A woman with dark hair tied back, wearing a bright pink zip-up athletic jacket, is smiling and riding a stationary exercise bike in a gym. The background shows gym equipment, including a rack of red and black medicine balls, and a ceiling with red and gold structural beams.

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## Learning to Live Active and Healthy Lives

by Julie Schroeder-Biek '88, director of athletics and recreation



Schroeder-Biek in front of Angela Athletic Facility

There was a time when women's participation in athletics was quite the controversial topic. Once it was perceived that women's participation in athletics would somehow detract from their feminine nature and make them more masculine. Thankfully, at Saint Mary's, it has been understood and practiced for nearly a century that in order to be a healthy, well-rounded woman, our students needed to be exposed to the benefits of exercise and recreation.

Today, our students reflect the overall 27 percent increase in women's participation in college sports nationwide. For example, Saint Mary's now fields eight varsity sports. More than 30 percent of Saint Mary's students play at least one intramural sport. Many more students attend our classes or use the equipment at Angela Athletic Facility on their own time. Having had first-hand experience both reaping the benefits of athletics as well as mentoring young women in their collegiate experiences, I feel honored to be able to share this vital world of athletics and health, fitness and recreation, as it is and how we envision its future here at Saint Mary's.

Throughout this issue of *Courier*, you will be given a look at where we've been, where we are, and where we're going. While we have come a long way from the sloping floor of St. Angela Hall, we look to an expanded future where Saint Mary's is best able to meet the health, fitness, recreational, and athletic needs of all of our students (regardless of background or ability). We picture a venue that will enable more students, staff, and faculty to use our facility. It will be a place where our intramural and club teams will be able to expand and flourish by utilizing a field house area. It will also be a place that our varsity teams will be proud to call home.



### Angela Athletic Staff:

Front row: Diane Carter, administrative assistant; Sarah Miesle '07, sports information director; Julie Schroeder-Biek '88, director; Jackie Bauters '04, cross country coach; Nich Hoover, trainer. Back row: Jeff LaPorte, strength and conditioning coach; Dale Campbell, tennis coach; Erin Sullivan '04, softball coach; Jennifer Henley, basketball coach

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Sister M. Madeleva Wolff, CSC, who served as president of the College from 1934–1961, had a vision to make Saint Mary's College the 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 carry on her work.

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



## ONE PERSON CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Patricia Brandy Connor '82 has been a supporter of Saint Mary's College since her graduation. The history and political science major started "small"—giving what she could afford in those early years after graduation while she pursued her law degree and established herself professionally. In 1991, she reached Madeleva Society level and remains an active Society member to this day. For Patricia, giving back to Saint Mary's has always gone beyond dollars and cents. As a young alumna she served as a regional volunteer for the Sesquicentennial Campaign; Patricia has been a Reunion Gift Campaign volunteer and is always willing to help with admission activities. In The Madeleva Society, alumnae of all ages join Patricia in supporting and celebrating all that Saint Mary's has to offer young women today.



## TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE AN IMPACT.

Alumnae members of The Madeleva Society span the decades with representation from the class of 1939 to the class of 2005, joining parents and friends of the College to ensure that Sister Madeleva's vision and legacy lives on.

- The contributions of The Madeleva Society members represent approximately 60 percent of annual fund dollars raised. These unrestricted gifts are critical to the operations of the College and help to support the area of greatest need, financial aid, and scholarships for Saint Mary's women.
- Madeleva Society members span the globe, hailing from 37 states, the District of Columbia, and one foreign country.
- There are 12 young alumnae (those that graduated within the past 10 years) in the Society. These young members are important to the future of the Society.



*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.*

# Wholeness and Wellness

FROM OUR FOUNDING TO OUR FUTURE

BY SHANNON E. BREWER '03



Education of the body has a long history at Saint Mary's College, beginning with the establishment of an infirmary and exercise events in the form of croquet on the lawn. Through the years, the Physical Culture Department introduced classes in basketball, dancing, and gymnastics for recreation and sport.

Today's students, however, face a demanding cultural landscape, with new, central roles for women in every walk of life, including athletics. Women's wellness is essential to prepare them for this new world. Recent research data support sophisticated healthcare models that embrace both traditional medical treatment and a proactive approach to well-being. Regular exercise, nutrition, and education about disease and life skills are essential components of wellness.

## A 21st Century Model for Wholeness

Saint Mary's College recognizes these advances. In response, Saint Mary's is boosting its partnership between the campus health and the athletics departments. This partnership already provides a framework for an exploration of the Self and all its parts, whether through an Introduction to Religious Studies course, a workshop on nutrition and fitness, or participation in team sports. The College's renewed vision for health and wellness will continue to reflect the educational precepts of Holy Cross as expressed by our founding priest, Blessed Basil Moreau, CSC. Father Moreau said, "Education

*From our founding, Saint Mary's College has incorporated the idea of mens sana in corpore sano into our teachings and the lives of our students. This Latin phrase meaning "a sound mind in a sound body" is a classical idea that inspired the College to establish the Physical Culture Department in 1898. The idea remains at the heart of our educational philosophy, which states that students should be challenged and engaged intellectually, physically, and spiritually, a concept that stems from our Holy Cross roots.*

is the art of bringing a young person to completeness."

By pooling its existing health care and athletic resources, the College is stepping up to meet the 21st century needs of young women in their late teens and twenties as outlined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) reports on health. The CDC reports that while young adults in the U.S. are generally healthier than older adults, they can still be "subject to chronic diseases, activity limitations, and death, and need healthcare for various reasons." Additionally, the CDC states that this may be the time in young people's lives when preventative health care and health education have the most impact.\*

## The Wellness and Athletic Partnership

The College's women's health and athletics departments are collaborating to provide all of our students the resources and education to stay healthy and fit. The Health Center serves all varsity athletes during first-year physicals; both the Health Center and the Athletics Department look out for students who may need special attention. For example, Julie Schroeder-Biek '88, director of Athletics and Recreation, Cathie DeCleene, director of Women's Health at Saint Mary's, and Dining Services staff often consult each other when they notice a student who may be over-exercising, or demonstrating signs of an eating disorder, or who may be struggling emotionally.

\* "Health, United States, 2008, with Chartbook." National Center for Health Statistics. Hyattsville, MD: 2009.

DeCleene oversees the Health Center located in Holy Cross Hall. The Health Center serves nearly 60 students each day and offers access to registered nurses, a dietician, and physicians, including a sports medicine physician, a psychiatrist, and gynecologist, all board certified.

The Counseling Center provides free psychological therapy to students for a variety of issues, including anxiety, depression, grief, homesickness, and stress management. Women's Health also sponsors programs that address various health and wellness issues, from workshops on stress to time management, to sessions for resident advisors and entire residence halls. Faculty and staff can also take advantage of the offerings.

DeCleene set up the "Lucy Booth" in the Student Center, so-named for the Lucy character in the Peanuts comic strip. Staff answer students' health questions on the spot. Mostly, DeCleene says, the booth is about connecting with students. "Our staff strives to be visible to the student body and to be accessible," says DeCleene. She organizes wellness-related programming ranging from athletics physicals to a campus "Knit Night" where students can unwind together—and yes, knit.

The Athletics Department contributes to student education and well-being in both tangible and intangible



St. Joseph Hall, which housed the student infirmary, 1901

ways. According to Schroeder-Biek, athletics does much more than provide housing and leadership for Saint Mary's eight varsity athletic teams. "The department supports students through physical fitness programs and classes, club sports, and intramural sports," says Schroeder-Biek.

### Plans for Creating a Wellness Center

In the future, Athletics and Women's Health will share space in the Angela Athletic Facility, providing a one-stop wellness center for students. The move will situate the Health and Counseling Centers alongside physical education classes, workout stations, and the athletics facilities.

This move will require renovations and additions to Angela Athletic Facility, including a new field house, and enhancements to several existing athletic fields to provide some desperately needed "elbow room."

Today, more Saint Mary's students than ever use Angela Athletic Facility for fitness classes and the exercise equipment. This increase parallels the 27 percent increase over the past 10 years of women who participate in college sports. While its present resources provide students with wellness opportunities, the facility is often overcrowded and has begun to show its age.

"Currently, Angela is scheduled so tightly that as soon as one team vacates the courts, another is waiting in the wings to take it over," Schroeder-Biek says. "The new field house will benefit every student interested in fitness, intramural sports, and club sports. The weight and cardio area will be expanded; and, the addition of court space will afford our club teams more practice options, as well as allow intramural teams an earlier time slot to schedule their competitions."

Whether students elect to play a team sport or they workout on the exercise machines several times a week, every student who visits the Angela Athletic Facility leaves with a greater sense of themselves and their potential. "Students have opportunities for leadership roles in club sports at Saint Mary's," says Schroeder-Biek. "They learn about teamwork, cooperation, and even business planning in club sports. Sports is just one more way Saint Mary's students can realize their potential."



Cathe DeCleene at the Women's Health Center where students made a combined 3,313 visits in Fall 2009.

# For the Love of the Game

Saint Mary's College is an NCAA Division III school where student-athletes discover and develop their potential and abilities while dedicating themselves to learning and growth in and out of the realm of competitive athletics. As Division III athletes, our students choose to commit themselves to something bigger—a team. Our student-athletes are given no special privileges and no athletic ability-based scholarships. They play for the love of the game and for the competition. Student-athletes at Saint Mary's exhibit their hard work and dedication in the classroom and on the playing fields.

We would like to introduce you to some of these women and how they have learned to discover, develop, and dedicate themselves through their full Saint Mary's experiences.

## Hayley Bojorquez '11

**Hometown:** Moorpark, California

**Major:** Elementary Education

**Minor:** English as a New Language

**Sport:** Softball

**Activities and Interests:** Education Club and Saint Mary's College Republicans; Student-Athlete Advisory Committee representative for the softball team; Friends with Sisters; sponsored a Catechumen

**About her sport:** I play not only for my love of the game, but also because of the relationships I have built with my coaches and teammates. They have become a second family to me here at Saint Mary's.

*"I am extremely fortunate to be able to have a wonderful Catholic education where I can be an individual in the classroom and on the field while also being a part of a bigger community."*

## Jillian Hurley '11

**Hometown:** Sioux Falls, South Dakota

**Major:** English Literature

**Minor:** Secondary Education

**Sport:** Tennis

**Activities and Interests:** Class of 2011 Junior Board

**About her sport:** I love that in tennis there is no time limit. Even if you are down two sets to zero and 5-0 in the set, you can always have the opportunity to come back and win.

*"When I arrived from South Dakota, I did not know anyone at Saint Mary's. Meeting new people and making new friends has definitely been the highlight of my Saint Mary's experience."*



Hayley Bojorquez



Jillian Hurley



Jessica Slean

# and Beyond

BY SARAH MIESLE '07

## Jessica Slean '10

**Hometown:** Allison Park, Pennsylvania

**Major:** Accounting and Finance

**Minor:** Mathematics

**Sport:** Soccer

**Activities and Interests:** CEO of the Young Executives Club and Vice President of the Lady Accountants of Tomorrow Club; member of the Students for Effective Autism Treatment Club and Collegiate Entrepreneurs Organization

**About her sport:** I play for the competition, for the passion, for the life lessons that cannot be learned anywhere else but on an athletic field, and for the strong friendships that come from working, sweating, playing, winning, and losing together.

*"My favorite part about the Saint Mary's experience would be the countless opportunities I have had over the past four years. I have played varsity soccer and led organizations. I have traveled to Scotland and England with my team and lived in Italy for four months. I have discovered what I want to do for my career and found a great job due largely to Saint Mary's outstanding reputation. Most importantly, I have met some of my best and closest friends."*



Anne Maguire



Katie Donovan

## Anne Maguire '11

**Hometown:** Indianapolis, Indiana

**Major:** Nursing

**Minor:** Biology

**Sport:** Cross Country

**Activities and Interests:** Vice President of the Saint Mary's College Right to Life Club; involved in Peer Ministry; serve as a liturgical minister with Campus Ministry

**About her sport:** I enjoy striving for my best in cross country as well as all aspects of my life. Along with my teammates and my coach, we all push each other constantly to work our hardest. We are a community that depends on the commitment and continuous hard work of every team member. We always pull through together.

*"I appreciate how I have been able to receive such a unique education that empowers me to change the world as a strong Catholic woman while meeting people that will be lifelong friends."*

## Katie Donovan '12

**Hometown:** Indianapolis, Indiana

**Major:** Communicative Disorders

**Minor:** Psychology

**Sport:** Swimming

**Activities and Interests:** Communicative Disorders Club

**About her sport:** My favorite part about swimming at Saint Mary's is the fact that I am able to be a part of a team. My teammates and my coaches have shaped how to work as a part of a team.

*"I am so thankful I have been given so many opportunities at Saint Mary's. Even with the busy schedule of swimming, I was able to study abroad in Ireland this past fall. Since I became a Belle, I have grown up a lot, become much more independent, and learned a lot about myself. I have grown stronger in my faith while making lasting friendships."*

## BECKY TISAK '10

# HEALTHY BODY, SOUND MIND

The first thing you'll notice about Becky Tisak '10 is her thousand-watt smile. The second is a mind that is always ticking, fueling her enthusiasm for new experiences and a genuine pleasure in exploring the world around her. The Ambridge, Pa., native is a psychology major, member of The National Honor Society of Psychology, and avid runner who has made good use of Saint Mary's health and athletic facilities.

An early riser, Tisak hustles over to Angela Athletic Facility every morning for a run on the treadmill before class. The gym is one of her favorite places on campus. "When you find an activity that you enjoy, you ignore all the little things that hinder your efforts, and just do it," she says of her dedication to the morning routine. Tisak also has worked into her schedule a job as a student athletic trainer for the Notre Dame sports medicine department, thanks to the College's unique relationship with the University of Notre Dame.

Tisak also values the services of the College's Health Center, where she gets her allergy shots three times a week. "The staff is trained to understand the health concerns and stresses of young women, which is invaluable when you're away from home," said Tisak. After graduating this May, Tisak will prepare to enter graduate school to further her studies in psychology. She expects to be even busier then, but with a good start on a lifetime of wellness and healthful habits.



# JANET LIBBING PRENDERGAST '92

## A HOLISTIC APPROACH TO LIFE

BY SHANNON E. BREWER '03



At a recent alumni basketball game held at Angela Athletic Facility in February, osteopath Janet Libbing Prendergast '92 demonstrated that she has lost neither her ball-handling skills nor her zest for the game. Passing, receiving, guarding, dribbling—Janet was back in the very element she loved so much during her years at Saint Mary's. "When I graduated from high school, I didn't plan on playing a sport in college," she explains. "But I was watching a basketball game at Angela my freshman year, and I was itching to get up and play."

Full court press aside, Prendergast says her years as a Saint Mary's biology student and a three sport athlete in basketball, softball and soccer

helped her discover her penchant for seeing and making connections in her life. As an athlete, Prendergast wasn't satisfied to only play on the field. She volunteered as a team trainer, taping the student athletes' ankles and fingers. She volunteered as a general assistant in the Saint Mary's athletic department helping to load equipment onto the bus for away games. She worked at Angela's front desk answering the phone and greeting visitors.

In that same spirit, Prendergast sought to apply her knowledge from her biology classes to the clinical experience. She landed a spot shadowing a local osteopath, which gave her new insight into a holistic approach to wellness.

Her interest in using biology as a basis for helping people was so apparent that, with encouragement from biology professor Nancy Nekvasil, Prendergast took the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT).

However, instead of entering medical school right after graduation, Prendergast took a job with Abbott Labs in Chicago, Ill., conducting chemical research. Two years later, she left the position after she was accepted at Des Moines University's College of Osteopathic Medicine in Iowa. Once again, osteopathy's emphasis on a whole person approach in treating a patient appealed to Prendergast's talent for seeking out the big picture.

After completing her medical degree and residency, Prendergast began her practice in 2002 at Parkview Physicians Group in Columbia City, Ind., where she continues to treat patients from children to the elderly. She says one of her most rewarding experiences is her position as Hospice Medical Director for Whitley County at Parkview Home Health and Hospice. "It's been a heck of a learning experience, particularly with respect to seeing the continuum of life to death," she explains.

Today, Prendergast, can look back and see how her academic and athletic experiences at Saint Mary's gave her the philosophical outlook and opportunities that influenced her life choices, both personal and professional. For that reason, this student athlete alumna returns nearly every year to the basketball court at Angela Athletic Facility to re-connect with former classmates and old friends.

*Prendergast and her husband Shawn live in Fort Wayne, Ind., with their five children—Katie 11, Nate 9, Jo 8, Megan 5, and Zach 3.*



Alumnae tip off at Angela, 2010

# a sporting life belles



A 1976 article in the *South Bend Tribune* featured a face-off basketball game between the women of Saint Mary's and the women of Notre Dame. The writer made this somewhat shortsighted observation about the Belles:

"Up until this year, the young ladies of St. Mary's—fondly, and sometimes not so fondly, known as Smick Chicks—didn't do much of anything regarding sports. It is a small Catholic women's college that has long operated in the shadow of its big brother, Notre Dame, and like most schools around the country, it never regarded sports as very important for women." For the record, Saint Mary's won that face-off.

The article was written at the time women's sports was beginning its nascent rise within the male-dominated sporting world. This was just four years after Title IX, a section of which addressed the necessity for schools to be both fair and equal to women who participated in sports. What the writer didn't know was that women of Saint Mary's had been well-versed in athletics and fitness for almost a century.

## the early years

Old St. Angela's Hall was built in 1892, a venue for lectures, concerts, musicales, commencement exercises and is first mentioned as an athletics arena in 1897. The Physical Culture Department was established in 1898 at the direction of Mother Pauline (O'Neill), CSC. Miss Julia Cochrane, a graduate of the Boston Normal School of Gymnastics was the first gymnasium instructor.

By the 1900s, students were participating in archery,

fencing, swimming, baseball, basketball, and track. Many of these activities took place on the campus, but Saint Mary's students also were seen bathing (a now anachronistic phrase for swimming) in the St. Joseph River.

After Lake Marian was built in 1906, it became the site for swimming and canoe races. (The College's Canoe Club had 150 members.) Students qualified for a canoe pin if they passed an exam on the different parts of a boat, the proper stroking techniques, and piloting. In winter, Lake Marian provided a setting for ice skating and ice hockey.

In 1915, volleyball was by far the most popular game on campus and in the gymnasium classes. But in 1917, Mother Pauline closed St. Angela's Hall in support of World War I. The closing allowed her to send two tons of coal a day to the war effort. Her actions were recognized in a letter from then Food Administrator, Herbert Hoover. According to Sister Louisita Welsh, Assistant to the Vice President of Missions and Athletic Department Chaplain, students continued their physical fitness endeavors during that time by doing military workouts.

## 1920s

Beginning in 1921, Saint Mary's was playing a new sport—soccer ball. "The girls are very enthusiastic about the new game judging from the large number who turn out for daily practice," reported an article in *Chimes*. Saint Mary's Athletic Association also initiated presenting prizes for athletic achievements including the Helen Holland Voll Trophies for Athletic Champion, Highest Athletic Association Award, and the Highest Merits in Athletics.

# athletics through the years



1956



1965



1974

by natalie davis miller

Letters and numbers were also awarded. The Helen Holland Voll trophy is still awarded today to honor a student who excels in non-varsity sports.

## 1930s

Saint Mary's participated in its first intercollegiate competition when the field hockey team traveled to Chicago. Their record for the day was 1-1-1. The team tied the University of Chicago at 0, lost to Battle Creek College (Mich.), and won against Lake Forest College (Ill.). Also, golf was introduced as a class and a putting green laid out west of the "college building" [LeMans Hall]. Mrs. Joseph E. Neff, a known figure in the golf community, was brought in to conduct golf clinics and to "instruct the girls in rules, etiquette and the forms of tournament play."

## 1940s

The '40s saw a mention of hiking around the campus, badminton, ping-pong, tennis, baseball, and equestrian/riding classes. Students could also take bowling and swimming instruction. Swimming classes were held at the Engman Natatorium, located in the 1100 block of West Washington St. in South Bend.

Carrie Powers Powell '48 recalls that students had compulsory gym class twice a week. She says there were class competitions in field hockey, basketball, volleyball, and tennis. "Of course, basketball was conducted in St. Angela's Hall, where the floor was creaky and sloped along with the whole building," describes Powell. A canoeing enthusiast, Powell and classmate Sue Ficks Murphy '48 won

the canoeing medal for "our prowess in paddling around Lake Marian faster than any other team of two." This was quite a feat, considering races were held at six o'clock in the morning before breakfast and classes, according to Powell.

## 1950s and 1960s

During the '50s and '60s students were required to take physical education classes which included modern dance, golf, tennis, and volleyball. Phyllis Van Herset '62 remembers that in spring students enjoyed a faculty/student "fun day" that included a softball game.

The athletic highlight of the '60s was the annual two-hand touch football game between the Belles and the Bulldogs of Barat College, Lake Forest, Ill. "We wore older, used Notre Dame jerseys, and the trophy was a wooden rolling pin," recalls Nan Tulchinsky '64, who played quarterback.

Kathryn Wiedle Mettler '63 was a staff student who worked 36-hour weeks in addition to her studies. In winter after work she put on her skates and skated alone on frozen Lake Marion. "It was a great release to skate around Lake Marion," she said. "You just needed to remember to duck under the bridge."

## 1970s

The '70s ushered in a new day for athletics at Saint Mary's with the construction of Angela Athletic Facility, dedicated in September 1977. The old St. Angela Hall,

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## a sporting life



which was considered unsafe, was razed in 1975. However, building the new facility also was in response to Title IX. “Even though the application of Title IX was aimed at co-ed schools, President [Dr. John M.] Duggan realized that if Saint Mary’s didn’t respond in the same manner, we would fall behind in attracting this ever-growing population of women,” says Athletic Director Julie Schroeder-Biek ’88.

Alumna Ann Vandemotter Voll ’76 remembers playing sports was important and every bit essential. “I could have forgotten studying and just played a sport every season,” she says.

Even in the transition between the razing of St. Angela Hall in 1975 and the opening of Angela Athletic Facility in 1977, sports continued to thrive at Saint Mary’s, with activities such as basketball games being played off site. The basketball team during the 1975–76 season played at some of the South Bend School Corporation gyms, including the former Jackson High School.

### today

In 1989, Saint Mary’s joined the NCAA as a Division III school, and the College joined the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) in 1997. Currently, the College competes in eight varsity sports: basketball, cross-country, golf, soccer, softball, swimming/diving, tennis, and volleyball. In the 2008–09 academic year, Saint Mary’s placed third in the cumulative point total for the MIAA Commissioner’s Cup standing.

Now, students also have the option to participate in intramural and club sports. This increase in athletic

participation also has seen Angela Athletic Facility outgrow its space and require a much needed renovation, just as St. Angela Hall did. Saint Mary’s commitment to providing opportunities to participate in sports alongside academics for all students will continue to be essential. Elaine Bruck O’Donnell ’48 emphasizes the importance of recreation and sport in her reflections of the past.

“We thoroughly enjoyed our athletics at Saint Mary’s. It was another way to share in a healthy, happy, positive life together. After achieving our primary aim of succeeding in our studies, we had great fun in our games, we released inner tensions, and we shared a competitive spirit that was full of love. Saint Mary’s offered us a very well-balanced life, in which athletics was an integral part for me.”



# A Checklist for a Healthy Lifestyle

By Natalie Davis Miller

Recently, we asked Sharon Scully Harig '77, MD, an internist and pulmonologist, what we should do to live a healthier lifestyle. Here is what she had to say:

## ✓ Know your body mass index

“For any age group, an important screening tool is the determination of body mass index (BMI) at any physician examination. A normal BMI is 18.5 to 24.9, a BMI considered overweight is 25 to 29.9, and a BMI greater than 30 is considered obese. Obesity is associated with an increased risk of diabetes mellitus, hypertension, stroke, heart disease, sleep apnea and certain cancers. Obesity alone can cause severe pulmonary compromise and necessitate continuous oxygen usage. There are a myriad of weight loss products and diets available. However, controlled caloric intake and exercise are the mainstays of weight loss. Medications are available for weight loss, but are not terribly effective.”

## ✓ Prevent disease

“Routine immunizations and vaccinations are critical to your well-being. Vaccines are now available to prevent hepatitis, meningitis, tetanus, pneumonia, influenza, and shingles. A vaccine is even available to reduce the risk of cervical cancer in women. Vitamin supplementation is also important at different ages. Folic acid is critical for women of childbearing years. Vitamin D and calcium are very important to maintain bone health in women of all ages. If you eat a diet with five to nine servings of fruits and vegetables per day you'll also get fiber as well as nutrients. Vitamin B12 supplementation is recommended in the elderly and people who consume vegan and lactovegetarian diets.”

## ✓ Screen for disease

“No one can change their genetic makeup, but knowing family history will aid you and your physician in screening tests. Screening by pap smear is recommended at age 21 and yearly, or as advised by your physician. A screening colonoscopy can be done at age 50 and if normal, every ten years. Cholesterol testing should begin at age 20 and if normal, every five years. Heart disease remains the leading cause of mortality in women and men, and lipid control is imperative for prevention.”

## ✓ Get a mammogram

“The recent controversy about mammography frequency started last November when the United States Preventive Task Force issued new guidelines for screening. Their new guidelines stated that in women with average breast cancer risk screening, mammography should start at age 50, and

women should undergo mammography every other year from the ages of 50 to 59. Yearly mammograms are recommended from the ages of 60 to 74. The data that this task force used was based in part on computer models. False positive tests were felt to cause undue stress in women and increased expense. The January 2010 issue of the *Journal of the American College of Radiology* (ACR) issued new guidelines stating that yearly mammograms are advised starting at age 40 for women with average risk. The data is still being analyzed, but I would recommend the ACR guidelines for my patients, friends, and family members.”



## ✓ If you smoke, consider quitting

“Smoking cessation should still be a prime topic for discussion by physicians. Four hundred thousand deaths occur in the United States every year as a direct result of tobacco abuse. Smoking cessation is extremely difficult. Physician counseling is important as is support groups. The three major pharmacologic interventions currently available are nicotine replacement, varenicline (Chantix), and bupropion. Varenicline and bupropion are by prescription only. Side effects from the medications are common and should be monitored closely by your physician. Unfortunately, lung cancer is now the leading cancer cause of death in women. In 2009, almost twice as many women were expected to die from lung cancer as from breast cancer.”

## ✓ For more information

I would suggest the Mayo Clinic ([mayoclinic.com](http://mayoclinic.com)), WebMD ([webmd.com](http://webmd.com)), the American Lung Association ([lungusa.org](http://lungusa.org)), and the American Medical Association ([ama-assn.org](http://ama-assn.org)) as reliable internet sites.

*Sharon Scully Harig graduated from Saint Mary's with a degree in chemistry in 1977. She received an MD from Indiana University School of Medicine. She did her residency in internal medicine at Loyola University Chicago and a pulmonary fellowship at the Medical College of Wisconsin. She is in private practice in Merrillville, Indiana. Sharon is married to James ND '77, a gastroenterologist. They have three children, James, Jr. ND '09, John ND '11, and Colleen who "fled the cold" and is a freshman at the University of San Diego.*



# Bellacappella

*beautiful music*

*By Mary Elizabeth Ulliman '10*

This past fall, the Notre Dame Victory March wasn't the only song being sung at Notre Dame football tailgates. The exquisite voices of Saint Mary's a cappella group, Bellacappella, could be heard loud and clear as the group ambled among the tents and people, to perform small sets of music at a few select parties. Even though Fall 2009 was only its second season, singing at the football tailgates has been one of the group's most successful fundraisers to date.

Bellacappella was started in May 2006, and, roughly four years later, has blossomed into a one-of-a-kind, student-run a cappella group. The group has grown—literally and figuratively—into a well-known ensemble with a loyal following in the Notre Dame/Saint Mary's community. Though it has matured greatly in the last few years, Bellacappella has not lost sight of its original purpose. "Since day one, it's been all about the music, and a group of strong, intelligent women coming together to share our love of music with others," says director Stacey Koziel '10.

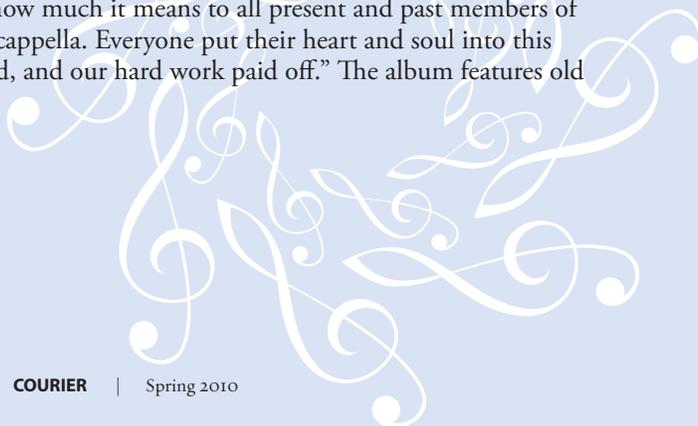
In May 2009, the twelve-member ensemble released its debut album, titled "Candid." Says Koziel of the completed work, "I can't begin to tell you how proud I am of this album, and how much it means to all present and past members of Bellacappella. Everyone put their heart and soul into this record, and our hard work paid off." The album features old

favorites such as The Supremes' "You Can't Hurry Love," as well as more recent hits including Katy Perry's "Hot N Cold," and "Take a Bow" by Rihanna. The album, whose variety of tracks is designed to entertain both young and old alike, is available for purchase in the Saint Mary's College Shaheen Bookstore.

Invitations to appear have been steady. "A few local high schools have asked us to perform," Koziel answers. She adds, "We performed a few times around the holiday season, including a staff party for the University of Notre Dame Office of the Registrar, and at a holiday talent show for the Sisters living in the convent." In February 2010, the group performed as part of "Singing for the Sisters," a charity concert organized by the Student Activities Board at Saint Mary's College. All of the proceeds from the concert, which also featured the University of Notre Dame's Harmonia and the Undertones, were donated to the Belles for Africa program.

Bellacappella's year will culminate with its first-ever out-of-state weekend tours. There will be weekend tours to Chicago, Indianapolis, and Cincinnati areas during the College's spring semester.

For more information on Bellacappella, please email [bellacap@saintmarys.edu](mailto:bellacap@saintmarys.edu) or visit their Web site at [saintmarys.edu/~bellacap/](http://saintmarys.edu/~bellacap/)





*Seated, front row, from left to right:*

Angie Schott '13, Mary Elizabeth Ulliman '10, Rachel Frank '11, Christine Hendershot '12, Krystina Harcourt '11

*Kneeling, second row, from left to right:*

Lauren Theiss '10, Agnes Wright '11

*Standing, back row, from left to right:*

Stacey Koziel '10, Bailey Byerly '13, Maddi McCrea '10, Anna Bax '11, Erin Marks '13

## So You're Not An Athlete—You Can Still Be

# fit for life

By Natalie Davis Miller



Del Stukel

You don't have to aspire to a letter jacket to be physically active and fit at Saint Mary's College. There are many options and opportunities

for students, faculty, and staff to be active without being a member of a varsity sports team. At Angela Athletic Facility, the College community has access to exercise machines, free weights, a climbing wall, basketball courts, a racquetball court, and an indoor track. If that's not enough to get a body moving, classes are offered throughout the semester. "Working out is great for your mind, body, and soul if you let it become a part of your life," says Edelis (Del) Stukel, fitness instructor, personal trainer, and fitness specialist at Saint Mary's College.

Stukel, along with instructors Jeff LaPorte and Bridgette Van Schoyck Clark, teach a variety of classes including strength/conditioning, spinning, cardio combo, yogalates, yoga, and pilates. Students can register to receive .5 credits for a class, which they can apply to their one credit physical fitness requirement to graduate. Individuals also can have one-on-one personal fitness instruction, or participate as a group in Belles for Fitness—a team exercise incentive program encouraging team members to log 200 minutes of exercise per person per week. For those with a competitive spirit, there are intramural sports such as sand volleyball, flag football, basketball, indoor soccer, and a couple of "old school" sports making a comeback—dodgeball and kickball.

Stukel notes that students attend her classes for a number of reasons. "I have some who come to get in shape, some who come for the social aspect of the class and to have fun. I know most people do not like to work out, but if I can make it fun while you are working out, you're more likely to come back."

Stukel has been with the College for the past seven years, and during this time she has seen many success stories. She tells the story of one shy student who had signed up for cardio combo, but found it daunting and had considered dropping it.

"I told her to stay with the class and I would help her to catch up," recalls Stukel. "I knew I had to keep her in my class long enough so she could see the benefits." The student stuck with the class and at the end of the semester Stukel received a card from the student thanking her for convincing her to stay with it. This student signed up for the second semester, and by mid-semester, the student was confident enough to lead the class as Stukel walked around to adjust other participant's positions. By midwinter this student went out for the cross country team and ran with them that year."

Amanda Gajor '11 takes on the gym to help relieve the stresses of her hectic life. Working out on the elliptical machine and weights, the accounting major says, "At the end of the day I feel like I have accomplished something other than just doing homework."

Nursing major Andrea Deja '11 enjoys spinning classes, which involve riding a stationary bike at different intensities while being led by an instructor. "Spinning can be a great cardio workout if you do it properly. It is all about challenging yourself and seeing how far you can push your body," says Deja, who also runs outdoors and plays intramural basketball.

Regardless of whether individuals use machines to work out at their own pace or participate in classes, Stukel works to help students assess and attain their goals in a healthy fashion. "My goal is to make sure I not only give them a workout, but also make sure they understand the reasons why it is good to workout," says Stukel. "I want them to focus on how they feel rather than relying on what the scale says. I hope I give them an understanding of all the benefits of exercise."



## Sports in Review

The Fall 2009 all sports season was highlighted by several team and individual performances.



Mary Kate Boyce '11

### Golf

The golf team emerged as one of the top teams in all of Division III women's golf. They used five wins to catapult into their highest national ranking ever, third place, as they led all top 25 teams in Division I, II, and III in victories. Among those wins was the program's fifth Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA)

Championship in which the Belles finished 30 strokes lower than their closest opponent during the season. At the conclusion of the conference championships, Mary Kate Boyce '11 and Natalie Matuszak '12 were named First Team and Rosie O'Connor '11 was named Second Team All-MIAA.

### Cross Country

The cross country team finished in the top ten at five of their races this season, which included a second place team finish at the Manchester Invitational. Moreover, the team matched their best MIAA finish as they secured fourth place at both the MIAA Jamboree and Championships. Saint Mary's has finished fourth in the league each of the past three years for the highest standing for the program. Pacing the Belles this fall were senior co-captains Megan McClowry '10 and freshman Julia Kenney '13. The two split the season as the team's top finisher at every race while they finished one-two for the team at five of the seven races in fall 2009.



Megan McClowry '10 and Julia Kenney '13

### Soccer

Having one of the most challenging schedules in recent history that featured five teams who made the 2009 NCAA Division III Tournament, the Saint Mary's soccer team showed that they were capable of playing with some of the nation's top teams this fall. At the end of the season, senior midfielder Jessica Slean '10 was named an All-MIAA Second Team selection.



Jessica Slean '10

### Volleyball

Under the direction of first year head coach Toni Kuschel, the Saint Mary's College volleyball team experienced a number of positive achievements in the face of many



Lorna Slupczynski '10

difficult adversities. Senior co-captain and All-MIAA First Team selection Lorna Slupczynski '10 led the team with 328 kills while chipping in 271 digs on the season. Those season contributions added to Slupczynski's career total to see her finish her career with an impressive 1,360 kills and 1,311 digs during her time at Saint Mary's.

### Swimming

Ellie Watson '13 had an outstanding performance at the MIAA Swimming and Diving Championships hosted by Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Mich., the weekend of March 13, 2010. Watson, a Grand Rapids native, earned second place medals in the 500 and 1650 freestyle races at the conference championships while finishing fifth in the 400 individual medley. She also set a school record in the 500 freestyle. Watson's times placed her in contention for the provisional NCAA cut.



Ellie Watson '13

## Nicholas Kristof Inaugurates Lecture Series

Two-time Pulitzer Prize winning author Nicholas Kristof gave the inaugural address for the College's Sister Alma Peter, CSC, Lecture Series on February 7, 2010 and held at O'Laughlin Auditorium.

Kristof, a *New York Times* reporter and columnist, captivated students, faculty and staff with stories of his investigations into the devastating plight of women in today's developing countries. Referring to the issues he addresses in his latest book, entitled "Half the Sky," Kristof said this century's challenge is for nations to work towards eliminating the horrors of the sex slave trade and to address high maternal and infant mortality rates by improving access to health care. Kristof emphasized that providing education for young girls and micro financing for business opportunities to women in developing countries would help women take their rightful place in their societies.



Nicholas Kristof

Kristof travels extensively to Asia and Africa to report on the ongoing genocide and human rights violations occurring in these continents. "People always ask me 'Does doing anything really make a difference?' I say, yes, it does. You don't have to solve the whole problem to make a difference."

For more information on Nicholas Kristof, his books, his blog, and how you can help, please visit: [www.halftheskymovement.org](http://www.halftheskymovement.org).

—Mary Elizabeth Ulliman '10

## Saint Mary's athletes raise \$5,400 for the Sisters' mission in Uganda

After volunteering for six months in Uganda at a school and clinic run by the Sisters of the Holy Cross, soccer player Patty Duffy '10 and cross country runner Megan McCLOWRY '13 decided they wanted to do more.

With the support of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, Duffy and McCLOWRY established Belles for Africa, an organization that raises money to support the Sisters' work in providing outpatient and outreach services, as well as, maternity and postnatal care in Kirinda, five miles outside of Kyarusozzi. Belles for Africa brought awareness to the Saint Mary's community and encouraged students and faculty to contribute their time and money. Students sold "Belles for Africa" T-shirts and others donated the cost of a skipped meal. The cross country team held a fundraiser at a meet to donate money to Belles for Africa.

On December 11, several members of the College's eight varsity teams presented a check of \$5,400 to Sister Madeline Therese Wilhoit, CSC, the coordinator of the International Services Office for the Sisters of the Holy Cross. "I know the money we raised will purchase medications and save lives for those at the clinic," explains McCLOWRY.

Sister Madeline Therese was overwhelmed with gratitude by the contribution, saying, "May the spirit that animated you during your experience in Uganda, and the efforts you made together with all those who collaborated with you continue to be a motivating force in your lives in the years to come."

—Sarah Sheppard '11



LuLu Daly outside St. Damien

## Update: LuLu Daly '82 Brings Relief to Haiti

In the Winter 2009 *Courier*, Florence "LuLu" Romano Daly '82 and her daughter Patricia '10 were profiled in an article about their work in Honduras. In January, Lulu and her husband, Peter ND '82, an orthopedic surgeon, traveled to Haiti as part of a medical team sponsored by Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos (NPH) after an earthquake devastated the country on January 12. Longtime friend, colleague, and NPH founder Father Rick Freschette called the Dalys immediately after the quake to ask their help in organizing a group of health professionals to care for thousands of Haitians who had been severely injured.

The Dalys worked for 10 days at St. Damien, a pediatric hospital, which opened its doors to any Haitian who needed care. "The need was so great that sometimes we worked 21 hours a day," said Daly. "My husband performed surgeries from 5:00 a.m. until 3:30 a.m. the following day." LuLu tended to the post-operative patients within the hospital and then made rounds outside the hospital to change surgical dressings for patients who had been discharged. Haitians were camped outside the crumbled hospital walls. Daly also visited the street clinics set up outside of town to treat injured Haitians who could not get to the hospital.

## Award-Winning Filmmaker Visits Saint Mary's College

Daphne Valerius presented her award-winning documentary, "The Souls of Black Girls," at Saint Mary's on February 15, 2010. The film explores how girls and



Daphne Valerius

and edited the documentary in which girls and women of color talk about their struggle to find what is beautiful

women of color struggle with defining positive and true self-images for themselves when there are few realistic portrayals of black women in the media.

Valerius wrote, produced, filmed,

about themselves when magazine covers, television, and films consistently portray them in a salacious or limited way. Many girls said they feel pressure to conform, however unrealistically, to the pervasive image of the flawless cover girl, who is typically caucasian and blonde. The documentary also featured black women who have succeeded in defining themselves. Actors Regina King and Jada Pinkett Smith, PBS Washington Week moderator Gwen Ifill, and cultural critic Michaela Angela Davis all weigh in on how the lack of positive images for women of color has affected generations of women as far back as slavery.

The Sisters of Nefertiti, a club at Saint Mary's dedicated to celebrating African-American history and heritage, invited Valerius to the College. Club president, Kristle Hodges '10, said, "I think it was great to bring her to campus, because we discuss issues of black beauty, such as skin color and hair, and overall body image. The film reiterated and added to the conversations we have had."

## Madeleva Hall Gets Much-Needed Renovations

Madeleva Hall recently underwent an extensive renovation to integrate technology into the teaching and learning processes at Saint Mary's College. To date, classrooms have been equipped with state-of-the-art overhead projector systems and whiteboards to replace traditional blackboards. Classrooms were reorganized and redesigned to reflect Saint Mary's small group teaching approach.

Since the renovation, several departments have moved to Madeleva Hall, including the math and education departments, the Academic Resource Center, the Writing Center, and The Learning Tree. The College Archives, while remaining under the auspices of the library, also will move to Madeleva.

Constructed in 1967, Madeleva Hall's offices and classrooms had not had any changes to provide for today's use of technology. "Madeleva was in desperate need of attention," says Bill Hambling, director of College facilities. "A level of comfort was missing." Renovations will continue at Madeleva with plans to upgrade the courtyard landscaping and adding more gathering sites. The renovation was funded without incurring any additional debt and by using a combination of existing capital and reallocated funds.

—Lauren DeBruce '11



Students sit around the newly designed rock garden in renovated Madeleva Hall.

## Alumnae Deaths

Doris Bromann Fox '31, mother of Luanne C. Fox '61, sister of the late, Louise Bromann Lewis '35 and aunt of Joan Frances Lewis '62, December 30, 2009.

Josephine Fusz Connett '35, October 21, 2009.

Bernice Buman Schomer '35, mother of Kathleen Schomer Kohorst '77, February 7, 2007.

Patricia Kelleher Neal '40, November 22, 2009.

Elizabeth "Betty" Grimm Ostrander '40, sister of Sister Alberta Grimm, CSC '38, November 15, 2006.

Patricia Marshall Hickey Dembski '44, October 30, 2009.

Emma Jean Wyant McGowan Tebeau '44, mother of Joan McGowan Coggin '69, Emma McGowan Zuzelski '79 and Jean McGowan Escudero '85, November 3, 2009.

Frances Jambrick Aanstoos '46, mother of Antoinette Aanstoos Nickerson '84, January 6, 2010.

Sheila Donovan Malone '47, mother of Pamela Malone Reed '70, March 3, 2009.

Sister M. Joel Pax (Helen Gertude Pax), CSC '47, November 20, 2009.

Sister Mary Bader, SSJ '49, November 19, 2009.

Ruth Knapp Slowey '49, January 30, 2010.

Ruth Sealey '49, March 19, 2009.

Maryrose Leckrone Esquibel '50, June 22, 2009.

Gloria M. Eckstein Smith '50, October 30, 2009.

Marilyn Miller Doyle '51, January 13, 2010.

Barbara Herzog Hildebrandt '51, October 24, 2009.

Marilyn Joughin Costanzo '53, mother of Laura Costanzo Davies '77, October 12, 2009.

JeNanne Keenan Kelly '53, December 28, 2009.

Dr. Mary Daly '54, January 3, 2010.

Sister M. Aloysia Lundergan, CSC '54, November 9, 2009.

Aileen Bullard Droeger '56, daughter-in-law of the late Mary Jones Droeger '21, sister-in-law of Meg Droeger Haney '58 and aunt of Hillery Haney '87, January 25, 2010.

Dorothy Ernst Gulde '56, November 28, 2009.

Mary Lee Wheeler Schuler '56, September 17, 2009.

Rose Ann Schultheis Walter '56, sister of Abigail Schultheis Hutton-Stitts '45, October 26, 2009.

Regina Feehan Scannell '57, mother of Maura Scannell Lennon '89, October 19, 2009.

Margaret Mary Kohlbrenner Kress '59, February 1, 2010.

Mary Lou Brunette Cundiff '63, January 30, 2010.

Lois Reith Kuras '63, November 25, 2009.

Linda Suzanne O'Leary '64, November 26, 2009.

Annette LeClaire Dehner '67, October 30, 2009.

Sylvia Harp Fetter '67, October 13, 2009.

Barbara Rose Was '68, October 20, 2009.

Linda Mortell Bunda '73, sister of Elizabeth Mortell Dubenetzky '77 and Sheila Mortell Finan '82, December 2, 2009.

Leigh O'Connor DePaepe '91, niece of the late Mary Kay O'Connor Shay '63 and niece of Margaret A. O'Connor '68, October 28, 2009.

## Faculty Deaths

Dr. David Clark, taught at Saint Mary's College from 1985–1987, and served as Chair of the English department, January 11, 2010.

Dr. Frank Yeandel, Professor Emeritus, Department of Business Administration and Economics, January 9, 2010.

## Family Deaths

Andrea A. Andre, mother of Ann Andre Stephens '79, January 27, 2010.

Dr. Charles Baran Jr., father of Bridget Baran Kiefer '81, October 20, 2009.

Amelia K. Barcza, mother of Patricia Barcza Scharpf '65, December 4, 2009.

Richard W. Bare, father of Suzanne Bare Snyder '88, January 12, 2010.

Alice L. Bey, mother of Genevieve Musick Goss '75, December 8, 2009.

George P. Block, father of Barbara Block Vanderkloot '80, December 3, 2009.

Thomas A. Bott, father of Jackie Bott Massman '84, September 28, 2009.

John L. "Jack" Bush, husband of Patricia McCarthy Bush '53, August 31, 2009.

Thomas J. Campbell, father of Sheila Campbell McClure '88, December 18, 2009.

Patrick J. Caraher, husband of Elaine Smith Caraher '52, and father of Karen Caraher Quirk '90, November 4, 2009.

Dr. Thomas P. Carney Sr., father of Sheila Carney Hopkins '74, December 7, 2009.

Pat Crawford, daughter of Katharine Condon Madden '41, November 26, 2009.

Jack Cronin, husband of Mary Dale Cronin '50, October 11, 2009.

James Dettling, father of Claire Dettling Shely '92, October 20, 2009.

Ruth Hamilton Dolezal, grandmother of Jessica Stuijbergen '99, December 27, 2009.

James V. Donnelly ND '45, father of Mary Beth Donnelly Long '82, September 30, 2009.

Thomas J. Douthart, father of Jenny Douthart Peterson '93, October 12, 2009.

Alma M. Evans, mother of Barbara Evans Carlsson '65, Joan Evans Clippinger '67 and C. Pete Evans Wanner '75, July 29, 2009.

Dr. James M. Fink ND '58, father of Mary Helen Fink Meck '84, Jean Fink Stahl '88, and Nancy Fink Sawyer '89, and father-in-law of Sarah Bradley Fink '86, October 28, 2009.

Timothy Patrick Flood ND '82, husband of Stacy Balthrop Flood '82, September 6, 2007.

Robert D. Gamades, husband of Molly Martin Gamades '77, January 4, 2010.

Thomas J. Gleason ND '66, father of Margaret Ann Gleason '89, Catherine Gleason Rotello '91 and Karen Gleason Parrott '92, March 29, 2009.

Luis L. Gonzalez and Georgina S. Gonzalez, parents of Ana Maria Gonzalez Wood '86, Georgina, December 27, 2009 and Luis, December 31, 2009.

Maureen Grahn, mother of Donna Grahn Sayles '85, October 24, 2009.

Ronald E. "Grony" Grontkowski, father of Lynne Grontkowski Wright '82, November 4, 2009.

George Gugle III, father of Monica Gugle Graffeo '83 and Kathryn Rose Gugle '89, November 20, 2009.

E. Bryce Hausmann, father of Martha Hausmann Falvey '81 and Clare Hausmann Weiand '87, February 27, 2009.

John Higgins Jr., father of Mary Beth Higgins Williams '79, May 7, 2009.

John Immonen, son-in-law of the late Ann Meagher Vander Vennet '59, and nephew of Mary Ann Immonen Haidinger '55, December 23, 2009.

Claudia P. Kent, mother of Claudia Kent Dixon '67, December 12, 2009.

Paul Knutson, husband of Cynthia Kulik Knutson '77, January 13, 2010.

Philip A. Kramer ND '56, brother of Mary Ann Kramer Campbell '54, uncle of Kathleen Campbell Lorenz '80, Maureen Campbell Lopina '81 and Mary Campbell Hergenhan '83, October 23, 2009.

Louis Kovach, father of Mary Kovach Thorpe '84, October 20, 2009.

Mary Kay Lucas, aunt of JudeAnne Wilson '96 and KrisAnne Wilson '01, February 4, 2010.

Rafael Macias, father of Mary Macias Mouser '81, November 28, 2009.

Mary Jane Meuleman, mother of Ann Meuleman Jendryk '72, November 27, 2009.

William J. Morrin, father of Kay Morrin DeVerna '70, April 1, 2009.

Virginia Needler, mother of Mary Needler Machenberg '57, and grandmother of Jill Machenberg Storey '90, October 1, 2009.

James A. O'Connell, father of Francy O'Connell Pratt '72, Chris O'Connell-McAleer '74, Cassy O'Connell '77, Marynell O'Connell Greer '79, Barb O'Connell Hoyt '81, and Anne O'Connell '82; grandfather of Clare Hoyt '06 and Maura Hoyt '07; brother of the late Mary Kay O'Connell Macintosh '57, brother-in-law of Katie Herbstritt McMahon '61; and uncle of Shannon McMahon '87 and Molly McMahon Kienest '91, December 13, 2009.

Marilyn Garrity Olsen, mother of Marquita Olsen Carmouche '64, Christine Olsen Hodak '74, and Mary Olsen Provost '79; grandmother of Mary Claire Carmouche Upton '89 and Catie Carmouche Calderhead '92, March 9, 2009.

Evelyn M. O'Toole, mother of Kathleen O'Toole '57, October 22, 2009.

John F. Pajor, father of Carol Pajor Miller '71 and Kathryn Pajor Kelly '73, January 20, 2010.

Angelo I. Pope, father of Elizabeth Ann Pope '92, September 24, 2009.

Mary Elizabeth Puhl, mother of Susan Puhl Hareza '78, aunt of Beth Cronin '78 and Nancy Cronin Perkins '81, December 14, 2008.

Robert J. Quinn, father of Eleanor Quinn Halt '75, December 11, 2009.

Mae Rinella, mother of Rosemarie Rinella Stocky '70, Marianne Rinella Fotopoulos '75, and Marilou Rinella McGirr '75, January 12, 2010.

Germaine Rooney, mother of Kathleen Rooney Gallagher '89, January 30, 2010.

Phillip Schleeter, father of Molly Schleeter Bell '97, October 31, 2009.

Vincent Bradley Schomas, brother of Mandy Schomas Soderstrom '02, July 8, 2009.

Matthew J. Sula, brother of Amanda Sula Goman '03, November 7, 2009.

Robert M. Sullivan, father of Sister Lillian Sullivan CSC, '66, Camille Sullivan Yost '66 and Brenda Sullivan '68, and grandfather of Liesl Yost '05, November 1, 2009.

Constance Tarkowski, mother of Stephanie Tarkowski Wyatt '91, December 1, 2009.

John J. Tramelli, father of Mary Tramelli Guyol '80, October 9, 2009.

G. Herbert "Herb" True, father-in-law of Anne B. Kellenberg-True '83, October 30, 2009.

Edward J. Walsh, husband of Geraldine Breit Walsh '44, father of Melinda Walsh Bobco '81, October 27, 2009.

Marge Watters, grandmother of Jessica Stuijbergen '99, November 8, 2009.

Cleal Thomas Watts Jr., husband of Mitzi Furtula Watts '58, October 17, 2009.

Maurice "Moe" J. Whalen, father of Sheila Whalen '86, December 28, 2009.

## Marriages

Kay Morrin DeVerna '70 and John, August 18, 2009.

Mary Cosgrove Moran '94 and Matthew, November 21, 2009.

Melissa Whelan Wisk '94 and James, July 28, 2009.

Amanda Asbury Zannis '96 and Jerry, May 2, 2009.

Cara Ford Cernak '00 and Nick, August 8, 2008.

Julie Wall Orozco '00 and Juan Carlos "JC", September 12, 2009.

Lydia Miramontes Loyd '01 and Mike, September 20, 2008.

Kathleen Corsentino Newberger '02 and Charlie, May 2009.

Kerry Gill Rogers '02 and Paul, September 19, 2009.

Tara Blanchard Sabo '03 and Jason, October 10, 2009.

Stephanie Cunningham Ryan '04 and Peter, January 10, 2009.

Jessica Millanes Shearer '04 and Capt. Robert, USMC, January 16, 2010.

Laura Coristin Shimer '04 and Cliff, April 17, 2009.

Jennifer Petersen Heieck '05 and Joe, June 9, 2006.

Kathleen Wiggins Hergert '05 and John, July 3, 2009.

Stephanie Hile Allen '06 and Daniel, June 2009.

Ashley Peltier Anderson '06 and Chad, May 31, 2009.

Anne Drolet Edwards '06 and Matthew ND '06, September 12, 2009.

Molly Ritter Monceaux '06 and Brandon, November 7, 2009.

Deanna Schorsten Deutsch '07 and Eric ND '07, July 4, 2009.

Megan McFadden Wickstrom '07 and Daric, July 4, 2009.

Caitlyn Flanagan Buttaci '08 and Jonathan ND '09, November 21, 2009.

Katherine Lenczewski Hipp '08 and Adam, September 5, 2009.

Halli Morton Miller '08 and Gregg, August 1, 2009.

Erin Horvath Moskwinski '09 and Theodore, July 18, 2009.

Alicen Miller Teitgen '09 and Jake, September 26, 2009.

## Births and Adoptions

Michelle DeLee-Hamilton '91 and Mark Hamilton: Holly Lucille Hamilton, May 14, 2009.

Stephanie Tight Maddock '91 and Andrew: Twins, James Andrew and Ellie Jude, December 7, 2009.

Jennifer Burke Britt '92 and Derrick: Burke Edmund, December 15, 2008.

Moir Lydon Miller '92 and Jim: Claire Ann, November 28, 2008.

Susan Donalds O'Brian '92 and Gerry: Dylan Martin, August 31, 2008.

Claire Dettling Shely '92 and Leon: Christian James, September 30, 2008.

Erin Hardin '93 and Robert Meyn: Hudson David Hardin Meyn, born January 9, 2004 and adopted September 15, 2009.

Elizabeth Falkenberg Rams '93 and Michael: Madeline Grace, March 20,

2008 and Keira Josephine, September 10, 2009.

Christine Seraphin Glassmeyer '94 and Ken: Abigail Grace, April 7, 2009.

Karen Tierney Domzal '95 and Jason ND '95: Claire Marie, December 1, 2009.

Paulette Raczkowski Baz '96 and David: Paul David, September 21, 2009.

Elizabeth Urban Cody '96 and Ryan: Katie Ann, November 5, 2009.

Aimee Heimann Allison '97 and Douglas ND '97: Aine Hattie, November 22, 2009.

Christine DeLuca Kedziora '97 and Kevin: Chase Michael, November 21, 2009.

Michelle Van Meter Sanchez '97 and Leonardo: Molly Grace, January 28, 2010.

Maria McCauley VonderBrink '97 and Tom: Katherine Ann, October 6, 2009.

Andrea Dominello Remke '98 and Matthew ND '98, MBA '06: Twins, Mia Frances and Therese Gloria, December 29, 2009.

Lisa Bonk Roth '98 and Ron: Evan Lawrence, October 2, 2009.

Kristin Liptak Williams '98 and Ryan: Lexie Grace, October 19, 2009.

Tina Alley DiSanto '99 and Michael: Rocco Anthony, May 8, 2009.

Katie Tournoux Massey '99 and Jeffrey: Alexander Warren, April 3, 2008.

Trish Haigh Peterson '99 and Kelly: Frederick Charles Whitman Peterson, March 2, 2009.

Katherine Rademacher Brenner '00 and Casey: Jack Casey, January 19, 2009.

Nicole Staab Kempf '00 and Justin ND '00: Silvia Anne, December 23, 2009.

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

Andrea Chlebek Robinson '00 and Kevin ND '00: Colin William, October 4, 2009.

Kerry Gallagher Davis '01 and Willie: Anthony Joseph, November 6, 2009.

Sarah Chaudoir Alden '02 and Travis: Molly, April 2009.

Lori Marso Cuomo '02 and Dave: Joseph "Joey" Peter, August 10, 2007.

Hayley Dawson-Owens '02 and Kyle Owens: Oliver "Ollie" Dawson Owens, January 24, 2009.

Liz Kocourek Dunleavy '02 and Brian: Claire Elizabeth, September 8, 2009.

Julia Fletcher Lee '02 and Shawn ND MBA '02: Aaron Mark, January 2009.

Amanda Spica Listen '02 and Bob: Marian Peal, July 17, 2008.

Katherine Deane Nagy '02 and Ryan: Kaitlyn Elizabeth, April 30, 2009.

Meg DeLuca Wright '02 and Kevin: Cooper David, January 2, 2010.

Kellie Mark Duncan '03 and Matt: Nora Mary, October 9, 2009.

Kristen Konopinski DeDario '04 and Vince HCC '01, IUSB '04: Twins, Lily Ana and Ella Grace, October 11, 2009.

Stephanie Stevens Rigger '04 and Jason: Kaylee Jo, October 30, 2009.

Elizabeth DeZenko Seamon '04 and Aaron: Natalie Grace, December 31, 2009.



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All donations will be deposited in the Saint Mary's College general scholarship endowment.

## Charlotte

Winter was a busy time for the Charlotte Club with Founders' Day lunch, Vice President of College Relations Shari Rodriguez's visit and the Christmas Party. Mary Sue Curry '85 hosted a reception in her home where Shari Rodriguez, was the guest speaker. In addition to the nine Saint Mary's Alumnae, we had Bridget Wasowski who is a junior at the local high school and is interested in Saint Mary's along with her mom, Mary Ellen Wasowski. After Shari informed us all of the recent updates and improvements to the college, I don't know how this recruit could say no! All of the alumnae are looking forward to seeing the renovations and new buildings at our upcoming reunions.

The Charlotte Club came together with the Notre Dame Club to celebrate the Holidays at the home of Mike and Beth Collins. We participated in an Angel Tree for four local families where we donated gifts and necessities to make their Christmas a little bit brighter. It was great seeing everyone and coordinating with the Notre Dame Club.

Recruiting has been a big focus for our club in 2009-2010. Sarah Tynan '04 and Kara Schroer '04 attended a College Fair and have made several contacts with potential new Saint Mary's women. Hopefully we can help 2010 admission be as strong as they were in 2009!

For more information about the Charlotte club or find out about upcoming events, visit the club's website at <http://www.saintmarys.edu/~alumnae/clubpages/CAROLINAS/charlotte.html>.

## Chicago East

This year's Founders' Day Event, celebrating 165 glorious years for the college, was truly a magnificent gathering of 120 Chicago Alumnae from the classes of 1941-2009 as well as numerous Saint Mary's College personnel. Mass was held at Saint Vincent DePaul Church, in the Lincoln Park neighborhood of Chicago, with a luncheon immediately following at Mon Ami Gabi restaurant. Sister Louisita Welsh '58, Assistant to the Vice President for Mission at Saint Mary's College, led our luncheon with a prayer and collective history on the founding of the college focusing on the legacy of Mother Angela and Father Sorin. We were also honored to host Vice President Shari Rodriguez, JoAnn MacKenzie '69, and Jessica Stuibergen '99 who travelled from the college to join us for our event. Judge Jeanne Reynolds '83, an Associate Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County spoke and reinforced our Founders' Day theme about living the legacy of Saint Mary's College in whatever entity our lives may lead—motherhood, careers, volunteerism, and friendship. Many thanks to the Chicago East Founders'

Day Committee in planning the luncheon, scholarship raffle and silent auction: Gwen Duffield '96, Rachel Garko '04, Lindsey Cotter Mackenzie '02, Patricia Kisor Melchert '04, Becky Novak '98, Jackie Paunicka '06, Michelle Samreta '00, with the help of Sue Suchy '89. And thank you to all who attended and donated to our event! All proceeds were donated to the Chicago Alumnae Club Scholarship, in honor of Ann Meagher VanderVennet '59. The Chicago East Club cherishes the legacy of Ann Meagher VanderVennet and all the deceased alumnae that lived in celebration of Saint Mary's College.

For more information about the Chicago East Club or to find out about upcoming events visit the club's Web site at [saintmarys.edu/~alumnae/clubpages/ILLINOIS/chicago.html](http://saintmarys.edu/~alumnae/clubpages/ILLINOIS/chicago.html).

## Chicago West

Our book club meetings kicked off the new year with a bang. We've enjoyed seeing a few new faces at recent events and encourage others to participate. Please visit the club Web site for the book list and hostess locations. Meetings are held on the last Thursday of the month, at 7:30pm, from Jan-Oct (excluding July).

The newsletter was mailed to our area alumnae in February. We hope you responded with your dues & current email address so you can continue to receive club news. In addition to our monthly book discussions, we send emails and Evites to dues-paying members for Lunch Bunch and Dinners Out events throughout the year.

The club continues to support the People's Resource Center in Wheaton with our time on service days. We will

continue our tradition of an annual service day at the PRC—watch for an email with details. We also donated a gift basket of children's games for their annual fundraiser to be held in April. Please visit their Web site for details on how to participate at [peoplesrc.org](http://peoplesrc.org).

If there is an event you would like to host or coordinate—don't be shy—let us know! We are currently looking for board positions including Secretary, Communications and possibly a young alumnae representative. Please contact Alison Spohn Kavulich '93 at [irishannie93@yahoo.com](mailto:irishannie93@yahoo.com) if you're interested.

## Cleveland

The Cleveland Club beat the winter doldrums and met fellow alumnae for lunch on Saturday, February 6 at Clementine's Restaurant in Olmsted Falls. After lunch, alumnae strolled through the quaint historic shopping district. Many thanks to Debbie Stancik Krawczyk '78 for organizing the event.

For more information or to get involved, please contact Cheri Petride Miller '79 at [cmiller8457@earthlink.net](mailto:cmiller8457@earthlink.net) or at 440-526-8966.

## Colorado

Our Colorado Alumnae Club is planning a "care package" party on April 10th at the home of Phyllis Sullivan Van Herset, '62, in Highlands Ranch. We will assemble fun things to go to our Colorado students, to see them through final exams. We're planning to invite prospective students to the party so that they can meet some Saint Mary's women and ask any questions they might have about Saint Mary's.

## Club Clips



Chicago East club members enjoyed a wonderful Founders' Day celebration. Pictured left to right: Julie Paunicka '08, Katie Comeford '09, Mary Hancock '09, Anna Hancock '06.

## Club Clips



Members of the Carolinas club gathered to meet Vice President of College Relations, Shari Rodriguez. Pictured left to right: Kathryn Schwille '74, Kara Schroer '04, Barbara Bernath '66, Christina Siglinde Vellucci '93, Beth Suhuski, Shari Rodriguez, Joanne DeLorey Walkowski '86, Sarah Tynan '04. In front: Mary Sue Curry '85, Elaine Amann Mayeux '66 and Bridget Wasowski and Mary Ellen Wasowski.

## Club Clips



Chicago East club members celebrating Founders' Day included: standing, MJ Cullinan Murphy '44; seated left to right are Mary "Sis" Griffin Schwaba '41 and Mary Alice O'Laughlin '44.

If you would like to contribute to the care packages, you can send a check to Club Treasurer, Cindy Meyer Wargocki, '99 at 5811 S. Jericho Way, Centennial, CO 80015.

In early August, Club President, Sheila Flynn Boone, '65 will host a "Student send off" party at her home in Parker. And in the Fall, we'll have our annual Founders' Day celebration, and we would welcome a host for that event. The host will select the date, the church for Mass, and place for lunch. Please call Sheila if you would be willing to be the host.

Details for all our events are sent via email. If you are not on our email list, please send your email to Sheila Flynn Boone '65 at [sfbmfb@comcast.net](mailto:sfbmfb@comcast.net). If you do not use email, please call Sheila at 720-851-0985 and she will give you all the current information. For more information about upcoming events please see the club's Web site: [saintmarys.edu/~alumnae/clubpages/Colorado.html](http://saintmarys.edu/~alumnae/clubpages/Colorado.html).

### Columbus

The Columbus Alumnae Club is in the process of planning events for the coming year. Please watch the Web site for more details! [saintmarys.edu/~alumnae/clubpages/OHIO/columbus.html](http://saintmarys.edu/~alumnae/clubpages/OHIO/columbus.html).

### Des Moines

The Des Moines Club welcomed Dr. Linda Timm, Director of Major Gifts at Saint Mary's, as its guest for our Founders' Day celebration on

November 7. Sarah Sullivan Bigelow '96 hosted the event, which attracted alumnae from the 40s through the 90s. Michelle Nagle Lickteig '02 is planning a March service project for the club.

### Detroit

On November 22, 2009 several members with guests gathered at the Huntsmen Hunt Club in Dryden, where we tried our hands at skeet shooting! After some shooting lessons for the first timers, the gentlemen completed the sporting clay course while the ladies practiced on the wobble trap.

We then met in the dining room for a phenomenal brunch and conversation! In attendance were Amy Nicholson '05 and her fiance Mike Pruchnicki, Meghan Flick Schmelzer '05 and her husband Stefan, Maureen Morris Bowman '78 and her husband Jim, Lisa Walton Roelle '05 with husband Ethan, and our wonderful hosts, Shelagh Crook Merenius '78 and her husband Ulf. We had a wonderful time and are looking forward to a repeat!

The Saint Mary's College Detroit Alumnae Club gathered together on December 5, 2009 to start the holiday season. Fifteen alumnae and their spouses came together at the home of Bridget O'Brien Bealin '79 for a celebration of the upcoming seasons. Great conversation and reminiscing took place! The Capuchin Soup Kitchen of Detroit asked us if we would be able to collect new coats for their "New Coats for Kids" drive this winter. The Detroit Belles came through strong

collecting over 20 coats for the Detroit children! We couldn't be happier with the turnout. Special Thanks to Bridget O'Brien Bealin '79 and her husband Mark, for hosting and to the numerous alumnae and their spouses and guests who attended the event and for their generous gifts!

We are looking forward to a fantastic and busy Spring! Upcoming events include volunteering at Saint Luke's School in February, a pre-St. Pat's Party in March, Finals Care Package assembly in April and Spring Luncheon in May. We love new faces so if you are new or old to the area and are interested in participating in club events and/or receiving our quarterly E-newsletter please contact Lisa Walton Roelle '05 at [lisamroelle@gmail.com](mailto:lisamroelle@gmail.com), Amy Gentile Karpinen '92 at [gentkarp@yahoo.com](mailto:gentkarp@yahoo.com), Meghan Flick Schmelzer '05 at [meghanflick@gmail.com](mailto:meghanflick@gmail.com) or Amy Nicholson '05 at [amynich@gmail.com](mailto:amynich@gmail.com).

### Houston

On February 20th, Houston Alumnae gathered at Robertson Stadium on the University of Houston campus to participate in Steps for Students, a 5k Run/Walk to help raise funds and promote Catholic education in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. Thanks to Victoria Necroto '05, for organizing a group to participate.

If you would like to get involved with or find out more about the Houston Alumnae Club, please contact Jennifer Kincaid at [jenniferkincaid@hotmail.com](mailto:jenniferkincaid@hotmail.com) or 713-868-5392.

### Kansas City

The Kansas City club kicked off 2010 with a planning meeting, coffee, and snow! Plans are in the works for the student send-off, football ticket raffle, student care packages, community service, and Christmas tea party. A fun 2010 connecting with KC Saint Mary's gals is in the works! A fun 2011 is in the works too, as it's the 70th year of the club and we're going to celebrate! If you'd like to receive club emails or get more involved, please get in touch with Kelly Tyler. [KellyTylerTrainingServices.com](mailto:KellyTylerTrainingServices.com)

### Knoxville/East Tennessee

It's Official! The Knoxville/East Tennessee Club received full Club Status from the Alumnae Board this past fall and is currently accepting dues for the year. The club gathered for a Christmas Celebration in the home of Maggie Sullivan Slankas '68 in

December and enjoyed each other's company, fine wines and food. The club is currently organizing a Spring event, so please look for the newsletter in your Inbox. Please feel free to contact the club at [KnoxSMC@gmail.com](mailto:KnoxSMC@gmail.com).

### New Jersey

We will be hosting an event for accepted first-year students in April. Stay tuned to those emails for details. If you are not receiving our emails, please contact [dawn@tallshipunicorn.com](mailto:dawn@tallshipunicorn.com) so we can get you on our distribution list. Please remit \$25 annual dues to SMCNJ Club ~ 2 Gravel Hill Road ~ Asbury, NJ 08802.

### Pittsburgh

The Pittsburgh Club celebrated Founders' Day by hosting a baby shower in November at the Genesis House in Pittsburgh. Genesis of Pittsburgh is a nonprofit social service agency dedicated to providing assistance to young girls and women facing an unplanned pregnancy. Club members brought baby gifts and supplies for the young women and children of Genesis and were given a tour of the impressive facilities.

Also, in November, Pittsburgh played host to the Notre Dame-Pitt game. Several members of the Saint Mary's Club assisted the Notre Club in hosting a Pep Rally Friday evening and a pre-game tailgate party the day of the game.

The Young Alumnae continue to meet regularly. Look for upcoming e-mails regarding social and service activities in the coming months.

The Club is currently looking for members to serve on the Board of Directors. We are currently looking for alumnae interested in serving as a member of the Board as newsletter/Web site chairwoman. Anybody interested in serving as a member of the Board should contact Colleen Miles '03 at [colleenbmiles@gmail.com](mailto:colleenbmiles@gmail.com). Additionally, we are continuing to update our records for the Club membership. Any alumna in the greater Pittsburgh region that is interested in being included in the directory should send her updated contact information to the Club at [pghsmclub@gmail.com](mailto:pghsmclub@gmail.com)

### San Francisco

The San Francisco Bay Area Alumnae Club held two Book Club meetings in February. The San Francisco group met February 23rd at

## Club Clips



Colorado Alumnae Club Founders' Day, 2009 was hosted by Kim Lynch Fry '75 in Golden. Attending the Mass and brunch were (left to right): Kim Lynch Fry '75, Sheila Flynn Boone '65, Cindy Meyer Wargocki '99 (her daughter, Cara), Phyllis Sullivan Van Hersett '62, Kelly O'Brien '90 and Gwynith Druilhet Green '61

the home of Molly McDonald Peets '93 and discussed *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett, and the East Bay Group met February 24th at the home of Jean Lucey Easterly '61 and discussed *Very Valentine* by Adriana Trigiani '81. More events are in the works for this spring and summer. To find out more or to get involved in planning an event, email Club President Michelle Eggers Lagos '05 at [sanfransmc@gmail.com](mailto:sanfransmc@gmail.com)

### Twin Cities

Hello fellow Belles! As some of you know our club is in a time of transition. Monica Lindblom '07 recently accepted a job offer in Chicago and

resigned from her position as club president. We sincerely appreciate Monica's dedication to the club and wish her much future success. As the club's Vice President, I will take over in Monica's absence until our annual board meeting in May of this year. At that time, the club will open the position up to board members and other alums to see if anyone is interested in this leadership position. Please feel free to contact me with any club related issues. My email is [aashleyjohnson@hotmail.com](mailto:aashleyjohnson@hotmail.com). Thank you! Alison Ashley Johnson '02

The club is planning a Spring Service Project. We are hoping to schedule the event in late-March or

April. Please watch for information via mail and email in the coming weeks.

The Young Alums are meeting at Keegan's Irish Pub on March 10 to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. The next event will be held in May. We hope to see you there!

The Saint Mary's TC Book Club continues to meet monthly. If you would like to learn more about the

schedule and location, contact book club chair Charmaine Samaraweera Torma '99 via email at [cstorma@gmail.com](mailto:cstorma@gmail.com) or by telephone at 612.281.7634.

## Club Clips



Members of the San Francisco and San Jose alumnae clubs gathered to celebrate Founders' Day on Sunday, November 15, by attending Mass at St. Dominic's Catholic Church followed by brunch at Cassis. Row 1: Mary Jo Struett Bowman '52; Row 2: Celia Boyle '81, Susan Scherer Calandra '72, Kara O'Leary '89, Christina Tecson '98, Judy Jones Sullivan '54, Susan and Ron Larson (parents of Casey Larson '11); Row 3: Mary Kim Koch '88, Meg Kelly Fuentes '98, Cathie Coleman Kelly '68, Michelle Eggers Lagos '05, Rick Urrutia, Ann Purcell Perini '63, Dick Sullivan, Barbara Wolfston Urrutia '74. Missing from the group picture: Joanne Griffith McGrath '56, Margaret Culhane Stewart '51 & Jennifer Wachter '87

## Save the Date

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Recently, *The Observer*, campus paper for Saint Mary's and Notre Dame, published a fascinating article about the life of a Holy Cross nun of our vintage. **Sister Miriam Eckenrode '34**, now 96, uses a wheelchair at Saint Mary's Convent. She is still weaving amazing stories about her early days as a nun. She entered the Novitiate in 1936, the very year that our class entered Saint Mary's. The title of the article was "Once a Saint Mary's woman, always a Saint Mary's woman." We, as a class, now approach our 70th reunion. We can ditto those sentiments even though our minds and hearts are considering the "pearly gates" these days.

At this point in time it is difficult to determine who has left for God's Kingdom and who is examining the contents of her will.

An old friend, **Mary Louise Schu Ahles**, died in April 2009. She had one daughter, Patricia Louise. Mary Lou spent 30 years as a dedicated welfare department worker in Evansville, Ind. She loved volunteering at the Little Sisters of The Poor and Saint Mary's Hospital in Evansville.

After many decades we have rediscovered the whereabouts of **Pat Kelleher Neal**, who left Saint Mary's after her junior year, perhaps because of her father's illness. She did receive her degree from Drake University. Pat died in December 2009. She was a member of the Des Moines Junior League and taught high school English from 1960 to 1982. Pat had two sons: Paul Neal III of Alaska and Patrick of Bradenton, Fla. Pat herself moved to Bradenton in 2003. **Madelon Burcham Hill** who lives in Bend, Ore., was Pat's roommate and closest friend. Both were outstanding students.

Special blessings and a big hug for **Anne Bodle Schuknecht**, who wrote that she has moved from her lovely home in Weston, Mass., to Oakmont, Calif., where her daughter, Judy, and son-in-law, Bob Burness, live. Anne's son, Jim, and his wife live in Seattle, which is a direct air flight to Santa Rosa, Calif. Anne writes: "no more icy roads. I'm still alive and well and hoping to hear from friends of old."

My greatest lift these snow-filled days came from two former members of Saint Mary's Alumnae Board. I shared

so many happy, meaningful hours with **Missy Underman Noyes '72** and **Lisa Paunicka '79** during the late 1980s, when President Bill Hickey and his lovely wife, Barbara, were on board. Missy now is a class reporter. She finds it fun! After **Lisa Paunicka's** graduation from Saint Mary's, she went on to earn her law degree from Valparaiso University. Lisa currently is counsel and director of industry relations for Well Point, Inc., the nation's largest health insurance company, with headquarters in Indianapolis, Ind. Bravo to both ladies!

Members of our class may not be attending our 70th reunion but our hearts and thoughts will be there with loyalty and love.

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**Bunny Wagner Barker**

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**Miriam Marshall Hemphill** had just returned from Maryland and Virginia, where she visited her brother, Travis, who has been a widower for two years. He will be marrying in January and wanted her to give her blessing. The bride is a widow and a devout Catholic, as is he. When their spouses were living, the two couples were very good friends. Miriam plans to return in January for the wedding.

**Mary Mayle Hickey** is having trouble with her eyes. She must use a machine to help her see to write.

**Gert Daley Moran** experienced her first Christmas without her husband, Rock. She has had difficulties with her back, and has had recent surgery.

**Mary Lucia "Pinkie" Wolff Stevenson** was celebrating the holidays in Durango, Colo., with all of her family plus her care-giver.

**Kay Houser Sanford** now lives in Scottsdale and sent her annual newsletter. She and husband Bob celebrated their 89th and 91st birthdays and are surely looking forward to their next ones. They feel great and appreciate the fact that they can still live and function in their own home. They get to daily Mass and have joined a group praying the Liturgy of the Hours every weekday before Mass. They manage to keep busy in some way every day and alternate driving, as both of them enjoy being behind the wheel. They still work the puzzles in *USA Today* and complete at least one crossword puzzle daily. Kay had a difficult summer, as she was bothered

by a severe and tenacious bout of colitis. It started with a trip to the emergency room in June and stayed with her on and off until late August. It was a reaction to some anti-bacterial drugs. Thanks to the doctors at Mayo Hospital and Clinic, the proper medication was found. Kay is now well and gaining back some of the weight she had lost. They might get back to campus for Bob's 70th reunion this June. They have made room reservations at the Morris Inn, but are not totally sure they will want to make that lengthy trek.

The second half of 2009 was a turbulent one for me. Little did I know that in the first week of July, my sitting in Ken's electric scooter, parked under a beach umbrella watching Tyler and Samantha Stinnett (two of my four great-grandchildren) play in the baby pool at Big Spring Country Club would be my last summer outing. I was using Ken's scooter because my back had been hurting very badly due to a recently discovered lumbar vertebrae compression fracture.

On July 8, I went into the hospital for a minimally invasive laparoscopic surgery to repair my spinal fracture. Unfortunately, due to complications, hot cement leaked out onto my spinal canal during the procedure. I was in severe pain and consequently underwent two more surgeries—a total of three surgeries in a two-week time period. The third surgery on July 22 was a major invasive procedure to totally remove the cement as well as attempt to decompress several lumbar nerves to try to give me some relief from the excruciating pain. My son, Kenny Barker, came in from California along with out-of-town grandchildren from Chicago, Atlanta, and Charlotte, to see me before the surgery due to the seriousness of the operation. My daughters, Esther Mc Nerney and Madonna Gordon, were 24-hour advocates for me during my entire stay and God pulled me through. On July 29, I was transferred by ambulance to a wonderful nursing home, Jefferson Place, for recovery and extensive physical therapy for two months. I was so glad to finally return home on Sept. 28! Thank you to the many friends who sent me cards, etc. and supported me during this trying time.

The big event in our family was Kristen Mc Nerney's wedding on Oct. 17, which was Ken's and my 66th wedding anniversary. Kristen made note of that in her programs. My nephew, Fr. Walter Wagner, performed the ceremony at Holy Spirit Church. Kristen married a very nice young man

named Scott Tincher, who shares her love of the outdoors. We are thrilled for the cute couple! I reached my goal of "grandmother walking down the aisle" on the arm of son, Kenny, without her walker!

All family members were here for the wedding except Madonna's daughter, **Ashley Clark Bass '98**, her husband, Rod Bass, and their sons, Collin and Evan. The Bases had just moved from St. Louis, Mo., to Houston, Texas. Rod accepted a great new employment opportunity there. They bought a beautiful home in a wonderful neighborhood with lots of kids, and the boys are settled in their new school.

Lauren Mc Nerney Stinnett returned to teaching at Sacred Heart Preschool. Her husband, Darin, recently joined The Rawlings Group. Their adorable little ones, Tyler and Samantha, attend Sacred Heart Preschool.

Esther, Lauren and Kristen created a children's picture book series called *Tell Me, Tell Me What Do You See?*™. The book series won a national award. They were a 2009 Mom's Choice Awards® Gold Recipient. Their Web site is reallyfunbooks.com.

Rod and Esther's son, Justin, enjoys living in Charlotte and has continued success in commercial real estate. Their son, Gavin, is doing well in the 5th grade at St. James Catholic School and loves soccer at Mockingbird Valley Soccer Club as well as playing on a basketball team.

Bethany Barker Ronchetta ND '03 and husband Jose love Chicago, Ill. They like to travel and go to Peru frequently. Several friends accompanied them on a hike up to Machu Picchu this summer. Their trip photo album created by Bethany is wonderful.

Kenneth A. Barker IV, a pilot, and his wife, Cori, bought their first home—a four-bedroom, two-bath house in Douglasville, Ga., near Atlanta. They are very excited new homeowners.

Kenneth III, in California, and his wife, Mary, enjoy training for marathons together. Kenny ran his fourth Boston Marathon this year. Although a qualifier, Mary was unfortunately side-lined for the event with an injury but recovered to run a recent half-marathon.

On New Year's Eve, **Patty Meagher Clare '81**, her husband, and two children came from Chicago to help her mother, **Floy Terstegge Meagher '43**, host a party to ring in the New Year.

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**From Mary Alice:** I write today from my apartment in Florida, where it is freezing. This morning it was 37 degrees with wind chills in the 20-degree range! In January, you would expect the temperatures to average about 75 degrees. Family from the north say to "deal with it!" (since the temperatures in Iowa were often 30 degrees below zero). The problem is that people in Florida do not have items to keep them warm. One of my friends here has no heat in her home, only a few blankets, and cannot find a store that has a room heater in stock! Pray for those suffering from the cold and little help to keep warm.

**Jeanne Sohm Thyberg** is holding her breath in Des Moines as the thermometer hovers below zero. She told me that **Pat Nolan McLaughlin '42** took a tumble on the ice. Luckily, she did not break any bones but is very sore. Please keep Pat and all of us who have to fight with the ice and snow in your prayers. I am sure my next report will find Pat feeling much better.

I had a very nice visit with **Almarie Sackley Mathews** from our class. She is very happy with her living arrangements in Denver. Her neighbors are friendly and interesting, and she is developing new friendships with them. We all know that friendships are a natural for Almarie because she is so pleasant and interesting. She has suffered from rheumatoid arthritis for years and now has the added pain of sciatica. Having had that myself, I know how debilitating it is. You are in my prayers, Al, and I sincerely hope you are better soon.

**Jeanne Yunckey Klem** is always a joy. She and Bill are struggling with the cold in South Bend. They send warm greetings to all Saint Mary's and Notre Dame friends!

**Mary Jane Murphy** sends a warm "hello" to all our class. She spends most of her time with her husband, John, who now resides in a nursing home close to their residence in Glenview, Ill. Please send prayers their way! M.J. sees **Mary Alice Sasso** quite often. Unfortunately, they see each other mostly at funerals. In fact, many of

the Saint Mary's names you know are present on those occasions.

I called **Mary Alyce Sasso** several times but could not get through to her. The same is true with **Ginger Heinen Swoyer** in Michigan. As of this writing, Ginger and Mary Alyce were going to call me back, but I have to get this in by the deadline, so I have no news from them. Call me, Ginger and Mary Alyce, and I will put your news in the next edition. **Weedie Pfaff Wolf** lives in Michigan also, but I have not heard from her. Please call me, Weedie! I will put your information in the next edition also.

**Mary Alice O'Laughlin** and I chatted the first of November. She planned to be in her winter home in Mexico for Christmas. I called the day after Thanksgiving and missed her. I hope it is warmer in Mexico than the US! I'll be back in touch soon.

In my Christmas mail was a lovely card from **Louise Peterman Prosser**. She did not write a message. I hope she is keeping warm this cold winter.

Marge the Barge, I have no news.... write Wright!

I have been surprised to see **Agnes Eckhardt Nixon** on television, as I knew she was writing for *All My Children* for the past 40-some years. She is so youthful and vibrant. Good luck with the show's move to Los Angeles. Saint Mary's education has touched many lives in ways we are unaware!

My family planned to drive to Florida, but the weather prevented us from executing our plans. We flew, but much of what I wanted to bring is in Iowa. Unfortunately, one of the things left in Iowa was your phone number **Gerry Roche Fahey**. I brought your address, but that doesn't help me! Gerry, I am so sorry...I always love talking with you and laughing with you as we do. Please write or call me so we can catch up!

I plan to return to Iowa towards the end of January...earlier than usual. If you have a minute, write or call me. I know there are many of you who would love to share your lives with our wonderful classmates. I will be glad to share whatever you would like and I would love hearing from my treasured friends from the Class of 1944.

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Happy 2010, everyone! By the time you read this, though, it will be a

few months into the new year. As you might have noticed, I have lots of ways for you to contact me—by phone, e-mail, or a good, old-fashioned letter. Why don't you try it? It would make me very happy, as my job would be that much easier.

I will be going to Las Vegas on Jan. 26 with my dear friend, **Liz Stang Drinkworth**. Liz is doing great, and we still have a lot of fun. We like to go to Las Vegas for the shows and to do some gambling. They would never get rich with our gambling! Liz's daughter, Kim, gave Liz the trip. She will be with us the first day.

I received a few cards from classmates at Christmas. It was nice, but I would like to have had one from all of you. That is wishful thinking. I got a nice card from **Mary Lee Durbin Ball**. We had a great time at one of our reunions. (Our 65th reunion will be in 2011. I hope that I will be able to go. It would be wonderful if we had a good turnout.)

I also received a nice card from **Jane Daley Clark** with a picture of her and her 19 grandchildren. She also has several great-grandchildren.

This Thanksgiving, we celebrated with **Susan Casey D'Amico '65** and her husband, Dick ND '64. When we get together there are always Saint Mary's graduates present—my daughter **Renie Monaghan '73**, **Liz Casey '70**, and **Georgia Florin '69**.

In August, I traveled to Wisconsin for my great nephew's wedding. I got to see my brother **Al Vodicka ND '45** and his wife, **Eleanor Toffenetti Vodicka '45**. Four of their daughters attended Saint Mary's: **Vivian Vodicka Koralik**, **Cynthia Vodicka O'Kelley**, **Veronica Vodicka Simon '68**, and **Laura Vodicka Sroka '81**. We had a great time in Wisconsin.

I actually got two letters this year. The first letter was from **Gracie Guebert '07** with the news that her grandmother, **Kitty Velde Watson**, had died. Gracie explained that she was named after our classmate, **Mary Grace Chamberlin Sherer**. She also said that her grandmother, Kitty, was a great role model to all the women in her family and the most generous and thoughtful person that she had ever known. Gracie said that she attended Saint Mary's to follow in her grandmother's legacy.

The second letter was from our classmate **Mary Ann (Mim) Carroll Funk**. She had re-read Sister Madeleva's book *My First Seventy Years* and was really fascinated by it. Mim noted what a wonderful woman Sister Madeleva was. She said that she and her husband are now living in a retirement home.

I would appreciate a few more letters also. I am really fortunate that I see my family frequently. My daughter, Renie, has me over for dinner every night. I really am spoiled!

Have a good year, and may God look after all of you.

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**From the Courier Office: Carrie Powers Powell** writes: With fond memories of our very successful 60th reunion in 2008, we hope to resurrect the more recent news of our classmates and inform all you readers.

Shortly after our reunion, my daughter, **Mary Ann Powell Zimmer '71**, and I went on a two-week tour of the U.S. national parks—from Glacier and Yellowstone on the north, to Grand Canyon on the south. Words fail to describe the beauty of that part of our country. This year, with another daughter who is now living with me, I have been touring—don't laugh—Ohio. It is very beautiful, too, although perhaps not in as majestic a way as the West.

**Harriet Enneking Moster** and I manage to spend a few days together each year either in Cincinnati or Cleveland to share travel stories and catch up on all of you.

I was very happy to have a 20-year reunion with **Ann Kimber Walsh** from California right here in Ohio. Ann and her husband moved to Driggs, Idaho, after his retirement from medical practice. A few years ago they returned to California, where Bill died last year. When I called Ann to wish her a happy birthday, she told me that she would be visiting one of her sons near Dayton, Ohio, in October 2009. So, daughter Margaret and I drove to Dayton to have lunch and a visit with Ann and one of her granddaughters. It was a delightful time! I know that all of you are in touch with former classmates, so do tell us about those mini-reunions.

**From the Courier Office: Elaine Bruck O'Donnell** writes: "I am sorry I did not get to our 60th reunion, for I remember the great time we had at our 50th. Jim and I still keep busy. Jim is editing his book about his years in New York politics during the 1960's...the Kennedy years. He has included some great personal anecdotes about Robert and Jack Kennedy. I am still researching genealogies and have completed 15 family histories. I also knit afghans for everyone in my family, and I read every

day. I just finished *Abigail and John* by Edith B. Gelles, offering more about Abigail Adams' life. Our family includes 10 grandchildren. The oldest four are college graduates, and the youngest one is ten years old. We get together often, especially at holidays, and we take everyone to spend time together in June at Woodloch Pines in the Pocono Mountains, an ideal resort for families. We feel very blessed that we still have one another, and are grateful for a full life.

"I am sorry to report that our classmate, **Mary Jane Hess**, died in July 2009. She had been treated for cancer for some time but sounded very good and positive when I last spoke to her. Her only brother, Robert, died several months later in Nov. 2009, and his daughter, Cindy, has been so helpful in sending me their obituaries. Please pray for dear Jane."

#### REUNION June 3–6, 2010

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Can you believe it? Sixty years since graduation, and our reunion taking place in June! I hope that many of you will be coming.

Carl and **Mary Agnes Garside Liebscher** will not be with us but will be having a wonderful adventure. For Christmas, their son gave them tickets for a cruise on the Queen Mary just at the same time as our reunion. They will tour England and Germany.

**Terry Kelly Strudeman** keeps busy with her big family. She no sooner retires from one ministry at her parish church than she is involved in another. In the kindergarten room, the children read individually to her. She is called "Reading Grandma." Terry and her daughter, Laura, spent 12 days on a river cruise in Eastern Europe. She found it the most enriching and intriguing part of Europe, especially Berlin.

**Peggy Gardner Haaser** is hoping to be at reunion since Walt is now in such a great care center. Many of the Chicago group will be coming. I hope to see many of you. Bring pictures.

Many thanks for this helpful addition from **Mary "Cookie" Cucchi Depman**: A long post-Christmas phone visit with **Joanne "Mac" McCabe Schmitz** brought news of **Sister Marie Oppenheim**. Marie is still in Southern California recuperating from some serious heart problems (the whole ball of wax—emergency

surgery, ICU, recovery, rehab—you name it!). She's still in California recovering and recuperating in her own little apartment in a nursing home. Marie should be returning to The Heatherhouse by summer time. Please keep her in your prayers.

As for "Mac," she is doing well and Dale even better. He has already put 1100 miles on his bike—WOW!

Some sad news came here on a Christmas card from **Helene Preece McCormack**. Her son, Mike, passed away in August of a very aggressive liver cancer. They were together when he died, and she is thankful for that blessing. Helene's son, Pat, was scheduled for heart surgery this winter. She has three of her daughters and one son nearby, and they are "so good" to her and the other siblings.

Cookie and Joe are enjoying a winter in Michigan for the first time in many years. Florida weather hasn't been that good. A need to be near doctors, etc. precluded that trip this year. Maybe next!

I'm happy to hear that so many are returning for our 60th anniversary of graduation. We are survivors!

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*Class News '52 includes updates from Fall 2009.*

**Mary Jean Wallace Paxton** had a lumpectomy followed by radiation in the fall of 2008. No side effects and a quick recovery meant that she was able to resume her volunteer work with high school students. "I only worked with the students on their essays for two periods, but it was really rewarding." Her son, Jan, joined her on Dec. 24—in time to catch the Hawaii Bowl, which, happily, ND won.

**Sally Disser Weigand** (a Midwesterner) wrote that the Wiegands' travels "have been mostly to keep touch with the kids and grandchildren—Seattle, Nashville, Sarasota, Woodbridge, Va." She is a Californian every March. On their 2009 sojourn to Palm Springs, they had invited the California ladies, but only **Mary Jean Paxton** and **Lynn Dargis Ambrose** could make the trip across the mountains. The ladies set off for what turned out to be an adventure. Lynn's car broke down on the road, and they had to wait an hour for a tow—only to find out that

the mechanic couldn't fix it before Saturday. They rented a car, arrived at Sally's at 3—in time for lunch but too late to tour the resort and see an art fair, as had been planned. They consoled themselves that at least the breakdown had not been on the mountain road, where their cell phones wouldn't have worked and the tow time would have even been greater.

Californians are ladies who lunch, so if you visit there, be sure to contact one of them to see if there's a luncheon planned. **Betty Foley McGlynn** got in on one in the fall of 2008, when visiting her sister, Mary. **Mary Jean Wallace Paxton** had the ladies to her house in Oceanside—**Mary Dvilaitis Blanford**, **Mary Musante Kramer**, and **Lynn Dargis Ambrose**. At another get-together, this time at Lynn's in May 2009, **Mary Jo Stuetz Bowman** joined them. Mary Jean reported on that one, too: "Our group was augmented by **Mary Jo Struett Bowman**, **Janet Rowe**, **Mary Jo**, and I constituted 60% of the 1952 biology majors!" All these science majors couldn't help but note that they had all gone in for owls.

"Lynn, Mary Jo, and I have all decked out our back yards with nests for barn owls, which are supposed to nest then feed their young from the rodents, etc., that their parents eliminate from the back yards. So far, we are all owl-less, but Lynn informs us that nesting lasts until July, so we have not given up hope." Mary Jo reported on her trip. She and Dee celebrated 35 years together with a trip in January 2009 to Papeete and the Marquesas—a trip they had to cancel two years ago when she was diagnosed with lung cancer. Now, thanks to her miracle pill, she had at last made the long trip. "Papeete was the pits and the Marquesas were marvelous." Mary Jo does First Friday each month with **Judy Jones Sullivan '54** and **Peg Culhane Stewart '51**.

San Diegans **Mary Jean Wallace Paxton** and **Lynn Dargis Ambrose**, along with **Sandy Parry '07**, began a new Saint Mary's alumnae club in 2009. About 30 alumnae attended the first meeting, with classes representing 2009 to 1950, with **Ramona Oppenheim '50**, now a Maryknoll nun, as the oldest. Lynn and Mary Jean felt a great connection with the others, in spite of the age differences. "Money shared with us her memorable moments on a tramp steamer bound for Japan as a Maryknoll nun." Other get-togethers have followed, and through them, Mary Jean has connected with **Jennifer Wagner '05**, and **Louise Amati Riddle '50** in Oceanside.

**Lynn Dargis Ambrose** updated me on further news of 2009: "On a personal note, my "baby," Anthony, received his Ph.D. last week at Berkeley in environmental biology. Many in the family were able to attend. He'll be doing post-doctoral research at Berkeley on his primary area of redwood canopies. My other "baby," nearly-two-year-old Caleb, a golden doodle, just "graduated" in pet therapy service. We now have to do 10 supervised visits to hospitals, nursing centers, libraries, etc. It's a very meaningful and rewarding ministry for both of us."

**Gloria Gazzara Eppler** wrote: "Walt has finally retired after 50 years at Lockheed. It has only been a couple of weeks so I haven't killed him yet. It is such a change for both of us. He plans to go back to school and take courses he couldn't take at MIT or Stanford. We'll see. . . . The other bit of news is that this Saturday we are leaving for a safari to Kenya and Tanzania. We are so excited! We've never done anything like this. It sounds wonderful."

**Toni DiSalle Watkins** wrote that her daughter-in-law, Sybill, had a double mastectomy but is in good health now. Tony saw a few alums when visiting her daughter in California—**Nancy Ahlforth Steele**, **Mary Jo Struett Bowman**, **Judy Jones Sullivan '54**, **Ginny Lindquist Manion '49**, and **Peggy Culhane Stewart '51**.

**Betty Foley McGlynn** continues to be extremely busy. In her Christmas letter for 2008, she wrote that she had visited LA twice in 2008—first in June to attend the graduation of her grandson, Andrew. On that visit, she was also able to see her sister, Mary, who had just completed radiation treatments for breast cancer. Her second LA trip was a surprise for Mary's 70th birthday on October 31 (when she lunched at Lynn's.)

Betty updated her activities for the first half of 2009: "My sister, **Mary Foley Gundling '60**, and I took an 11-day Mediterranean cruise in April under the auspices of the Notre Dame Alumni Association. The cruise originated in Barcelona and visited ten ports, ending in Rome. There were twenty-one Domers on the cruise, including Fr. Chris Kuhn, C.S.C., who is the archivist for the Holy Cross Order and who said Mass for the group every day. Since Mary had not been to Rome before, we stayed three additional days there and were able to attend a Papal audience, tour the Vatican Museum, the Sistine Chapel, and St. Peter's Basilica, among other things. In mid-May, I flew to Denver for a long weekend to attend

an exhibit at Denver University, which showcased the work of 12 students receiving bachelor of fine arts degrees this year. One was my grandson. His interest is in combining art and electronics with industrial lighting design."

**Mary Berners Kishler** wrote about joining her son, Mike, and his family on a trip to London for Christmas 2008. They visited another son, Mark, and his family, who are residing in London for three years. "They were great tour guides, and we walked miles."

**Nancy Hutchison Newton** wrote of going to the first ND game of the 2008 season: "I went with a friend who has grandchildren there. I was so happy to have dinner with **Eleanor Fails** and Mary in their lovely new retirement home. We were on our campus and met up with **Sister Gertrude Ann**, who immediately recognized me being from Iowa. I had forgotten that she, too, was anowan. In February 2009, I plan to go to Tucson to help my sister celebrate her 80th birthday, a real milestone for her with her life-long health problems."

**Mary Jo Struett Bowman** was in town keeping her sister, Sarah, company after a knee replacement in September 2008. Her visit prompted a reunion with **Marie Galoney**, **Faith Kilburg McNamara**, **Mary Berners Kishler**, and myself at the Saloon Restaurant. Our group got together again (without Mary Jo, alas) before Christmas at the Grand Luxe Café—**Faith Kilburg McNamara**, **Pat Egan Skudnig**, **Marie Galoney**, **Helen Wade O'Brien**, and I.

**Joann Hickey Frazel** wrote of being busy with family in 2009: "Like other Saint Mary's grads who are grandmothers, this spring we have been busy at graduations and First Communions. We have made two trips to Minneapolis in May for one of each of the above, and have two more Chicago-area graduations this June. We just returned from a retreat at Gethsemani Monastery in Kentucky, which was a neat trip. We look forward to summer at our Long Beach home. If anyone is in the area, please call us and stop and say 'hello.'"

Tom Murray may have grown tired waiting for Pat to write about their family, so took it upon himself to answer my call for news:

"My lovely wife, **Pat Cain Murray**, is probably the only grandmother among many who can claim two valedictorians from prestigious high school programs in the same week.

"Nicholas Murray Vachon was co-valedictorian of his John Adams

High School class in South Bend, Ind. He will attend Indiana University with the prestigious four-year Cox Research Scholarship. He's the son of Dr. Dominic and **Mary Jane (MJ) Murray Vachon**, '82. They live in Mishawaka, Ind., and also have a daughter Abigale, a junior-to-be at Penn High School.

"Christopher James Murray was co-valedictorian of his class at Hinsdale Central High School in Hinsdale, Ill. He will attend Yale University in August.

"Pat married lucky me, Thomas. L. Murray, ND J.D. '51, shortly after her graduation in 1952 and taught in the South Bend school system. We have six children and 12 grandchildren. After our children were raised, Pat had a very successful career in real estate sales and residential subdivision development in the South Bend area. We spend November and January through April at our condo in Naples, Fla. We will celebrate our 57th wedding anniversary this July 12, 2009. We both enjoy good health and play golf twice a week.

"Pat doesn't know that I am sending you this update. She has just called me for dinner, which she has been diligently preparing. She is as pleasant and agile as ever with a beauty that has grown and bloomed over these many years of putting up with this Irishman, who probably hasn't been the easiest guy to live with, I'm sure. But we are thankful for the full and adventurous life God has given us. We've always been glad that we stayed in Michiana, close to Saint Mary's and Notre Dame."

**Mary Ann Scherger Fairlie** wrote: "As summer 2009 approaches, Drew and I are about to leave on a 2 1/2 month trip by car around the country, visiting our eight children in North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Missouri, Colorado, and Texas. We'll also be stopping to see many friends who are no longer able to travel. God has blessed us with good enough health to continue on our way, but one of these days we, too, will probably have to stay home.

"We have six grandchildren in college right now and two graduating from high school, so that will make eight in the fall. Whew, I'm glad we aren't footing the bill! Since we have 19 grandchildren altogether, the list will grow each year, although the youngest is just completing first grade."

**Dor Murnane McMahon** wrote "In May 2009, I went to Paris for 10 days to visit old friends. The last two days I loved spending in four museums—with the Musée d'Orsay still being the best of all." Dor, whose

family is from the Chicago area, has been here several times with her family. In 2008, we tried to get together for lunch with the Chicago group, but ironically, the only one of us Dor saw then was **Elaine Smith Caraher**, who lives next to one of her brothers, whom she was visiting. On her way back from Paris, she had a Sunday afternoon free, so **Patricia Geraghty Kowalski** (formerly **Sr. Benedict Labre**) '61 and I drove out for a long, leisurely lunch with Dor, during which we reminisced about our days together in Holy Cross and heard about Dor's Paris trip.

We lost **Gertrude Fujita** in 2008. Gertrude and I took poetry together from Sr. Mary Immaculate. She wrote elegant haiku-like poems which impressed all of us English majors. She and I remained friends after she moved to New York. I visited her there, at the apartment across from the Morgan Library on 36th Street where she lived for many years. For years she covered cultural matters in New York for the Kyoto News Agency and also acted as an agent for wealthy Japanese collectors. When I saw her again a few years ago, I was impressed with how fragile yet strong she remained as she negotiated the noisy New York streets, a part of her living in another world of beauty.

In September 2008 I went on a lovely river cruise on the Viking Sky from Vienna to Amsterdam which gave me the opportunity to see Amsterdam and Prague for the first time, and to visit with friends in Vienna. The monasteries, castles and fortresses along the Danube and Rhine, the vineyards sloping down the banks of the Mosel, the picturesque little villages with fortresses and huge cathedrals made this one of the most charming cruises I've been on. I met a woman who helped me find my Shaughnessy ancestors, who are buried in Chicago. That has inspired me to get deep into family genealogy, and to put my family tree online at Ancestry.com.

I hope that you all have a wonderful holiday season and please keep in touch with the class by sending in your news, by phone, mail or e-mail.

*Update for the Class of 1952 for Spring Courier*

**Mary Berners Kishler** wrote that she and **Barbara Callahan Johnson** went to the ND-MSU game in September 2009. "The ride down on the Lansing ND club bus was great fun, and we were treated to lunch in the Monogram Room. Needless to say, we enjoyed the game." Mary spent three weeks last August with her son and his family, who live in London, including

two weeks in the Cotswolds, going on excursions each day to charming and historical spots.

**Jo Brazaitis Ebert** wrote that her daughter, **Betsy Ebert** '85, has decided to attend law school. She now works as a nurse consultant for a law firm, and they encouraged her to go, with her husband adding his encouragement. "She says she is going to be the oldest graduate in the school when she finishes in four years, and I told her 'go for it.'"

**Nancy Ahlforth Steele** went to Boston to visit her daughter, Kate, and her son, Chris, and their families before Christmas. "We will travel together to New York to see the Christmas sights and the Cirque du Soleil. Everything is going well now. My son, Paul, was diagnosed with a cancerous kidney tumor in August and had the kidney removed in September. He has recuperated well, and the doctors feel that they got all the cancer. I will be home for a California Christmas with Paul and my stepchildren and their families."

**Joey Bryan MacDonald** wrote a long letter at Christmas, including news about other classmates. She has received 30 eye injections to stabilize her vision and prevent further macular degeneration. She is in the care of the best specialists in Madison and also in Sarasota. She and Mac spent the winter in their condo in Englewood, Fla., and enjoyed a short cruise to the Bahamas with a daughter and her husband.

**Mary Jo Struett Bowman** visited Madison last June. She wrote: "**Margo Anderson Ahrens** and I had lunch together and shared memories of college days, talked about our families, problems in the church, and our aging experiences. The bonds between Saint Mary's girls somehow remain strong through the years. We're fortunate!"

Joey and Mac attended a family reunion in New Hampshire last summer, where they celebrated Mac's 80th birthday. "Of 44 in my immediate family, 25 were able to come—a good turnout in this busy world." Before returning to Wisconsin, they spent three days in Boothbay Harbor on Maine's scenic coast and had lunch with her sister, Mary, and family from upstate New York. She hadn't seen this sister for 10 years, so the reunion was precious.

"In September Mac and I attended the ND-Michigan State game in South Bend with Jerry and **Joyce McMahan Hank**. After the game, we had dinner at the Morris Inn with Joyce, Jerry, their grandson (a senior), and a grand-daughter, Emily Hoffman,

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— Anne Reynolds Pyron '50



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**We congratulate Anne Reynolds Pyron and the members of the Class of 1950  
on their 60th Reunion in June, 2010.**



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a freshman. My grand-daughter, Colleen MacDonald, also a ND freshman, joined us. How amazing that Joyce and I were freshman at Saint Mary's 61 years earlier and now have grand-daughters in the same ND class! Needless to say, that evening was very special for all of us."

**Betty Foley McGlynn** has continued her volunteer work for Gesu Parish in Milwaukee. On a visit to Seattle, she spent time with John and **Maureen Dotsch Powers**; they are godparents to her daughter Maureen.

In Chicago, **Jo Brazaitis Ebert**, **Helen Wade O'Brien**, **Marie Galoney**, **Faith Kilburg McNamara**, **Pat Egan Skudnig**, and I got together at the Saloon Restaurant, where Faith told us about her trip to New York to see Daniel Craig and Hugh Jackman on Broadway.

**Dor Murnane McMahon** and I went on a Christmas cruise in the western Caribbean to Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, Cayman Islands. One evening early in the cruise, we were seated at dinner with two nice ladies. When we introduced ourselves, Dor and I said that we had gone to school together. They asked, "Where?" Our answer, "Saint Mary's in South Bend," caused Sister Barbara to roll her eyes and laugh, as she proceeded to tell us that she was a sister of Holy Cross. Thus began an interesting week for the four of us. We had much to discuss."

'54

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**From the Courier Office:** **Mary Ann Campbell** writes: "Our big news is that we have decided to move to a lovely, very active and caring retirement community—Holy Cross village, located on the campus of Holy Cross College, Notre Dame, Ind. It will provide the physical and intellectual challenges that we hope will keep us as "young in heart" as possible. Tom plans to continue his Flagpoles & Flags business, while I look forward to auditing classes at Saint Mary's. We also hope to enjoy many of the opportunities—plays, concerts, lectures—that living near three institutions of higher education brings

REUNION June 3–6, 2010

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*The Winter 2009 news also appears in this column.*

I greet you with the sad news that Bill Murray, husband of **Loretta Considine Murray**, died on May 30. Bill had been suffering from emphysema for some time. Loretta is in the early stages of Alzheimer's disease. Pray for Bill, Loretta, and their family.

**Sara Struett O'Keefe** and **Pat Cutter Reynolds** met for lunch in Chicago while Pat was up for the summer from her home in Vero Beach. Sara had lots of news. **Mary White** has sold her real estate business in Washington, D.C. She joined another firm, and her first sale was a \$10-million-dollar home in Georgetown. Good for her! Pat had met with Don and **Sue Mitchell Crowley**, Ned and **Molly Maloy Griffin**, and Bill and **Noreen Gallagher Woodward** after the 2009 Notre Dame reunion. Sue is doing well after triple bypass surgery in January. Pat had been to Italy with one of her grandchildren. Sara has two grandchildren at Notre Dame. **Julie Noone Lester** is still in Washington, D.C., and keeps busy serving on various committees in the District.

In June, **Joan Kershaw Putnam** and her family had a reunion in Branson, Mo. All family members were in attendance.

**Maureen Sullivan** fell and dislocated her shoulder. She had surgery in July. Also undergoing shoulder surgery was **Carolyn Lining O'Rourke**. Be careful out there!

Maureen asked me to remind you that our 55th reunion is next June. Start thinking about it and make plans now. I'm writing this in August, and it seems far away. You'll be reading this in spring 2010, so call friends and encourage them to attend. I hope to see you all there!

'56

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I hope that you all saw the picture in the last issue of the *Courier* of five of our classmates who gathered in Detroit for a 75th birthday celebration. **Paula**

**Rochon Edyed**, **Joan Mette Reddy**, **Arleen Kann Battalora**, **Carolyn Greives Kelley**, and **Charlotte Keefe Briesch** made the journey to be together for this auspicious occasion. They looked more like they were celebrating their 25th—way to go, ladies!

**Maryjeanne Ryan Burke's** family feted her with an elegant luncheon at the University Club in Chicago to honor her diamond birthday. Four days after the affair, Maryjeanne and Dick left for a tour of Morocco. Thanks to the services of a car and driver, Maryjeanne was able to take in all the sights, despite her ailing leg. Then, on the trip home, they stopped in Spain to visit with **Sheila Conlin Brown** and Dick, who had a timeshare. Later, Dick and Sheila played host to **Mary Carey Swift** and Joe, who have decided to forego the annual trips to Florida in favor of broadening their horizons.

A long phone call from **Louise Warnicke Renault** in Tucson revealed another classmate with the wanderlust. Along with a group of Chamber of Commerce members, Louise visited China—Beijing and Shanghai being the highlights. Back in the States, Louise took her granddaughter to the Shakespeare Festival in Oregon. With a daughter in Indianapolis, too, Louise is constantly on call as a willing travel companion to her grandchildren.

**Pat O'Leary Ring** checked in via Christmas card from northeast Pennsylvania. She said that she and her husband met with **Kay Dale McComb** and Jim, who were in the area for a family party. Kay came from Franklin, Penn., although now the McCombs live in Peoria, Ill., and winter in Florida.

**Bunni Hennessey Griffin** is doing her part to keep our Chicago classmates together. She hosted a luncheon in her home for **Mary Alice Parsons**, **Rita Conley Bourjaily**, **Mary Kay Shanahan Cesarone**, **Sheila Siebert Gallagher**, and **Jane Doyle**. Unfortunately, due to my husband's illness I don't venture far from home in spite of having a 24-hour caregiver for Tom. Rita reported on the lunch and was happy to say that **Jane Doyle** was looking very well after her very serious illness of the past few months. I know Jane appreciated the prayers of all of her friends.

It was sad to note the passing of two of our class in the last *Courier*. **Pat Clifford Fenlon**, from northern Wisconsin, was a good friend of **Rosemary Lane**. **Connie Kundert McDowell** was only with us for two years but came to reunions and always considered herself a member

of our group. She sat next to me at our 50th Reunion dinner at Rosie's—it was shortly after the death of her husband. We will miss her at our future gatherings.

The death that affected me the most was that of **Mary Lee Wheeler Schuler**. Her daughter called me in early December to tell me that her mother had passed away in September, but due to Chester's illness, the services for Mary Lee were postponed until December. Mary Lee was my roommate for the last three years at Saint Mary's, and we had been in touch more these last few years since our 50th. If you remember, "Wheels" was in charge of the music in our gathering room at the Inn during Reunion, and she provided quite a nostalgic touch to our festivities. Her health has been poor the last few years, as has Chet's; but Mary Lee played bridge and enjoyed the visits of her children and grandchildren, who were very attentive.

**Loret Coverley Miller** also wrote on her Christmas card about Mary Lee. Loret still lives in Bethesda, Md., and is most faithful at Christmas time. Now if she would only come to Reunion! We have only two years—actually one after this June—until our 55th. I doubt that we could duplicate our 50th, but we sure could try. As the years advance, ladies, we need to strengthen our bonds with Saint Mary's and each other—so start planning now. And also, if you are considering any memorial for our deceased members, please remember our Class of '56 Scholarship Fund. I hear each year from the recipients of the scholarship. I will bring letters to Reunion. With our economy as it is at the moment, financial aid is most essential for most of our students.

Thanks to those of you who heeded my plea for news. Where are the rest of you?

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*The Fall 2009 and Spring 2010 news appear in this issue.*

**June 2009:** Please pardon the brevity of the column. I have been preoccupied with caring for my husband, Dr. Bob Molenda. He has been in and out of the hospital and rehabilitation several times over the last

six months, and we are currently trying to decide on a future course.

Last column, I noted that **Bebe Doyle Wharton** had suffered a stroke before Thanksgiving. Sadly, I now must report that she has died. **Kay Duffy O'Leary** called me with the news. **Kay, Marty Slavin Fogarty, Marilyn Miller Lyon, Eleanore Hanks Connors**, and other classmates are contributing to the Sr. Alma Peters Alumnae Fund in honor of Bebe. Saint Mary's was always special to Bebe, and though she did not come back for reunions, she was deeply interested in the school and had wonderful memories of her days at Saint Mary's.

In February, **Ellen Canny Werner** sent me a wonderful picture of classmates **Jean Heidt Quinn, Sally Hultkrans Callahan, Peggy Lomasney Kegaly, Pat Kinney Doyle, Pat Hurlley McMahon, Karin Moore Beckert, Patti Griffith Buch, Marilyn Miller Lyon, Marty Slavin Fogarty, Lynda Leigh Scott, Mary Ann Coryn McGee, and Kay Duffy O'Leary.**

Absent from the picture, but participating in the mini-reunion in Naples, Fla., were **Pat Kennedy Flock, Hannah Storen Kreps, and Eleanore Hanks Connors.**

The group toured **Pat Flock's** home and art studio, enjoyed a fabulous dinner at **Marilyn Miller Lyon's** in Naples, and ended with dinner at **Ellen Werner's** in Ft. Myers.

**Sue Lipetska Cierzniak** called to tell me **Nancy Schwind Gallagher's** eldest daughter died this spring. What a heavy burden of sorrow for Nancy, whose husband, Don, is in a nursing home. Please keep Nancy in your prayers, and also remember **Teddi Reid Murray's** husband, George, in your prayers. At this moment, he is undergoing surgery.

I had a breezy, upbeat email from **Judy Quinn Barnett.** She is still painting, and both she and Neil are fine.

**January 2010:** Sorry about my last column not being included in the *Courier*. I'm afraid that there was a communication mix-up. August 2009 brought a *Washington Post* newspaper story of the 50th wedding anniversary celebration of **Mary Alice Hixon Malesardi** and husband Dick with their family at Mackinac Island's Grand Hotel. Their son, Michael Malesardi, sent the clipping, which included a wedding picture. Mary Alice looked so young and beautiful and Dick so handsome.

Last column, I mentioned that my husband, Bob Molenda, needs care—and that is ongoing. Not to be left out, however, I had an aortic heart

valve replaced at the Mayo Clinic in September. My daughter, Fran, drove me to Mayo's and stayed with me while I was in the hospital. When I was released, my son, Dr. Michael Willson, and his wife, Marilyn, took great care of me at their home in St. Paul for ten days. Youngest daughter Ellen and her two children came from Frankfort, Germany for a week in October to help out, and my eldest daughter, Kate, assisted me along with home health care aids here at home.

While in St. Paul, I called **Jody Vetter Olson** and had a wonderful phone visit. She and Carl were about to leave for Germany as part of their 50th wedding anniversary celebration.

**Nancy Schwind Gallagher** sent me a lovely get well card when she heard about my surgery from **Sue Lipetska Cierzniak.**

I have to apologize to **Mary Husted Bottum**, who called and e-mailed me while I was at Mayo's. My life has been in a muddle, but I promise to keep my affairs in better order.

**Ann Harris Mohun** and I have talked over the last months. She sounds good, but is having her gall bladder removed in January. We were talking about our families, and she mentioned that her great grandfather, John Sullivan, was one of the earliest settlers and philanthropists in San Francisco with an address of #13. After our conversation, I sent her information on John Sullivan, who was part of the Donner Party that left Missouri in 1845. Fortunately, Sullivan split off and took the Lassen Trail and arrived safely in California in 1846. Sullivan's Creek, in what is now Tuolumne County, California, was named for John Sullivan to commemorate his finding of \$22,000 in coarse gold in 1849. Sullivan took his gold and invested in land, a bank, and supplies he sold to other miners.

**Hannah Storen Kreps** and husband Bill sent a Christmas card with wonderful pictures of her children and "grands," as well as Bill's. Hannah and Bill are in one picture with daughter Hannah and her family celebrating the First Communion of granddaughter Riley in Greenwich, Conn.

**Joan Renehan Thompson** writes from Pasadena, Calif., that she is ready for another reunion. She volunteers once a week at a local hospital. Currently, she is in the recovery room every Friday "and loving every minute of it." Because of her nursing background, she is accepted as part of the team. Joan's husband, Frank, stays close to home because of health issues, and Joan plays bridge, does water aerobics every day, and enjoys her

children and grandchildren—especially jam sessions.

Wishing a happy and healthy 2010 to all our classmates and families.

**From the Courier Office: Sally Teppert** writes: "October 9-11 found four classmates getting together for the second year. Yes, last year we met at Carolyn Sidley Martin's condo in Painesville, Ohio. This year, our hostess was **Sally Teppert** in Michigan. Carolyn came with **Helena Patton**, who joined us from Silver Spring, Md. **Kathryn Kramper Massey** came from South Bend, Ind.

We had a "welcome dinner" Friday evening. Plans were made for the following day, when **Joan DuMouchelle Walker** joined us for dinner. Saturday we toured Henry Ford's Greenfield Village. Sunday, we attended a special Mass at St. Thomas More in Troy, followed by a delicious brunch given by **Joan Mette Reddy '56** and her daughter, **Jessica Reddy Hoeck '88.** Thirty Saint Mary's women attended the gala affair. Following the brunch the "fifty-eighters" bid fond farewell and promised to meet again next year.

Two weeks later, I hosted Linda Timm and **Libby Gray '93** from the development office of Saint Mary's. Coffee and snacks were enjoyed by **Connie Stempien Deighan '53, Julie Skelley Fries '52, Carol Lee Jasper Markely '56, Joan Mette Reddy, Lurray Pfister Bell, Ann Bronsing Klein, Jody Morris O'Brien** and **Susan DePonio Boyer** phoned their regrets. We enjoyed remembering what it was like when we attended the College and enjoyed many laughs and "the good old days!"

#### REUNION June 3-6, 2010

'60

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This is it! This is the last reading before reunion! Then we can say it like it is...not second hand. How excited are we to see each other, to remember, to share our stories of a half century, to laugh and cry, to hang on to one another and our everlasting friendship.

I hope you are planning to come on Thursday. We will find a place to gather for the happy hour—happy as in the chance to get together before all the activities of the weekend begin.

Can you imagine how surprised **Nancy Prawdzik Kidder, Arlene Lagona Feldmeier, and Maureen**

**Madigan** were when they learned that their sons lived within a few blocks of each other in Western Springs, Ill.? Arlene's grandson and Maureen's granddaughter are even in the same second-grade class. Last summer, Maureen and **Carol McGarry** toured Montreal, Quebec, and Nova Scotia. What a grand time they had!

In the fall, **Karen Wilke Galvin** and her sister, **Pinks Wilke London '66,** visited Pink's three grandchildren in New York, but the highlight of their trip occurred at Montauk, Long Island, where Karen and Pinks won the fishing contest by catching their own dinner of blue fish. **Peggy Hock Cahill** was relieved to find that her daughter, **Mary Carol Cahill Sullivan '88,** survived the September flooding in the Atlanta area; however, Peggy would have rowed to the rescue if she had to.

**Mary Jo O'Callaghan Martin** and Larry ND '60 celebrated their 20th anniversary in Tuscany last fall. They also welcomed their 25th grandchild. Their eldest granddaughter, Lauren Anastasi (Maureen's daughter), is a first-year student at Saint Mary's this year, making her the eighth member of their family to enter the hallowed halls. Rob Lorenz is still making movies; his most recent release is *Invictus*, starring Morgan Freeman as Nelson Mandela.

**Molly Bolster Frawley** had visited with **Joyce Robinson Adamson** via Ma Bell as they look forward to reunion and the plans for a generous class donation to the college. Later, Molly talked to **Cecile Hudson Grant**, who has a gorgeous new hip and claims she is ready to "dance the lights fantastic." We can all check that out at reunion.

**Nancy O'Toole Doppke's** husband, Jim, chairs the Board of Trustees of St. Martin de Porres High School (in Waukegan, Ill.), which is a member of the Cristo Rey Network. Nancy and Jim are both volunteers. (I hope that at reunion we have an opportunity to share more of the stories of how we have "made things happen for others"; not to pat ourselves on the back, for that was not our intent in the first place, but rather to appreciate what our class has accomplished collectively since we began our journey that scary September day in 1956 at Holy Cross Hall—when our parents drove off and left us with only each other.)

Let us continue to pray for **Patricia Donovan Dowd, Barbara Graham Stotzer,** and all who are afflicted with serious illness.

Thank you, **Joyce Robinson Adamson, Marybeth McGowan Crossin,** their committees, and Saint

## Class Clips



The Class of 1964 from the Washington, DC, Virginia, and Maryland area met on Oct. 18th at Eileen Blegg Cavanaugh's lovely home in a wooded setting. We shared a scrumptious brunch, along with memories, and what we are doing now. We hope to continue this get-together to motivate us for our 50th Reunion. It was amazing to discover that three of the six math majors in our class were there. Eight of our sixteen even posed for a photo for you! Sitting left to right: Sharon Dowd Miller, Denny Cavanaugh, Eileen Blegg Cavanaugh, Pat Davis Stichman; standing left to right: Pat Malone Nathe, Fran Bardello Craig, Kay Christenson Janiszewski, and Lee Kollman Carroll.

Mary's staff planners, for all the time and energy you have put into the preparation for reunion. Our best way of showing our appreciation is to enjoy the benefits of their effort. See you in June!

**From the Courier Office: Mary Donohue Fangman** writes that her youngest grandchild, James "Trip" Padraig Doyle was born on Dec. 11, 2008.

'64

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Spring! The word implies hope, moving forward with energy. I write this on the Feast of the Epiphany (in Chicago, that means, snow, COLD, stillness and beauty). I have a stack of Christmas cards, and the pictures of you and your families are the BEST! In one glance, I know the joy, the work, the time...and it is great to see your faces in their faces.

Good news excerpts: **Bobbye Borchers Flecker** had two daughters' weddings, loves being retired to travel and visit her family. **Molly Follis Tuton**

has moved from Addiction Med with Kaiser after 28 years to Preventive Medicine/Health Education. She has kept her home in San Clemente but has an "arrangement" with **Kathy Menzie Lesko** and Bob ND'64 for their guest apartment in Pasadena. Kathy is researching and writing for the Huntington Library, marketing her three manuscripts to agents and publishers, is a member of the Council of the LA Library Foundation, and found time to go to Long Island, N.Y., to help campaign successfully for her son, Mark, who was elected as supervisor of the town of Brookhaven. Bob Lesko has a guest role on CBS's *The Young and the Restless*.

**Angie Braunstein Maher's** mother is 102! Angie had been involved in finding housing and jobs for veterans as well as fighting the groundhogs and beaver at her cabin. **Joan Marks Houck** and Carl ND '62 spend six months on South Island, New Zealand, and then six months (May-January) in Colorado. They sent a picture of four great-grands! Joan is very involved in parish mission in both places. **Carole Barskis Weber** has shaken up her life with cello lessons, quilting classes, prize-winning photographs, and attending plays all over the Chicago

area. **Anne Froning Laboe** was thrilled with a sports-active family reunion in Colorado.

**Mary Kay Brady Turner** is spending more time in Jackson Hole, Wyo. I visited her this summer and met most of the grandchildren, because they were about to have a cousin's wedding and go hiking and camping in a Sioux Indian teepee with Grandpa John ND '64. Mary Kay is still actively working for peace in the Middle East and for schools in Sierra Leone.

**Kay Christenson Janiszewski** was able to corral eight out of 16 of our classmates in the Washington, D.C., Maryland, and Virginia area to rendezvous for lunch on Oct. 18 "at **Eileen Blegg Cavanaugh's** lovely home in a wooded setting. We shared a scrumptious brunch, along with memories, and what we are doing now. We hope to continue this get-together to motivate us for our 50th reunion. It was amazing to discover that three of the six math majors in our class were there." They are spreading the word that our 50th is coming and needs help to be successful and well attended.

**Margie Carroll Flynn** has worked very hard for the Illinois Club for Catholic Women, and I am thrilled when we sit next to each other at the meetings and catch up.

**Jinx Hack Ring** spent some time in Raleigh, N.C., to help **Marty Thompson Coe** and Charlie to market their book: *Love is a Decision*, with a goal of bolstering, encouraging, and strengthening marriages (at any stage, but they use these exercises in their Marriage Encounter Programs).

If you are not mentioned, please drop me a line for the next column. What are you doing? Your projects? hobbies? travel? Whom do you see from our class? Books you are reading? Whom are you personally contacting to come to our 50th?

My year in review has been filled with family weddings, family reunions, two new grand- babies (seven now under the age of 6) and my mother's death (after 17+years of Alzheimer's). I am now thinking about my 2010 resolutions: body, mind, and soul. I will close with a quotation Bobbye used on her Christmas card: "Peace is a choice. Peace is a way of life. Peace is the answer."

In your prayers, keep in mind our classmates who are ill and struggling, plus add a special prayer for those who are the caretakers of a loved one. We have moved from keeping the commandments to practicing the beatitudes. Peace, Joy and Enjoy...

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First, whether you say "two thousand and ten" or "twenty ten," best wishes for a wonderful year to all my fellow classmates and their families.

The past year was a time to experience six degrees of separation. My husband and I traveled to San Antonio to visit his sister, **Christine Gott Dickemper '68**, and her husband. We also went south to follow the Notre Dame football team to Texas. The night before the game, Christine hosted a cocktail party for us. To my delight, **Nancy Hoyne McGuire** and Bill ND '65 attended. Nancy lives in the same neighborhood as Christine. I reminded Christine that they were both art majors at Saint Mary's.

Nancy spends half the year in The Dominion, a golfing community in the hill country. To beat the heat, they stay the summer at their second home in Vermont. Nancy continues to be a college consultant to students at private school. Several times, she has encouraged her future applicants to research Saint Mary's College.

If you remember, Nancy was in one of the large rooms with **Sue Armel Haley, Kathy Bayer Harnich, Carol Flaherty Angelotti, and Mindy Rohrmann Lorenzen**. Trips to Florida always include a visit with Carol in Sarasota and Sue in Naples. The group keeps in touch, and all are doing well. Nancy has two daughters, one of whom lives in San Francisco. Once when visiting this daughter, Nancy was strolling down a San Fran hill when she noticed **Kathy Donovan Dur**. The pair chatted for a bit. Kathy was in the area visiting her son, Philip, and his family.

In early January, my husband and I traveled to San Francisco as well to visit our new granddaughter, Hadley Genevieve, born Dec. 1, 2009. Dan, his wife, and their two girls live in Piedmont over the Oakland Bridge. The last time we were in California, we had the opportunity to have dinner with Mike and **Carolyn Hart Irvine**. They live in the Hillsborough area south of the city. It would be interesting to learn how many of us have adult children in the area.

To celebrate our Federal birthdays, several of us traveled to Sante Fe with our own personal guide, **Gail Marino Meiering** (who lives in Albuquerque). **Dede Cotter Delaney,**

**Sharon Priestler Lewert, Mary Dunn Finneran, Pam Smith Malone, Carolyn Hart Irvine, and Mary Beth Naes Kringle** spent a delightful long weekend touring the magnificent town of Sante Fe. Now that the government recognized our aging and admitted us to Medicare, what else should you do but drink, eat, and party.

One more note on the theme of six degrees of separation.... Leaving the stands after the ND/Washington game in the Alamo Dome, a friendly face called my name. I think it was **Maureen Rodgers Budetti**. Unfortunately, the crowd pushed our group up the stairs, so I was not able to talk....small world.

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**From the Courier Office: Patricia Slavín Doran** writes that her grandson, John Patrick, was born on Oct. 31, 2008.

#### REUNION June 3-6, 2010

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**Gwen Gill Caranchini** continues to maintain her home in Kansas City, Mo. She has written a book about her legal career and now works in real estate. Gwen thoroughly enjoys being a grandmother and is looking forward to welcoming a second grandchild in April. Daughter Kelly and family live in the Chicago area.

**Adaline Stefanac Cashore** and Tom Cashore ND '70 have a first grandchild. Their daughter, **Annie Cashore '04**, and her husband, Henry Borjas, welcomed Henry Thomas (Tommy) into the world on April 19, 2009. Annie has been in Honduras for three years serving as a principal of a Catholic bilingual elementary school. This summer, Addie marked 20 years as a member of the College Relations division of Saint Mary's.

**Barbara Morrin Cook** lives in Chicago and is keeping busy working at Saks three days a week. She also volunteers at the Chicago Zoo. Her responsibilities have now changed, but she previously was responsible for handling the snakes for visitors to touch. She is a far better person than I, as I cannot even begin to imagine

being that up close and personal with a snake!

**Mary Lou Wylie** and Lennie Echterling celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary with their son, Caleb, and his wife, Amanda, over the weekend of Sept. 5th—traveling along the Crooked Road, Virginia's Music Heritage Trail. Their first grandchild, James Patrick (son of Caleb and Amanda) came into the world at 8 lbs 8 oz on Jan. 23! Mary Lou continues to enjoy her retirement—one that includes community and organizational activities. Lennie is still "professing" in the counseling program at James Madison University. Mary Lou and Lennie have continued to rack up the miles on their odometer—making the 2,100-mile round trip from Harrisonburg, Penn., to St. Joseph, Mo., several times. She says: "Last summer, we drove through Indiana and visited Steve and **Pat O'Hara Gable** in South Bend. Pat invited **Susan Vanek** and **Mary Osmanski Ferlic** over for dinner, so we had a chance to catch up on news."

**Pat O'Hara Gable** and Steve Gable ND '70 are grandparents for the second time around. Their son, Andrew, and his wife, Nicole, welcomed their first child, Grace Geraldine, into the world on Aug. 25 in New York City, where both Andrew and Nicole practice law. The Gables' grandson, Daniel Ryan Wroblewski, celebrated his first birthday on Nov. 12, shortly after moving from Houston to Dallas, Texas, with his parents, Ryan and **Margaret Gable Wroblewski '00**. Ryan is a South Bend native who, evidently, pursued Margaret from their high school years on.

Sadly, **Edi Hill Gibney's** father, Tom, passed away in September. Edi and Richard ND '68 continue reside in Waco, Texas.

**Donna Farrell McPherson** and Brian are both retired. They celebrated their 40th anniversary with a trip to French Polynesia.

**Ann Toffanetti Schumacher** and Gil celebrated their 39th wedding anniversary in July. Ann has retired from teaching, but as of her last e-mail, Gil was in his 30th year at GM. Their son, Andy, and his wife, Laurie, live San Diego, where he is a pharmaceutical researcher and she is a patent agent in the same industry. (They met while doing doctoral work in biochemistry at Northwestern). Their daughter, Christy, and her husband, Todd, live nearby in the Detroit area. She is a speech pathologist and he is a "computer hacker" working in IT security for IBM.

As for me, I continue to live on the central coast of California (we call it God's country) and work as an IT manager now focusing on IT contract negotiations, SOX compliance, and budget forecasting and management. My goal this year is to move into consulting, so wish me well. It is hard to believe that my only child, Megan, turned 38 this year. She is lovely inside and out, in the process of changing her career focus, and as independent as ever. I am thoroughly enjoying my grandnieces and grandnephews as well as my rag doll cat, Hero.

Please send me all of your news by May so that we can fill up the next column! Looking forward to seeing all of you at our 40th reunion in June!

**From the Courier Office: Ellen Nesbit West** reports the birth of her grandson, Hayden Michael, on Sept. 8, 2007.

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Greetings of the New Year! I am writing this from VERY chilly New York City. I think the high is 23 degrees today! And, when you read this column, it will be a bright and sunny spring day. We have started a new decade ... and we are facing a BIG, and

somewhat (to me, at least) unsettling birthday. I have already crossed that line with a Dec. 30th celebration. The first few cards I received regaled me with the thoughts that "Sweet 60" can be compared to being "Sweet 16" ... or that I was entering what could be a time of adventure and new beginnings. I am always thrilled to be remembered on my birthday, but quite honestly, I do not think Hallmark has found a way to say "you are old as dirt so get over it." If there was such a card, my very unsentimental son would have given it to me!

Class news is sparse for this column. I probably will have several Christmas cards waiting for me at home with updates. Several of us enjoyed a wonderful brunch on Dec. 27 at the Water Club in New York. It was a sunny day, and the view was beautiful. Attending was **Maura Carroll** in from Southampton, Bill and **Heather Tripucka Carr**, and Bill and **Claire Mignelli Hughes**, who drove in from New Jersey. We were thrilled to have Tish and Ed Davey ND '71 join us. I think I mentioned how Heather saw Ed at a soccer game last fall. His son plays for the team coached by Heather's son-in-law. Ed was part of "The Farley Guys," as we called them. We all were good friends in college and for a few years after, but other than Christmas cards, had not seen each other for awhile. After Ed and Heather chatted, the e-mails began and culminated in

## Class Clips



Some members of the class of 1972 gathered for brunch in December at the Water Club in New York. From left to right - Missy Underman Noyes, Maura Carroll, Claire Mignelli Hughes, Heather Tripucka Carr, Tish and Ed Davey and seated Bill Hughes and Bill Carr.

Ed and Tish meeting us. Better yet, we are all planning to attend the ND-Pitt football game in early October.

I was glad to receive an update from **Carolyn Vonesh Andree** (aflightgirl@yahoo.com), who lives in Bloomfield Hills, Mich. As you can guess from her e-mail address, she commutes to O'Hare Airport, where she is an international flight attendant for American Airlines, flying overseas about twice a month. She and her husband have three children. Although Carolyn has never returned for a reunion, she has very strong ties to Notre Dame and Saint Mary's and says that she and her husband have "seven years of attending many football games." Her son graduated from Notre Dame in 2007 in aerospace engineering and was active in the Air Force ROTC and the Glee Club. He trained on a new Air Force plane in New Mexico and eventually will go on secret missions for two to three months at a time. Right now, there is only one of these aircrafts in the entire Air Force. Their younger daughter is a Notre Dame junior and sings in the liturgical choir. Wrapping up what is certainly a musically talented family is their middle daughter, who is a classical voice major at NYU and hopes to sing with the Metropolitan Opera. The Saint Mary's connection is there since Carolyn's sister-in-law is a Holy Cross sister and was recently transferred to Saint Mary's.

I am sure I will have some wild tales from our February trip to Ireland as part of the McGuinness Pub Tour. I don't think turning sixty is really like turning sweet sixteen, but I think we can still go out and have a heck of a good time! My love and good birthday wishes to all of you!

**From the Courier Office:** **Diane Miller-Seasy** writes: "I don't know if grandchildren count in the scheme of alumnae news, but I did want to report about MY special grandchild! After raising three boys (no Saint Mary's chance there), my first grandchild turned out to be a girl: Harper Riley Deasy, born Oct. 31, 2008. In addition to being my granddaughter, Harper is the great-granddaughter of **Ada Montanus Miller '43**, and the great-great-granddaughter of **Christine Hearn Montanus 1912**. We are thrilled to have her!"

And, celebrating husband Bob Foley's recent first place finish in the "MAC," **Carol Lacey Foley** reports that she was joined at lunch at the Chicago Yacht Club by her sister, **Joan Lacey Egan '62**, and cousin **Sara Johnson Walz '65**.

'74

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Dear Classmates: back when we graduated in May of 1974, did you even dream we'd be around in 2010? I know I couldn't even imagine getting past 1999, never mind 2010!

**Mary Cathleen Schoendienst Reifsteck** (Cathy) reports that her occupation as MOM keeps her bustling. She and husband Mark are parents to Karl ND '04, Peter, who is a 911 dispatcher and possibly the only person who is legally blind and doing that job in the USA, and son Michael, who is in sixth grade and has fought a grueling battle with leukemia but has been cancer-free now for over a year. To celebrate that one-year milestone, the family took a lovely trip to Italy. Cathy's had 10 homes in 28 years and treasures the experiences with her family and friends made in each and every home.

**Jacqueline Zale Parker**, residing in Lebanon, Penn., with her husband, Wiley, is an executive director for a Community Action Team for the state of Pennsylvania. Jackie equally enjoys playing Guitar Hero and hanging out with her grandchildren and biking! Her son, Nicholas, is married with two children; son Max graduated from Duquesne University in 2008; and son Nathan graduated from ND in '00.

**Teresa Hipp James** is a freelance writer living in Minneapolis. Married to Richard, with two stepsons and four grandkids, she enjoys cooking, travel, and the time with those grandkids playing games!

**Sean Adams** of Downers Grove, Ill., is an attorney who enjoys the free time she has with family as well as making time for travel, friends, and golf!

I also heard from **Gerilyn Kearns Zeidler** prior to reunion. She is in St. Louis and enjoys tennis, swing dancing, and playing games. She is married and has a son who graduated from ND in '02, a daughter who graduated from Marquette in '04, a daughter who attended both Saint Mary's and ND, and another daughter who is an '07 grad of Saint Mary's. My, you must be tired of writing tuition checks in your family, Gerilyn! She keeps in touch with **Barb Jacobs Mueller** and is godmother to Barb's daughter! She also heard from **Shauna Dunn** recently, but I didn't get the scoops.

**Elizabeth Thornton Barton** of New York sings in the local choral society and also plays in the church choir. She retired recently and enjoys volunteer

## ALUMNAE BOARD SEEKS NOMINATIONS FOR 2011–2014 TERM

The Saint Mary's Alumnae Association Board of Directors will select three new directors for a three-year term beginning June 2011 at the September meeting. All alumnae are invited to submit nominations (self-nominations are welcome) by July 23, 2010. Please contact the Alumnae Relations Office at (574) 284-4578, email [alumnae@saintmarys.edu](mailto:alumnae@saintmarys.edu), or visit [saintmarys.edu/alumnae-friends](http://saintmarys.edu/alumnae-friends) to obtain a candidate profile form. A personal statement is also required. Candidate profile forms must be submitted on a yearly basis.

### Criteria for the 2011–2014 Term

*Geographic:* All geographic areas are eligible.

*Class decade:* Vacancies may be filled from the 1960s, 1980s, and 1990s.

*Among the selection criteria:*

Demonstrated involvement and/or service to the College

Demonstrated leadership skills through professional and/or personal endeavors

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work, traveling, and gardening. She noted that being open to different challenges has been more rewarding throughout her life than she would have thought.

I've heard from **Cynthia (Cindy) Derez Dixey**, who lives in Alamo, Calif. She has retired from the Clorox Company and enjoys time with husband Bill. They do fly-fishing and golf, and Cindy is a gourmet cook. She and Bill enjoy travel and whitewater rafting. Her "new life" with husband Bill is cherished by Cindy, who says they very much live "in the moment" enjoying their experiences together.

From Reston, Va., we hear from **Mary Peloquin Schmidt**. She is with the Loudoun County School system and is married to Robert. Her daughter, Carolyn, graduated from ND in '01, son Matthew graduated from ND in '04, and they have a granddaughter, Kaelyn.

**Linda McMahon Hyduk** works as a medical technologist in Hamden, Conn. Husband John ND '74 and Linda have four children, three of whom are married. They plan to retire in the South Bend area, and Linda notes that success is having a happy, healthy family life. She enjoys playing with her grandchild, travel, and reading.

**Loretto Casper** ("Retto") is based in Louisville, Ky., a semi-retired teacher in the Jefferson County Public School System. She noted that she has 34 nieces

and nephews (this is hard to believe, eh?!) whom she enjoys spending time with. She enjoys attending local theatre and reading.

**Carol Anne Sommer** of Davenport, Iowa, had the difficult task of nursing her husband through his battle with ALS for five years and has had to deal with the loss of her beloved husband, Kevin, as a result. I'm sure she was supported by son, Brian, 25, who is a firefighter, and daughter Nora, 22, who is a graduate student at the University of Colorado. Our prayers are with you, Carol, in sympathy for the heartbreak you have had to bear.

Over in Ohio, **Linda Holtcamp McVoy** has learned to be flexible and more in the moment over these many years since graduation. She shares her home with husband Peter, and they enjoy travel, including some great trips to such places as Kenya, Alaska, and Costa Rica. Her daughters are both proud Saint Mary's graduates!

Someone I miss greatly when I want a good laugh, **Andrea Bialko Jackson**, reports in from Wescosville, Penn., that she and Denny enjoy traveling and spending time with busy daughters Amanda and Olivia, both of whom attended Seton Hall University.

Another Pennsylvanian, **Celeste Ponteri Bullian**, noted that she is self-employed as a financial consultant. When she is not spending time with husband Joe, she is working in her garden.

**Mary Lou Solecki** checks in from California, where she is a teacher in the Oakland school system. She is married to Timothy Wendt. Their daughter attends Dartmouth, and her son has just graduated from high school—during reunion weekend so she could not attend...same reason that I could not attend either!

**Kathleen Flynn Fox**, who spends the winter in lovely Naples, Fla., and the rest of the year in Plymouth, Ind., was elected general partner at Silver Fox Partners, specializing in owning and operating manufactured home communities. She volunteers with many groups, notably Catholic Charities and the Literacy Program for Head Start. Her husband's son, Chuck, and his wife, Melissa, have been blessed with two lovely children, Chelsea and Caitlin. Kathleen and Christopher have been married for more than 26 years now.

**Kathleen M. McGury** is a resident of Chicago, Ill., and is a judge of the Circuit Court in Cook County. She serves in the Probate Division. She enjoys travel, family, films, and reading. In her condo in Chicago, she notes that she enjoys a lovely view of Lake Michigan. She muses in her note about possibly being less patient as she has grown older. I know I can concur with this thought.

**Pat Olvany Hodson**, one of my best correspondents, enjoys life across the Sound in Port Washington, N.Y. She is an administrative assistant at Total Dollar Management Effort, Ltd. Pat's daughter, Molly, also graduated from high school during our reunion weekend, and Molly is now off at Colby College in Maine. Son Michael, age 27, is off on his own these days, working for Fox in their cable sports division. Bob and Pat enjoy sailing, skiing, and visiting with friends.

Thank you all for updating us and please, please send notes to my e-mail address this spring/summer! Happy 2010 to you all, Fondly, Jill.

'76

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**From Marianne: Mea Ferrara Pierman** lives in Chapel Hill, N.C., and works for Med-Ed, providing continuing education for nurses all around the country. She works behind

the scenes setting up the seminars. Mea's husband, Mark, is president of United Family Services in Charlotte, a large non-profit social services agency. His is not an easy job these days, as so many people need help with ever-decreasing resources.

**Pam Cerny Turner** is still living in northern California. For the past 14 years, she has run her own corporate event management business. She and A.T. celebrated their 26th wedding anniversary in Italy last April, after Pam finished managing a week-long international conference in Paris. Pam's daughter, Alix, just completed a semester abroad in Madrid. Pam is an avid tennis player and cyclist, and has completed several triathlons.

**Nancy Van Dolterer** lives in Jacksonville, Fla., and celebrated her 27th anniversary at CSX Railroad. Husband Larry is retired from CSX and enjoys playing golf three days a week. Their daughter, Emily, was married in April. Daughter Margaret graduated from the University of Florida in May and is now in law school at Indiana University (Bloomington).

**Nell Frewin Hays** is also in Florida, teaching golf on Saturdays and working as a crime prevention practitioner for the Highlands County Sheriff's Office. She was CPP of the year for the state last year, and now represents seven counties for the Florida Crime Prevention Association.

**Maureen Carroll** lives with husband Stephen Kinnaman in Houston, where she works part-time at Texas Children's Hospital in the long-term survivor's service. Her husband is a naval architect and marine engineer, and works as a consultant for an offshore drilling company. On weekends, they go to their country home in Chappell Hill, where they love to care for the land, garden, and work on individual projects. Stephen is working on completing his second book on the life of James D. Bulloch, a confederate hero. They recently went to Liverpool, England and Savannah, Georgia to do research on his book. Maureen is also writing, and enjoys collage, painting, and putting together women's retreats out in the country. She would love more women to join them.

Another of our classmates also lives in Houston area: **Bernadette Baldy McGee**.

Bernadette's husband, Mike, flies for Continental Airlines. Bernadette continues to homeschool—for her 19th year! Her eldest is in college in Dallas, and her three boys are still home. Three of Bernie's siblings have

been to Iraq, and all have come home safely.

**Rita Reardon Collins** and her husband, Lou Collins ND '76, live in Charlotte, and have lived in North Carolina a total of 15 years. Their eldest son, Louis, attended ND for a master's degree in accounting and is now living in Madison, Wis. Their daughter, Eileen, is working in Arlington, Va. Michael, the youngest, studies engineering at Michigan. Several years ago, Rita ran into one of her freshman-year roommates, **Kathy Roth Lilly**. It's a funny story, but too long to tell here—let it suffice to say that it was not a case of instant recognition. They continue to see each other several times a week. **Kim Bonk O'Connor** and Rita have been enjoying weekly phone conversations for the last 20 years. Kim's son was married two years ago, which afforded a reunion with Debbie Kanser Costanza ND '76.

**Suzanne Wagner Linehan** sent a Christmas card with a picture of her two beautiful daughters.

**Amy Margret Nimmer** and her husband live in Bettendorf, Iowa. They have two daughters who are married; they are also the proud grandparents of a one-year-old granddaughter. Amy has worked at John Deere for 33 years and is currently president of the John Deere Foundation.

**Beth Meier Dodge** and husband Mike live about 20 minutes from Saint Mary's in Edwardsburg, Mich. While Beth is licensed as a Michigan attorney, she does not actively practice. She works as a community corrections director for Cass County, Mich., screening and placing sentenced offenders into programs and monitoring their participation. She maintains jail data, does grant writing, and also supervises the house arrest and drug testing programs. Beth's son, Drew ND '06, is a Marine, and his brother, Jason ND '08, is training to become a US Navy pilot. Drew attends most of the home ND football, basketball, and hockey games. Beth saw **Sue Laughlin Nelowet '76** at her home in Woodbridge, Va., while her son was training at Quantico. She says that the dining hall at Saint Mary's has improved amazingly from when we were in school...my niece **Katie Cousino '00** was married in the Le Mans chapel last June. Her wedding reception was in the dining hall, and it was superb!

**Mary Voll-Fisher** lives in the winter wonderland of Onekama, Mich., with her husband and two sons. Mary's husband is a nurse anesthetist at the local hospital, and she works part-time

at the same facility. For the past 13 years, she also has taught nursing students at the local junior college. Mary's older son is a sophomore at Western Michigan University majoring in music, and the younger is a junior college freshman.

**Jane Adams Arseniadis** and husband Larry MBA ND '78 gave up cold Northeast winters and bought a condo near Orlando last year. They plan to be in Connecticut during the summer and in South Bend during football season, as they've rented an apartment there! They expect a lot of family and friends to visit. Jane's dad (ND '49) will spend some time with them as well as their two sons, J.T. ND '05 and Rob ND '08, who both live in Chicago and work for PricewaterhouseCoopers. Their daughter, Kate, is working for a medical education consulting firm in NYC. Larry is now working remotely for a French logistics firm, having retired from IBM after 30 years. Jane continues to volunteer at her parish and in their community. She has seen **Mary Tobin Kinzer**, **Rene Hussey Key**, and **Pat Morahan Bufalino** at ND games.

**From Leslie:** Happy summer, wherever you are! In case you haven't heard, I just accepted the position of country director for Save the Children's programs in the Republic of Georgia; I will live in Tbilisi. My start date is Oct. 1. The role will be similar to the one I had in Afghanistan, but the context will be completely different, as is the "portfolio." In Afghanistan, Save the Children works primarily on supporting the government/ministries/communities to ensure basic health, nutrition (education), and general education/school services. In Georgia, our work is primarily about promoting/supporting reform in the government's child social services and, quite apart from this, HIV/AIDS education. I will have a few expatriate colleagues in Georgia, including an Afghan, but mostly the staff is Georgian.

Between now and October, I will be at the North Carolina beach with my friend **Mary Ellen Stumpf** (August 1-9), then back in Beaver, Penn. I hope to be in Chicago in late August through Labor Day weekend. In late September, I'll head to the Tampa area for a reunion of women friends from our Kabul years, and then I'll regroup one last time (for now) in Beaver before heading off to Georgia, the Republic (not the State). All's quiet in Beaver, to say the least.

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'80

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**From the Courier Office:** Laura Berrafato writes: Sad news from the Class of 1980. **Mary McManus Wolf** lost her son, Tommy, age 9. He passed away on Nov. 16, 2009, in Nichols Hills, Okla.

'82

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Greetings, classmates!

First off, confession: Many of you filled out information forms way back in 2007, around the time of the 25th reunion, with tidbits of wonderful information. These forms were mailed to the alumnae office, which then forwarded all the forms to me. I was overwhelmed with the forms! Because *Courier* rules say that only so much can go in each issue, I submitted the first batch and promised to have further information in upcoming *Couriers*... months and years away. Then, I made the mistake of taking a vacation. The husband likes to reorganize the house while I am out of town. Desks get emptied. Rooms get put into boxes. Things are stored in the attic or basement, or at his office. Upon my return, he proudly shows me the newly emptied area. I'm then in a private panic, because I cannot put my hands on.....anything! Including the sheets you so nicely completed. Mea culpa. Mea culpa. Mea culpa. One day, they may be unearthed.

**Beth Blust Bruggeman**, from Dayton, Ohio, wrote, "Son Patrick is a freshman at Wittenberg, a Division III school about 45 minutes from home, playing football. Molly signed her letter of intent to ND for the crew team. She will be ND Class of 2014. Our oldest son, Matt, will be graduating in May 2010 from ND with a degree in mechanical engineering. He has a job lined up with a company in New Jersey beginning in July. His graduation ceremony will be in the ND football stadium, due to construction work being done at the ACC. Gretchen is a freshman in high school, playing volleyball and also enjoying the crew team. I will be looking for a new job in March, as NCR will be moving their world headquarters to Atlanta. I can't believe that I will be looking for a job

after 27 years with the company! My husband, Mike Bruggerman ND '81, is an engineering manager with the BWI Corporation in Dayton."

**Deidre Dalton Toole, Colleen Rooney Danaher**, and I spent the first weekend in December 2009 in New York City. They took the train down from Connecticut and Boston, respectively, and I came up from Washington, D.C. It was so nice to be with pals you've known for 30-plus years! Deidre's oldest, Connor, is a freshman at Boston College. After auditioning, he is one of two from his class to be asked to join the comedy troupe on campus. If you happen to catch a show, he is the tall, handsome one with the great smile. Michael is a high school sophomore and son Dillon is a seventh grader. Says Deidre, "I have been teaching for 24 years and am currently working with students at the high school level who have a wide range of disabilities. I am creating a transitional program for these students that will be a combination of work studies in the local area and post-secondary opportunities, using the community as a resource."

Colleen is the "aunt fantastic" to 12 nieces and nephews. She gets to spoil them with great tailgaters (Nick at Holy Cross) à la Tom and the late, great **Kitty Galligan '56**.

Colleen and Patrick are in Belmont, Mass., with westies Cleat and Sailor. They travel quite a bit to Vermont to see his family and to the Cape to see her parents. The two are planning to take a bicycle tour in Italy in the spring of 2010—a nod to 10 years of wedded bliss. Col is in her 17th year at DuPee and Associates as a nurse practitioner.

Speaking of the Galligans, **Kathleen Galligan** sent an adorable Christmas card that son Patrick, a second grader, designed. It's a wonderful annual tradition, as we get to see the budding artist emerge, year by year. Patrick will receive his First Holy Communion in April 2010. He's a soccer player, a basketball player, and a proud "brother" to new addition Teddy, an Irish Golden Doodle. Kathleen celebrated her 10th year with a CPA firm in Cincinnati. She is "frantically putting together policies and procedures for our office to go paperless for the upcoming tax season. Frankly, I am not sure if we can pull it off, but I am the one who is in charge of making sure everyone knows what to do and how to do it." Gally, we have no doubt it went swimmingly!

My one and only child, son Danny, happens to have type 1 diabetes, which was diagnosed when he was

almost ten. He is the strongest person I know—taking up to six shots a day. One day, he might want the insulin pump, but for now, he's happy and healthy. He's a 15-year-old freshman at Georgetown Prep and is co-captain of the freshman basketball team, with hopes to play lacrosse for the school in the spring.

I'm a dealer...in antiques, vintage and collectibles, part of co-op shop in Gaithersburg, Md., called the Emporium of Olde Towne. It is so great to be around seven other women, ranging in age from age 83 to 39. The beauty is that it is a small shop, so when I work, I'm the sole employee! Nice to be the boss somewhere!

So, if you are waiting to see your name in print, please e-mail the info, to me, or directly to the *Courier*. I've begged a few people to take over this job, but the pay stinks. Another option is to join Facebook and call it a day. As of 1/1/2010, there were 71 of us with accounts. The *Courier*, though, is a wonderful tradition and it's fun to read the back of the issue first, hoping someone we know is mentioned. Aren't we all very near the 50th....gulp.... birthday? Let us know if you have something to share.

'84

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**From Diane:** Happy New Year everyone! It is a cold January afternoon here in Grosse Pointe, Mich. Hopefully, when you will be reading this, spring will have started breaking out of its shell! Thanks to everyone who responded to my requests for information! Facebook definitely makes this job a lot easier!

I'll start first with the Reunion updates that were mailed to me this past summer!

**Kathleen Owens Sherlock** lives in Chicago with husband William. She is an attorney for the Stephan Company in Northfield, Ill.

**Clare Condon Engling** lives in Northfield, Ill., with husband Timothy

and their four children, Olivia, 10, Owen, 8, Emery 6, and Ambrose, 3. She is a distributor for Monavie.

**M.J. Cerroni Murnane** also lives in Northfield, Ill. M.J. and husband, Terry have three children. Molly, 19, attends the University of Vermont, Madeline is 13, and Joseph 8, just made his First Communion. It was great to see you at Reunion!

Another Chicago area alumna is **Jeanne Brown Morris**. Jeanne is a director in compliance for Takeda Global Research and Development in Lake Forest, Ill. Jeanne's personal triumph comes from raising a strong and happy family with her husband, Jim. Their children are Matthew, 19, Colleen, 16 and Emily, 11.

**Nancy Nungesser Cieszykowski** worked as a chemist for 17 years and is now the owner of Acoustical Ceiling Savers with husband Eugene. Their company cleans commercial ceilings. They enjoy being entrepreneurs! Their oldest daughter, Jeannette, attends Kansas State University and is in their architecture program. Their second daughter, Alana, 13, was adopted from Russia. Jeanne's favorite memories of Saint Mary's include the supportive professors, especially in Chemistry, and the personal and spiritual growth she experienced during her four years at Saint Mary's.

**Keevie McCarthy Bremhorst** writes, "Life is good! We have been blessed with a life that is artfully alive, filled with laughter and joy!" Keevie is the owner of Inspired Grounds, which supplies private label coffee, tea, and cocoa for business marketing tools and fundraisers. She is also a guest artist and teacher for Renaissance School for the Arts in Appleton, Wisc. Keevie and husband Randy ND '84 have three boys, Henry, 17, Hans, 14, and Jack, 10.

**Brenda McManus Brown** lives in Summit, N.J., with her husband, Tom, and four children: Lauren, 20, who is a junior at the College of St. Elizabeth; Tim, 18, a freshman at the College of New Jersey; Kate Lynn, 14, a freshman at Summit High School; and Michael, 12, a Summit Middle School 7th grader. "After being home with my kids for 17 years, I went back to work three years ago and have been teaching preschool classes at our local parish school, St. Teresa of Avila." Thanks for staying connected, Brenda!

**Jane Baecke Haedt's** quick note: "It is absolutely freezing in Iowa today. -6 as I am writing this. I know why bears hibernate! I had a great time at the reunion in June. All the girls look great, and no one would ever know that it has been 25 years since we graduated."

**Susan Van Etten** sent this update: I enjoyed tailgating with **Lynn McCarthy Frost** and **Anne Sheedy Seidel** at the Navy game this past fall. Lynn and Anne spent the night at the home of **Mary McEnery Harding**, who lives in South Bend, and we found out when we got home that **Maria Lopez Honan** was tailgating one aisle over from us. I have two wonderful children who go to the same high school that I attended, Marian Catholic in Chicago Heights. My daughter, Katie, is a junior. She is exploring college options and Saint Mary's is on her list of possibilities. My son, Jack, is a football star (not sure where he will end up), but it sure is fun to watch and dream as they grow up. Hope everyone is well...

**Trish Sigler** writes: The only thing I have to report is that after a fabulous reunion at Saint Mary's in June, in August, I got to celebrate my birthday in New York City with fellow alumnae **Barb Rafalko Reo**, **Karen D'Alessandro Engeman**, **Betsy Quinn**, and **Mary Maloney**. We had a wonderful dinner, and the next day Barb and I caught a Broadway show. It was one of my best birthdays ever!

**Kelle Dowling Enriquez** and husband Roland celebrated their 17th anniversary in November. They have two beautiful children: Ryan, 9, and Meggie, 6. They have lived in Boca Raton, Fla., for the last 13 years and love it there. Roland is a data warehousing consultant, and the kids are thriving in Montessori schools. Kelle did her 15 years in the corporate world, quit to start a family, and now has found her passion working with local children's charities. They recently visited her sister, **Kate Dowling Ferguson '82** and her family in Connecticut.

**Sandra Lynn Konesky Leone** writes: "I am finishing up a certificate in business administration at UC Irvine. Our only daughter, Samantha, is now a sophomore in high school and quite a singer and movie maker. I was recently trained and certified as a Dr. William Sears LEAN Coach—teaching workshops on raising healthy children. If you live or work in Orange County and want to hire me, look me up at [www.drsearslean.com](http://www.drsearslean.com). My husband, Anthony ND '76, '86, works for Boeing in Huntington Beach.

**Anne Marie Oberheu** writes: "Hello and Happy 2010! I was so disappointed I couldn't make reunion but will be there for the next one! **Beth Bradley Couch**, **Rosie Crowe Rowland**, **Julie Bidzinski Wang**, **Kathy Bice Brown**, and **Cassie Boehler Hanson** are all doing well and staying busy with their families, jobs, college kids, high

school graduations, and lots of other fun things. Tom and I have our teen and tween. Lauren is 15, and Caroline is soon to be 12. Tom stays busy with his law practice traveling back and forth to Chicago. I remain busy as one of the medical directors of BCBS of AL. My cool thing this year was I went to Panama on my first medical mission trip. We stayed in David (Daveed) and ran a clinic in the Chiriqui province for the Ngobe Indians."

**Lydia Locker** sent this quick note: "I am pleased to report I have accomplished national board certification as a teacher! This has been a rigorous project, and with prayers and fortitude it was achieved! I really enjoyed visiting with you and your posse at the reunion. Blessings in 2010 and beyond!

**Barb Mungovan Koch** wrote: "Life is good. We are blessed and healthy. My kids are 16 and 12. Drew is a Junior at Marmion Academy and attended a week-long advanced golf camp at Notre Dame with Coach Kubinski and select young men golfers from around the country. Daughter Abby has been a pitcher with the Naperville Diamonds Girls' Fast-Pitch Softball League for the past four years. I am working with a Homeland Security and Professional Security firm, based out of Washington, D.C., and am working with some true, national heroes. They are retired Navy Seals, Delta Force, Green Berets, and Army Rangers. Married to Jim for 23 years this May, and he still calls me 'Doll-face.' I am entirely blessed and still in contact with several of our Saint Mary's alumnae...**Annie Juckniess Corvino**, **Tracey Perry Arnone**, and **Ellen Dalton Patterson**, to name a few. Those ties do indeed bind us together, in love and in faith. Those smiles, those hearts, that kind of friendship, and love...it makes my heart sing!

**Angie Sleeper Helmstetter** in Arlington Heights writes: "Tom ND '82 and I are enjoying a year of celebrations! His parents celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in New Jersey with a party in August 2009. This coming year (2010) will be a year of milestones for the Helmstetters. Mary Elizabeth, 21, is a senior at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana. She will graduate in May 2010 with a degree in elementary education. Kathleen, 17, is busy with junior year at Buffalo Grove High School. Bridget, 8, is in second grade and is preparing for her First Holy Communion in May. And now, full circle. Tom and I are grateful for the blessings God has bestowed upon us as we look forward

to celebrating our 25th wedding anniversary in August 2010. These years have flown by, but we look back at our time at Saint Mary's and ND as a time of hard work (true) but also great memories and life-long friends!

Congrats to **Anne Archibald Deutsch** on finishing her third Chicago Marathon this past fall! Way to go, Annie.

I spoke with **Karen Wagner Lewis** before the Christmas holidays. Her

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**Anne D. Mullaney '78**, a partner with Thorp Reed & Armstrong, LLP, was named by the *Irish Voice Newspaper* and *Irish America Magazine* to the second annual "Irish Legal 100." This prestigious record, which includes past honorees such as Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy and Chief Justice John Roberts, recognizes lawyers from around the country who share a passion for the law and pride in their heritage. Mullaney was named for her distinguished reputation within the legal field and her connection to her Irish heritage. She participates in several Irish initiatives, serves on the board of the Pittsburgh Irish and Classical Theater, and is a member of the Ireland Institute.

**Patricia Dunleavy Watson '88** was appointed by Texas Governor Rick Perry to the Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities. The committee works to ensure that Texans with disabilities have full and equal access to lives of independence, productivity and self determination. Watson is an enterprise resiliency executive for Bank of America. She is executive sponsor of Bank of America's North Texas Disability Affinity Group and a member of the Lime Connect Board of Directors, a company that places people with disabilities in quality jobs throughout the country.

**Sarita Fritzler '08** is currently living in Zambia serving as a community health improvement volunteer for the United States Peace Corps. Over the next two years Fritzler will be indentifying various health issues in the community and improving the overall health of the community. Her main focus will be on educating the children about HIV/AIDS and sanitation standards.

**Margaret "Peggy" Hill '61** is producing David Mamet's drama *Race*, at the Ethel Barrymore Theatre, New York, N.Y.

**Lauren Martine Cangelosi '01** was recently promoted to Vice President of LCG Associates. Cangelosi has had eight years of experience in the industry. She began her career with LCG as a marketing analyst and is now responsible for managing and coordinating corporate communications, marketing and new business development efforts.

**Denise Mayley Coyle '75** retained her 16th District seat in New Jersey's General Assembly in the November election. The Republican's platform included revising the state budget and reducing state spending to prevent more constituents from moving out of the state. Coyle is completing her first term in the Assembly. Prior to her election to the Assembly, Coyle was a state assistant commissioner of banking and Mayor of Branchburg.

husband, Brett, just returned home from Afghanistan the Sunday before Christmas after spending three months there with the U.S. Army. He was happy to be back on U.S. soil! They live in Lawton, Okla. Their oldest son, Garrett, is a freshman at Texas A&M; younger son, Ryan, is still in high school.

**Diana Butler Buxton** in NYC resides on the Upper East Side and spends the majority of her weekends in Southampton with her eye surgeon husband, Douglas, and their dog, AJ, who they rescued from the NY Humane Society in June. She and Douglas will celebrate their five-year anniversary on March 19. She was a widow from her first marriage. She is Auntie Di to two nieces and eight nephews, and has seven godchildren—including godmother to **Brigid Donaher MacDonald's** son, Alex. Diana is an award-winning B2B marketer and currently heads global marketing for Capco, a financial services management and technology consulting firm. She was in **Mary Beth Reiling's** New Orleans wedding in Feb. 2004 and also spends time with **Amy Murray**, either at Amy's Berkeley restaurant, Venus, or when the Butler family gathers in Sebastopol for their annual Easter Pampas or attends the ND/Stanford football game. Diana loves all things social and attends a football game every fall—and still loves to tailgate like the good old days. She has really enjoyed re-connecting with all her SMC and ND friends on Facebook.

**Mary Graft** writes: "I'm living in Palatine, Ill., and left the corporate world to teach high school (in Huntley, Ill.) three years ago. I teach marketing and cooperative education to high school juniors and seniors and love it! I have just been honored with the Distinguished Educators Award by the United States Air Force, which entails a four-day VIP tour of two Air Force bases—a great opportunity and honor for a teacher! I also just completed my second master's - adding a MEd. to my MBA.

"2009 was a difficult year for my family and I. We lost my mother to non-hodgkins lymphoma on Sept. 11, 2009. She was a brave and courageous woman who fought this terrible disease for a year. I would like to thank all of you who sent beautiful notes and letters for your support! The power of friendship is amazing. **Anne Archibald Deutsch, Angie Sleeper Helmstetter** and **Janice Dwyer Wiggins** put their lives on hold and came to Michigan. I love all of you as true 'sisters.' My husband, Joe, was a pillar of strength for the past year! We

celebrated our 21st year of marriage in October. He has been employed with the City of Grosse Pointe Park for the last 21 years as a public safety officer. He is a dedicated officer of the law! Anne, Janice, and I managed to put together a quick trip to South Bend for the ND-UCONN game. It was fun to hang out with her husband, Doug, and their six children. It was our first real attempt at a tailgater in the tradition of Anne's mother, **Claire Archibald '49**. I hope we did her proud! Janice was recently sworn in as a charter member and member of the board of directors for the Cook County chapter of Lions Clubs International. Janice and her husband, Roger, are also very involved with the law enforcement community in the Chicago Area. Roger has a budding acting career. You can catch him in the movie *Public Enemies*.

Thanks to everyone for their updates! Hope 2010 is a happy and blessed year for all of you and your loved ones!

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**From Mary Fran:** Hello, classmates! **Teresa Keefe Konrad** is doing well in New York City. Teresa works as a writer and, with husband Scott, has three boys: Kevin, 16, Caleb, 13, and Ian, 10, plus a new puppy. Teresa writes, "I wanted to write to you about a mini SMC reunion we had in NYC the first weekend in March. **Marie Regan Hammond, Lisa Kelly Goodall, Sue McGinnis, Sara Ferlic Bonn, Patti Fallon Hennessey, and Michele Finger Balcerzak '87** all stayed at my place in Brooklyn for a fun girls' weekend. Our excuse for getting together was borne out of sadness:

Lisa's sister, Anita, passed away right before Christmas in 2008. None of us could go to the funeral, so we organized the girls' weekend. We had a blast! I don't think we went to bed before 3 a.m. any night. There was much laughter, reminiscing, and lots of catching up. Sue got us house seats to *Billy Elliott* on Saturday night. It was a great show and great fun."

I tracked down **Anne Cushing La Valle**. Anne lives in Clarendon Hills, a suburb of Chicago, with her husband, Al, and three children, Albert, 11, Andrew, 10, and Audrey, 7. Anne is a dentist and practiced for a number of years, but now she is home with her children. Anne and I were on the swim team together at Saint Mary's. Anne was always a strong distance swimmer, and she continues to swim. She competed in the Big Shoulders Swim in September 2009 in Lake Michigan. It was a 5K swim in the cold Lake Michigan waters, and she wisely wore a long-sleeved wet suit! Anne also competes in Olympic-distance triathlons most every year. This year she did a triathlon with her husband. Her kids have even done kid-version triathlons! Amazing! Anne said that one highlight for the year was celebrating both her parents' 80th birthdays in Forest Beach, Mich., with the whole family.

I also tracked down **Christine Boncosky Hunt**, who lives in nearby Hinsdale. Christine and her husband, Jeff, have two children, Sarah and Will, who both attend Fenwick High School. I spotted Christine crushing tennis balls at the nearby tennis club where we both play. She is an accomplished player! Christine started her own business called Snap 36, which does comprehensive spin photography for the Internet.

Christine says she visits with **Louise Holding Hummel** and family while they vacation at Lake Geneva over the summer. Louise, her husband, and children Natalie, Alexandra, Claudia, Elise, and Jack all live in Columbus, Ohio.

Christine says that **Stacy Dannacher Sullivan** and Jim live in Marblehead, near Boston. They have three sons: Robert, a freshman, Jack, a 7th grader, and James, a 5th grader.

**Kim Kaegi**, who works as a political fundraiser, was in town from Nashville. Kim and Christine went to the USC game this fall and had a blast together that weekend.

Finally, Christine reports that **Susie Karas Horstman** and Greg have a son, Matthew, and twins Natalie and Will. They live in the Washington, D.C.

area. Also in the Washington area are **Caroline Belin Murn**, husband Ed, and their three children. Chris said that most of these ladies made it to a girls' weekend in New York City last January 2009 for a fantastic weekend of fun. Thanks, Chris, for the updates.

**Kelly Portolese Murphy** and Marty ND '85 are busy in Western Springs, another Chicago suburb. Their children, Caroline, 11, Kevin, 9, and Ryan, 6, are all at St. John of the Cross School. Caroline, who plays a lot of soccer, enjoyed the Saint Mary's Fine Arts Camp this summer with **Maureen McCrory Longoria's** daughter, Emma. Kelly likes to run 5Ks here and there, and Marty, a real estate attorney, also runs—and just qualified for the Boston Marathon. Kelly said she participated in the Chicago Avon Walk for a few years and enjoyed walking with **Lisa Juscik Jones '91** and **Marie Koscielski Gerken '92**. Kelly's parents are still in South Bend, so the family enjoys staying with them and attending ND football games when the schedule allows.

**Suzy Avitabile Huschke** and Mark are on the college search and tour with daughter Elizabeth. Adrienne, 15, and Daniel, 12, are busy with sports, music, and Discovery Imagination teams. Suzy is teaching in Eden Prairie, Minn., and spent a week at an environmental/wilderness camp near Ely with seventh graders in October 2009. The family also enjoyed some canoeing excursions and family reunions.

**Marci Woods Kilpatrick** and Kevin ND '86 are on another adventure living in Cairo, Egypt! Kevin is a physician and is stationed there with the State Department. Their older two are in college: Conner is a sophomore at West Point, and Quinn is a freshman at Notre Dame. Eileen, a high school junior, Liam, an 8th grader, and Aidan, a 6th grader, are all in Cairo with Marci and Kevin. Once Marci has everyone organized, she is planning some family trips to explore the area. Marci's parents, Col. David and Eileen Woods, live in South Bend, so they can check on Quinn and also be a landing place for Marci and family during summer visits.

**KC McGrath Wollenberg** and Dan have been busy with sons Daniel, 12, Gavin, 10, and Luke, 8 in Lemont, Ill. The boys attend St. Alphonsis and St. Patrick School, and Dan helped start a football team there. KC, who helps out at the school, has cheered at many football games this year!

KC says that she and **Marikay Lindeman Klank** took a trip to stay with **Sheila Whalen** at her family's

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home on Cape Cod in May 2009. They all had a blast! Marikay lives in Winfield, Ill., with husband Jon and their sons, Jimmy, 9, and Jason, 8. Marikay works in Chicago as a vice president with Equity Office Properties. Sheila lives in Alexandria, Va., and is an EMC employee. KC says that Sheila's family's home is beautiful, and they enjoyed hanging out on the Cape together.

KC says that she loved watching her mother, **Peggy Broughton McGrath '59**, plan and enjoy her 50th Saint Mary's College reunion. KC told me of other classmates whose mothers are also in the Class of '59: **Cami Traffica Hurlbut**, **Barb Goldkamp Henry**, and **Marybeth Carvalho Dwyer**. How wonderful to share their Saint Mary's experience as a mother and daughter bond!

KC mentioned that **Paula Ballantine Waller** and Mark ND '85 moved from Hawaii to Naples, Italy. Mark is a Naval officer and they have been stationed in several locales. Both Hawaii and Naples sound fabulous! Daughters Katie, 16, Abbie, 14, and Devin, 9, are used to island living since their station before Hawaii was Guam. Thanks for all your updates, KC!

We had a rough fall with Catherine being hospitalized with pneumonia, but now she is doing well. Catherine, a freshman at Montini Catholic High School, is still Irish step dancing with Trinity Academy, and she even ran cross-country. Brendan, a junior, is on the golf team at Montini. Megan, a 7th grader at St. Joseph, is also Irish dancing and into volleyball and

basketball as well. Mike ND '84 and I are trying to keep one step ahead of it all! Our family got to attend a few ND football games this fall—always a fun time.

Send me an update soon. We'd love to hear from more classmates! God bless.

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**From MaryKay:** The business of life makes us all so busy, it seems. Even though I am now job-sharing (teaching three days per week), projects are still piled up in corners around the house. I find time for important things: writing, teaching my son how to drive (yikes!), and taking him abroad for spring break (again!).

I haven't heard from too many of our classmates, let alone found time to visit distant friends. Fortunately, **Anne Borgman** and I have had multiple opportunities to see one another as we are both becoming more involved with the LA Area Saint Mary's Alumnae Club. Anne continues to set her own schedule, juggling various marketing projects, but is thinking about settling into a more routine company job. I have also been fortunate enough to visit regularly with **Jamie Smith Taradash** during my trips back to Chicago. As her children are getting older and spending more time in school, Jamie, too, is excitedly venturing back into both graduate school (at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago) and work.

Those who have sent emails have universally declared that they haven't been doing too much. Their emails, however, belie their assertions. From Virginia, **Mary Ellen McKenna Dickson** wrote that she "doesn't have anything monumental to report." But she maintains a hectic schedule, as far as I can tell: "As for what we've done this year, scouts (Cub and Boy), sports, and more sports." She relates that four-year old Lizzie played "micro-kicks" soccer while Mom coached (despite knowing nothing about soccer). Seven-year old Kevin played soccer and joined Cub Scouts. Nine-year old Joe swims in the mornings and plays seasonal sports in the afternoon. And finally, Tim, 11, is a Boy Scout. In addition to managing a rigorous daily schedule, Mary Ellen managed to squeeze in a few annual family trips—to Florida and upstate

New York. The family is "settling into a new house," which they've been in for about two years. And, in memory of her mother (who passed away from cancer two years ago), Mary Ellen "organized our Cub Scout pack into a Relay for Life team." Sounds monumental enough for me!

**Rachel Durkin Drga** also argues, "I haven't really been up to much." Again, she sounds busy: "I'm still at the same place (although now the organization has a new name: Texas Performing Arts) where I'm now the assistant director for production and operations." Husband Todd works at the other major arts center in Austin. Work isn't the only thing on their plates, though. Rachel just finished serving as the co-chair and logistics coordinator for the first CureSearch Walk in Austin. "For our first walk, we raised over \$25K and are planning a bigger walk next year (scheduled for September 11, 2010)." Rachel became involved with the organization after her daughter, Maddie, was diagnosed with a rare liver cancer at age four; Maddie will celebrate her 5-year cancer-free anniversary on Feb. 1, 2010. Fantastic!

**Meaghan Farley Astrachan** didn't feel as if she had much news either, though living in New York seems newsworthy in and of itself. She relates, "I just finished writing and directing a new play, *The Spirit of the Ridge*, about the Lenape people, the indigenous Native Americans who lived in the New York City environs for thousands of years. We had excellent feedback from our production in November 2009 and have been invited by the Vernon

Historical Society as stewards of the Black Creek Site to come and perform there." Congratulations!

Furthest afield, in Northern Ireland, **Elizabeth Murphy** writes that she has been hosting a number of state-side visitors and touring them about the country, including County Clare, a destination we visited together in 2007. She continues to work in the arts "at the Belfast Theatre and doing little gigs with a couple of other organisations" (the British spelling of the word is hers!). With her background in development, though, Elizabeth has also been working with a group called DARE. Registered in Belfast, all of the work happens in Kenya. According to Elizabeth, "The mission is to help the local pastoralist community find alternative sources of income." She hopes to travel to Kenya at some point. She adds, "I am also moving forward with my idea to establish a peace centre here in south Armagh... called Grounds for Peace." I look forward to visiting it someday.

You may be of the opinion that "nothing much" is happening in your lives. Rest assured, you are doing more than you realize. And we all would love to hear from you. **MaryKay Scheid**, marykay\_scheid@yahoo.com

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**From Patsy:** It is hard to believe that we are all turning 40, but let the celebrations begin... and on with the news:

In 2002, **Jennifer Jalovec** left her promotions/marketing job at *Bon Appetit* magazine in New York City to switch careers and work in humanitarian/post-conflict aid. After taking some time off and traveling around the world, she became a Peace Corps volunteer in Guinea, West Africa for two years. After the Peace Corps, Jennifer began a new career in aid work. She managed refugee and IDP programs for the American Refugee Committee in Liberia and in upcountry Uganda, and was the deputy country program director with Oxfam in East Timor. Jennifer's contract ended at the end of 2009, and she was ready for some much-needed time off before the next contract begins... wherever in the world that may be.

**Karen Jurgenson Wright** and Aaron welcomed their second son, Logan Jacob, on Aug. 30, 2007. While being busy taking care of Logan and his brother Aidan, 5, Karen also works part-time from home for TransUnion. The Wright family lives in a southern suburb of Chicago. In the summer of 2009, Karen visited **Lynn Pfeffer Backner**. The Backner family lives outside Providence, R.I. Lynn and Jim have two sons: Brady, 3, and Ryan, 1. It was a wonderful visit that concluded with a very rainy but incredibly fun Jimmy Buffett concert. During the visit, Karen and Lynn realized that, between the two of them and their other senior-year roommates, **Sarah Goy Quinn** and **Beth Seymour Zuchelkowski**, they have nine sons and no daughters. Apparently none of them will have a daughter to follow in their Saint Mary's footsteps.

In July 2009, **Kelly Inman's** father sold his Detroit home and moved to Indianapolis. He is currently living with Kelly and her partner, Des. Des continues to work as a nurse at Spring Mill Meadows, and Kelly is working as a PDS analyst for LifeMasters Supported SelfCare. Kelly and Des recently welcomed a rescued Pug named Bugsy to their menagerie of animals.

**Alicia Higgins Kinane** has been teaching art for 11 years. Alicia also keeps busy making artwork and planning for her art show early this year. Alicia and Tom are celebrating their 18th wedding anniversary in 2010. Tom recently celebrated 10 years as the director of technology for a school district. Their son Henry, 16, is a junior in high school. He is on the varsity swim team and varsity drill team, and is looking at colleges. Cecelia, 13, is in the 7th grade and is busy with swimming, babysitting, and school.

**Greer Gilliland Stasko** and Mark recently celebrated their 15th anniversary. They lived in Reston, Va., for three years before moving back to Pittsburgh in 1998. Greer keeps busy as a kindergarten aide at her children's school and running the youth soccer program—anyone surprised? She still plays sports, mostly with her three boys, ages 11, 9, and 7. Greer visited with **Katie Greter Rice** in summer 2009 while in the Outer Banks. She also keeps up with **MK Larsen Moscaredelli**.

**Brenda Oaks Craft** returned to work after staying home for five years with her girls. She is at Alerus Financial in Fargo, N.D., in the consumer credit division, for which I am an underwriter.

**Heather McLeod Sullivan** is working part-time as a labor and delivery RN at Abbott Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis, Minn. Heather

and Pat live in Edina with their three kids: Margaret, 9, Joey, 7, and Sean, 2.

**Ann Balint Davidson** passed along the wonderful news that she and Sean were married on June 20, 2009. Sean is attending an accelerated business program at Bethel College and works in sales. Ann has two daughters: Sophia, 9, and Lucy, 4. In November 2008, she joined EXIT Real Estate of Michiana as an associate broker. Ann and her family live in Granger, Ind.

**Lisa Ward Kojis** and her family recently moved from Austin, Texas, to Columbus, Ohio. Lisa manages PrincetonOne (executive search) in Columbus. Her daughter, Katrina, 4, is very happy to be back in the Midwest and closer to family.

**Frannie Cappelleri Besztery** and Mark welcomed Francesca Grace on Oct. 30, 2009. Francesca joins older brother Salvatore, 5, and Benjamin, 3.

**Michelle Filar Turk** and Doug welcomed their third son, Graham, on Dec. 2, 2009. In September 2009, the Turk family moved to Greenwich, Conn. They are now planning on moving back to Los Angeles in the spring/summer of 2010. The NYC weather just can't compare to the west coast. Michelle shared the news that **Becky McMahon Ronan** and Mike welcomed their second baby girl, Francesca, on Sept. 30, 2009. On a sadder note, Michelle also passed along the news that the father of **Liz Pope** passed away in late Sept. 2009. He was a wonderful man, and they had a beautiful service for him. In addition to Michelle, **Kerry Claire Barry**, **Maria Blohm Ellis**, **Maira Sullivan Borkovec**, and **Vickie Chudzynski Gits** all attended the funeral service. Please keep Liz and her family in your prayers.

**Jennifer Kacarab Holloran** visited **Susie Tobin Cernugel** and her family at their new house in late November 2009. Jennifer's daughters—Meghan, 7, and Madison, 4—had a great time playing in the big backyard with Susie's children. Jennifer also was able to see **Kristen Carlson Morin** and Mike at their house in South Bend. The Holloran family was driving to Ohio to spend Thanksgiving with family and made a stop in South Bend to see the Morins and Saint Mary's. The two families enjoyed Bruno's pizza while watching all the children play.

**Lisa McConnell Orsinelli** and her family rented an RV and took all of the kids to South Bend for the ND/USC game. Meeting them at the campground was **Amy Rushin Kolar** and her family, who drove an RV from Minnesota. **Julie Scully Tucek** and her family drove down from Chicago and met all of them at the RVs on Saturday to tailgate for the day.

Between the three of them, there were ten kids ranging in age from 10 to 3, running around playing as if they saw each other every day. It was a great weekend, and they are all hoping to do it again this year. Lisa, Amy, and Julie are in the midst of planning their annual girls' weekend to celebrate the big 40. They will head to warm and sunny Mexico instead of their usual spot at Kohler Waters Spa in Wisconsin.

**Annie Hartzel Olsen** and Chris welcomed Andrew James on Sept. 28, 2009. Big sister Maria could not be happier!

## '94

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**From the Courier Office: Kate Walsh** writes: I was recently married to Patrick Hennessy on June 6 in Chicago, Ill. We had a wonderful wedding in Chicago and are now both living in the South Loop in downtown Chicago. Things are going well in Chicago, where I've been working for Fidelity Investments for the past ten years. I hope that everyone is doing well!

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**From Julie:** Hello again to the Class of '96! I don't have too much news to report this time, so the update will be short and sweet, but it's definitely full of good news! It looks, though, as if the new crop of future Belles will have to wait a while... here come the boys!

**Paulette Raczowski Baz** gave birth to Paul David Baz on Sept. 21, 2009. He was named after mom and dad, who are very proud parents! Additionally, their daughter, Alyssa '13, is a first-year student at Saint Mary's majoring in Spanish and education, and continuing the family tradition of living in Holy Cross, where Paulette lived all four years.

**Sheila Doran Shane** and husband Patrick ND '96 welcomed their fifth child on Nov. 10, 2009. Thomas Patrick Shane has created a lot of excitement among siblings Reilly and Claire, 5, Maggie, 3, and Brigid, 2. **Ellen Sanders Reed's** son, Robbie, celebrated his ten-month birthday and Halloween as the

cutest little monkey. He's growing big and crawling everywhere—prepping for the Marines, as Ellen says. Ellen and her husband, Steve, have also broken him in to the Sanders' tradition of Florida suntans after a winter vacation to Florida. **Victoria Palk Cassidy** gave birth to her son, Aaron Patrick, on Nov. 2, 2009. He joins big sister Caitlyn Rose, 3, and proud daddy, Patrick.

**Megan Bruchas Brunson** sent the following update: "**Kelly Kilmer Mullagh** moved with her family in July from Canada to Colorado Springs. Shortly after the move, she decided to take a break and come to Frisco, Texas, to visit me. She brought her daughter, Abby, 1, and let Daddy and son Ben be together for some quality time. My family (Maddy, 6, and Sam, 2) and I welcomed them with open arms and showed them lots of Texas hospitality. I am still working as an RN in the CVICU at Medical City but now am also an AACN chapter advisor for all of Texas and Oklahoma.

"While continuing to work on my Ph.D., I managed to find time to reunite with some fellow classmates last fall and winter. **Simone Barber Vecchio** and our friend Lucy Lopez ND '96 met up for the ND/Nevada game to kick off football season. A few weeks later, I joined **Madeline Wahl '97** and **Beth Luedtke Petrie** to cheer on the Irish at the Purdue game. I was lucky enough to see Simone and Maddie again later, as well as **Clare Heekin Lynch**, when I made a trip to Pittsburgh in December to celebrate my birthday with great friends. Maddie and I then continued the celebration by traveling to Maryland, just outside of Washington, D.C., to visit Beth for New Year's. Beth and her family (husband Chris and daughters Kaitlin, 7, and Madeline, 5) recently moved to Crofton, Md., after Beth received another promotion with the FBI. I'm happy to report that the whole Petrie family has settled well into their new home. The girls have grown up so much since the last time we saw them (four years ago!). In news of other visits, another former roommate of mine, **Stacia Stornetta Morabito**, traveled to Jacksonville, Fla., last year to visit **Chace Caven** and **Laura Boeckman Cauley**. Stacia excitedly told me all about Laura's triplets, who are so much fun!"

There you go, that's all the news to report for now. I hope that everyone is doing well and continues to have much love and happiness in their lives!

**From the Courier Office: Anne Hurley Larkin** writes: "Todd ND '95 and I continue to live in Valparaiso, Ind. He is working at the University of Chicago, and I am a stay-at-home mom. Our oldest, Finn, 7, is in 1st grade. He is our

little genius. He is in his own gifted program and took his first college course at Purdue University last year. Kieran, 4, is in preschool and loves life and everyone in it. Liam, 2, has to stay home with me one more year before he can start preschool.

'98

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Happy 2010 to all the '98 Belles! I hope that the new year brings much joy and happiness to all of you. I continue to coordinate travel in Italy through Grazie Italia. I still love sharing Italy with others, and it still doesn't feel like I work, so I guess that's a good sign. Though Italy will always be our mainstay, and our true passion, this year we are also introducing our first USA destination ... Napa and Sonoma, Calif. It has been a fun challenge creating Grazie Italia's DiVino Experience ... and the wine isn't half bad, either.

**Kristin Liptak Williams** and her husband, Ryan, welcomed their third baby this past Oct. 19: a little girl, Lexi Grace. Older siblings Katie and Jake love their new baby sister. The Williams family also moved to Twinsburg, Ohio, and Kristin is enjoying her time off from teaching and being home with her children.

**Carrie Koontz** married Aaron Gaines in South Bend on Sept. 12, 2009. They honeymooned in London, Paris, and Rome. They plan to remain in South Bend with their dog, Coco, and cat, Maceo. Carrie is practicing law, and Aaron does title and investigative research.

**Tabitha Reid Sobel** and husband Christopher announce the birth of their first child, Gunnar Bradley Eden, born on May 29, 2009.

**Sara Pluta Gibson** and her husband, Josh, welcomed Amelia Simone Gibson to the world on Oct. 31, 2009. All are doing well, and they hope she agrees to be a Belle—Class of 2031. Sara is still happily with Miriam's Kitchen as director of development.

**Jennifer Nelson Bojarski** and husband Ted welcomed a baby girl on March 26, 2009: Ava Grace Bojarski.

Jeff and **Laura Meyers Malec** had a baby boy, Connor Jeffrey Malec, on Feb. 17, 2009. All is well—they're loving every minute of it!

**Audrey Miller Price** has moved from Massachusetts to Hood River, Ore.

**Rebecca Jacobs Dempsey** and husband Brad welcomed a son, Daniel Patrick Dempsey, on Sept. 25, 2009. Big

sister Maggie, 2, is loving him and also loves her preschool. Rebecca works at Prentice/Northwestern Memorial as an antepartum/postpartum RN.

**Tara Mooney** and her husband, Joseph Thelin, had a baby girl, Mia Grace Thelin, on Aug. 5, 2009.

**Natalia Trevino-Mariscal** and husband Hugo had a little girl, future Belle, on Sept. 15, 2009. Lucia Cristina Mariscal was welcomed by brother Mattheus with open arms!

**Rachel Torres Bell** and husband Dave had a baby girl, Madeline Baird Bell, on June 20, 2009. She came 10 days early! Fellow Saint Mary's alumna **Laura Zurcher** is Madeline's godmother, and they were happy she was able to come to San Antonio to visit with **Mandy Strauss** this summer. Dave took a job as the pulmonary program director for SAMMC (San Antonio Military Medical Center, a combined program with Army/Air Force hospitals), which means that the Bell Family will be in San Antonio for about five more years. Rachel is glad to keep freelancing, which gives her flexibility to stay home but keep as busy as she'd like with work.

**Genevieve Morrill** spent 2009 looking at every available house in Chicago. She and Nathan are planning to close on a great flat in Wicker Park in January 2010—finally, an actual guest room! They spent two weeks in Italy in November 2009 and experienced the 800th anniversary of the recognition of the Franciscan order in Assisi, Thanksgiving in Florence, and flooded streets in Venice.

**Christine Skripka Nitz** and husband welcomed their second son, Zachary James Nitz, born May 24, 2009.

**Amanda Langenberg Roberts** and husband Erik ND '98 continue to reside in Maryland. After three girls, they welcomed a baby boy, Will Jackson, to the family on July 10, 2009. Big sisters Ella, Lily, and Anna love him immensely, and he will surely be well taken care of! Amanda is very much enjoying her job at home with the girls and Will. Ella is in kindergarten this year and keeping busy with the year-round swim team and pre-team gymnastics. Lily is in preschool and loves it, along with being in a select gymnastics class. Anna is also in gymnastics, and Will enjoys watching his big sisters and nursing!

**Kelly Powers** married Britt Chandler in Lexington, Ky., in May 2008. In May 2009, they welcomed their first child, Thomas Frank. What a great anniversary present, as their son was born the week of their first wedding anniversary!

**Sarah Reynolds Andalon** and husband Luis welcomed a daughter, Maria Grace, in June 2009.

**Stephanie Pasas Farmer** and husband Shawn welcomed their second child, Eva Marion, born on Aug. 6, 2009. Stephanie continues to work as a research scientist at Galleon Pharmaceuticals in Horsham, Penn.

**From the Courier Office: Lisa Bonk Roth** writes that she and husband Ron are proud to announce the arrival of their son, Evan Lawrence. Little Evan was born on Oct. 2, 2009.

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**From Nicole:** Hello, Saint Mary's Class of 2000! Can you believe that our TEN-YEAR REUNION is coming up in June?! I can't! It feels as if it was only yesterday that I was walking down the Avenue, looking at all the beautiful leaves changing on the tree-lined entrance. Great times were had during our four years there, and I really do hope to see you in June, ready to re-live those great times and create new memories!

So, on with the news...

**Vanessa Quatman Damschroder** wrote this update: "On Aug. 1, 2009, **Kathy Heron** married Benjamin Pinciotti at St. Anthony's Church in Columbus, Ohio. Refusing to succumb to the title "matron," Kathy's sister, Christine Harsh, served as "Lady of Honor." Kathy asked her Saint Mary's friends **Katie Goolsby Flavin**, **Marcy Wojan**, **Mary Rodovich Falvey**, and **Vanessa Quatman Damschroder** to join her during the ceremony for a special devotion to Mary during the Ave Maria. It was an honor to celebrate our Mother Mary, Kathy's nuptials, and our Saint Mary's friendships. Kathy and Ben honeymooned in Kauai, Hawaii!" Congratulations to Kathy and Ben!

I received a lot of baby news for this edition and it begins with **Bridget Heffernan Labutta**: "My husband, Bryan Labutta ND '00, and I welcomed our first baby, Owen Thomas, on April

## 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 Alumnae Relations Office know. You may also email [alumnae@saintmarys.edu](mailto:alumnae@saintmarys.edu) or call (574) 284-4578.



1, 2009. We are still living in Orlando, Fla., enjoying the sunny weather, but making several trips up north so Owen can visit his extended family!"

**Emily Cardinali Cormier** reports that she and her husband, Ken, welcomed their first baby on Jan. 21, 2009: Theodore Milo. Emily is still in the process of getting her Ph.D. in English at the University of Connecticut. Happy first birthday, Theodore!

**Andrea Chlebek Robinson** and husband Kevin ND '00 welcomed their second baby, Colin William Robinson, on Oct. 4, 2009, in London, England.

Here in the states, **Katie Kennedy McLean** also welcomed a second child: "Madeline Anne McLean joined our family on May 10, 2009 (a wonderful Mother's Day present)! She joins older sister, Morgan, 4. We're so blessed to have a wonderful family. I hope to make it to reunion!"

**Julie Hamilton** had this news to share: "**Erin Donnelly Deschene** and her husband, Sean ND '00, welcomed a son, Daniel Deschene, on Dec. 8, 2008. They also have a son, Michael, who was born on Sept. 11, 2007." In her own news, Julie continues: "I received my master's in social work from Indiana University in May of 2009. Also, I married my husband on Dec. 20, 2008, in Bloomington, Ind. I work at CICOA, as a social worker who cares for children and adults with disabilities."

In marriage news, **Julie Wall** reports: "I was married on Sept. 12, 2009, to Juan Carlos "JC" Orozco. We had a beautiful seaside destination wedding on Sand Key in Clearwater Beach, Fla. My sister, **Amy Wall '03**, was my maid of honor. **Jamie Humbert Sweis** and **Michele Munier** were bridesmaids. My step-sister, **Tracy Hollingsworth-Colunga '97**, gave a scripture reading at the ceremony. Also making it to Florida for the big day was classmate **Stephanie Leichtle Laubacker**. It was a wonderful wedding weekend with lots of time well spent with friends and loved ones. JC and I will always treasure the memories. Life is good! I'm training to run a second half-marathon this fall and just feeling very blessed for

our good health, our family, and our friends.

"I am currently working for Regus, the world's largest executive office suite provider, as a general manager in Atlanta. JC and I have a home in nearby Kennesaw, Ga. I am also excited to share the news that **Michele Munier** was recently married to Tim Laurer in Michigan in November. Best wishes to her!

"I'm really looking forward to catching up with all classmates who can make it to our 10-year reunion in June and also want to remind everyone in our class to make a contribution to the Reunion Scholars Campaign, no matter how big or small. Our class is aiming for a 100% participation rate this year! Thanks!"

**Kimberly Langlois** updates us on her travels: "After 6 1/2 years living in Brussels, Belgium, I have finally moved back to the U.S. I purchased a home in October in Gurnee, Ill., and continue to work for Baxter Healthcare in Vernon Hills, Ill." Welcome back Kimberly! We hope to hear of great things that happen to you in Gurnee!

To update you on some more travels, I traveled to South Bend in November for an ND football game. I met **Molly A. McHugh** at **Jennifer Hanichak Farrell's** house, and we went to the game together. Molly traveled from Chicago, where she is still living and working. Jennifer, her husband, Brian, and their son, Brady, are in South Bend. Jennifer teaches first grade at St. Bavo's. That following Sunday, the three of us traveled to Garrett, Ind., where **Christine Farrell Diederich** and her husband, Tony, live. Christine and Tony welcomed their first child on Oct. 8, 2009: Connor Anthony. We were able to visit with the new baby and catch up with each other.

I DO hope to see you in June for the reunion! Remember, too, to make that contribution to the Reunion Scholars Campaign—every little bit helps! Remember the great times you had at Saint Mary's, and give someone else that chance that you had. And, as always, if you are in town or around, or want to come visit, give me a call

or send me an email—I would love to get together with you! Take care and Happy 2010!

**From the Courier Office: Mary DeKeever** writes: "I have had an exciting few years! In the spring of 2009, I taught an education course for the second time at Saint Mary's. It was such a rewarding and fun experience to come back to my *alma mater*. Then, on Aug. 1, 2009, in Granger, Ind., I married Frank Murphy. We now live in Greenfield, Ind. **Helen Yearwood** was my maid of honor, and **Katharine Burns** was a bridesmaid. Also in attendance from the Class of 2000 were **Laura Carroll DeBolt**, **Merideth Williamson Drudge**, and **Kimber Podemski Stone**. A great time was had by all!

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**From Lori:** Greetings, fellow '02-ers! As the first of our updates to appear in 2010, this serves as our 2009 re-cap. The last year of the previous decade proved to be a busy one for our class, as it included much movement, growth, and change for many of us.

For example, **Beth Miller** reports from Gastonia, N.C., where she currently is in her fifth year as a middle school counselor at WC Friday Middle School in Dallas, N.C. "I love my job and love the weather down here in North Carolina," she exclaims.

**Mary Schmaltz-Combs** earned her M.A. in history and completed her army service after five years as an Arabic linguist. "I began working for Harding Security Associates (HSA) in Charlottesville, Va., as a biometrics intelligence analyst," she says. Currently, Mary works for HSA in a counter-explosives task force in Baghdad, Iraq; however, soon she will accept a commission as a 2LT in the Army Reserves.

Also on the move, **Melissa Whalen** moved to a new apartment in

Manhattan back in August in pursuit of her Ph.D. in English Literature at Fordham. "I'm finally starting my dissertation! In November, I gave a paper at the International Conference on Romanticism, held at CUNY."

**Erin McGarry** wrote "I bought a house in Davenport, Iowa, in November. It was quite exciting to purchase my first home!" Erin is still working for LinguSystems, a small publisher for speech and language therapy materials. She researches various topics related to evidence-based practice in speech pathology.

**Sarah Chadoir-Alden** was sworn in to the Michigan bar in November. She is now admitted to practice in three states. Currently, Sarah is an associate at Gockerman, Wilson, Saylor & Hesslin, PC in Manistee. She focuses mainly on real estate, municipal, and health care law.

After three years in Detroit, **Jane Kulm-Krivickas** and her husband, Paul, are pleased to have returned "home" to the Chicago-land area. They just purchased their first home in Wilmette, Ill., and, Jane reports, "are staying incredibly busy with painting and decorating." Jane has taken a position with Rush University Medical Center in Chicago.

Also in the Chicagoland area, **Maria Pilar Paulick-Clark** continues to expand the reach of Cosmotot, her original column for *ChicagoParent.com* and *Chicago Baby* magazine. Stylish baby goods, select products and services for parents, and celebrity interviews are featured. Maria's role as social media brand representative for Ogilvy Public Relations Worldwide client VTech continues to grow as she spearheads consumer outreach initiatives. She also is national baby and toddler gear examiner for *Examiner.com* and a contributor to *Mommy Tracked*. Kidlets William Mateo and Winter Elena are growing by leaps and bounds. Together with husband Jeff, all continue to read/bake/play/sing/dance/travel as a family.

All the way in Sonoma, Calif., **Julia Libecap** reports that she is living and working at Hanna Boys Center, a Catholic non-profit that rehabilitates emotionally and behaviorally troubled teenage boys. "I've been out here for three years and love it," she exclaims. "My Saint Mary's roommate, **Ann Marie Dennany-Keeler**, and her husband, Brian, came out to visit last fall. We had a blast hitting the redwoods, wineries, and the city."

While some '02-ers were on the move, a few made the move. For example, **Mary Claire Hathaway** married Steve Elmer on June 20, 2009.

"It was a beautiful summer day in downtown Detroit," Mary Claire recalls of her wedding day. The newlyweds own and operate an advertising and public relations agency called Tipping Point located in Rochester, Mich.

**Brittany Kovach** is pleased to report that she and Jim Moran ND '03 were married on June 27, 2009, at Saint Francis Xavier Church in LaGrange, Ill. There was a large ND contingent present, and fellow Saint Mary's alums included **Meg Sullivan Hatton '01**, **Heather Sklenar Johns '01**, and **Lynne DeLong Stokke '01**.

On July 11, 2009, **Ellen Higgins Reilander** married Luke Reilander at Saint Patrick's Church in South Bend, Ind. "My sister, **Claire Higgins '05**, served as maid of honor, while **Erin Schenz Campbell** and **Emily Storer Perkins '03** stood as bridesmaids," Ellen writes. **Breighan Brown** coordinated the music for the nuptial Mass, while **Melissa Whalen** and **Sarah Hoshaw** were among the Saint Mary's graduates in attendance. "We had our reception at Saint Mary's, and the perfect July weather made it easy for our guests to wander around campus and discover how beautiful Saint Mary's is," she adds.

And as the saying goes, first comes love, then comes marriage then...

**Colleen Collins Marrs** missed the last update to announce the birth of her second baby, Benjamin Lawrence, on Feb. 16, 2008. "Ben was welcomed by big brother, Jason, now 4," she writes. "I am still working for Adolph Kiefer and Associates as the national retail supervisor. And, in November of 2008, my husband, Dahx Marrs ND '02, founded Techniqol Consulting, which has been an exciting success for us all!"

**Carri Cuellar Gibson** and husband Jeremy welcomed their second daughter, Peyton Lillian, on Aug. 24, 2008. Carri currently is working on her master's degree for marriage and family therapy while residing in Washington State.

**Kimberly Pitsch Williams** and her husband, Brandon, announce the birth of their third daughter, Leah Jane, on Feb. 17, 2009. "Older sisters Megan, 5, and Alison, 3, have been wonderful big helpers and LOVE their little sister," Kimberly reports. Kimberly also notes that she is working as a senior financial accountant at Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services in Grand Rapids, Mich.

**Marie Sordelet Lytle** and husband Brian welcomed their second child, Colin James, on May 30, 2009. Big sister, Isabella "Bella," turned 2 on Sept. 6 of this year.

**Nicole Pratte** married Todd Walter on June 11, 2005. The couple lives in

Columbus, Ohio, where Nicole is a school psychologist and Todd is an attorney. On May 14, 2009, the Walters joyfully welcomed a baby girl, Mia Kathryn Walter.

**Robin Hunter Mikolajczak** and her husband send notice of the birth of their second daughter, Emily Frances, in June. "I am also moving jobs and leaving US Steel after eight years," Robin writes. "I'll be working in HR and Compensation at PNC headquarters here in Pittsburgh." The Mikolajczaks also report that they are in the process of building a new house.

**Gina Caponi Parnaby** and her husband, Gary, welcomed their second child, William Robert Redelle Parnaby, on June 29, 2009. "Seventeen days later, our daughter Elizabeth turned 1, so needless to say, things are very busy right now around our house!" Gina continues to teach full-time at Marist School in Atlanta and coordinate the school's Shakespeare competition.

**Jolie LeBeau Fair** got a bit of a surprise when her third son, Hudson James, was born on Aug. 22, 2009—a month early. Little Hudson joins his big brothers, Jackson, 6, and Jude, 4.

**Katie Miller Quinn** and husband Sean welcomed a son, Patrick Joseph Quinn, into the world on Sept. 11, 2009. "He was a little peanut weighing in at 6 lbs 3 oz. We are happy to report that he is a very healthy, happy baby," Katie notes.

**Ann Marie Dennany Keeler** and husband Brian welcomed their first child Dec. 19, 2009. Alexandra Dea was born seven years to the day after her parents' first date, and just in time for Christmas.

And, finally, forget about Santa! This year it was the stork that visited the home of **Sunny O'Brien Shaw** and husband Nick. The happy parents welcomed their third cutie, Emily Anne, into their family on Christmas Eve. Emily was received with smiles and hugs from big sister Ashely, 4, and big brother Vinny, 2.

It was a fun and eventful 2009 for us 2002 Belles. Best of luck to each of you as we make our way into 2010. As your great news occurs throughout the year, certainly send it my way. I'll be sure to include it in the fall 2010 edition!

**From Katie Corsentino Newberger:** Hello, ladies! I hope that 2010 is off to a great start for everyone, and that 2009 was filled with much joy and good cheer! I would like to start off by telling everyone that this will be my last submission as our class reporter. Since 2002, I've truly enjoyed keeping track of all our classmates' noteworthy accomplishments and

exciting endeavors in life. What an incredible group of women we had the privilege of graduating with eight years ago! It's now time to pass the torch to another amazing classmate of ours, **Katie O'Connell**. I'm sure that she will do an even better job of chronicling all of our life updates. Thank you, Katie, for sharing this job with Lori.

Ok, now on to the updates. **Mary Nolan Crawford** and her husband, Bill ND '01, welcomed their first baby boy, William "Will" Joseph, into the world on Sept. 11, 2009. Will arrived just one day before Mary's 30th birthday and was the best birthday gift she could have asked for. Mary is taking a break from her nursing career to enjoy staying home with her newest addition.

**Lauren Bossy Caruso** and her husband, Peter, also have a new addition to their family. Honour McNamara was born in Chicago on Nov. 19, 2009, and has brought the new parents more joy and happiness than they could have ever imagined! Lauren is already looking forward to bringing Honour to orientation at Saint Mary's in 2027 (now that's a year we've never thought about!)

On Oct. 10, 2009, **Sara Duffy** married Joe Pensinger at Saint Clement's Church in Chicago. Sara's bridal party included Class of 2002 members **Marie Sordelet Lytle**, **Lauren Macchia Solberg**, **Lindsey Cotter Mackenzie**, and **CC Cronley Sumner**.

**Callie Kuhen Hamilton** and her husband, Jack, have been keeping busy in California with their three children: Kuhen, 6, Dylan, 3, and Keaton, 1. Callie started 2010 by completing her first half-marathon! She ran the half in 2:07 hrs, assisted in the last four miles by AC/DC on her iPod. She says she caught the "running bug" and has plans to run more half-marathons this year.

**Jessica Klink** received her national board certification in Literacy: Reading-Language Arts/Early and Middle Childhood. Certification is part of the growing education reform movement that is advancing student learning, improving teaching, and making schools better. Teachers who achieve national board certification have met high standards through study, expert evaluation, self-assessment, and peer review. Jessica is the first teacher at Alcott Elementary School in Lincoln Park to achieve this certification. She is also proud to report that Alcott was also ranked one of the top-25 Chicago public schools.

As for me, I was promoted to senior project director at Ipsos in October of last year. I continue to work in our marketing division on custom market

research studies for two major CPG manufacturers. I love my work at Ipsos and am looking forward to continuing to grow my career at the organization. I'm also down to the final few classes at Kellogg and will be done with my MBA by early next year. Kellogg has been an incredible journey, but I'm looking forward to having my free time back!

**From the Courier Office: Liz Kocourek Dunleavy** and her husband, Brian, are thrilled to announce the arrival of their beautiful and healthy little girl, Claire Elizabeth Dunleavy, born Sept. 8, 2009. "We hope that Claire is the first of many. I am now a full-time stay-at-home mom and couldn't be happier! We are still living in Greenwich, Conn., but frequent New York City often to catch up with friends. I've started a new mothers' group in my area and am having a blast with it. I can't believe that I've become one of the stroller-stride 'mall walkers' in the dead of winter!"

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**From Kathryn:** I hope that everyone is enjoying 2010! Here are a few updates from the Class of 2004. **Becca Doll** has moved from Chicago to Los Angeles, where she is working on her master's in library studies, specializing in costume archiving, at UCLA. **Amy Downs Latta** and her husband, Dave, were recently informed that Dave, who is in the Navy, would be transferred from Connecticut to Guam! When Amy wrote me in January, she and Dave were busy preparing to move by the end of February. I was busy in January trying to figure out a way to escape the Pennsylvania cold to go visit Amy and Dave at their new, warm home!

Actually, I was making a job move as well. In February, I finished my clerkship in the federal court in Pittsburgh and accepted a position as an associate attorney at the law firm of Campbell and Levine, LLC. I really enjoyed my position in the court and had the opportunity to work with two really wonderful Saint Mary's women. I learned so much about the legal profession from the Honorable **Nora**

## Class Clips



Three Saint Mary's women are putting their spirits of service and education to use in Honduras. At the Centro Escolar Santa Clara, Natalie Beck '09 (left) assisted with the organization's office work during the summer months and Maria Balata '08 (center) served as a volunteer 2nd grade teacher for a year after graduation. Annie Cashore Borjas '04 is the principal of the school in Honduras.

**Barry Fischer '73.** Also, in leaving the court, I finally left **Carey Batz '05.** After Saint Mary's, Carey and I attended Duquesne Law School together, interned together in the federal court, and then worked together for a year and half in court as law clerks after graduating. Our offices are still only a few blocks away from one another, though, so she will never really be rid of me!

Thanks for continuing to send me your updates! I know that there are many exciting events coming up for many people, so please don't forget to e-mail me your updates!

**From the Courier Office:** **Laura Coristin** writes to share the news of her marriage to Cliff Shimer on April 17, 2009. "Matron of honor was my sister, **Michelle Coristin Wiechkoske '07.** Also in the wedding party were **Maren Palmer-Campbell Novotney '04, Kathleen Reinke '04, Erica Antonucci '07,** and Andrew Wiechkoske ND '07."

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**From Mary:** Hello, Class of '06! It has been far too long since I submitted any news, but I'm hoping to get a jump on a resolution to keep in touch with our accomplished class. It has been an eventful few years for us all since I last reported. Personally, I graduated from Loyola University Chicago School of Law in May 2009 and, with mentor **Barbara O'Toole '59** in attendance, was admitted to the Illinois Bar in November 2009. I was fortunate to get back to campus in October 2009 with **Meghan Cassidy** for the ND football game against Boston College. **Kimberly Tayner** also graduated from law school this past spring and married Evan Sauer on Sept. 9, 2009. They currently reside in Chicago with their puppy, Lucy. Kimberly is working on an LL.M in health law at Loyola University Chicago. **Jennifer Mayer** is teaching Air Force ROTC at the University of Maryland at College Park and is working towards a degree in forensic psychology.

**Lauren Wendel** is working towards dual master's degrees in information science and public health at the University of Michigan. She is also working at the Altarum Institute in Ann Arbor on a project examining the usability of electronic health records from a vendor perspective. She recently visited **Katie Dingeman**, who is working on her Ph.D. in sociology at the University of California at Irvine and frequently sees **Sarah Schwartz**,

who is working in Ann Arbor.

**Christine Weyforth** is completing a master's degree in nursing as a nurse anesthetist.

**Erin Jones** is a business development specialist for NetGain Corporation, a security services company specializing in personnel, physical, and information security in Knoxville, Tenn. Erin's brother, Ryan Jones, and **Katy Karr Jones** were married in 2009. Erin, **Kirsten Fantom**, and **Julie Alfano** were bridesmaids. **Lane Smyth Cooper, Clare** and **Maura Hoyt '07, Kate Keating Larkin, Julie Alfano,** and **Cindy Wahlman** were all in attendance in Detroit to celebrate. **Kate Huffman** also attended. Kate is finance director for Husted for Ohio, Jon Husted's campaign for secretary of state. She and **Sarah Staley** were roommates together in Columbus prior to Sarah's graduation from The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law in May 2009.

**Jennifer Warfel** married Ryan Juszkiewicz at the Church of Our Lady of Loretto on Aug. 25, 2007. **Rachel Trinkley** was a bridesmaid. **Colleen Bruen, Molly Burns,** and **Katie Press '05** were altar servers. Also in attendance were **Allison Nichols, Andrea Nichols '05, Theresa Mills '05,** and **Brianne Bibbs.** Jennifer completed a master's degree in English literature at Notre Dame in 2009 and is currently teaching two "W" courses at Saint Mary's. She invites you to stop by her office in Spes Unica Hall when in town.

**Rebecca Lindrew** is pursuing a master's degree in art and museum studies at Georgetown University and will be moving to London in January 2010 for an intensive course in art business at Sotheby's. There, she will study the legal and ethical issues of the auction house and galleries, as well as complete concentrated coursework in 19th-century European modernism and contemporary art.

**Brynn Iversen** married SSG Damian Vollmer, U.S. Army, on July 4, 2009. **Mollie Lavelle** married Casey Kisselburg ND '06 on Oct. 24, 2009, in her hometown of Mansfield, Ohio. Nick Weiler ND '06, **Christine Dietz, Emily Lavelle '07,** and **Lauren Lavelle '07** were in the wedding party. **Molly Ritter** married Brandon Monceaux on Nov. 7, 2009. They live in Oak Park, Ill., with their puggle, Rhody. Molly is currently working as a regional manager of special events for Macy's Inc. in the Macy's corporate office on State Street. **Kristen Vokaty Thomas** married Oliver Thomas ND '05 on June 27, 2009. They are living in St. Louis, Mo.

**Annie Palmitier Acker** married Larry Acker ND '03 at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on June 19, 2009. Larry is the brother of **Molly Acker.** Bridesmaids included Molly, **Camille Johnston Horan, Anne Marie Arpaia '04,** and **Katie Palmitier ND '09. Bridget Boyce Schrieber, Jennifer Betti, Casey Campe, Joy Johnston '13, Jordan Fiegen '13, Erin Sweeney '05, Meghan Hargrave '05, Molly Mahoney Opal '04, Maura Murphy '04, Mandy Schomas Soderstrom '02,** and **Erin Hogan '08** were all in attendance. **Jacquelyn Werling** married John Minarcin ND '06 on Nov. 28, 2009. They are living in Wisconsin.

**Rebecca Boydston** writes that **Jennifer Chester** married Brett Ferguson on July 3, 2009, in Denver, Colo. Jennifer is currently working toward a master's degree in music (with a focus on conducting) while directing several choirs in the Denver suburbs. Bridesmaids included Rebecca, **Julia Slotnick '07,** and **Cheryl Barker.** Julia is also living in Denver, where she just received her master's degree in education. Cheryl, who married Keith Harwood ND '05 on Aug. 30, 2008, resides in Chicago, where both she and Keith work in finance. Rebecca is back in California working as a field representative for State Assemblyman Bill Emerson.

**Susan Mitchell** is living in St. Louis and working as a labor and delivery nurse. She just started a master's program to be a women's health nurse practitioner. **Nicole Thaner Nichol** and husband Chris welcomed baby John Christopher on May 7, 2009. They are living in East Lansing, Mich., where Nicole is finishing a Ph.D. in plant breeding genetics and biotechnology at Michigan State University. **Nicole Tucker Teshka** and husband Trent welcomed baby Treyton Nicholas on May 9, 2009. **Camille Kelly Esmacher** and husband Tom welcomed Luke Vincent on March 12, 2009.

The wedding of **Anne Drolet** to Matthew Edwards ND '06 took place on Sept. 12, 2009, at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. There were 12 bridesmaids and groomsmen, and more than 50 Saint Mary's and ND alumnae in attendance, ranging from the Class of 1950 to the Class of 2012! Saint Mary's alumnae in the wedding party included: **Jacquelyn Huelbig, Leeann Godfrey,** and **Christine Cooper.** Anne and Matt live in Chicago, where Anne is a registered nurse at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital.

**Rachael Berg Walters** is celebrating her fifth wedding anniversary with her husband, Josiah Walters. They also welcomed Aiden

Scholl into the world on April 10, 2009. Rachael is working full time for the Army National Guard in North Dakota as the sexual assault response coordinator, suicide prevention manager, reintegration officer for the Air and the Army, and the outreach lead. She works with returning service members on readjusting with family and employment. Rachel recently developed an outreach program for all veterans within the state, mimicking a program in Vermont, which is the only other state with this program.

Congratulations, everyone, and best wishes for the coming year! I have volunteered to be a class reporter for *Courier*. Please send updates any time to mnels2@gmail.com.

**From the Courier Office: Angela Sauer** reports she has just finished her first year of graduate school at the Florida State University/Asolo Conservatory for Actor Training in Sarasota, Fla. "I'm in a three-year program earning my MFA in acting. I love my program, and I feel blessed to have been admitted. (There are only 10 other students in my class.) I've started a blog about my daily experiences at graduate school called "Angela Learns to Act" <http://www.angelaacts.com>), which is getting much more exposure than I expected when I started it. Sending love and all good things.

**Stephanie Lutz** is on active duty with the United State Air Force. She has just returned from a four-month deployment at Manas Air Base, Kyrgyzstan. She worked as the sexual assault response coordinator as well as the historian. She was also just promoted to the rank of First Lieutenant.

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**From Cate: Jennifer McLean** was married to Ryan Morgan on Sept. 12, 2009, in the couple's hometown of Pittsburgh, Penn. Bridesmaids included the bride and groom's sisters, **Megan Staley, Connie Walsh, and Cate Cetta**. Megan continues to live in Dayton, Ohio, where she is pursuing her master's in education. Connie lives in the Washington, D.C., area and works for the FDA News. Other

members of the Saint Mary's family in attendance were the bride's mother, **Judy Liberatore McLean '82, Kimmy Case, Allison Fleece, Abby Hinchy, Mary Fearon, Nora Casey, Mary Esler, Corey Duff, Audrey Ballinger, Annie Davis, Sarah Griffin, Ashley Brown, Katie Good, and Sarah Barnes '09**. Jenn's aunt, **Jeanne Liberatore Coyne '82**, was a reader. The couple now lives in Baltimore, Md.

A few notes on the wedding attendees: **Allison Fleece** lives in Munich, Germany. She reports having found her niche working in PR as the European brand manager for Sportspartners. Allison also writes a career transition column in the on-line publication *Examiner*. Any students aspiring to work or travel abroad should feel free to contact Allison at [afleece@gmail.com](mailto:afleece@gmail.com) with concerns/questions. **Abby Hinchy** lives in Indianapolis, Ind., where she will complete a two-year commitment to Teach for America and her master's in education this spring. Then, she plans to relocate to the Chicagoland area and pursue a Ph.D. **Mary Fearon** continues to live in Chicago. She received her master's in educational psychology this summer and remains in a graduate program at the Loyola University School of Psychology. **Nora Casey** continues to work for FOX Broadcasting and will be relocating from New York City to Chicago this spring. **Katie Good** is proud to report that the Saint Mary's San Diego Alumnae club became official this winter!

**Emma Moore** lives out west and works for a minor league baseball team as the director of group sales and hospitality.

**Maria Balata** spent a year as a volunteer teaching second grade in Honduras. She now lives in Chicago, studying ethics at the Catholic Theological Union. In August, Maria will relocate to Bethlehem, where she will be doing Biblical studies throughout Israel, Jordan, Egypt, Greece, and Turkey.

Last spring, our senior gift was completed. The refurbished portrait of Sister Madeleva now hangs in the new north entrance to Madeleva Hall. A plaque hangs next to the portrait recognizing the Class of 2008 gift.

As for me, I completed my master's in journalism in May and moved to New York City, where I work as an NBC Page at 30 Rockefeller Plaza... Yes, Kenneth is real! Please keep sending your notes! We love hearing from everyone and can't wait to share your good news with our classmates. Also, I've moved. New address: 1278 First Ave. #13, New York, New York 10065.

**From Natalie: Sarita Fritzer** has served as a community health volunteer with the U.S. Peace Corps in Mpika, Zambia, since July. She plans to return stateside in the fall of 2011. She writes that she loves Zambia and has thoroughly enjoyed her experience thus far.

**Margaret Lindley** is now a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force and has been stationed in Kaiserslautern, Germany, since April 2009. She works as an RN on the mother-baby unit at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center. She enjoys her job and the many opportunities to travel around Europe.

**Christine Haurert and Learose Pisani** have completed the MSA program at Notre Dame, and each earned her master's in accounting this past May. "Funny thing," writes Christine, "the graduate business college graduation ended up being at Saint Mary's, in Angela." Christine began work in Chicago in August with the international tax department at Deloitte. **Bernadette Langel** earned her master's in social work from Loyola University Chicago this past December, and **Michelle McManus** will earn her master's in information management from Washington University in St. Louis in 2010. **Giuliangela Rosato**, though often still dreaming of Rome, is also in St. Louis, earning her master's in communication, with a certificate in organizational development, at Saint Louis University. In addition to her studies, she teaches public speaking at the university and writes that she really loves it. **Ann Mason** began a master's program in sports administration at Xavier University this past fall. Ann is also working part-time in downtown Cincinnati, and reports that she enjoys city life so far. **Allie Greene** is in her last year of physician assistant school at Marietta College and is completing her clinical rotations in Columbus, Ohio. Allie reports that one of the highlights of 2009 was getting together with her Saint Mary's friends at **Caitlyn Flanagan's** wedding on Nov. 21, 2009, in Charleston, S.C. **Jess Brinker, Jackie Sias, Katie Thompson, Meg Schmitt, Marcia McDonnell, Abby Richardson, and Ashley Recupito '09** were also in attendance.

In other wedding news, **Emily Goebel** and Anthony Santana were married at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Batavia, Ill., on May 23, 2009. According to Emily, "Father John Pearson celebrated the Mass, and Regina Wilson proclaimed the second reading. Bridesmaids were freshman-year roommate, **Danielle Taylor '06**, sister, Laura Goebel-Tumpene, and cousin, Ashley Harcharik. Saint Mary's

women in attendance included **Jennifer Ferguson**, cousin of the groom, **Carol Conaghan '11, Emma Hoffman '11, Sarah Holohan, Claire Rothmeier '07, Amber Schaffer, and Anastasia Zylka**. It was quite a Saint Mary's affair! The ceremony was absolutely beautiful, and the entire day will truly be cherished."

I visited Chicago in November for the wedding of **Shawn K. Redington** and Joe Westfall ND '08. **Colleen Kieilty** was a bridesmaid and **Erin Hogan** a lector. **Elizabeth Bush, Kate Holloway, Caitlin McGee, Brooke Trudeau, and Meagan Walerko** were also in attendance. Meagan surprised everyone—including the bride!—as she traveled all the way from South Korea to toast the Westfalls.

Presently, you can find me in Washington, where I live in Foggy Bottom and continue to enjoy work at Wiley Rein. Over the past year, I've had the privilege of showing D.C. off to several of my dearest friends from Chicago: Erin in May, Kate and Brooke in July, and Colleen in December. Heaps of fun and I hope it's not long before they're back for round two.

Please do stay in touch, as Cate and I so enjoy reading and reporting your updates. Our next edition of class news will run in the Fall 2010 issue. Until then, here's to good Saint Mary's cheer in 2010!

**From the Courier Office: Katherine Lenczowski** writes that "on Sept. 5, 2009, I married Adam Hipp. Two of my bridesmaids were fellow 2008 alumnae **Rachel** and **Sara Hudak**. In attendance were **Michelle Coristin Wiechkoske '07** and **Margaret Lenczowski Miller '97**."

From **Halli L. Morton**: "On Aug. 1, 2009, I married Gregg T. Miller, at Saint Mary's Catholic Church in West Plains, Mo. Classmate and former roommate **Anna Martinez Cordova** was my matron of honor. Classmate **Megan Pelc** was also in attendance.

**Susanne Swygart Stanzel** writes: "There have been a great number of changes in my life since graduation; in fact some of the biggest changes life can bring. In December I completed my Saint Mary's education. Shortly after, I married Kyle R. Stanzel. It was a magical day. I felt particularly blessed to have six amazing Saint Mary's alums share the day with me: **Katie Danko '09, Anney Brandt, Kendra Fallet '10, Katie Seares '12, Maggie Pinnick '12, and Lori LeClere '12**.

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