coming from Chilton to the Milwaukee area for a day of golf and dinner with the Ziperskis and Van Beckums.

Ray and **Dee Kiley LeFevour** send out a wonderful collage of family pictures at Valentine's Day rather than Christmas—a great idea. Dee shared a note she received in response from **Sandy Seibert** in Iowa City. Sandy is enjoying returning to her roots in Iowa and appreciates being close to family, especially her nephews and their very young families.

Tom and **Judy Hanks Maus** stopped in Chicago this summer on their way back to Florida from a Michigan vacation. Judy squeezed in lunch with **Josie Murphy Vorda**, Dee, and I in the newly opened wing of the Art Institute and brought a real treasure with her. They recently sold a wonderful 1936 Ford that Tom had owned "forever." The new owner was working on it and found the program from the Saint Mary's variety show in the spring of 1957! Both items are real classics! You won't be surprised to hear that many of our classmates were the "stars of the show."

**Pat Smith Parish** was frequently in theatrical productions but now has turned to another creative outlet. Pat shared with me an article she wrote recently that was printed in the *Observation Post*, a newspaper for the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms, Calif. Pat is currently working on a book that solves the mystery of the Lost Dutchman Mine and is busy with articles for other publications. Look for her in print!

While visiting son Jamie and his family in a St. Paul, Minn., suburb this summer, Bob and **Gina Feehan Scannell** also worked in a good time with George and **Marge Smith Broucek**.

**Margaret Brown Anderson** journeyed to Uppsala, Sweden, in July to be mother of the bride at daughter Kathleen's wedding. Granddaughters Erin and Brigid were flower girls, and a good time was had by all. Margaret has decided not to return to Northern Illinois University this fall as a supervisor of student teachers. She put her

President Carol Ann Mooney and the Board of Trustees of Saint Mary's College are pleased to announce a

# RECOGNITION WEEKEND

## April 23–24, 2010

*Celebrating the 30th Anniversary of The Madeleva Society*

For members of  
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The Le Mans Society  
and  
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decision in this nice way. "I decided that it was time to retire and let someone else enjoy what I was doing."

**Allison Katherine Betourne** wrote a great letter to our class. You may recall that Allison is the recipient of our endowed scholarship. She is now returning to Saint Mary's as a sophomore majoring in nursing. Her enthusiasm and determination serve as a reminder to all to contribute to our fund so that we may continue to help Allison and future recipients.

In August, several of us enjoyed the beauties of California. **Peg Balfe, Mary O'Connor, Katie Carroll**, Josie, Dee, and I started with gorgeous Yosemite and then traveled to Napa Valley, where we stayed at the Benessere Vineyards in St. Helena as guests of John and **Ellen Boyle Benish**. On her way from Cape Cod, Peg stopped in Chicago, where she explored Millennium Park and the Art Institute with **Mimi Scanlon Ryan** and **Sheilamae Shannon O'Hara**. Katie had just come from the Oregon wedding of the granddaughter of her late brother, Vince, and **Marty Foley Leachman**. Our Yosemite stay was a bit more exciting than planned when a controlled burn of 91 acres in the meadow near our beautiful rented home at Foresta, within the Park, went out of control—burning several thousand acres and preventing us from access to our home for three days. Thankfully, Park authorities escorted us back to quickly retrieve our possessions and the house was spared—though very close to the fire. We left with

increased respect for firefighters and the knowledge that good friends and a sense of humor are a big help in dealing with the unexpected. **Mary O'Connor** represented us well in a TV interview on the fire by the Fresno ABC affiliate, seen by friends and family throughout California.

**Sallie Costa Ineich** wrote a wonderful letter from Jacksonville, Ill., where her husband, Paul, recently retired after 49 years in active practice as a dentist. The office building they built in 1983 is on the market, which allows time to consider moving. Both of their children and their four grandchildren live in Metairie, La., so the draw to that area is strong. Son Joe ND '80 is a lawyer; daughter Anne graduated from Milliken and received her master's in athletic training from Indiana University. A bonus of their frequent Louisiana visits has been the opportunity to see **Connie Krauss Landgrave**, who lives in nearby Lafayette.

**From the Courier Office:** **Nancy Brozovich Lucey** writes: I attended the spring luncheon of the Ladies of Notre Dame/Saint Mary's recently. It was a fun time as the theme was the '50's. Right up our alley so to speak! Women dove into the backs of their closets to bring out whatever they had stashed away long ago! Someone wore a small fur collar and there were lots of hats and many pairs of gloves being worn and on display.

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In June 1959, 137 of us graduated from Saint Mary's; this June, 78 returned for an exceptional 50-year reunion. Most of us stayed at the Inn at Saint Mary's (a far cry from the dorms) and traveled the campus in readily available golf carts. We shared a casual dinner on Thursday night at Rosie's, and on Friday, attended Sister Joan Chittister's exclusive discussion: The Gift of Years. At 5:00 we gathered in Holy Spirit Chapel to remember our deceased classmates, followed by a moving reflection by **Anne Sheehan Cullen**. Our class dinner was held in Stapleton. Immediately after, our Reunion Gift Chair, **Ann Meagher Vander Vennet**, announced our class gift of \$318,000—the most money raised by any class, with 53% participation. Saturday morning we attended an informative art history presentation by **Ann Conaghan Hinckley**, followed by the reunion picnic under a clear Indiana sky. We also met to discuss the survey we participated in earlier in the year.

The all-class dinner was held in the dining hall, and then most retired to our hospitality room back at the Inn. There we enjoyed watching a Power Point presentation of our "good 'ole" undergraduate days created and made available by **Anne Sheehan**

**Cullen**. Sunday, Fr. Ed Malloy offered Mass in a packed Church of Loretto, and we shared a champagne brunch before packing our bags and heading home with lots of hugs and kisses in between. We should all be very proud of our class. Kudos to the Reunion Committee and Alumnae Office for putting on such a successful 50th reunion.

First time attendees were **Maria Troy Deinzer** and **Anne Marie O'Donnell**. While we were all sleeping in on Saturday, **B. J. Hood O'Brien** ran a 10K in the South Bend Sunburst Races—winning in her age group with a time of 1:09:17. **Marge Liebrich O'Connor** took a misstep Friday night and ended up at the local emergency room, but after an hour or so and a few stitches, she was back in full swing.

Sadly, many of our classmates were unable to attend due to death and illness. **Kate Bird** was registered, but her father, Otto Bird, a well-known ND professor, passed away on June 5, and John Kelly, **Barbara Morrissey Kelly's** husband, passed away on May 31. Our condolences go out to both. **Marty Gillis Esrig** was needed to help care for her 14-year-old granddaughter, who has been diagnosed with MS; **Myra Hunter Libby** suffers from MS as well, and has difficulty walking; **Margaret Kohlbrenner Kress** is fighting recurring cancer; and **Pat Molumby Gosling** is caring for her sick husband. On the other hand, **Anne Rody Cooney** was needed to help with her new granddaughter, born shortly after reunion.



**Jeanne Pflaum Gnuse** welcomed twin grandchildren in March. In May, she traveled to China, accompanying Chanticleer, a men's a capella singing group from San Francisco. A small world story: **Mary Hughes Enright's** son, who lives in Los Angeles, recently married a high school classmate of my daughter's. Shortly after attending reunion, **Sue Brown Bapst** had to rush her husband to the emergency room due to a bleeding esophagus. I'm glad to report that he has recovered.

Shortly before Reunion, **Sharon McGee Sitten Bradshaw's** oldest son suffered a ruptured esophagus while on a golf outing with my son and other high school buddies. Sharon and his wife rushed to his side in a South Carolina trauma center, where it was touch and go for several days. It was a tough go, but he was finally released, and Sharon and her husband, Murray, were able to make reunion. She is delighted to announce that her oldest granddaughter is engaged to be married.

My sister, **Betty Benford Belfiore**, was able to join me for beach week here in California because her husband had recovered sufficiently from Guillain-Barre Syndrome to remain in Florida on his own; however, shortly after she returned home, he fell and broke his hip. It's been a tough year for Betty.

At reunion, I learned that **Pat Scanlon McCarthy** is married to Thomas McCarthy, who, in horse-racing circles, is known as the "one-horse

guy." He is the owner and trainer of the "Derby Cinderella," General Quarters, who came in 10th in the 135th running of the Kentucky Derby. Tom is a retired high school principal and the grandson of a jockey from Ireland. If you watched the Derby this year, he and his "feel good" horse were featured in a wonderful human interest story.

The following is information gleaned from the class update you received before reunion: **Barbara Kauzlaric Rucker** has been active for the last 10 years in the Rehoboth McKinley Christian Health Care Services and is presently one of the managers and buyers of their auxiliary gift shop. **Nancy Bumen Swift** and her husband spend two months a year in Key West, Fla. (I assume in the winter, as they live in New Jersey.) **Carroll Colbert Logsdon's** son, Kent ND '83, is the United States deputy ambassador to Georgia; daughter **Cathy Logsdon '86**, is an elementary school counselor; and daughter Karen ND '88, is an independent PR consultant and writer. **Margo Heineman Daniels** and husband love to travel and are quite involved with the University of Nevada Reno's Lifelong Learning Institute. She sings in both the University and Reno Philharmonic Choruses. **Terry Dittrich Welch** will be traveling to Turkey and the Greek Isles this fall. **Rosie Doheny Weller** is a part-time speech and language therapist at a Jesuit academy in Washington, D.C. **Leah Hyslop Riband** has a Golden Retriever who is a certified therapy dog. She

and her husband will travel to Sicily for two weeks to celebrate their 50th anniversary. **Ann Conaghan Hinckley** visits **Barbara Buckley Murphy** when she's in Cincinnati. All these ladies attended Reunion.

I believe **Gail Mottice Scheibelhut** may be our only classmate who is a great-grandmother. Correct me if I'm wrong. **Kate Bird** and her husband, Joe Volz, authored an article titled, "A hard go: ND in the Depression," which appeared in the Spring '09 *Notre Dame Magazine*.

Gerry and I will attend the Michigan State game this fall. We'll fly to Milwaukee and join Tom and **Sarah Scales Mulcahy** and then drive to Lake Michigan, where we will join **Betsy Finneran Kennedy** and **Ann Meagher Vander Vennet** and husbands for tailgating and, we hope, a victory celebration. **Carol Podesta Foley** won't be joining us as she is undergoing double knee surgery a week or so before.

We'll be on the beach in Maui the first week of October. Aloha!

My next deadline is March 1, 2010.

**From the Courier Office:**

**Rosemary Spalding** writes: "Our 50th Class Reunion was fantastic wasn't it? This year, **Joy Manier Marchal**, **Leah Hyslop Riband**, **Liz Mahler Keenan**, **Colleen Taffee Goldkamp Harmon**, **Connie Roller Curtin**, **Sally Porth Brown**, and **Nancy Bumen Swift** joined me at our house on Lake Michigan for a few days before we joined our classmates on campus. This is the fourth time we have had our pre-mini-nurse reunion, and it was wonderful—as always. We relaxed together walking the beach, shopping, sharing meals in and out, playing games, making our traditional visit to Tabor Hill Winery Tasting Shop, and talking, talking, talking, catching up, sharing our lives and news of our families. With **Sharon McGee Bradshaw** and **Maureen Esbensen Busse** also attending the reunion on campus, we nursing graduates had a darn good turnout—10 of 15! Fifty years after graduation, it is just so wonderful how we can all reconnect so easily even though we are separated by many miles and the quickly passing years.

A bonus to all the celebrating was the toast by our **President Carol Ann Mooney '72** to mark David's and my 50th wedding anniversary on the night of the reunion banquet, June 6. We were so touched by all the heartfelt congratulations from so many that evening. We are one of many couples

from our class who celebrated 50 years together in 2009. Congratulations to all!

Both David and I spent the winter of 08-09 getting back to good health. David had surgery for a benign brain tumor in October, and I had rotator cuff surgery in November. Fortunately, he recovered quickly and was able to take care of me and the household while I spent many hours each week in rehab recovering use of my right arm. I'm all back to normal and looking forward to playing tennis again. As summer of '09 draws to a close, David and I enjoyed a visit with Bob and **Colleen Taffee Goldkamp Harmon** in August and were delighted to introduce Bob to Wrigley Field. As fall approaches, we are looking forward to a visit with Mike and **Liz Mahler Keenan** when they come for an ND game in October. And then we will be looking forward to seeing **Connie Roller Curtin** in March when we are in Arizona for the month and then a stop to visit Colleen on our way back to Indiana. We are blessed to be able to keep in touch this way throughout the year!

**From the Courier Office:** It is with much sadness that the entire Saint Mary's family mourns the passing of **Ann Meagher Vander Vennet**. Ann passed away on Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2009.

Ann was one of the College's most distinguished alumnae, having served her alma mater in nearly every volunteer capacity imaginable. She was a member and past president of the Chicago Alumnae Club, and she was also a long-time member of the Chicago Advisory Council. She was elected to serve as a member of the Alumnae Board from 1988 through 1994, including a term as president. Upon retiring from the Alumnae Board, Ann served as a member of the College's Board of Trustees until 2001. Most recently, she completed a term as a member of the Madeleva Society Steering Committee and served as co-chair for the Class of 1959's 50th Reunion Gift Campaign. Ann was also an active recruiter of students for Saint Mary's, working closely with the Admission Office in their efforts.

While Ann generously gave of her time and talents, she also understood the importance of giving of one's treasure. While serving on the Alumnae Board, she spearheaded the effort to establish the Alumnae Memorial Scholarship. Also under her leadership, the Class of 1959 endowed a scholarship in honor of their 50th reunion. Personally, she and her husband George (ND '59, JD '62) have endowed a library fund, the Ann

## Calling All Former Staff-Students

Plans are well underway to host the first ever "Staff Student" reunion, after several "mini-reunions" on and off campus through the years. The Staff reunion will take place June 3–6, 2010 as part of Reunion 2010. Several among you have been working closely with the Alumnae Relations Office to help identify everyone, but we know there are more of you out there, including some former staffers who did not finish at Saint Mary's.

If you were one of the alumnae who participated in this program that spanned from the 1930s through the early 1970s under the guidance of Sister Maria Pieta initially, please contact the Alumnae Office at [alumnae@saintmarys.edu](mailto:alumnae@saintmarys.edu) or (574) 284-4578.

This event promises to be an opportunity for all of you to reflect, recall, and reconnect with one another and Saint Mary's College.

## Class Clips



Pictured are (left to right) Sister Mary Ellen Vaughan '61, Nancy Higgins Keenan '61, LuAnne Fox '61, Patty Crotty Misrach '61, Karen Price, Mary Ellen Podesta Burke '61, Marylee Zahner Foley '61, B. J. Sitzberger Gorman '61, Katie Herbstritt McMahon '61, Sheila Botti '62, Anne Emmons, Patty Lehmann Crotty '61, Babs Ward '62, and Kathy Hanley.

Meagher Vander Vennet Endowed Scholarship, and contributed to the construction of the Student Center. The Vander Vennet Theatre in the Student Center recognizes their generous support.

Totally dedicated to Saint Mary's and the recipient of the Alumnae Association's Distinguished Alumna Award in 1999, Ann admirably contributed to the life of the College for over 50 years. We have lost a very loyal and dedicated friend.

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Time is passing much too quickly! We've had a cool summer, so it seems as if it didn't even happen! Although I still have a landscaping project planned for our side yard, I'm ready for fall. And, again this year, I'm saying, "Bring on the snow!"

It was good to hear from **Joan Vogel MacLennan**, who now lives in LaPorte, Ind. She was with us for freshman year only but enjoys hearing of everyone's "doings." The summer of 2009 was very busy for Joan—attending her husband's 50th reunion at Notre Dame; celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary with

their five children, spouses, and their children; and driving to Wyoming for a reunion with friends from their days with the U.S. Air Force. Both of their daughters graduated from Saint Mary's, so that helps to keep them in touch also.

From Door County, Wis., **Anne McGovern Gerard** reports that, sadly, the realty company she had been with had to close its doors. She is now in the process of rebuilding her life/career with another company. Her new company is Professional Realty of Door County, Inc., and Anne would love to hear from any classmates interested in a Door County home.

From Apalachicola, Fla., **Fran Louis Cook** brought me up to date on her life. She graduated from Florida State with a degree in early childhood, taught one year in Maryland, and then married Frank Cook, who is also from Apalachicola. Frank graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy and served in submarines; thus, he is away from home for six months of the year. They have a daughter, Anne, who has a daughter and a son and lives in Decatur, Ala. Their son, John, is single and lives in Charleston, S.C. Fran and Frank moved back to Apalachicola 12 years ago.

I received the following email from **Eolior (Eola) Long Yokus**, who has lived in Waco, Texas, for the past

30 years. Her husband passed away in 2007, and she has four children scattered across the country. Eolior is retired from a career in education and fashion retail on a corporate level. I have included her entire message: "In June 2008, **Barbara Kandzor Pozniak** and I journeyed to visit one of our favorite places, SMC. We met each other there and have been best of friends since. We were students and staff girls working in the dining room. We share the same affection for SMC, so this was truly an experience for us to return to campus. It was an awesome adventure! We were so graciously received and given a guided tour. We went up to the fifth floor of Le Mans Hall, where the staff girls lived. Not much has changed here except the rooms are now singles. Finally, we were able to see into the "private" room of **Sister Maria Pieta**; it was much like our rooms. I could almost feel her presence. We were stunned with all the new buildings, but the feelings of "then" flooded us as our memories came forth. The Avenue is still lined with trees, Le Mans remains so beautiful and stately, and there's a spacious new bookstore. Perhaps best of all was the plaque in the new dining hall honoring **Sister Maria Pieta**. It explains her vision for "staff girls" and the policy that each girl in the program was "challenged to apply faith in actions and encouraged to dream about a better future for themselves and God's world." Though some of us did not finish at SMC, we all gained immensely from our time there. We carried with us these experiences as we went bravely into the world and for the rest of our lives. This scholarship program no longer exists, but there is a cadre of women who gained from this life-altering situation a true love for SMC then and now."

**Hodgie Shaw Bricke** emailed from Lawrence, Kans., the sad news of the passing of **Karen Eisin Pellaton** on Aug. 13, 2009. Hodgie reminisced about the three-month trip to Europe she, Karen, and **Susan Eyerly Pichler** enjoyed in May 1961. It was a "grand tour" that included visits to Ireland, Scotland, England, the Netherlands, Belgium, France, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, and Italy, and they actually managed to pay for their hotels and eat for \$5.00 a day! For years, she had met Karen at a New York museum during Thanksgiving week for a tour followed by a gossip lunch and wine. It will not be the same for Hodgie this trip to New York City Thanksgiving week.

An email from **Sandy Graham Bartlett** in Ridgewood, N.J., told

the story of her granddaughter, who is "finally tall enough to go to kindergarten." Sandy continues her work as a crossing guard and her husband continues to run Suburban Marketing, a market research firm. She is wondering what "empty nest syndrome" really is with their 20-year-old still living at home and going to a local college. Their youngest was still in high school when their first grandson moved in.

From New York City, **Peggy Hill** emailed that she is producing a very provocative play on Broadway that will open Dec. 6, 2009. It is called *Race* and is written and directed by David Mamet. A great deal of time during the summer of 2009 was spent enjoying her time with her daughter and her one-and-a-half-year-old twin grandsons. In June, Peggy had a lovely visit with **Susan Fitzgerald Rice** and her husband, Don, in Los Angeles.

In April of 2009, I received an email from **B.J. Sitzberger Gorman** telling of the ceremony "honoring and celebrating the life and spirit of our dear friend and classmate, **Lenore Hennebry Madden**." Those attending the ceremony included **Katie Herbstritt McMahon, Marylee Zahner Foley, Patty Crotty Misrach, Patty Lehman Crotty, Mary Ellen Podesta Burke, Luanne Fox, Nancy Higgins Keenan, and Sister Mary Ellen Vaughan**. They were joined by **Barb Herbstritt Ward '62 and Sheila Higgins Botti '62**. "It was a happy treat to reconnect and honor our friend, and the misty rain failed to dampen our fun." President Mooney joined them as well. And, there were lots of Maddens, Hennebrys, and Hesserts to swell the crowd—including Lenore's daughter, **Lenore Hennebry McCarter '88**, and Lenore's sister, **Marilyn Hennebry Hessert '49**. "It is always warm and cozy to be on campus. The donated magnolia tree and bench are located in front of Haggard College Center. If you are ever back on campus, come take a seat with Lenore and feel her spirit as you enjoy a view of the lake."

Another email from the fearless B.J. told of a 70th birthday gift from her daughter and son-in-law—a stunt aerobatic plane ride! She had always dreamed of flying in an open cockpit plane barnstorming as in olden days. B.J. was treated to a half-hour of rolls and loops, including a barrel roll, a torque roll, a Cuban 8, and a hammerhead (which was her favorite and was performed twice)!

I truly appreciate hearing from all who answered my request for news. There are still some of you I have not

heard from. I hope to hear from you next time. My next deadline is March 1, 2010. And keep in mind...Our 50th Reunion is only 1-1/2 years from now!

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From **Barry Troxler O'Grady** we learn once again how very fortunate we are to have been influenced by our Saint Mary's experiences, especially the very special influences of one another—so many years ago. The rumination carried through her cocktails and pizza luncheon with **Gail Donovan** and **Mary Schuh DeSilva** atop Mary's roof garden in New York a while back. **Carol Conrad Rafferty** keeps me abreast of her visits with **Marilyn McPheron** who is now living at Arborbrook in South Bend. McP, as we know, is not well, but still welcomes chocolate any way she can get it! [From the *Courier* editor: Regrettably, Marilyn passed away on Aug. 19, 2009.] **Catherine Streine Hartford** writes of having earned her MSN in psychiatric nursing at Boston University, followed by serving as the administrator of an HMO's psych department, followed by becoming administrator of a medical center. Very impressive, Cathie. And today she welcomes her work in the pharmaceutical industry reviewing drug research data as being far less stressful, and living on the West Coast to boot! **Jane McClelland Sawtell** tells us how very proud she is, and we must be, of the young lady she introduced to Saint Mary's last year as the recipient of the ND Hilton Head Club scholarship. A French/Spanish major with a minor in science, Maggie, a sophomore, plans to attend medical school. Jane and friends are cheering her on. On cheering, the Sawtells and **Barbara Gifford Ellis** and husband will be attending the ND-USC game together in October. Do I envy you!

Both **Virgie Burke Gannon** and **Cathy Michuda Kozak** have written of their quarterly luncheons with the Chicago-area "girls." And I'm envious again. Among the lucky invitees are **Cam Beierle Benson**, **Pat Brennan Szafran**, **Diana Castaldi Scheeler**, **Cathy Ryan Condon**, **Carol Conrad Rafferty**, **Kathy Drouillard McQuillan**, **Judy Galle Falout**, **Jo Lehnis Gotham**, **Pat Martin**, **Mary Ruth MacKinnon Renahan**, **Barb Bernhard**, **Susie Duncan Lawler**, and **Virgie**, who says, "The luncheons have really been a lot

of fun. It is so great to connect." They welcome any of us who might be in the Windy City at the times of the seasonal gatherings. I'll be there one day for sure. **Janet Sloan Johnstone** sends regards from the Pacific Northwest. She admits to terrible home sickness back then, and continues to search, as do **Susie Duncan Lawler** and I, for Barry O'Grady's "it." **Kay Barron Tuite** "is busy with eight grandchildren, a part time job...and working with our town planning board." Good girl, Kay. **Judy Reardon** lunched with **Barbie Bernhard** and **Susie Duncan Lawler** at Eastertime, "but that's not exactly news. Neither of them is pregnant or anything..." **Ruth Schnaus Smith** is thankful that all is well with all her family—Kathy, too, with a clean bill of health after some pretty scary days. The Smiths welcomed a sixth grandchild: Erica. **Joan Dorgan** has returned from three weeks in Scotland followed by a trip to Cape Cod to visit son and family. She saw **Phoebe Blake** and **Gail Donovan** at the wedding of **Mary Jo Pauli Landry's** youngest, and was soon to see **Phoebe** and **Myrna Walker Hall** on the East Coast. A well-traveled young lady you are, Joan. By now, she's back in California as chair of social studies at Francis Parker Middle School. And **Kathy Owen** continues as before, volunteering and, mostly, being lazy. God bless all of us, and do remember to do something special for those not as fortunate as we. Love to all. After

REUNION June 3–6, 2010

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In early June, I had a delightful surprise. Directly after her Saint Mary's reunion, **Judy Jones Sullivan '54** and her husband, Dick, thoughtfully stopped by to say hello. We had never met, but Judy was visiting her hometown, Dixon, to connect with relatives. Judy is the *Courier* reporter for her Class of 1954, and she remembered seeing my name and address in *Courier* over the years. We had a really lovely time just sitting and reminiscing about our days at Saint Mary's. Then Judy and Dick were heading home to San Rafael, Cal. The Saint Mary's connection opens the door to new friendships.

**Mary Delaney Willer**, a "docent in training" for the Modern Architectural Walking Tour of the Chicago Architectural Society, invited some gals from our class to take a

tour of downtown Chicago on April 29. Attending were **Cille Sorrentino Bucolo**, **Colleen Leahy**, **Mary Harris Russell**, **Sara Johnson Walz**, **E.J. Caluwaert McFadden**, **Katherine Zeller Nicklin**, **Marianne Spalding Schiavone**, **Anne Harvey Lewis**, and myself. We met at Madison & Jackson, the Santa Fe Building (ND has a book store there). We had our tour from 10:30 to 12:30 with audio devices. Mary gave a truly excellent tour and answered every question. She was so well informed, and we enjoyed every minute. After our tour, we all went to the Park Grill in Millennium Park for a delicious luncheon. The day was a very pleasant experience, and we hope to do it again with Mary leading us on another Chicago tour—next time, possibly classical.

"I forgot all about sharing news for the *Courier*...we're still recovering from our month of babysitting in San Francisco, with our two youngest grandsons!" This was my message from **Sheila Flynn Boone** in Colorado. "We're sure that Hayden (almost 4) and Nate (almost 2) planned daily to wear us out so that we'd fall asleep and they could make a break for it! We fooled them, though, and didn't dare sit down until they were down for naps and we were sure they were asleep! Really a fun time, and we miss them already. Got together again with **Terry Miltich Murphy** when she came to see her

daughter in early August. We've gotten to know each other much better than when we were in college and have had such fun visits.

"In October, we're off to Sicily, where we'll visit the hometowns of Michael's maternal grandparents and tour the island for a week. And then we board the Grand Princess Ship for a Mediterranean cruise to Turkey, Greece and Egypt.

"Of course, thoughts of my college roommate, **Pat Devine McCarthy**, are never far away. I'm hoping and praying that her chemo treatments will go smoothly and that by the next *Courier*, there will be reports of complete remission! And, that our correspondent **Sheila Kelly Ames** is enjoying her new knee!"

"I am nine weeks into chemo for lung cancer" says **Pat Devine McCarthy** in a note. "The doctors are pleased. It seems to be working! I know that prayers and the grace of God have gotten me this far. I ask for your continued support!" Prayers for Pat are very constant from so many of our classmates.

A quick note from **Barbara Kurien Reid**: "I'm getting married on Oct. 4, 2009, to Robert Wolfe (Penn and Columbia Law School)." We certainly wish Barbara every happiness.

"We were happy to have our daughter Sarah, her husband, Brett Hampson, and their four-year-old,

## Class Clips



Ten members of the Class of 1965 gathered together for a Chicago architectural tour, led by Mary Delaney Willer. From left to right are Cille Sorrentino Bucolo, Katherine Zeller Nicklin, Anne Harvey Lewis, Mary Delaney Willer, E.J. Caluwaert McFadden, Sara Johnson Walz, Marianne Spalding Schiavone, Colleen Leahy, Mary Harris Russell, and Sheila Kelly Ames.



## Class Clips



Jo Ann Grima MacKenzie '69 (left) received the Class Spirit Award for her commitment to Saint Mary's and the Class of 1969 from her classmates at their 40th reunion. Making the presentation was Kathy Malone Beeler '69 (right).

Kate, move back in with us for the summer after they sold their Oak Park, Ill., home and could not move into their new River Forest home until early September," writes **Marianne Spalding Schiavone**. "Two very large labs complete their family. It was an adjustment for all; it was lots of fun."

News from Cincinnati and **Dolores Cummings Kurtz**: "We are really busy caring for my 95-year-old mother. She stays with us six months out of the year and then six months with my sister in Arizona. It's almost like having children again. She loves to go, go, go! I only hope I have any energy left if I get to the ripe old age of 95."

**Joan Blila Boettcher** writes: "A couple of months ago the doctor, mom, and I had a talk about her care. We decided that she would benefit being in a nursing environment where she would have someone to assist her all the time. Minneapolis Mt. Olivet has a program called Board and Care. All of the residents are semi-independent. Mom moved in a week ago. She really likes it, and so do I. It is really amazing to find so many angels in one place! Mom has been living with us for five and a half years, so it is a big change for all of us. I continue to work as a personal care attendant for my daughter's two children, both of whom are autistic. We are keenly aware of the struggles as well as the many blessings that we experience. It is a very different

journey than that of the typical family, but I feel the opportunity to 'do little things with great love' (Mother Theresa) is always present. My husband, Bruce, is an engineer and works as a consultant for the Navy. We are celebrating our 16th anniversary in August and live in Eden Prairie, Minn."

David Sutton, husband of **Barb Leahy Sutton**, died on July 19 in Chicago. Dave was known as a "meticulous editor and an amiable mentor to colleagues of the *Chicago Tribune*." He received high praise for his 33 years with the newspaper. Dave fought a valiant fight, and Barb was always at his side. Both Barb and Dave were long-time editors of the *Tribune*. Our most sincere condolences to Barb.

**Terry Miltich Murphy** sends news: "I was in Florida last March to visit my father and got in touch with **Sue Sheridan Joyce**, who lives in the Orchid Beach community in Vero Beach. She graciously invited me to join her for the Literary Society Luncheon featuring Geraldine Brooks, who talked about her latest book. Sue introduced me to **Sheila McAnaney Kostanecki '61**, sister of **Kathy McAnaney Glaser**. Orchid Beach is just as lovely as it sounds, and Sue is very happy there. **Sheila Flynn Boone** and I got together in June for lunch when I was visiting my daughter's family in Parker, Colo. It is always such fun to see classmates and makes me excited about going

to reunion. I encourage everyone to plan on coming. It's the easiest way to feel young again—and no surgery is required! My book, *Writing and Speaking for Technical Professionals*, was published in the spring and has been adopted by a number of colleges for use by students in engineering and technology. It seemed like I had lots of free time when the writing was over, but now my schedule is full again with travel and family."

I sent a quick e-mail to **Margaret Burns King** when I read of her husband's 2009 award. The ND Business magazine notes that Karl received the F. Jay Nimitz Exemplary Service Award for 35 years of community service in South Bend. The magazine also noted, and this is really why I contacted Margaret, that Margaret had received the same award, but in 2004! Congratulations, Margaret!

"Our classmate **Patricia Sears Kraemer** died on August 17 after a courageous struggle against pancreatic cancer," writes **Marcia Black McMahon**. "Pat didn't share her diagnosis with many because she didn't want to be considered a sick person. During her year of treatment, she and Joe were able to take many trips and to enjoy good times with friends and family, including daughter Betsy's marriage last October. Classmates at her funeral in Washington, D.C., were **Margo Lawrence Ludwig**, **Peggy Johnson Douglas**, **Theresa Lapenta Silio**, **Terry Miltich Murphy**, **Elayne DeLacy Coggins**, and myself. **Sara Johnson Walz** joined Pat's family for her burial in Louisville, Ky. Pat was a dear friend to many in our class, and we will miss her." A number of classmates wrote to me and spoke of the beauty of the funeral ceremony. Pat had requested a "celebration of life" afterwards at a nearby restaurant to honor her many friends.

California news from **Kathleen McAnaney Glaser**: "I had dinner last evening with **Kathy Walsh Harty** and John, and **Sue Casey D'Amico** and Dick. They spent the day at the Del Mar races, and I met them after work. We do this annually. Kathy had just won \$500-plus on her last race! Wonderful evening with lots of laughs and reminiscing and plans/hopes to attend our 45th! Both my children live in Ft. Collins, Colo., so I go there as often as schedules permit to visit them and my four grandchildren. I continue to manage a medical office in San Diego."

The recipient of the 2008-2009 Class of 1965 Memorial Scholarship Award is **Caroline Marie Baumgartner**,

Class of 2011. Caroline is from Naperville, Ill., and is a communication studies major with a concentration in European studies and public relations. The market value of our scholarship fund as of June 30, 2009, is now just over \$58,000.

Please consider joining my growing e-mail list of '65 alums. You don't have to send news, but we have a great group of about 50 ladies who communicate back and forth. I send out occasional information from the College, and there are often requests for prayers for classmates and their families during difficult times. [ames@grics.net](mailto:ames@grics.net)

Ladies: Our 45th reunion is the first weekend in June 2010. You will be receiving information in late fall. We will all stay on campus in the Hilton Garden Inn! Think air conditioning, comfy beds, and your good friends all around you. Please consider joining us for a truly memorable time. Who said, "You can never go home again"? We can!

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**From Joyce:** Hello, classmates! What a wonderful time Reunion 2009, our 40th, was! The weekend seemed to fly by, but I hope you all had enough time to make new memories as well as to share the old ones. The campus looked just beautiful, and the schedule of events was well-balanced—offering many opportunities for large-group, small-group and personal reflection times. I know we all send our compliments and gratitude to the staff who concocted the perfect recipe, blending both energizing and peaceful moments for us throughout the entire weekend!

The Class of 1969 had its own special dining room Friday evening. We were treated to a great Powerpoint presentation of photos taken during our four years at Saint Mary's College, and **Jo Ann Grima MacKenzie** received a Spirit Award! Kudos, Jo Ann for ALL that you do for us! One of Jo Ann's many talents is her leadership of the Reunion Gift Campaign for our class, surely a daunting task in these tough economic times. Jo Ann's

## Class Clips



Mary Ellen Burke '71 was recently honored during her retirement ceremony for her 33 years of service in the U.S. Air Force Reserve.

committee included **Kathy Malone Beeler**, **Roz Castrogiovanni Hill**, **Barbara M. Schleck**, and **Maggie Fecher Stadtlander**. Kudos also to these wonderful women!

On Saturday evening we enjoyed the reunion banquet for all classes. At that event, **Kathy Malone Beeler** received the Distinguished Alumna Award, a high honor and one of which she is most deserving! Kathy was surrounded by her mother, husband, and children as well as her enthusiastic classmates. Kathy's speech, which showed her love and gratitude to Saint Mary's, had many of us wondering when she would hit the campaign trail. You did a terrific job, Kathy, and we wish you well as you continue in your many good works! Also at that evening's banquet, our class was announced as providing funds for the most reunion scholars, so cheers to all of you!

Sunday's liturgy was inspiring and enhanced by gorgeous music. It is always incredibly moving to worship in the Church of Our Lady of Loretto, surrounded by classmates, families, and, of course, the Sisters of the Holy Cross. Our Mass was followed by a fabulous champagne brunch at the dining hall.

**Janice Williams** was not feeling well enough to attend reunion, so several classmates took reunion to her! On Friday **Theresie Ambrusko**, who had flown in from San Francisco, stopped in Gary en route to South Bend and visited with Janice. On Saturday, **Susie Madden**

**Darrow**, **Patty Reynolds Walsh**, **Barb Crowley Schenck**, **Kathy Carey Moore**, and **Mary Beth Barry Hogan** all paid Janice a visit. My husband, Roy, and I also went to visit Janice on Sunday. She was very touched to have so much company and grateful for the card so many of you signed at the class picnic on Saturday.

Roy and I headed to Wisconsin after the reunion to visit family and friends for almost a week. We checked in periodically by phone with my roommate, **Bev Pagorski Reid**, whose mom had recently fallen and needed hip surgery—thus, Bev needed to cancel out of reunion. Bev insisted her mom was making a remarkable recovery and asked that we return to North Carolina via Michigan. We took the ferry from Manitowish, Wis., to Ludington, Mich., and then drove to Grand Blanc, where we spent a few days with Bev and her husband, Don. Added treats were spending time with Mrs. Pagorski, a visit with Bev and Don's son, Connor, and a phone chat with their daughter, Meredith, my goddaughter! On our way home, we explored Berea, Ky, and then spent a couple of days in the Asheville and Hendersonville areas of North Carolina before finally getting back to our coastal area of Wilmington.

Many of you updated the info sheets mailed out prior to reunion. Thanks very much! I thought I would share a few of those updates from time to time in this column.

**Janet Krueger** and her husband, Bruce Goodman, are in Ada, Mich.,

where Janet is a student teacher supervisor for Grand Valley State University. Their three children are spread out across the U.S. Son Keith is in Washington, D.C., in government work; daughter Claire is teaching Spanish in Holland, Mich.; daughter Lael is a travel writer in San Francisco. Janet is regularly in touch with **Sheila Dwyer Robusto**, **Georgia Florin**, **Rosemary Naphin**, **Betsy Mueller Heil**, **Nanette Raaf**, **Lynn Champion Schmitt**, and **Kathy O'Donnell Effler**.

**Marty Roark Higgins** and husband John live in Chicago, where Marty is active in many civic and charitable organizations. They have three children, two of whom are married, and six grandchildren.

While she wrote with regrets for missing reunion, **Helen Sherry** felt called to leave on an assignment overseas. Helen explained, "I am leaving May 3 for two months to do counseling for military children on a base in Germany. I have a picturebook that should be out this week to help a child heal from losing a parent to war." She also added, "I am an initiated Native American Elder and Keeper of the Water ceremonies for women." Helen is a psychotherapist in California. Her husband, Colin, is a drug and alcohol counselor. She added that her two sons are full-time college students.

**Ann Hollander Sedlacek** is living in Blair, Neb., where she is the office manager for an investment and financial planning group. Ann and her husband, Jon, have two children, both in warm climates, which makes it nice for vacation planning! Their son Joe is in Ft. Worth, Texas, and their daughter, Sarah, and her husband, Ricardo, are employed with a Hyatt resort in Scottsdale, Ariz. Ann also keeps busy as a choir member at church and in civic and fraternal organizations. She stays in close touch with **Mary Alice Herod Lajoie** and **Nan Raaf**.

I will include more of your updates in our next column and, of course, welcome additional news. I know some of you were anticipating grandchildren's arrivals this fall! At the reunion brunch, I recall **Mary Graf Demetrio** was most anxious to swap grandparent stories with classmates. She has two grandsons—pure joy!

A final word about the Bussewitz family. Our daughter, Katie, married Kelly Ballard in April at Holy Trinity Church, Georgetown, D.C. Our daughter, Christine, was maid of honor. We were thrilled to share the happy weekend with Don and **Bev Pagorski Reid**, and Dick and **Mary Alice Herod Lajoie**, who flew there to join us.

Our next deadline is March 1, friends. Stay in touch and take good care of yourselves!

**From the Courier Office: Marty Roark Higgins** writes: "I think this is the first time in 40 years that I have written to the *Courier*, but after Reunion 2009 I felt I had to say how wonderful the weekend on campus was! What special friendships we made in the 1960's, and no matter how much time has gone by, there isn't a face from our special class that isn't great to see! How lucky we were to have that time together so long ago, and to be able to renew it 40 years later. All of the rules and regulations of those college years made for such good friendships and now such unforgettable (and often humorous) memories. Through the years, I'm sure we have all had good times and heartaches, but that SMC bond is with us always. What a great class and what a great college! So good to see all who attended Reunion '09 and greetings to all who could not attend—we missed you but certainly remembered each and every one of you!"

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**From the Courier Office: Mary Ellen Burke** retired from the US Air Force Reserve after 33 years of service. She joined the Illinois Air National Guard in 1976. Mary Ellen had been a fifth/sixth-grade teacher in the Chicago Archdiocese for 10 years when a fellow teacher recommended joining the Illinois Air National Guard as a wonderful part-time job. She was commissioned as a medical administrative officer as a second lieutenant in 1983. She served in three different medical units until she was promoted to colonel four years ago. After Mary Ellen's first year of service, she received a military scholarship to the University of Illinois and completed her MBA degree in 1980. She then switched careers and took up accounting. She first worked at the Children's Home and Aid Society of Illinois, eventually becoming the accounting manager. After her daughter was born, she gave up her full-time job and kept her military job. When her daughter started school, she re-entered the full-time work force. Currently, Mary Ellen is a manager at a woman-owned CPA firm, Wolinski & Company, C.P.A., P.C., with health-care corporations, not-for-profit, and governmental entities (state and federal) as clients.

'73

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**From the Courier Office: Mary Mezzio Montenaro** writes that she has a new grandchild, Michael Patrick Guarraci, born Sept. 20, 2008.

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**From the Courier Office: Mamie Anthoine Ney** writes: In August 2005, after mulling over what I'd be when I grow up, I began studying for a Master's in Library and Information Science through the University of South Carolina as a part of their third Maine cohort. What a ride it's been. Shortly after starting the program I started volunteering at the Kennebunk Free Library. That resulted in my being hired as a sub and then after a few months in September 2006, I became the assistant director/adult services librarian. What a great way to start a career!

Last March I left Kennebunk to become the director of the South Berwick (Maine) Public Library. It's a challenging job and one that I learn more about every day. I finally completed my degree in May 2008 along with about 30 other Maine students. Going to school online was quite an experience. Whoever could have imagined such technology when we were students 30+ years ago!

I've jumped into the library profession wholeheartedly, having been elected the vice chairman of the Southern Maine Library District's executive board and inducted into Beta Phi Mu, an international library science honor society. I credit my experiences at Saint Mary's and Notre Dame, my background in law and business, and volunteer experience, as helping me to start near the top of the profession. This change in careers has been quite a gift to me.

With school and work keeping me so busy, I haven't had much time for fun things. I keep up with a couple of my roommates: **Marianne Rinella Fotopoulos** and **Chris Gocke Rusin** (ND '75) who both live in the Chicago area.

'77

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**From Beth: Peggy Frericks** Thompson and her husband, Dan, and family have been living in Troy, Ohio, since 1990. Peggy teaches English at Miami Valley Career Technology Center near Dayton. Brian, their oldest son, is teaching history and coaching football in Florida. Their daughter, Megan, just graduated from Saint Mary's and daughter Molly will be a junior at Saint Mary's. Ben will be a sophomore in high school. Although in Ohio, the family still enjoys visiting the campus and going to the football games.

**Marian Hart Burns** has been married for 31 years to Stephen Burns and lives in Michigan City, Ind. Marian teaches at Notre Dame Elementary School as the math teacher for the 6th, 7th and 8th graders. Their oldest child, Meredith, a 2005 graduate of Notre Dame and 2009 graduate of Loyola Medical School, is doing her residency at Loyola in Maywood, Ill., in internal medicine and is engaged with a 6/26/10 wedding date. Their son, Patrick, is a senior at the University of Notre Dame majoring in mechanical engineering and is co-president of the Boxing Club/Bengal Bouts.

**Michele Jaworski Moore** lives in Naperville, Ill., with her two daughters, Megan and Mackenzie. Megan is 18 and attending UW-Madison, where she studies international business. Mackenzie is a sophomore at Benet Academy, where she plays volleyball and is the goalie on her soccer team. Michelle has been a senior vice president in commercial banking credit at JP Morgan Chase in Chicago for over 16 years. Her technology and business/math/computer science education at SMC has served her well. She also sits on the Mayor's Council of Technology Advisors as well as belonging to the AITP, Chicago CIO, and various other technology organizations. Michelle is currently engaged to Dr. David Piazza, a surgeon in Naperville, and is planning a June 2010 wedding with a honeymoon to Australia and New Zealand. Her outside activities include travel, running, and being a wine connoisseur.

She runs 5K's and ran the Berlin and Chicago marathons in 2007. Although at the writing of this piece the event will be over, Michelle will be running with David at the Berlin Marathon in September 2009 and the Chicago Marathon in October 2009. She and David are building a new home in Naperville and looking forward to the blessings of bringing two families together.

**Maureen Tomshack** wrote in for a group of our classmates: "Each year, a group of women from the Class of '77 get together for a few days of fun. This past May our gathering was at the home of Ellen Shalvoy Davis in Bronxville, N.Y. Ellen and her husband, Dean, have four children. John is at Harvard working on his master's of architecture degree (2011); Charlie works for TGH Architects in San Francisco after graduating from Stanford in '08; Laura is a senior at AAU in San Francisco studying graphic design; and Helen is studying drama as a sophomore at Catholic University. Ellen has managed Dean's architectural practice in Bronxville for the past 25 years. This has given her the flexibility to raise and enjoy living with her artistic family."

**Patsy Jones Mullin** and her husband, Peter, have lived in the Boston area for 25 years. They have

two sons: Ryan (Penn State, Class of 2011) and Conner (junior in high school). Patsy has been employed in the financial services industry since graduation. She uses her spare time to volunteer at a local food pantry, and for the past 10 years, she has been active in fundraising for the United Way "Today's Girls, Tomorrow's Leaders" program.

**Mary Jo Koenigs Bench** and her husband, Rod, have raised seven children in Seattle, Wash.: six sons and one daughter. After college, Zach joined the Peace Corps and Andy joined the Marines; Connor is a junior at the U.S. Naval Academy; Eli is a junior at Georgetown; Reilly is a junior in high school; Luke is a sophomore in high school; and Annabel is in the 8th grade. Rod has his own insurance/wealth management business and MJ has been busy. Life is good.

**Mary Anne (AKA Bruni) Brown Schuster** and Ken ND '74 have four daughters: Courtney ND '04 works for P&G in Cincinnati and just purchased her first home. Kyle has just exited The Fashion Institute of Technology and is currently looking for work in New York City. Casey graduated from high school this June and will continue her education in tech school, and McKenna is a junior in high school. Mary Anne's latest passion is golf.

## Class Clips



Mary Friedman Slattery '73, Nancy Weber-Curth '73, Mary Anne Madden Hoffman '73, Pink Wolff Stevenson '42, DeDe Stevenson Cable '73, Mary Beth Curosh Finkey '73, and Sis Stevenson Tate '66 (pictured left to right), enjoyed a picturesque weekend at the vacation home of DeDe Stevenson Cable in Durango, Colorado, in August. Cable's mother and sister also joined the group.



**Laura Costanzo Davies** is married to Greg ND MBA '78 and recently retired as the deputy general counsel of AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals, LP, where she worked in various legal department roles for almost 26 years. Now she is a full-time mom to their two sons, Joseph, 8 and Patrick, 4.

**Maureen Tomshack** lives near Raleigh, N.C., with her three German Shepherds. She has worked for First Citizens Bank for the past six years. She continues to golf whenever possible. Maureen is the treasurer of the German Shepherd Rescue and Adoption and usually has at least one foster pup in her home. Her oldest dog, Patty, is trained therapy dog. Maureen and Patty visit a couple retirement homes each month. She is also a reader at her church.

**From the Courier Office:** **Susan Maude** writes that she moved to Ames, Iowa, two years ago to work at Iowa State University. She is thrilled to be located back in the Midwest, especially as her dear friend, **Monica Knowles Reding**, travels from her home in Mt. Prospect, Ill., back to her roots in Omaha, Neb. Being located right off I-80 has certainly kept this friendship going as Monica drops by on her way to or from the big O! Susan was able to be part of the Super Bowl half-time celebration with Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band in January 2009. She tried to talk various SMC/ND friends into joining her in the madness. **Eileen Barbera**, **Patrice Biel**, **Monica Knowles Reding**, and **Mary Lynn Vaughan** all declined, but **Kathy Mercer** joined her in the celebrations along with Kathy's daughter and husband. Susan writes: "Who knew that this guy named Bruce played at ND our senior year? I swear that most likely I was studying in the library and missed that concert!"

'79

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I am sorry that I missed Reunion, but I was in Europe with my husband, Ed, and our youngest son. We toured Madrid and Barcelona with my son, and then he left to attend a summer university course in the Italian language at the University of Urbino in Italy. Ed and I then went on to tour Cinque Terre in Italy; Nice, France; Monaco; and Dublin, Ireland, before heading home. I hope that everyone had a great weekend at SMC!

I received lots of questionnaires returned with great information, so I will try to report on everyone over the next year. Bear with me.

**Ann Regan Casey** lives in Mesquite, Nev., where she owns and operates the Mesquite Bus Company and Elite Shredding. She and her husband, Sean ND '78, have four children, most of whom are grown and living in far-flung cities.

**Karen Valente Brady** is a self-employed tax consultant in Palatine, Ill. Her eldest child is attending Washington University in St. Louis, and she still has two at home. Karen has been traveling with other SMC alums: Egypt with **Mary Bransfield '87** and **Gayla Spenney '97**, Greece with **Conni Griffin Dubick '68**, and Rome with her youngest daughter. She says she met the other SMC alums on an alumnae trip to Spain eight years ago and they have been traveling together ever since.

**Melinda Benne McCarthy** is a real estate broker in St. Albans, Mo. Her two oldest sons, Brandon and Ryan, are living in Chicago and working as an attorney and a firefighter, respectively. Her youngest, Sean, is at Colorado State University.

The Minnesota School Nurse Administrator of the Year award in 2008 went to our classmate, **Mary Jo Kelly Martin**. She is a licensed school nurse in the Hopkins Public Schools in Minnetonka, Minn. She and her husband, Bruce ND '78, have two sons who are graduates of ND.

**Susan Mazanec**, of Shaker Heights, Ohio, received her PhD in nursing from Case Western Reserve University's Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing in August 2009. Congratulations!

Working as an artist, primarily in pastels, **Ann Skelly Beringer** lives in Russell, Ohio, outside of Cleveland, with her husband, John. They have three children. The eldest is now living in Chicago. The other two attend Elon University in North Carolina.

**Paula Carroll Tredeau** practices estate planning law in Springfield, Mass., with the firm of Egan, Flanagan and Cohen. Her husband, Richard, has a thriving pediatric practice. The Tredeaus have two college-age children: one at Connecticut College and the other at Providence College.

**Vickie Blankert Richardson** is a speech and language pathologist in the Temecula Valley Unified School District in Temecula, Calif. She and her husband, John, have two children. Their son lives in Seattle, and their daughter, Abigail, graduated from SMC in 2008.

**Nancy Thomas Dickinson** is a museum teacher/interpreter at the Strawberry Banke living history museum on the waterfront in Portsmouth, N.H. She began working there in 2006 after teaching in the Dover, N.H., school system for 13 years. Nancy and her husband, Douglas, have two grown children and were expecting their first grandchild in September. Prior to settling in New Hampshire, the Dickinsons lived in Germany, the Philippines, Florida, and South Carolina—at the whim of the U.S. Air Force.

**Katy Elsey Hildebrand** works in national marketing for The Northern Trust Company in Chicago. She and her husband, Philip, have three grown children. The youngest attends Curry College in Boston.

**Mercedes Weber Blake** hosted a party on the Hagar Terrace during Reunion for those who participated in the Rome Program during the 1976-77 school year. She says that time abroad had such an effect on her that she built her career around the things she learned in Italy. Mercedes manages a global human resources team for Corning Incorporated, a career that included a stint in Shanghai, China. She and her husband, Bob, have now returned to the States and are living in Painted Post, N.Y., near the company headquarters in Corning. They have three children. The oldest is studying at Purdue University, and the other two are still in high school.

**Margaret D'Aquila Mader** lives in Lakeside Park, Ky., with her husband, Douglas, and her youngest child, Charlie. The couple's oldest son is in officer's training with the U.S. Navy in Newport, R.I., and their daughter is a freshman at the University of St. Thomas in Minnesota.

**Karen Lippert Witte** lives in Old Hickory, Tenn., where she has worked part-time for 30 years in critical care nursing and staff development at the Summit Medical Center. Her husband, Jeff, is president of a small manufacturing company, and they have four children, ages 10 to 24. The oldest is a mechanical engineer for Marathon Oil, married and living in Findlay, Ohio. The two in the middle are in college, and the youngest is a fifth grader!

**Maureen O'Brien Iwanski** and her husband, Thomas, have two ND sons. Stephen graduated in May 2009, and Dan is a junior. The Iwanskis live in Tiverton, R.I.

Day Break Consulting Services LLC is the new firm of **Karen Peeler Moynahan**. It is a document

organization and management firm near her home in Herndon, Va. Karen's daughter graduated from Indiana University in 2009, and her son is still in high school. Both children are swimmers.

**Susan Ursitti Sheinberg** is living in Los Angeles with her husband, Jonathan, a stepdaughter, and her two sons. An actress and writer, Susan says that while she is writing, she is looking for projects to act in and produce. She is also working on the California Women's Conference and is involved with environmental technologies.

**Sara Conway Zimmermann** and her husband, Joseph, live in Arlington Heights, Ill., where Sara has worked at the local library for 18 years. Joe is a chemical engineer with UOP. The couple has five children and two grandchildren. Their oldest son has two children and lives on the Everett Naval Base in Seattle. Their second son was married this past summer. The other three children are evenly split between college, high school, and junior high.

**Patricia Dahl** lives on Fifth Avenue in New York City and is the executive director/CEO for The Eye Bank for Sight Restoration on Wall Street. Talk about fancy addresses! She has held this position since 2000 and says that her life revolves around her career.

**Mary Beth Higgins Williams** is a private practice attorney in Glen Carbon, Ill. She earned her law degree from Southern Illinois University in 1999.

**Barbara Klein O'Connell** owns Hunting Hill Investments, a real estate investment firm in Potomac, Md. She specializes in rental properties. She and her husband, James ND '77, have five children, two of whom are married. She wrote: "My mother, **Peggy Cruse Klein '44**, has Alzheimer's and lives with us. I have cared for her for the last ten years. She is now 87 and bedridden."

**Mary Hopkins Moore** is a teacher and director of family education at the Hyde School in Bath, Maine. She and her husband, Thomas ND '79, have four children. The oldest two live in Denver and Boston, respectively. The third is a student at ND, and the youngest, 13, is still at home.

After 25 years of owning her own business, **Laura Beth Hart Howell** recently became the marketing and web manager for the Gila Regional Medical Center in Silver City, N.M. In her spare time, she enjoys helping her husband, Anthony, photograph the southwestern vistas in their area. Their oldest daughter attends Austin College and is spending this school year in India. Their younger daughter is still in

high school. Laura Beth has spent 15 years training in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and is now working to become a formation leader for this international curriculum.

**Mary King Pohl** is a registered nurse with the Walgreens Specialty Pharmacy in Deerfield, Ill. She and her husband, Bill, live in nearby Mundelein, Ill. Their two oldest sons live in Baltimore and Chicago, respectively, and their youngest attends the University of Dayton.

**Lynne Ewald Gerding** lives in downtown Chicago, where she is a self-employed real estate agent. She has two grown daughters.

'81

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**Margaret Bonadies Blonigan** writes: "We planned a big trip to Jordan and Egypt for my husband Gregg's ND '81 50th birthday in February. We had a fantastic trip with our two youngest sons—Andrew, 16, and Charlie, 13. (Patrick, 19, is a sophomore at Cornell University.) We visited the Dead Sea and Petra in Jordan, then crossed the Red Sea in a ferry into Egypt—arriving at a port city in the Sinai. We continued on to Luxor and Cairo with Egyptologists as our tour guides to show us the major sights, ending up at a tour of the major pyramid sights in and around Giza. Our last guide in Cairo was the mother of three boys, just like me, and although our lives and faith are so very different, we made a connection—a positive one—that I shall never forget."

From **Maggie O'Neill**: "Thirteen of us gathered from across the country at a beautiful resort in Scottsdale, Ariz., for spring break to celebrate turning 50.

**Mary Beckman Gordon** just married and gained four beautiful children along with her Mike. **Madonna Shannon** had us all swooning over her upcoming wedding to her Mike in October. **Susie Eckelkamp** delighted us with stories about her adventures with Governor Palin on the campaign trail last year. **Kelly Chambers Mizeski**, **Terri Albright Cavi**, and I were all sending kids off to college in the fall, so we were gathering wisdom from **Patty Kelly McNeill** and **Christy Frank Murphy** about handling that change gracefully. Groups took early morning hikes up steep peaks led by **Patty Meagher Clare**. **Terri and Margie Quinn Zappa** led us in a

rousing chorus of 'Happy Birthday to us' at dinner on our big night out. We spent the evenings in **Mary Beth Hanigan McLean's** hospitality room talking and carrying on. **Michelle Diener Filicicchia** presented us with gift-wrapped copies of *Very Valentine* from Adri Trigiani (a terrific story!). **Sue Blumer Bergman** snapped photos of us all."

**Mary Ryan Buddig** writes: "My daughter, Jenny, is a junior and Sarah a senior at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. Erin is at Saint Ambrose, Margaret is a senior at Hinsdale Central, and Bobby is a sophomore. My sisters had a surprise 50th birthday party for me in October. Everyone at the party dressed like me! I'm getting ready for

my second year as president of the Hinsdale Central PTO."

From **Barb O'Connell Hoyt**: "My youngest son, Neil, is starting college at John Carroll University. He will be only a mile away from **Mary Jo Norton Ciuni** and her husband, Joe ND '81. My other son, Matt, is in the Illinois National Guard, currently deployed in Afghanistan. He finished his first year

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**Lisa Montpetit Brabbit '89**, dean for external relations at the University of St. Thomas School of Law, received the Minnesota Women Lawyers Top Honor, the Myra Bradwell Award. The award is presented to an MWL member who expresses the highest ideals of the legal profession and who possesses courage, perseverance and leadership on issues of concern to women. Additionally, the honor is awarded based on the attorney's leadership in her field, legal excellence, professionalism and ethics and the attorney's assistance to other women by mentoring, facilitating institutional support and by being a role model.

**Mary-Margaret Dalton Burgdorff '81** was appointed a Superior Court Judge by Governor M. Jodi Rell February 2009. Prior to that time, she was a partner in the law firm of Dodd, Lessack, Dalton & Dodd, LLC for 23 years.

**Risa Zander Josias '05**, of Raymond James Financial, was honored as one of 2009 Up & Comers Award winners, by the *Tampa Bay Business Journal*.

**Kathleen Flynn Fox '74**, national chair of the Centennial Steering Committee for Catholic Charities U.S.A., spoke to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in November. She spoke about the upcoming centennial, the benefits of anti-poverty efforts and Catholic Charities USA's role in shaping the movement for the entire country.

**Joan Gullans Pluck '78** and her sister **Louise Gullans Brooks '76** were featured in the September 2009 issue of *Traditional Home Magazine*. Brooks founded Brooks and Falotico, a design firm, in 1988 and has renovated over 200 residences. The firm's renovations have been featured in *Martha Stewart Living*, *Traditional Home*, *Renovation Style*, *House and Garden*, and *House Beautiful*.

**Jody Matousek Padar '94**, CPA, MST, co-founder of the Chicago accounting firm Matousek Consulting was named as one of The CPA Technology Advisor's 40 under 40 honorees. For four years the program has recognized the up and coming accountants, technology developers and tax professionals in the profession.

Saint Mary's is pleased to welcome back to the College **Elizabeth "Libby" Gray '93** as director of development. She started in her position in August 2009. Gray will help to strategically lead the major gift, planned giving, corporate and foundation relations and donor relations staff.

**Jennifer Soukup Kalczuk '92**, external relations manager for The Rapid (Grand Rapid's public transportation system), was honored this week as one of *Mass Transit* magazine's Top "40 Under 40" list. Every year, *Mass Transit*, a publication exclusively dedicated to public transportation, honors professionals who have made significant contributions to the public transit industry.

**Nancy Roberts Dobson '70**, as well as Uniland Development (the company she co-founded), will be honored at the Kenmore Mercy Foundation's Tribute to Angels Gala on November 20. Dobson will be presented with the Sister Mary Mechtilde Memorial Award.

**Gayla Spenny '97** is featured in the fall issue of *Charities USA*, the national magazine of Catholic Charities USA. Spenny is the shelter supervisor at My Sister's Place, a domestic violence shelter for women and their children operated by Catholic Charities Community Services in Phoenix. The article is about how the Alumnae Association of Saint Mary's College recognized her with the Outstanding Young Alumna Award in the spring.

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of college and took a leave of absence to serve with his unit. My daughter, **Clare Hoyt '06** works in the library at a large law firm in downtown Chicago and attends DePaul Law School at night, while **Maura Hoyt '07** is an RN on the oncology floor at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago. I am still teaching enrichment grades K-5 at a local public school and spend a lot of time volunteering at my parish teaching RE, working with engaged couples on the Pre-Cana team, and being co-chair of our Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel."

**Patrice (P.J.) Tuohy** reports: "I had lunch this spring in Chicago with **Margaret Bonadies Blonigan**, who was visiting from Switzerland. **Pat Hanahan Sigmier**'s son, John, just finished his first year at Harvard.

"I remember when my daughter, Hannah, now 8, had heart surgery at four months, a wise friend of mine said, 'You're going through your Abraham moment—every parent does sooner or later.' The Abraham moment is when you have to put your child's fate in God's hands and trust that all will be well."

From **Kate Willson Voelker**: "My oldest, Maggie, is a junior at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, studying exercise science (premed). Patrick is a sophomore at St. Norbert in Green Bay, Wis., studying economics and playing hockey. Mary is a junior at Marian High School in Mishawaka, Ind., and Michael is in the 8th grade. My husband, Mark, has weathered the economic downturn as a second-tier

supplier to the automotive industry. I am the director of a local not-for-profit providing financial assistance and support to local cancer patients."

From **Mary Biermann DeRoche**: "Fourteen years ago, a group of us started an independent private Catholic school, now called Everest Academy. It began in the basement of our Naperville home and a nearby farmhouse. We have since been renting space in a former seminary in Lemont, Ill., while hoping to build our own campus. This fall we are watching our prayers and dreams come true as our first building is opening its doors on Sept. 8, 2009, Blessed Mother's birthday. Our second daughter will be a freshman at SMC this year as an education major."

**Betsy Gunn Carlsen** writes: "Meet Me in St. Louis," was the theme of our 50th birthday reunion this summer held in July. **Barb Phillips Spieler** and I hosted eight SMC friends in our homes as we gathered to celebrate our 50th birthdays together. We had a blast renewing friendships, and sharing memories and stories—as well exchanging photos of our families. Those in attendance were **Ann Grzybowski Kennedy**, **Lisa Hoerstman Seufert**, **Kathy Pearsall Mraz**, **Katie Kellow Barbagallo**, **Elizabeth Kerrigan O'Neill**, and **Anne Lynch Pittman**. We also talked to **Marybeth Hanavan** on the phone. We visited a few St. Louis sites, such as The Missouri Botanical Gardens and The St. Louis Basilica Cathedral."

From **Martha Maggio Merizon**: In celebration of our 50th birthdays, and to keep up a summer tradition we started four summers ago, in late July a small group of us gathered at the northern Wisconsin lake home of **Maria Bładowski Sobczak**, **Jane Kopec Bentkowski**, **Cathy Sweeney Dunn**, **Francie Reidy Kowal**, and I all spent several days with Maria—soaking in the sun on her dock, kayaking, taking her boat for a Happy Hour cruise around the lake, and talking around a bonfire late into the evening.

From **Beverly Leonard Sewell**: "My husband, Rick, and son Michael, now 16, and I spent two weeks in Italy to celebrate my 50th birthday. The best part was the five days in Rome and the Vatican. Saint Peter's Basilica was overwhelming, especially the Scavi excavation tour under the Basilica into the streets of old Rome and the original and current tomb of Saint Peter. . . I am still working with Hewlett-Packard in strategy and business planning. Mike is a junior at Notre Dame Prep High School, highest honors, and has his sights on chemical engineering."

**Michele Strohman Schricker** writes: "I have been working for the last six years in a community mental health center as a LCSW (Licensed Clinical Social Worker) treating children and adults. My husband and I live in Plymouth, Ind., just 25 miles from Saint Mary's College. Our son, Ezra, 22, is a senior at the University of Chicago and studying political science. My husband of 27 years, George, is earning his MFA in creative writing at Spaulding

University in Louisville, Ky. Our family enjoyed a trip to Paris, Berlin, and London last fall, first visiting our son, Ezra, who was studying in Paris, and then visiting friends in Germany and England."

**Julie Evans Detmer** writes: "Marty ND '81 and I have been living in Glen Ellyn, Ill., now for 11 years. We celebrated 27 years of marriage this July, and we're getting ready to send our last child off to college. My son, Marty, will be a freshman at the University of Chicago, playing football there as well. Sarah is studying occupational therapy at St. Louis University, and my eldest daughter, Amy, is working in Chicago at a PR firm downtown. My 50th birthday has been an 'all-year' celebration culminating with a friends' trip to France this fall for a '50s celebration. I spent a lovely evening catching up with **Ann Foley Waris** and her husband, Dick, this summer and often see **Ann Coryn Lohmuller** in Chicago and Davenport."

From **Maureen Campbell Lopina**: "Our daughter, Jillian '11, returned from Europe in May, after spending sophomore year in Rome. Thirty years after I studied there, the girls still stay in the same hotel (the Tiziano) and have the same program director (**Portia Prebys '66**). We flew over to visit Jillian in Rome the week after Christmas, and I somehow managed to miss seeing Portia; very disappointing! Our son, Chris, just began his first year at Colorado State University in Fort Collins. Scott is a sophomore in high school and playing JV football and



lacrosse. I keep busy volunteering at school, for La Leche League, and on the board of the Washington, D.C. affiliate of the International Lactation Consultant Association. In addition to counseling breastfeeding mothers, I serve as a liaison from La Leche League to global health agencies committed to maternal and child health. I am married to Brian ND '77."

From **Ann Monaghan**

**McAlexander:** "My mom, **Katie McNamara Monaghan '48**, called me a couple years ago and said she would like to go to Australia and New Zealand—would I want to come with her? Well, sure! So after much planning, my sister (Meg), my mom, and I left this past Dec. 30, flew from Meg's home in San Francisco to Sydney, spent a few days there, then boarded a two-week cruise that took us from Sydney to Auckland with seven stops in between. We had a great time on the ship, calling ourselves 'The Windy City Girls' to become the on-board trivia champions. My family (husband Brad and children Patrick, 15, and Maggie, 13) also continues to keep me busy at our home in suburban Indianapolis."

**Mary Beckman Konstant** writes: "In Mid-June, **Cathy Hackman Blaha, Mary Whalen McMickle**, and I met **Katie Kellow Barbagallo** at her cottage on Seneca Lake, N.Y. When we graduated, we all moved to Houston, Texas, together and vowed that we would have a reunion in 2009. We missed **Hilary Moher Ramirez** and wished she was there to join us. We spent the soggy weekend visiting all of Katie's favorite wineries, sampling her favorite Seneca Lake wines. Cathy entertained us with her opinions of the wines; Mary tried desperately to keep her hair from getting wet; and I made everyone listen to a CD of the worst '80s music while Katie showed us around this beautiful lake that she calls home every summer."

**From the Courier Office:** **Mary-Margaret Dalton-Burgdorff** writes: "Just a note to let you know that I was appointed a Superior Court judge by Governor M. Jodi Rell this past February. Prior to that time, I was a partner in the law firm of Dodd, Lessack, Dalton & Dodd, LLC for 23 years. It was quite an honor to be appointed! It has been a wonderful and challenging experience to date, and I look forward to many years on the bench. My husband, Brad, recently began a new position as a director with Savage QRS, a railroad support service company out of Colorado. We are keeping busy with our daughters, Sarah and Katie, and all their activities."

Sarah is in the 4th grade, and Katie is in the 3rd grade at St. Thomas the Apostle School here in West Hartford. My mother, **Anne Curry Dalton '50**, is still going strong and continues her travels around the globe. My sisters, **Deidre Dalton Toole '82** and **Ellen Dalton Patterson '84**, are both teaching and keeping busy raising their children."

'83

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First things first: If you are reading this column, I predict that you are looking forward to hearing about our Saint Mary's classmates. Don't forget, though, that there are many classmates who would like an update about you, too! So right now, before you read further, get a pen and paper and jot down my contact information above. Then, as soon as you finish reading, send me an email or write me a letter with an update about you. This is especially directed toward those of you who have never, or rarely, sent in news. Believe me when I say that *everyone* who reads this column likes to hear about what we *all* are doing. I look forward to hearing from you!

As I sit to write this column, it is a sunny and warm August morning in Woodbury, Conn. We moved here from Milwaukee in June after my husband, Brad, started a new job. We loved Milwaukee and miss it a lot, but it is beautiful in Connecticut, and we are looking forward to our new life here.

Yesterday, my oldest niece, Emily Petrene Reckinger '13, and Jenna Iberle '13 (who is the daughter of my dear friend and Saint Mary's roommate, **Mary Laue Iberle**), started their first day at Saint Mary's—30 years after we all started ours. It's been a lot of fun for me, and I am sure it's been even more fun for Mary, to experience vicariously the beginning of another four years at Saint Mary's.

**Bridget Bloechl Hunsinger** writes that she is a paralegal for an elder law firm in Columbus, Ohio. She and her husband, John, have four daughters. Julie is a junior at Arizona State, Cara is a high school senior, Lauren is a high school sophomore, and Emily is a seventh grader. Bridget writes that their lives are consumed by softball, as two of the girls play travel ball and one plays recreational ball. Bridget teaches religion classes at her church, and her daughters are active in their church youth group. She recently started her

own business of selling products for Thirty One Gifts. Her website is [www.mythirtyone.com/31baglady](http://www.mythirtyone.com/31baglady).

**Trish Sheehan Pearl** and her husband, John ND '83, live in New Milford, Conn. Their oldest daughter, **Christine Pearl Rastello '07**, is a First Lieutenant in the Army. In July, Christine married Erik Rastello, and as of this writing, both are scheduled to deploy to Iraq in November. Their second daughter, **Lynda Pearl '09**, was commissioned an Ensign in the Navy and will become a Naval aviator. Third daughter Michelle is a junior at Holy Cross College in South Bend and active in Notre Dame Army ROTC. Their youngest daughter is a high school junior. John is a pilot for American Airlines, and Trish is a substitute teacher.

**Katie Barry Stack** lives in Clarendon Hills, Ill., and writes that she was joined at a gathering at her summer home in Michigan City by **Mary Weiden Gruenes** (Lake Forest, Ill.), **Suzie Lanman Downey** (Lakewood, Ohio), as well as **Heidi Lucke Sullivan '82** (Chicago) and Julie Kipp ND '83 (Holland, Mich.). Katie writes that "the laughs were constant and the memories were sidesplitting. It is reassuring that no matter how much time goes by, we fall right back into step. Thank goodness for Saint Mary's and the friendships that withstand the test of time and distance."

So, that's a wrap. Remember to write, because I'm going to be expecting a lot of news for the next issue!

**From the Courier Office:** **Ellen Riley Flower** writes: I wanted to let her friends from the Class of '83 know that my mother passed away on June 16, 2009, from a terrible degenerative disease known as PSP, which stands for Progressive Supranuclear Palsy.

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'85

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Greetings, classmates! I hope that all is well with you. Our 25th reunion is just around the corner. Some have made it to each reunion; for others, maybe this will be your first. Either way, I hope you've made plans to come.

Thanks to **Kathey Conley Taiclet**, who sent out a "how about some updates" email to a number of gals who've shared some common experiences with kids advancing

through school. Also, I've got some especially good news to share about an accomplishment of **Annie Sawicki**. Annie, in concert with a team of three from Notre Dame, spent four years of hard work and research to invent a device called AdapTap. The device helps swimmers who have a visual impairment to swim a straight line and not collide with the end wall of a pool. It will also help sighted swimmers learning how to do flip turns. Fr. Hesburgh and Fr. Jenkins honored the inventors at a dinner in March of 2009. Annie shared, "I am thrilled that I was taught to give back through a social mission and could intersect that with my love of swimming, business, and patent law." Congratulations, Annie!

**Kathey Conley Taiclet** took her daughters to SMC for a summer program and was happy to be back there thinking of all the great women she met while in school. Her oldest, David Jr., is a junior in high school; Jack is a sophomore; Dorie is in 8th grade; and Claire, the social butterfly of the family, is in 5th grade. Husband Dave travels a lot with Fannie May Candies and 1-800-flowers.

**Mary Blaha Doyle** and husband Mike took their daughter, Annie, to SMC in August, but unlike Kathey's girls, Annie was there to stay and study. Mary says Annie was so excited to finally get there. She has an awesome triple in McCandless (anyone remember those days?) and her first basketball meeting was approaching. Mary felt it was so comforting to leave Annie at such a beautiful and welcoming place. Mary's son, Mick, is at ND and living in Dillon. Son Colin is at Villanova. The three youngest are Bridget, a sophomore in high school; Sheila, a freshman; and Kathleen, who is their last child at St. Francis, their grade school for the last 17 years! Mary says that the Doyles are feeling happy and blessed, despite missing their three oldest!

**Annie Gallagher Connors** weighs in saying that she will probably not be able to make reunion this year, as her brother Charlie's ordination is the following weekend at Boston College. Her daughters Margaret (sophomore) and Tessie (freshman) want to visit SMC in the next couple of years. Her son, Brendan (seventh grade), is already a top regional diver and wants to look at Notre Dame.

**Colleen Flynn Roohan** also responded to Kathey's e-mail for news. At the time, Colleen said that all was well, but they were battling the heat and the California wildfires. Colleen might be another that we miss at

reunion, as her son, Joe, graduates Loyola High that weekend. Overall, Colleen notes that the summer was a good one for the Roohan family. Husband Ed left his job of 16 years to try his own business, doing the same thing he had done, minus the two-plus hours in the car each day. Ed took their daughter, Mary Kate, to ND. She is a sophomore in Lyons. Son Eddie turned 21 in August and is a senior at LMU. Joe is a senior in high school. Sheila is their last at St. Philips after 17 years. Colleen says with a smile that she gave in at a weak moment and agreed to be room mom for 8th grade. Colleen will be celebrating three graduations this year! On top of keeping track of the kids, Colleen is also volunteering and working. She volunteers as a parish nurse for her church, seeing some older folks every week. She also sees older people in their homes for her work.

**Catherine Brissette Reidy** also responded to Kathey's call. She has a niece at SMC who is a sophomore nursing major, and a daughter, Colleen, at ND. Colleen is living in the same dorm as **Maggie Duffey Gerth's** daughter. Her oldest is a junior at TCU, studying nursing. Daughter Meghan is a sophomore in high school, playing volleyball and missing her sisters. Catherine and husband Tom have been told that they were "hovering over her" after the others went to college. This seems to be a common cry from those last out the door. Catherine also

reports that she saw **Mary Anne Flood Mulhall** at drop off, as well as **Susan Morrissey Schmitt**.

The last respondent is **Kim Kirasich McDermott**, who dropped her oldest son, Kevin, at ND. She saw **Mary Jo Hogan Cox**, who was there for the same reason. Kim is excited for Kevin but also misses him very much. Her middle child, Brian, is a high school senior, starting the college application process. Her youngest, Kylee, is in 8th grade. Two graduations coming up for Kim!

The next news deadline is March 1. Take care, and let us know how and what you're doing. Hope to see you at reunion!

'87

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**From Christine: Sharon Hegg Costa** is living in Springfield, Ill., working for Bank of America as the vice president of applications programming and consultant as a "work-from-home" associate. She is married to Dave and has three children: Cecilia, 13, Catherine, 12, and Charles, 11. Sharon is looking forward to running the Shamrock Shuffle in March. Cecilia attended the Fine Arts Camp at Saint Mary's last summer and while in town, Sharon visited with **Jeanette Friedheim Burdell**.

'89

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**From Karen:** What a wonderful June weekend we had for our reunion! The campus looked great; the new classroom building—Spes Unica—and the renovations to Madeleva are beautiful; and the setting for the Friday night cocktail party in the Student

Center was wonderful. We had a great turnout with 98 classmates returning to campus for a chance to see close friends again, rekindle old friendships, and enjoy all the seminars and activities that reunion weekend offers.

A big "thank you" to **Melissa Howe Miller**, who chaired the reunion gift committee for our class, and all the committee members—**Lisa Berens, Rachel Chua Brown, Linda Arce Cosgrove, Karen Crespy, Elizabeth McCormick Kenny, Michelle Matthews McBride, Colleen Cary McMahon, and Barb Moorhead Vedders**. In total, we had 23% participation and contributed \$39,504 to the \$1,017,110 raised by all the reunion classes in gifts and pledges for the college. Reunion classes also raised \$349,995 for the Reunion Scholars Program, which means 64 young women will be able to attend Saint Mary's. Thanks to everyone who participated!

Our own **Kara O'Leary** did a great job in her role as director of alumnae relations and the weekend's "MC," and representing our class at the reunion banquet and all weekend long.

It was great to see some faces back on campus, including **Anne Palamaro Wynne** who brought her husband, James, and Annabel Grace, 10, Christa Marie, 9, and Joshua, 7, in tow; and **Kayko Davis Nakamura**, who flew in from California for her first reunion.

Reunion weekend coincided with South Bend's Sunburst

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## Getting Married? Expecting?

We'd like to help you celebrate, but we can't print news about future weddings or babies. When your plans become reality, please let your class reporter or the *Courier* office know, and we'll gladly print your news after the fact.



Races, and two of our classmates participated—**Patrice Jordan** finished the marathon in 4:38:15, her best time in eight years; and **Anne Bader** walked the 5K. Congratulations to them both!

Though **Roberta Gatmaitan Moore** didn't make it to reunion this time around due to vacation conflicts, she filled me in on the Moores' life in Keller, Tex.—the Dallas/Fort Worth area—where they hope to stay put until their children, Maggie, 7, and Ethan, 5, get through high school. The chances of that happening are much higher since they celebrated David's retirement last July after 20 years of flying for the Navy. Congrats, David, and thank you and your family for your years of service! He is now working for a company developing flight simulators. After six years, Rozel returned to work last fall teaching language arts at the pre-K level. She plans to start teaching special education in the next year or so.

While Rozel was celebrating military retirement, **Molly Meyer Belin** didn't make reunion because she, George, Emily, 15, Tyler, 13, and Olivia, 9, were making a military move! The family was packing for relocation to Madrid, Spain. George has been in the Army for 21 years, and this is the last family move before he retires. The Belins will spend three years in Madrid where George will work for NATO. All the best!

This summer found several more classmates on the move... First, a big congratulation to **Nora McQuillan Coleman**, who attended reunion and then, just eight weeks later, delivered a healthy baby boy, Connor James, on July 31. Then, just 15 days after that, on August 17, she and her husband, Kevin, and five children packed up their home in the Chicago area to relocate to Columbus, Ohio, where Kevin accepted a new job with an advertising company. Nora hopes to keep working for her current employer, Anixter, in Columbus.

The relocation bug also bit **Rosie Mahar Crogan** and **Mary Kathleen**

**Murray Harper**. Rosie and her husband, Brian, and their three children left Rosie's hometown of Youngstown, Ohio, for Cincinnati, where Brian accepted a new job with the FAA. Brian went to Cincinnati first while Rosie worked on selling the house and evaluated the working mom versus stay-at-home dilemma.

Kate left her hometown, the Washington, D.C. area, for Chicago, where her husband, Scott, accepted a position with Allstate and began working in September. After 20 years with KPMG, Kate resigned and joined Scott in Chicago in January. She is now a stay-at-home mom to their three young children.

To any classmates in Columbus, Cincinnati, or Chicago, the new members of your communities would appreciate any advice you have to offer!

Our first SMC send off... **Julie Wagner Feasel** dropped off her oldest daughter, Meghan, at Saint Mary's as a freshman member of the class of 2013! Meghan is sharing a triple in McCandless. We hope she has a fantastic year.

**Teresa Schmitz Van Orden** had two high school graduations the same weekend as reunion, so we'll give her a pass this time! She lives in Montgomery, Tex. with her husband, Donald, and is enjoying watching her girls, Kelly, 18, Hanne, 17, Tracy, 17, and Dana, 14, grow into mature, fabulous young ladies. Kelly is a freshman at the University of Texas in Austin, Tex. and Hanne is attending St. Edward's University, also in Austin. Last spring, Tracy became the Texas High School 4A State Swimming Champion in the 100 breaststroke. She also swam to second place in the 200 IM. Dana is the family tennis player and travels throughout Texas for the USTA Champs Tournament. If anyone is traveling through the Lake Conroe-Houston area, Teresa invites you to look her up.

**Elizabeth McGowan Devereux** is working on the film version of *Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief* as an

assistant to Chris Columbus of 1492 Pictures. The film is due for release in early 2010.

About a year ago, **Barb Bolla Kopko** changed jobs to work for Terex Corporation as the Supplier Quality Manager Americas for the construction segment. She has responsibility for facilities and supplies in North and South America. In her first three months on the job, Barb had traveled to Minnesota, Oklahoma, Mexico, and Germany. Some good frequent flyer miles there!

**Patricia Nolan** is studying for her teaching certification in middle school science and she planned to start teaching last fall—we hope that worked out!

**Roberta Sikorski Szumski** is a nurse at Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis, Ind., and will be receiving her master's in nursing education from Walden University in June 2010. **Sue Dorcak Euliano** is a nurse at Elmhurst Hospital and received her second master's degree, a master of science in nursing, from Loyola University in 2009.

Sue enjoyed reunion with **Karen Luby Burton**, **Carol Mansfield Fox**, **Karen Krok Hasler**, **Barb Moorhead Vedders**, and **Karen Crespy**. After reunion, **Karen Crespy** visited Barb for a long July 4th holiday in Grand Rapids, Mich. Both **Karen Luby Burton** and Barb headed to South Bend with their families for the Notre Dame-Boston College game in October; and **Karen Crespy** headed out for the Notre Dame-Michigan State game in September to meet up with Notre Dame and Saint Mary's friends for a quick, fun weekend.

**Barbara Tull Dwyer** sent her greetings from the Jersey Shore, where she and John ND '89 and Colleen, 13, and Jack, 9, were vacationing for two weeks in Avalon. They followed that by attending a big family reunion.

**Lynda Bensaia Peterson** sent news that she and her husband, Jim, have lived in the Milwaukee, Wis. area for 15 years and have two daughters: Hannah, 12, and Ella, 9. After eight years as a stay-at-home mom, Lynda began substitute teaching and says she found her passion. In June 2008, she graduated from Cardinal Stritch University with a master's in teaching. Congratulations! Last year, Lynda worked as a reading teacher; this past fall, she tackled life as a fourth-grade teacher.

Another classmate who has found herself back at work is **Mimi Tuohy O'Leary**, who returned full time (after a 12-year hiatus) as a third-grade teacher

at St. Joseph's in Stuart, Fla. (where all three of her children attend school).

Between her 20th wedding anniversary, her parents' 50th wedding anniversary, her daughter Elizabeth's high school graduation, and her own grad school studies, **Karen MacLennan Tierney** didn't think (understandably) that she could fit in a trip to reunion. She is studying for her master's in library information science at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., and plans on completing her program in 2010.

**Marisa Kosla Foster** is working as the marketing representative and art room facilitator at the brand-new Children's Museum in Oak Lawn, Ill. The museum is a state-of-the-art non-profit geared toward children ages 2 months to 10 years. It opened last July.

**Karen Koehn Deane** lives in LaGrange, Ill., with her husband, Jim, and 5-year-old daughter, Grace. The Deanes love LaGrange for its proximity to Chicago and old-fashioned charm. Karen works part-time as a media and marketing consultant and a part-time stay-at-home mom. 2009 brought two fun trips—one to London and Paris, and another to Tokyo—as part of Jim's EMBA program at the University of Chicago, and Karen got to tag along. She gets to see her best Saint Mary's friend, **Monique Kelly Knapp**, about once a year. Monique lives in Clearwater, Fla. where her husband is with the Coast Guard and her 9-year-old son, Sean, keeps her busy.

Reunion was great, and we all hope that even more classmates will join us on campus in five years for our 25th!

## '91

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**From Becky:** Greetings, Class of 1991! As it has been so long since someone has written an update, I decided it was simply time to volunteer. So, if you have anything you'd like to share, please feel free to contact me by any means you see fit. There is quite a group of SMC '91 alumnae on Facebook, and I've started a group called "SMC '91 COURIER UPDATES." Look for it and join the fun!



While I don't have that much to share at this point, I am optimistic that will change in the future. For now, I will start with what I've got: I have been married for 17 years to Jay, who is now a Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Air Force. We've been stationed in Arizona, Ohio, New Jersey, Delaware, Alabama, Colorado, and now back to New Jersey. It exhausts me thinking of moving again, but it's inevitable. I have two children, Daniel, 12, and Catherine, 8, who attend school at St. Mary of the Lakes here in Medford.

With all of the moving around, I don't get much of a chance to see anyone, but I do hear regularly from **Shannon Welcome Martin**. Shannon and her husband, Ken, live in Huntley, Ill., and are both teachers. Shannon continues to teach kindergarten. Daughter Julia, 12, is active in sports and drama, and Mary, 4, is busy splashing in the backyard pool.

**Lisa Juscik Jones** and her husband, Dan, live in Chicago with daughter Emma. Lisa is a breast cancer survivor (yeah, Lisa!) and is an active fundraiser for lung cancer, as her mother passed away from the disease a few years ago.

**Anne Brady Kane** and husband Jim live in Eagan, Minn., with their three children: twins Tommy and Mike, 13, and daughter Christine, 10. The kids are all busy playing sports—so busy, in fact, that Anne started her own business with the Eagan Athletic Association. Her firm does all of the paperwork for all youth sports in the town. So, if you live in Eagan and want your kid on a certain soccer team, Anne is the person you need to call.

**Peggy Eisenhower Rueth** is married to Rick and is busy with her four kids, twins Adam and Timothy, 13, David, 11, and Claire, 9. She lives outside of Dayton, Ohio, and is an active volunteer at school.

**Stephanie Tarkowski Wyatt** is married to James and has lived in Delaware, Ohio, for the last 13 years. Stephanie is mom to four kids: Noah, 12, Rachel, 10, Jillian, 6, and Marissa, 4. All of the kids are active in sports, scouts, and school.

**Maria Smeriglio Mulhair** and Kevin ND '91 live in Naperville, Ill., with their eight children (yes, you read that right): Tim, 16, Patrick, 14, Christopher, 11, Brian, 9, Mark, 7, Andrew, 5, Caroline, 3, and Stephanie, 2, which is, as I can only imagine, a full-time job. But, Maria always makes time for the West Suburban SMC Club and especially enjoys attending their book club for some adult conversation.

**Jessica Hooper Saccone** lives in Chicago with her husband, Steve, and

their kids Isabella, 9, twins Lucas and William, 7, and Alexandra, 6.

**Kristin Simono Newell** posted on the Facebook page that her daughter, Emily, 11, attended Fine Arts Camp at SMC this summer and spent a week staying in Holy Cross Hall. Kristin is married to Mike ND '91 and lives in the Chicago area.

**Kristen Gill** also posted on the Facebook page that she just returned from a five-week trip to Guatemala and Belize. While in Belize, she attended **Megan Margaret Siczek's** wedding, which took place at Ambergis Cave, Belize. Other SMC '91 guests were **M. Guadalupe Duron** and **Merle Ann Stackpoole**. Kristen is an accomplished professional photographer who makes her home in Seattle, Wash. Check out her amazing work at [www.kristengill.com](http://www.kristengill.com).

**Tracy Sullivan** posted on the Facebook page that we all need to check out **Annie Parker Baker's** Web site, [www.anniethebaker.com](http://www.anniethebaker.com). Annie was featured on a television program called "The View from the Bay." Annie graduated from SMC with her accounting degree, but her professional life changed course (quite dramatically!) when she moved from Chicago to San Francisco and enrolled at the Culinary Institute of America (CIA) Greystone. Annie was then hired in Napa at Mustards Grill as a pastry chef, where she climbed to the top. After five years at Mustards Grill, she decided to take the plunge and go into the pastry business for herself. Her comforting treats can be found online and throughout the Napa Valley!

**Kristen Sullivan Lynch** posted on Facebook that she has been married to Jim for the past 12 years. They make their home in Chicago, where she is mom to Griffin, 10, Ellie, 9, and Frank, 6. When not busy with the kids, Kristen is enrolled in a BA music program at DePaul and has recently started doing sprint triathlons. Kristen also reported that last year, classmates held a Rome Reunion in Chicago. The guest of honor was Dr. Peter Checca. Attendees included **Toni Olivieri Barton**, **Becky Ciletti**, **Cynthia Fe Jimenez**, and **Sarah Carroll**. Everyone had a great time re-living those days, I'm sure! On Facebook, Kristen has also been able to track down **Ranya Baramki Tarazi**, who lives in the Middle East, and **Elizabeth Forrester**, who lives in London. Kristen also reported that she recently visited **Anne Hart** at her home in South Carolina. Kristen and **Toni Olivieri Barton** went down for a relaxing vacation on the beach. Kristen also mentioned that she keeps in touch with **Kathleen Houlihan**, who is now

working at Dominican University in Oak Park, Ill. Wow! Thank you, Kristen, for all of the great updates!

**Laura Carey** wrote that she is the proud mom of three great kids, but just as importantly, she is a survivor of breast cancer. Laura was diagnosed at age 34, and it was an uphill battle, which she won. (Yeah, Laura!) She wants to remind all of her SMC "sisters" to get a regular mammogram and to do self-examination on a regular basis. It's so extremely important, and thank you, Laura, for the words of wisdom. Her twin sister, **Erin Carey Ryan**, is living in Sparta, N.J., with husband Mike and their kids.

**Angie Bess Martin** is married to Darin and mom to baby Lucy. They all live in Indianapolis, Ind. Angie went back to SMC and graduated with a BS in nursing in '94. She is now a registered nurse at Wishard Hospital.

**Jackie Lehnert Gerberry** and Rob ND '91 live near Cleveland, Ohio. Jackie is mother to two girls, Katie and Caroline.

**Jeannie Sabin Barry** has two children, Patrick, 10, and Kevin, 7, and lives in Atlanta, Ga., where she just started teaching preschool at Mt. Zion Preschool. Jeannie is great fun on Facebook and has more friends (417 at last glance!) than anyone else I know.

**Julie Maddocks** is one of those people I lost track of after graduation. I can't say how many times I tried looking her up, but never with any luck. An hour after creating a Facebook account, Julie was my friend again, and I'm so glad to have "found" her! Julie is married to Jeff, and they live in Atlanta, Ga. She has three kids, James, 9, Stella, 7, and Leo, 4. Aside from being perhaps one of the most creative moms I know, Julie still finds time to paint custom wall murals. She recently did one to rave reviews at her kids' school.

**Lisa Harrell Klein** is married to Marc and lives outside of Washington, D.C., in suburban Virginia. She has three kids, Isabelle, 8, Tobias, 5, and Alexia, 3. Lisa is owner of a business that incorporates children's hand and footprints into whimsical designs on stationary, clothing, and artwork. You can check out her designs at [www.thisisadorable.com](http://www.thisisadorable.com). Lisa also recently finished an amazing journey of sorts by becoming a citizen of Ireland. After doing exhaustive genealogical research, she was able to claim citizenship for herself. Congratulations, Lisa!

**Peggy Crossin Poole** is living in Indianapolis and is mom to Emily, 12, and Megan, 9.

From a Christmas card, I can also add that **Susan Olney Latham** is

married to Jay and has two kids: Will, 8, and Hattie, 6. She lives in Michigan but is on the faculty of the Saint Mary's psychology department. Susan finished up her doctorate in speech at Michigan State University and specializes in communicative disorders, specifically those associated with autistic spectrum disorders. As more and more children (as many as 1/150) are diagnosed with this perplexing condition, my hat is off to Susan and her colleagues for dedicating their professional lives to not only finding a cure, but giving hope to families affected by autism.

That sums it up from me. Please, if you'd like to share some news, e-mail me, "friend" me on Facebook, call, or write. I'm definitely looking forward to hearing from even more classmates!

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**From the Courier Office: Amy Smith Wheeler** writes: "Greetings to you all from northeast Indiana! I would like to take a little bit of this column to thank you for allowing me the opportunity to write our Class of '93 News. I have enjoyed all of the great emails and keeping in touch with so many of you. The brilliance and enthusiasm of the women of Saint Mary's never ceases to amaze me.

As for me, I have returned to work after staying home for 10 years with my three children: Matthew, 10, and twins, Maria and Elizabeth, 8. The time has flown by, and I am so lucky and thankful I could be there every day with them watching them grow up. Now, even in this terrible economic time, and in a county that has an unemployment rate of 15%, I was lucky enough to find a great job as the marketing communication coordinator

for a company called Innovation In Motion, a North American distributor of 4X4 power wheelchairs. I have found that the multi-tasking and patience that it took to be a full-time mom carries over very well in the corporate world.

**Alison Spohn Kavulich** reports quite a few changes in her life. She happily returned to Saint Mary's and was married to Lawrence Kavulich on Aug 2, 2008, at Holy Spirit Chapel in Le Mans Hall. Her former roommate, **Anne-Marie Schommer Miller**, was a bridesmaid. Other attendees included **Mary Pat Sullivan Halpin**, **Patty Piercy Cushing '90**, **Kristin Simono Newell '91**, **Linda Beaty Collins '89**, and **Julie Griffin Murphy '74**. The Kavulichs also welcomed their first child on May 29, 2009, Emma Josephine. Allison returned to work at First Bank, while Larry is able to be a stay-at-home dad.

**Tricia Penny Pirone** and husband Mike opened up an optometry practice in Portland, Maine, called Eyes On Rosemont. Tricia encourages everyone to get their eyes examined regularly!

Did you know that our class has a Facebook Page? Join our group- Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN Class 1993.

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Hi, Class of 1995! It's hard to believe that we're preparing to return to campus for our 15-year reunion! I hope many of us are able to return to campus this June. Thanks to everyone for the Class News updates; the next deadline is Feb. 26, 2010. Also, you can get in touch with our class on Facebook, courtesy of **Maureen Buckley Everling**—just search for "Saint Mary's College Class of 1995."

**Allison Murphy Hannah** writes, "I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for all of the notes of sympathy and encouragement after my husband's death in December 2008. It was incredibly comforting to know that my children and I had so many people supporting and praying for us at such a difficult time. On a brighter note, I'd like to announce the birth of my third child. EllieGrace was born on June 17, 2009. She is a very happy, healthy, special little girl." EllieGrace joins big sister Mia and brother Miles.

Over the summer, **Diana Lanzillotta Bobis** and husband Jeff welcomed a little boy to their family. Diana writes, "On Aug. 25, we welcomed Nico Alexander to the world. He was born just one day before Jeff's birthday, and he's the most precious gift ever!"

**Amita Mukerjee Frawley** writes, "In June 2008, our family relocated to the Cleveland area for Andrew's job with Key Bank. We live in Shaker Heights, and our children attend a nearby Montessori school. Henry is in 2nd grade, Elizabeth is in her second year of preschool, and Katherine is 2.5 years old. Andrew and I are enjoying being closer to both of our families—now just three hours away—but it has definitely been tough getting used to the snowy, Midwestern winters again! The kids love the snow, but I miss the southern winters! In January 2009, I headed to Miami, Fla., for a warm weather get-away with **Maryse Pflum Naman** and our friend Jo Galvin Macariola ND '94. We had a great time catching up and couldn't believe that we had a combined ten kids! We decided to make this an annual trip and are looking forward to our next girls' weekend in January 2010!"

In January 2008, **Jennifer Failla** started her own firm, Failla Financial Management. She offers financial planning and counseling. The firm's mission is to provide independent financial counseling based on the client's true needs: debt reduction, budgeting, portfolio management, or life skills with money management. Clients are educated on how to take ultimate control of their finances from budgeting to portfolio management.

**Carly Fitch Burnham** and husband Daniel welcomed Olivia Magdalen to their growing family on March 26, 2009. She is a lovely girl with curly brown hair and dark brown eyes. When Carly isn't busy enough with five kids, she's heading up the fundraising at her children's Catholic elementary school. Carly mentions that now she appreciates all the work that Saint Mary's does to keep tuition down and the doors open; thanks to all those who help Saint Mary's to be a great school. She shares, "We now have three girls headed that way (in a few years)."

On June 27, 2009, Meredith Dodge Melinder and husband Jeff welcomed their fifth child, Nora Ellen Melinder. Nora is little sister to Kirsten, Annika, Elise, and Jackson (deceased). Meredith is back at work at the VA, where she focuses on veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan with multiple injuries (predominantly mild Traumatic

Brain Injury and Post-traumatic Stress Disorder).

From **Bridget Bartley McGuire**: "It has been an eventful 12 months for us! We are living in Singapore and have been since June '08. My husband, Andy ND '95, is working with Caterpillar as corporate counsel, Asia-Pacific. We love it here, and there is lots of opportunity for interesting travel. We went to Thailand in January, and we are planning a trip to Australia in November and New Zealand in January. We welcomed our second son, Patrick James, on Sept. 12, 2008. We also have a 3-year-old son, Danny. The boys and I spent 10 weeks in the U.S. this past summer, and I was able to see several fellow classmates. We spent most of our time in my hometown, Peoria, Ill., but also traveled around a little as well. I saw **Maureen Buckley Everling** during a visit out to the Washington, D.C. area. I also was able to spend time with **Tina Gruben Nester** while in Peoria, and **Chris Singer Kasman** came up for a visit! I also spent lots of time with **Meaghen Gould Gardiner**, and **Kelly Desautels Stehlik** and her family came to Peoria for the Fourth of July weekend. A visit to Chicago to see my cousin, **Emily Broussard Nash '98**, and her family was great fun, too!"

In closing, some quick news from me: **Trisha Genovese Conlon**, **Jennifer Abbate**, and I were able to visit with **Theresa Causa Major**, who came to visit Chicago in June. Jen had recently moved back to Chicago after spending a few years in Santa Fe, N.M., so it was perfect timing and great to all get together again. Thanks again for the updates, and I look forward to seeing you at Reunion 2010!

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*Bonjour tout le monde!* I hope this finds you doing well. I am writing you on the first of September, a sunny day in Greensboro, about 77 degrees. I know there's been a cold front in Chicago already and many of you have been writing (on Facebook) about making chili and other fine autumn dishes, but I am happy to keep summer a little bit longer.

Ignacio and I had a very relaxing summer, spent mostly in North Carolina. We enjoyed a weekend trip to Washington, D.C., as well as a few weeks in the Midwest in July/August. The fall semester has now begun, classes are full, and things are going well. Nothing much is new since the last time I wrote, though I am excited

that some photographs I've taken over the years (Madrid, Paris, and Burano) are now on display at a local restaurant. It's the first time I've done anything like this, and it is very exciting!

As there is nothing else new in my corner of the world, I'll begin with updates from our classmates. Sit back, relax, and enjoy!

While in Illinois over the summer, I saw **Michele Kuhlmann Nelson** and **April Sass Johnson** and met their little ones, Drew (Michele's) and Andy (April's). They're adorable and so sweet! Michele was enjoying the summer and busy getting ready for the school year. Her girls, including Anna (recently turned four), were heading off to school in late August, and Michele was planning for the fall semester at the College of Lake County, where she'll be teaching an English class this fall. April was enjoying the summer, doing a bit of traveling, spending time with her family, and tutoring part-time.

**Kim Pohlman Meske** and I also found a moment to get together. We hadn't seen each other in a couple of years; it was wonderful to catch up and to meet her beautiful daughter, Sophia. Kim and her husband, Norm, welcomed Sophia on Feb. 4, 2009. She was baptized at St. Paul of the Cross in Park Ridge, Ill., on Sunday, May 31. **Jennifer Paterno Kovalick** and Patrick Paterno were the godparents, and Father Tom Mulcrone of the Chicago Fire Department, the officiant. They live on the north side of Chicago, in Norwood Park, where Kim is a substitute teacher for the local school district.

Last week I talked with **Kathleen Urda**. She was doing well, starting to prepare for the fall semester at Bronx Community College. She enjoyed some traveling over the summer, including a trip to Salzburg for a college conference.

Earlier this summer I heard from **Brandee Carlson Foley**. She and her husband, Matt, welcomed their second child, Bridget, on Feb. 22, 2009. Brandee said that "Matt, Aidan, Bridget, and I are all getting along really well! Bridget is now 3 months old, and Aidan is 2—both so cute! I absolutely love being a mom! I still work for Pfizer but do not have to go back to work until mid-September. It has been wonderful being at home with the kids!"

I also received a note from **Marian Kelly Mangoubi**. Marian wrote, "Things are good but extremely busy. I'm doing two full-time jobs at work due to a small department and absolutely loving it. I'm learning a lot about my additional role and a lot about time management. I never thought I had an issue with it, but two full-time positions

and a child throws everything you know out the window."

**Laura Lechman Rodriguez** wrote to share some good news. On Feb. 25, 2009, she and her husband welcomed Kevin Jonathan. The new family is doing well.

Congratulations to Laura, Brandee, Kim, and all others of you who have new little ones in your families! May they bring you many blessings! Welcome home to **Alex Norris Pfeifer**, her husband, Mark, and their son, Patrick! After two and a half years in Australia, they returned to the States in early July. Back home, they traveled about the States visiting family they hadn't seen in awhile, all the while waiting to see where they would next call home. They also celebrated their 11th wedding anniversary—félicitations!

A final and very happy update to share: my sophomore-year roommate, **Emily Bochy**, married Luke Fenton on Apr. 18, 2009, in England. Judging from the pictures, it was a beautiful day. All the best, Emily and Luke—wishing you a lifetime of love and happiness!

**Christina Giel Hardin** writes: We welcomed our second son, Jonathan Alexander, into our family on Nov. 2, 2008. He and big brother Andrew are getting along well. Andrew starts preschool next week and is our avid little soccer player. My husband, Bill, and I still live in the Wrigleyville neighborhood in Chicago. Two boys keep us busy at home in the evenings and weekends. During the week I am a senior manager in human resources with Protiviti and continue to enjoy the challenges of consulting.

**Kristin Wisniewski McMinn** writes: Greetings from the state of Kansas! I thought it was about time to provide a brief update on my family. Todd and I have been married now for six wonderful years. We welcomed our first child, Alex Jeremy, on March 8, 2007. Alex is doing great and loves being a big brother to Nathan Vincent, our second son, born on July 6, 2009. Todd and I feel very blessed to have these two beautiful boys in our lives! I continue to work for Accenture (12 years now!) but have been fortunate enough to put away the frequent flyer cards and work from home since Alex was born. I hope you are doing well and enjoying the final days of summer!

Well, my friends, that concludes our fall update. Remember, our deadlines are March 1 and Sept. 1. If there is any news you would like me to include, please email or call me at least a few days beforehand. Feel free to send me a message on Facebook, too. If you go that route, please specify that you

would like me to include the news in the *Courier*.

Have a wonderful winter and a healthy, happy, and blessed New Year! Take care and *à la prochaine, mes amies!*

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**From Jennifer: Shannon Cibella Teague** and her husband, Ryan, welcomed Cole Grayson and Lexie Della Marie on July 16, 2009.

**Jennifer Mazurek Miles**, her husband, Jim, and big brother Sean welcomed Jack James on April 16, 2009.

**Betsy La Mora Pierson** is living in her hometown of Grand Rapids, Mich., with her husband, Mark. They welcomed their first baby, GERALYNN Marie, into their family on Nov. 6, 2008. Betsy is now working part time as a geriatric nurse practitioner and feels that she has the best of both worlds—being at home with Mark and GERALYNN, and work!

**Chris Kouri Brunnemer** and her husband, H. Keith Brunnemer III, live in Charlotte, N.C., with their two sons, H. Keith Brunnemer IV, 3, and Jacob Edward, 1.

**Laurie Pater Roettker** and her husband, Brian, live in Cincinnati with their three daughters: Jessa Kathleen, 5, Natalie Laurel, 3, and Brooke Marie, born on Dec. 28, 2008. Laurie is a self-employed CPA.

**Renee Chulski** lives in Michigan and is a nurse anesthetist at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. In 2004, she received her MSN-anesthesia from Rush University.

**Maura O'Brien Houseworth** and her husband, Ben, live outside of St. Louis and have three children: Aidan, 5, and twins Hannah and Henry, 3. Maura is a pharmaceutical sales representative for Bristol-Myers Squibb Pharmaceuticals.

**Madeline Carpinelli Wallack** and her husband, David, live in Minneapolis. Madeline has a research fellowship

## Class Clips



Class of 2001 members gathering in South Haven, Mich. to celebrate their 30th Birthdays, included (first row, left to right) Sherry Desautels, Mary Ellen McGowan Landry, Colleen Prisco, Colleen Sullivan Schaefer, Mary Ellen McGowan Landry, Colleen Passolt, Brook Hughes, and Katherine Borkowski Fontaine, Colleen Carey Passolt, Brook Hughes, and Katherine Kelleher Bojar, and (second row, left to right) Amanda Shock Johnson, Casey Russell, Shannon Ross Perrino, Cathy Schroeder Ward, Stephanie Rosenthal Boreale, and Molly Kahn.

with the PRIME Institute, which stands for Pharmaceutical Research in Management and Economics. David is an attorney working in securities law. Oscar Alexander Wallack was born Aug. 5.

**Sara Levandusky Reinthaler** and her husband, Brian ND '99, live in Glen Rock, N.J., with their two daughters, Claire Mary, 3, and Annie June, 2. Before having children, Sara worked in medical non-profit organizations. In those jobs, she did fundraising and produced educational materials.

**Katie Peters Dejuras** and her husband, Jamie, live in Chicago with their two sons: Aidan Alexander, 4, and Maddox Graham, born Jan. 10, 2008. Katie is a clinical informatics nurse for Northwestern Memorial Hospital. This past year, she received a nursing excellence award within her division. In June, she provided an oral presentation in Rosemont on healthcare informatics. She graduated with honors from Loyola University-Chicago in 2007 with a MSN focusing on health systems management.

**Sara Wolfert Russo** and her husband, Christopher ND '00, live in Boston. Sara is a program manager at OMGE. She graduated from the Harvard Extension School in Educational Technologies. In the fall, she started full-time in the MBA program at Dartmouth (Tuck).

**Mary Beth Ellis Hunter**

and her husband, Josh, live outside of Washington, D.C. After her first book, *Drink to the Lasses*, Mary Beth continued her freelance career with a variety of day jobs. Right now, she teaches college while working as a technical writer for the National Archives. She is working on a new Catholic web project, American Undercroft.com.

**Kelly Seely Rabago** and her husband, Albert, live in Cypress, Calif., and have two children: Austin Albert, 5, and Avery Christine-Rochelle, 2. Kelly is a fifth-grade teacher at St. Justin Martyr School in Anaheim. In 2003, she received her master's in reading from California State University.

**Amy Hartman Wise** was married to Joe Wise on May 23, 2009. She works for Takeda Pharmaceuticals in Deerfield, Ill. In January, she received her MBA from Lake Forest Graduate School of Management.

**Kara Markovich** and her husband, Greg Edwards, live in Portland, Ore., with their son, Oscar Joseph Markovich-Edwards, 2. In addition to being a stay-at-home mom, Kara is also a wedding coordinator for Ella Events.

**Jill Moore Clouse** and her husband, Michael, live in Chicago with their two children: Sean Allen, 3, and Maryn Kathleen, 1. Jill works for Kellogg School of Management and School of Education and Social Policy at



Northwestern as a career coach. She is also starting a private career coaching practice.

**Margaret Kensinger-Klopfer** and her husband, Michael, live in California with their two daughters: Anya June, 3, and Charlotte Frances, born Dec. 28, 2007. Margaret is the head of youth services for the San Luis Obispo County Public Library. She oversees services to children, teens, and families for 15 public library branches. Her family is very excited to have purchased their first home.

**Meghan Nash Cannavan** and her husband, Brian, live in Arlington, Va. On Nov. 20, 2008, their son Colin Nash Cannavan was born. In addition to loving being a new mom, Megan is a physician assistant in an OB/GYN practice. Megan graduated from George Washington University in 2005 with a master's of science in physician assistant studies.

**Maggie Rotello Hartford** and her husband, Scott, live in South Bend with their two children: Eden Irene, 4, and Bennett Louis, 2. During the past five years, Maggie has been involved with Saint Mary's Fine Arts Camp as both the director and assistant director.

**Jeanine Weigel Pickering** and her husband, John, live in La Grange Park, Ill. She is a national account executive for Freeman.

**Greta Zandstra** and her husband, Charles Pofahl, live in Charlotte, N.C. In 2001, Greta graduated from the University of Nebraska with a master's in dramatic arts. Now, she is a theatre professor at Central Piedmont Community College, as well as acting and modeling with various local companies.

**Stefania Raschilla** is the director of elementary English language arts for the Springfield Public Schools, which is the second largest school district in the state of Massachusetts with 32 elementary schools. She monitors the standards-based curriculum and helps implement new strategies and programs as well as writing state and federal grants.

**Jennifer Boese Nowinsky** and her husband, Spence, live in Kansas. She teaches fourth grade at William Allen White School.

**Erin Emig LaCourt** and her husband, Jamie, live in South Bend with their son, Evan. Erin is a substance abuse counselor for Victory Clinic II.

**Ellen O'Tool Tregear** and her husband, Stephen, live in Massachusetts. Ellen works in sales for Kellogg's.

**Courtney O'Callaghan Ranson** and her husband, Michael, live in

Denver with their two daughters: McKenna Marie, 3, and Kennedy Grace, born Feb. 17, 2009. Courtney is a real estate broker for Perry and Co.

**Shannon Maloney Chavis** and her husband, Christopher, live in Wanatah, Ind., with their two children: Aiden Patrick, 4, and Bailey Marie, 2. Shannon is an educator for the Michigan City area schools. In 2004, she received her master's of education from Indiana Wesleyan University.

**Amanda Miskus Adam** and her husband, Peter, live in Highland, Ind., with their two sons: Luke Daniel, 2, and Logan Michael, born Dec. 19, 2008. Amanda works in Chicago in revenue management/pricing for Equity Residential.

**Becky Oliva Barkley** and her husband, Matthew, live in Naperville, Ill., with their two sons: Joseph, 3, and Andrew, born Jan. 24, 2008.

**Bridget Deputy Sullivan** and her husband, Patrick, live in Indianapolis and have four children: Abigail Margaret, 7, Eleanor Ruth, 5, Jeb Thomas, 3, and Louisa Jane, born Dec. 26, 2008.

**Karen Kellner Birling** and her husband, Christopher, live in Madison. They were married on Sept. 12, 2008 at St. Patrick Church. **Charise Desmarteau Oelger** and **Meg Fischer Spartz** were bridesmaids. Guests included **Margaret Schugt**, **Meghan Nash Cannavan**, **Tina Alley DiSanto**, **Rita Klein Taylor**, and **Shannon Smith Gaydos**. Karen received her masters degree in physician assistant studies from Marquette University in 2002. Now, she is a physician assistant for the University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics in the transplant division.

**Sarah Siefert Barney** and her husband, Chad, live in Chicago with their son, Matthew Charles Barney, 3. Sarah is a high school math teacher at Niles Township High School District 219. She is working on her national board certification and was one of two teachers in Illinois to receive a scholarship from the Illinois Women in Educational Leadership to complete her national boards.

Because there was so much good news to share, many updates will appear in the Summer 2010 *Courier*. Our apologies.

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**From Alyson:** Here's the latest and the greatest with the 2001 Belles! Many classmates have exciting new adventures: **Erin Rafter** wrote: "In June, I began a new career with Celebrity Cruises! I am currently working onboard the Celebrity Summit on a Mediterranean run. I am working with the corporate office to develop a new position onboard focusing on driving incremental revenue and guest satisfaction in relation to guests celebrating a special occasion onboard. It has been great going back to some of the Italian cities I first visited as a student through the SMC Rome program. The itinerary also includes stops in Greece and Turkey. I will return to Ft. Lauderdale at the end of November."

**Crystal Aguilar-McMillan Miro** reported that in March 2009, she opened a business named Tarantella Ventures. It focuses on personal shopping, image consultation, dance education, choreography, and event planning. Additionally, she works full-time as the director of resident programs for Raider Ranch, a luxury retirement community in Lubbock, Texas. In her down time, she continues to teach and perform dance of all genres and, most importantly, to take care of her six dogs that she rescued and has named the Mac Pup Pack (Jedi, Rockne, Lady, Giada, Quinn, and Luna).

Many of our classmates are relocating: **Megan Shaughnessy Kosel** wrote, "Kurt and I finished our residencies at the University of Michigan, moved home to Minnesota, and were married on July 11, 2009, during a weekend of celebration at a lodge on Lake Superior in northern Minnesota. **Kathy Ubert** was a bridesmaid, and other Belles in attendance were **Kelly Dawson Archambeault**, **Rachele Rodarte Raloff**, and **Courtne Takata-Lee**. This September, Kurt and I are moving to Tanzania to volunteer in a hospital for nine months. Anyone interested in following along can check out our blog at [www.kurtandmegansafricanadventure.blogspot.com](http://www.kurtandmegansafricanadventure.blogspot.com). **Laura Paulen** moved from Washington, D.C., to Seattle, Wash., with her husband, who is finishing graduate school. And **Katie Willkom Stopczynski** and her family moved back to South Bend, Ind., in April to be closer to family. Currently,

Katie is a full-time stay-at-home mom for Maddie, 3, and Jake, 1. **Monica Councilor Wohlberg** also wrote, "I have recently moved back to St. Louis with my husband and son, Aaron. I will continue to work in healthcare and have accepted a job as a planning associate with Washington University's School of Medicine, supporting the planning initiatives of both Barnes Jewish Hospital and St. Louis Children's Hospital."

Several classmates sent in updates: **Emily Koelsch Rebori** wrote, "I graduated from my chief resident position at the end of June and started with a medium-sized private practice in Sleepy Hollow, N.Y. I am the fourth pediatrician in the practice and am working three days a week, which allows me to be home with Will two days a week. It is the best of both worlds!" And **Melissa Grabek Boltz** added, "Matt and I still live in Chicago in the Portage Park neighborhood. I continue to work as a speech language pathologist in early intervention for ICG Rehab in Chicago, and Matt continues to work for WGN radio as the producer/engineer for CubsRadio and Northwestern men's basketball games." **Amanda Burns** shared, "I'm still living in Irvine, Cal. In May, I was promoted to assistant brand manager at Bandai working on Power Rangers and Kamen Rider. I've also created, designed, and managed two iPhone applications for Bandai: Mugen Pop Pop and :05 Second Stadium (both free downloads) as marketing support for those two product launches."

In addition, its Baby Central for our class: **Kelly Dugan Prina** wrote: "My husband, Pete ND '03, and I welcomed our second child, Thomas Joseph, on Oct. 5, 2008. I'm still working part-time at Abbott Laboratories as a network security engineer. I see **Julie Glud**, **Betsy Zack**, **Heather Podraza '00**, **Kate Tucker Tamayo**, and **Erin Martin Williams** frequently. **Kathy Giel Alessi** moved to Rogers, Ark." **Molly Gast Holzrichter** added, "My husband, Rob, and daughter McKenna, and I welcomed our second daughter, Riley Ann, on Nov. 5, 2007. We are living in Kohler, Wis., and just purchased a new home a whole four blocks away. We needed to up-size badly! I had a career change from teaching first grade to working as a HR generalist for Kohler Co. In the past couple years, I have also attended a couple Belle weddings: **Melissa Pennington** married Casey Bassler in October 2007. They bought a home in Kenosha, Wis. Melissa also took a promotion as a marketing manager at Abbot Laboratories.

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## NOMINATE A DISTINGUISHED FRIEND

Do you know a Saint Mary's alumna who is a rising star, a business sensation, a distinguished academician, or who has dedicated herself to service? Each year the Alumnae Association honors deserving alumnae who have made significant contributions to the College or in her field. Please take a few minutes to nominate an alumna. Submit her name, class year, and why you think she should receive an award. Nominations must be received by February 26, 2010. Graduate and non-graduate alumnae are eligible for the award. Preference will be given to those award nominees in their reunion year.

### DISTINGUISHED ALUMNA AWARD

The nominee should exemplify the standards, ideals, and missions of Saint Mary's in her vocation and be of outstanding service to the College through ongoing work for the Alumnae Association, either with a local club or with the association directly. That service should also be demonstrated through yearly benefaction and other consistently devoted support and friendship to the College.

### ALUMNA ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The nominee should be outstanding in her personal and professional accomplishments. As a recognized leader in her field, she should exemplify the quality of a Christian liberal arts education and uphold the standards, ideals, and mission of Saint Mary's College.

### HUMANITAS AWARD

The nominee should be outstanding in her personal and volunteer accomplishments and recognized for her concern for the interests and welfare of her fellow human beings. She should exemplify the qualities of personal dedication, compassion, selflessness, and sacrifice through social action, education, and reform within the community, church, or world.

### OUTSTANDING YOUNG ALUMNA AWARD

The nominee should exhibit leadership in her personal professional, or volunteer accomplishments and also in her involvement with Saint Mary's College. Alumnae from the classes of 1995–2005 are eligible for the award.

**Please send nominations via email, fax, or mail to the Alumnae Relations Office, Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN 46556. Email nominations to [alumnae@saintmarys.edu](mailto:alumnae@saintmarys.edu) or fax to (574) 284-4749. Preference will be given to those award nominees in their reunion year.**

**Marcie Livesay** married Michael Robinson in August 2008. They live in Milwaukee, Wis., but still spend a lot of time at their home in Chicago as well. Marcie continues to have great success running her own business in Chicago, Urban Tails, which is one of the most successful dog-walking companies in the city." **Julie Scheib Martin** shared, "On March 27, 2009, my husband, Scott, and I welcomed our first child, Griffin Emmet Martin. We are calling him "Griff." I will continue to teach high school social studies this fall." And **Kelly Sterritt Clancy** and her husband, Bill ND '99, welcomed their third addition on August 19, 2009: Mackenzie Grace. **Mary Wald Duncan** and Randy welcomed their first baby, Shanley Virginia, on March 23, 2009. **Alice Fox Fasula** and Adam ND '01 welcomed Abigail Rose, their second child, on April 18, 2009.

In more baby news, **Crissee Renner Traugott** wrote, "Ken and I added a new addition to our family early this year. Our son, Cullen Henry, was born on March 20. His big sister, Ella, absolutely adores him! I continue

to stay at home with them, and have also started my own children's photography business. I'm able to work my schedule around being at home and am enjoying the creative outlet it provides me." And **Laura Brennan Schlidt** added, "Our family is delighted to announce the arrival of a baby girl! We welcomed Kathryn "Kate" Elisabeth on Feb. 24, 2009. Big brother Thomas loves his little sister! Life is busy these days, but we feel so blessed. I am really enjoying being a stay-at-home mom!"

More classmates provided exciting updates. **Martha Hartwich** wrote, "I still live in San Diego, Calif., and in May, I finished my master's in nursing at the University of San Diego. I just started a new job as a nurse practitioner in an internal medicine practice. In this part of the country, I enjoy seeing our classmates **Amanda Myers**, **Adrienne Galvez**, and **Christine Draper**.

Amanda recently returned to San Diego from Japan, where she taught English for a year. Adrienne lives in L.A., where she is working on her second master's degree in speech pathology. **Christine Draper** is in Tucson, Ariz.,

where she works passionately as a fitness instructor and coach." **Jen Griffith Conover** shared, "I was married in June 2008 and moved to Savannah, Ga. I'm working in admission for the Savannah College of Art and Design." **Megan McKeon** added, "I've just been appointed international membership chairperson of the Legal Marketing Association. We have approximately 3,000 members in the U.S. and Canada and we're looking to expand. That will be my primary duty in 2010-2011."

And lastly, life continues to be great in Oregon! I'm starting my fourth year as a school counselor and had a fabulous summer running, hiking, traveling, and enjoying great beer festivals and live music. Great to hear from you all! Until next time, my best.

**From Molly:** **Kate Nolan** wrote that eight years after graduation she decided to put her theater minor to good use. Kate says, "I currently performing as part of an ensemble cast in two Second City shows (Maddie Loves Mongo and The Eligence Deficit presents: High School the Non-Musical), and I have been accepted into the Second City Conservatory Program." Catch Kate on stage in the Windy City!

**Ang Romano** and her boyfriend reside in Chicago, where Ang works at Elmhurst College Library while working on an MLIS from the University of Illinois through their LEEP program.

For **Beth Castricone Bell**, life is good in Boston. She and her husband became puppy owners of Cupcake, and Beth is training for the NYC marathon. **Meghan McCormick** is residing in Chicago and has a new job as the literacy coordinator at Shields School. She has taught there since her SMC graduation. While she'll miss the classroom, she looks forward to a new challenge.

**Jill Fenske Boerstler** continues to work for the Sisters of St. Francis Health Services but recently transferred to southern Chicago for a position in hospital administration. Jill is currently a generalist but may eventually specialize in operations or corporate ethics. From Cleveland Heights, Ohio, **Molly McVoy** says, "I'm finishing a pediatrics fellowship at Rainbow Babies and Children in Cleveland. I will be done in June of 2010 and then will finally be looking for my first real job!"

**Mimi Kiley** just moved to Dekalb, Ill. She is in graduate school at NIU in a masters program in communication disorders. **Amie Zache Kinkade** and her husband, Andy ND MBA '05, still live in Mishawaka with their three kids: Bennet, 9, Aaron, 5, and Taylor, 4. Amie is working as a cost accountant with Patrick Industries. Amie says, "I am still

enjoying watching Ben play hockey, football, and baseball. Recently, Aaron and Taylor have also taken to baseball. My children, husband, and job pretty much consume my whole life (in a good way), but I am hoping I will get to spend some time with my SMC girls during football season! Go ND!"

**Lydia Miramontes Loyd** married Mike Loyd of Michigan City, Ind., on Sept. 20, 2008. Mike is the brother of a former Saint Mary's student, Megan Loyd. **Angie Gradeless Blasko** and **Jen Chamberlin Sowell** were classmates in attendance for the happy day!

**Victoria Butcko Darcy** is currently living in Chicago and working as an O.D. at the Jesse Brown VA Hospital. She feels very blessed to be surrounded by so many Belles in Chicago. Victoria married Jacob Darcy on Sept. 20, 2008 at the Church of our Lady of Loretto at Saint Mary's. Bridesmaids included fellow Belles of 2001: **Katie Claussen Bell**, **Page Warstler Steadman**, **Genevieve Yavello**, **Amy Dooms Taylor**, **Maarin Erbacher**, and **Mary Wisniewski Serrahn**. Also in attendance were **Tricia Knauss Sage**, **Megan Shea**, **Christina Scalo**, and **Lynne Delong Stokke**. **Megan Jardina**, **Julie Glud**, and **Sharis Long Cooley '00** all served as greeters and lectors for the Mass. Victoria and Jacob celebrated their day with gorgeous weather. The happy couple plans to settle in Chicago.

On June 27, 2009, **Katherine Kelleher Bojar** married Christopher Bojar in her hometown of Dayton, Ohio. The ceremony was held at the Immaculate Conception Chapel with a reception following at the Dayton Country Club. Katie and Chris met at The John Marshall Law School; both graduated in January 2007 and were admitted to practice in Illinois in May 2007. Sisters of the bride, **Sarah Kelleher '05** and **Megan Kelleher '07**, served as maids of honor and classmates **Amanda Shock Johnson** and **Sherry Desautels Prisco** were bridesmaids. Other Belles in attendance included the bride's grandmother, **Lenore Sroub Bracken '47**, and classmates **Molly Kleinhenz Wicklander**, **Cathy Schroeder Ward**, **Colleen Sullivan Schaefer**, **Ellen Wright Riley**, **Teresa O'Neill**, **Shannon Ross Perrino**, **Casey Russell**, **Mary Ellen McGowan Landry**, and **Colleen Borkowski Fontaine**.

**Kara Kezios** is president of the St. Louis Alumnae Club and invites anyone interested to email her at [klk9906@yahoo](mailto:klk9906@yahoo). Kara will graduate from law school in December.

**Maureen Flannery Crowe** shares, "Our summer has been quite busy

and fun. It started off with a vacation to a dude ranch in Colorado. We also sold our condo in Chicago and are in the process of looking for a house in the 'burbs. To add to the craziness, I have also decided to stay home with the twins full time and am putting my sales career on hold for the time being. And to celebrate the big 3-0, we are spending a long girls' weekend in Florida in August!"

**Leticia Baltes** welcomed a second daughter, Marianna Kathryn Rodriguez Baltes, on June 23, 2009. Leticia says that the new baby looks identical to her two-year-old sister, Isa.

**Jessica Higgins White** had a boy on Sept. 26, 2008, named Glen "Keagan" White III. **Ryann Cox Szczepanski** and her husband, Neil, welcomed a beautiful baby girl into their family on May 11, 2009: Maria Katherine Szczepanski. She joins big sister Emily and big brothers Thomas and Kevin.

**Lori Schulte Smithe** and her husband, Tomm, are the proud parents of two now. Thomas Charles Smithe, III (17 months) has a little sister, Emily Loretto Smithe, born on July 18, 2009. In late August, **Sherry Desautels Prisco**, **Colleen Sullivan Schaefer**, **Mary Ellen McGowan Landry**, **Colleen Borkowski Fontaine**, **Colleen Carey Passolt**, **Brook Hughes**, **Katherine Kelleher**, **Amanda Shock Johnson**, **Casey Russell**, **Shannon Ross Perrino**, **Cathy Schroeder Ward**, **Stephanie Rosenthal Boreale**, and **Molly Kahn** gathered in South Haven, Mich., for a long weekend celebrating their 30th birthdays! **Ellen Wright Riley** and **Lori Schulte Smithe** were unable to attend the gathering, but we shared great memories while creating lots of new ones!

Thanks to everyone for sending updates and please continue to do so. God bless!

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**From Amanda:** Please continue to send your updates. The next updates

are due Feb. 20 for the Summer 2010 issue of the *Courier*.

In my own news, my husband, Tim, and I welcomed Joseph Frederick Goman into the world on March 22, 2009.

There is lots of baby news to report! **Leanne Howder Sullivan** and her husband, Kevin, announce the birth of their daughter, Jacqueline Marie Sullivan, born Aug. 9, 2009. Lisa Hudes Frey and her husband, Eric, announce the birth of their daughter, Kelsey Virginia Frey, on July 18, 2009. **Amanda Steenwyk Fickel** and her husband, Taeg, welcomed Magdalene Lucia Fickel into the world on Feb. 19, 2009. Amanda is working as a pediatric nurse; her husband is in school for clinical laboratory science and will graduate in spring 2010. **Rebekah Hauch Gano** sends news of her new baby: Elise Lynne Gano was born Oct. 5, 2008. Rebekah says, "Texas is hot, but I'm having fun with the baby, along with working part-time at a nature center."

**Monica Cannon-Meeker** wrote "On Oct. 22, 2008, my grandfather, the Honorable Robert Carey Cannon, passed away at the age of 91." The Milwaukee Tribune wrote a nice article about his life. With this sad news, Monica also writes in about the gift of new life: "I gave birth to a beautiful little girl—named Annabelle Cristina Meeker—on June 24, 2009." Monica's husband is in his fourth year of medical school and is interviewing for surgical residency positions. They are excited about his upcoming graduation in June 2010. Monica returned to teaching a third-grade bilingual classroom in October 2009 but planned to "retire" in June.

**Mary Dugan** is currently working at Saint Mary's Hospital and Spectrum Hospital in Grand Rapids, Mich., as a first-year family medicine resident.

After living in Los Angeles for a year and a half and enjoying the sunshine, **Nicole Ciminillo Scott** and her husband returned to the Ann Arbor, Mich. area, where he is a faculty member at the University of Michigan in the department of radiology, and Nicole teaches chemistry part-time at Washtenaw Community College. They have bought a house in Ypsilanti, Mich., and are happy to be much closer to friends and family.

**Katie Vincier** was married Aug. 29, 2009, to Scott Sears. In attendance were **Ann Hoover Sinclair**, **Nicole Ciminillo Scott**, **Reba Koehler Maschmeyer**, **Mackenzie McGee**, and **Marilisa Field**. Scott and Katie reside in the borough of Clintonville in Columbus, Ohio. Katie is an associate

dentist with Grove City Family Dentistry and enjoys practicing dentistry!

**Elizabeth Rosswurf Lecher** finished her masters of library science in August 2008. Elizabeth also moved from teaching public school in Indianapolis to a Catholic school, where she is teaching fourth grade.

**Elaine Porter Perez** gave birth to a beautiful baby girl, Emily Nancy Perez, on Sept. 3, 2009.

**From Meganne:** Life continues to be so busy for all of us—my deadline snuck up on me, and I know it did for the rest of you, too! Not very many updates this issue, so please keep us in mind for the next edition.

**Kelly Rizzi Brooke** happily reports that she gave birth to a baby boy, Patrick Richard Brooke, on Aug. 4, 2009. Kelly wrote, "He is just perfect. I didn't realize how obsessed I would be with my baby! I am taking the year off of teaching to stay home with him." Many congratulations to you, Kelly, and your husband, Brian!

**Cathy Canetti** graduated from Northern Arizona University with a master's degree in speech therapy. She spent the summer living in Salt Lake City, doing an externship in a hospital setting—working with patients to overcome their speech handicaps. It's been a long road to that degree, Cathy, and we are so proud of you for finishing your goal!

**Katie Lee Haddad** was married to Mike Haddad on Aug. 1, 2009, in St. Paul, Minn. **Bethany Schmidt** and **Shaye O'Donnell** were in the wedding party. I had the great joy of attending, along with other Belles: **Cathy Canetti**, **Maria Conticelli**, **Bridget Myers**, **Tara Blanchard**, **Becky Lindemann Miedema**, **Heather Muth**, and **Erin Schultz**. We had the wonderful fortune of Skyping with **Becca Stumpf**, who is working with the Peace Corps in Costa Rica, when we were together for Katie's big day.

**Bridget Myers** writes in from Chicago, where she is doing very well, having just moved in to a new apartment on the city's north side. Bridget is working with Crate and Barrel as the merchandise planner in the Gourmet Department, handling such diverse categories as bakeware, cutlery, cookbooks, and food. Keep up the great work, Bridget—we love Crate and Barrel!

In my own news, I recently moved to Louisville, Ky., after four unforgettable years with the Saint Mary's College Rome Program. Going from the Land of Wine to the Land of Bourbon was a difficult decision, but I'm happy in my new course. I am pursuing graduate studies in equine

business at the University of Louisville, and I am taking advantage of every equine opportunity I can get my hands on! It promises to be an eventful year. I'm teaching Italian lessons on the side and competing as an alumna with the Notre Dame Equestrian Team in my spare time.

Please keep us in mind in the coming months. We love to hear from you! Let's get some more updates for the next issue.

**From Amy:** Greetings, Class of 2003! I hope that everyone had a wonderful summer filled with sunshine, travel and picnics with family and friends. Let's get to the great news from our classmates:

There have been several new additions to some Belle families recently. **Cindy Cvengros McCutcheon** and her husband, Tom, welcomed a baby boy, Colten Thomas, into the world on March 14, 2009. Cindy and Tom are enjoying getting to know their first little one.

**Stephanie Redwanski Belschner** and husband Artie ND '03 had their second child, Spencer Cole Belschner, on May 20, 2009. Spencer had a rough start in the world, spending six weeks in the NICU due to a rare blood incompatibility. Thankfully, he is doing well now and having fun with mom, dad, and big sister Avery. Stephanie and Artie are thankful for the support from the Saint Mary's community during Spencer's difficult first weeks of life.

**Christine LaVigne Osburn** and her husband, Matt ND '03, also are proud to announce the birth of their second child, Jacob Ramond, born on Aug. 3. The Osburn family will be relocating from Milwaukee to Indianapolis in the fall.

Several Belles also recently received advanced degrees in a variety of fields. **Tami Kozlowski** graduated in May from the University of Michigan with a master's in social work with a concentration in interpersonal practice. She is working as an outpatient therapist in a children's mental health clinic.

**Ally Palombaro** graduated with a master's in pediatric nursing at Kent State University in May and immediately started working as a pediatric nurse practitioner in the pediatric epilepsy monitoring unit within the Neurology Institute at the Cleveland Clinic. Ally writes, "We take care of children from all over the United States as well as such other countries as Saudi Arabia, Israel, Greece, and Germany. Children of all ages (birth-18 years) come to the unit for diagnosis, treatment, and to see if they



are surgical candidates. I absolutely love my job and learn so many new and exciting things everyday!" Ally is residing in downtown Cleveland and enjoying what the city has to offer.

**Lauren Smith** graduated from law school in May and took the Ohio bar exam in July. She is working in Akron with her mother at her family's law firm, Hart Smith Law Offices. In addition to graduating from law school in May, Lauren also married her law school classmate Matthew Marshall. Attendees at the wedding included: **Heather Goodrich Schrider, Megan Ramsey, Katy Lebiecz Poteracki, and Michelle Stanforth**. Congratulations, Lauren and Matt!

**Merideth Pierce Sullivan** and her husband, Jesse ND Ph.D. '08, recently purchased their first home together in Warwick, Rhode Island. Merideth is keeping busy decorating the couple's new home and working as the outreach program developer at the Providence Children's Museum. She is responsible for supervising 19 AmeriCorps members teaching in the most underserved areas of Rhode Island.

**Deanne Czajkowski McKenna** participated in an unbelievable relay race in August called Hood to Coast. She was part of a 12-person team that ran a combined total of 197 miles from Mount Hood (elevation 11,239 feet) to Seaside, Ore., over the course of 24 hours. Kudos to you, Deanne!

In my own news, my husband, Stephen, and I recently relocated from Cleveland to Cincinnati and began new positions with area law firms. We absolutely love southwestern Ohio so far and are enjoying getting acquainted with our new home and jobs.

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**From Kelly:** Hello, Class of 2005! I hope that everyone is enjoying the holiday season! I recently moved from Chicago to Washington, D.C., to work as a refugee officer for the Department of Homeland Security. I'll spend most of my time abroad in various countries interviewing refugees for potential admission to the United States, but I

would love to meet up with any of you who are living in the D.C. area during the time I am in town.

**Molly Welton Boyle, Julie Taylor Critser, Jen Herdman, Betsy Brown, and Roz Byrne** took a trip with their husbands and friends from the ND Class of '05 to Myrtle Beach, S.C. They rented a beautiful house on the beach and relaxed all week!

**Molly Halm O'Farrell** was married on April 17, 2009, in Ireland. **Stefanie Simmerman, Deirdre Mangan, Katie Nallon, and Megan Thompson** were in attendance. Stephanie is now living in Newport Beach, Cal., and spending her weekends at the beach or the golf course (trying to keep her game up to par!). She just celebrated her three-year anniversary with Corinthian Colleges, Inc. as a senior online account executive. In addition to traveling to Ireland for Molly's wedding, she also met up with **Shannon Burke Kazmerowski, Krista Smallbone '06, Annemarie Kennedy, and Becky Bosack Kaufman** for **Sarah Schwartz '07's** bachelorette party and wedding in Texas.

After completing her one-year federal clerkship in Nashville, Tenn., **Sarah Brown** moved to Charleston, W.Va., where she and her fiancé purchased their first home. In addition to renovating and getting settled in their house, they are beginning their own law practice: Baker & Brown, PLLC. They hope to focus on employee-side labor and employment law, as well as criminal defense and appellate practice.

After spending four months overseas in Southeast Asia, **Tabitha Rand** returned to be able to see **Stacey Walenko**, who was visiting Charleston S.C., for a wedding. She also spent time with **Stephanie Lutz '06**, who passed through for visit and **Lauren Falvey Bonadies '07**. Tabitha is currently scheduled to go with the Air Force to Turkey this spring.

**Jodie Emerick** recently accepted a tax accountant position at Vera Bradley.

**Sheila Egts LaMaster** and her husband, Chris, welcomed a son, Matthew David, on June 19, 2009.

**Katie Press** graduated with her master of divinity degree from Aquinas Institute of Theology (St. Louis) in May 2009. In August, she moved to Hamden, Conn., and began the formation process of becoming a religious sister with the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

**Lora Wilcomb** is living in Phoenix, Ariz., and continuing to pursue her MBA in international business at the Thunderbird School of Global

Management. She expects to graduate in August 2010. **Melissa Montoya Glorioso** and **Katie Schultz** came to Phoenix for a visit over the Memorial Day weekend.

**Michelle Stanforth** moved to Tampa, Fla., and is still in the Navy on her shore tour as an assistant professor of naval science at the University of South Florida.

**Stacey Stark Neulieb** married Greg Neulieb on July 18, 2009, in Michigan City, Ind. **Eva Polizzi Duff** and **Lindsey Brazys** were in the wedding party.

**Theresa Mills** continues to reside in Lafayette, Ind. She recently purchased a new house, which keeps her fairly busy. She also traveled to Costa Rica last August with **Jill Roberts**. Jill is finishing up her clerkship at the Detroit Immigration Court and will be moving back to Chicago at the end of September for a new job. She will be working as an AmeriCorps VISTA attorney in the Medical Legal Partnership for Children with Legal Assistance Foundation and Health and Disability Advocates.

**Elise Rupright** married Brandon Bohl on July 11, 2009, in Fort Wayne, Ind. **Julia Adams** and **Gretchen Rosiecki Thorne** were bridesmaids, and **Jill Roberts** was in attendance.

**Kendall Krische** reports that Julie Breen married Nate Wilson on August 1, 2009, in Naperville, Ill. **Lisa Credo, Ashley Lalonde, and Michelle Cooper Knox** were also in attendance. Kendall noted that **Kate Brand** graduated with a master's in reading in May 2009.

**Dieter Nolan** recently graduated from the University of Bridgeport and received a master's in education. Last year, she was a teacher assistant in Southington, Conn. In the fall, she will start teaching in Wolcott, Conn., at the primary-school level. She hopes to be teaching full-time by 2010. She enjoyed her summer with family and friends while completing a series of qualifying exams for teacher certification.

On May 30, 2009, **Andjela Subotic Bozga** and John Bozga were married in Lansing, Ill., at St. Archangel Michael Serbian Orthodox Church. **Meaghan Fitzgerald '04** was a bridesmaid, and other alumni in attendance were **Lety Verduzco '04, Marianne Orfanos '04, and Jill Vlasek '06**. Andjela graduated from the University of Arkansas in 2007 with a master of music degree in vocal performance. She and John currently reside in Chicago.

**Eva Polizzi Duff** married Jeff Duff on Aug. 15, 2009. She met Jeff while in the Rome program. **Stacey Stark**

**Neulieb** was her maid of honor, and **Megan Schaeffer, Diana Harden, and Katie Swartz** came out to California to help them celebrate.

**Carolyn Gass** is attending Platt College in Denver to earn her bachelor's in nursing (BSN) and will finish the program in three years. Her brother and sister-in-law recently had her first niece, Meredith Katherine, and Carolyn says that it is wonderful living so close to them so that she can watch Meredith grow up.

*Correction!* In the last *Courier* we inadvertently mixed up the wedding information for two Stephanie Browns. The information should have read: **Stephanie Chrisman Brown** was married to Adam Brown on June 7, 2008, in South Bend. She honeymooned in Marco Island, Fla. **Katie Trnka '02** was the violinist for the ceremony, and she played beautifully.

**Stephanie Hamer Brown** married Benjamin Brown on May 17, 2008. Her bridesmaids/attendants were **Mary Sisti, Maria Lucca, Kim Turnipseed, and Veronica Fritz**. They all made the trip down to Nashville, Tenn. from Chicago and South Bend.

We apologize for the error.

Thank you to all of the '05ers who contributed news! For those from whom we haven't heard in a while—please write in and keep us updated! We'd love to hear what you're up to!

**From the Courier Office:** **Kara Flynn** is living in Milwaukee and working as a speech language pathologist in the Milwaukee Public School system at two different schools. One is Twenty-First Street, where she completed her graduate student placement as well as where she worked last spring. The other school is the French Immersion School. There, the children are completely immersed in the French language and culture as early as kindergarten, and English isn't introduced in the classroom until the second grade. Kara was awarded an Action Research Fellowship funded by the National Education Association and is working closely with her students, doing literature research, and finding an intervention method that can help close the achievement gap.

## *Alumnae Memorial Scholarship Honor Roll*

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