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Faith, in the Real World

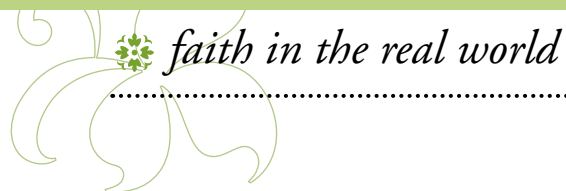
by Kay Kenney, *Courier* editor

Experiencing and planning life is a full-time job. How you go about your daily business may be defined by your personal faith or, more practically, by the amount of patience you have at any given moment. Our faith and principles instruct us on how to treat the cashier working at the grocery store. But if we've trudged a long line for 20 minutes to buy one carton of milk, our faith may take a detour.

Our faith, in the real world, gives definition to our successes and sorrows. For the past few months, I've been reading and re-reading George Eliot's *Middlemarch*. Two of the main characters, Dorothea Brooke and Tertius Lydgate, aspire to accomplish some great purpose to improve the lives of others. They both fail, in part because of their own flawed humanity. Yet, Dorothea comes to the realization that any small act to help "our fellow creatures" is just as essential to living a life of faith as is accomplishing something greater. Lydgate, undone by a scandal not of his making, chooses to abandon his longheld ambition of caring for the poor while contributing to medical science by finding the "primitive tissue" that animates all life. He goes on to become a physician to the wealthy, attains financial success, but always regards himself a failure because he never achieved what he first had dreamed. At the end of the day, Eliot suggests that we must have faith that good works done through small acts of kindness are just as essential as any grand achievement for the good of our world.

In the real world, there will be difficult times when we resolve to believe in God's presence, even though we cannot sense it at that moment. In the real world, we may need to define faith as Heidi Cerneka '87, a Marynoll missionary who works as a human rights advocate, does—simply by taking one step at a time. In the real world, we may find our faith renewed through a simple letter sent by an acquaintance who will never know how much that letter meant in restoring our faith.

From the *Courier*, here's hoping that your faith in the real world brings you joy.



THE REALIST:

Faith,
one step at a time

by Shannon E. Brewer '03

One early evening as she was walking home from work, Heidi Cerneka '87 was stopped on the stoop of the bakery near her house in São Paulo, Brazil, when she heard someone call her name. She turned and saw Fabiana, a Brazilian woman, mother of an HIV-positive son, and former prison inmate whose case Heidi has followed through the Brazilian prison system for years. Fabiana was hanging out on the stoop under the awning with her boyfriend. She held a rock of crack cocaine and a tiny crack pipe in her hand. "I'm sorry, Heidi," said Fabiana. "I'm back in the street and back on drugs."

That night Cerneka sat down on the stoop with Fabiana and apologized to her for a society that can't offer her any hope of a better, safer life. Then she gave Fabiana the address of her office at the National Prison Pastoral Ministry and said goodnight.

"I was so sad after that, mostly because she is one of so many. There is nothing out here for folks when they get out of prison and very little for them while they're in prison," Cerneka said.

Cerneka sees cases like Fabiana's every day. She is a Maryknoll Lay Missioner and national vice-coordinator for the National Pastoral Ministry, a social pastoral movement overseen by the Conferencia Nacional dos Bispos do Brasil (CNBB, or the national Bishop's Conference in Brazil). Cerneka oversees investigations into allegations of abuse against Brazilian women in prison and coordinates with 5,000 volunteers throughout the country looking at public policy, questions related to torture, and inhumane prison conditions.

While it doesn't necessarily help her to overcome the challenges of her work, Cerneka's faith helps her to face them every day. For her, faith is about trusting God with the details and reminding herself that she doesn't have to shoulder it all. She does her part and hands the rest over to God. "Sometimes there are horrific situations and I know that I can't fix them or resolve them, but I can be present to the person, accompany him or her, remind them that they can rely on God, and that they are never alone," she said.



Moreover, Cerneka says she was born with the "it's not fair" gene. She has always had the desire, the drive, and the confidence to contribute what skills she had to making the world a better place. "In college, I remember my mother told me that she thought I should be a public defender. I said that I didn't think I could do it, because you have to believe in the system enough to defend people you know are guilty," recalls Cerneka. "And here I am—I defend the rights of people in prison—their dignity, their right to not have to live in cells with three to four times the number of people that fit."

"Putting faith into action means being on 'the ground,' because knowing that problems exist is not enough."

In 2009 Cerneka published an article in *Veredas do Direito* magazine titled "Men Who Menstruate," in which she details the state of women in Brazilian prisons. The title is a play on the idea that women are treated virtually the same as men in prisons, never mind that their needs—ranging from a lack of feminine hygiene products to proper prenatal care and transport to hospitals for labor and delivery—are very different from those of Brazil's 440,000 male prisoners.

For example, a prison in the state of Rio Grande do Sul released a list of personal items that a prisoner could bring into jail or that their families could send them. "Briefs," but not

Photos above right, clockwise: Cerneka in the Netherlands; Cerneka as human rights worker presenting her findings about inhumane treatment of prisoners in Brazil; Cerneka's work includes drafting international bills on standard minimum rules for women in prison at an international conference; Cerneka visits with a prisoner.

“bras” were listed and feminine hygiene products were left off the list. But the discriminatory policies and practices extend to larger, more complicated issues as well.

In the state of Rio Grande do Norte, the only prison unit designated for people with special security measures or people at-risk for mental illness doesn’t include a single cell for women prisoners. “[Such] a policy could lead one to believe that there are no female prisoners in Rio Grande do Norte who have a mental illness,” Cerneka wrote.

“The challenge is to maintain hope in the face of a few tiny steps forward and lots of barriers and problems that constantly try to say, ‘It’s impossible.’”

Cerneka also cherishes acting in defense of people who are not guilty or who have committed a crime, but are victims of what she says is “an economic system that left them feeling they had no choice.” She is often criticized for defending perceived criminals.

“We do not defend crime or violence,” explained Cerneka. “But when a person goes to jail in Brazil, along with incarceration often come torture, lack of medical care, lack of legal representation, and overcrowding. This amounts to a lack of access to justice and contributes nothing resembling rehabilitation within prison life. Rather, it incites anger and further damages the prisoner and their family.

“My work is not about judging whether they are guilty or not,” said Cerneka, who realizes it’s a whole political, social, and economic structure that paves the way to prison. “My work is to value the person independent of what he or she did. When possible, [I] help them take responsibility for their behavior and guarantee that their basic human rights are observed. It’s not to justify or excuse errors but to love the person.”

FAITH ALLOWS THE PRIVILEGE OF SHARED SUFFERING

The bottom line for any Catholic or anyone with faith, she says, is that in the Gospels, Jesus exhorts us to visit those in prison. “Jesus says to care for the poorest of the poor, the most excluded—and we meet them inside prison,” Cerneka said. For her, putting faith into action means being “on the ground,” because knowing that problems exist is not enough. Through her prison visits and work on human rights commissions, Cerneka gains a detailed understanding of each problem and can propose possible solutions. Her faith gives her courage to examine the lives of those most affected by societal and governmental policy and to say, “We can and will do better.”

She says, “Finally, of course, the challenge is to maintain hope in the face of a few tiny steps forward and lots of barriers and problems that constantly try to say, ‘It’s impossible.’”

Throughout her work in Brazil, Cerneka says her spirituality has become more “real.” She has learned to be more open to the presence of God in her life and work and, therefore, more present to God in those around her and in the world. “I think my faith has grown tremendously by sharing the deep suffering of so many people, by being privileged to walk with them in this very vulnerable moment of their lives and knowing that we have touched each other’s lives,” Cerneka said.

That moment on the sidewalk with Fabiana was “sacred” for Cerneka. Years ago, she says, she might have missed it or rushed past it. Instead, she chose to be present and heed the call of Christ in whatever form it came. ■

THE OPTIMIST: *Keeping the Faith*

by Shannon E. Brewer '03

The South Bronx, a borough of New York City, is in one of the poorest counties in the United States. It is highly segregated and populated by a community that is undereducated and plagued by asthma, obesity, and HIV infection. Crime and gang activity are a part of life. Families struggle with high rates of mental illness and substance abuse.

Alumna Anne Rueth '06 knows the risks and rewards of working with families in the South Bronx. She is a case planner with The Children’s Aid Society, an organization that serves New York’s neediest children and their families through programs and services at more than 45 locations in New York City’s five boroughs and Westchester County.

Rueth works with 15 families in the South Bronx who are dealing with allegations of abuse and/or neglect. She meets with families in their homes and provides family therapy, crisis management, and advocates for the families in a number of situations—in court, with the board of education, Public Assistance, in housing situations, and with Child Protective Services.

Rueth majored in psychology and sociology at Saint Mary’s and went on to earn her master’s in social work from Columbia University. Thanks to the breadth of her education



Anne Rueth in the Bronx

and experience at Saint Mary's, Rueth was given advanced standing at Columbia and completed the two-year program in 10 months.

While her educational background provides the know-how Rueth needs to get her job done, it's Rueth's faith that keeps her going back to the precarious neighborhoods of the South Bronx each day.

Rueth's parents instilled in her a passion for serving others from the time she was small. She says it's a mentality that is rooted in her Catholic faith and it's one she employs in her work every day—the idea of not only serving other people, but believing in them.

Some of her most poignant moments occur in the work she does with teenage boys. "These are boys who are constantly surrounded by messages that tell them to be tough and be 'real men.' They get in fights and skip school and have encounters with law enforcement," she explains.

Rueth's ability to see past the boys' rough exteriors and into the heart of their struggles is remarkable. She recently worked with a teenaged boy who was passing through criminal court on charges of assault and battery. The boy was born to a crack-addicted mother and grew up in foster care. "It was clear that he never really had a relationship where he felt truly loved and cared for. No one ever came to his court dates," says Rueth, who was there to advocate for the boy. After his final court date, which Rueth says ended favorably for him, he hugged her and cried in her arms and said, "No one's ever been there for me like that. Thank you."

"No child should ever have to say 'no one's been there for me' and no one should look at an African American male

teenager and limit his potential to that of a gang member, high school dropout, or absent father," Rueth says.

There is no average day on the job for Rueth. Her work days are filled with crises and unplanned events, home and school visits, and to places like court and the public assistance offices. She spends a lot of time on the phone advocating for her families with various community agencies and, of course, there is the requisite mass of paperwork to get through.

But Rueth's faith never wavers. "I practice my faith through service," says Rueth, who is Catholic. "I have to believe that the work I'm doing is making a difference in the lives of the families I work with. My faith has taught me to be optimistic, to never give up, and to learn from the hard days."

While her faith in God hasn't changed because of her work, her general belief that "we are not alone and that we all have a purpose and are meant to love one another" has become stronger. The immense challenge of advocating for some of New York City's poorest families has reaffirmed for Rueth that she is on the right path in life. "In each hug I get and smile I see, I am reminded of why I do what I do. When someone tells me 'that is the first time I ever told that to anyone' or proudly hands me a graduation photo, my belief in my work is reinforced," she says.

"My faith has taught me to be optimistic, to never give up, and to learn from the hard days."

Funny enough, it's a path she went down "accidentally." As a first-year student at Saint Mary's Rueth was looking to be inspired. When her advisor, who knew she was a people person, suggested she take Introduction to Social Work with former professor Pat Hancock, Rueth found that inspiration and a fulfilling career path that allows her to make a difference in children's lives every day. "I came to Saint Mary's without much of an idea of my ultimate career path," says Rueth. The compassion and dedication Pat Hancock demonstrated for the families she worked with, plus the field trips to various social work agencies in the community, convinced Rueth that this was the right field for her.

She believes that she wouldn't have chosen social work had she not attended Saint Mary's. The ideas of social justice and empowerment of women were present in every course Rueth took. She's now transferring those ideas to the families with whom she works. "Perhaps most importantly, I seek to empower them to carry on this work after I am gone," she says. Rueth lives in the hope that her families will eventually realize that they deserve better, that their children deserve better, and that they will go out and make a different and better reality for the wider community. ■

Mary: Woman of Faith, IN THE REAL WORLD

by Phyllis Kaminski, PhD

Like most Catholics, I find Holy Mary, Mother of God, a beloved and familiar figure. She stands as a central symbol in our faith community's construction of women's identity, dignity, and

vocation. The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us that the Virgin Mary assented totally to God's plan to "conceive him in whom 'the fullness of deity' would dwell 'bodily.'" Full of grace from the first moment of her own conception, the Virgin Mary remained sinless throughout her life. These doctrinal designations of Mary's role in salvation can create the image of a woman above and apart from ordinary life.

Fortunately, Catholic imagination and recent scholarship also represent Mary in ways that connect her with her own history and with the reality of women's lives. As a theologian who works at the crossroads of feminist theory and theology, I want to draw on the power of poetry and Christian imagination in the Tradition to suggest aspects of Mary that can sustain us during overwhelming difficulties in life, and strengthen our efforts to resist and alleviate the massive suffering that dominates much of the world.

MARY, DAUGHTER OF ANNE

First of all, Mary is a daughter. Convinced that the position of women in the world will not be changed until the position of the daughter is changed, feminist philosopher and psychoanalyst Luce Irigaray suggests that Christian women should honor the longstanding devotion to Saint Anne and reflect on Mary as her daughter. Why? Because girls remain undervalued worldwide, daughters are most vulnerable to violence, oppression, and injustice. If they survive early childhood, daughters are more likely than sons to die before age four, and more apt to receive poor healthcare, inadequate nourishment, and limited education. Mary lived in such a world, but Christian imagination sees her as a daughter who was desired and a blessing to her parents.

Medieval art makes much of the joy surrounding Mary's birth. Anne is often portrayed in the company of other women (with Joachim, the eager father, peeking around a corner to catch a glimpse of his newborn child). The *Protogospel of James* (an apocryphal text from the second century) relates legendary joy. When the midwife told Anne that she had birthed a girl, Anne replied, "My soul is magnified this day." Mary's parents

raised her to be faithful to the God of Israel. This faith-filled family can inspire men and women in all cultures to work for a world where daughters are desired and where the lives of girls and women are valued and recognized in political, social, and economic structures.

A JEWISH WOMAN, WIFE, AND MOTHER

What we know of Mary from the beginnings of Christianity, we know from the Gospels. Theologian and Madeleva lecturer Elizabeth A. Johnson draws on recent New Testament scholarship and archeological research to imagine the life of Miriam of Nazareth, a Jewish woman living under Roman occupation. The Galilean village where Mary spent most of her life had no great political significance. Its inhabitants were preoccupied with Roman taxation and the burdens placed on them as farmer laborers. Joseph's trade as a village *tekton* (carpenter, stonemason, and skilled wood worker, all rolled into one) placed his family at the lowest level of society. While artisan families may have farmed a small plot, they often lacked land and a steady supply of food. In short, Miriam, Joseph, and Jesus lived on the underside of an economic system that favored the wealthy at the expense of everyone else.

Moreover, Miriam of Nazareth had no extraordinary insights into God's plan for her or her son. Her life speaks of hard labor, human suffering, and a creative spirit confronting the seemingly impossible. Sister Maura Eichner's poem entitled "From a Woman's Life" captures the depth of this Jewish woman's faith:

*What Mary knew was just
enough for the usual day:
pull water, flint fire, bake
bread, smile, pray*

*the dark orations, sleep, wake,
wait. When pain honed a nerve,
when birth or dying clotted
an hour, she leaned to the curve*

*of living, resilient to fear,
laughter, suffering.*

Mary's hidden life, in its extraordinary ordinariness, offers the strong example of a woman, mother, and possibly widow, nourished for 30 or so years by faith in the Holy One of Israel, source of life and steadfast love.



A WOMAN OF COMPASSION

That faith sustained Mary at the most difficult moment of her existence. In a reflection on a reenactment of the Stations of the Cross at her son's Catholic school, Teresa Berger, professor of Liturgical Studies at Yale Divinity School, recalls the presence of women during the last days of Jesus' life. While all the evangelists speak of women at Calvary, only John mentions Mary. Moreover, the farewell discourse of Jesus references women in labor. Berger reminds us that John's juxtaposition of images of women, birth, and death is not far-fetched. In Jesus' time, the anguish of childbirth and dying were often linked. Watching her son die, Mary endured the painful labor of being present to suffering that she could neither prevent nor alleviate. Again, only the poet can speak the faith of Mary in that most poignant moment of separation:

*Partings are a little death.
Each one's journey is a thing
wholly without precedent.
She looked at the sky
for compass. None. She, too,
created a road to travel by.*

Like many mothers today who live in Iraq, in the United States, in Palestine, in Israel, and every other war-torn corner of the world, the mother of Jesus must have cried, "No! Violence and death cannot have the last word!" Her faith at this moment was inseparable from hope. What seemed like a bitter end would somehow be transformed in God.

A WOMAN OF PROPHETIC HOPE

Hope did not fail Mary or the women disciples. Berger reflects that "God eastered" in the midst of women mourning (Berger 193). The women who went to the tomb of Jesus came with spices to anoint their loved one. They could not change the deadly outcome of crucifixion, but they could and would defy the abuse wrought on his dead body. Their bold commitment to love beyond life remains part of our Easter story. The Gospels are silent as to whether Mary was among them, but John makes her a symbol of faithful discipleship. Tradition assures us that this suffering Jewish mother stands with all mothers who lament the life given from their bodies that keeps on being taken away by brutality and war. Mary's presence at Pentecost empowers us to see her as a Spirit-filled believer, birthing the body of Christ in which we share.

Miriam of Nazareth was an actual woman about whom we know very little. Her blessed humanity places her at the heart of today's bleeding pilgrim church. Every time Christians worship, we profess our faith in the Triune God and in the Communion of Saints. Saint Mary, daughter of Anne, wife of Joseph, and mother of Jesus, daily hoped in things unseen. In her faithful love, she became Theotokos (God-bearer) and stands as a witness and a companion to all who seek light in the darkness and labor for justice in a world gone amok. ■



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Faith

AND THE

Company You Keep

by Stacy Davis, PhD

Every semester, I teach an introductory course on conversion. Students study how and why people accept a religion. At Saint Mary's, one may assume that maintaining Roman Catholic faith will be easy. Liturgies, Bible studies, and lectures are readily available, and on Fridays during Lent, even the

dining hall keeps fasting students away from the temptation of a hamburger. Those who survived my course's textbook know that I am describing what Lewis R. Rambo calls encapsulation, or a religiously saturated environment within which conversion may occur and/or be nurtured. However, regardless of the environment, the individual convert, or the specific religion, all conversions have one common characteristic—the necessity of community. The faithful become and remain faithful because they have others who walk with them. So when thinking about faith in the real world, the main consideration is not where you are, but with whom.

Although some people flourish in complete solitude, most do not. Companions serve as one of the keys to the good life. Whatever beliefs one holds are tested and sometimes modified through the challenges and joys of living them out in the company of friends and family. A word from the Christian scriptures may be applicable here—"so faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead" (James 2.17). The world thrives on busyness: work deadlines, household chores, and lengthy to-do lists take up significant amounts of time. And yet faith is often lived in those moments when a call, text, or email comes through with bad news, and prayers or meditation may accompany the action of rearranging a schedule to be present to a loved one in need. Faith is also lived in happier encounters. It is good to call home, particularly when you no longer need to include a request for cash as part of the conversation. It is good to celebrate a friend's birthday or promotion. It is good to throw a party simply because you can. People closest to us may care whether we attend religious services on a reasonably regular basis. And they also care whether we remember to care about them.

But care is not limited to the people we know. This may be why many religions emphasize compassionate treatment of strangers. The theme appears in the *Torah*, the *New Testament*, the *Culakammavibhanga Sutta*, the *Rig Veda*, and the *Koran*, to

name a few sacred texts. Food and clothing drives, fundraisers for non-profit organizations or disaster relief, and volunteer opportunities show up in newspaper ads, on community bulletin boards in restaurants, and sometimes in church bulletins. Giving of one's time and resources offers another context in which those who want to live their faith can do just that. The context need not be limited to a specific service project. Holding a door open, not blocking an intersection with your car, or smiling and saying hello to someone are each acts of common courtesy that also, in their own way, are acts of virtue. My mother, who is not big on the

When thinking about faith in the real world, the main consideration is not where you are, but with whom.

grand gesture, turned a stranger into an ally recently when she offered a shopper her extra discount coupon during checkout. Mom left with a needed pet carrier, the shopper left with an extra \$10 in her pocket, and both women left content.

My focus upon people in a life of faith does not mean location is unimportant, but location may not be primary. Places of worship and reflection offer strength for the journey, whether through sacraments, sermons, or simply through creating a quiet space where the mind and body can rest. However, relocation is often a fact of life. A favorite park from childhood or a beloved sanctuary in college one day may become a pit stop on the occasional vacation. But being a faithful human being is not contingent upon physical location, only upon a willingness to live that faith. People who take their values to heart can then be faithful wherever the real world happens to take them. ■



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In Memoriam: **PROFESSOR BRUNO P. SCHLESINGER** 1911–2010

by Shannon E. Brewer '03

The Saint Mary's College community mourns the death of our colleague and friend, Professor Bruno P. Schlesinger, who died on September 2. Schlesinger was a favorite professor of humanistic studies majors and non-majors alike.

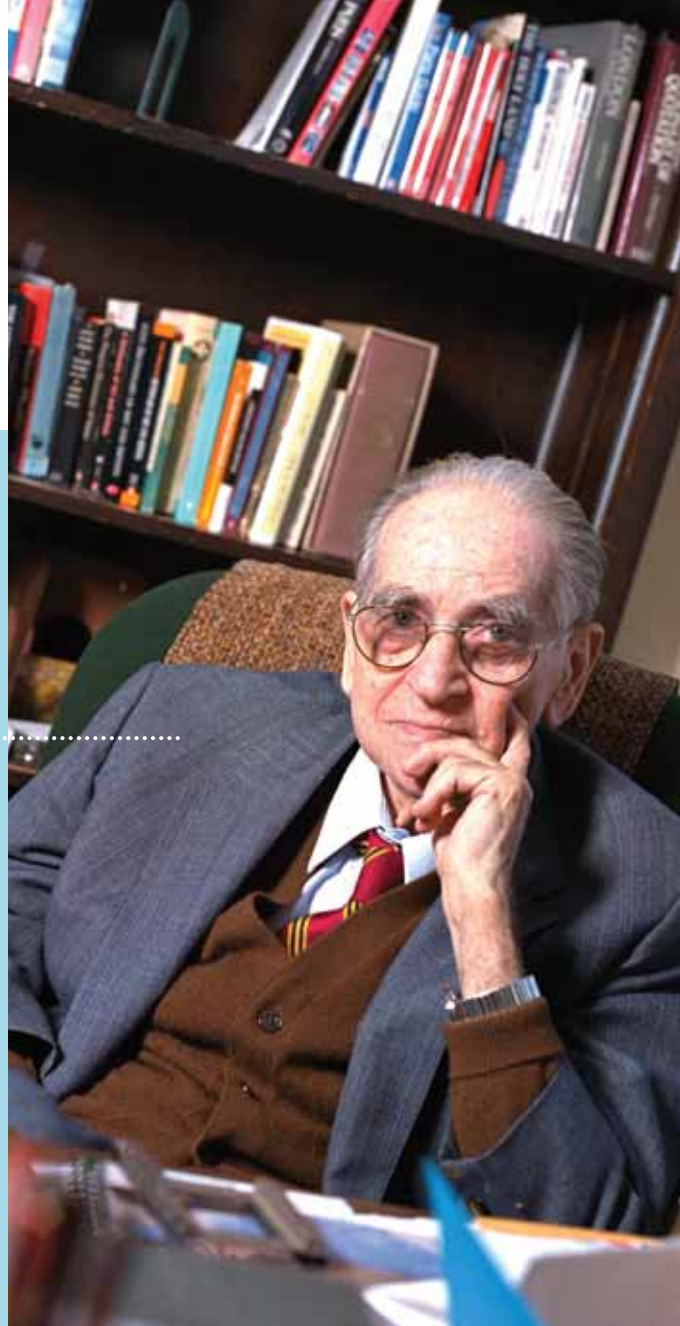
Schlesinger taught at Saint Mary's for 60 years. In 1956, he founded the Christian Culture Program, later renamed Humanistic Studies. Professors and students in the Humanistic Studies department studied Great Books as well as the role of Christianity in shaping Western history.

Gail Mandell, the Bruno P. Schlesinger Chair in Humanistic Studies Emerita, recalls that Schlesinger was humble about his accomplishments and didn't like to talk about himself. She says, however, that he wasn't silent on the topics of politics, music, and art, which often inspired raucous debates with his colleagues.

"He didn't bother about minor brouhahas, but a serious controversy could occasion multiple daily drop-ins. ('Last time, I promise,' he'd say after his third or fourth visit. Two minutes later, Bruno in the doorway: 'Just one more thing—') There were nightly phone calls, too, if the issue was a really hot one. At such times, his mind was like a threshing machine, sharp, cutting, sifting, and sorting," Mandell recalls.

Former student Susan Fitzgerald Rice '61 said, "Bruno opposed my desire to supplement the named Bruno P. Schlesinger chair. He quizzed me to explain a reason. I said, 'Your teaching has left an indelible mark on every student.' Bruno's gift was to instill in us an assuredness that our intellectual curiosity, our knowledge, and our views, had value. It was a lifelong lesson for all of us."

Alumna Margaret (Peg) FitzGibbons Higgins '73 agrees. "He was a brilliant man, incredibly enthusiastic in the classroom. My love of books, art, and history today started in that classroom



with Bruno. It was through the Humanistic Studies curriculum that we all developed the ability to write and think rationally and express ourselves confidently. I'm not sure we realized then what an impact he would have on us so many years later in our various careers and experiences in life."

In 1958, Schlesinger was the first recipient of the Spes Unica Award, which recognizes professors' outstanding contributions to the College. He also received the President's Medal and an honorary degree from Saint Mary's.

Last September, the Saint Mary's family celebrated Schlesinger's life at a memorial prayer service in Regina Chapel, with his family and former students, administrators, and staff. His youngest son, Tom Schlesinger, and his colleague Mandell offered eulogies. A great man and teacher, Schlesinger's Saint Mary's legacy will live on in the College's classrooms and in our hearts.

Visit saintmarys.edu/humanistic-studies-about for more tributes.

Who better than a Saint Mary's alumna to give students inside information on what it takes to find a dream job?

This fall, four alumnae visited campus and spoke to students in the classroom, from the podium, and at special receptions.

FROM THE WORLD OF *High Diplomacy*

As Special Assistant to Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, Lauren Jiloty '02 is the quintessential Belle: confident, inquisitive, and up for any challenge.

On September 10, 2010, Jiloty returned to campus and took time to speak to two American Public Policy class sessions taught by Pat Pierce, political science professor. She gave students a perspective on how she was hired as Secretary Clinton's special assistant, while recounting some of the frustrations she experienced when seeking her first job after graduation. "Lauren's talk was inspiring for our students," said Pierce. "She gave them a glimpse of the kinds of careers they could pursue with a Saint Mary's College education. She also communicated the kind of exciting life that politics has to offer."

Jiloty assured students she had the same fears as most seniors in pursuing a satisfying career. She declared many majors before deciding on English Literature, but didn't have a job lined up by graduation, and waited tables before finding work she loved.

The summer before her senior year, however, she worked as an intern at the American Civil Liberties Union in Washington, D.C., where she discovered a passion for politics. From that internship, she started to get a glimmer of what the future could hold for her. She returned her senior year, inspired by what she learned at her internship and took as many political science classes as her senior schedule allowed.

After graduation, Jiloty returned home to Florida where she volunteered on two political campaigns, and eventually was hired on the staff of Florida's United States Senator Bob Graham. Upon Graham's retirement in 2005, Jiloty's hard work led her to an interview with then-United States Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton. Soon after, Jiloty was hired as executive assistant to the senator.

During Jiloty's interview with then-Senator Clinton, they discussed having both attended all-women's colleges. (Clinton graduated in 1969 from Wellesley College, Massachusetts.)

Upon Clinton's appointment as secretary of state in 2008, Jiloty transitioned with Clinton's inner circle to the State Depart-

ment. Jiloty was appointed special assistant to the secretary of state. She and the rest of Clinton's staff needed to learn an entirely new language of foreign service, thousands of acronyms, and state department protocol. "As a member of Secretary Clinton's staff, I learned to maintain a constant focus, and often manage my time in five- or 10-minute increments," Jiloty said.

Jiloty stressed the importance of being deliberate when making career choices, dressing appropriately for the job desired, and learning to write well. Jiloty also suggested students develop a "kitchen cabinet" of supportive mentors. While most of Jiloty's work days can last 14 hours, Jiloty stressed that having outside interests is essential to developing a life outside one's job. During any available down time, she visits with friends, reads fiction, or takes a run along historic sites through the nation's capital.



Lauren Jiloty '02 just before she accompanies Secretary Clinton on an official State visit.

Jiloty's sense of adventure and perseverance encouraged students to accept the unknown, pay attention to their interests, and stay true to who they are. Jiloty has traveled around the world, experienced different cultures, but has not forgotten her Saint Mary's roots. She left Saint Mary's students embracing the sense of adventure which awaits them after their graduation. ■

— Julie McGrail '12

Life in the JAG Corps by Kay Kenney

On November 12, 2010, an American hero arrived on Saint Mary's College campus. United States Army Captain Sarah Rykowski '03 was invited to speak to students about her career choice as a judge advocate in the United States Army Judge Advocate General's Corps (JAG). Rykowski, who is now stationed in Fort Stewart, Ga., also spoke about her experiences in Iraq, for which she earned a Purple Heart.

Rykowski graduated cum laude in 2002, one year earlier than her Saint Mary's classmates and then got her law degree from the University of Michigan. At a breakfast and luncheon, members of Saint Mary's ROTC and other students got the chance to ask questions about a career in the law, the Army, and the JAG Corps. Rykowski gave students tips on how to present a professional demeanor during interviews, encouraged them to attend the best law school that their finances permit, and advised students to take law classes in areas that interest them, rather than worry about trying to cover all areas of the law. She also talked about her responsibilities as a member of the JAG Corps and an Army recruiter. While in Iraq, she was a prosecutor and a foreign claims attorney. One of her responsibilities was to negotiate fair settlements for Iraqis whose property had been inadvertently damaged by the U.S. Army during military operations.

On May 17, 2007, Rykowski had been in Iraq for a little over one month when the decision was made to travel by convoy. While traveling, a bomb broadsided the convoy, killing three soldiers in her vehicle. Only Rykowski and the driver survived. One of the soldiers killed in the convoy was



Sarah Rykowski. Photo by Santiago Flores, courtesy of the *South Bend Tribune*.

Rykowski's paralegal, 20-year-old Specialist Coty J. Phelps. Phelps had prior experience with convoys and made every effort to look after the safety of Rykowski that day. Rykowski suffered burns and cuts from shrapnel to her face, arms, and legs. After she was discharged later that day from the Combat Support Hospital in Bagdad, and returned to Camp Victory, Captain Shanna Conner Cronin '02, another JAG attorney and Rykowski's close friend, was there to greet and care for her. The next morning, General David Petraeus presented her with the Purple Heart. Rykowski is grateful for Cronin's actions that day and in the days that followed the attack. "Saint Mary's and the Army have given me the gift of close friendships," Rykowski said. ■

When You Say Google, NOBODY NEEDS TO LOOK IT UP

by Sarah Miesle '07

Jennifer Bradburn '01 and Mary Elizabeth Ulliman '10 talked about their career paths and how they found their way working for Google, one of the largest and most-recognizable Internet companies in existence. More than 70 students, faculty, and staff attended.

As employees of the most famous company on the planet, Bradburn and Ulliman have no trouble drawing a crowd. On November 19, they spoke to a packed house in Vander Venet Theatre. Bradburn, an advertising executive in the Chicago office, and Ulliman, an account manager at the Ann Arbor office, are used to people asking them how to get a job there.



Mary Elizabeth Ulliman '10 and Jennifer Bradburn '01 spoke to a full house during their visit.

But Bradburn noted that people most often want to tell her how Google helped them personally. "When I say I work for Google, people always have a story about how they used a search engine to find something or someone that they were looking for," Bradburn said.

Bradburn discussed how technology's rapid changes have taught her to adapt and to be in constant learning mode. She encouraged students to prepare for life after graduation by embracing new information, and trying to branch out beyond the campus "bubble." She suggested that students find and read at least five informative magazines, current event sites, and blogs online to keep up with national and world news.

Ulliman credited Saint Mary's writing program for her success. "Clarity in communication is huge," she said. "Saint Mary's really prepared me to find a job through both the 'W' program (the College's unique writing proficiency program) and the senior comprehensive project, which gives you practice in effectively communicating with others."

Both Bradburn and Ulliman said they've learned on the job that taking calculated risks is essential for success, but if that risk fails, to learn from it. They encouraged students to set themselves apart from others by pursuing their real passions, to persevere, and enjoy what you have at the present.

For more information on the College's 'W' program, visit saintmarys.edu/departments/administrative-programs/writing-proficiency-program. ■

Social Media: *How to Connect*

by Shannon E. Brewer '03



Peter Mlodzik (left) and Daniel Miller

If you purposely missed the chat room craze of the '90s and blogging seems more like a homework assignment to you than a conversation, today's menu of social media may seem just like another albatross. There are easier ways to connect online than ever before, and good reasons to do so. Interactive online communities, including popular sites like Facebook, Twitter, and Digg have become meeting places for people around the globe. They've developed from chat rooms to social forums where you can participate in political conversations, meet fellow new parents, or chat with your grandchildren. Whatever your aim or interest, there is a social media outlet for you.

Take it from Saint Mary's own Web gurus, Daniel Miller and Peter Mlodzik—director, web and interactive communications, and assistant director, respectively. Here, the Web duo offers advice on navigating this everchanging social media landscape.

FOR THOSE OF US WHO ARE TENTATIVE ABOUT PARTICIPATING IN SOCIAL MEDIA, WHAT'S THE BEST WAY TO START?

PM: Start small, set a timer, and have a plan. Facebook and LinkedIn are popular choices for creating profiles and connecting with others, but using those services can be overwhelming and can eat up hours of time. Choose a smaller, less-complex service like Twitter, create an account, and set yourself an online time limit. Also, remember that anything you post will be around forever, so it is best to ask yourself what you hope to accomplish or gain through social media before you begin.

DM: I think that the best way is to figure out what you would like to do—connect with old friends/classmates, connect to a community that shares your passion, build a professional network, or promote yourself or your business. Then I would suggest following Peter's advice and set a timer and begin. Learning how to best use the tools for your purposes is part of the experience.

WHAT ARE THE BEST VENUES FOR RECONNECTING WITH OLD FRIENDS AND CLASSMATES ONLINE?

DM: Facebook is definitely the most popular venue for reconnecting with old friends and classmates.

PM: There are specialty services out there specifically for connecting with classmates, though I would ask around before choosing one.

HOW CAN PEOPLE CONNECT BEYOND FACEBOOK AND MYSPACE?

PM: LinkedIn is great for maintaining professional contacts. Flickr, YouTube, and Twitter are all fine ways to connect with others and share. Beyond that, I prefer the telephone and meeting in person!

DM: There are myriad ways to connect beyond Facebook and MySpace, like Vimeo for sharing video; Tumblr, Blogger, and WordPress for different types of blogging; Delicious for sharing bookmarks; and StumbleUpon and Digg for sharing links and news, not to mention some of the more immersive options like the virtual worlds of Second Life.

HOW HAS SOCIAL MEDIA CHANGED SINCE THE ADVENT OF THE CHAT ROOM IN THE 1990S?

DM: Change is in the variety of media that can be shared, the ease of use of the tools, the ease of sharing—through feeds, and the increased overlap of online and offline lives.

PM: Online chats were really just text-based communication, an extension of the pager and precursor to cell phone texting. Social media services like Facebook have made online sharing an experience that includes video, photos, games, and more. Chatting has also changed. Innovators like Apple have made video chatting common, though not yet routine, and that is pretty amazing considering what we had 10 or 20 years ago.

HOW DO YOU SEE SOCIAL MEDIA EVOLVING IN THE FUTURE?

DM: If social media follows its current trends, the blending, and sometimes blurring, of online and offline worlds will continue to increase. What determines if this actually happens depends on public perceptions of privacy concerns, the prevalence and adoption of mobile devices, and also the creation of new tools that address people's needs—real or perceived. Change in the social media sphere will be constant, and most likely won't be the same in five to 10 years.

PM: I see three possibilities: First, the online and offline worlds will become so intertwined that we will not be able to escape “Like” buttons and “Pokes”—think of seeing a video ad in the subway that allows passersby to “Like” a product by swiping a card or touching fingerprints to a screen. Second, social media use will continue its steady upward trend and eventually plateau. Users will come and go on the plateau, but there won't be much growth, certainly not akin to Facebook's meteoric rise over the last six years. Third, social media may burn itself out, users may lose interest or patience, and these services will disappear. The reality may be closer to a mix of all three, but we'll probably not know until it's here. ■

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TEN POPULAR SOCIAL MEDIA SITES:

The Who and What of What's Out There



DIGG Members submit and vote on the significance of news headlines, photos, and videos. Digg recently combined forces with Facebook so Digg and Facebook users can interface their profiles.



FACEBOOK Perhaps the most popular social networking site, Facebook is a site where members create profiles, upload and share photos and videos, play interactive games, and join groups based on their interests.



FLICKR This image- and video-hosting Web site is an online community for those sharing and commenting on content, as well as a space for bloggers to store their cache of online images.



FRIENDSTER Launched in 2002, Friendster is a social networking site where users can set up a profile, contact other site members, share photos and videos, and acquire content related to their interest and hobbies.



LINKEDIN is primarily used for professional networking. LinkedIn members can set up profiles, connect with other professionals in their fields, post their resumes, and job search.



STUMBLEUPON Users search for and rate Web sites, photos, and videos, which StumbleUpon suggests based on their interests. Founded in 2001, the site creates virtual communities that bring together people with like interests.



TWITTER Based on the status update, Twitter users set up profiles and “tweet,” producing text-based posts at or under 140 characters. Followers are those who subscribe to or “follow” their Twitter feeds.



VIMEO is a play on words—“me” inserted in the middle of “video.” Vimeo is a video uploading, sharing, and viewing site. It's become a popular place to post promotional videos for musicians, politicians, and other social figures, but content remains primarily user based.



WORDPRESS is a blog-hosting site where users take advantage of predesigned templates to publish their blogs.



YOUTUBE is a video-sharing Web site with the tagline “Broadcast Yourself.” Site users upload, share, and view videos. Users can comment on videos and subscribe to individual video feeds.

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is to invest it in something
which will outlive us.”

—WILLIAM JAMES

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A Star COMES TO Campus

On the morning of September 27, 2010, Lily Tomlin entered the theater studio for Saint Mary's Master Class filled with theater majors, minors, and theater lovers alike, as if she were no big deal. She did not call for any introduction, and she wore her converse sneakers and jean jacket as if she were just another Belle on campus. There was no diva attitude taking up the room—rather, a humble actress and comedian who knew the hard work and dedication needed to succeed in her art.

Tomlin described how characterizations are never complete, and she often goes back to rework characters. “You have to enjoy the fun of working the process,” said Tomlin. “An actor has to persist in working with different characters.” She made it look easy. She bounced from one character to another character and back as if it was just another side to her personality. “My characters live completely in my body,” Tomlin explained. Her passion and hard work is evident not only in her skills but her smile and laugh. Her enthusiasm for comedy and acting was palpable.

The Saint Mary's Theater Department prepared for Tomlin's visit by watching some of her films and character sketches during the weeks leading up to her visit. Theater students then prepared their own individual character sketches for performance and asked for Tomlin's critique. “Not only did she teach me a lot from her critique of my work and from her performance in the evening, she taught me the most through her personality. She is such a down-to-earth person,” said Eva Cavadini '12. “She put her undivided attention into our theater department and wanted to teach us everything she had to offer, encouraging us never to give up, even during the most discouraging times throughout our careers. It was a total inspiration to have her here, and refreshing to meet someone as humble and real as Lily.”

O'Laughlin Auditorium was sold out that evening for “A Night with Lily Tomlin.” A multigenerational crowd received a lesson on how one woman can captivate an entire audience.



The ultimate professional, Tomlin would have nothing less than a theatrical entrance with a short film clip displaying her various works and accomplishments throughout the years while the Disney song “When you wish upon a Star,” played. The audience laughed from start to finish.

During the performance, Tomlin gave multiple shout-outs to her Saint Mary's Theater students seated in the front row, all of whom were by then rabid Tomlin fans, as if they were her new close friends. “She is someone who is talented in ways that many can only hope to be. She creates these larger-than-life characters

*“You have to enjoy the fun
of working the process”*

that have you rolling on the floor,” Rebecca Maughan '11 said. Tomlin's confidence and comfort on the stage is evident, but she made a point to say her excellence has come from years of hard work and practice of her craft. “I have never heard anyone make acting seem like such an art as she did. She performs because it is what she loves to do, not for the fame or money,” Antonette Marsteller '13 said. ■

— Julie McGrail '12

PHOTO ABOVE: Lily Tomlin shares a laugh with Saint Mary's students.

The Age of Norman LaLiberte

by Kay Kenney

By the mid 1960s, Norman LaLiberte already was known as one of a growing number of artists who created works depicting Christian images. Today, his art appears in prestigious public and private collections such as the Smithsonian Institution and the Nelson A. Rockefeller Collection. He's also published several books on art. But before fame and glory came his way, LaLiberte was a beloved figure on Saint Mary's campus.

In 1957, Norman LaLiberte found himself sitting across from Sister Madeleva in her office and interviewing for a teaching position at Saint Mary's College. LaLiberte didn't have a lengthy academic resume or a carefully planned syllabus. But he quickly became a popular presence on campus. His art studio was open to all Saint Mary's students, who discovered that LaLiberte's *joie-de-vivre* in all its colors and shapes gave definition to their own youthful aspirations.

LaLiberte left Saint Mary's College in 1962 when he was commissioned as design director for the 1964 World's Fair Vatican Pavilion, Flushing Meadows, N.Y. In 1982, Saint Mary's College conferred an honorary doctorate on LaLiberte. This past spring, Jean Zimmerman Thomas '54, an admission office administrator at the College during LaLiberte's time here, called Saint Mary's to say that LaLiberte to this day expresses a profound gratitude to Saint Mary's for one of the best times of his life. In a recent interview from his home in Nahant, Mass., he explains the reasons for his abiding affection for the College.

WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO TEACH?

It was a matter of economy. In the late '50s and '60s there was no great demand for my art. After graduating from the Institute of Design in Chicago with a full-fledged degree in visual arts, I made my way to New York City—apparently that was the place to go to sell your art. In that year, working every day, visiting galleries and museums, attending workshops, etc., I earned \$10 from my art.

So I went back to the Institute of Design, now Illinois Institute of Technology, and received a degree in art education because I thought I should teach so to earn enough to support a little family and still be able to paint.

WHAT BROUGHT YOU TO SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE?

I was giving a little lecture about art education at a conference in Chicago. Sister Marie Rosaire (director of Saint Mary's art department at the time) was in attendance. She approached me after the lecture and asked if I would come to Saint Mary's. I did so, and it was a formidable experience to be sitting across from Sister Madeleva in her office overlooking the superb campus of Saint Mary's. She looked at me and quietly asked what I would need to teach. Hesitating for a moment, I held my breath and stated that I would like \$100 a week. She wore an expression that suggested I was robbing her, and then she collected herself and said "that's fine." I pushed the envelope then by saying I also would like a studio so I could work. She gave me a classroom (in the newly built Moreau Building). I had an open door policy that every student, no matter what discipline they were in, could come and visit and stay as long as they wanted. We constantly played music—Palestrina, Vivaldi, Bach, classical, historical, ancient, liturgical music from different parts of the world. There were always three to four to six students talking about art, galleries, exhibitions at Chicago museums. The studio was piled high with art books and magazines. It was a grand experience.

WHAT WERE THE MOST IMPORTANT LESSONS YOU TAUGHT TO STUDENTS?

The important lesson to students was always "you are here to discover yourself." Art is not what you do, it is what you are. The better you know yourself, the better your art. You are not here to do what has already been done. Art is the province of every human being. The students had to read *The Art Spirit* by Robert Henri, the letters of Van Gogh, and many others. We discussed these books and what they meant to the students. As Henri said, "When an artist is alive in person, he becomes an inventive, daring, self-expressive creature. He becomes interesting to other people. He disturbs, upsets, enlightens, and he opens the way for a better understanding."

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR GUIDING THOUGHTS OR FEELINGS WHEN YOU PAINT?

I paint what I know. I paint what I love. I paint the cities and countries I visit. I paint what I see around me . . . flowers, birds singing in trees. I paint memories of things past.

I paint what I see in museums as well as everyday life. I paint to challenge myself. I paint what I discover in my search for new art forms. I have conversations with other artists that come out as paintings. All new information is never forgotten.

Every Tuesday, I visit galleries, libraries, or bookstores. Every single discovery brings new ideas to your paintings. Unfortunately, you never have enough time to bring form to all this information. There is so much to do, so much to teach, there is always so much more to learn and do. In a very short life, every single moment becomes an extraordinary experience that you share with others through your art and your life.



I'VE HEARD YOU WERE MUCH BELOVED BY THE STUDENTS. CAN YOU RECALL THE ATMOSPHERE IN THE CLASSES?

It was happy chaos. The students realized the reason for a school was an exchange of ideas among each of us. The more we give of ourselves, the more we get back, and we grow intellectually in the classroom in direct relation to the effort we put into the exchange.

IS IT TRUE THAT YOU OFTEN GAVE AWAY YOUR PAINTINGS TO STUDENTS AND FACULTY AT SAINT MARY'S?

It was more or less an exchange. Art for ideas and for friendship and for the help and support we received for mounting exhibits and participating in lectures and all sorts of artistic endeavors. We had a little art fair every year, and I would do portraits on the spot for a dollar, I think. We used the money to do posters and to print little catalogs and announcements and to invite artists to show at the gallery. ■

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: "The Nativity," gift from George and Mary Voll Coquillard '44, displayed in Spes Unica. Untitled, LeMans Hall. "Story of the Cross," Moreau Center. "King of Kings," gift from Shirley Steinmetz, Madeleva Hall. "Story of the Cross," Moreau Center.

An Art Student Looks Back

Joan Pearson Soderlund '60 remembers her four years at Saint Mary's College as an exciting period to be a student in the College's art department.

For Soderlund, a transfer student from New Jersey, art department director Sister Marie Rosaire and Norman LaLiberte were influential in channeling the energies and talents of a class of students that Soderlund describes as very connected to one another, rambunctious, and always in trouble. "Let's just say we created a bit of anxiety for Sister Madeleva," Soderlund said.

The students were completely charmed by LaLiberte, including his unique way of expressing himself (as a native of Montreal, English was his second language) and the way he opened an entirely new way to view life as an adventure. LaLiberte emboldened students with such exhortations as: "If your art is going badly, make it worse" . . . "Don't take a break, stay there and fight it out," and "Try to draw faster than you can think."

Soderlund, a retired art teacher, and her husband relocated to Charlottesville, S.C., from New Jersey a few years ago. She rents a studio where she continues to create art.

Thomas Cahill Presents at the 2010 Christian Culture Lecture Series



Thomas Cahill at the podium

On September 22, Thomas Cahill, bestselling author of *How the Irish Saved Civilization*, gave the 2010 Christian Culture Lecture. His talk, “The End of Christian Divisions: Achieving Reunion Through Truth-telling,” took the audience through the millennia of the divisions among Christians—Catholic, Protestant, and Orthodox.

Cahill stressed that age-old hostilities among Christians must be viewed from the perspective of early Christian texts that were written more than two centuries after Christ. He believes that differences and strife among religions are the creations of man, not God. Cahill has written extensively on this subject, most notably in the first five books of his seven-volume series, *The Hinges of History*, which chronicle formative moments in Western civilization. In these works, Cahill tells the stories of individuals who made a pivotal impact on Western culture and the evolution of Western sensibility.

The annual Christian Culture Lecture asks a preeminent figure in the humanities to explore some aspect of the Christian dimension of Western culture. The late Professor Bruno Schlesinger (1911–2010) founded the lecture series as part of the Program for Christian Culture, which was later renamed Humanistic Studies. Since 2006, the Christian Culture Lecture Series has benefited from a generous gift from Donald and Susan Fitzgerald Rice ’61.

Cahill dedicated his lecture to Schlesinger. Members of the Schlesinger family also were in attendance at the lecture.

—Julie McGrail ’12

Saint Mary’s Included in Deloitte’s Updated University Relations Strategy



Wenwen Bai ’10 with Jerome McElroy, professor of business and economics

The Department of Business Administration and Economics at Saint Mary’s College announced the College is among a select group of institutions participating in Deloitte’s updated University Relations Strategy, launched this year. Deloitte is one of the nation’s leading professional services organizations, specializing in the business areas of audit and enterprise risk, financial advisory, and tax and consulting services. The organization has relationships with more than 200 colleges and universities nationwide.

Deloitte has renewed its approach to relationship management at targeted academic institutions to better deliver a consistent and quality experience to faculty and students on campuses across the country. The University Relations Strategy provides schools with a range of tools and resources—from thought leadership, to case studies, to seminars—to help them reach their strategic goals. Kristen Kowalski ’95, director, Deloitte Tax LLP, is the lead relationship manager for Saint Mary’s College.

“As a Saint Mary’s alumna, I recognize the value in establishing a strategic relationship with the College and leveraging Deloitte’s resources to benefit the students. Through our work with the faculty and administration, we are committed to helping the school develop, nurture, and graduate the next generation of women accounting leaders,” Kowalski said.

In 1993, Deloitte established the Initiative for the Retention and Advancement of Women, also known as the Women’s Initiative (WIN). “Our relationships with organizations like Deloitte are invaluable to our accounting program,” said Professor Mary Ann Merryman, chair of the Business Administration and Economics department. “Maintaining these close ties with Deloitte will help our current and future students also achieve such success.” Deloitte currently employs 26 Saint Mary’s alumnae, three of whom are partners, principals, and directors.

College Receives Steinway Grand Piano



Carol Sazama, seated, with Sazama family members

A vintage 1917 Steinway grand piano that was in Carol Sazama’s ’64 family for almost 60 years, has a new home in Stapleton Lounge in Le Mans Hall. Sazama, who graduated with a degree in music, and her family donated the Steinway, an instrument that is meticulously handmade by manufacturer Steinway & Sons, and treasured by music enthusiasts worldwide.

The piano was given to the College in memory of Carol’s sister, Jane Sazama Birtwistle ’62, who died in 2005; their parents, Dr. John and Janese Sazama; and in memory of Sister M. Dolorosa Hipskind, CSC (1916–2005), a music professor at Saint Mary’s from 1953–62. As students, sisters Carol and Jane were very active in campus musical activities, including some under the direction of Sister Dolorosa.

Carol had the piano restored by a Steinway restoration specialist for its new career (at the College). Carol earned a master's degree in Renaissance music history from the University of California, Santa Barbara, later working as a music department administrator at the University of California, San Diego. Her late sister, Jane, graduated from the College with a degree in Christian Culture/Humanistic Studies.

The piano was spotlighted at a dedication celebration on September 17 in Stapleton Lounge. Carol Sazama and family members, College President Carol Ann Mooney, and other guests attended the celebration.

Teacher and Author Jonathan Kozol Speaks at Saint Mary's



Jonathan Kozol

Jonathan Kozol, bestselling author of *The Shame of the Nation: The Restoration of Apartheid Schooling in America*, spoke to a sold-out crowd on October 4 in O'Laughlin Auditorium. In his talk, "Education and Social Justice," he recounted some of his experiences as an advocate for educational equality in America. Kozol has devoted nearly half-a-century to bringing to light complex and urgent issues facing public education. As an ardent spokesman who challenges our leaders to provide equal opportunity within our public schools to every child, he praised the work of Saint Mary's College for its work within the South Bend community. During a local radio interview before his appearance, Kozol described Saint Mary's College Academy of Tutoring Program (CAT) as a model program, in which students tutor at-risk students in South Bend. Students also take the role of teachers' assistants, reading partners, and special program coordinators. The CAT program engages with schools by providing a wide variety of resources to partner schools to encourage student success, parental involvement, and community development.

CWIL Holds National Conference and Celebrates its 10th Anniversary

The Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership (CWIL) held its national conference September 30 through October 2, 2010. Titled "Women as Intercultural Leaders: Imagination, Innovation, Integrity," the conference marked CWIL's 10th anniversary. The three-day event was a celebration of women's leadership and intercultural connections. Beverly Daniel Tatum, president of Spelman College, a widely respected expert on education and race relations, gave the keynote address.



Beverly Tatum

The conference included 30 concurrent sessions with presenters from 17 states and five countries; an exclusive performance by Teatro Luna, Chicago's first and only all-Latina theater ensemble; an art exhibition titled "Picturing Paradise," featuring hand-fabricated textile artwork by Peruvian craftswomen, two of whom were on hand; a photo exhibit titled *Ladli* (beloved daughter) that tells the stories of oppressed young girls and women in India; and a screening of the film *Pray the Devil Back to Hell*, which chronicles the efforts of Liberian women who brought peace to their country. The producer, Abigail Disney, introduced the film.

Tony Award Winner Teaches Master Class



Donna McKechnie with Antonette Marsteller '13

It's rare to have two accomplished actresses visit Saint Mary's so soon after one another, but on Monday, November 8, just weeks after Lily Tomlin's visit, Tony Award-winning actress Donna McKechnie was on campus to teach a Master Class. McKechnie worked with students focusing on their connection to the music.

"How fortunate we are that our students are able to learn from the masters like Donna McKechnie and Lily Tomlin, both Tony Award winning actresses. Ms. McKechnie is a master of not only the theatre, but of what makes theatre sing—music and dance," Mark Abram-Copenhaver, professor of theatre at Saint Mary's College, said.

Students in the Master Class worked on music for an upcoming Saint Mary's theatre production, *Into the Woods*, as well as other selected music. McKechnie told the class "You are more important than any lyric. The music was written for you to bare your humanity and bring it to life."

McKechnie, who won a Tony for her role as Cassie in *A Chorus Line*, is regarded internationally as one of Broadway's foremost dancing and singing leading ladies.

—Jacquitta Martin '12

Krista Hoefle, associate professor of art and gallery direction; and **Jennifer Zachman**, associate professor of modern languages and women's studies coordinator; collaborative animation short, "(A brief history of...) The Origin of A.E.L.I.T.A.," 2-Minute Film Festival at the Carnegie Museum of Art in Pittsburgh, PA. Thursday, July 15, 2010. Link to the CMOA: [http://web.cmoa.org/Link to animation project: http://vimeo.com/12474411](http://web.cmoa.org/Link%20to%20animation%20project)

Elaine Meyer-Lee, director, Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership; panel participant of workshop "Student Mobility in the Global Age: Best Practices in Europe and the United States," University of New Orleans, February 12, 2010.

Ujvala Rajadhyaksha, associate professor of business administration and economics, and **Robert L. Williams, Jr.**, co-authored paper "The Value Flame at the Base of the Pyramid: Opportunities to Source and Sell in Emerging Markets," Academy of Marketing 2010 Conference, Coventry University Business School, Coventry, United Kingdom, July 2010.

Inela Selimovic, assistant professor of modern languages; attended conference entitled "The Western Balkans: the path to European integration." The conference participants tackled different levels of preparedness that the Western Balkans has shown while paving its way towards European integration of Sarajevo, Bosnia, and Herzegovina; May 19–21, 2010.

Robert L. Williams, Jr., assistant professor of business administration and economics; co-authored with **Dr. Maktoba Omar**, Reader in Marketing Strategy, Edinburgh Napier University, Edinburgh, Scotland paper, "Radical Renaming of a Service Organization Corporate Brand: Transforming an Institution of Higher Education," which was presented at the annual Academy of Marketing 2010 Conference, Coventry University Business School, Coventry, United Kingdom, July 2010.

Robert L. Williams, Jr., assistant professor of business administration and economics; was lead author along with co-authors **Dr. Ujvala Rajadhyaksha**, associate professor of business administration and economics; **Dr. Maktoba Omar**, Reader in Marketing Strategy, Edinburgh Napier University, Edinburgh, Scotland; and **Dr. J. Ensor**, Head of the School of Marketing, Tourism and Languages, Edinburgh Napier University, Edinburgh, Scotland. Their paper "The Value Flame at the Base of the Pyramid: Opportunities to Source and Sell in Emerging Markets," was presented at the annual Academy of Marketing 2010 Conference, Coventry University Business School, Coventry, United Kingdom, July 2010.

Herold Weiss, professor emeritus of religious studies (1969–2001); *Finding My Way in Christianity*. Energion Publications, 2010.

Sue Wiegand, periodicals librarian, Cushwa-Leighton Library; presented "Using Focus Groups to Discover How Scholars and Students Work with Library Resources" at The Midwest Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) Conference, Indiana University South Bend, Ind., April 9, 2010.

Robert L. Williams, Jr., assistant professor of business administration and economics co-authored a chapter with Dr. Maktoba Omar, Reader in Marketing Strategy, Edinburgh Napier University, Edinburgh, Scotland, titled "Competition and Competitive Advantage in SMEs" in the book *Entrepreneurship Marketing: Principles and Practice of SME Marketing*, released by Routledge, London.

MaryAnn Traxler and **Nancy Turner**, professors of education; co-presenters, "Children's Literature and Literacy Development," at the Reading Association of Ireland Conference, Marino Institute of Education; Dublin, Ireland, October 1, 2010.

BELLES ATHLETICS

The *Courier* regrets that these student athletes featured in the fall 2010 issue were misidentified. (K. Kenney)



Camille Gebert '10



Natalie Matuszak '12



Anna Kammrath '10

Faculty & Staff Deaths

Professor Emeritus Bruno Schlesinger, founder of the Christian Culture Program (Humanistic Studies), father of Mary Schlesinger '72 and Catherine S. Schlesinger '75, September 2, 2010.

Helena Demopoulos Di Stefano, served for many years as the Rome Program secretary, mother of Vittoria Di Stefano '92, August 17, 2010.

Dr. Edward L. Henry, former President of Saint Mary's College, father of Mary E. Henry ex '77, September 30, 2010.

Mary Grace Hoene Campbell '39, August 4, 2010.

Lillian Locher Strittmatter ex '40, mother of Susan Strittmatter Sandeen '70 and Ellen Strittmatter '72, aunt of Anne Locher Knudten '65 and Laura Schimberg Locher ex '68, June 14, 2010.

Lorraine Murphy Wightman '43, May 21, 2009.

Dorothy Beatrice Young '43, May 19, 2010.

Sister M. Helen Patrice Whelan, CSC '44, August 21, 2010.

Adelaide Kelly Michel '48, mother of Cecilia Marie Michel '76 and Anne Michel Mackiewicz '78, sister of Mary Kelly McLaughlin '42 and Sister M. Cecilia Ann Kelly, CSC '51, aunt of Kathleen A. Kelly '70, Theresa McLaughlin Patterson '72 and Margaret Kelly Crimmins ex '80, July 22, 2010.

Alumnae Deaths

Kathleen Bigge Lievense '30, June 19, 2010.

Sister Alberta Grimm, OCD ex '38, aunt of Jayne Colgan Sullivan ex '59, September 6, 2010.

Former President of Saint Mary's College Passes Away

Edward L. Henry (1921-2010), the first lay president at Saint Mary's College (1972-1974), passed away on Thursday, September 30. He was 89 years old. Henry's career in higher education included serving as a former professor and vice president at Saint John's University (Collegeville, Minn.), and as president of Saint Michael's College (Colchester, Vt.), Marian College (Fond du Lac, Wis.), and Belmont Abbey College (Belmont, N.C.). He served as mayor of St. Cloud, Minn. from 1964-1971. Immediately before to coming to Saint Mary's, he was the director of the Center for the Study of Local Government at Saint John's.

Henry's appointment as president of Saint Mary's College was announced in March 1972, following the November 1971 announcement by Saint Mary's and the University of Notre Dame that the institutions would not merge. Also in the fall of 1971, Notre Dame announced that it would admit women beginning in September 1972. Some said Saint Mary's future as an all-women's college was uncertain. In his 1974 letter of resignation, Henry stated, "I came in the midst of crisis and gave myself an outside time-frame of three years to restore 'normality.' It is not only back to normal, but flourishing in most respects. In the College's transitional period over the past two years I have been able to bring it to a point of strength and vitality so that it will continue as an independent Catholic women's college, dedicated to the tradition of being an outstanding liberal arts institution."

Carol Ann Mooney '72 said Henry left his mark on the College. "Ed Henry became president of Saint Mary's at a pivotal time in our history. We are grateful for his strong leadership and send our condolences to his family."

Henry was born in St. Cloud in 1921 and graduated from Saint John's University. He attended graduate school at Harvard University and the University of Chicago. During World War II, Henry served as a naval officer on a destroyer escort in the Atlantic, Mediterranean, Caribbean and Pacific.

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Nell Ollinger Miles '48 "Sister Mary Verda, CSC", sister of Ruth Ollinger Harwood '48, September 28, 2010.

Jo Ann Messenger Smith ex '48, June 19, 2010.

Geraldine Barcaskey Sweterlitsch ex '49, April 23, 2009.

Marianna Titus '54, sister of Carol Titus Hollahan Tegel '47, September 24, 2010.

Mary Jo Carmody Herendeen '55, aunt of Susan Carmody '86, October 9, 2010.

Kathleen "Kathy" McGoey Cassidy ex '63, sister of Christine McGoey Cummings '61, June 30, 2010.

Mary Gallick Wiltshire '65, January 29, 2010.

Sister Margaret Lusby (Marie Eugene), CSC '66, July 15, 2010.

Mary Josephine Lavecchia ex '67, July 30, 2010.

Phyllis A. Willford '68, February 13, 2008.

Elizabeth "Betsy" Beck Cormany '69, July 23, 2010.

Kathleen Cecil '70, August 17, 2010.

Maura Finneran Marden '79, sister of Sheila Finneran Champa '76, September 27, 2010.

Suzanne "Suzy" Hughes Fitzpatrick ex '81, mother of Caitlin Fitzpatrick '08, sister of Maryann Hughes Mullin '77 and Theresa Hughes Whalen '85, and sister-in-law of Kelly Fitzpatrick '84, August 1, 2010.

Laureen A. O'Connor Fratus '81, October 19, 2010.

Family Deaths

Don J. Baker, father of Karen Baker Hill '79, August 22, 2010.

Rayfield J. Baty, husband of Rosemary Nedeau Baty ex '48, November 23, 2009.

Robert Baxter, grandfather of Miranda Baxter '09, October 4, 2010.

Dr. Roland W. Chamblee Sr., father-in-law of Angie Ricks Chamblee ex '73, September 23, 2010.

Elaine D. Clark, mother of Kathleen Clark Feldmeier '88, July, 2010.

Lorraine Clucas, mother of Colleen Clucas Wilcox '78, July 20, 2010.

Leo F. Cooney, husband of Jean Conway Cooney '44, September 6, 2010.

Norine M. Daly, mother of Mary Ann Daly '77, September 25, 2010.

Charles Joseph Derbes Jr., father of Jean Derbes Ratte ex '74, Denise Derbes ex '77 and Janis Derbes deVerges '80, August 2, 2010.

Cornelius Thomas "Corky" Desmond ND '51, husband of Jeanne Johnson Desmond '52, father of Ann Desmond Lusardi '80, Mary Helen Desmond Liddell '85 and Kathleen Desmond Mikula '85, brother-in-law of Helen Johnson Frings '50, and uncle of Patricia Frings Warmenhoven '78, September 1, 2010.

Merle H. Donahue, mother of Carol Lichtefeld Mitchell '70, September 3, 2010.

Edward T. Feeley, father of Elizabeth Feeley Easby-Smith '77, June 30, 2010.

Alek Senin Feller, son of Karen Bossy Feller '83, brother of Kaitlin Feller '11, and nephew of Barbara Couvreur Carlson '67, September 7, 2010.

LaVonne Fields, mother of Autumn Fields Moulton '96, December 30, 2008.

Patrick J. Higgins, father-in-law of Rebecca Kapsa Higgins '75, grandfather of Sarah Weinkauff ex '91, Ellen Higgins Reilander '02, Claire Higgins '05, and Mary Higgins '05, July 13, 2010.

Thomas E. Hoyer Sr., husband of Jeanne Crockett Hoyer '43, July 31, 2010.

Reverend Joseph E. Jacob, father of Jean Jacob O'Reilly '68, September 17, 2010.

Theodore G. Koulback, husband of Mary Walston Koulback '53, September 6, 2010.

Frederick H. P. King, father of Patricia A. King '73, September 26, 2010.



Cheer on one of Saint Mary's eight varsity athletic teams as they compete in the MIAA conference. A fun and exciting time for the whole family.

For the most up-to-date information, rosters, and team schedules visit saintmarys.edu/athletics today.

Go Belles!

Daniel G. "Dan" Laub, father of Angie Laub Ferguson '86, September 10, 2010.

Dr. Eldred Hugh MacDonell, father of Joanne MacDonell Santoddi '82, October 11, 2010.

Avedis Harold Mardoian, father of Judy Ann Mardoian Gavoor '76 and Debra Zartar Mardoian Haroian '82, grandfather of Arlene Mary Gavoor Kapamajian '07, and great uncle of Kristina Sorensen '13, July 26, 2010.

David J. Menzies ND '62, brother of Kathleen Menzie Lesko '64, August 21, 2010.

Ivan Stuart Misrach, husband of Patricia Crotty Misrach '61, and father of Julie Misrach Snyder '87, August 11, 2010.

Dr. Robert V. Molenda, husband of Ann Leonard Molenda '58, stepfather of Mary Wilson Voelker '81 and Ellen Wilson Hoover '90, July 26, 2010.

Julia Anne Morrissey, aunt of Colleen Morrissey '95 and Krista Morrissey Gipson '00, September 2, 2010.

Frank Ortman, husband of Carole Madden Ortman '62, father of Catherine Ortman Hirsch '90, and uncle of Kelly Madden Manzo '99, January 2, 2010.

Henrietta Schmoll Rauenhorst, mother of Judith Rauenhorst Mahoney '74, and grandmother of Anne Mahoney '05, October 12, 2010.

Charles Edward Reid, father of Teddi Reid Murray '58 and Sue Reid Sarphie '62, July 29, 2010.

Elizabeth Anne "Lizzy" Seeberg '14, niece of Katherine Seeberg Garvey '79, September 10, 2010.

Paul Shepard, husband of Linda Van Eck Shepard '84, January 26, 2010.

Eileen M. Cahill Steinke, grandmother, of Julie Steinke '96, September 21, 2010.

Edward J. Strougal Jr., husband of Patricia Greganti Strougal ex '61, and father of Angela Strougal Landergott '85, November 22, 2009.

John P. Sullivan, father of Katherine Sullivan Ahern '92, August 22, 2010.

Audrey P. Sword, great aunt of Julie Steinke '96, August 21, 2010.

Henry "Hank" Tavery, father of Mary Ann Tavery '69, Nancy Tavery Cummings '70, and Sue Tavery Brennan '71, May 29, 2010.

Richard G. Tranowski, father of Judith Tranowski King ex '81, August 20, 2010.

William A. Wallis, brother of Patricia Wallis Furst '71, January 5, 2010.

Deanna Casalandra Wish, mother of Merit Wish Enscoe-Phillips '89, May 9, 2010.

Jane Kathleen Zusman, mother of Jaclyn Paunicka '06 and Julie Paunicka '08, and aunt of Sheri Lynn Barnes '94, September 14, 2010.

Births & Adoptions

Karen Krok Hasler '89 and Doug ND '88: Quincy Abram, August 9, 2010.

Elizabeth Rollins Orton '89 and Michael: Margaret Amelia "Maggie," May 18, 2010.

Anne Palamaro Wynne '89 and James: Nicholas James, born October, 2009; adopted September, 2010.

Amy Baranko Banta '90 and Bradford: Duke McKneely, May 29, 2008.

Chris Foley Carroll '90 and Fergus: Claire Aileen, July 21, 2009.

Mary Henely Hanfling '90 and Brian: Thomas Henely Hanfling, June 16, 2009.

Colleen Mitchell Knupp '90 and Jeffrey: Benjamin, March 12, 2010.

Colleen McCarthy Stein '90 and John: Patrick John, July 22, 2008.

Kathleen McDonough Mundo '91 and John ND '88, Law '91: Caroline Grace, January 14, 2010.

Maria Dominello Panowicz '92 and Thomas: Mary Margaret "Molly," June 16, 2010.

Teresa Welch Blahoski '93 and Roman: Emily Grace, July 26, 2010.

Lisa Claussen Kommers '93 and Adam: Teagan Joetta, July 29, 2010.

Laura Drury Finn '94 and Kevin: Avery Elise, October 26, 2009.

Elizabeth Clarke Behrmann '95 and Andre: Twins, Nathan and Thomas, April 17, 2008.

Alison Metro Boeckman '95 and Bradley: Colin Robert, April 3, 2010.

Felicia Coleman Brabec '95 and David: Viviann Hannah, June 24, 2009.

Melissa Peters Christaldi '95 and Joe: Julianna Grace, October 13, 2009.

Patricia Anne Christensen '95 and Matthew Rees: Liam Nicholas Rees, April 25, 2008.

Kathleen Ebner Goodno '95 and George: Annabelle Jane, October 2, 2009.

Margaret Hellrung Haslam '95 and Andrew: Twins, Phoebe Margaret, and Lilah Suzanne, September 1, 2009.

M. Taylor Markow Hyland '95 and James: Connor Joseph, April 16, 2010.

Jeanne Schloegel Laszewski '95 and Tad: Hannah Joan, June 11, 2010.

Gina Amick O'Brien '95 and Daniel: Anne Morea, December 19, 2009.

Kellie Borzenski West '95 and Mark: Noah Patrick, December 18, 2009.

Sarah Siefert Barney '99 and Charles: Alexander Michael "Alex," August 2, 2010.

Courtney Wagner Kelly '99 and John ND '98, '99: Samantha Grace, June 28, 2010.

Emily Bailey Quiney '99 and Colin: Gabriel "Gabe" Patrick, June 19, 2010.

Leslie Ortiz Brown '00 and Jonathan: Liam Andrew, March 9, 2010.

Erin Hall Chesar '00 and Kevin: Caroline Renee, April 23, 2010.

Michelle Phillips Guerra '00 and John: Katherine, March 2, 2010.

Janet Gay Horvath '00 and Leon Bogucki: Alexander Stephen Bogucki, April 27, 2010.

Kimberly Heffernan Moore '00 and Brendan: Francesca Rose, January 23, 2010.

Anne Kratzer Wilmes '00 and Christopher ND '00: Mae Katharine, March 30, 2010.

Mary Cihak Zoladz '00 and Benjamin ND '99: Damien James, December 28, 2008.

Shannon Sarachman Buchmann '01 and Mike: Cooper Robert, October 14, 2010.

Kathleen Tucker Tamayo '01 and Danny: Lourdes Lucia "Lulu," December 14, 2009.

Allison Doherty McSherry '02 and Jason: Charles Frederick, April 15, 2010.

Bonnie Arends Pline '02 and Kyle: Anthony John, February 19, 2010.

Siobhan Murphy Watson '02 and Matthew: Liam Matthew, August 27, 2010.

Beatriz Cano Mares '05 and Juan: Anahi, July 16, 2008.

Marriages

Angela Strougal Landergott '85 and Charles, November 18, 2008

Kathleen Houlihan '91 and David Motzenbecker, May 21, 2010.

Linda Bonk Friel '00 and Justin, August 21, 2010.

Natalie O'Donnell Wood '00 and Matthew, May 25, 2008.

Kristine DiCosola Dziejwior '01 and James, December 1, 2007.

Rebekah Kistka Kirsch '04 and Scott, July 17, 2010.

Lauren Magnifico Melancon '06 and Bruce ND, PhD '08, August 14, 2010.

Nikole Block Martz '06 and Christopher, June 26, 2010.

Elizabeth Seutter Seeborn '06 and Jeremy, August 7, 2010.

Raquel Krivda Harrigan '08 and 2nd Lt. Patrick, April 17, 2010.

Bridget Nathanson Lindfelt '08 and Eric ND '06, July 23, 2010.



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Chicago East

The Chicago East Club is very excited to introduce its 2010-2011 Executive Board: President Lindsey Cotter Mackenzie '02, Vice-President Kate Treder '07, Secretary Francesca Casaccio Rabchuck '02, Treasurer Adriana Puente '05 and Board Members Gwen Duffield '96, Rachel Garko '04, Patricia Kisor Melchert '04, Genevieve Morrill '98, Becky Novak '98, Jackie Pounicka '06, and Courtney Smitham '05. The Club is planning many new initiatives for the coming year, including monthly service events, a moms' play group, a legal networking group, a wine club, and a book group. New attendees are always welcome, please contact the Club at smcchicagoeast@yahoo.com to be put in contact with these groups.

The Chicago East Club celebrated Founders' Day on Sunday November 7, 2010, with mass at St. Vincent de Paul Church in Lincoln Park and lunch at Cafe Ba Ba Reba. Alumnae and friends were able to reconnect, catch up on campus events, and raise money for the Chicago Endowed Scholarship by purchasing raffle tickets for the many fabulous prizes available. Our special guest, Dr. Gail Porter Mandell, Professor Emerita, Bruno P. Schlesinger Chair in Humanistic Studies Emerita spoke to the Club about the legacy of Sister Madeleva Wolff '09, the College's third president.

If you are in the Chicago area, downtown or suburbs, and are interested in being a part of the Chicago East Alumnae Club Board, please join us at our next board meeting! Contact Lindsey Cotter Mackenzie '02 at lindseycotter@yahoo.com for details about how the Club can fit into your schedule.

Cleveland/Akron

Founders' Day was held with liturgy and a reception on October 10 at Communion of Saints Parish. Many thanks to Linda Holtcamp McVoy '74 for chairing the event.

Kathy Friday Sobanski '78 organized the exam care packages for Saint Mary's students from the Cleveland/Akron area. Many thanks to those who donated and volunteered for this event on November 14.

The Annual Christmas Social & Cookie Exchange was held on December 9. This was a great opportunity for everyone to start off the holiday season.

The Club's primary method of communication is via e-mail. You can also find scheduled events on our Cleveland/Akron webpage or by contacting Cheri Petride Miller '79 at clmiller8457@earthlink.net

Colorado

Our next event will be Founders' Day Celebration, on Saturday, October 23rd in Colorado Springs. Mass will be celebrated at the Pauline Memorial Chapel, followed by lunch at the Broadmoor Hotel. We're looking forward to celebrating 166 years of inspiring and educating women in the Catholic Christian Tradition. Our guest will be Kara O'Leary, '89, Director of Alumnae Relations. The event is hosted by Kelly O'Brien, '90, the new president of the Colorado Club, Ginger Earnest di Lorenzo, '58 and Diane Lo Guidice Highland, '74.

To find out more information about the Colorado Club, or to give us your email address, please call or email Sheila Flynn Boone '65 at 720-851-0985 or sfbmf@comcast.net.

Columbus

The Columbus Club hosted a Founders' Day Wine Tasting, featuring Stella & Dot Jewelry on Saturday Oct. 23rd at the home of Kay Moore Gibbons '62. Thanks to Erin Gibbons '86 for organizing the event!

Caitlin Albany '09 hosted a Halloween party on

Tuesday, October 26th. Shhhh Quiet Hours! Alums enjoyed connecting at the Holiday Happy Hour on Monday, December 13th.

For more information about upcoming events contact Katie Vincer Sears at kvincer@gmail.com.

Dallas

In celebration of Founders' Day in the fall, several alumnae went to Mass at St. Rita's, and enjoyed a delicious brunch at Kathleen's Sky Diner.

We had a great turn-out for our club's favorite event, the annual Christmas Mass and dinner, this year hosted by Ophelia Flegle Camina '78.

Our book club read *The Middle Place* by Kelly Corrigan in November and the "One Book, One Saint Mary's" selection, *The History of Love* by Nicole Krauss in January.

If you'd like to hear about upcoming book club meetings or join our club's other activities, send us an email at smcdfwclub@gmail.com.

Dayton

The Saint Mary's Alumnae Club of Dayton has been working hard over the past few years to have a more active presence and to reach out to alumnae and incoming students. In the past year we sponsored a Founders' Day alumnae gathering, a Mother-Daughter Tea for incoming students (an annual event since 2007), a dinner with President Carol Ann Mooney (co-sponsored with the Cincinnati Club to celebrate our anniversaries), and most recently, we joined with the Notre Dame Club to hold a send-off for all incoming freshmen.

The Mother-Daughter Tea, held at the Dorothy Lane Market Community room, provides a wonderful opportunity for incoming students and their mothers to meet over refreshments and discuss life as a future Belle with current students and alumnae. This year our new students left feeling excited and energized about the many activities and opportunities they would soon be exposed to at Saint Mary's while current students and alumnae had a great time sharing their many wonderful and entertaining stories of time spent on campus.

With our increased activity comes an increased need for financial support to offset the cost of club activities. Ellen Hansman Geron '71 made a generous donation in memory of her mother Mary Ann Struck Hansman '37, a co-founder of our Dayton Club, which has allowed us to refrain from asking for dues since 2003! It is now time to ask for your support. Please make your \$20.00 check payable to the Saint Mary's Club of Dayton. Dues may be mailed to Bernadette Volpe Mitsch '71, 5025 James Hill Road, Kettering, Ohio 45429. Thank you to everyone for your generosity and support!

We anticipate future events and are looking for fellow alumnae in the area who would like to stay connected to and promote Saint Mary's in the Dayton area. If interested please contact Julie Steinke '96 (jasmc96@gmail.com) or Peggy Frericks Thompson '77 (pthompson86@woh.rr.com), or find the Saint Mary's College Dayton Alumnae Club group on Facebook. We look forward to connecting with you soon!

Des Moines

Sister Kathleen Dolphin, Director of the Center for Spirituality at Saint Mary's, was the featured speaker at the club's Founders' Day celebration on October 29th. Sister Kathleen's presentation was entitled, "Oh, Grow Up! Catholic Adults in Search of An Adult Catholic Church." Aimee Beckmann-Collier '75 hosted the event, which was attended by alumnae, spouses, and friends of alumnae. For information about getting involved in the club contact Aimee Beckmann-Collier '75 at aimee.beckmann-collier@drake.edu.

Georgia

The Georgia Club is rejuvenated! Since starting up again, the club has had a few happy hours in Atlanta with great turn out and lots of fun. We meet weekly at Taco Mac - Prado with the ND Club of Atlanta for game watches and celebrated a mass together recently at the Cathedral of Christ the King with dinner following at a nearby restaurant.

The club held the first kick off meeting of the book club in October and will be starting full time in January. Anyone interested in participating in the Book Club should contact Liz Gerard Mann '04 at lizzie0422@yahoo.com

The club is planning many more happy hours, service events and other gatherings. Be sure to keep in touch through our Facebook group (<http://www.facebook.com/#!/group.php?gid=223706836101>) or by emailing smcalumsga@gmail.com to stay in touch.

Kansas City

The Kansas City club very proudly continued its Saint Mary's scholarship this year. This little club, which quadrupled its annual donation to the College, is happy to have supported a local gal throughout her years at Saint Mary's. Several events are planned for the upcoming months to enable the scholarship to continue. On a different note, Saint Mary's and Notre Dame clubs teamed up for game watches this fall. The Fighting Irish were cheered on by Belles and Domers at the 810 Zone on the Plaza for five games. The club also helped Saint Mary's recruit in the area by attending local college fairs. It's pretty fun bragging about the benefits of a Saint Mary's education for a few hours at the fairs. The Saint Mary's club Christmas tea party, community service event, and other club events are being planned, so be sure to sign up for the newsletter. If you are new to the area and would like to receive the monthly *KC Club Connection* emails, please get in touch with Kelly Tyler (Kelly@KellyTylerTrainingServices.com).

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The Los Angeles Alumnae Club met in July at the home of Pat Greeley Lechman '53 to send off new and current students.

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Members of the Los Angeles Alumnae Club met in October to celebrate Founders' Day with a fiesta! Lucy Hanahan DaGiau '83 hosted the event in her home, complete with a taco truck!

Los Angeles

The Los Angeles club hosted a send off for students and their parents on Sunday, July 25th. Pat Greeley Lechman '63 hosted the event at her home on a beautiful sunny summer day. Attendees had lemonade, tea, punch and cheesecake while alumnae spoke about their Saint Mary's experience and answered questions from the incoming students.

On October 17th, more than 30 Los Angeles area alumnae and family members gathered in Manhattan Beach to celebrate Founders' Day. Lucy Hanahan DaGiau '83 and her family generously offered to host the event in their beautiful home, allowing for more mingling than would have been possible at a restaurant. A Carmelite priest from Loyola Marymount University said mass. Three Sisters of the Holy Cross joined our celebration, along with a young novitiate from India. A taco truck set up shop in the backyard, the chef grateful for the protection the patio cover provided as a cool mist began to fall. The evening ended with a raffle, raising almost \$200 for our LA Alumnae Club endowed scholarship. For more information about upcoming events in LA please contact Mary Kay Scheid '88 at marykay_scheid@yahoo.com.

New Jersey

We have been so fortunate with 2 Notre Dame games in our backyard this fall! Did you by chance attend the *Welcome Home Tailgate* on Saint Mary's campus in September sponsored by the Alumnae Board? Are you receiving your *Advent Reflections* emails via the Alumnae Relations Office? Have you heard about the One Book, One Saint Mary's book selection: *History of Love*? For more information, check out the Alumnae section on the Saint Mary's website. Our current students should be receiving their annual Christmas care packages from Hershey's any day. Thank you everyone for keeping this wonderful tradition in place for our Jersey girls! Your annual dues of \$25 support this and other initiatives for the Club. In 2011 we will be launching a NYC-regional mentoring program for our young alumnae and current students. If you are interested in participating as a mentor, interested in being a part of the leadership team on the Club level, send us your annual dues and update your email address, please forward all to:

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A very Merry Christmas and Healthiest of New Years.

Northeast Tennessee

The Northeast Tennessee Alumnae Club will be holding its annual Christmas Party on December 12th at the home of Maureen McInerney Fricke '71. Keep an eye on your mailbox for your invitation. The Club is also looking for volunteers to help with organizing future events. Feel free to contact Deanna Gomochak Pickel '99 (deannapickel@gmail.com) if you are interested.

Philadelphia

The Philadelphia Club was honored to have a visit from President Carol Ann Mooney '72 in October. A cocktail reception was held at the home of Ann Kiefer Casey '83. We were thrilled to have alumnae spanning from the Class of '49 to the Class of '09. Everyone enjoyed meeting President Mooney and hearing her updates from the college. Thanks to all who joined us for the evening and contributed to a fantastic event.

For club information or suggestions, please contact Katie Smith '93 at krsmith1014@yahoo.com.

Pittsburgh

The Pittsburgh Club has been busy with events featuring the work of some of its accomplished members. In June, club member and historian Lu Donnelly gave a presentation to the group about her recently published and acclaimed book *Buildings of Pennsylvania: Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania* at the Harvard Yale Princeton Club in downtown Pittsburgh. The presentation was followed by a book signing and reception. In September, the club hosted a dinner party and discussion at the home of Katie Harrison '04 with Leslie Wilson '76, club member and Country Director for Save the Children Georgia. Leslie discussed an article she published regarding the education of children during times of crisis and her work with children in the Republic of Georgia and Afghanistan. The club was honored that several community members were able to join the dinner and discussion, including the special consulate for the Republic of Georgia in Pittsburgh.

Anybody interested in helping to send a care package to our local Pittsburgh Saint Mary's students during finals week should contact the club at pgshmcclub@gmail.com.

Quad Cities

The Quad Cities Contact Area welcomes any new alumnae to the area! Please contact Debbie Johnson Schweibert '74 at (309) 786-2958 if you are interested in staying connected to Saint Mary's and fellow alumnae.

San Diego

Where to begin...? The month of October was very busy for the San Diego Belles. On October 17th, we celebrated the founding of Saint Mary's and the 167 years of our Alma Mater success! Thank you so much to Colleen O'Rourke Veltz '94 for organizing that memorable day. Throughout the month of October-

Sandy Parry '07, Jenn Wagner '05, Martha Hartwich '01, Peggy Battle Burns '81, and Anne Mikos Kassman '84 were busy representing Saint Mary's College at our local high school college fairs in San Diego.

On December 9th Marilyn Dargis Ambrose '52 opened her festive home to our Club, for our 2nd Annual Christmas Cookie Exchange. In addition to joining together and enjoying each other's company, we continued our San Diego tradition and brought lots of items for the underprivileged.

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The Philadelphia Alumnae Club hosted Saint Mary's College President Carol Ann Mooney on October 13. A cocktail reception was held at the home of Anne Kiefer Casey '83. Pictured left to right: Club president Katie Smith '93, President Carol Ann Mooney '72, and Anne Kiefer Casey '83.

On Saturday, January 8th, President Carol Anne Mooney '72 will visit San Diego and join our San Diego Club in celebrating Mass and sitting down for dinner at our local Catholic university, University of San Diego. For more information regarding future activities or suggestions, please contact Sandy Parry '07 at sandyparry@yahoo.com or (619) 871-8016.

South Bend

The South Bend Alumnae Club participated in the Breast Cancer Awareness walk in Howard Park on Saturday October 23rd. Other events included Founders' Day on Wednesday, October 27th. We've added a new way to get our information out to our members. Please look us up on Facebook under "Saint Mary's College South Bend Alumnae Club." Or contact Jodie Emerick '04 at jodieemerick@yahoo.com for more details.

Twin Cities

The Twin Cities Club celebrated Founders' Day on October 14, 2010. The group read short stories from the book *Quiet Hours: Revealing The Mysteries* and enjoyed a lively discussion about the legend and lore of the College and its buildings. Present at the event were: Alison Ashley Johnson '02, Jessica Huang '09, Katie Lunzer Conneely '85, Lori Hess Liesenfelt '82, Erin Elizabeth Anhut '07, Cathy Heisler Anhut '78, Kelly Brantman Roles '92 and Annie Basinski Dubsky '04.

The Fun Alums group continues to host a variety of activities on a monthly basis and Book Club will be meeting February 15 and April 19. Please contact Colleen Dolphin (colleen@dolphinography.com) for more information about club events or check out club events on Facebook at St. Mary's College Twin Cities Alumni Club.

'49

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Sally Tiedebohl Billingsley was in the Chicago area this summer visiting her charming daughter, Sarah Boulanger, and we met the following ladies for lunch in Oakbrook: **Claire Daley Archibald, Mary Ann Fellingier Ryan, Marian Cannon Clark, and Bernie Socha Fitzsimmons.**

Marian was in Florida for a week last winter and drove down to Miami one day to visit **Irene Raywood Johnson.** Irene had recently had a knee replacement. "She is as funny as ever," Marian said of Irene, who fixed a marvelous lunch for us.

Marian still pops into the office at her late father's company about twice a week to "keep her finger on things." Her brother claims she just comes in to be taken to lunch.

Mary Ann had a lovely reunion with **Sarah McCauhey Davey**, her husband, and their son, Paul, who was in from Houston this summer for a family reunion. In August, Mary Ann visited friends in northern Minnesota and then went to northern Wisconsin to her daughter Ellen's vacation home.

My request in the last column for news input brought several very welcome surprises. **Jody Farley Midkiff Chappell** called from Richmond, Va., and I was so delighted to hear from her. On her "bucket list" before she dies, was a trip to a Notre Dame home game. Last fall, two of Jody's sons and two of her grandsons took her to the Notre Dame versus Michigan game. They rented a van in Chicago, drove to Notre Dame, toured the campus—Jody in a rented wheelchair—had a tailgate picnic, and went to the game. What a marvelous, memorable day. Jody wants you all to know that Richmond has a fabulous new addition to its art museum and if any of you plan to visit, please call her at (804) 282-9705.

Another surprise call came from **Jeanne Murray Porter.** She and her husband were still up in their Gull Lake, Minn., summer home: a 100-year-old house that had been in her husband's family for 76 years. They go back to Oskaloosa, Iowa, in the fall.

Jeanne keeps in contact with **Mary Ann Witte Baker** in Burlington, Iowa, and **Cheryl Paul Ricketts** in Bettendorf, Iowa. Jeanne says both are in good health. Why don't you ladies email me once in a while?

Louise Brady Collins and her sister were scheduled to take a Danube cruise this summer—their third river cruise.

In June, **Gloria Clark Allan** told me she was on her way to Palo Alto to visit a niece. She wants us to know that this is a "gorgeous area." Gloria stays in contact with **Mary Jo Brown Holik's** daughters who report that although Mary Jo no longer recognizes any of them, she seems very content in her nursing home.

Sis Murnane Walsh has recovered beautifully from her stroke and seems more like her old self all the time. Thanks for all your prayers.

I talked with **Emily Dennard Sant Amour.** She and Jack are fine and have had no further problems from her colon cancer surgery or from Jack's carotid artery surgery last year. They are so proud that a grandson from California has been admitted to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. Emily and Jack visited there three weeks ago. There were many tours and parades, which Emily said were thrilling.

The sad news of Professor Bruno Schlesinger's death at 99-years-old brings back many happy mem-

ories of him to Class of '49 history majors. We all had him for several classes. In fact, I think he had just arrived at Saint Mary's when we first were assigned to his classes. At our 50th Reunion, many of us joined the crowd who met him at an assigned time in a classroom, which was filled to standing-room only. He was just as alert and interesting as always. I think we have always missed his classes. May God bless his dear soul.

Please don't forget that my due dates for the *Courier* Class News section are March 1 and September 1. It is very easy to keep in touch by email or phone. God Bless you.

'51

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It was an excellent summer in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan where Dick and I spent the summer. We were visited by most of our nine children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. It became chilly and we headed home to Northville, Mich., in the middle of September. I have an oxygen-dependent health problem, so I am carrying around a little tank of oxygen. Also, I have sleep apnea, so I have a machine I sleep with. Still, so far so good.

I had an interesting letter from **Mary Terry Bader** from Santa Clara, Calif. Since she retired, she has had two hip replacements and a serious blood infection. Now she is fine and wondering about Reunion 2011. What do you think? It would be our 60th. Mary has been studying at Santa Clara University for the past two years. Her interest in history has been renewed by classes in Ancient Greece, Rome, and the Medieval period. Her grandchildren are in college at Sweet Briar in Virginia, and Tulane in New Orleans. No other news for our column at present.

'53

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News is thin this month. I have only two notes. **Joan O'Brien Holland** sent a kind greeting, and I have a sad letter from **Linda Duffy Hensel.** Her husband, Ernie, died suddenly on January 25. He had a congenital heart defect that no one knew about. They had been married 34 years. Linda didn't write much about the family, but she is looking forward to two great-grandchildren this year. One will be born in October, and the other near Christmas. She expects her son in Afghanistan to be sent to Italy in November, and then two months later, to be out of the service. Her other son in the military is stationed in Las Vegas.

I have been advised by our new editor to fill this empty column with my own news since I have none from you. Remember, you brought this on yourselves.

In July, I had spine surgery, a fusion, and it has certainly slowed me down. I am out of pain now, which is wonderful, and slowly mending. Jack and I are leaving next week to visit our vacation house, which is about 300 miles away, in New Hampshire. Most people I know have vacation places in the South, but we bought this when we had six kids who wanted to ski. Now, we meet grandchildren

and their parents up there, and we all pray for snow, but this trip, we are hoping for beautiful foliage.

If I wrote you all about our family, it would be a full-length book, so I will just tell you we are a family of 30, with no great-grandchildren yet. Our oldest grandchild is in vet school (her class is mostly women) and the youngest is a little girl in kindergarten. Jack and I are so grateful for all of them. I will write again in February if you will send me something to write about. Love to all of you.

'55

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Nineteen classmates returned for our 55th Reunion. Many arrived on Thursday, and we gathered for our obligatory dinner at Rosie's, always a good start to a reunion. Friday evening the "Older than Golden" (that's us) had dinner in the Haggard Parlor. That's the old library west wing. After dinner, the class presented **Maureen Sullivan** with the gift of a glass globe depicting Le Mans Hall, in appreciation for all her work on our reunions. As usual, Maureen was very humble, but thrilled with the honor. There were lots of activities planned, the most interesting I found were College President **Carol Ann Mooney's '72** presidential report, and the tour of Spes Unica Hall, the new academic building. It is a state-of-the-art building and the College's newest and greenest facility. As I wrote earlier, our class was a major donor and we are listed on the lobby's Wall of Honor—the *only class* listed. In the question-and-answer session following the president's remarks, we learned that enrollment is steady. Many of us stayed in Le Mans Hall, which is scheduled for major renovation in the near future. It needs it. We were surprised to learn it is the most popular dorm on campus as Le Mans rooms are snapped up the most quickly.

Marie DeMeester Meehan came from Virginia Beach, Va. Marie had accompanied her parish choir to Rome where they sang in the Vatican and held concerts in Rome and Assisi, and they had an audience with the Pope. Marie doesn't sing, but just tagged along and had a good time. **Richie Coleman Scott** lives in Washington, D.C., and is an art education administrator in Prince Georges, Md. Her oldest daughter specializes in trust and estate management for Muslim women in London. She has dual citizenship in the United States and the United Kingdom. Sean is dean of faculty at Loyola School of Law in Los Angeles.

Mary Anne McManus Harahan is a neighbor in Troy, Mich., of **Maureen Sullivan.** Mary Ann travels to California to see family. She stopped in Arizona and visited **Jeanne Benish Hasbrook**, her long-ago roommate. Jay and **Florie Senger Rose** have both had health problems. Florie had a partial knee replacement and Jay was to have surgery in June, so she was sorry to miss reunion. **Nancy Cole Hodapp** and John moved to Grand Rapids from Springfield, Ill., in 2006 to be near their daughter and her family. Nancy is a breast cancer survivor and cancer-free for four years. The winter must have been getting to her the day she filled out the reunion update form. In answers to what to you do for fun, she wrote, "Watch it snow."

Shirley Dyckes Kelley writes that she has sold her last condo at Ocean Reef on Key Largo and is now in Stuart, Fla. Also Shirley tells it best, that "After

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EraGen Biosciences Inc. announced that **Maria L. (Serieno) Foster '82**, vice president of commercial operations, has assumed responsibility for the company's sales organization. She had been responsible for marketing, customer service and technical support.

Saint Mary's College is pleased to announce that **Kristin McAndrew '94** recently joined the College as the director of admission. McAndrew has spent her professional life working in admission office positions at liberal arts colleges.

Sarah Belanger Earley '71 and her husband Anthony will be honored at the Walsh College Leadership Awards in November when they receive the Jeffery W. Barry Award for Educational Excellence and Community Service. Earley is founder and president of the Belle Isle Women's Committee. The Barry Award is given annually to individuals who demonstrate leadership in business and a philanthropic commitment to the community.

Former president of Saint Mary's College **Dr. Marilou Eldred** was one of twelve business and community leaders in the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis who received the Archbishop's Leading with Faith Awards for 2010.

Susan Williams Taylor '65 was named Deputy Chief Procurement Officer for the Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs. In this Senior Executive Service position with the Federal Government, she has responsibility for overseeing approximately \$13 billion in annual contract awards to support veteran health care at 153 veteran hospitals and 1,033 veteran outpatient clinics and centers nationwide.

Kathleen Shea Dickson '79 has been appointed Vice President of Sales and Marketing for the Americas for Taj Hotels Resorts and Palaces. A luxury hotel specialist with extensive experience focused on building top luxury brands, she will oversee sales and marketing for the company's three U.S. hotels — The Pierre in New York, Taj Boston in Massachusetts and Taj Campton Place in San Francisco — and play a pivotal role in launching new hotels by developing a sales and marketing infrastructure and strategies for the key US market.

Photographer **Kristen Gill '91** was presented with the 4th Annual Photography Masters Cup Nominee title in the category of Portrait at a prestigious Nomination & Winners Photo Show attended by over 40,000 online viewers.

Texas Governor Rick Perry has reappointed **Patricia Dunlevy Watson '88** to the Governors Committee on People with Disabilities for a term to expire Feb. 1, 2012. The committee works to ensure Texans with disabilities are able to live their lives with integrity, independence and productivity. 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.

The Best Lawyers in America, one of the nation's oldest and most trusted peer-to-peer rating services, has named **Christine D. Oldani '72** as one of the 2010 Best Lawyers for her continued excellence in the area of appellate law practice. In practice for more than 30 years, she is one of Michigan's most accomplished appellate attorneys with over 100 published decisions to her credit.

Lisa Fox '91 announced the release of her first jazz CD, entitled *Watch What Happens*. A full-time program manager with Eastside Employment Services and president of the University District Rotary, Ms. Fox is donating 100 percent of the proceeds of the first one thousand copies sold to the charity End Polio Now.

Lucia Anna (Pia) Trigiani '80, a principal in the law firm of MercerTrigiani, has been named to the 2011 edition of *Best Lawyers in America* for real estate law. *Best Lawyers* is an annual peer review publication that includes evaluations of 39,766 attorneys in 81 practice areas covering all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Trigiani also was listed among 2010 *Virginia Super Lawyers* in the category for real estate law. The statewide listing is published annually in *Richmond Magazine*.

57 years of no communication between us, **Carol Graham Moran**, one of my sophomore roommates, and I live seven minutes apart, for six months a year, in Stuart. We play golf and dine together. Carol is still a wonderful cook (that dietician's degree she has). I entertain at my club. Judd, of course, joins us for dinners and was delighted to find a Notre Dame man he knew at each table on either side of us at our first meal together (small world)."

Our own **Juliette Noone Lester** was awarded the Alumna Achievement Award at the Alumnae Reunion. All of the details were in the Summer 2010 *Courier* issue. We are so proud of Julie.

The staff students had an all-class reunion. Among those returning was **Agnes Pelachik Robinson '56**. Agnes started with our class, but finished in 1956. She told me that in the fall of 1955, she was so lonesome for all of us (who knew?) that she went to **Sister Maria Pieta '22** and said she wanted to go home. Sister persuaded her to stay, and Agnes graduated that June, taking a teaching job in a Granger, Ind., high school. In the summer of 1954, **Joan Hemingway Wolf**, Florie, and I were in Boston. Cardinal Cushing had given the old Filene Estate to the Sisters of the Holy Cross to establish a college, and **Sister Verda Clare '22** was charged with the task. We stopped to see her and she showed us around. The college was soon up and running. One of the English teachers left unexpectedly and (here's where the story gets good) Sister Verda Claire called home to **Sister Marie Pieta '22**. "Do you know anyone who could take this job?" Sister Verda Claire asked. "I do," Sister Marie Pieta responded. Soon, **Agnes Pelachik Robinson** was on her way to Boston and Cardinal Cushing College where she taught for several years. After a few years, she and her husband went to Oxford University where they both received graduate degrees. Agnes and Peter now live in Texas, where he teaches at UTEP and she is retired (talk about networking). I love that story.

Our scholarship fund continues to prosper and this year our award was made to Andrea Fritsch '13. Andrea is a nursing student and competes on the College's golf team. She lives in Cincinnati and has a sister who is a Saint Mary's graduate. Thanks to all of you for helping to make this possible.

After reunion, **Frances Clohessy Spillane** returned to Evanston with me for a few days. It was my birthday and all our children and granddaughters had gathered to celebrate. I knew all those boys learning to cook would someday pay-off. Fran got to meet all of our family again and we had a fine time. **Carol Wiseman Smith** lives just a few minutes away in Wilmette, so we went up to see her and John, and sat on their wonderful screened back porch and visited the afternoon away.

I received this post-reunion note from **Joan Kershaw Putnam**. **Mary Gallagher Sullivan** now lives in San Diego. Bill has Alzheimer's Disease and Mary wanted to be with him. Another Alzheimer's patient is **Mary Ann Hoben Jensen**. Mary Ann is back in Galena in a home that she helped choose. She seems to be happy there. **Jeanne Jenk Goen** goes over to see her every so often, but Jeanne is not sure Mary Ann knows her.

Mary Beth Croxall Wahl was at reunion and afterwards learned that her daughter Gretchen has been diagnosed with carcinoma of the bile duct. She is to have surgery in August. Gretchen and her husband live across the street from Mary Beth in Angola, Ind.

As I cautioned you all last time, be careful out there, take your meds, and watch where you are stepping.

Reunion was, as always, renewing. We missed you and prayed for you. I hope you prayed for us as well.

'57

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This column starts once again with the passing of a classmate. **Sheilamae Shannon O'Hara** died on May 3, after a short illness. Although Sheilamae left Saint Mary's in her junior year to marry Tim, who was fresh from Notre Dame Law School, she left a remarkable impression on all of us. Many who responded to my email notification of her death (I wish I had addresses for more of you), commented on her quick wit and sense of humor. As **Julie Dittoe Schmidlin** put it, "She always left me with good thoughts." This certainly was shown when she delivered the reflection at our class Mass at our 25th Reunion and again at our 50th Reunion. A wonderful obituary in the *Chicago Tribune* outlined her return to college while raising their six children. She subsequently earned two masters degrees, one was in library science. The time between her diagnosis and death was quite brief, but she used it wisely, planning the details of her own funeral and saying goodbye to many of her family and friends. Her wonderful family, including Tim, their five surviving children, and eight grandchildren, beautifully carried out her amazingly detailed wishes. To my knowledge, those able to be present at the services included, **Josie Murphy Vorda**, **Dee Kiley LeFevour**, **Mimi Scanlon Ryan**, **Peg Kearin Carey**, **Katie Perry**, **Janet O'Connell McCue**, **Ellen Boyle Benish**, and **Mary Veronica Kilgallen Holzhall** (whose brother, Father John Kilgallen, was the Celebrant). We appreciated the fact that Mike and **Kay Howard Boyle's** son, Mark, who is married to Sheilamae's niece, came to introduce himself to the Saint Mary's group after the Mass.

The Spring 2010 *Courier* noted the death of **Mary Needler Machenberg's** mother, Virginia. A subsequent note from Mary told of her mother's amazing life. She died at 99 1/2, not long after renewing her driver's license for two years. Mary herself, from Ft. Wayne, Ind., in her Saint Mary's days, has been in Atlanta for over 30 years and loves it. With her children divided between Atlanta, New Orleans, and Boise, they still manage good "together time."

April brought me a brief visit with **Pat Smith Parish**. Pat was on her way back to Phoenix after she stayed with **Ruth Keefe Herman** in Washington, D.C. If you ever want a tour guide in DC, Ruth would be it. She volunteers in the White House Correspondence Office several days a week and is a frequent volunteer usher at the Kennedy Center, catching many amazing performances. Not wanting to be outdone, **Josie Murphy Vorda** and I got to show Pat the Modern Wing at the Art Institute and Millennium Park. In August, **Peggy Kearin Carey** and I had a brief visit with Ruth when she was in Chicago visiting family. Ruth told of meeting **Diane Landphair Knuth** when Diane was spending time with one of her daughters in DC. Previously, I told of **Jean Giddens Cass's** daughter, Mary's, wedding in Spain. Jean and Al are now the proud grandparents of twins, Maria and Alexis, born in February in Valencia. Jean flew over for three

weeks to help out and enjoy. When I summarized last year's Christmas greetings, I overlooked Don and **Mary Lou Ahern Colfer's** greeting, which featured one of the crib sets from their outstanding collection. Also, catching up, our kudos to **Nancy Frank** who was mentioned in the "Excelsior" column of the Summer 2010 *Courier* for the recognition she received from the National Retired Teachers Association.

Sympathy goes out to **Josie Murphy Vorda**, whose brother-in-law, Gene, the husband of **Therese Murphy Jones**, died in April, and to **Mary O'Connor**, whose sister-in-law, Dolores, the wife of Mary's brother Jerome, died in June.

Peggy Kearin Carey outdid herself in organizing and hosting a trip to the Tuscany area of Italy in June for 41 of her children and their families (not all could go). **Judy Hanks Maus** met Josie and I for lunch as she and Tom made their annual trek back to Florida after their family vacation in Petoskey, Mich. Josie was able to tell us about the Michigan wedding of her son, Matthew, in July. In August, **Peg Balfe**, **Katie Carroll**, **Mary O'Connor**, **Josie Murphy Vorda**, **Dee Kiley LeFevour** and I visited the Grand Teton area of Wyoming. We were pleased that **Marge Smith Broucek** and George drove down from Minnesota and joined us there and at Yellowstone Park.

As I was closing this column, I received a wonderful letter from Allison Betourne '12, whom you may recall is the recipient of our Class Endowed Scholarship. As she begins her third year studying nursing at Saint Mary's, Allison wrote to thank our class for our support. It is a wonderful reminder of the importance of continuing to contribute to this meaningful fund.

'59

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I am sorry to report that **Helena Joy Ueno Brown** passed away on April 21, 2010. She fought a long battle with Parkinson's Disease, which prevented her from attending our 50th Reunion last June. Sadly, **Rose Marie Mudd Nickodemus** lost her husband, John ND '59, to lung cancer on March 22, 2010. He leaves six children and 15 grandchildren, and will surely be missed. Another passing is that of Daniel Patrick Smith, youngest son of **Mary Moran Smith**, on March 14, 2010. Mary writes, "Thank you for your warm wishes. It was my son, Daniel. He was 40, the youngest of my four. He was single. He suffered from depression, which came upon him in his sophomore year in college. Since then, it has been an up-and-down roller coaster. For 20 years, he battled through doctors, psychologists, meds, and the like, to no avail. He'd be good for a while and then the

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Eight members of the Class of 1959 met for the Notre Dame/Michigan game this fall! Pictured left to right, front row: Carol Lucas Dunne, Sarah Sceales Mulcahy, Mary Hughes Enright and Carol Podesta Foley; back row: Barbara Benford Trafficanda, Katie Hall Kilcullen, Betsy Finneran Kennedy, and Gerry Dunn Leinenweber.

demons would set in like a recurring cancer. He took an overdose of [an over-the-counter drug] after attending a family dinner. He apparently planned it for a long time as his note indicated that. He said he tried, but was just so alone, and that he loved me. I truly believe he is finally at peace with Tom. Tom and I both knew this time would come, but always held out hope. Please keep us in your prayers. You may share this news in the *Courier* and maybe others will understand that mental illness is a disease that takes over one's whole being." **Connie Roller Curtin** and **Annette Fontana Saylor** attended the funeral in Scottsdale, Ariz. Please keep Joy, Rosie, Mary, and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

Now for "sick bay": **Sarah Sceales Mulcahy** underwent successful triple bypass heart surgery on June 22. She is home recovering and busy going to cardiac rehab. She promises to be "fit as a fiddle when Gerry and I join she and Tom in September for the Michigan game." About the same time, **Vicki Bapst Henzy** fell and fractured her hip a second time. She also has a problem with a carotid artery and suffers from diabetes. Presently, she's in rehab in Connecticut. **Sue Brown Bapst** and her husband, Bill (Vicki's brother), visited her for her birthday and reported that she was having a hard time. I spoke with her on the phone, and she was lamenting that she is not ambulatory, so can't return to her apartment or go into assisted living, but she's hoping to change that. Her daughter, Beryl, emailed me today with the good news that she and her mom have decided to have her treated medically and x-rays indicate physical therapy should help Vicki with the goal of successful transfers in-and-out of the wheelchair. Since this news will be six months old when you get it, if you'd like to send a card to Vic, you can send it to her son's house at 17 Viola Drive, East Hampton, CT 06424.

Got a newsy email from **Kate Bird**. She thanked **Marilyn Kerkhoff Peltzer** and **Teresa Nutting Marcy** for taking time from our reunion festivities to attend her father's wake and funeral. She writes, "I married for the second time 14 years ago to a long-time investigative newspaper reporter, Joe Volz. Joe and I moved to Frederick, Md., from Washington, D.C., in 2003, after we retired formally from AARP as writers and editors." Kate continues to pick up articles when she can and volunteers at the local hospital's

cancer center in their infusion room, where patients with cancer, MS, anemia, and rheumatoid arthritis are treated. **Barbara Kauzlaric Rucker** writes that **Rosie "Cass" Cassmeyer Hutches** had dinner with her family in Gallup, N.M., on her way to-and-from Kenab, Utah. She was traveling with three of her dogs to see if they would bond with a dog she was hoping to adopt. The transaction did not work out, and Cass commented that she had an easier time adopting two of her children. I received a joint letter from **Gerry Dunn Leinenweber**, **Louise Schulte Johnson**, and **Cass Hutches** relating the fate that befell **Ruth Bischof Werger** and her husband, Wilf, who farm in Wildwood, Alberta, Canada. On the morning of March 20th, they lost everything in a house fire and are starting over in a trailer they had previously acquired for hired help. In spite of their predicament, Ruth displayed a sense of humor as she wrote to Cass, "Have no power or phone yet, so still using the library's net. We have nothing, not even a toothpick, which I was wishing for last night." Ruth has given us permission to give out her address, so if anyone wants to help financially, just email me and I'll give it to you.

Congratulations to Tom and **Pat Scanlon McCarthy** on General Quarters' wins in the Turf Classic at Churchill Downs in May. Gerry and I turned on the TV early to watch the Kentucky Derby and the human interest stories it generates. Our ears perked up when we heard the announcer talking about General Quarters, who we watched run in the Derby last year. Then, all of a sudden and in pouring rain, he was off and running. To our added delight, the cameraman zoomed in on Pat and Tom rejoicing in the stands as their horse came in first. Gerry and I were thoroughly confused as to what race General had run, but received an email the next day from **Rosemary Zirille Spalding**, filling in the gaps. Rosie heard from Pat who told her the Turf Classic is a grade-one Stakes Race, and that's why it was run on grass right before the derby.

B. J. Hood O'Brien sent the obituary for Josephine Bamber, who for 60 years, owned and ran the Sunny Italy Café in South Bend. Perhaps some of you remember her. Gerry remembers the café because he and his buddies celebrated his 21st birthday there (but that's all he remembers).

I received a clipping from the *New Canaan Advertiser* with a picture of **Jeanne Pflaum Gnuse** and a friend who sang with the Berkshire Choral Festival under the direction of English conductor, Jane Glover, at the Eglise Saint Jean Baptiste Church in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, in July. Jeanne described the event as "truly international" because the orchestra spoke French, the chorus spoke English, and the work was sung in German.

Gerry and I traveled to Venice, Fla., in April to visit my sister **Betty Benford Belfiore** and her husband, Jack, who is nicely recuperating from his broken limbs. The highlight of our visit was touring the Ringling Brothers Museum in Sarasota, Fla. On our last evening there, Betty hosted a party for her neighbors and friends and we had a great visit with **Mary Jo Greene Horan** and **Ann Conaghan Hinckley** who are neighbors in Sarasota.

One of my granddaughters, Morgan McEnery, has entered her freshman year at Creighton University in Omaha, Neb. (my father's alma mater), where she is being mentored by **Dr. Stephanie Wernig '68**. I first met Stephanie way back in the '80s when she was head of Student Life at Regis College in Denver, Colo., where Morgan's mom went, and we stayed in touch through the years. She's been a wonderful

help to my daughter and granddaughter. The Saint Mary's family is surely alive and well.

When Gerry and I get back from the Notre Dame-Michigan game, we will make our annual trek to the beautiful island of Maui, where we hope to hook up with **Sharon McGee Bradshaw** and her husband to share in celebrating his 80th. My next deadline is March 1, 2011.

From the Courier: Meg Stone Longtine writes: "Bill and I are celebrating our 50th wedding anniversary in two weeks with all of our children, 15 grandchildren, one great-grandchild, family members, and many friends from in-and-out of town as well. We are super excited. Our pastor has agreed to baptize our newest grandchild at the celebration Mass, which just adds to the joy (just had to share)."

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Time is passing much too quickly. We've had a really rainy summer and the flowers in my planters are leggy and water-logged. As usual, I'm ready for the next season and hoping the fall colors will be breathtaking. As usual, I'm saying, "Bring on the snow!"

Our 50th Reunion Program Committee, chaired by **Marilyn Wolter Laboe**, and the Reunion Gift Committee, chaired by **Mary Cotter Fee**, is already hard at work to make this reunion truly golden for our class. It's less than a year away, scheduled for June 2-5, 2011. We hope to have a record attendance for the Class of 1961 and also a record participation for our Class Gift. Make your plans now to be there as you won't want to miss it.

Also, **Judy Halter Enright** is creating a CD featuring class members that will be given to all members of the Class of 1961 who attend the reunion. For a sample of the CD, visit her Web site at www.judyenright.com and click on "SMC demo." You can also see a sample on www.youtube.com/my_videos_edit. She is asking classmates for current photos of themselves, family, and whatever they are involved with such as hobbies, avocations, or careers. Email .jpg files to judyenright@gmail.com or send pictures or copies of pictures to: Judy Halter Enright, 5620 Bauer Road, Brighton, MI 48116.

It is good to hear from **Anne Kantowicz Serafin** in Newtonville, Mass., who has exciting news. In the early 1990s, she developed an interest in African literature and film and has been conducting research in this field for almost 20 years, especially after she retired from full-time teaching in 2004. She has published an anthology, co-edited with three other women. *African Women Writing Resistance: Contemporary Voices* was an exciting and rewarding project featuring pieces by nearly 40 women of African birth. It's available on the University of Wisconsin Press Web site in its spring 2010 catalogue as well as on Amazon.com. This project is many dreams coming true. Other than that, her life is full and busy with family, friends, and travel for which she is grateful. She looks forward to reuniting with everyone at Saint Mary's at our reunion.

From South Bend, Ind., **Rosemary Boughal Benchik** writes to thank classmates for the prayers for her daughter, Jackie, who was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2005. Jackie celebrated her five-year, cancer-free anniversary this last summer and also was granted her Ph.D. in May 2010 from UIC

in curriculum and instruction. Rosemary is looking forward to seeing everyone in June of 2011.

Congratulations to **Peggy Hill** in New York, N.Y., whose play, *RACE*, was the longest-running play of the season, opening in the fall of 2009 and closing in August 2010. Peggy enjoyed the summer in Southampton with her twin grandsons, age two, and their mother, Stephanie. Also visiting for the summer was a baby, MacLean, born in April 2010. Peggy and **Susan Fitzgerald Rice** enjoyed a "magical" trip to Montreal in July 2010, seeing everything they wanted to see, frequenting great restaurants, and feeling as if they had experienced a little taste of Europe.

Hodgie Shaw Bricke emails the big news from Lawrence, Kan., that she and Jack are now grandparents. Their son, Ian, and his wife, Jessica, adopted a baby girl, Pilar Isabella, in March, 2010. Pilar's first birthday was celebrated in July 2010, but so far, she ignores her grandparents on the phone. Hodgie is still working in International Programs at the University of Kansas, although having time to pursue other interests is becoming more and more appealing.

Anne McGovern Gerard writes from Sister Bay, Wis., to say she is still a realtor broker associate in Door County selling beautiful waterfront properties. Anne is so thankful for her five wonderful, healthy children and 12 grandchildren.

News from **Sandy Graham Bartlett** in Ridgewood, N.J. Sandy says her two grandchildren who are seniors in high school, are hoping for scholarships to continue their educations. As Sandy tells me, "Gone are the days when a middleclass family can send their children to college without major help."

Kathleen (Kay) O'Keefe in Durham, N.C., sends news of her train trip this past summer from Washington, D.C., to the Badlands of North Dakota with her daughters and their children. She thought it was interesting to see the children experience the vastness of our country for the first time, even though two of them had lived as far away as India. Kay's son and his three children who live near her in Durham, were unable to make the trip.

I received both sad news and happy news from **Christine McGoe Cummings** in Pearl River, N.Y. Following a brief battle with liver cancer, her sister, Kathy, passed on June 30, 2010. Kathy was a freshman at Saint Mary's for the first semester 1959-60. Due to illness, she returned home and then enrolled in Barnard College in New York City, the next year. On a happier note, Ella Faith Deramo was born on August 6, 2010, to her daughter, Jeannine, and her husband, Dave. Ella joins big sisters, Ava and Kaitlyn.

B. J. Sitzberger Gorman in Clarendon Hills, Ill., sends word she had the very good fortune to attend a reception honoring **Mary Ellen Norris Durbin** on the occasion of her retirement as executive director of the People's Resource Center (PRC) in Wheaton, Ill. During her 15-year leadership, PRC has grown from a \$200,000 operation to a \$2 million operation with two facilities. The other facility is in Westmont, Ill. PRC provides assistance to families in need in DuPage County, Ill. In addition to operating food pantries, they provide clothing, computers, and educational assistance for literacy, computer skills, and jobs. The Chicago chapter of the International Feng Shui Guild (of which B. J. is a member) plans to assist Mary Ellen in clearing and preparing one of the transitional homes she administers in her parish for use in their housing program for those in need.

Mary Roemer in South Bend, Ind., sends word that she hasn't won any awards, found a pot of gold, or achieved anything dramatic, but she was

looking forward to driving to West Henrietta, N.Y., to see **Mary Ann (Cookie) Cooke Campbell** and husband, Jamie, in March, 2010. She knew she would enjoy a fabulous dinner at Cookie's home and would also see **Liz King Durand '60**. Mary enjoyed a weekend trip in February 2010 to New York City with two of her daughters, and was planning a week-long trip to San Francisco in April 2010 with three of her daughters. She continues to work as a family therapist, enjoying good health and spirits. She hopes to lose 20 pounds before our reunion (well okay, maybe 30 pounds).

I truly appreciate hearing from all who answered my request for news. There are still some of you from whom I have not heard. I hope to hear from you next time. My next deadline is March 1, 2011. I also ask that you keep me updated on any changes to your email address and let me know of email addresses of classmates I may not have in my listing. Please keep in mind that our 50th Reunion is June 2–5, 2011.

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Carol Ann Rafferty says: "I have finally made up my mind" and am "going for a BA in human services." With 50 years of more wisdom Carol, you'll surely ace the program. **Mary Jo Connelly Martin** writes of having had a wonderful time attending her niece's wedding in Davos, Switzerland.

Anne Lacey Hoffman writes from Tucson, having retired and moved there following 20 years as director of infant family services at the Blind Children's Learning Center in California. Thank you, Anne, for the work you did. Anne says, "At my son's wedding I met John, who also attended New Trier. We have five grandchildren under the age of ten. I would enjoy connecting with anyone living in the Tucson area, and with any Saint Mary's College cousins from the Richard Leonard side of my family."

Diane Shalala Fritel writes of gathering with her four children, eight grandchildren, and her 98-year-old mother. Bob remains "busy with harvest" and Diane still teaches English and is the high school principal at their Wolford Public School that has 46 students, K–12. She also teaches GED students at the jail and library. Your life sounds idyllic, Diane. God bless you for staying so busy in service to others.

Sue Hoehn Sullivan, living in Edwardsburg, Mich., is "still working at the local community college, advising students with disabilities, and working with many non-traditional students who are returning to college." Sue found out awhile back that "retirement is not for me." **Kathy Owen** says she is truly impressed by "you who are still giving yourselves to others."

Kay Barron Tuite is "keeping busy at this end with planning board, still in the old house, and camp upstate. I'm getting a little tired. In my mind I'm still 45, but my knees know the truth." **Jinny Benton Morris** tells us she's back to looking for a job since her "last one left for India without me." In the meantime, and along with any paid employment, Jinny is very involved volunteering with People Educating People, tutoring adults trying to obtain their GEDs. She says it is fun, and encourages others among us to look into serving in this way. I am so proud of these continuing worthy endeavors our classmates are pursuing. **Janet**

Sloan Johnston brings humor to her recent breast cancer diagnosis, though the *Courier* would probably not print what showed up in my email from her. Just pray for her, please. And **Joan Dorgan** has "just returned from a month in Scotland, visiting friends, and dodging sheep and tour busses on one-lane roads. We took wonderful day trips to the highlands and lowlands and everywhere in between. Saw Bobbie Burns country of poetry studied long ago at Saint Mary's." She trekked the Isle of Iona, the green hills of Glencoe, hidden lochs, loved the horizontal rains—and obviously, she had a wonderful, delightful time. Meanwhile, **Kathy Owen** has given up on the prince, yet still awaits the emerald Jaguar—and she dreams on. God bless all of us, and let us please remember Tom Dooley's "them who ain't got it so good."

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To **Lil Chard Beshel**, our wonderful Class President: We, as a class, can never thank you enough. You were truly tireless in your efforts to bring us together for our 45th Reunion, and make us the class that won the award for the highest participation. Now, we all know what "Spirit Fingers" are. We thank you and thank you.

To **Eileen Fitzgerald Harris**: Lil and I are so grateful to you for leading the songs at the class memorial service on the island at Lake Marion. Your beautiful voice is so uplifting and it was great hearing you lead us in song once again. We cannot thank you enough, and I know I speak for the entire class present, as well. I'm still basking in reunion memories. Now, the countdown until our 50th begins. We just don't want to miss one of these—the memories and friendships are far too precious. I am so grateful for my years at Saint Mary's and my lifelong friends. We all seemed to pick right up where we left off.

Cille Sorrentino Bucolo says: "Dear Belles, I can't believe our long-awaited reunion is now a precious memory. Thank you to Lil and Sheila for all the details you handled to make this extra special for all of us. It is nice to actually know what 'spirit fingers' are. Thanks, Lil (very educational). The Memorial Service touched our hearts deeply. I couldn't help thinking as we held hands praying *Our Father* that this is what life is all about, and how very fortunate we are to have our Saint Mary's sisters to love and support us. I felt Mary's arms around all of us. We are blessed. I extend a big 'thank you' to all who came to share this wonderful moment in time. Yes, we do look terrific and still know how to party. Your laughter fills my heart and my life has been the richer because of all of you. I'm so glad I knew enough about me at 17 to select Saint Mary's after coming from a high school class of more than 900. Saint Mary's has truly been one of my greatest gifts. May God bless us all. Thanks again to our class leaders. Please stay in touch."

Sheila Flynn Boone writes: "Of course, our reunion was a highlight of my year. So fun to see everyone and how good everyone looks. I was so happy to learn that so many of my classmates have moved to Colorado or will be visiting in the near future. I recently got together with **Cille Sorrentino Bucolo** when she came to babysit with her darling little grandson. This has definitely been a travel year for us. We finally got to

Ireland in April, and loved every minute of our trip: such a beautiful country and lovely, lovely people. Then right after reunion, we headed for Rome to start a 'European Sampler' Cruise, stopping at Cannes, Barcelona, Gibraltar, Lisbon, Scotland, Belgium, Normandy, Dublin, and ending in England. Just got home from three weeks in China, which was quite an experience. Now I am looking forward to September visits to Michael's Notre Dame roommate and his wife, **Katie Cooney Lisa '67**, in Maine, and my college roommate, **Pat Devine McCarthy**, and her husband, Dick, in Boston."

Beverly Senda DeFoe writes: "Dear Classmates, I concur with Cille's thoughts. What a memory-making weekend the reunion was for all of us. Please make plans to be on campus in 2015. I have answers to a couple of classmates' questions. On a sad note, for those who do not know, Thomas Richard Heath, O.P., our Saint Mary's College chaplain, was severely beaten by armed robbers who had seized the Dominican compound in Africa. He died in peace that night on January 8, 2005. Love you all, Beverly."

Patsy Callahan Berry writes: "The reunion, once again, was wonderful. I felt that the memorial service was particularly very touching. We all have so many blessings in our life and are lucky to have friends for 40-plus years, which is truly special. I just returned from Laguna Beach, Calif., where my daughter was married. It was a beautiful and moving event. We took the opportunity and drove around for ten days afterwards through Arizona and New Mexico. We enjoyed the beautiful scenery in that part of the United States. We are home now in Texas, where unfortunately, the temperature is nearing 100 degrees. That is the down side of having little or no winter to speak of. Oh well, that is how life goes."

From Lil: "Just off the phone with **Susie Bouma Deerin** and have to pass on news. Sue will not be at reunion. She and her husband, Dick (recently retired) are renting a farmhouse in Normandy, France, and will be on holiday. They have moved from Chevy Chase to Oxford, Md. Sue volunteers with Hospice and also with middle school children in a program called Character Counts. Sue says Oxford is just an adorable town. She will see everyone at our 50th."

Jane Groskopf Voll: "Thanks to all at the reunion. I felt so welcomed by everyone after such a long time, and I loved the hospitality room with pictures and the reunion brochure. Thanks to Lil, too, for all her hard work and the letters that kept coming. Time went so fast, and I wish I could've talked to everyone."

From **Junie Miller Smith**: "I am sorry I did not attend this glorious event, but there is hopefully, 2015. I remember Father Heath. I most remember his kindness to me following my accident of 1967. Out of the blue, I received the nicest note from him, which provided encouragement for me to go on. I still have his letter and it is among some of my cherished mementos. My years at Saint Mary's were the happiest years of my life. I often think of what heaven might be like. To me, heaven will be walking The Avenue from Saint Mary's to Notre Dame."

From **Therese McCaffrey McConville**: "Wanted to report on an early Saint Mary's reunion of sorts in Vero Beach, Fla., last March. My Chicago friends have been after me for years to look up **Sue Sheridan Joyce** in Vero. Sue and I possibly said just a few words in all my time at Saint Mary's. Nevertheless, I called her this year and we arranged to have breakfast one rainy Friday morning. Sue asked, 'How will we recognize each other?' I wore my favorite Nantucket hat, but we recognized each other right away. We had a two-hour breakfast. It was a hoot. Sue is the mother of five, that

is FIVE boys and she is an attorney. We caught up on our lives post-Saint Mary's and the people we knew. At one point, Sue asked me about **Marcia Black McMahon** and **Mary Ann Goodyear Heskett**. She said she was so sorry to have lost touch with them. I filled her in on my contacts with you both and thought you should know she asked about you. Then, one week later, **Sheila Kelly Ames** and Dave came to Vero for a 10-day vacation. They joined John, myself, and Sue at her club. (Her husband Joe was away.) Again, we laughed and laughed and told story after story about Saint Mary's, Basil Anthony, and the like. It was a two-hour lunch. John had as much fun as I did, as did Dave. Love to all, Therese. Therese and Sue got together once again in June when both attended our reunion.

Kathleen McAnaney Glaser writes: "On a lark, I put my California condo on the market and it sold in two days, leaving me in shock. If all goes through, I will be retiring the day before reunion and moving to Colorado on my return from reunion." (Kathleen appeared to be very calm at reunion, which is amazing.)

From Pat Brennan, husband of our deceased classmate, **Caroline "Katie" Kimmel Brennan**: "Thank you for remembering Katie along with her other deceased classmates at your memorial. I have also attached a nice article that was in the local paper and a story that featured a dedication of a corner of the Kirkland (Illinois) Public Library in her memory for which she was a board member and treasurer for over 35 years. She was also the official censor for every book that went on the shelves of the Village Library and the Kirkland, Ill., School Library. We were overwhelmed by the generosity for her memorial to the library. Katie devoted her energies to making life better for her family and to her community by being involved—doing those things others might possibly consider a waste of time. It did make a difference and only God knows how many lives were touched by her kindness and courage. Katie always enjoyed driving through the campus and attending Mass in the Church of Loretto whenever we were in town."

"Dear Lil," writes **Terry Failla Raymond**, "It has been fun to read all of the news of our '65 classmates. I had hoped to make it to reunion, but my youngest daughter's 15th Notre Dame reunion trumped my 45th. Leon and I will be enjoying our two youngest grandsons (ages three and one) for reunion. Even though I haven't seen most of you all these years, I have stayed very connected through our three children's alumni status: **Noel Raymond Christmann '89** from Saint Mary's, and Trey and Renee from Notre Dame. We do hope to get to a football game in this fall. To help compensate, my roommate, **Patti Podesta Crumley**, and I will get together in a few weeks while her husband attends a meeting in New Orleans."

Judy Gerhart Lynch writes: "Just to get you up to date: Gene and I are both retired, enjoying daily hiking and lots of time with our four grandkids (ages two, six, 10, and 13). We feel so blessed that our son and daughter both live within an hour of our home. Be sure to call if you're in the Portland area. We'd love to see you."

Theresa Smith Harron writes: "I can't wait to see everyone at reunion. **Kathy McAnaney Glaser** and I are roomies. I talked to **Cathy Haenn Shannon** and she is coming, too. Cannot believe it has been 45 years. I was just up in North Carolina with my parents—Dad is 91 and Mom will be 90 in August—to celebrate their 69th wedding anniversary. They are still in their house on the river and doing it 'all' by themselves. I hope I inherited their genes. See you in June."

Karin Vanek Headley writes: "It was so good to

see everyone at reunion. Our daughter is a second-year law student at John Marshall. Presently, she is on a class trip to South Africa. My son is working on a research project in Iowa City. Next fall, he will begin a three-year program in physical therapy at Creighton University. So, as you can see, my husband and I are 'empty nesters.' He couldn't take the Chicago congestion, so in 2006 we moved to my family home in North Judson, Ind. We love living in a house, and I can say, enjoying an easier life."

Terry Miltich Murphy writes: "Wasn't it a fabulous reunion? It might have been the best ever. The memorial service was absolutely amazing: so beautiful and moving. It really does feel like we have a 'sisterhood,' doesn't it? Reunion weekend is always a bit surreal for me, moving back and forth between memories and today. I am still replaying conversations in my head."

"Sorry I'll miss visiting with everyone at reunion in June," writes **Janine Renaud Burns**. "Dave and his buddies made 'tentative' plans for three couples to travel together, then, they shared 'the only dates that would work.' Unfortunately, the dates overlap with our reunion, so while you're at reunion, I'll be in Europe. It's hard to realize how many decades have passed since graduation (until I look in the mirror). I give myself a right-good fright now and then. Life's full—and good. We have four adult children in Colorado, Maryland, and Georgia, eight grandchildren, and an 'escape' condo in Toronto (wonderful city). I'm in my third year of elected office (one of five Mathews County, Va., supervisors). At the moment, we're critically challenged with trying to draft a balanced budget for Fiscal Year '11 without raising taxes. Hard as we're trying, I'm not sure it's possible. If anyone's heading down Route 17 or Route 95 through Virginia, stop and see us. We're a small county on the Chesapeake Bay—beautiful, rural, and no traffic light in the county yet."

Carolyn Clark Foster writes: "I'm teaching MBA and MS courses online for my previous employer, Saint Joseph's University in Philly. Paul is doing some corporate finance and securities analysis courses as well. It's probably keeping our brains active, which is always good. Paul is 81, still teaching, still playing golf three-to-four days a week, playing bridge, active in our POA, and instead of the other way around, he's keeping ME young trying to keep up with him (go figure). I had a delightful visit with **Ann Pindar** a couple months ago. She was in Pinehurst visiting her friend's son and helping plan the son's upcoming wedding. They drove over for a long lunch and visit. I tried to coax them into staying overnight, but they had early morning commitments in Pinehurst. It was wonderful to see her, but was much too short of a visit. I also had another pleasant Saint Mary's surprise locally. About a year-and-a-half ago, we were at a wine tasting in our community, and there was another gal there who looked vaguely familiar. I didn't think too much about it, since, without my glasses, half the world looks 'vaguely familiar.' Sometime during the evening, the conversation got around to college and somebody said he/she had gone to college in Indiana. At that point, the 'familiar gal' said, 'I went to college in Indiana, too.' I, of course, piped up with 'so did I,' and I asked 'familiar gal' where she went to college. She said 'Saint Mary's/Notre Dame.' I naturally said, 'What year?' She replied, '1965,' and I think I said something profound like 'Yikes.' It turned out to be **Emilee Nazzaro Demetriou** (what a delightful surprise). She and her husband, Angelo, live in our community and we appear to be

the only Saint Mary's grads in captivity in this little corner of North Carolina. Emilee and I now play bridge regularly together and it's delightful to have an unexpected Saint Mary's connection down here on the southernmost coast of North Carolina (small world). **Katherine Nazzaro Abraham** (her twin) and her husband divide their time between New England and Florida, so I hope to be able to catch a visit with her on one of their trips. Sorry I couldn't make reunion this year. I had hoped to, but assuming I'm still upright and breathing, I have every intention of making the 50th."

Claire Donohoe O'Mara writes: "I shared my birthday with our 15 grandchildren and five of our seven children. It was quite a weekend."

Diane Morse Schmidt writes: "I loved watching the World Cup, because my son played and I loved his travel team winning the Eastern Regionals. We still get together with the parents from that team, and so, I have to tape my tennis (great life). I am also now getting out to play 18 holes of golf and starting to really enjoy it as much as tennis."

Susan Bodkin Tompkins writes: "I am leaving on Monday to see new grandson, Jacob Robert, who was born on May 13, so Eva has a brother. They're in Washington, D.C." Sue also sent me a really wonderful picture of her mother's 91st birthday party with lots of family present. After emailing a bit, it turns out we both had a daughter in the Notre Dame Class of '99.

Pat Hoben Daniels writes: **Cille Sorrentino Bucolo** came for lunch this week and it was really wonderful to spend time with her and gather her insights into my new lifestyle. She looked terrific and had much to share about life in general and the reunion, specifically. I remember at one of the past reunions, she told me she weighed the same as the day she graduated. I still like her more than you could possibly imagine—anyway. Things are beginning to fall into place for me after the loss of Joe, although there are still many decisions to make as you can well imagine. In the meantime, I'm doing lots of reading about the wives of Civil War leaders for a talk next February at the Landings in Ft. Myers, Fla., where I live in the winter. Needless to say, my life is not terribly exciting, but I feel most fortunate with all that I have."

Once more from Cille: "In September, **Marcia Black McMahon** and I plan to go to Sicily on our own. We will have a guided tour of Sicily and then do the Amalfi coast. I went to Croatia with a high school friend of mine last year. Saint Mary's planned two trips and I was the only one who wanted to go, so they canceled. I decided that if I want to go somewhere, now is the time, not when I am even older and even more crotchety."

Sara Johnson Walz writes: "Nick and I are off for a two-week mission to Kenya on August 27. We are going with a medical and construction team from the Joliet Diocese in Illinois. We'll be building small houses for HIV moms and their kids at Uphendo Village in Naivasha. Please keep us in your prayers. **Katherine Zeller Nicklin** and Oliver, Cille, and **Mary Delaney Willer** and her husband, Ed, were here for dinner celebrating Joe Bucolo's birthday. Our small birthday group sure misses him. I hope your summer is going well. Tell Dave he must cheer on the Irish for us while we are out of the country. Reunion was wonderful."

Last month I had a late morning breakfast with **Anne Harvey Lewis** in Rockford, Ill. We spoke about how much we enjoyed reunion and how wonderful it was to see everyone again. Anne, no surprise to anyone, is as clever, kind, and humorous as ever. It

was such an enjoyable morning.

Oh, and one more thing: I have a beautiful new granddaughter (my second grandchild). My daughter, Shannon ND '99, and her husband, Brian, presented Everleigh to us in late June in Chicago, and she is darling. All three of our children live in Chicago, so we are blessed to have them close to us.

Ladies, I am making a plea for Lil's Birthday Club. Please send us your birth date, if you haven't already. I can already see what a great idea this is as far as staying in touch. Lil's regular birthday remembrances and special poems are great. We don't want to miss anyone.

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From Gloria: Margie Bullers Funchion and her husband, Michael, left Brookings, S. D., last year after Michael retired from teaching at the university and moved to Sioux Falls. Margie's daughter, Maura, lives

paths with many of you in 2011."

Lynn Datzman

Guilbault writes from Bentwater on Lake Conroe, about 50 miles north of Houston, Tex. Her daughter and her husband (Shelley and Mike Curry, both ND '92) and their three sons, live in Houston. Her son, Paul ND '91, and his wife and three sons are in Mandeville, across the lake from New Orleans. Her husband, Paul, has been retired from Shell Oil Company since 2003, when they returned to the United States after three years in London, United Kingdom. While she was there, she ran into **Caroline Dull Hamburger** who was also living in London. Caroline had won a door prize at a luncheon and when they announced her name, Lynn had to get up and find her.

Carolyn Powley Head says she is a "retired math teacher/vice principal living in Charleston, S.C. John and I have three children—all married—

and six grandchildren. Life has been good to us and I am trying to do enough volunteer work to deserve it all. I often think fondly of my years at Saint Mary's and would love to hear from any classmate who finds themself in our beautiful city."

Cheryl Smith Hofweber writes: "I'm still in Smithers, British Columbia, retired from administration, but still working in the schools as an elementary counselor. I've also begun teaching evening courses at the local college. Thinking of retirement soon, doing more hiking, cycling, and traveling with John."

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Eleven members of the Class of 1967 gathered in Pittsburgh August 19-22, 2010, for a mini-reunion. Lots of memories and fun times were shared. Photo left to right: Susan Rogers Schenkelberg, Mary Burdon Maginniss, Nancy Raber Tetlow, CeCe Ruppert Barkley, Colleen Moran Tobino, Kay Mack Johnson, Jane Nagle Hargrove, Carol Stanojev Kirwan, Susan Stout Redmond, JoAnn Tetlow Welch, Pat Hart DeNoble.

outside Milwaukee, and her son, John, and his wife are expecting their first child this fall. John received his Ph.D. in literature from Brown University and is teaching college in Miami, Fla.

Karen Keres and her husband, Walt, love to travel. An eight-week trip to Spain is in the works. Also, Karen is selling her home outside of Chicago and will divide her time between downtown Chicago and California.

Jeannie Graham Bixler writes that she has retired from teaching in Fairfax County, Va., and lives in Reston, Va. "I am loving retirement, and I am spending time visiting family, traveling, and golfing," she says. "I have become a golfing addict and just returned from a fabulous golf trip to St. Andrew's, Scotland. The weather, people, scenery, and golf courses were great. My son, his wife, and granddaughters (ages three and seven) live in Marietta, Ga. Four generations gathered as we all sailed on the Disney Wonder, a perfect trip for a family reunion with little ones. My Mom who is 90, loved every minute of the cruise. I hope to cross

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From Joyce: As some of you may already know, **Betsy Beck Cormany** passed away in July. Her dear friend, **Alison Whittaker Rink**, submitted the following for our column. I know you all join me in prayers for Betsy and her loving circle of family and friends who mourn her loss. Alison writes:

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Members of the Class of 1969 had so much fun at their 40th Reunion in 2009 they scheduled a mini-reunion in Colorado over the summer. Pictured left to right: Amanda Crabtree May, Mary Ann Torell Juliano, Kathy Ellis Prescott, Pat Ward, Dolly Powers Corbett, Kate Garrity Leatherman.

"Our wonderful classmate and friend, **Betsy Beck Cormany**, died on July 23, 2010, after a long and courageous battle with cancer. She is survived by her husband of 40 years, Tim ND '68, of Stamford, Conn., two brothers, two brothers-in-law, many nieces and nephews, and (as you would imagine) a tremendous circle of friends. Betsy enjoyed a successful career in financial services. She was an active community volunteer—particularly with Meals on Wheels—a terrific cook and hostess, and an avid gardener. She enjoyed playing golf and bridge. Her spirit of generosity was boundless. She will best be remembered as a kind and loving wife and a wonderful and loyal friend. We will miss her." Alison said that Betsy chose to be cremated. A memorial Mass was celebrated on July 27 in Stamford, Conn., which Alison and her husband, Tom ND '67, '70, attended along with **Phyllis Redgate Finn**, and her husband, Dan, and **Sue Richards**. On August 21, there was another memorial Mass celebrated in Betsy's hometown of Toledo, Ohio, followed by the interment ceremony and a reception. The Rinks and Finns attended that celebration of Betsy's life.

In June, **Mary Ragen O'Rourke** organized a mini-reunion, which included dinner and a sleep-over at her Michiana Shores, Mich., home. **Janice Williams** reported that she went along with **Kathy Carey Moore**, **Kathy Walsh**, **Patty Reynolds Walsh**, **Susie Madden Darrow**, **Barb Crowley Schenck**, and **Mary Beth Barry Hogan**. They all had a terrific time.

Rosetta Lai wrote to me after reading our news in a recent issue of the *Courier*. She was hoping to reconnect with classmates who live or work in the Washington, D.C., area. Rosetta emailed: "I was one of the very few international students in our class, and I had a double major in humanistic studies and history. I now live in Chevy Chase, Md., and work in downtown Washington, D.C. I missed the big class reunion last summer, but did visit the campus in September when I was in Chicago. Now that I have more time, I would like to reconnect with my classmates, share life experiences, and reminisce about the time we spent at Saint Mary's." Rosetta filled me in on some of her time since graduation. She has been in touch with a few of the international students, and there is a group of four of them, **Regina Cheng '68**, **Alice Tsui '70**, and **Esther Yeung Rhode '71** from Hong Kong, and Rosetta from Macau, who get together almost on an annual basis. Rosetta received her M.A. in sociology from

Notre Dame in 1971, and then spent eight years in the field of education as the dean of women at Lake Forest Academy in Chicago, and as academic dean at Saint Mary's Academy in South Bend. She entered the corporate sector and held senior positions with global companies such as Motorola, SRA/IBM, and NCS/Pearson, helping business units improve their organizational effectiveness. Her work took her around the country as well as the Asia Pacific Region. In the 1980s, Rosetta served as president of the Organization of Chinese Americans (OCA)-Chicago Chapter, and as the national president of the Organization of Chinese American Women from 2003-08. Currently she is the executive director of Asian American LEAD (Leadership, Empowerment, and Development for Youth and Families), a non-profit organization serving the needs of low-income Asian American youth in the greater-DC region. I hope that by the time this column is printed and mailed, many friendships will have been rekindled. I gave Rosetta a long list of graduates in the DC/MD/VA area, and I know she planned to contact the College's Alumnae Office and Alumnae Club in DC.

In our last column, I mentioned that my husband, Roy, and I had visited **Sheila Dwyer Robusto** and her husband, Danny '70 ND, in their Fernandina

Beach, Fla., home. We look forward to future visits. They came here to our home in North Carolina in May, en route to their northern New Hampshire home. We were happy to show them our area of Wilmington and Wrightsville Beach where we've retired. Then in July, Roy and I took almost a month-long trip up to Canada and back, and on our way north, stopped to see the Robustos in Meredith, N.H., where they have built a terrific log home overlooking Lake Winnepesaukee.

Margaret Roberts Richards surprised us with a visit last week as she was traveling around seeing family and friends. Though settled back in Columbus, Ohio, after her Peace Corps work in Albania, I think Margaret still has the travel bug. In fact, she is researching the possibility of doing some Peace Corps response work, which entails short-term assignments for returned volunteers. There are some three-, six-, nine-, or 12-month special-needs cases (e.g., in teacher training, community service, AIDS work, or agricultural projects). Margaret is hoping to find the right fit and to be able to work more with the Peace Corps in such a capacity. She and **Mary Alice Herod Lajoie** got together recently in Cincinnati, and Margaret often sees **Cathy Kearney Buser** in Columbus. **Helen Sherry**

was in Columbus recently for her 45th high school reunion and got together with Margaret for dinner. Helen travels internationally to work with children of military personnel and is based in California.

That's all of the news I have for this time, friends. In addition to my home mailing address and email address, I am on Facebook. Please get in touch and share your news and take good care.

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Greetings. I'd like to invite my classmates to recharge their Saint Mary's College connections to activate our '71 Class News in the *Courier*. I will give it my best to keep this column going and will need your help in submitting your news. I hope this note finds each of you doing well.

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From the Courier: Ann Therese Darin Palmer writes (filling in for **Mary Kay Davy Mulvaney**): **Kathy Brems Durbin** still works at St. John Providence Health Systems in suburban Detroit. "Our son, Patrick, and his wife, Stephanie, had their first child, John Michael (our fifth grandchild), on June 26."

In May, **Mary Anne Madden Hoffman** and her husband, Howard ND '72, celebrated the college graduations of their triplets as well as the graduate school graduation of their daughter. Mary Anne works for Ford Motor Company in Indianapolis, where she's a human resources director (in a plant built by **Ann Therese Darin Palmer's** dad). Recently, she started a business and career coaching service and has a Web site: www.better2bestcoaching.com. "My best advertisements are my four kids getting jobs in this very difficult market," Mary Anne writes.

Mary Anne's looking forward to **DeDe Stevenson Cable's** annual "Saint Mary's Big Eight Reunion" at DeDe's Colorado vacation home where she'll see **Mary Beth Curosh Finkey, Nancy Weber-Curth, Kathy Breitenbach Sarnacki, Terri Aversa Maganzini, Mary Freidman Slattery, and Rozy Owens**.

"Although I didn't think I would retire from counseling students in career and technical education and career development until I was a ripe 65, I found myself retiring in 2009," reports **Kathleen Murphy-Keedy** from East Lansing, Mich. "Yes, it was an out-of-body experience and my family *thinks* I am adjusting. However, the sobering fact is Michigan is in a huge crisis trying to fund education in a recession that seems to have no end in sight. So, I am enjoying spending more time with my family and friends, exploring new options, and feel I'm headed in the direction that works for me. I have a role in my mother-in-law's care, joined the garden club's therapeutic gardening group, and started sailing lessons. So, life is good."

Marybeth Caplice Newman also celebrated a triple graduation this year. Her son, Kevin, graduated from high school and is headed for the University

Nominate A Distinguished Friend

Do you know a Saint Mary's alumna who is a rising star, a business sensation, a distinguished academican, or who has dedicated herself to service? Each year the Alumnae Association honors deserving alumnae who have made significant contributions to the College or in her field. Please take a few minutes to nominate an alumna. Submit her name, class year, and why you think she should receive an award. Nominations must be received by February 29, 2011. Graduate and non-graduate alumnae are eligible for the award. Preference will be given to those award nominees in their reunion year.

☞ Distinguished Alumna Award

The nominee should exemplify the standards, ideals, and mission of Saint Mary's in her vocation and be of outstanding service to the College through ongoing work for the Alumnae Association, either with a local club or with the association directly. That service should also be demonstrated through yearly benefaction and other devoted support and friendship to the College.

☞ Alumna Achievement Award

The nominee should be outstanding in her personal and professional accomplishments. As a recognized leader in her field, she should exemplify the quality of a Christian liberal arts education and uphold the standards, ideals, and mission of Saint Mary's College.

☞ Humanitas Award

The nominee should be outstanding in her personal and volunteer accomplishments and recognized for her concern for the interests and welfare of her fellow human beings. She should exemplify the qualities of personal dedication, compassion, selflessness, and sacrifice through social action, education, and reform within the community, church, or world.

☞ Outstanding Young Alumna Award

The nominee should exhibit leadership in her personal, professional, or volunteer accomplishments and also in her involvement with Saint Mary's College. Alumnae from the classes of 1996-2006 are eligible for the award.

Please send nominations via email, fax, or mail to the Alumnae Relations Office, Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN 46556. Email nominations to alumnae@saintmarys.edu or fax to (574) 284-4749. Preference will be given to those award nominees in their reunion year.

of Iowa. Her daughter, Beth, graduated from the University of Illinois in architecture, and Katie graduated from the University of Illinois Law School.

Ann Therese Darin Palmer retired as a freelance business reporter for the *Chicago Tribune* in February. She's spending her time golfing and traveling. In August, she drove to **Susan Oglesbee Payne's** home and vineyard in the Finger Lakes region of New York where **Teri Maloof Kratus** from Cleveland was also visiting.

In July, Ann Therese hosted a potluck luncheon for our combined Saint Mary's/Notre Dame classmates at her home in suburban Chicago. Among the out-of-town guests were **Susan Oglesbee Payne** (Finger Lakes), **Teri Maloof Kratus** (Cleveland), **Carol Ann Riordan** (Washington, D.C.), and **Kathy Murphy-Keedy** (East Lansing).

Mary Liska Phelps attended **Kate Drumgould Scully's** daughter's wedding in Cleveland, in late April. She reports, "We visited **Marge Orbon Shaffer** and **Mary Jo Russell Searson**. Kate teaches special education. Marge is a lawyer and partner with Chicago-based Clausen Miller. Mary Jo uses her business degree managing investments." The threesome made plans to meet at the next Scully wedding in October on Sea Island where they'll be joined by **Alice Meagher Lord**.

At the Scully wedding, Mary also visited with **Anne Ragen McNulty**, a therapist at Misericordia in north suburban Chicago, and **Lolo Stankus Ford**, who splits her time between Chicago and South Carolina.

Carol Ann Riordan, an American Press Institute vice president in suburban Washington, D.C., and her

her family this fall. Her husband, Peter, has retired to become a part-time gentleman farmer on their western Illinois farm.

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At our 35th Reunion in June, **Aimee Beckmann-Collier** received the 2010 Distinguished Alumna Award. She was cited for her "unfailing devotion to the College and her extraordinary professional leadership in the field of music." **Deborah Johnson Schwiebert '74**, who won the award in 2004, noted that "Aimee quietly and effectively makes a difference in the lives of the people she touches." **Rory Devine** wrote, that in Aimee's acceptance speech, Aimee "was eloquent, inspirational, touching, deep, and very funny. The Class of '75 could not have asked for a better representative." It's no wonder **Tricia Lauerman Nobbe** wrote me saying that it was the "best reunion ever." In addition to that honor, Aimee was chosen as the 2010 Stalnaker Lecturer at Drake University where she is professor and director of choral studies. Her son, John, will be a senior at St. John's University in Collegeville, Minn., and he will be applying to medical school. Sadly, she also shares that, "I'm sure that like many of my classmates, I'm dealing with the challenge of

elderly parents. My dad has Lewy Body Dementia and we've recently moved him to a care facility." Indeed, several of us are caring for elderly parents as you will see below. The Class of '75 is busy and facing the challenges of life—happy, sad, and bittersweet.

Susan Killelea Whitsitt writes that both of her children are married and living nearby in the Iowa City area. **Patricia O'Brien Cavanaugh** notes that after her husband, Terry ND '75, retired from Chubb Insurance Company. After several moves back-and-forth to New Jersey, he retired and took a new position as CEO/president of Erie Insurance Company, which required another

move to Erie, Penn. She assumes this will be the last move until their retirement. **Elizabeth Weiss's** daughter began her high school years at the Academy of the Holy Cross in Kensington, Md. (just outside of Washington, D.C.). **Kathy Brown Ryan** from Oklahoma City had a lovely time watching her second child, **Mary Ryan '10**, graduate from Saint Mary's. Her mother, **Carolyn Morin Brown '50**, joined them for a three-generation picture.

Mary Short Dennis is spending much of her time helping at-risk teens. "I have also enjoyed doing more public speaking on sex education and the culture surrounding our youth as well as organizing health fairs targeting teens," she says. "Our last child

keeps us very busy and will leave us for college in one more year." **Judith Sullivan Bayer** became a grandmother for the first time in September when her son, Eric, and his wife, Stephanie, had a baby boy, Caleb Michael Bayer. She also writes that, sadly, her mother, Anicia Sullivan, passed away in April.

Eleanor Quinn Halt admits it was a very hard winter when both her parents for whom she had been the caregiver for many years, passed away. Her parents, Robert and Marian Quinn prepared many fabulous tailgate parties for Saint Mary's friends, and **Katie Ryan Brady** remembers "how very gracious and generous they were with all of us," and she fondly recalls Marian's "amazing butterscotch brownies."

Ann (Anita) Marie Gluski Weilert writes that she has been living in Caracas, Venezuela, for over 20 years. "The last 10 years have been quite the challenge living under our president, Hugo Chavez. At present, I am taking care of my mother, **Virginia Weilert Gluski '45**, who unfortunately has Alzheimer's Disease.

Gretchen Werner Schuttey, who has been with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs for 23 years as a counseling psychologist, sends news of her children. Kirsten, who lives in Chicago, works at an art gallery while finishing her thesis for a Masters in Art History/Museum Studies degree; Madeline, a college freshman at Valparaiso, majors in vocal performance. Her husband Claude has been the campus architect for the University of Wisconsin's Milwaukee campus for 23 years. Gretchen writes that they've been busy taking family trips to Hawaii and Brazil. Gretchen and Madeline traveled to Italy and Austria with their church choir.

It was good to hear from **Gloria Ybarra Morris**, who writes that her son, Richard, is a 2005 graduate of the University of Oregon with degrees in Japanese and multi-media design. He is now a teacher in Osaka, Japan. Her son, David, is a 2006 graduate of Boston College and Loyola University Chicago Law School in 2009. He is now a practicing lawyer in Chicago. Gloria's daughter, Emily, graduated from Gonzaga University in 2008, and teaches English in a small school in Seoul, South Korea. Gloria adds that her stepdaughter, Amy, and stepson, Andrew, live a little closer in the Minneapolis area. Amy has two beautiful children and Andrew has a child on the way.

Sara Morrison Cusick missed our reunion because she and her family were at the beach. She writes, "I have 5 grandkids now in addition to James and Michael Flores. Isabella was born February 28, 2010, granddaughter Emma Dahlvig is two, and our son, James', first child, James Michael Cusick Jr. (Jimmy), arrived on June 17. I am so blessed."

Cathy Hammel Frischkorn keeps up with **Lauren Esposto Goodman** and **Joann Dubrovich Urbaniak** who are all neighbors in Pittsburgh. While I was in Washington, D.C., I was able to catch up (a little) over brunch at the Grand Hyatt with **Donna Cavi Sussman '76**, whom I hadn't seen in several years. She looked great and had news of several friends I'd been silly enough to lose touch with. (Okay, I've been busy: I have another book coming out and I've been dashing around New York writing dance reviews for a blog called *Life Upon The Sacred Stage*."

Ellen McGury Stone sent a note to tell us that last June, she had an enriching experience going on a study/travel journey to Tibet and China with another Saint Mary's alumna: her sister, **Susan McGury '80**, who led the group of DePaul University students and a few auditors (like Ellen) on a trip that studied the minority cultures of China with a focus on the Tibetan

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Women from the Class of '73 enjoyed a summer luncheon at Ann Therese Darin Palmer's home in suburban Chicago. Pictured left to right: Jan Leibold Zorn, Nancy Moran Moore, Pam King, Kathleen Murphy-Keedy, Ann Therese Darin Palmer, Patti McNamara McGuire, Mary Liska Phelps, Carol Simantz, Teri Maloof Kratus, Susan Oglesbee Payne, Carol Ann Riordan.

husband, Patrick Walsh, are for the most part, empty nesters, with their son, Thomas, having graduated from college. Thomas's brother, Kevin, in his third year. For the past four years, Carol Ann and Patrick have volunteered with the local collie rescue league. They have fostered more than 45 dogs before the dogs have gone to their "forever homes."

Jan Liebold Zorn, who works for Baxter Healthcare in the Renal Division's Regulatory Affairs Department, has "had the opportunity to do some international travel in conjunction with work." However, because the trips are so short, she has had little time for sight-seeing. She's hoping to rectify that by planning an overseas leisure trip with

culture. It was also nice to hear from **Sandra Buda McCallie**, who remarked that Saint Mary's has recently begun a dual-certification program in elementary and special education. "I was fortunate to have one of the first student teachers from this program. Saint Mary's does an outstanding job of preparing students for the educational field," Sandra writes.

So many of you sent in notes that I'll have a general roundup here. (For those of us who had to miss the reunion, this is some consolation.) I enjoyed reading answers to the question of "How has your education from Saint Mary's enriched your life?" Such rich responses included: "It prepared me to stand on my own as a woman against all odds and taught me, that as a woman, I can do anything. My friends from Saint Mary's are my friends for life," wrote **Ann Marie Gluski Weilert**. "Wonderful friends, a love of travel, an interest in diverse cultures, and a lifelong interest in learning," wrote **Ellen McGury Stone**. "It reinforced how important family and religion are in my life," wrote **Ellie Quinn Halt**. "Good education, good friends, and good summer programs for my daughters," replied **Gretchen Werner Schuttey**. "I learned respect for life: excellent women/men as role models, empathy for the other, to be generous with my smiles, to be a hope giver," wrote **Susan Killelea Whitsitt**. "It helped me learn to think independently and critically," said **Mary Short Dennis**. "Great education, wonderful friends for a lifetime," said **Michelle McArdle Larson**. "It made me more aware of people and situations around me," said **Patricia O'Brien Cavanaugh**. "It excited me about the life of the mind and provided opportunities that in turn have tried to provide for my students, and reinforced my belief that beauty (both in the natural world and in the arts) is an essential part of human life," writes **Aimee Beckmann-Collier**. "I spent two wonderful years at Saint Mary's. It gave me a great basis to move on," said **Elizabeth Weiss**, who had to transfer to Case Western Reserve after two years, for a nursing program. "It made me a lifelong learner. It encouraged a sense of sorority with friends I made there. My sophomore year in Rome helped make me a citizen of the world." "It has made me a well-rounded person with many interests in the world, a global citizen, and a Catholic," said **Coletta Furin Maksimik**. **Gloria Ybarra Morris** summed it up in one word about whether Saint Mary's College has enriched her life: "Absolutely!" she wrote.

Careers and life choices represented by classmates who wrote in spanned quite an arc. Here they are, in no special order, and space permits only a couple of names. There is **Anne Creedon Coon**, the full-time volunteer in a high school music department who produced two musicals, supervised the budget, and the student fundraising. **Julie Gillis Dutcher**, an advancement professional at the Glen Urquhart School in Massachusetts; medical technologist; mortgage finance; physical therapist; vice president of business planning; homemaker; volunteer; administration; assemblywoman for New Jersey's 16th district and assistant minority leader (write your letters to **Denise Malley Coyle**); counseling; education program development specialist; **Linda Conner Wong**, administrative assistant at the University of Nevada at Reno; director of public relations; dentist; community work; school media specialist; teacher; business owner, vice president of marketing; school nurse; flight attendant (that would be **Janet Ryan Grasso**); paralegal; manager of a fire district; consultant; novelist; real estate agent; psychologist; special education; public health;

professor of choral studies; nurse; **Monica Fortune Hatch**, professor of rhetoric and composition; and judge **Gloria Ybarra Morris**.

As for free time, here's what many of us are doing: reading and traveling led the list, followed by gardening, music, piano, volunteer work, cooking, salsa dancing, event planning, home improvement, enameling, sewing, quilting, art, church activities, cooking, pets, and shopping. There was one vote for politics. Sports participation includes tennis, swimming, running, skiing, biking, walking—and I'm not making this up—boot camp exercise.

Coletta Furin Maksimik was sorry she could not attend the reunion. She was attending her niece's wedding in Atlanta. I had also hoped to attend, but I was off on a cross-country train trip to California and Yosemite. The train stopped in South Bend, Ind., around five o'clock in the morning on June 1, and I hopped out to take a breath and to wave. I do not get up that early for just anybody (certainly not when I was a student). Did anyone wave back to me? For that answer, you'll have to wait for the next report.

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From Beth: Beth Marzano Fleming writes that she has been living in the Pittsburgh area for the last 24 years and married to Greg for 28 years. They have three beautiful girls: Christine, the oldest, was married in 2008. The couple recently welcomed a baby boy to their family in June. Claire is a sophomore at the University of Illinois, and the youngest, Julie, plans to be attend Ohio University in the fall. Greg and Beth keep busy with running, golfing, and being avid Penguin Hockey fans. Beth wishes sincerest congratulations to all of the Saint Mary's graduates reaching the big "55" this year.

Carol Alleshaski Kelly moved to Washington, D.C., after her Saint Mary's graduation to attend graduate school. She has earned an M.P.A. with a concentration in finance. She is currently a manager in the Federal Aviation Administration in DC, overseeing finance, IT, planning, safety management, and quality management. She's been married to Dennis Kelly ND '76 for 30 years. He is in the practice of communications law, representing radio and TV stations since his graduation from George Washington University. They have one daughter, **Camile Kelly Esmacher '06**, who is

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Members of the Class of 1977 who studied in Rome met in Chicago in June for a "Roamin' the Ruins" Reunion. Classmates enjoyed meals, slideshows, and laughter as they reminisced about their special time together.

married to Tom Esmacher, and they have a one-year-old son, Luke. They currently reside in Alexandria, Va.

Mary Donnelly White has lived in Naperville, Ill., with her husband of 33 years, Bill. They have three children: Maggie, 31, Bill, 29, and Bridget, 26, who all live close by. Her son is married and lives in a neighboring town. Both daughters are having fun in Chicago. Mary is a wardrobe consultant for a company called Etcetera, which hosts four trunk shows per year. She donates a portion of the profits from each show to the People's Resource Center, one of the local Saint Mary's Alumnae Club charities.

The following piece, *Roamin' the Ruins Reunion 2010*, was written by **Carol Ghiglieri Winchester** and **Beth Campanale Daugherty** about their Rome Program Reunion:

"In September 1974, 48 Saint Mary's College students and 55 Notre Dame architects met, studied, and grew up quickly in the heart of Rome. A full-year abroad brings personal development, book learning, travel, and cultural surprises galore. We gathered for every holiday and parties 'just-because.' Most Wednesday nights were spent at a local place we called 'The Boot,' because the beer was served in an Italy-shaped glass. Weekends meant train travel in small groups, or 'program trips,' to places unknown. We scoured Europe for every possible experience, taking care of each other along the way.

"Back at Notre Dame/Saint Mary's and though the years, this group stayed in touch. Thirty-five years passed in the blink of an eye. After much communication and uploading of old yearbooks to the *Roamin' the Ruins* Facebook site, 38 Saint Mary's graduates attended the June 18–20 reunion. Friday night brought a party at the Notre Dame-owned Sante Fe Building in downtown Chicago. Thirty-one Notre Dame architects and four Notre Dame/Saint Mary's program men attended as well. A slideshow of 35-year-old pictures ran continuously. Whoops of laughter could be heard while the evidence of long-forgotten bell-bottom and hippie hairstyles was revisited. The evening ended after more than six hours of reuniting with old friends. On Saturday night, Club Lago, a traditional Italian restaurant, was open for business only to our group. We filled the place to capacity and played 'Reunion Jeopardy,' orchestrated by **Lisa Ann Colaluca '78** and Dan Lackner. We celebrated as a group that had become like family, and as such, stepping back in time was immediate and comforting. As the night ended,

talk of a 40th Reunion in Rome filled the room. Our thanks to classmates **Mary Lanois Kastelic**, Donald Banas, Tom Sheehan, Frank Fransioli, **Meg Rockey Chambers**, Bill and **Gail Maggos Sturm**, and Rich and **Judie Moore Green '74** for all their hard work in making this a memorable weekend.

"A listing of attendees included: Maria Arminio, **Mary Jo Koenigs Bench**, **Meg Rockey Chambers**, **Beth Campanale Daugherty**, **Laura Costanzo Davies**, **Ellen Shalvoy Davis**, Lori Richardson Eberwein, **Teddy Adler Finney**, **Flora Garcia Hassell**, **Margo Glenn-Lewis**, **Judie Moore Green '74**, **Cissy Muessel Hayden**, **Mary Beth Henry**, **Mary Lanois Kastelic**, **Carol Ann Alleshaski Kelly**, **Patsy Jones Mullin**, **Donna Anani Reich**, **Mary Anne Brown Schuster**, **Gail Maggos Sturm**, **Mary Mulholland Upjohn**, **Carol Ghiglieri Winchester**, **Lou Anne Catarinella Wincko**, and **Lisa Ann Colaluca '78**."

From the *Courier*: **Mary Ann Daly** writes: "At last I am sitting down to write about the wonderful weekend **Annie Cecelia Praught**, **Patty Nemastil Strachota**, and I had at **Marijo Rogers Kelly's** home last fall for the Notre Dame/Boston College game, and to catch you up on the latest scoops. Marijo's husband, Kevin Kelly ND '77, was out of town for the weekend, but her beautiful daughters, Kristen ND '06 and Colleen ND '09, hung out with us in their lovely Granger, Ind., home. We had a great time and laughed a lot. It was like being back in the dorm. Marijo's other daughter, Meagan, is a teacher in Chicago. Annie lives in her hometown of Dedham, Mass., and owns a Dedham flower shop. If you ever need flowers for anyone in the Boston area, she's an incredible designer. Call her and you will be delighted by her work. Patty lives in West Bend, Wis., and has three daughters and a son. One of her daughters, Elizabeth, and one of her sons, TJ ND '04, got married within the same summer. She was a mother-of-the-bride and then a mother-of-the-groom all within six weeks. She looked beautiful at both. She and her husband, Tom ND '75, were terrific hosts for Marijo and Annie and me, who were able to attend. After being a stay-at-home mom for several years, Patty utilized her political science major and is a state representative in Wisconsin. (I'm encouraging her to run for governor next.) I was at her inauguration a few years ago and it was really touching to hear the beautiful accolades about her from her many friends, neighbors, family, and constituents.

"Patty, Marijo, and I have an annual holiday dinner together in Chicago the first week of December in Chicago. What a wonderful way to begin the holiday season and a great way to keep in touch. As their friend, it's been a delight over the years to share with them as they've grown in their roles as wives and mothers and are now coming into a new phase of their lives as empty nesters. How blessed I am, as so many of us are, to have such special lifelong friendships form our college days.

"Okay, back to the Notre Dame/Boston College weekend last fall. Not only did Marijo (as the Kelly's always do) host a really fun tailgate, which was headquarters for us and many Notre Dame/Saint Mary's friends for the game, she invited a crew over to her home for an after-game party. Old roomies, the Oxenreiter Twins: **Joanne Oxenreiter Fallon '78** and **Janet Oxenreiter Donahue '78** were there. They live a block away from each other in a suburb outside of Pittsburgh. Janet and her husband, Bill, have two sons and a daughter. Joanne has a husband, Bill, and they have one daughter. In addition, **Kat Beaulieu '76** and her husband, Jim,

joined us. They live in Chicago and have a daughter, Julie (named after her deceased cousin **Julie Pellettiere '78**), who is in college at Sana Clara, Calif. Kat and Jim have two residences: one in Chicago and one in Paris. Prior to their daughter going to high school, they spent eight years in Paris and loved every minute of it. Kat fell in love with France during her semester abroad while she was at Saint Mary's. As you can imagine, they've been visited by many of their old Saint Mary's/Notre Dame friends over the years. Last, but not least, **Carla Romano Grossmann** and her husband, Jim Grossmann, joined us for part of the evening. They live in Lincoln Park in Chicago.

"Finally, I am a psychotherapist in private practice in Chicago, still looking for her right guy (any available friends/brothers out there?). My niece just finished her freshman year at Saint Mary's. It's been great to visit her and experience the same kind of great energy and community on the campus that I remember. I think of those times with great affection and appreciation. Blessings to one and all. Sincerely, **Mary Ann Daly '77**."

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Here we go with the last installment of classmate news gathered from the 30th Reunion questionnaires. Enjoy catching up on the many different directions taken by your friends. **Elizabeth Bringardner O'Donnell** lives in Aurora, Ill., with her husband, John, and their four children, the oldest of whom started college in Fall '09. She teaches Spanish at Aurora University and Wauabonsee Community College.

Mary Pat Riley McQuillan is an administrative assistant at the Dover Orthopedic Center in Dover, Ohio, where she lives with her husband, James. She enjoys skiing, scrapbooking, book club, aerobics, golf, and Bible study. She has three grown children, all of whom graduated from Notre Dame.

Still living close to Saint Mary's in Granger, Ind., **Amy Karkiewicz** is a private banker with Mutual Bank in Mishawaka. She enjoys gardening and spending time with friends. She met friends **Lisa Turco** and **Cindy Sofranko Fertenbaugh** at the home opening football game in the fall of 2008, where they hatched a plan to meet in Los Angeles the following fall to continue celebrating their 30th Reunion. **Ann Addis Pantoga** joined in the outing that began with the Disneyland Half-Marathon and ended with a week at a San Diego beach. Lisa, Cindy, and Ann also participated in the Sunburst races during reunion weekend.

Cindy Sofranko Fertenbaugh writes that she lives in Concord, N.C., where she is an information technology program manager for EDS, a division of Hewlett-Packard. Her oldest daughter was due to receive a graduate degree in engineering from Notre Dame in May 2010 while her younger daughter is an education major at the University of North Carolina, due to graduate in 2011.

Lisa Turco is a construction project director, living in Van Nuys, Calif. She is an active participant in half- and full-marathons wherever she can find them.

Robin McConnell Hamlin and her husband, Michael, live in Barrington, Ill., where she spends her time golfing, exercising, traveling, and doing needlepoint. They have two grown children living in

Chicago and Boston.

Information technology sales has been **Megan Phillips's** occupation for years, although at the time of reunion, she had just been laid off by Oracle and was gearing up for a job search and new adventure. For the past 13 years, she and her partner, Jackie Mickle, have been enjoying hiking, gardening, cooking, and vacations out west and in Europe. They live in Decatur, Ga.

Linda Schultz Salvi lives in Lake Forest, Ill., with her husband, Patrick. She writes, "Over the years, as my five boys were in school, I have become a 'professional' volunteer. I have served on the board of the Junior League of Evanston, St. Mary's School, Misericordia Women's Auxiliary, and Carmel Catholic High School. I am an active volunteer at St. Patrick Church and the Waukegan Holy Family Food Pantry. In the spring of 2008, Pat and I purchased the Gary Southshore Rail Cats, an independent minor league baseball team. This has been a fun adventure, and of course, our family of boys love it." In fact, their second son is involved in Rail Cats management.

Peggy Dorsher Kasimatis lives in Nashotah, Wis., where she is an assistant professor of psychology and health sciences at Carroll University in Waukesha. She and her husband, Steven, have three children in their 20s and late teens. "I went to Italy for 10 days recently with an art class from our university," Peggy writes. "I learned a little Italian to travel and had a wonderful fill of museums, ruins, churches, crusty bread, and good wine."

Julie Schneeman Gough and her husband, Arnie, live in Hinsdale, Ill., where she works as a nurse when she is not playing tennis, running, bicycling, reading, and practicing yoga. Their five children are grown, but two are still in college.

Denisa Lynk hasn't changed a bit. She writes that she enjoys "shopping, traveling, and anything I can get away with legally." Denisa is a health insurance claims auditor for BMI Audit Services in South Bend, Ind.

Living in Hixson, Tenn., is **Mary Anne Dempsey Poinsatte** and her husband, John. She is administrative assistant to the principal at Notre Dame High School in Chattanooga. Their son is enrolled in Washington State University's Ph.D. program in biology. Their oldest daughter was due to graduate from Notre Dame in May 2010, and their younger daughter is now a student at Notre Dame with a rowing scholarship. Mary Anne wrote, "My freshman/sophomore year roommate, **Pam Eisenlohr Moul**, came for a visit. We hadn't seen each other in 16 years."

Erin O'Neil Ryal lives in South Bend, Ind., where she is a full-time mother of seven. She and her husband, John, have two children in college, but the rest are still at home.

Log onto www.murphyspicer.com if you would like to see examples of the contemporary artwork of **Nancy Murphy Spicer**, one of our most famous classmates. She is currently serving as a visiting artist at the University of the West of England in Bristol, United Kingdom. In February and March of 2010, her artwork was part of the "Traces and Places" exhibit at Boston University. During May and June 2010, it was exhibited by Roos Arts in Rosendale, N.Y., as part of their "Mark, Paper, Scissors" exhibit. She is represented by Carroll and Sons of Boston. Nancy and her husband, David, have two teenage daughters. They live in Bath, United Kingdom.

Peggy Dahm Salin lives in Carmel, Ind., with her husband, Bill, and their three college- and high school-age children. They like to hike and travel, and Peggy is active as a volunteer in the community.

A registered nurse at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago for over 30 years, **Mary Kron Iwaszkiewicz** lives in Elmhurst, Ill., with her husband, John, and their high school-age son. She enjoys watching her son's many sporting events, golfing, and vacationing.

Julie Reifenrath is a first-grade teacher in the Cypress-Fairbanks School District in Houston, Tex., who is hoping to retire soon and start a new endeavor. When not teaching, she enjoys gardening, reading, and solving crossword puzzles.

Lynn Roberts Clarkson is a house officer for the Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana, Ill. Her husband, Tom ND '78, is chief financial officer for Flex-N-Gate Manufacturing. They have four children and one grandchild. Their daughter, **Megan Clarkson '09**, graduated from Saint Mary's in May 2009, and their son, Jeff, returned from an Army deployment to Iraq in March 2009.

Rosemary Hammer Lancos lives in Orlando, Fla., with her husband, Paul. Their two grown children live and work in Washington, D.C. Rosemary writes, "I moved to Orlando about four years ago from Manila, Philippines, where we lived for five years. The heat of Florida is nothing compared to Manila. I love being closer to family. But living here in the 'happiest place on earth,' has felt like one big vacation. We get lots of visitors, so my primary occupation seems to be tour guide through Disney World and Universal Studios. How fun is that? When I finally adopt a 'normal' life, I'll let you know."

Nanne Murray Finis uses her nursing training by serving as executive director of consulting services for Oakbrook, Illinois-based, Joint Commission Resources, an organization that disseminates information regarding accreditation, standards development and compliance, good practices, and health care quality improvement. She and her husband, Jerome, have three college- and high school-age children, and they live in Inverness, Ill.

South Bend resident **Mary Monaco Morgan** is a private practice therapist who also teaches at Ivy Tech, Indiana University at South Bend, Trine University, and the University of Phoenix. She has four grown children and is married Rob Morgan.

Lisa Storm Hawkins lives in Murrysville, Penn., where she is the neurosurgery general operating room supervisor at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Mercy Hospital in Pittsburgh. She is married to Dr. James Hawkins, Jr. They have one college-age daughter.

Geralyn Azar Eichelberger lives in Waterloo, Ill. (near St. Louis, Mo.), with her husband, James. They have three grown children. Geralyn is chief retention officer at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis.

From the Courier: **Nancy Girzaitis '81** reported that a memorial ride was held on November 6, 2010, in Leesburg, VA, for her sister, **Carol Girzaitis**. Proceeds from the event supported the Carol Ann Girzaitis Memorial Scholarship in Nursing that her family established in her memory at Saint Mary's. Kristen Parris, of Kristen Parris Eventing in Mount Airy, MD rode Carol's Irish Sport Horse Lord Ivanhoe "Ivan" in the US Eventing Association's Area II Competition in memory of Carol. Carol lost her battle with ovarian cancer in 2005, when her horse Ivan was only 8 months old, and she never had the opportunity to see him compete. This event was very special as it combined the things Carol loved the most: Saint Mary's, nursing, and horses.

"Carol was a curious and thoughtful student, who cared deeply for her patients and valued the precious

time we all had together at St. Mary's," said **Jane K. Gardner**. "Her sense of humor, eternal optimism, love of animals, and the integrity with which she approached her life will always provide a hopeful and loving example for those of us who love her."

"I think about Carol very often and feel like she is watching over me. Saint Mary's meant a lot to both of us; not just because of the quality education it provided, but for the lifelong bonds it helped create," **Barbara A. Hamel** said. Visit KPEventing.com for more details on this event.

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I've been thinking about how a few of us have very young children and maybe some are grandmothers? As far as I can tell, the youngest child in the group belongs to **Eileen Quinn Parker**, Cameron, born in 2006. When I think about having a four-year-old, I have to give you props for that, Eileen. So how many of you are grandmothers? Please speak up for our next column. If you are not getting twice-yearly emails from me, that means that Saint Mary's does not have your email address. If you give it to them, you will be getting news directly from me six months earlier. Please also join your class on Facebook.

From **Ann Foley Waris**: "I have four children: a 2008 Notre Dame graduate who lives in Minneapolis and works for Target Corporation; a junior-year student at Villanova; a freshman at Vanderbilt; and a senior in High School at Loyola Academy. The house is clearing out fast."

Anne Callan Trunzo writes: "We are in back-to-school mode here. Our daughter, Christina, will be returning to Villanova in Philadelphia for her senior year, Jack will start his freshman year at Notre Dame, and our youngest, Danny, will start his freshman year in high school here in Brookfield, Wis."

From **Ellen Clyne O'Flaherty**: "I just went to a barbeque with **Jean Glynn Brogan** and **Maureen Glynn '82** and their families this weekend at Maureen's house in Bensenville, Ill. **Cathy Kustner '80** could not make it as she's busy getting ready to take a new position in Valparaiso, Ind. I am retiring this fall from my network engineering job at CNA Insurance after 27 years, and am really looking forward to taking a year off to decide what's next. My husband, Pat, and I have two in college: Erin, 21, a senior at UIC in Chicago, and Dennis, 18, a sophomore at Augustana College in Rock Island, Ill. Our youngest, Kevin, 16, is a junior in high school."

Moir O'Leary Bell writes: "I have some sad news to report. **Joanne Rodden**'s husband died August 7 of this year. He was 49 and died in his sleep of a blocked left coronary artery. They have three children: Melissa, a sophomore at Saint Thomas College, Michael, a senior in high school, and Christopher, a sophomore in high school. They live in Burnsville, Minn. **Michelle Taylor Holman** and her husband, Keith, and Joanne's sister, **Mary Beth Rodden Costello '86**, and her husband, Kevin, and two boys, and Joanne's brother, Jack Rodden ND '80, and his wife, Vicki, and their three children, and I were there for the wake and funeral. My husband is the fire chief in Richland Hills, Tex., after retiring from the Oak Park (Illinois) Fire department after serving 30 years. I will be joining him after my youngest son graduates

from high school in June 2012. I just left my job last May, working as a special education aide for preschoolers—mostly severe autistic children—the last three years. My oldest daughter, **Bridget Caitlin Bell '10**, graduated from Saint Mary's in May 2010 and is now working at Kirkland and Ellis Law Firm in Chicago. My son, Michael, is a senior at Indiana Wesleyan University. My daughter, Meghan, is a sophomore at DePaul University in Chicago, and my son, Danny, is a junior in high school at Wheaton North. Every summer, I have a reunion at my lake house in Lake Geneva, Wis., for all of my Saint Mary's and Notre Dame friends. The usuals to attend are Michael Walsh ND '81, 'V-Bob' (Bob Kenny ND '81), 'Crash' (Chris Kelly ND '81), 'Billy B' (Bill Birsic ND '81), **Anne Moore Rogers**, Scott Rogers ND '80, **Michelle Taylor Holman**, **Sandy Thurston Costa**, 'Dr. Da' (Mark DeSilva ND '81), **Nancy Dunbar Stringillo**, and 'Kenno' (Ken Kristl ND '81). I saw **LuLu Romano Daly '82**, **Rose Antoon Overholt '80**, and **Jamie Bock Helman '82** at my daughter's graduation."

From **Mary Martin-Tuite**: "I married Mike Martin ND '81 and we've moved nine times in 20 years. We have two beautiful adult children. I teach second grade at Our Lady of Mercy in Rhode Island. My husband is a professor at the Naval War College. We still manage to travel quite a bit."

Mary Ann Feldhaus Sanders writes: "I just had to share that my daughter, Katie Sanders '14, plans to be a freshman at Saint Mary's next year."

Angie Brown writes: "I started my career with IBM after graduation in South Bend, Ind. I spent five years in sales and then moved to Chicago. Over the next 17 years, I had several management jobs in sales in Chicago and in Washington, D.C. I married a friend from high school in Dayton, Ohio, in 1992, and moved to DC soon after. We adopted two beautiful boys from Korea in 1996 and 1997 that are now in eighth and seventh grades. After many miscarriages and infant deaths, surprisingly, I had a little girl in 2001 at almost 43-years old. Unfortunately, my health has been deteriorating quickly with autoimmune disorders since 2003, and I have been on long term disability since August 2008. My husband and I also separated in March that year. I send blessings to all our classmates."

Sue Blumer Bergman writes: "Greg, my husband, accepted a new job as vice president of finance at ScanSource in Greenville, S.C. We moved into temporary housing, and all three boys, ages 17, 15, and 10, are adjusting to their new schools—all within two weeks of finding out that we were moving. We would love to see all of our Saint Mary's friends down here in the south. I think you'll love it in the wintertime."

Mary Phelan D'Isa writes: "I had an interesting and unexpected Saint Mary's encounter this past year: **Cheryl Metallo Bischoff's** son, Steven, was in my Civil Procedure I and II classes. Imagine my surprise when one of my students told me that his mom was one of my classmates at Saint Mary's. Of course, my immediate thought was that neither of us could be old enough. He was a great student and nice young man. My congratulations to Cheryl and her husband."

From **Mary Ryan Buddig**: "We just got back from taking our fourth daughter to college. Sarah is in her first year at Loyola Law School, Jenny is in her senior year at Miami of Ohio and is student teaching, Erin is a sophomore studying special education, and Margaret is at Denison, in pre-med. Bobby is a junior at Hinsdale Central. I got an email from **Patty Zidar Henry** whose daughter, Kate, is a physical therapist in Chicago. Matt is also working in Chicago, Mike is in his final year at Notre Dame, and Mary Bridgid, a junior in high school, is enjoying spending time with her mom and dad. Patty

is working at Beaumont Hospital in Detroit."

Mary Rose Carroll Campobasso writes: "**Meg Burke Gagliardo** and I had such a wonderful time attending the Saint Mary's cocktail party last night at the Tall Ships Exhibit on Navy Pier. The ship that hosted the gathering is owned by fellow graduate **Dawn Parker Santamaria**. I am so impressed at what Dawn is doing and what her company, Sisters Under Sail (The On-board Leadership Program for Teenage Girls), provides for young women from around the world. It was surprising to meet Saint Mary's graduates from 1955-56 at the event. The three that I spoke with knew my mother, **Jane Flynn Carroll '54**, and my aunt, **Martha Flynn '56** (what a small world). The ladies—**Patricia Cutter Reynolds '55**, **Sarah Struett O'Keefe '55**, and **MaryJeanne Ryan Burke '56**—said to be sure to tell my mother and aunt 'hello.'"

From **Barb O'Connell Hoyt**: "My son Matthew returned from his deployment with the Illinois National Guard in Afghanistan, and has resumed college after transferring to John Carroll University where his younger brother, Neil, attends. They both play varsity football and have chosen to room together as well. **Clare Marie Hoyt '06** is starting her last year of DePaul law school, where she goes to class at night while maintaining a full-time job as an assistant in the law library at Seyfarth Shaw LLP. **Maura Bridget Hoyt '07** is an RN on an oncology floor at Rush University Medical Center. I'm still teaching enrichment K-5 at a local school and keep myself busy volunteering at my parish."

Mary Beckman Konstant writes: "Just this past weekend, my husband and I took our oldest child, Kevin, off to the University of Dayton. Upon my return, there was an email from **Dana Jeffris Corrigan**. She had seen me on campus during orientation, but was unable to catch up to me. Her daughter, Quinn, is also in the class of 2014 at Dayton. Does anyone else have kids there?"

From **Maureen Campbell Lopina**: "My parents, Tom ND '54 and **Mary Ann Kramer Campbell '54**, moved to Holy Cross Village on the campus of Holy Cross College, in February. I was out in April for Junior Moms Weekend with my daughter, Jillian '11. It was really special to share that with my daughter, and my mom even joined us for a special tea at Reidinger House. We saw at least two other mother-daughter pairs from our class: **Missie Cannon-Valencia** and her daughter, Erin Valencia, and **Nancy Singer Gies** and her daughter. In May and June, Jillian studied in China for three weeks with other psychology majors and professors from Saint Mary's. My son, Chris, just started his sophomore year at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, and my youngest, Scott, is a junior in high school. Brian ND '77 and I still live in Northern Virginia, 20 miles west of Washington, D.C."

From **Mary Fickes**: "I'm living in Seattle, where I moved in 1985 to do a Jesuit volunteer year. I got a master's in social work, met my Jewish husband at my Catholic parish, got married, had two kids: Claire, 15, and Thomas, 12. I have been working in various early learning venues—most recently and happily—at the Seattle Public Library, as part of a federal preschool literacy grant."

News from **Margaret Bonadies Blonigan**: "Gregg ND '81 and I have been in Zürich, Switzerland, for 12 years now. In August, we left our second son, Andrew, to begin his freshman year at Notre Dame. Our oldest son, Patrick, is a senior at Cornell University. It was strange to fly back to Zürich with our youngest son, Charlie, 14, a freshman at our

local international school. I am still enjoying living abroad, keeping busy in my local community, and renovating our old farmhouse and garden. It is always a great pleasure to visit the college every three or four years when I am back in Indiana to see my family. Now that my son is at Notre Dame, I will have many more opportunities to visit Saint Mary's over the next four years. My family was fortunate to have a grand tour of the recently renovated classrooms and ongoing building projects at Saint Mary's. The classrooms in Madeleva Hall are state-of-the-art and quite impressive. If you have not had the chance to visit Saint Mary's recently, treat yourself to a weekend at one of the lovely hotels on campus or make the effort to come back for one of our class reunions. The atmosphere remains welcoming and nurturing and I always marvel at the beauty of the campus. Wherever I am, I always tell potential college-bound young women about Saint Mary's College and my positive experience at this wonderful school."

Our 30th Reunion is scheduled for June 2-5, 2011. Hope to see you there.

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Therese Biagi Sutter writes from Lexington, Ind.: "I am one of those alums who have never written an update since we graduated 27 years ago. I thank you for your invitation to all of us who tend to be anonymous. Well, John Dunne (a retired professor at Notre Dame) described a graph where one axis was what you want in life, and the other axis is the circumstance you happened to have been given. Your life falls somewhere in between. I would say that has been accurate for me. I enjoyed my life at Saint Mary's with minimal responsibility. It was tough for awhile after we graduated. Eventually, I found my way, married, and had children. My family is my life. My two boys, Leo, 14, and John, 9, are the two greatest people to hit the planet. Whether in the micro- or macro-sense, I am staying tuned for great things from them. And I'm doing everything I can to make sure their gifts are available to the world when they are grown. I remember fondly the camaraderie, intense artistic experiences, and the Bella-vita of Rome. I look forward to seeing notes from women I knew, and hope you are all doing well. *Ciao*."

I, too, look forward to seeing notes from women I knew, so I was thrilled when recently, thanks to the magic of Facebook, I heard from a dear friend, **Mary Wilson**. Mary moved to Houston after finishing her student teaching. She taught elementary school for 10 years and then became an assistant principal. Over time, the district became increasingly urban and she learned she had a gift for dealing with troubled children and their parents. After 10 years as an assistant principal at three different elementary schools, the district offered Mary the opportunity to move to its alternative campus (where children with behavior problems are sent when they create too much havoc on their home campus). Mary writes that she absolutely loves it. But, her biggest news is that about 12 years ago, she adopted a sweet little boy from Lubbock, who was then seven- years old. His name is Akeem. He is now 19 and will finish high

school this year. Mary writes that Akeem is "the best thing in my life. We're good for each other."

Speaking of Facebook, if you're ever sitting at your computer and you think of sending in news for *Courier*, but you can't remember where to send your news (or you've already recycled your latest issue of *Courier*, or, if you're like me, you still have the issue but you're too lazy to get up and find it), another option is to go to our class page on Facebook (where I'm listed) and simply send me a Facebook message.

From **Catherine Mahoney**: "The first thing I always do is turn to Class News for 1983 in the *Courier*. To my great surprise, there was a note from **Eileen O'Connor Cox**. As one of Eileen's freshman-year roommates in Holy Cross, I have fond memories of Eileen and it was wonderful to hear Eileen's update. Cathy (who now goes by Catherine) has been in Atlanta for 21 years now, which qualifies her more as a Southerner rather the girl from Jersey. She continues to work for AT&T (formerly with BellSouth) and has 18 1/2 years tenure, which is a long time, but there were many different jobs along the way. The neighbors would say she is the single lady always working in her beautiful yard and who has a real soft spot caring for animals, of which she has four (two dogs and two cats). Not an exciting life, but an enjoyable one."

Finally, I'd like to share news about my dear friend and Saint Mary's roommate for four years, **Jill Daley-Gibson**. Last summer, Jill and I found a day to meet in Boston. She and I hadn't seen each other for a couple of years, and we had a wonderful day together. Jill is doing fantastic. She continues to live in the home that she and her husband, Bill, built more than 20 years ago in Center Tuftonboro, N.H. Jill teaches music at Kingswood Regional Middle School in nearby Wolfeboro, where she's been for many years. Some very sad news about Jill is that Bill was diagnosed with melanoma and he passed away in December of 2007. It's been an understandably difficult last few years for her and her family. But true to form, Jill is strong. She enjoys the support and friendship of lots of family and friends, and most importantly, she enjoys her two children. Her oldest son, Michael, is a sophomore at the University of Vermont. Her youngest son, Peter, is a junior in high school. Both boys are great kids, and as you would expect of Jill, she has a very close and loving family.

So that's the news for this issue. Please remember to send in *your* news, either by email, regular mail, or via Facebook. Looking forward to hearing from you.

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Greetings to our 25th anniversary classmates. It was great to see all those at the reunion. Of course, we missed those of you who couldn't get there. Thanks especially to **Mary Burke**, **Kathie Conley Taiclet**, and the reunion committee for organizing the events, and the sponsors of the common area (**Noreen Callahan Pulte**, being one of them), who kept it well stocked with everything we needed or wanted. For those of you who sent in your reunion updates, they were available to the '85ers in the common area, so thanks for taking the time to fill them out.

It was fun to drive up to the reunion with Kentuckian **Teresa McGinnis Wharton**, and to

see **Katy Boldt Cushing**, who has a dog training business in Chicago. Our usual reunion neighbors were across the hall from us: Chicagoan **Kathleen Hennessy Lange** and Hoosiers **Mary Desmond Liddell** and **Kathleen Desmond Mikula**. Sadly, Mary and Kathleen's father passed away not long after reunion, on September 1, 2010.

My "old" neighbors **Missy Hussey O'Rear** and **Carol Pratten Smith** rounded-out our hallway reunion repeats. Former LeMans neighbor **Anne Murray McDermott** was in from LaGrange, Ill.

Mary Isphording Ladrack left Cincinnati early to meet **Jaynellen Kenny Mikulski** for a pre-reunion bite of lunch. Mary and Jayne were reunited with friends **Jeanne Anselman Aversa** from Boston, **Beth McDevitt-Major** from Pewaukee, Wis., **Colleen King Kuhn** from Pittsburgh, and **Cathy Curran Slota** was in from California. Their good friend, **Melissa Meyer Burke**, was unable to make it down from Chicago.

Allison Pellar, **Gillian Foley-Coates**, and **Mary Pat Ketter Ingwell** were able to see good friend, **Kate Hesslau Miller**, in St. Paul, Minn., before trekking over to Saint Mary's. Kate couldn't make it, but **Ann "Corky" Corcoran** was at the reunion, in from Philadelphia.

Cathy McIsaac Branigan and **Patti Drabick Quinn** were both at the reunion, but we missed previous "reunioners," **Ellen Byrne Willertz**, **Kerry Klein Herman**, and **Annie Sawicki**. Annie told me through Facebook that she was on campus in September to help Notre Dame beat Michigan in their second game this year, as was **Karen Wittgen Cain**. Notre Dame needed more help than they could provide. Karen sat by **Patty Etling Suprenant** at the game, and came up to the reunion from Evansville, Ind.

Moir Finnegan Zahn showed her smiling face on campus, looking just like she did 25 years ago. Stop in and see her in South Dakota if you're heading through.

It was a great surprise to run into former Belles Hoopster **Betsy Ebert Ballack**, and **Mary Hammond Hollman**. Betsy's in the Chicago area and Mary's in New York.

Debbie Hickey, who is enjoying life in North Carolina, mentioned that **Mary Ellen May** has just become certified as a life coach. I've been in touch with her to talk "coaching," and she's loving life, and starting some unique new ventures. **Darlene Wojda Hanson** lives further up the coast in Vienna, Va. Progressing northward, **Vivian Ostrowski** and her partner live in South Hadley, Mass. Vivian is a college administrator at Holyoke Community College.

Sitting around the dinner table on Saturday reunion night were **Kacey Horner Schmitt** from Cincinnati, and **Erin Murphy**, whose laugh alone still makes me laugh. She's making things happen in Chicago, and **Mary McGlinch Schilli** is in North Carolina. **Cathy Norris** is in Chicago and has her own business as a human resources consultant.

Cindy Minot is also self employed in career counseling in the sunshine state. **Gerilu Barrows Hughes** is in Killbuck (wow), Ohio, and **Jeanne Budak Jasper** can be found in Sawyer, Mich. She's been teaching kindergarten, but is making the switch to first grade.

Marybeth Curtis McHugh lives in Manassas, Va. We tried to get on the phone to no avail. **Gretchen Holland Etling** is an attorney living in Terre Haute, Ind. She was attending her oldest son's high school graduation.

Helen Lucaitis and her husband just returned from Russia after adopting their second baby.

Ave Green was hoping to come in for the

weekend, but was unable to make it. She said that life is good and she feels blessed.

I was in touch with **Lisa Fitt Heller** before reunion. She lives in Dayton, Ohio. I also talked with **Mary Ann Heckman-Crowe** before reunion. She is a lawyer, practicing with her husband in their law firm in Kansas City.

Mary Anne Potter Ruthmeyer showed up while we were at the Class of '85 cocktail hour. I'm not sure if the tears in her eyes were tears of happiness at seeing all her friends, or if she just didn't see her favorite brand of wine. Either way, these things can be emotional.

The daughter of **Cheryl Miller Pryor** in Orland Park, Ill., is a freshman at Notre Dame this year, the daughter of **Lisa Lauerman Harvey** plans to attend Saint Mary's in the Class of 2014. Lisa's a secretary at our old grade school up in Grand Blanc, Mich. The son of **Susan Veda Smith** in Summit, N.J., plans to go to Notre Dame this year. **Eileen Copeland Mark**'s oldest daughter is in her second year at Saint Mary's. Eileen, her four kids, and husband live in Cos Cob, Conn. Eileen and her husband just celebrated their 21st anniversary, and **Maureen Murphy Quill** and her husband just celebrated their 25th anniversary. Their oldest son attends Eastern Illinois University, and they have triplets who are in their freshman year in high school. They live in Racine, Wis.

Info from a few of the updates you sent in: **Robin Delaune Backhaus** still resides in Deutschland and works as a technical translator. **Jean DeVita Schultz** lives in Carmel, Ind., but her oldest son's graduation from high school coincided with reunion weekend, as did the graduation of the niece of **Kim Kirasich McDermott**. Kim lives in Burr Ridge, Ill.

Ann Wodehouse Lauer lives in South Bend, Ind., and is enjoying her retirement. Her first grandchild was born while she was a senior at Saint Mary's. She and her husband now have 16 grandkids.

And as we read this on a comfy coach or chair, let's think of **Wendy Rice Bank** having attempted an English Channel Relay swim crossing at the end of June. She said the water temp was expected to be 56 degrees, no wetsuits were allowed, and 22 miles to France. Their team name was Mile High Channel Toppers.

If you're on Facebook, you can see a number of pictures posted there. Search for Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN-Class of 1985. Find your friends and post your pictures there. Keep the news coming and have a great year.

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From Christine: **Carol Holland Kelly** lives in the Chicago area and went back to work two years ago, part-time, so she can adjust her hours to accommodate her children's schedules. Her oldest, Clare, a junior in high school, just got her license, plays sports, and is looking at colleges. David, her middle child, just started his freshman year in high school and loves it. Mark, fondly referred to as her "bonus baby" is in third grade and is so fun to be around. Her husband, David, works as a carpenter. Carol regularly sees **Mary Clare Sheerin Hogan**, who has five children. **Jenn Rollo** and her husband, Brian, just had their first child on August 9, 2010, a daughter, Elizabeth Paige. Jenn is finishing up her last year of nursing school for her RN and learning to juggle motherhood and school. She's living part-time in their home in Vermont, and part-time in their apartment in Jersey City.

Mary Reidy is still in Seattle with her husband and two children. Theo is entering fourth grade and Lily heading into second. She writes, "This past year threw us a curveball as I was diagnosed with breast cancer in July 2009. Needless to say, the year was a bit chaotic. After surgery, chemo, and radiation (we threw the kitchen sink at this thing), all doctors say my prognosis is great. Really does put each day, chaos and all, into perspective. I couldn't have wished for a more supportive family, group of friends, and workplace. Truly blessed I am. So now I am challenged with getting back into a routine of life without allowing it to feel routine or mundane, but cherishing each cloudy morning (I do live in Seattle). I did get amazing pleasure this summer spending an evening with **Anne Williard Armstrong '88** as she made her trek around the Pacific Northwest. She looked great and it was wonderful to connect in person after all these years. If anyone else should find their way out to this corner of the country, please feel free to drop a line as we love to host folks and show off our fair city."

Kathy Knych Dapper and her husband, Bob, have a daughter, Katelyn Marie Dapper '12, a junior at Saint Mary's studying business and communications, and a daughter, Sarah, a senior in high school, who stays busy with football, basketball, and competitive cheerleading. Kathy keeps in touch with **Liza Wheeland Luhmann**, who is in St. Louis, and hears from **Lori Bernat Ward** occasionally. **Trudee Landsfield Lyons** writes, "I am living on the north side of Chicago with my husband and two daughters. We just celebrated 20 years of marriage and our relationship is one of the things I am most proud of as we have been committed to learning and growing together and really working on our marriage over the years. After 10 years working as an economic analyst for a personal injury and wrongful death litigation consulting firm, I went back to school and got my M.A. in psychology. I took a little time away from the workforce while in school. and then started working for The Wright Leadership Institute as a life coach and director of the couples and parenting programs. As I am a firm believer in lifelong learning, I am currently in school to obtain my doctorate in human development. Our oldest daughter, Morgan, just started her freshman year in high school, and our other daughter, Hannah, will start middle school.

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Next week, my husband and I leave for Ireland for a yearly spiritual pilgrimage. We have certainly had our share of ups and downs, but I really love it all, and feel immensely grateful for everything in my life."

Ellen Murray Creely announces that the next generation of Louisville Alums is invading South Bend, Ind. Her oldest, Claire, is attending Saint Mary's on a Presidential Scholarship. **Mary Lally Gates's** son, Kevin, is a freshman at Notre Dame, and **Mary Dilenschneider Condon's** son, Patrick, is a sophomore at Notre Dame. **Denise Kilway** is living in Pewaukee, Wis., with her husband, Phil. They celebrated their 10-year anniversary in October. They have two sons: Alexander, eight, and John, six. Denise is working as a pediatric nurse practitioner at the Children's Hospital of Wisconsin in the Department of Pediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition. She looks forward to the weekend of the Stanford game for the Notre Dame Band Alumni reunion. **Katie Sullivan Fritz** just sent her oldest daughter, Madeline, off to the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. She says it may be tough to be a Husker fan, after cheering for Notre Dame for so many years.

Monica Ciletti McCormick is back in Virginia Beach after seven years she spent living in Italy. Her oldest two are in college, one at Notre Dame, and the other at the University of Virginia. She still has two in high school, grades nine–12. Her parents are living in South Bend, Ind., for the fall semester. From SN, she's heard from **Mary Catherine Callahan Malley** and her husband, Mike, who are busy raising their two children in California, and **Jean Steinwachs Childs**, who's moved to Georgia with her family. She thought about **Margaret Gray** recently as she and her family drove past the sign for Maumee en route to Notre Dame.

Juli Spala Stumpf and her husband, Dave, are living in St. Louis with their four children. Dave is a finance executive with Wells Fargo, while Juli tries to keep it all together at home with their active children. Their oldest son, Eric, is at Notre Dame. He lived in Stanford Hall next door to—and became good friends with—Mike McCormick, son of **Monica Ciletti McCormick**. They also have Jack, a senior in high school; Haley, a sophomore; and Anna, who is in fourth grade. She hopes to run into friends and classmates at Notre Dame football games in the fall.

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From Karen: It is with great sadness that we learned the news of **Julie Stautberg's** passing. Julie was at our reunion last year and diagnosed shortly thereafter with a rare form of cancer. She lost her valiant battle on the morning of May 19, 2010. Julie was highly respected, particularly in Hamilton County, Ohio, where she was a judge. Quoting from the *Cincinnati Enquirer*: "She was not just a part of the (legal) family. She was the best part of the community," [Prosecutor] Deters said, choking back tears. "She had an awesome sense of humor, was smart as can be. She was just a great person." Throughout her illness, Julie missed few

days at work and continued to serve on several boards—including the St. Joseph Cemetery Board of Directors, for which she served as its first female member, as the latest president of the Cincinnati Bar Association, and one of the YWCA's 2010 Women of the Year. We miss you Julie.

Following Julie's death, **Kristine Kruczek Mains**, a cancer survivor, reached out to begin a dialog with other women about the positive results from dealing with cancer—whether yourself, as a caregiver, friend/family/etc. of a cancer patient—focusing on what cancer CAN do, including bringing people closer together; creating discussion around what once was taboo; and helping to appreciate what we have and can do now. She would like to take this information and what she has learned to write an article, book, or something of the like, to share the experiences with other women. Anyone interested in this or who has any questions about this endeavor can contact Kristine at (615) 582-6176 or email her at kkmains@bellsouth.net. Note: Participation in each stage of the process is completely voluntary, your conversation with Kristine can be completely confidential or you can ask that your story be shared with others and/or part of her research for publication.

From the O'Leary household: All is well. **Mimi Tuohy O'Leary** is teaching fourth grade this year, which will be interesting since her Jack is in fourth grade. Mimi is teaching Jack for two classes: religion and math—and so far so good. She's keeping him in with the promise of extra homework when they go over the commandment "Honor thy Mother and Father." Her oldest son, Joe, is in eighth grade and is taller than his mom. He continues to enjoy sailing and was able to teach it last summer at Lake Wawasee. Daughter, Mary Kate, is in seventh grade and enjoyed a week at Saint Mary's Volleyball Camp last July. She lived in McCandless and Mimi took a long walk down memory lane on drop-off day. If any classmates have middle school-aged daughters, Mimi highly recommends the Saint Mary's summer camps. Mary Kate has participated in the Saint Mary's Fine Arts Camp and the volleyball camp, and has loved them both. Feel free to drop Mimi an email if you have questions at mimioleary@aol.com.

There are more babies on which to report. **Elizabeth Rollins Orton** and Michael Orton had a baby girl, Margaret Amelia "Maggie" Orton, on May 18, 2010, at Scripps La Jolla in California. **Cristina Lucia Sanchez Vebber** welcomed a daughter, Emilia Cristina, on October 28, 2008. Cristina is a lawyer in a Mexican firm and made partner in December of 2009. Congrats, Cristina. **Karen Krok Hasler** and Doug ND '88 added their fifth child, Quincy Abram, to the Hasler home on August 9, 2010.

Anne Palamaro Wynne has had an eventful 2010. As her oldest son, Joe, moved out and got his first apartment (a very bittersweet time), she welcomed adopted baby number five. The Wynne's were contacted by the maternal biological grandparents of their seven-year-old son, Joshua, asking if they would also adopt Joshua's half-brother. So this past March, they were finally able to move Nicholas James into their home at five-months old. His adoption became final in September. Congratulations, Anne.

Martha Flick Jungenberg has left Chicago behind as Todd pursues his foreign service assignment in Port of Spain, Trinidad, and Tobago. Now diplomats, the Jungenberg's will be in Trinidad and Tobago for two years, and will then go to Washington, D.C., for a year of language lessons

in preparation for their next post. Todd holds a consular office with the State Department. Their girls, Emmalee, Grace, and Sophie are in first, third, and seventh grade, respectively, at the International School of Port of Spain.

Kathleen M. Gibbons has owned Belles & Beaux Children's Boutique in Columbus, Ohio, for the last nine years where it has been voted the "Best Children's Boutique in Central Ohio" year after year. In addition to running her business, Kathleen recently accepted the part-time position of outreach director for the Women's Care Center (founded in South Bend, Ind.). There are currently 17 centers around the Midwest. In her role, she is responsible for the fundraising and public relations for two new centers in Columbus. She loves being back in South Bend on a more regular basis for meetings, events, and the like. In mid-summer, she ran into **Patti Swain Stark** at a Stella & Dot Jewelry party in Western Springs, Ill., that she co-hosted with her sister, **Sheila Gibbons Franco '88**. Kathleen really enjoyed getting caught up on the scoop about fellow classmates.

Roberta Sikorski Szumski completed her Master's in Nursing Education Degree in April 2010 from Walden University. She is working full time as an education specialist for Pediatric Services at Riley Hospital for Children. When not working, she keeps very busy with her four guys. The whole family has a passion for marching band as her oldest marches in the Avon High School Marching Band—proud recipients of the Grand National Championship last year.

I hope that by now, the Irish have had an exciting and successful football season.

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From Becky: **Deb Rybarczyk Pacer** writes, "School year 20 is off and running. I have 26 first graders. Hey fellow 'ed' majors, please write and tell me where you all are and what you are teaching these days. Anyone else heading to 'The Bend' for Notre Dame's home opener? We have tickets. So excited. Go IRISH."

Heather Maverick Rubsamen is in San Antonio, Tex., with her husband and two sons, ages nine and six. She has taken a sabbatical from her counseling practice and is enjoying volunteering for her boys' school as director of new student tours and open houses, mentor to three new families, and a homeroom mom. She hopes some fellow alumnae would come visit San Antonio in the fall/winter/spring when the weather is beautiful.

Kathleen Kelley Haley writes: "Celebrating 10 years as founder of <http://www.idology.biz/> (a marketing, public relations, and design firm). Mark and I are enjoying our children: Gavin (fourth grade) and Riley-Marie (third grade)."

Stephanie Tarkowski Wyatt writes: "I suppose my fifth child is noteworthy: Constance 'Hope' Wyatt was born April 12, 2010."

Toni Olivieri-Barton is living in Manitou Springs, Colo. Her daughter, Margaret, is 15, and her son, Frank, is 11. Toni has been married to Matt Barton for 17 years. They are both teachers at Manitou Springs High School. Matt teaches English and Toni teaches technology. Toni stays in contact with **Becky Ciletti**, **Anne Hart Tedder**, **Cynthia Jimenez**, **Eileen Whelpley**, and **Kristin Sullivan Lynch**.

Jen Langness Caputo writes: "After years of living and working in New York City, Mike ND '91 and I, and our children, Cal (nine), Max (nine), and Tessa (four), built a home just outside of Princeton, N.J. We recently returned from a summer vacation to Block Island, where we were joined for a few days by **Sharon Ness McGrann** and her youngest daughter, Kate (six). We are looking forward to spending a weekend back in New York City with **Tracy Veeder Simon** and her husband, Craig ND '89, for the Notre Dame/Army game at Yankee Stadium. As I write this, we are packing for a trip to South Bend, Ind., for the fall meeting of the Madeleva Society Steering Committee, followed by the Notre Dame/Purdue game. **Kristen Sullivan Lynch** will be joining me on the committee this year, so the Class of '91 will be well represented. Hoping to see everyone at the reunion next summer."

From the Courier: Kathleen McDonough Mundo writes that she and her husband, John P. Mundo ND '88 '91, welcomed Caroline Grace Mundo on January 14, 2010. Caroline joins her big sister, Isabel (six), and her big brother, Michael John (three).

From the Courier: Kathleen Houlihan writes that she married David Motzenbecker on May 21, 2010 in Chicago. The couple met through the British American Project and were engaged in Edinburgh, Scotland. The wedding was made even more special with Saint Mary's friends. **Kristen Sullivan Lynch** sang at the ceremony and **Eileen Whelpley** approved the final fitting of the wedding dress while she was visiting from San Francisco. The couple now lives in Minneapolis. Kathleen would love to reconnect with Saint Mary's in the Twin Cities. She can be reached at kathleen_houlihan@hotmail.com.

Jill Burdo writes, "I'm alive and well and living in Minneapolis, working as a consultant for Apple, and teaching social studies online for Fergus Falls School District. I'm expecting to start my Ed.D. next fall."

Lisa Alexander Lally writes, "I am still working at Arc Worldwide, a division of Leo Burnett Advertising, and am now a global director. I've been lucky to travel to Milan, Italy, and Geneva, Switzerland, this year and am getting ready for another return trip at the end of September. As a working mom, it has its challenges, but my wonderful husband, Terry Lally ND '93, keeps the show running when I'm gone. Our two kids are back in school. Colin is almost five and is in Pre-K while Ashlynn just started third grade (wow). It's been a great summer and we are looking forward to Notre Dame football season to start."

Katie Davenport Keefrider added a new member to her family on August 13, 2008, when Gavin Riley was born, joining his big brothers, Robby (16), Brendan (seven), and Jack (five). She is home, involved in PTO at her kids' school in Avon, Conn., and volunteering. She was in Chicago this past August visiting her sister, **Mary Davenport Chong '95**, and attending her son Nate's first birthday party. She also had a chance to visit with **Karen Melchert** and catch up, laugh, and swap stories. She is planning to come out east to Connecticut and experience an authentic New England autumn with foliage and all.

Christine Smiggen married Jeffrey Forester on April 17, 2010, in Naples, Fla. They reside in Plymouth, Mich. **Jennifer Jermano Miller** and **Barbara Geelan Wareham '94** were attendants in the wedding. Other Saint Mary's wedding guests included **Suzanne Smiggen Condit '80**, **Sharon Smiggen Ruble '82**, **Sheila Smiggen '86**, **Jennifer Danahy Stewart**, **Kerri Sipes Koellner**, **Gretchen Flicker**, and **Amelia Palk Murphy '94**. Christine recently founded Impact Partners to provide school choice and facilities financing advisory services.

Dawn Sandgren Firmstone and her husband, Henry, welcomed a daughter, Lauren Skye Firmstone, to their family on October 19, 2009. Lauren joins her big brother, Jackson, who will turn four this December. Dawn is still living in Auckland, New Zealand. In November, she will have been there nine years. Dawn was in the States this summer and spent some time with **Gretchen Flicker** in Laguna Nigel, Calif. Gretchen and her fiancé, Doug Twisselman, reside in Santa Monica, Calif.

Julie Leonard recently accepted a position teaching history at Fontbonne Academy in Milton, Mass.

Laurel Martyn O'Shaughnessy moved to South Bend, Ind., in August 2009, after her husband, Brendan ND '93, accepted a job at Notre Dame in the Office of Communications. He's enjoying being back on campus and writing. They miss Indianapolis and all their friends, especially **Molly Cain Milton** and **Kathleen Fisher Leppert '98**. Laurel and Brendan have three children, two of whom attend Saint Joseph Elementary School in South Bend. They just recently bought a house near **Margie Pelton Anella**. Margie is currently home with her five children, Mark (11), Matt (eight), Joe (seven), Meredith (five), and Johnny (one). Her husband, John ND '93, is a financial advisor with Wells Fargo. Laurel and her former roommates, **Megan Lillis Browdy**, **Lisa Luedeck-ing O'Brien**, **Molly McDonald Peets**, **Mary Kate Connor Rubin**, **Nicole Brenner Wine**, and **Amy Walsh Kern** plan to celebrate their 40th birthdays in Las Vegas at the end of September.

Nicole Ricketts has moved to Moscow, Russia, to be the literacy coordinator for the next two years at

the Anglo American School of Moscow.

Angela Cutrona-Triano has moved to Park Ridge, N.J., and has been working for an experiential services agency that takes her around the world with amazing clients, working with major brands in aerospace, and supporting air shows in places such as Dubai, the United Kingdom, Geneva, and Paris. NASA continues to be close to her heart, professionally and personally. She has a dear friend who launches with Russians on October 8, 2010. He will be the ISS Commander for six months. She thinks they will be one of the first to Skype from space (fun). Angela's twin boys, Cole and Dylan, are entering fifth grade and are amazing baseball players. When she is not traveling, she is at all their games. Follow her travels on twitter at: [trianotwntxs](https://twitter.com/trianotwntxs) or on Facebook.

Laura Bianchi Eikenmeyer and her husband, David ND Law '93, plan on opening Urban Child Academy in the heart of Chicago's Gold Coast this fall. The preschool is a new concept in early education, driven in part by the research theories Laura studied while earning her Ph.D. at Loyola University. The classes learn by daily "investigations" of Chicago's vibrant urban landscape. Urban Child serves children from 15 months- to five-years old.

Kathleen Halloran and her husband, Tracy Erickson, report that Adeline Margaret Erickson was born on March 9 in Vail, Colo.

From the Courier: Lisa Claussen Kommers writes: "My husband, Adam, and I welcomed our third child, Teagan Joetta, on Jul 29, 2010. Teagan was born in the car, en route to her daddy and the hospital. My close friend, **Anne Delaney '95**, was the driver/midwife for the exciting entrance. Everyone is doing great."

From the Courier: Terri Welch Blahoski writes: "My husband, Roman, and I welcomed our fourth child, Emily Grace, on July 26, 2010. She joins her big brother, Tommy (six), and big sisters, Katy (four) and Molly (three)."

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From Jennifer: Michelle Budd Munch and her husband, Bill, welcomed twins, Audrey and Annie Grace, on May 10, 2010. They are happily embraced by their six other siblings.

'95

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Hello, everyone. It was great catching up with people at the reunion in June. The weekend was lovely and being back on campus was so much fun. For the Reunion Fund, our class was recognized as providing the highest class gift at the banquet on Saturday. It was inspiring for our class to sponsor seven reunion scholars to attend Saint Mary's. On behalf of our Reunion Fund Chair, **Jen Mathile Prikkel**, thank you to the Class of 1995.

We have a brief update this time. I think it's the first time our news hasn't been multiple-pages long.

In December 2009, **Meaghan McCue-Orange** married Vincent John Orange. Currently, Meaghan runs a small horse-training business in St. Charles, Ill. Her husband, Vince, lives and works in Milwaukee at Harley-Davidson Motor Company.

Joanne Pavin is currently publishing a book about meals, which focuses on how we have lost the importance of sitting at the table for meals and the effect that has had on our health, values, and culture as a whole in America.

In June, **Tina Wilschke Stoval** and her husband, Bill, moved from Draper, Utah, when they were



transferred back to the Chicago area. The Stovals enjoy living in Lake Zurich, where Tina stays home with her youngest child, Spencer, while the two eldest, Will (eight) and Natalie (five), are in school.

Alison Metro Boeckman and her husband, Brad, welcomed Colin Robert Boeckman on April 3, 2010. Alison writes, "Colin joins siblings Caroline (10), Andrew (eight), and Matthew (six). We have been in Avon Lake, Ohio, for 11 years, and after teaching kindergarten for five years, I enjoy being home with the kids. Also, in late December 2009, five Saint Mary's alumnae had a girls' getaway trip to Chicago. I met **Deidre Stein Susin '96**, **Allison Murphy Hannah**, **Tara Coursey**, and **Rebecca Jawahir Sypniewski '96** for a much-needed, girls-only getaway. It was great catching up and laughing over many fun Saint Mary's memories while hitting the hot spots of Chicago."

Erika Moen Januschka writes, "My husband, Jim, and I welcomed James Daniel into our family on June 16, 2010. He joins his seven-year-old brother, John, and three-year-old twins, Noah and Gabby. After a fun summer off for maternity leave, I am back at work as an optometrist at Pearle Vision in Elk River, Minn."

Karen Albers Cain writes, "After moving between Ohio and Indiana for a few years, my family and I are settled in Dayton, Ohio, where my husband, Steve ND '91, is a professor at the Air Force Institute of Technology. Our three boys, Asher (10), Josiah (five), and Tobias (three), enjoy the Air Force base, especially when they get to meet soldiers while we run our errands. We've been homeschooling now for five years and are looking forward to our next year. In the spare time I have, I paint, write, and work with our local homeschooling co-op."

On August 20, 2010, **Nicole Visceglia Rodgers** and her husband, Dan, were blessed with a second daughter, Erin Christine. Erin measured 19 1/2 inches long, weighed 7 lbs., 6 oz., and joins her older sister, Cara (three).

Jennifer Anderson Nurthen and her husband, Bill, welcomed twin boys on August 21. William Augustine and Paul James join their two older sisters.

Thank you to everyone who sent updates. My next deadline is March 1, 2011.

Bonjour tout le monde. I hope this finds you doing well. I am writing you on Labor Day. It is a beautiful day here in Greensboro, N.C. Classes resumed a few weeks ago and life is busy again, but good.

Ignacio and I had a wonderful summer. We went to Europe for the first time in two years. We were in Spain mostly, although we also spent a week in Belgium. We went to Durbuy (which claims to be the smallest town in the world), Bruges, and Brussels. Thanks to this trip, I have some new favorite foods: chorizo iberico, violet ice cream, and tarte tatin ice cream. Also, if ever you go to Bruges, you *must* try chocolate from the Chocolatier Dumon. It is incredible. That is all from my corner of the world. I hope you will enjoy a few updates from our classmates.

My freshman year roommate, **Allison Carroll Wallace**, and her husband, Eddie, are new parents. John "Jack" Patrick was born on April 26, 2010, weighing 8 lbs., 12 oz. The new family is doing well and Jack is adorable. I look forward to meeting him someday.

Allison's sophomore-year roommate, **Christine Premeske Verneti**, wrote me in May. She and her family are in Kansas now (until December or January), and her husband is in Afghanistan until January. She says, "All is well, life is good. Busy, but good."

In early August, I received an email from **Melissa Roberts Wheeler**. She writes: "My husband, Martin, and I have two girls, Ruth (five) and Margaret Mary (three). We lost our baby, Joe, through miscarriage, but he is still active in our lives everyday. In May 2009, I received my Master's in Theology Degree from the University of Notre Dame. I was inspired to see the Ph.D. candidates in the same graduation ceremony, but I am not going down that road right now. I am still the theology department chairperson here at Bishop Dwenger High School in Fort Wayne, Ind., my alma mater. I also direct the student Social Justice Club, which allows me to work with Invisible Children, which helps young men in war-torn Uganda, and with Samaritan's Feet, which puts new shoes on impoverished children all over the world. (I am willing to talk with anyone about these two organizations. If interested, email me at mwheeler@bishopdwenger.com.) This summer, we had the chance to visit with other Saint Mary's alums. We visited with **Emily Bochy Fenton**, her husband, Luke, and their son, Samuel, in Columbus, Ohio. It was nice to have an afternoon to catch up with them. We also visited **Kelly Cook Lewis**, her husband, Chad, and their daughter, Riley (my goddaughter), in Des Moines, Iowa. They are doing very well back in their hometown."

Chris Knych Ugo also sent me an update in

August. She writes: "My husband, Pete ND '97, and I welcomed our fourth child, Matthew Knych Ugo, on March 6, 2009. He loves to play with his older sisters, Maria (nine) and Monica (seven), and his brother, Mark (three). I am still working a few shifts per month as an RN at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis on the medical-psychiatric unit.

"This summer we drove to Atlanta to visit with Pete's family. I was able to visit with some Saint Mary's friends. I visited with **Sara Krantz** while in Atlanta and had dinner with **Jill Reidinger Cole** and her son, Tanner, while passing through Louisville on our way home to Indianapolis. It was great catching up with them both. My niece is beginning her junior year at Saint Mary's and I love to take any opportunity I can to visit her." That I can certainly understand. I haven't been to Saint Mary's since our last reunion and I miss it.

Reunion makes me think of **Michele Kuhlmann Nelson**, who wrote me as she was preparing for the fall semester. She writes that she had recently seen **Anna Rafaj Rosenberg**, who is now living in Wilmette, Ill. "Anna has three beautiful children and is the picture of happiness and health," Michele says.

Ann Spiess Clark and her husband, Brad, welcomed Clara Mary on July 20, 2010. Clara is Ann and Brad's fourth child, and a sister to Wayne, Henry, and Grace.

Well, my friends, another *Courier* report has come to a close. Thanks to all who wrote. I always enjoy hearing from you and sharing your updates. I would love to hear from more of you for our next report (deadline March 1), especially those of you who haven't written in awhile or perhaps never have. We would all love to hear from you.

For now, I wish you all a joyous and blessed holiday season. Happy New Year 2011 (one year until our next reunion). *A la prochaine.*

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Currently, I am training for my second marathon. After running the Chicago Rock-and-Roll Half Marathon, I saw **Shannon Kimball** who also ran.

On a recent trip to Ohio, I was able to visit with **Karen Ciaciura Heil** and her husband, Doug ND '98, in Westerville. The Heil's have three children: Kevin (seven), Brandon (four), and Allison (18 months).

In Ohio, I also went to Cleveland to Little Italy's annual Feast of the Assumption. Working at her family's booth, I caught up with **Vanessa Indriolo**. She continues to work for Fifth-Third Bank in Cincinnati and just bought a house in the Hyde Park neighborhood.

Tricia Malovey spent June–August volunteering in Chile through a program called English Open Doors, sponsored by the Chilean Ministry. She taught English in the high school summer program. Currently, she is back in Chicago teaching elementary ESL at Passages Charter School.

Jill Fenstermaker Stowers and her husband, Scott, welcomed Annabelle Mae to their family on April 17. She is doing great and her big brother, John, is smitten with her.

Amy Johns is doing well in Fort Wayne, Ind. This past July, she got a new job working at her alma mater. She is the new assistant principal of curriculum at Bishop Dwenger High School, and is so excited to

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be starting this new adventure in her career.

Stacey Taylor and her husband, Garth, welcomed their second child, Brooke Taylor Shafer, on February 28, 2010. Her big brother, Brody Collins Shafer, is two-and-a-half years old. Stacey is currently working at Professional Convention Management Association as director, strategic initiatives and leadership relations. The Shafer family lives in the Lakeview neighborhood of Chicago.

Adrienne Sharp Zarn's biggest news is that she has changed jobs and is now working for Accenture as a consulting analyst. Also, she had her third child, Althea Linn, on July 5. The entire Zarn family is doing well.

Dana Larvick Bennett and her husband, Rick, are living in Novi, Mich. Dana is a practicing attorney with the law firm of Foster, Swift, Collins & Smith, P.C. She was named partner at her firm in January 2010. The Bennett's adopted their son, George Kenneth Yung-Chih Bennett, after traveling to Taiwan in June 2010, on their 10-year-wedding anniversary. George was eight-months old when they brought him home. Rick is practicing medicine as a urologist with Michigan Institute of Urology.

Lori Gundler Reyes and her husband, Chris ND '00, are living in Virginia Beach. They have two girls, Mia, four, and Lillie, two. Lori is a practicing speech language pathologist. Lori also keeps in touch with **Erin O'Toole Desplinter**, who is living in Chicago with her husband, John ND '99, and their two children, Jack, five, and Sylvia, three. She is teaching.

Kelly Fennewald Olszewski and family are enjoying their time in Texas, but the heat has been overwhelming. They have started homeschooling for David's kindergarten year and have found a wonderful support group. It will be challenging (as all good things are), but they are looking forward to learning together. David's sisters, Rachel, three in December, and Naomi, one in November, are enjoying driving their poor brother crazy.

Jaime Sessions Kammerzell gave birth to Katherine Elizabeth on August 18, 2010. She joins her brothers Ryan, seven, and Andrew, four.

Courtney Wagner Kelly and John ND '98 had their third daughter, Samantha Grace, on June 28, 2010. She is a little sister to Carlin Mary, four, and Shea Elizabeth, two.

On July 14, 2010, **Michelle Janko Meade** and her husband, R. J., welcomed their first child, Nathan Atticus Meade.

Charise Desmarteau Oelger gave birth to Drew Lawrence Oelger on April 3, 2010.

Katie Paccione Icasuriaga and her husband, Jorge, welcomed a baby girl, Evelyn Beatriz, on June 16. Katie says, "She's awesome." **Annie Rolfes Atkinson** shares, "My husband, Aaron, and I welcomed Carter Gary Joseph Atkinson at 1:48 p.m. on July 7, 2010. He arrived seven weeks early and weighed 4 lbs., 15 oz., but he's home and doing really well. Thanks for all the thoughts and prayers."

Missy Bittner Sharpe's family has grown to a family of six. Missy's son, Andrew "Drew" William Sharpe, was welcomed into the world on July 11, and is welcomed by older sisters, Elle, Amelia, and Evelyn. Missy says everyone loves having a little boy at home.

In Spring, **Sherry Desautels Prisco** and her husband, Charlie, welcomed a beautiful baby girl, Margaret Kelly Prisco, on April 12, 2010, weighing 7 lbs., 10 oz. Maggie is a joy and Sherry is enjoying motherhood. Later in the summer, **Amanda Shock Johnson** and her husband, Matt ND '01, welcomed their first child, Marian Elizabeth, on August 18. Amanda writes, "We're thrilled to finally have her in our arms, and we are adjusting to life as a family of three."

From the west, **Christine M. Draper** reports, "Things are great in Tucson. I've made the plunge to head back to school and am getting a degree in occupational therapy. I graduate in 2012. My business is keeping me busy and I've expanded my services to offer boot camps in addition to personal training and group fitness. It's amazing to help people reach new heights with exercise and fitness."

Wedding Belles also had happy news to share. **Julie Norman Kimmons** married Rob Kimmons from Decatur, Ill., on April 24, 2010 in her hometown of Grand Rapids, Mich. Four of Julie's bridesmaids were Saint Mary's alumnae, including **Julie Glud Hilbrenner, Erin Martin Williams, Katie Paccione Icasuriaga, and Kelly Dugan Prina**. Julie details, "Also there to help us celebrate, were the following Belles: **Heather Podraza Connor '00, Kathleen Giel Alessi, Betsy Zack, Kathleen Tucker Tamayo, Allison Webb DeMong, Kate Bowling Bushey, Emily Patterson Salomon, Julia Scheib Martin, Katie Crean, Katie Keller Schroeder, Megan Markovich-Kulik, Erin Gartland Daly, Mary Campione '02, and Erica Burket '02**. Rob and I are living in West Simsbury, Conn.," writes Julie. "I'm still working as an associate producer in event production for ESPN. I just finished the NBA Finals and Wimbledon, and now shift to our newly formed 3D network, covering MLB Home Run Derby, Summer X Games, and college football in the upcoming months."

Casey Russell Bechtel and Andy Bechtel were married on June 12, 2010, on Cape Cod. Bridesmaids included her classmates **Cathy Schroeder Ward and Brook Hughes**, and Casey's sister, **Shaun Russell Rooney '03**. Adding to the celebration were classmates **Colleen Borkowski Fontaine, Amanda Shock Johnson, Shannon Ross**

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The Belles visit the Liberty Bell! Alums from the class of 2001 had their 9th annual reunion in Philadelphia this summer. The close friends get together every year to remember their time at Saint Mary's. Pictured from left to right: Alice Fox Fasula, Molly McVoy, Kelly Sterritt Clancy, Christine Diana Crissman, Andrea Herek Wetters, Mary Wald Duncan.

Perrino, Stephanie Rosenthal Boreale, Colleen Sullivan Schaefer, Katie Marie Kelleher, and Colleen Carey Passolt. Casey and Andy's wedding also included many of Casey's relatives and friends who are Belles: **Maura Frailey Barth '04, Margaret Kirby Frailey '46, Rooney Frailey Russell '73, Peggy Frailey Hellrung '71, Joann Frailey Heap '75, and Kriss Parseghian Humbert '74**.

Thanks for sharing your good news. Next summer will be our 10th Reunion. Time flies. Until then, keep sharing your news and take good care.

From Alyson: Class of 2001 friends, our 10-year Reunion is just around the corner. It's hard to believe how quickly the time has flown since graduation. Until we see each other again, enjoy reading about the latest and greatest from our classmates.

In Baby Belle news, **Allison Sarnecki Morales** writes, "On December 9, 2009, Bryan and I welcomed our second son, Max Peter. His big brother, Gio, is as in love with him as we are. Unexpectedly, about nine weeks later, we packed up our house in Pittsburgh and moved to San Antonio, Tex., for a new career opportunity for Bryan." **Jami Newcomb** writes: "Ben Keller and I had a daughter on December 3, 2008. She is almost two now and is already as smart as the two of us combined. Her name is Eliza Lilith Keller. She is all things good and right in this world rolled into one curly headed tot. We are still in Kenosha, Wis., where I've been speech 'therapizing' bilingual kiddos for the past three years." **Andrea Herek Wetters** also writes with good news, "My husband, Keith, and I welcomed Max Andrew into our family on March 23, 2010. He is loved by everyone, including his big brother, Jack." **Molly Banahan Edwards** shares, "On June 5, 2010, Andy, big brother Aidan, and I welcomed Finley Suzanne into the world. Her godmother is **Melissa Bittner Sharpe**."

In more baby news, **Asha Mukerjee Ruiz** writes, "My husband, Kevin, and I welcomed our beautiful daughter, Anabelle Emilia Ruiz, last November 13, 2009. We love being parents. It brings us tremendous joy." **Lauren Oppolo Bukovac** says, "My husband, David, daughter, Anna, and I welcomed John David into the world on April 21, 2010." **Beth Kledzik Davis** also shares: "Nick and I welcomed the arrival of our second child, Ellen, on June 8. She and her

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From Molly: Class of 2001 Belles, there is much news to report and many baby Belles joining the world.

Lindsay Maizel Castillo and her husband, Ariel ND '00, welcomed a beautiful baby girl, Elaina Rose Castillo, on June 7, 2010. Her big sister, Natalie, is proud of her new baby sister. All are doing well in Fairfax, Va.

big brother, Charlie, are doing great. Me, too, as I decided to leave my job in marketing and stay at home with the kids, and it's a whole new adventure."

Molly Gast Holzrichter writes, "Riley, our youngest daughter, joined us on November 5, 2007. I definitely keep busy with work and kids. After earning my masters in 2004, I left teaching, and currently work for Kohler Company, designing global training and facilitating a lot of training as well." **Machala Keenan Beam** shares, "Jim and I are still living in Colorado Springs and loving it. We welcomed our daughter, Briley Brooke, on July 3, 2010. Her big brothers, James, four, and Jackson, two, are very proud and protective already. I am still loving being a stay-at-home mom." **Melissa Grabek Boltz** says, "Matt and I welcomed our beautiful little girl, Emma Lucille Boltz, on February 23, 2010. Matt is still busy working for WGN radio, and the lovable losing Cubs, and I, unfortunately, had to go back to work at ICG Rehab after my three-month maternity leave." Great to hear about all of our growing families.

Brigid Phelan Smith is the "Bridal Belle" and she writes with good news. "I got married on June 26, 2010, to Air Force Airmen Jason Smith, in Rockville, Md. **Stacy Anderson** attended the wedding." Congrats.

In other Belle news, **Kelly Sterritt Clancy** writes, "In August, I met up with my closest Saint Mary's friends for our Ninth Annual Reunion. **Alice Fox Fasula, Mary Wald Duncan, Andrea Herek Wetters, Christine Diana Crissman, Molly McVoy**, and I enjoyed a girls' weekend in Philadelphia. We had an awesome time together. We also celebrated Molly's completion of her fellowship. Now, she is officially a doctor. Congratulations, Molly McVoy." **Courtenay Verret** checks in saying, "I am currently living in Austin, Tex., and have been working in the publishing industry for the last four years. After a series of fortuitous events, I recently decided to pursue a lifelong passion of mine and teamed up with a well-respected dog trainer and canine behavior consultant in the Austin area. In addition to interning with her, I'll be assisting with the marketing/communications aspect of the business. I hope to eventually transition to working in the dog industry full time, but until then, I plan to continue working as a freelance editor/writer." **Cathy Schroeder Ward** writes, "I am still teaching first grade at The Children's School, outside of Chicago, and am loving it. This summer, I took part in the Shedd Aquarium's Teacher Field Experience in Bimini, Bahamas. We lived on a research boat for a week and were immersed in Caribbean reef research methods and data collection. It was a gorgeous experience." **Kelly Walsh** writes with good news, "I finished the Notre Dame Chicago EMBA program in May, 2010. It was a lot of work, but I am so glad that I did it. I met an amazing group of people. After graduation, I accepted a new position at CNA, which meant I had to relocate to Philadelphia from Chicago. It's closer to my family, which has been fun. I'm still getting adjusted, but I am excited to be here." **Becky Stephens Pavich** shares, "This past spring, I graduated from Ball State University with my masters in educational leadership. I am now the assistant principal at Lowell Middle School. Chad is also now a licensed middle school English teacher. We are glad to be back at home."

Lastly, fall is upon us and I am gearing up for my fifth year as a high school counselor. I had an amazing summer that included traveling home to Indiana for the first time in several years, going to

California, hiking, attending beer fests, buying a new, sweet hybrid bike, and running a 10K and the Hood to Coast Relay. I look forward to our reunion next summer. Until next time, my best.

From the Courier: Shanae Tate Randolph writes: "My husband, Russell Randolph, and I are pleased to announce the birth of our son, Gabriel Nicholas Randolph, on August 4, 2009. He was welcomed home by our three-and-a-half-year-old son, Nathan Gregory Randolph. We are truly blessed. For nearly two-and-a-half years, I have served as the corporate director of communications at MGP Ingredients, Inc., headquartered in Atchison, Kan. I thoroughly enjoy my job."

From the Courier: Katie Claussen Bell writes of giving birth to a baby girl, Audrey Jeannette Bell, on January 7, 2010.

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From Amanda: Please continue to send your updates. The next updates are due February 20 for the summer issue of *Courier*. Thanks to everyone who sent in their updates. I know this is the first section of the *Courier* many of us read. If you have not contributed lately, we want to hear from you.

Our class continues to have more baby news. **Becky Lindemann Miedema** and her husband, Marc, welcomed their beautiful baby girl, Jovie Claire,

on June 22, 2010. **Lyndsey**

Brubaker Callan and

her husband, Tim ND '03,

welcomed Allison "Ally"

Grace Callan on April 20,

2010. Her big sister, Emily,

three, loves her new baby

sister. Lyndsey is enjoying

staying at home with the

girls. Tim received his

master's and school

administrator license in

May 2010 and is teaching

junior high school in

Elkhart, Ind. **Melanie R.**

Burke Cameron, her

husband, Mark Cameron,

and their daughter, Esther,

welcomed Johnpaul Mark

Cameron on March 22,

2010. Melanie is living in

Fairfax, Va., and is president

of a 501(c) organization

helping brides afford

beautiful weddings, St. Anthony's

Bridal, and she is owner

of Renee de Burgh, writing,

editing, and web design.

Her Web site is <http://reneedeburgh.com>.

Emily Miller Klump and her

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Graduates of the Class of 2003 gathered in Monroe, Michigan on August 7, 2010 for Nicole Gorowski Mahjoory's baby shower. Left to right: Dorothy Carder, Caitlin Duffey, Nicole Gorowski Mahjoory and Kris Payovich Cornell.

are excited to share the news of their first child. Cute little Brogan Wayne was born on May 29, 2010. **Kate Zimmer Mattson** and her husband, Ari, welcomed their second child, a little boy, Kai Immanuel Mattson, on May 28, 2010. They now live in Waukesha, Wis., where Ari is pastor at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church. Kate is the youth minister at Galilee Lutheran Church.

Jennifer Lombard Kibbon and her husband, Lucas, welcomed a baby boy, John "Jack" Lucas, on March 25, 2010. **Colleen Sobolewski McGuire** and her husband, Sean, welcomed a baby girl, Brynn Elizabeth, on June 3, 2010. Jennifer and Colleen were very excited to introduce Jack and Brynn to Notre Dame Football at the home opener against Purdue this past fall.

Sarah Nestor married Brock Babcock on April 24, 2010, in Indianapolis. **Katie Bacone** and **Shannon Nelligan** were bridesmaids, and other Belles in attendance were: **Kerry O'Reilly Hurley, Katie Roche, Christina Reitano, Amy Virzi, Erika Brito, Mary Campe**, and **Emma Melero Juarez**. Sarah and Brock currently reside in Milwaukee, Wis., while Sarah completes her Ph.D. in literature, and Brock completes his M.A. in computing at Marquette University.

Alison Joseph married William Small ND '03 on December 31, 2009, in Miami, Fla. Many Saint Mary's ladies were present. Alison's sister, Kara Joseph '11, was the maid of honor, and **Stephanie Pace** was a bridesmaid. Also in attendance were **Julie Richardson, Josie Bilas Gruver**, and **Katie-Nell Scanlon O'Connell**. Alison completed her residency at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, in foot and ankle surgery, in June 2010. She was hired as an attending podiatrist at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey where she is teaching and working with residents. Alison and her husband are now living in New York City.

Kate Bacone received her M.L.S. in May 2010 from IUPUI in Indianapolis. **Mackenzie McGee** continues her radiation oncology residency at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, Mich. Her husband recently started a job in Detroit working for Walsh Construction. They are finally back in the same city after having spent the first year-and-a-half of residency apart.

Katie Vincer Sears wrote in with lots of news to share. **Ann Hoover Sinclair, Nicole Ciminillo Scott,**

and **Corrine Negrelli Carlson** got together at Katie's house for a Fourth of July cookout in Columbus, Ohio. Ann is still in Chicago with her husband, Euan. Her Chicago boutique, The Fig Tree, is doing fabulous. Nicole is living in Ann Arbor, Mich., with her husband, Pete, and is teaching chemistry at a local community

college. Corrine lives in Columbus with her husband, Doug, and is a designer for the Abercrombie and Fitch Corporation. Katie recently became president of the Saint Mary's Alumnae Club of Columbus, Ohio. Katie and her husband, Scott, celebrated their one-year wedding anniversary on August 29 in Mexico.

From Meganne: **Marianne Jennings** married Chris Rehfield on June 25, 2010 at Green Lake, Wis. **Kerry O'Reilly Hurley** was in attendance with her husband. Marianne writes, "It was a beautiful summer day on the lake and then we traveled to Punta Cana for our honeymoon—beautiful." Marianne and Chris also bought a new house in Elmhurst, Ill., in October 2009. It was quite the fixer-upper, so they have spent the last 10 months fixing it up and making it their own.

Erin Reese reports that she recently teamed up with a group of alumnae from the Class of '83 to create the Saint Mary's College DC (SMC/DC) Alumnae Networking Group. The group has held two successful events, including a social media workshop led by Erin and **Maribeth Sarnecki '07**, and a welcome reception for the Class of 2010. If you live in the DC area and are interested in participating, contact Erin at erinreese_smc@yahoo.com. They're looking for alumnae willing to meet and mentor students and new grads considering a move to DC. They also hope to provide networking opportunities for alumnae of all ages going through career transitions.

Erin Moran Crill started her job as a pediatrician in Dyer, Ind. She and her husband, Ben, settled in to their new house in Valparaiso. Erin is looking forward to attending some Notre Dame Football games this fall and writes that the new job is going well.

Juli Harman graduates with her master's in education, curriculum studies, from the University of Hawaii at Manoa in December.

Rebecca Stumpf is in her second year as a Peace Corps volunteer in Costa Rica, working in youth development and art education. In May, she officially received her second master's degree in intercultural youth and family development. She will complete Peace Corps in May 2011.

Lauren Hofer is residing for another year in Tyler, Tex. **Anna Dirkes Alvarez** is living in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Cathy Canetti Ginter married her long-time beau, Jacob Ginter, on August 7, 2010, in Jackson Hole, Wyo. **Meganne Madden Hoffman** was her maid of honor and in attendance were **Shannon Wojcik**, **Tara Blanchard Sabo**, **Maria Conticelli**, **Heather Muth**, **Erin Schultz**, **Katie Lee Haddad**, **Bethany Schmidt**, and **Shaye O'Donnell**. It was an unforgettable weekend. Cathy is now working as a speech and language pathologist for an elementary school in the Los Angeles area.

Shannon Wojcik has moved to Charlotte, N.C., and would love to communicate with any other Saint Mary's women in the area. She can be contacted at shannonmwojcik@gmail.com.

Cat Guengue is alive and well in sunny Florida and reports that her son, Julian, is five-years old and in kindergarten at Wellington Christian School. Cat is currently working as a legal assistant at Trelles Law, P.A. in West Palm Beach, Fla.

Katie Nell-Scanlon married Steve O'Connell in Canfield, Ohio, on July 17 at St. Michael's Church and had a beautiful reception at Tippecanoe Country Club. **Stephanie Pace** and **Julie Richardson** were bridesmaids and **Alison Joseph** participated in the ceremony. **Josie Bilas Gruver** also attended. Katie-Nell writes, "We were all so excited to see each other after Alison's wedding in Miami on New Year's. We moved from Chicago to West Palm Beach, Fla.,

last fall for Steve's job. He's an investment manager at Northern Trust. I started a new job in June as a public relations coordinator for the Ritz-Carlton in Palm Beach. With my advertising background, it's a perfect fit and I love it."

Katie-Nell has also had the fortune of reconnecting with **Nina Ready Sina**, and they plan to cheer on the Irish together this football season. Go Irish.

Andrea Fox-Canale and Josh ND '03 welcomed their first daughter, Emma Reese, into the world on March 25, 2010. Andrea writes, "We are all loving family life in Chicago."

Monica Cannon Meeker and her family made a move back to the Midwest and are enjoying living in the Hyde Park neighborhood of Cincinnati. Monica is enjoying staying at home with her daughter, Annabelle, while her husband finishes his residency.

Maura Kennedy Gaswirth and her husband, Mark, welcomed a baby boy on January 27, 2010. Cullen Donald weighed 9lbs., 7oz., and was 21 inches long. Maura also just changed jobs within the DC government and is now a supervisory social worker and the director of discharge planning and community integration at Saint Elizabeth Hospital, the city's public mental hospital. Maura also adds that she loves being a mommy.

Kelly Long Jackson and her husband, Chris, moved into their first house in early June in Denver, Colo. They spent most of the summer settling in and doing yard work. They also had a housewarming party in July and **Sara Bishop Nelson** was able to attend.

In my own news, I just finished a marketing internship at the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club in San Diego, Calif. I had the joy of living with a fellow Saint Mary's Belle, **Mary Jean Wallace Paxton '52** and her husband, Dave, further proving that the "Belle Network" crosses generations. I have finished my post-graduate study in equine business from the University of Louisville in Kentucky. I'm currently seeking work in the equine world as a sales representative. I also interpreted for the Italian equestrian team at the World Equestrian Games in September, held in Lexington, Ky.

I had the great luck of reconnecting with **Kate Hoover** and **Kelly Long Jackson**, both reside in Denver, Colo. It was great to visit with them while I was passing through the mountain state last summer. Keep those updates coming. We love to hear from you.

From Amy: Hi, everyone. Thank you for the updates in this *Courier* edition. Please feel free to email Amanda, Meganne, or me if you want something included in the next edition.

Several of our classmates were blessed with their first children this year. **Carol Yee Lee** and her husband, Andrew, welcomed their first child, Emma Janine, to the world on April 5, 2010. Carol also finished her master's degree in English literature from Indiana University South Bend (IUSB) in May 2008. The Lee family is living in Buchanan, Mich., where Carol is working as the assistant registrar at Southwestern Michigan College in Dowagiac, Mich.

Lauren Dasso Stalter and her husband, Rob ND '03, welcomed Robert Joseph Stalter, Jr. on June 11. Lauren and Rob are enjoying watching Robert grow, and they look forward to bringing him to his first Notre Dame game this fall.

Beth Didier Krieg gave birth to David Allen Krieg III on July 10, 2010. Beth writes, "Dave and I are so blessed to have David in our lives. What a miracle. **Cindy Cvengros McCutcheon**, her husband, Tom, and their son, Colten, were able to come to

Charleston this summer to meet him. We had such a fabulous time visiting and catching up." Congrats to all the new moms.

In other news, **Lynn Taylor-Glass** has much to share since graduating. She writes, "In May, 2008, I graduated from Indiana University with a doctorate in physical therapy and went on to work for Baptist Memorial Hospital in Columbus, Miss. On September 6, 2008, I married Captain Mike Glass, U.S. Air Force, in Indianapolis. Saint Mary's bridesmaids included, sisters **Katie Taylor Sullivan '05**, **Julia Taylor Critser '05**, and **Laura Taylor Koke '05**, and **Bridget Horne Christian** and **Mallory Glass '10**. Other Belles in attendance were: **Shaun Russell Rooney**, **Alissa Brasseur Cohoat**, **Kelly Logan**, **Cindy Becher '04**, **Jen Concannon '05**, **Emily Creachbaum '05**, and **Elizabeth Mitchell '10**. In the first two years of marriage, I have moved three times: first to Columbus Air Force Bas in Columbus, Miss., then to Tyndall Air Force Base in Panama City, Fla. We are now stationed at Kadena Air Force Base in Okinawa, Japan, and love living overseas. This May, I returned to Saint Mary's to attend the graduation of the Class of 2010, and more specifically, to see my sister-in-law, Mallory, in her cap and gown. It was great to be back on campus again and watch another group of Belles enter the world."

Amy Wall married Jon-Paul Surma on May 29, 2010 in South Bend, Ind. The ceremony was at Seitz Park, the dinner reception was at Carmela's, and an after-party reception was at Corby's in South Bend, Ind. **Julie Wall Orozco '00**, **Sara Bishop Nelson**, and **Torie Cox** were bridesmaids. **Corrine Negrelli Carlson**, **Kara Beck**, **Amanda Wishin '04**, **Courtney King '04**, **Kim McInerney '04**, **Maggie Wurst Thompson '04**, **Jessica Stuifbergen '99**, **Tracy Hollingsworth Colunga '97**, **Lauren Posar '09**, and **Jamie Humbert '00** were in attendance. Amy and Jon-Paul are living in South Bend where Amy works for Quality Dining, Inc. as a marketing manager.

Thanks for sharing, ladies, and congratulations.

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Greetings Class of 2005. It was wonderful to catch up with so many of you at our first reunion in June. Before beginning our updates, I wanted to let you all know that **Meghan Scallen Welch** will be stepping down as one of the class reporters. While she'll be greatly missed, we're very excited for her in her new position as media coordinator for American Tire Distributors in Charlotte, N.C. Thanks so much for all of your hard work, Meg.

In May, **Meghan Flick Schmelzer** began a job in Flint, Mich., with Genesee County Community Mental Health as an infant mental health specialist working for the Child Care Enhancement Program. She says that it is an absolute dream job. Megan and her husband, Stefan, also bought their first house in Fenton, Mich. **Lisa Walton Roelle** has been working with Meghan, **Amy Nicholson Pruchnicki**, and **Amy Gentile '92** keeping the Detroit Alumnae Club busy with great events throughout the year. In August, Lisa and her husband, Ethan, completed their first Triathlon and they can't wait to sign up for another one during the fall.

In June, **Michelle Stanforth** married Brian Smith in Kokomo, Ind. Fellow Belle classmate and former roommate, **Roselyn Boyle Heck**, was her maid of honor, and **Lauren Smith Marshall '03**, was a bridesmaid. Fellow Saint Mary's swim team members **Katy Lebiecz Poteracki '04**, **Megan Ramsey '04**, **Ashley Dyer**, and **Katie Dingeman '06** joined in the celebration in addition to classmate **Jess Jandrain**. Michelle and Brian spent their honeymoon in Antigua and are still living in Florida. Earlier this summer, Michelle caught up with classmate, **Donna Lubbers**, over lunch, which Michelle says was long overdue considering they'd been working at the same University of South Florida campus for the past year.

Carolyn Batz recently finished a federal clerkship and joined the law firm of Cipriani & Werner in Pittsburgh, Penn. She'll be traveling to Chicago in the fall to visit **Kate Lohmuller**, **Anne Mahoney**, and **Megan Beauchamp**. Megan is working as a project manager in the city.

Patricia Mobolade will be starting the M.B.A. professionals program at Rice University (Jones Graduate School of Business) in Houston, Tex., this fall.

Natalie Bailey is reporting and editing for *IRIN News*, a humanitarian news service affiliated with the United Nations. She moved to Bangkok, Thailand, this summer after graduating from Northwestern University with a master's degree in journalism.

Emily Noem married Jesse Herrera on March 13 in South Dakota. **Becky Davies Sterusky**, **Gina Jardine**, and **Marissa Kirkman** attended. They also brought along a cut-out representation of **Katherine Conley** who wasn't able to make it, but her likeness did end up in pictures at Mt. Rushmore, the wedding ceremony, and the reception. Gina is currently working at Locicero Medical Group in Tampa, Fla.

Erin Carsele married Julian Fiorini in June. **Claire Higgins** was one of her bridesmaids and **Theresa Uhrich** was her maid of honor. Erin is working as a project manager for Budget and Performance Management at the Chicago Transit Authority. Claire is working towards a graduate degree at Indiana University, Bloomington.

Andjela Subotic Bozga and her husband, John, welcomed a baby girl, Elena Georgiana, in May.

Elise Rupright Bohl is a teacher at St. Aloysius School in Yoder, Ind. She and her husband, Brandon, had a baby girl, Gabrielle Marie Bohl, in May.

Emily Wagoner Holt is a registered client associate at Merrill Lynch/Bank of America. She plans to move to Geilenkirchen, Germany.

MacKenzie Ulm Ledley is working as a library director at Pulaski County Public Library in Winamac, Ind.

Sara Campo is working toward her master's in business administration at the Kelley School of Business at Indiana University.

April Thomas is an associate at K. O. Strategies, a consulting firm in Chicago.

Ann Tapajna is working as a teacher in School District 170 in Illinois.

Jennifer Farnbauch Lamont is an accountant at KPMB, LLP in Chicago.

Marti McDonnell Van Patten is living in Charleston, S.C., and working as assistant director of education at a Sylvan Learning Center.

Valerie Johnston is working as a certified public accountant at PricewaterhouseCoopers in Minneapolis, Minn.

Beatriz Cano Mares is an accountant at NIBCO, Inc. in Elkhart, Ind. She attended a lunch in Elkhart recently with some coworkers and ran into **Elia**

Sanchez.

Erin Heidkamp Trier graduated with her M.S.W. in 2006 from the University of Illinois in Chicago. Currently, Erin is working in human resources.

Emily Beyler Lierman is working as a physician's assistant at Parkview Health in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Michelle Powell-Jadcak is working in government administration at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in Washington, D.C.

Jill Roberts is working as an attorney in Chicago.

Laura Taylor Koke is a registered nurse at Clarion Health Partners, Riley Hospital, in Indianapolis.

Danell Duffy Martin is a research scientist for Stemion.

Erin Krombach Groves is a teacher at Plano Independent School District.

Jenna Kartje Gensic is an English teacher at New Prairie United School Corporation.

Kate Weiss is an educator for Brunswick School for Social Justice in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Lisa Walton Roelle is a physician's assistant at St. Joseph Mercy Oakland in Pontiac, Mich. Lisa works with **Bridgett O'Brien Bealin '79** and **Mary Dahm Howlett '78**, and they noticed each others class rings.

Kassandra Kriegel Reiff works in public relations at Zapwater Communications, Inc., Chicago.

Tabitha Hart Rand is an aircraft maintenance officer with the U.S. Air Force in Charleston, S.C.

Ashley Doughty Swan is a registered nurse at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center in Mishawaka, Ind.

Keri Luzik is a sixth-grade science and social studies teacher at Montour School District in Pennsylvania.

Michelle Eggers Lagos is a marketing manager for FME Architecture and Design in San Francisco.

Katie Press is a religious sister in training with the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in Connecticut.

Amy Nicholson Pruchnicki is a third-grade teacher at Everest Academy in Clarkston, Mich.

Kelsey Schatz is a teacher with the Diocese of Phoenix.

Emily Sterritt Johnson teaches fifth grade at St. Anthony de Padua in South Bend, Ind.

Maureen MacDonald Rousseve is a teacher at Our Lady of Hungary in South Bend, Ind.

Lisa Schneider works in education at Carmel Clay Schools.

Deirdre Nolan is a teacher and graduated from the University of Bridgeport with a degree in education this year.

Pamela Kane Kelly is a registered nurse at Loyola Medical Center in Illinois. She is working toward her Master's of Science Degree, nursing at Benedictine University.

Rebecca Bosack Kaufmann is a dentist. She graduated with her D.D.S. from Marquette University in 2009.

Victoria Orpin Winslow is an elementary educator at Bellefonte Area School District in Pennsylvania.

Kathleen Wiggins Hergert is an emergency room nurse at Rutland Regional Medical Center.

Jeanette Palmer Reifenberg is an elementary teacher at St. Sebastian Catholic School in Dearborn Heights, Mich. She has a son, Daniel Vincent Reifenberg.

Romona Parks is a graduate student at Moody Theological Seminary in Chicago.

Elaine Lee is a social worker at Chicago Lakeshore Hospital.

Molly Welton Boyle is an accountant at Ernst & Young, LLP in Boston.

Molly McCavitt Carponelli is a paralegal at Carponelli & Krug in Chicago.

Marie Trudo is a purchasing agent at Droll Yankees, Inc. in Connecticut. She completed her M.B.A. from Assumption College in Worcester, Mass., this year. She recommends Sole Proprietary in Worcester, Mass.

Megan Thompson is an elementary teacher at Jefferson County Public Schools in Louisville. She's working towards her master's in education from Indiana Wesleyan University.

Ashley Archer Ford is a corporate learning coach at Thomas Reprographics in Houston.

Maria Lucca is a consultant at Accenture.

Katherine Moran works in public relations at Edelman in Chicago.

Megan Schaeffer is an attorney at Holland & Knight, LLC in Washington, D.C.

In September, **Desiree Brose** married Nolan Jacobson.

From the Courier: **April Thomas** writes: "I finished my M.A. in literary writing at DePaul University in 2008 and am currently living in Chicago. I'm working for a lobbying and public affairs firm, K.O. Strategies, headed up by Kate O'Malley ND '86. I'm proud to say I just ran my first half-marathon on August 1 to raise money for PAWS Chicago."

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From the Courier: **Jessica Stoller-Conrad** writes: "**Jessica Stoller** and Timothy Conrad were married on May 29, 2010, at St. Patrick's County Park, in South Bend, Ind. Bridesmaids included **Andrea Hipkind Miller**, **Kristi Allmandinger**, and **Ali Zakrzewski '08**. The wedding was photographed by **Sarah Miesle**. **Kim LaVigne**, **Sara Metts**, **Kristin Stransky Mallingner**, and **Megan McFadden Wickstrom** were in attendance. Jessica and Tim live in South Bend, where they are graduate students at the University of Notre Dame."

From the Courier: **Kirsten Kensinger** writes: "I am working as a Peace Corps volunteer in Guatemala and currently raising funds for infrastructure projects for the impoverished families in Totonicapan. You can check out the project and donate by visiting www.gogofunds.blogspot.com."

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Want to see more news from your classmates? Contact Jessica Staufbergen '99 at jstaufbe@saintmarys.edu to find out how to become your class reporter.

From the Courier: **Leah Bocinsky** writes: "Since graduation, I was commissioned as a 2d Lieutenant in the United States Air force on February 14, 2010, by my grandfather, Ret. Lt. Col. Samuel Field Smith III. I completed the five-week Commissioned Officers Training (COT) at Maxwell AFB, Ala. I then completed the 10-week Nurse Transition Program (NTP) at Keesler AFB, Miss. I am now at my permanent duty station, Lackland Air Force Base, Tex., where I am working as a clinical nurse on the In-patient Pediatrics Unit at Brook Army Medical Center."

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