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The discovery of the universe,
and your place in it.

—SISTER M. MADELEVA WOLFF, CSC





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corrections

In the list of 2011 legacies that appeared in the Summer 2011 issue, the entry for Catherine Campbell should have included both Joan Miller Campbell '78 and Mary Elizabeth Campbell '09.

A statistic on page 5 of the Fall issue said 425 new students enrolled this academic year. The correct number is 397 first year students and 14 transfer students.

Finally, a photo caption on page 8 in the Fall 2011 issue misidentified Constance "Connie" Finn Devine '61 as Colleen "Connie" Sheridan McCabe '61.

We regret the errors.

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Getting Oriented

Heather Grennan Gary, College Editor



I'm new around here. New to the *Courier*, new to the College, new to the Saint Mary's community.

Fortunately for me the theme of this issue, "discovery," was chosen before I arrived and speaks perfectly to my situation. During the last few months each day—sometimes each hour—has brought me new discoveries: New people to meet, new stories to hear, new places to visit; a new history to learn and a new culture to understand. I have been welcomed, instructed, befriended. It has been a delightful and invigorating endeavor, and I am grateful for it.

My orientation to Saint Mary's has included learning about the Holy Cross sister with a one-of-a-kind name: Sister M. Madeleva Wolff, class of 1909, president of the College from 1934 to 1961. I recently enjoyed a conversation with Sister Miriam Cooney '51, CSC—Sister Madeleva's vice president for development and close friend—who spoke of Sister Madeleva's brilliance, drive, and creativity, as well as her mix of principled idealism and astute pragmatism. I also checked out a copy of her 1961 book, *Conversations with Cassandra*. The slim, light green, autographed volume is full of keen insights, including the quote on the cover of this issue.

As important as that quote is, I want to point out a few others from *Conversations with Cassandra* that are equally significant. But first: It's been 50 years since Sister Madeleva finished out her presidency. The *Courier* is marking the occasion with a collection of features inspired by her leadership and vision. It starts on page 3 with an introduction to her life and her accomplishments at Saint Mary's, and how they continue to influence the College. Next is a trio of articles that grew out of Sister Madeleva's promise of discovery, and how that promise has been fulfilled in the lives of several students and alumnae.

Now, onto those quotes. The first one is about what happens at Saint Mary's: "We are educating our daughters to think ethically, honestly, morally, about civil rights and segregation, about the sacredness of human life, about power, wealth, and truth."

On page 12 Christine Cox shares stories from students and recent graduates who are in the midst of that very experience. They are taking responsibility to discover as much as they can about the universe—about science and spirituality, about poverty and systemic racism, about what's on the menu at the dining hall, where it's from, and how it affects our bodies and our world.

The second quote is about Sister Madeleva's hopes for Saint Mary's women—hopes that transcend the years they spend on campus. "We want them to love, to think, to wonder, to explore their own inheritances as children of God," she writes. "This will not all be as sublime in the years to come as it sounds at this moment. It can become ordinary, humdrum, monotonous, hard."

The greatest highlight for me so far has been the chance to hear from some exceptional alumnae about how they've handled the humdrum and hard challenges of life with grace, strength, trust, and guts. As these women know, opportunities for discovery accelerate as life unfolds and new horizons emerge, long after graduation.

I look forward to discovering more about Saint Mary's and the women who chose to pursue their education here. This is your magazine—a place to remember and discover and be renewed. I welcome your feedback on this issue and your ideas for future ones.

Heather Grennan Gary

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Why Sister Madeleva matters today

Sister Madeleva's presidency ended 50 years ago, but her influence can still be felt throughout campus—from curriculum (her core curriculum remained in place, with minor changes, for decades), to governance (she instituted the student council and the Advisory Board of Lay Trustees) and from buildings and grounds (she oversaw construction of three major buildings, planned gardens, and planted trees along The Avenue) to development (she launched the College's first fundraising campaign).

Recently Gail Porter Mandell, professor emerita of humanistic studies and author of *Madeleva: A Biography*, stopped by the *Courier* office to talk with us about Sister Madeleva's legacy. Mandell highlights the dynamic sister's following contributions:

A Vision for Women's Education.

"She believed the substance of an education for women should match that of their brothers, but should differ significantly in its approach," Mandell says. That preparation would "allow them to enter any profession with confidence in themselves as women, thanks both to the quality of the education they received and to the affirmation with which it had been imparted."

"One of Madeleva's favorite mottoes became, 'Just think!'" Mandell writes in the biography. "She used it as a call for intellectual virtue and as an antidote for the stress on physical appearance that in her opinion corrupted many young women." She urged women to engage in reading, music, art, and "the fine art of conversation."

Attention to Diversity.

In 1941 Sister Madeleva unilaterally decided to integrate the student body of the College—years before most other private residential colleges. When she was met with backlash from some, she refused to back down. The first African-American student enrolled in 1943. Within a few years international students followed. By the end of Sister Madeleva's administration, Mandell says, the student body represented more than 38 different countries.

In her final address to students, Sister Madeleva spoke of how the Catholic college will educate "the young women of tomorrow": "By making the college...an initiation into the great business of being a responsible, active citizen of a community, a country, a world," and by "encouraging students to enter [the world's] many great promised lands, to know and to love their inhabitants."

A Faith that Seeks Understanding.

Sister Madeleva was concerned about the state of Catholic faith formation, recognizing that teachers at Catholic schools—often religious sisters—had limited theological training. In fact, religion classes were the least popular courses among students when she began her presidency. She vowed to change that. "One day I was watching a biology class, and the students spent three hours over an embalmed cat," Sister Madeleva told *Life* magazine in 1957. "That was because they had a good teacher. The teacher sold that cat. I decided we needed teachers who could sell God." Under her leadership the College began offering bachelor's, master's, and doctorate degrees in theology—the first such offerings for lay women and men at a Catholic institution.

While Saint Mary's has grown and evolved in the past five decades, the fruits of Sister Madeleva's forward-thinking leadership continue to offer wisdom, relevance, and challenge to the College and its community.

Sister Madeleva

Yesterday's vision, today's reality

1906 Eva Wolff, college student

1955 With graduate Gretchen Hartman preparing for the cap and gown ceremony

1953 With the Advisory Board of Lay Trustees

1959 With Sister M. Aloysius aboard the Rotterdam on their return from Europe



1887 Born Mary Evaline "Eva" Wolff to August and Lucy Wolff in Cumberland, Wisconsin, on May 24

1904 After graduation from Cumberland High School, works as a clerk in her hometown

1905 Enrolls at the University of Wisconsin at Madison

1906 Transfers to Saint Mary's College at the beginning of her sophomore year

1907 Enters Sisters of the Holy Cross in September; receives the habit and becomes Sister Mary Madeleva in December

1909 Graduates from Saint Mary's

1910-1919 Teaches English, philosophy, and scripture classes at both Saint Mary's Academy and the College

1925 Receives her PhD in English from the University of California, Berkeley

1934 Becomes president of Saint Mary's College in August. In addition to her executive duties, she offers courses in mysticism, creative writing, and poetry

1942 Alumnae Centennial Library (now Haggar College Center) opens

1943 Sister Madeleva implements policy to integrate the College

1944 The School of Sacred Theology opens

1952 Introduction of the Advisory Board of Lay Trustees of the College (a body that predates today's governing Board of Trustees)

1955 Dedication of Moreau Hall and O'Laughlin Auditorium

1956 First parent weekend at the College

1958 South Bend Mayor Edward F. Voorde proclaims "Saint Mary's Month"; Voorde calls the College's growth in the previous seven years "unparalleled in its history"

1961 On the way to her retirement banquet, with Chairman Bernard Voll and William S. Miller of the Board of Lay Trustees



2008 The newly opened Spes Unica classroom and office building



2011 Students in the newly renovated Madeleva Hall



2011 Current President Carol Ann Mooney congratulates a graduate



1959 Publication of Sister Madeleva's autobiography, *My First Seventy Years*; the year also marks her golden anniversary as an alumna and the silver anniversary of her presidency

1961 After 27 years in office, retires from the presidency

1964 Dies in Boston unexpectedly on July 25 following surgery complications. Buried at Queen of Peace Cemetery, the sisters' cemetery on campus

1968 Dedication of Madeleva Hall

1971 A planned merger with the University of Notre Dame is cancelled, renewing Saint Mary's focus on Catholic women's education

1977 Angela Athletic Facility opens

1979 The Madeleva Society is established to recognize outstanding benefactors

1982 The Cushwa-Leighton Library opens, continuing Madeleva's aim for a top-notch library at the College

1985 The Center for Spirituality is established; the Center's annual Madeleva Lecture Series, featuring influential woman scholars on spiritual and theological topics, begins in 1986

2004 Opus Hall opens, giving senior students an apartment option

2004 Carol Ann Mooney '72 joins Sister Madeleva in the tradition of alumnae presidents; Mooney's 2007 strategic plan includes a focus on the education of women, Catholic identity, and a residential college experience—three principles that draw on and develop Sister Madeleva's vision

2008 Spes Unica classroom and academic office building opens

2010 Madeleva Hall's major renovation includes smart classrooms, a labyrinth, and a memorial to its namesake

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Stories of *self discovery*

By Heather Grennan Gary

If you've visited the Welcome Center on campus, you may have spied the quote from Sister Madeleva etched into the side of the building: "We promise you discovery, the discovery of yourselves, the discovery of the universe and your place in it."

The quote comes at the end of Chapter 4 in her book *Conversations with Cassandra*. But perhaps more interesting are the four sentences before that quote. They read: "We will not promise you happiness. We will not wish you security.... And we know that you can be secure only when you can stand everything that can happen to you. If your school has prepared you for this, it has been a good school."

No matter what happens over the course of one's life—thrilling, tragic, or tedious—the ability to glean insights about oneself, about the grist and graces that animate one's being, is a treasure. Here are stories from five alumnae who have been able to discover even more clearly who they are through life's twists and turns.

“I realized that when I’m 47
I’m going to be 47 anyway.
I might as well be doing
what I want to do.”

—KATHRYN WIEDL METTLER ’63

One Saturday morning nearly 35 years ago Kathryn Wiedl Mettler ’63 and her husband, Steve, were sitting at the kitchen table, enjoying a cup of coffee, talking about the future. He was still in graduate school, but he asked her what she wanted to do when he was done. Mettler hemmed and hawed a few minutes, but finally—for the first time—said: “You know, if I could do anything, I would be a doctor.”

He leaned back in his chair and said, “Well, that’s what you’ll do.”

For Mettler, it didn’t seem that simple. Although she was a chemistry major at Saint Mary’s, she had been out of school for 14 years. There was also the matter of her current full-time job: caring for their three young children. But eventually, with the encouragement of her husband, Mettler began studying for the MCAT whenever she could—in the car, at her sons’ baseball games.

Her mother, Agnes Sobatzke Wiedl ’32, also helped feed the dream by sending her a newspaper clipping about one of Mettler’s childhood friends, Mary Lucchese, who was in medical school at Emory University. Finally Mettler called up Lee Benton, then chair of the chemistry department at Saint Mary’s. “I told him, ‘I’m going to do something crazy. I’m thinking of applying to med school.’ He said, ‘Go ahead and apply. You can do it.’ That was great. That’s what put the lift under my wings.”

She applied to Emory and registered to take the MCAT soon after they learned they’d be moving from Indiana to her hometown of Atlanta. Her test date was the day after they arrived in town.

She calmed her nerves that morning by telling herself it was just practice, and afterward, when her husband and kids came to pick her up, she got in the station wagon and said, “I’m done; I’m ready to be a full-time mom.” She didn’t get called back for an interview, so she was ready to move on. But her friend at Emory wasn’t convinced; she urged Mettler to take all of her college science books over to the dean’s office to see what the problem was, if they thought her pre-med classes were outdated. “I took my whole stack of books from Saint Mary’s and walked into the dean’s office and announced that Mary Lucchese said I needed

to see the dean,” she says. Amazingly, the secretary let her in. She plopped the stack of books down and the dean, confused, said, “Who are you? What do you want?” She explained; he left to get her file. Ten minutes later he returned with the news that her application had been misfiled. They scheduled an interview, and she received her acceptance days later.

“If I hadn’t listened to Mary and hadn’t gone in with those stupid books—I discovered that if I want something I can keep at it, no matter what it takes.”

When she started med school, her children were 12, 10, and 7. She was the oldest student in her class. But her experience as a staff student at Saint Mary’s—working 36 hours a week in the dining hall to pay her way through college—helped her recognize she could make it work. “I knew that I stood out, but that I also fit in,” she says. She was the one who organized Saturday morning volleyball games, and she and her husband attended med student parties. She was elected a class officer that first year.

But she faced plenty of discrimination as an older woman in medical training. When she was chastised by a chief resident for taking the place of someone younger who would have had a full career, she didn’t let it bother her much. “I told him, ‘I think you’re wrong.’” Her mother was in her 70s at the time and still working.

But the discrimination did hurt when she applied for a fellowship in gastroenterology at Emory and was, she believes, rejected because of her age and sex. When she received her rejection notice, she applied again. When she got turned down a second time, “I went into the shower and just bawled,” she says. “I was so sure I was going to make it that time.” So she decided to accept working as an internist—sort of. One day she wrote “YOU CAN DO IT” on a yellow sticky note and stuck it in her desk drawer.

Mettler kept seeing the note, and finally she made an appointment with the program director at Emory. “I told him, ‘I *am* going to do GI. I know you won’t take me. So you need to tell me who will. I need at least five schools.’” The program director counseled her, and when she got up to leave, she said, “Thank you very much—whoever’s getting me is getting a damn good fellow.”

Later that day she got a call from his secretary. “The doctor wants to know why you’re not applying to his program,” she asked.

“He knows why,” Mettler responded.

The secretary advised: “I think you’d better apply.” Mettler wrote out her application that afternoon, hand-delivered it, and was accepted later that week. She was 47, and her youngest child was heading off to college.



"I realized that when I'm 47 I'm going to be 47 anyway," she says. "I might as well be doing what I want to do." Mettler recently turned 70 and she continues practicing medicine while some of her younger medical school classmates have already retired.

"The message I got at Saint Mary's was that I could do it, and that message firmly became a part of my life."

*"After switching gears
I feel like I can finally
see myself again."*

-TARA BLANCHARD SABO '03

In May of 2009 Tara Blanchard Sabo '03 was living in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and working at an advertising agency. She had moved there nine months earlier to take a step up the career ladder, a transition from copywriting to project management. She had had her sights set on the advertising industry since her days studying communications and studio art at Saint Mary's, and she had worked in the industry for several years after graduation. "It's fun, it's hip, it was something I really loved," she says. The only problem? She was miserable.

"The last few months I worked at that agency I was going home and crying every night because I was so unhappy," she says. She missed the writing she did at previous jobs, and her heart wasn't in her new, different responsibilities. Her respite was her daily workout—something she looked forward to so much that she started imagining getting certified as a personal trainer, just for fun. "I actually thought about quitting my job—but they let me go before I could make that decision for myself."

She cried for about 10 minutes after walking out of her office for the last time, and then she called her fiancé back in St. Joseph, Michigan. As she waited for him to answer, her plan became clear: "I decided to cut my lease, pack my things, and move home."

After investing six years in her career, it wasn't easy. "I filed unemployment, I lived with my parents, I could barely make my car payments. But in time I realized I could handle this, and that I was still me, even without my job and the status it gave

me. This experience taught me that I can't just define myself by how successful an ad campaign is, how many people like what I wrote, how much money I make.

"It gave me a chance to look at myself and determine what I truly needed and wanted and liked."

Her gym daydream, it turns out, was what she wanted, so she enrolled in a certification program. When she finished, Sabo started training clients on a freelance basis and began her blog, *adailydoseoffit.com*. She was eventually hired by South Shore Health and Racquet Club in St. Joseph, Michigan, where she teaches group fitness classes, connects with new members, and works with clients individually.

During one conversation with a client, she mentioned she had graduated from Saint Mary's. The response: "Saint Mary's? That's a really good school. And you're working at a gym now?"

"If someone had said that to me after I lost my job, I would have thought, 'I'm such a failure.' But by that point I could say, 'Yes, and I'm using all the skills I learned there, and I'm loving it.'"

In fact, Sabo says her time at Saint Mary's gave her the confidence to be herself. "It's probably one of the best things I ever did for myself."

One of the perks of doing work she loves is that her outlook is calmer and brighter. "During my last year in the advertising industry I was a walking ball of stress, and it certainly affected the people around me," she says. "After switching gears I feel like I can finally see myself again. All that stress is gone—it's just me doing what I love."

*"This will be
an extraordinary life."*

-MARTHA FLICK JUNGENSEN '89

Three years ago Martha Flick Jungensen '89 was living her ordinary life in Chicago with her husband and three young daughters. She had worked mainly in IT and Todd, her husband of 15 years, worked in the insurance industry. He had a quirky hobby of taking tests, and his most recent target was the U.S. State Department's Foreign Service Exam—a tantalizing challenge since a mere 1 percent of applicants pass. "As I was leaving to take the written test I told Martha there was no way I would ultimately pass all the hurdles," Todd says.

"I bet you're going to be in that 1 percent," Jungensen remembers telling him. The test happened over several months in 2009—a multiple choice and essay portion in February, a personal

narrative portion in April, then an invitation to take the oral assessment in August. The whole family made the trip to Washington, D.C., where Todd spent a day answering questions as Martha and their daughters went sightseeing. They were at the International Spy Museum when she got his text message: 'Pack your bags!'

"That night I couldn't sleep at all," she says, "and the next morning I just cried, thinking about how much things would change." It took her a few days before she was on board with the plan. "I remember thinking—we can have an ordinary life or an extraordinary one. This will be an extraordinary life."

Part of the process toward starting that extraordinary life was putting their home up for sale and determining which belongings would go with them, and which would be packed away and stored stateside. "It was hard," says Jungenberg. "I realized how connected I am to my things."

Sixteen months after Todd took the first part of the exam, the Jungenbergs left for a two-year stint in Trinidad—one of the southernmost islands in the Caribbean, just north of Venezuela. Their daughters were 6, 8, and 11.

Getting used to the climate and the reality of life in a developing nation took some time, but Jungenberg remembered back to her first weeks at college—finding her way around campus, meeting people, setting up a checking account, getting oriented. "It's the same kind of thing in moving to a new country, just on a bigger scale," she says.

Now Jungenberg, who studied economics and math at Saint Mary's, works as a consular associate in American Citizen Services. She helps Americans with passport problems, visits Americans who land in jail, and handles details for Americans who are born or die in Trinidad.

The time there has taught her how open she is to the unknown: "I'm learning so much, and realizing how much I didn't know before. It's been an eye-opening experience, and I just embrace it all."

"A lot of people tell me 'I could never do that,'" says Jungenberg, who understands where they're coming from. "That's helped me understand that I am able to face my fears."

Still, she does have her doubts about being so far from home. She and her husband have parents who are growing older, and, for all the benefits of raising children in an international context, it's still hard at times, especially helping her daughters say goodbye to familiar faces and places and hello to the unknown.

One decision she's surprisingly glad about, however, is selling their house in Chicago. Now, she finds it refreshing not to be a homeowner and marvels at how much stuff they had accumulated before they moved to Trinidad. A few years after packing things up, she has begun to forget exactly what's

in storage. "I realized I don't need so much," she says. "I hope every time we move we'll travel lighter."

Their next stop this spring is language school in Washington, D.C., and then, if all goes as planned, another two-year assignment—this time in Nepal.

"You know that saying, 'Do one thing that scares you every day'? I like that."

*"If I can get through this
I can take on anything."*

— KATHY FECH '01

When her husband told her he wanted a divorce after four and a half years of marriage, Kathy Fech '01 was blindsided. "It rocked me to my core," she says. Fech, who was working as a religious educator at a Catholic parish in Des Moines, Iowa, tried for weeks to get him to reconsider, but eventually came to terms with the situation. "I was willing to make it work, but since he wasn't, there wasn't anything I could do." Two months after his announcement, she quit her job, packed up, and moved back in with her parents in Fort Wayne, Indiana. "It was heart-wrenching to leave," she says. She left behind a parish community and a stepdaughter she had grown to adore.

"My worldview was just shattered. I'd look at everyone around me and I didn't know where I fit in."

A high school friend who was also going through a divorce encouraged Fech to attend a local church support group with her.

"At first I thought I was really weak, leaving my job and returning home," she says. "But I started realizing I was stronger than I thought. By moving home I was bringing my pain to the people closest to me. It can be hard to let people see how much you're hurting, and that's exactly what I did rather than just getting an apartment by myself and trying to limp along. I was strong enough to not let myself hurt any more than I needed to."

Along the way she was supported by Saint Mary's friends—some of whom she wasn't particularly close to during college, but who rallied around her when they learned about her situation.

"I have a network of amazing women who are always there for me. I don't know that I completely understood that as I sat

on the Le Mans lawn in my cap and gown. I certainly didn't know that 10 years later I'd be calling them for support as I made my way through this experience."

The self-doubt that comes with divorce is enormous, Fech says—even to the point of questioning her fears. In her parish job, she frequently did grief work with people who had lost a spouse, and she was most afraid of being widowed. "Divorce was not even on my radar," says Fech, who has begun the annulment process.

"The 'divorce shadow' always lingers in the back of my mind, but I have to remind myself that I'm bigger than that." In part, she's able to do that by listening to those around her and taking their observations to heart. "Every time I think I'm not doing as well as I should be or could be, someone points out how far I've come. Letting other people acknowledge those strengths and that growth is enormously important."

The day the divorce was finalized was a Friday, the day before her fifth anniversary. She could have made weekend plans with friends or family to mark the occasion. Instead, she opted to go to Cedar Point by herself for two days. "I went on every ride and screamed my head off," she says with a laugh. "If I can get through this I can take on anything. As a single person again, it doesn't bother me to do things on my own. I'm still going to enjoy life and live it to the fullest."

She points to the College's focus on educating the whole person, and recalls how she was involved in campus ministry, enjoyed rollerblading with friends, and even how she opened up to artistic endeavors—all things that provided a foundation for how she has worked through the events of the past year. "I don't know if in college I fully appreciated that I was accessing all those aspects of who I am, but that's when those roots were planted. And I'm so grateful for that today."

Tools for Transition

Self-discovery is often prompted by crisis or unexpected events. As a practicing clinical psychologist for more than 20 years, I have felt honored and humbled to be part of the process of individuals remaking their lives. Here are some helpful guidelines I've learned from my clients about transformation and growth.

Change your thinking to change your emotions.

Our interpretations of situations lead to our feelings, and sometimes we need to reconsider our interpretations. Life experiences are never all good or all bad, and our perspective makes a big difference in how we experience our lives. It's easy to think damaging and hurtful thoughts without being aware of it. Messages that our parents taught us like "Always do your best" can become dangerous preoccupations. A divorce, for instance, doesn't mean, "I am undesirable." Replacing self-defeating thoughts with more adaptive, coping thoughts is one of the most effective ways of taking charge of your emotions, and your life.

Know what to do with your emotions. Have them, and learn from them. They are an essential part of you and can be a source of wisdom. They should never be ignored, but neither should they be in the driver's seat. In other words, don't be ruled by your emotional brain, but let your passions guide your thinking brain. Use logic in service of what you love and to seek experiences that lead to feelings of satisfaction.

Push through your fears. The natural response when you feel anxiety is to be cautious, and some of us will let fear stop us in our tracks. Remember that anxiety does not always signal danger or failure ahead. Anxiety is an emotion, not an accurate prediction. If you push through fear in pursuit of a heartfelt goal, you can transform the anxiety into something else. Gradually you will control your anxiety, rather than letting it control you.

Take one day at a time. Remember that every dawn can be a fresh start, and every day can be the start of a new life. It is also helpful to remember that you only have to handle one day at a time; in fact, when it comes down to it, you only have to handle one moment at a time. Luckily, that is the way life comes to us, one moment at a time. So if you can get through the moment, you will be able to get through life.

Seek support. Those who have healthy, supportive relationships can weather some of the worst emotional storms. Don't be too proud to seek help, even professional help, if you need it. And find time to enjoy being with others! Stay playful!

—Catherine M. Pittman

Associate Professor Catherine M. Pittman, PhD, HSPP, has taught in Saint Mary's psychology department since 1989. She and Elizabeth M. Karle are co-authors of Extinguishing Anxiety: Whole Brain Strategies to Relieve Fear and Stress (Foliadeux Press).

“I’m not some kind of crusader, but I’ve been very open and I’m willing to share what I’ve been through.”

—JENNIFER HABRYCH ‘94

One afternoon last July, Jennifer Habrych ‘94 finally made a call she couldn’t put off any longer—she dialed a hospital referral line to get the number of a psychiatrist. She was given three. The first was disconnected; the second put her on hold with irritating circus music; the third was a charm. The receptionist told Habrych to come in that afternoon to fill out paperwork. She did, and halfway through she burst into tears.

Habrych had gotten used to putting on her game face for nearly three years even as she had gradually sunk deeper into depression. She had managed to keep her feelings to herself, partly because she believed that she should be able to handle them on her own. “It had gotten to the point where I wasn’t really seeing a way out,” she says. “It was harder and harder to get out of bed each day.” By that day in July, she felt it would be easier to go to a professional than to reveal her suffering to family and friends.

The receptionist was able to get her in to see a doctor two days later; at that appointment Habrych was diagnosed with major depressive disorder. She took medical leave from her job and started therapy, medication, and journaling. And little by little, her health started to improve.

It had been a leap of faith to make that call for a referral. “I had an image of the type of person who needed help, and that person was not me,” she says. “When I started therapy, I thought, ‘I can’t believe I’m doing this.’”

In their first meeting, her therapist assigned Habrych to write about three times in her life when she was happy with who she was. Habrych, who was working in public relations in her hometown of Toledo, had been a writer all her adult life, starting when she served as Saint Mary’s editor of the *Observer*. But she had never kept a journal and never written so personally before. Still, she came back to her next appointment with five pages, and she began to see that journaling helped her get a sense of her situation and herself like nothing else. The next six months she journaled every day as part of her healing process.

When she felt like her progress was slowing down, she knew what needed to come next. “I had to finally be honest about where I was. There’s such a misunderstanding about mental illness—even that it can be something you can get over,” she says. “And I had been that person with those misunderstandings, so I needed to be the one to share my experience.”

She excerpted material from her journals and uploaded it to a blog, though the link was from a clunky Blogger account. Then she logged onto Facebook, updated her status with a link to the blog and—in another leap of faith—clicked “post.”

“I didn’t know if anyone was going to read it or respond, but at least I needed to know that I’d been honest,” she says.

Habrych also had to get over her fear of what people would think when they found out about her illness. “I had to reach a point where I felt that if someone isn’t OK with it, than I’d be OK with that response, too.”

When she checked her email the next day, she was astonished to find dozens of notes of encouragement and support, many from people she wasn’t close to.

“People came out of the woodwork with support, with their own stories,” says Habrych. “I never expected it.”

One of the sweetest developments of this experience was connecting and reconnecting with college acquaintances. “I don’t know what it is about the Saint Mary’s community, but there’s such a strong support system. I wasn’t good friends with everyone in my class, but somehow, these were the people who really rallied around me. I discovered that it’s OK to talk about these things, that people are really there for you, even 20 years later. It’s OK to be the person who needs help. In college the message from other students, professors, and administrators was, ‘We want you to do well, we want you to succeed.’ I needed that back in my life.”

When she was ready, Habrych stopped therapy and medication and, after returning to her job, finally decided to make a significant move. She relocated to Cincinnati and started working as a freelance writer. While she no longer posts to her blog, she still journals on occasion, just for herself.

“I’m not some kind of crusader,” Habrych says, “but I’ve been very open and I’m willing to share what I’ve been through.”

At first people often responded to her story by telling her how strong she was. “I didn’t feel that way. I only felt strong because of all the support I’d received,” Habrych says. But as people kept describing her as strong, the truth of it began to finally ring true for her. “Somehow this experience brought out that ‘strong woman’ vision I’d always had of myself, even though I never would have imagined that this was the manner it would all play out.”

Discovering the universe

By Christine Cox

If the college years are about discovery, Saint Mary's is about offering unexpected, life-altering opportunities for it.

Just as they have done since 1844, Saint Mary's students and graduates are discovering the universe through unique experiences: Kimberly Roland '12 sees the universe in the food we eat. Allison Beyer '07 uncovers life's truths through the service work she's performed since graduation. Angela Willson '12 searched for understanding in the elements of chemistry, but unexpectedly discovered spiritual stirrings in her soul. And 18 students on a weekend leadership trip felt the universe beyond themselves when they walked the path of slaves escaping to freedom more than 100 years ago.

This is in and of itself the Saint Mary's experience.

And, thanks largely to Roland, Saint Mary's holds a historical place in the Food Day celebration. President Carol Ann Mooney '72 became the first (and so far only) college or university president to sign the Real Food Commitment, a pledge for higher education institutions to purchase at least 20 percent "real food" (local, fair, humane or organic) by 2020.

The ingredients for Food Day came together after Roland attended a conference hosted by the Real Food Challenge, an organization that provides networking, learning, and leadership development opportunities for students interested in sustainable food. Afterward, Roland was hired as one of two regional field organizers for Real Food Challenge. "I assist students across the Midwest as they launch their own Real Food Campaigns on their campuses."

She also helped launch the Saint Mary's Sustainable Food Committee and is working to expand the base of students who participate. "It is amazing to see how many Belles are interested in food either because they are passionate about cooking, are vegetarian or vegan, have an allergy, are interested in sustainability, or just love to eat," she says. "I am working to find a common ground and unite all of these interests."

Her dream for the future is to continue to integrate her interests in food, politics, sustainability, justice, and travel, and shape a career around these interests. Roland is applying to graduate programs in food sustainability and is considering culinary school. She studied abroad in Rome for a year and would love to continue her studies there.

"Sister Madeleva's promise that I would discover the universe is much more than a cliché quote on the back of my class shirt," she says.

And now that she has found a way to combine her interests in food and politics, Roland has an even greater hunger to make a difference in the world.

Food activist hungry for change

Growing up, Kimberly Roland '12 loved food. On Saturday mornings, she watched cooking shows instead of cartoons. She grew garlic in her hometown of Phoenix, Arizona, and discovered the satisfaction of producing her own food. And she especially loved gathering around the table to share meals with loved ones. Her passion for food was so strong, she considered going to culinary school. Instead, she came to Saint Mary's and has channeled her love of food into serious food activism.

A political science and humanistic studies major, Roland has led several food politics initiatives on campus and regionally. "Food is something that connects and impacts all of us; food is truly universal," she says. "I am fascinated with food systems, the implications our diets have on the environment, food justice and hunger issues, food security and safety, and relating food to religion and culture."

One of her most outstanding food-related contributions was organizing Food Day on October 25. A national push for healthy, affordable food produced in a sustainable way, Food Day was started this year on college and university campuses.



Largely because of the efforts of Kimberly Roland '12, the Noble Family Dining Hall will increase its offerings of sustainable food, including these locally grown apples.



Saint Mary's students, faculty and staff, and local community members visit the historic Rankin House in Ripley, Ohio, on October 16. Presbyterian minister John Rankin and his family helped slaves escape to freedom as part of the Underground Railroad.

described it as life-changing. Darice Austin-Phillips of South Bend said she started crying as soon as she saw a rough wooden pen at the Underground Railroad Freedom Center that held humans as if they were animals.

Catalyst Weekend *delves into understanding*

The Underground Railroad showed humanity at its best, even with life-or-death consequences for escapees and those who helped them. Eighteen students recently had a chance to explore and absorb the stories of risk-taking and courage by visiting some of the anti-slavery movement's most significant landmarks.

Sponsored by the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership (CWIL), the Catalyst Weekend, October 14–16, visited four historic sites: the Underground Railroad Freedom Center and author Harriet Beecher Stowe's house, both in Cincinnati, and the homes of two "conductors" of the Underground Railroad, John Rankin, a Presbyterian minister, and John Parker, a former slave, in nearby Ripley, Ohio.

Mana Derakhshani, professor of French and associate director of CWIL, and Catherine Pittman, associate professor of psychology, led the trip as part of CWIL's Intercultural Leadership Program, a rigorous, multidisciplinary program that empowers students as catalysts for change and social justice. The program traditionally attracts a large percentage of underrepresented students.

Maeva Alexander '13, a communication disorders major, said it was powerful to stand at sites that were so significant in history. "Sometimes as students we just fill our minds with information because we need to," she says. "But these experiences have sunk into our minds because we have had a personal connection. It is not every day that we get to walk the path that slaves once took."

In addition to the students, 18 community members and five faculty and staff members from the College went on the trip. Many

Community member Juanetta Hill of Elkhart was overcome as she stood at John Rankin's hilltop home and looked across the Ohio River, imagining slaves risking their lives to cross from the Kentucky side. "The river looked like an ocean that separated one consciousness from another," she said.

After the trip, the students and several participants from the community reunited for a retreat led by Derakhshani. They reflected on their experiences in Ohio and discussed their understanding of past and modern-day oppression. The women agreed the trip inspired them to become better leaders, encouraging them to take up the plights of those who are currently oppressed: immigrants, women, children, low-income families, and others.

"The Catalyst experience strengthened us and familiarized us with a unique model of leadership and action," said participant Galicia Guerrero '14, a social work major. "After encountering these stories, I feel more encouraged to go out and do what I need to do to make a difference in the world."

Ambreen Ahmad '13, a humanistic studies major, was especially interested in the Rankin house and the story of the Rankin family risking their lives and property to help fleeing slaves.

"I stood at the top of the hill trying to imagine the difficulty in climbing up after already being exhausted from crossing the river and running. I can't imagine having to overcome these difficulties in order to be free," she says. "It made me appreciate the Rankins for their bravery in helping the escaped slaves, but it also made me appreciate how I am able to exercise my freedom and natural rights without having to fight."

She was inspired by the change that occurred through the courage of individuals. "People don't realize how much their actions can bring about change of the injustices in the world. This Catalyst trip reminded me that if I desire change, I have the power to achieve it."



Top: Allison Beyer '07 stands on a road in Cochabamba, Bolivia, where she is doing service work with the Maryknoll Bolivia Mission Immersion Program. Left: Beyer in Cochabamba at Madre de Dios, a home for orphaned, abandoned, and underprivileged girls.

Alumna heeds call to Bolivia, service work

A broken, open heart and true companionship are the primary gifts of service work. Allison Beyer '07 understands the great value of these gifts: "It is a privilege to be invited in to see what life is like in a part of the universe that is not your own—the pain, the suffering, the evil, the goodness, the grace, the divine, the music, the laughter, the community, the faith.

"And to not only *observe* this but to *live* this, to share the life of another by walking with them and by sharing your life with them in return. Knowing another part of the universe means letting it change you, letting it live inside of you."

In the few years since her graduation from Saint Mary's, Beyer has shared in the lives of those she's worked with at the Colville Indian Reservation in Omak, Washington; jails and orphanages in Cochabamba, Bolivia; and community agencies and schools in California, Indiana, and Michigan that assist refugees, immigrants, children, and people living with mental illness.

Beyer moved to the reservation right out of college. She taught reading and spirituality to young children and coached soccer. "My housemates and I lived on the reservation," she says. "We shared meals with our students, went for hikes and ran through sprinklers with them, and read stories to them at bedtime.

"Living there opened up our experience of spirituality and community as we participated in powwows, funerals, and other celebrations."

The experience shaped Beyer in ways she would never have chosen, she says, "But I cannot begin to imagine who I would be without having had this gift of discovery."

With this powerful experience guiding her, Beyer was committed to continue on the path of ministry within intercultural contexts. In July she joined the Maryknoll Bolivia Mission Immersion Program in Cochabamba, a 10-month volunteer stint helping at a girls' home and several jails and churches.

At the girls' home, called Madre de Dios, Beyer works with girls ages 10–14, who are orphaned, abandoned, abused, or have families unable to support them. "If the girls were not there, they would live on the streets," she says. "Most do not go to school and are still learning how to recognize letters or add. When we are not working we also dance, make bracelets, play Rummikub, and sing. I love it."

One day a week, Beyer goes to the jails with a sister who runs a health ministry for children. "If a parent is incarcerated, often their children will live in jail with them," she explains. "We check on the children's general health, and deliver milk to those who are below weight."

Her call to serve was ingrained at Saint Mary's, where she studied philosophy and religious studies. "Saint Mary's allowed me to dive into the questions of the universe: questions about justice, suffering, violence, pacifism, faith, community, responsibility, love, sexism, racism, imperialism, the importance of art and self-expression, the power of words," Beyer says.

"Ultimately, my time at Saint Mary's led me into a deeper understanding of our interdependency, which strengthened my desire to know more of the world and to respond to the injustices of our time."



Angela Willson '12 studies gold nanowires during her Nanoelectronics Undergraduate Research Fellowship (NURF) at the University of Notre Dame last summer.



Budding chemist makes *unexpected conversion*

Chemistry major Angela Willson '12 of Portage, Michigan, came to Saint Mary's College to explore the invisible world of atoms and molecules. Unexpectedly, she discovered another universe that has shaped her studies and the rest of her life.

"My spiritual awakening at Saint Mary's was unexpected to say the least," she says. "I did not grow up in a religious environment. It was just never part of the conversation. I came to Saint Mary's because the school fit me academically. But I've found much more here than I ever thought I could or would, including religious faith. Catholicism really feels like the missing piece in my life."

It was the very first Saint Mary's student that Willson met—Christine Hendershot '12—who would eventually sponsor Willson in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA). The two met at a meet-and-greet in Southwest Michigan, where they're from. They met again through Women's Choir, and Hendershot helped walk Willson through her first all-school Mass, during which the choir sings.

Willson and Hendershot also were roommates during their first-year choir tour. "One night we roomed with Elizabeth D'Aurora '09 and the three of us became great friends," Willson says. "Elizabeth and Christine are very devout in their faith. Through our friendship, I began to find my own."

She entered RCIA and, with Hendershot, spent a year attending weekly meetings and Mass and dissecting readings for answers to her questions. She was baptized May 1, 2011.

"I always thought that everyone's faith was exactly the same, that there was some sort of equation that everyone simply fit into

or didn't. For a lot of my life, I thought I didn't fit into that equation," she says. "But I cannot imagine a better place than Saint Mary's to have this experience of faith and community."

The universe opened up in her academic pursuits as well. During the summer, Willson participated in a prestigious fellowship at the University of Notre Dame. The Nanoelectronics Undergraduate Research Fellowship (NURF) pairs 32 students from all over the world with science professors.

For her part, Willson worked with Notre Dame chemistry Professor Paul Bohn on gold nanowires, filaments visible only through a microscope. The ultimate goal of the research is to use the wire, which is attached to a porous membrane, to detect biomolecules such as lipids and cholesterol. The painstaking research has helped Willson understand that end results can be years in the making. "Nanotechnology is kind of a weird world," she says. "It isn't like other chemistry where there may be an immediate color change. But it's still fascinating to see what the life of academic research is like firsthand."

Willson's personal discovery of the scientific and spiritual worlds has shown her that they are not mutually exclusive as some might believe. "I don't think that science could exist without spirituality or spirituality without science," she says. "There has to be a greater power driving us to be curious and ask the questions we ask every day as scientists."

Similarly, she looks forward to a lifetime of spiritual discovery: "I still ask a lot of questions and still don't have all of the answers," she says. "But to me being Catholic means continuing to find answers. It means I will always keep searching." ■

A special place in the universe

By Christine Cox

Patty Dunlevy Watson '88 advocates for workplace inclusion

Patty Dunlevy Watson has always believed that things happen for a reason, that there are no mistakes, that we are put on this earth for a purpose. "God has a plan for us and we might not know what it is, but we have to trust that he does," she says. "When you look back on your life, you understand why." Looking back on her own life, Watson sees a higher plan that has led her to understand and embrace her place in the universe: "My place obviously is with my family and making a difference for people with disabilities. That's what I was meant to do."

LEGACY OF LEADERSHIP

Born in Japan, Watson grew up a military brat who lived all over the United States and in Germany. Her father, Bernard Dunlevy, was her hero and, by example, imparted lessons in leadership. "He had the respect of people who worked for him. I remember one change of command, there were military men in tears when he left," Watson says.

He inspired her to enter the military, and in high school Watson was offered full-ride college scholarships by the Army and Air Force. She decided on the Air Force because her father said it takes better care of its people.

In choosing colleges, Watson visited the University of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's, and fell in love with the latter. She had always done well in math and declared a math major. "But at Saint Mary's, I was probably the worst math student," she says. "Once I told my dad I didn't want to be a math major anymore. He said, 'That's fine. If you change your major to business, you'll lose your scholarship and I can't afford to send you to Saint Mary's. You'll have to go to Ohio State.'"

And Sister Miriam Cooney '51, CSC, the head of the math department, called Watson into her office her sophomore year. "She had my SAT scores and my grades in front of her and she put it on the line," says Watson. "She said, 'You are capable of doing so much more.' She gave me a little kick in the pants.

"So I pulled through with my math major—I am so thankful that I did, even though my grades weren't the best," she says. "Math was the foundation for my career in technology."

After college, Watson entered the Air Force, an initial four-year commitment that stretched into nearly 10 with stations in Los Angeles; Dayton, Ohio; and Montgomery, Alabama. She earned an MBA from the University of Dayton, and worked primarily with managing vendors who build systems for the Air Force.

Her military service also introduced her to Paul Watson, an Air Force pilot whom she eventually married. He now pilots for Southwest Airlines. They live outside Dallas.

When Watson left the military, she had no trouble attracting job offers from top companies. She ended up choosing NationsBank, which is now Bank of America (BOA). She serves as senior technology executive of treasury and credit, managing a group of 1,500 technology developers and a budget of \$190 million from her home office. Two of her primary duties are overseeing the company's wire system and electronic payment system.

She loves her job and the impact she has on those she leads. "The military focuses a lot on leadership, and I learned the two most important things to do for people who work for you is to take care of them and remove roadblocks for them." This sentiment reaches beyond her career and into her advocacy and personal life.

'WE WERE NOT PREPARED, BUT WE TRUSTED'

Watson has five children: Brandon, 17, Lizzie, 16, Nathan, 10, and twins, Jason and Jenna, 7. It was the discovery of Nathan's diagnosis of Down syndrome that led her to her advocacy for people with disabilities.

"When I was pregnant with Nathan, we knew nothing about Down syndrome," Watson says. "We were not prepared, but we trusted. That's why I tell my kids, 'Your faith is so important.'"

When Nathan entered the world in 2001, he was born not only with Down syndrome, but also a congenital heart defect. He underwent open-heart surgery at six months old and again on December 7, 2011.

But the Watsons' faith, mutual support, and determination have carried them. "What would my life be without Nathan? It would not be nearly as good," Watson says. "I wouldn't change anything about Nathan, anything about his Down syndrome. I would change his cognitive function and memory, but that's being researched.

"Nathan brings out the goodness in people."

And he's flourishing academically and socially, the first child with disabilities to be fully integrated in a mainstream classroom in his school district. "We had to hire an attorney to get him in, but we were adamant that he was going to be raised like his brothers and sisters," Watson says. "We have an amazing relationship with our school district. And now other kids with



Down syndrome are fully included in the school, too. Nathan is in third grade, and parents ask for their kids to be in his class. He just got married on the playground to a girl who does not have special needs.”

A LIFE'S CALLING

Watson's success in her career and her advocacy are intertwined and have elevated each other.

For example, she knows her position as a BOA executive gives her a voice in disability advocacy she might not have otherwise. On the flip side, her life experiences made her a better leader at work.

“When you have kids, especially one with a congenital heart defect, you get perspective,” she says. “When Nathan was six months old, and I had to hand him over to a heart surgeon, that had an impact.

“So when I start managing a new group, I say, ‘Your family is the most important thing in your life. You put limits on work.’

“While I love my job, I love my family more,” she says. “Work is a means to an end. I work so I can do wonderful things for my family.”

She has similar perspective on workplace problems: “In my line of work, you're always in a crisis. If a system is down, it's impactful—nobody's sending money. It's tremendous pressure, but it's really not; nobody's dying here.”

Through her activism, Watson gives people with disabilities a chance for a full life. She helped establish a program at BOA to hire people with disabilities; serves as a board member for Lime Connect, a nonprofit that helps college students with disabilities; and, for two years, has been a member of the Texas Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities.

Watson also is involved with Research Down Syndrome, an organization that's working to develop medication to help memory and learning for people with Down syndrome. The first clinical trial was announced in September.

In her disability advocacy, she focuses on independent living and employment, an area she's especially influenced.

“At Bank of America, I helped start a recruiting program for people with disabilities,” she says. “We have hired people with autism to do data entry. We have people who reconcile checks. A person with autism can focus and be very successful and happy in that kind of role. Often, people with intellectual disabilities have amazing attention to detail. In many cases, quality goes up.”

She also visits companies to talk about hiring people with disabilities. “There's a fear factor. There's a stereotype that a



Left: Patty Dunlevy Watson '88 and her family visit Disneyland in Anaheim, California, in November. Front from left: twins Jenna and Jason, 7, and Nathan, 10. Back from left: Brandon, 17, Patty, Lizzie, 16, and husband, Paul. Right: Patty Dunlevy Watson '88 speaks to students in Madeleva Hall during a campus visit on October 7.

person with a disability can't be successful, won't work hard. We educate managers.

It's like if someone comes in with a T-shirt and they're supposed to be wearing a collar, you don't beat around the bush. You need to be direct. It's the same with someone with intellectual disabilities. Many of them don't read cues. You need to manage them a little differently. Of course, everyone needs to be managed differently.”

Inclusion is beneficial for employers and workers, she says. “The attrition rates are low, quality of work is high, and you've just changed a person's life and a family's life, which is just as important.” Especially, she notes, with the unemployment rate for people with disabilities at more than 70 percent.

Starting the integration process into employment even earlier can be a tremendous help, which is why she's supportive of Lime Connect. “It helps them find jobs with our founding partners, PepsiCo and Bank of America, and others,” Watson says. “These students can be afraid to interview because they think they won't get a fair shake. So these talented individuals are unemployed because they are afraid that a company wouldn't be interested in them.”

To Watson, an inclusive workplace means not just that people with disabilities are there, but “they're successful and valued and appreciated for the differences they bring,” she says.

With her career, advocacy, and all her kids' extracurricular activities, Watson relaxes and recharges by spending time with her family. “We go on quite a few vacations, even if it's just weekends,” she says. “We take time away from work several times a year. That's what I live for.”

Still, it's a busy life fulfilling one's place in the universe. But no matter. “I joke and say I can sleep when I'm dead,” says Watson. “But now it's time to change the world.” **C**

Nathan Watson made history when he went in for heart surgery on December 7 at Children's Hospital at St. Mary's Medical Center in West Palm Beach, Florida. Nathan was the first patient to undergo pediatric congenital heart surgery at the facility and was up and running for his birthday, December 12.

To see local news stories about Nathan's surgery and recovery, please visit saintmarys.edu/nathan

'Tis the season: Christmas on campus

The Office for Civic and Social Engagement (OCSE) held its annual 12 Days of Christmas, December 1–12. Special events, service projects, and fundraisers helped provide food, clothing, and gifts to area families. The highlight was the annual craft show on December 9 that featured works of 50 local artisans.

Forty guests participated in the second annual Winter Wonderland party sponsored by the Student Activities Board (SAB) on December 3. Children from South Bend's Center for the Homeless, Hope Ministries, Coquillard Primary Center, and children of College faculty and staff were invited to frost cookies, create crafts, and play games.

One of the college's most beloved traditions, the Madrigal Dinners, celebrated its 39th season this year on December 2–4. Other seasonal musical programs included Bellacappella's winter concert, December 10, the Service of Lessons and Carols,

December 11, and Christmas at Loretto, December 18.

The Cushwa-Leighton Library exhibited *Icons* by artist Janet L. Johnson of Mishawaka from October 31 through December 22. The exhibit featured portraits and drawings of Christ, the Madonna, and the saints.

And what's a holiday without toys? George Efta provided them in *Toys*, his first-ever exhibit, which started December 9 and runs through January 31 in the library lobby. Recognized as one of the nation's foremost craftsmen of wooden toys, Efta, the husband of President Carol Ann Mooney '72, started making toys in 1973.

—Christine Cox and Madeline Miles '13



The Archangel Raphael
by Janet L. Johnson

AAUW chooses second Belle for council



Laura Corrigan '13

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) has selected Laura Corrigan '13 of New York City for its national Student Advisory Council. She is one of 10 women appointed to the council from colleges and universities across the country and the second Saint Mary's College student in as many years to be selected. The AAUW cited Corrigan's leadership skills and passion for women's rights as reasons for her selection.

"I was so excited when I found out that I was chosen, but I was also a bit astounded because it's a really competitive program," Corrigan said. "I didn't want to get my hopes up that I would be selected."

As a new member of the council, Corrigan recently attended a weekend retreat in Washington, D.C. In May, Corrigan will

attend a national conference with fellow Saint Mary's student Cat Cleary '12, who was appointed to the council last fall.

"I owe it to Cat for pushing me to apply," said Corrigan, an English writing and self-designed women's studies double major with a minor in intercultural studies. The two were recently awarded a \$3,900 Campus Action Projects grant from AAUW to develop "Use Your Voice," a project to educate South Bend high school students about issues of sexual harassment, including how to recognize it and how to report it.

As a member of the council, Corrigan will participate in monthly conference calls with the AAUW, contribute to projects, perform research, and will eventually implement an AAUW-sponsored event at Saint Mary's.

"I'm very grateful for this opportunity," Corrigan said. "Everything is a learning experience, and I'm ready for it."

—Madeline Miles '13

The College's international efforts highlighted in two national rankings

Saint Mary's global focus won the college recognition this fall from two high-profile organizations. In its 2011 Open Doors Report on International Educational Exchange, the Institute of International Education ranked Saint Mary's College seventh among all U.S. baccalaureate institutions for the number of undergraduate students studying abroad for an academic year. It was also ranked 20th among U.S. baccalaureate institutions in total undergraduate study abroad participation and 29th among all U.S. institutions (doctorate, master's, baccalaureate) in total undergraduate study abroad participation.

And in its ranking of "Best Colleges: Most students studying abroad," *U.S. News & World Report* (which uses a slightly different metric) listed Saint Mary's as 42nd for having 51 percent of 2010 graduates study abroad.

This academic year also marks the largest number of international students on campus, due in part to the opening of the English Language School (ELS). The ELS, which includes 13 students from counties such as Saudi Arabia, Rwanda, and China, prepares female international students for higher education in the United States. This year also boasts the largest international enrollment in a first year class. The Class of 2015 includes nine Belles from the countries of China, Kenya, Rwanda, Jordan, Canada and Mexico.

Strengthening the College's internationalization is a priority for President Carol Ann Mooney '72 and one of the top recommendations in her five-year strategic plan released in 2007. Under the recommendation, 50 percent of Saint Mary's students would participate in study abroad programs. The College met that goal two years early.

The Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership (CWIL) oversees the study abroad program and internationalization efforts on campus.

—Gwen O'Brien

Student nurses are Santa's helpers at special holiday party for local families

On December 8 the Student Nursing Association hosted a Christmas party for families who participate in the Child Health Nursing course's Pediatric Respite Program. The program provides home care for medically fragile children, giving their parents a much-needed break.

Three families attended the party in the Student Center, including the Sego family of South Bend: 12-year-old Brittney, 6-year-old Andy, and their mother, Deb. While Brittney and Andy made crafts, Deb spoke about what their five-year participation in the program has meant. "We wouldn't make it as far as we do without these students," she said.

Brittney was healthy until 2009 when a thyroidectomy damaged her vocal cords and impaired her breathing. She's had a tracheal tube inserted to help her breathe, but other surgeries to help the problems have not been successful. She also has type 1 diabetes.

She's not supposed to talk because it hinders recovery, so instead Brittney writes about the Saint Mary's nursing students who come to her home each week. "They are so fun! They're like my big sisters! I wish they could come all the time!"

Andy was born at 24 weeks. He suffers from cerebral palsy, mild chronic lung disease, and other health complications.

Associate Professor Jayne Kendle, who teaches the Child Health Nursing course, wanted her students to know families like the Segos, so she started the program in 1997. "The life of a medically fragile child doesn't stop at discharge from the hospital," Kendle says.



The Student Nursing Association threw a party on December 8 in the Student Center for families that participate in the nursing department's Pediatric Respite Program. Here, Brittney Sego, 12, and her brother, Andy, 6, make crafts with nursing students Kari Keller '13 (standing) and Elizabeth Mueller '12. The party featured excellent food and a surprise visit from Santa Claus.

"I wanted them to understand what these families go through at home." Students are required to make home visits for at least 16 hours during the semester.

The nursing students adore the program. "All of us are touched by these families," says Elizabeth Mueller '12, who worked with the Segos this semester. "When I first began the program, I had no idea what to expect. But I became more comfortable once I got to know the children and their situation.

"This experience was so much more than just gaining new nursing skills. I was able to experience the love and joy of a family that's going through great challenges. It made me a better person."

—Christine Cox

PUBLISHED AND PRESENTED

Phillip Hicks, professor and department chair, Department of Humanistic Studies, presented a paper, "The Female Worthies: Feminist Argument in Enlightenment Britain," as an invited member of the Colloquium on Feminist Genealogies, Boston University, February 18, 2011.

Edward A. "Monk" Malloy, CSC, '92 HC, member of the Saint Mary's College Board of Trustees, authored *Monk's Tale: Way Stations on the Journey*, University of Notre Dame Press, 2011.

Nancy Menk, professor and Mary Lou and Judd Leighton Chair in Music, conducted the Hong Kong Youth Music Camp Chorus, August 1-8, 2011, in Hong Kong, China.

Thomas Platt, professor, Department of Biology, co-published "Redescription of *Neopolystoma liewi* Du Preez and Lim, 2000 (Monogenea: Polystomatidae) from *Cuora amboinensis* (Testudines: Geoemydidae) with Notes on Specimen Preparation," *Comparative Parasitology* 78:286-290, July 2011.

Robert L. Willams, Jr., presented "Brand Respect: Principles of Renaming" and "You Don't Buy Clothes—You Buy an Identity," Annual Academy of Marketing Conference, University of Liverpool School of Management, Liverpool, England, July 2011.

Robert L. Willams, Jr., presented a peer-reviewed paper titled "Brand Soul," sixth annual London Research Conference, Imperial College, London, England, July 2011.

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Marriages

Ann Harwood Callaghan Kerby '62 and Michael, October 17, 2010.

Margo McMahon Fochler '89 and Steve, November 13, 2010.

Colleen Morrissey Ralph '95 and James, May 14, 2011.

JudeAnne Wilson Hastings '96 and Raymond, September 17, 2011.

Beth Mayer Castle '00 and Chris, May 28, 2011.

Molly Ann McHugh Crawford '00 and Robert, September 9, 2011.

Desiree Hollis Dewey '01 and Matt, August 11, 2011.

Laura Porto Atkins '03 and Benjamin, July 17, 2010.

Sara Pendley Gillespie '03 and Joe, October 30, 2010.

Meghann Robinson Kirzeder '03 and Brian, August 13, 2011.

Katie Bacone Lane '03 and Justin, February 19, 2011.

Mary Pat Chmiel Dvorak '05 and Matt, June 18, 2011.

Julie Conaty McDonald '05 and Ryan, April 30, 2011.

Courtney Smitham Sturgess '05 and David, July 30, 2011.

Katherine Thompson Urek '08 and Kevin, July 23, 2011.

Brittany Harrington DeMeulenaere '09 and Josh, August 26, 2011.

Sara O'Connor Rajan '09 and Dinesh, June 18, 2011.

Adoptions & Births

Celia Anne Boyle '81 and Jay: Vincent Edwin, July 9, 2011.

Sandra Conner Rennard '93 and Craig: Gabriella Teresa Rennard, June 10, 2011.

Mary Cosgrove Moran '94 and Matthew: Angelina Cathleen, March 8, 2011.

Lara Mattison Bauman '95 and Brent: Jacob Franklin and Mason William, September 15, 2011.

Laura Stach Miller '95 and Robert: Benjamin August, October 5, 2010.

Kate Sullivan Payne '95 and Matthew: Thomas Edward, June 6, 2011.

Laura Lechman Rodriguez '97 and John: River Izabella, April 9, 2011.

Laura Meyers Malec '98 and Jeff: Leighton May, July 29, 2011.

Johna Indriolo Graziani '00 and John: Anthony Joseph, August 16, 2011.

Kimberly Jakob Veverka '00 and Joe: Lilyan Grace, July 11, 2011.

Shanna Conner Cronin '02 and Brendan: Conner Declan Cronin, September 13, 2011.

Jaime Dineen Gleason '02 and Neel: Logan, February 25, 2011.

Sarah Nestor Babcock '03 and Brock: Brendan Michael, June 17, 2011.

Deanne Czajkowski McKenna '03 and Douglas: Colin James, December 29, 2011.

Alaina Indriolo Moran '03 and John: Brinley Kathleen, June 9, 2011.

Laura Coristin Shimer '04 and Cliff: Lia Michelle, December 23, 2010.

Rebecca Jakubisin Varga '08 and David: Theresa Bernadette, July 28, 2011.

Alumnae Deaths

Mary Elizabeth Helfrich Graham '27, mother of Carol Graham Moran '55, grandmother of Susan Moran Campbell '85, July 29, 2011.

Elizabeth Myers Lynch '39, November 10, 2009.

Mary Rita Murphy McGlew '41, mother of Mary McGlew Frericks '74 and Mary Jo McGlew '76, August 18, 2011.

Patricia A. McLaughlin '42, August 11, 2011.

Rosemary Boetto DeBartolo '45, October 23, 2011.

Ann E. Watters '45, July 29, 2011.

Jane Wyant Clover '45, July 25, 2011.

Mary Ellen Heuertz Craven '48, February 19, 2011.

Colleen Chisholm Bush '49, September 3, 2006.

Sister Kathleen Bueter '50, September 1, 2011.

Joanne Morris O'Brien '50, mother of Bridget O'Brien Bealin '79 and Maureen O'Brien Anderson '85, grandmother of Honore Kathryn O'Brien '08, aunt of Maureen Morris Bowman '78, July 19, 2011.

Mary Gerhold Cahill '55, January 21, 2009.

Sister M. Rose Veronica Mattingly '56, October 1, 2011.

Patricia Flynn Mraz '57, September 1, 2011.

Lynda Scheer Burke '62, September 22, 2010.

Sister Mary Frances Gilleran '66, July 9, 2011.

Sister Susan Cush '66, July 15, 2011.

Deirdre M. Sullivan '67, mother of Amy Sackerson Betley '01, August 28, 2011.

Barbara J. Bowers '69, February 14, 2011.

Jane Hoyne Hosty '70, sister of Nancy Hoyne McGuire '66, September 6, 2011.

Kathleen Donovan Walker '70, February 21, 2011.

Nanette Lauer Daley '74, August 27, 2011.

Theresa Ann Funke '74, August 26, 2011.

Mary Patricia Ellis '82, daughter of Virginia Birsic Ellis '53, March 31, 2011.

Faculty Deaths

Patricia L. Pilger '54, Sociology Department faculty 1970-1998, October 30, 2011.

Mary Jo Regan-Kubinski, Nursing Department chair 1994-2003, Oct 16, 2011.

Family Deaths

Thelma A. Arnold, great grandmother of Alicia Rose Carroll '12 and Madison April Carroll '15, August 21, 2011.

Victor Badar, father of Monica Badar Hehl '90, August 14, 2011.

John R. Barker, father of Cheryl Barker Harwood '06, Lori Jane Barker '08, Amy Marie Barker '09, May 23, 2011.

Virginia Black, mother-in-law of Kathleen Mihelich Black '81, July 1, 2011.

Michael L. Burke, husband of Nora Lyons Burke '58, brother-in-law of Theresa Lyons Brosnan '65, July 24, 2011.

Richard E. Cachat, father of Mary Cachat Papa '83, July 16, 2011.

George Cannon, Jr., father of Katharine T. Cannon-Eger '69, uncle of Marilyn Nicholls Stamm '65, August 29, 2011.

James K. Cavanagh, father of Susan Cavanagh O'Rielly '93, September 13, 2011.

John F. Chihan, Jr., husband of Mary Baldez Chihan '58, brother of Elizabeth Chihan Canizaro '61 and Catherine Chihan Westbrook '68, June 1, 2011.

Louis Desmet, father of Mary Kay Desmet LoCicero '91, September 10, 2011.

Michael J. Duda III, father of Kaitlin Duda King '02.

Tina Durski, mother of Krista Durski '10, September 7, 2011.

James E. Fitch, husband of Noreen Blakemore Fitch '63, September 22, 2011.

Mary Elizabeth "Betty" Imler, mother of Sister Mary Elizabeth Imler '75, Julia Imler Doyal '78, and Joan Imler Grass '80, October 11, 2011.

Dennis Kammerer, son of Patricia McDermott Kammerer '51, July 10, 2011.

Gretchen Anne Wahl Kleinhenz, daughter of Mary Beth Wahl '55, November 24, 2010.

Sarah C. Koch, mother of Maria Koch Pogwist '89, August 23, 2011.

Earl H. Krumdieck, father of Heidi Krumdieck McAuliffe '83, July 10, 2011.

Faith Isabel Longley, daughter of Catherine Mulherin Longley '92, August 10, 2011.

Richard J. Ludwick, grandfather of Sydney Ludwick '14, September 3, 2011.

Lucas Romano Rennard, son of Sandra Conner Rennard '93, April 7, 2010.

Carmen L. Macias, grandfather of Christin Kloski '15, September 1, 2011.

Robert James McIntyre, Jr., husband of Mary Maloney McIntyre '49, father of Patricia McIntyre Salem '73, July 7, 2011.

John J. Novotny, father of Lynn Marie Novotny '72, August 14, 2011.

Karl Eric Oppermann, brother of Virginia Oppermann Chandlee '86 and Amy Oppermann King '91, October 5, 2010.

James Pickert, husband of Mary Patterson Pickert '55, December 14, 2010.

Marian J. Quinn, mother of Eleanor Quinn Halt '75, March 10, 2010.

Thomas Rieger, father of Holly Rieger Curley '80, grandfather of Maeve Curley '15, August 25, 2011.

Rose Rurak, mother of Margaret R. Rurak '72, June 13, 2011.

Lawrence J. Schroeder, father of Samantha Irene Schroeder '15, August 11, 2011.

Kyle Michelle Schuster, daughter of Mary Anne Brown Schuster '77, sister of McKenna Leigh Schuster '15, October 1, 2011.

Thomas A. Schwab, father of Stefanie Kristine Schwab '15, step-father of Olivia Barzydio Critchlow '05, August 19, 2011.

Walter F. Serbent, father of Rosemary Serbent Harry '79, August 27, 2011.

Joseph P. Shelley, Jr., father of Mary Eileen Shelley Morrissey '83 and Kathryn M. Shelley '85, September 18, 2011.

David R. Smelko, father of Alexandra Nicole Smelko '12, August 22, 2011.

Richard A. Szewka, brother of Katelyn Rose Szewka '08, August 13, 2011.

Thomas A. Venskus, father of Chloe Kristina Venskus '15, August 17, 2011.

James L. Werner, husband of Ellen Canny Werner '58, brother-in-law of Irene Canny Lange '63, uncle of Colleen Marie Canny '86, August 7, 2011.

Roger Wiedenbeck, grandfather of Madeleine Sampson '15, October 3, 2011.

Perpetuate the Legacy — Remember Saint Mary's

Marjorie A. Neuhoff '61

Leaves Largest Bequest in Saint Mary's History

Graduating in 1961 with a double major in Business Administration and Economics, Marjorie Neuhoff set out to take on the business world. She put her education and talents to work during her long and successful career at the Cox Broadcasting Company in Atlanta, GA. When she created her estate plan, she designated 50 percent of her assets for her alma mater, and today Saint Mary's is the beneficiary of her generous gift.



*Marjorie A. Neuhoff
June 29, 1939 - August 28, 2008*



*Business Manager, Blue Mantle
1960-1961*

Marjorie's bequest of nearly \$5 million will fund an endowed professorship in Nursing; an endowment for a Need Based Scholarship; and an endowment for the Summer Science Research Community.

As a Saint Mary's alumna who demonstrated lifelong intellectual and cultural interests, Marjorie also demonstrated socially responsible choices for the future. Saint Mary's College is deeply grateful for Marjorie's significant estate gift, which will impact and support the work of students and faculty for generations to come.



Please contact Jo Ann G. MacKenzie '69 to request information on making an estate gift to the College. Alumnae and friends who inform the College of their future gift are recognized as members of the Mother Pauline Society.

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Buffalo

The Saint Mary's Club of Buffalo/WNY held a fabulous student send-off at the home of Club President Mary Ellen Cox Kreuz '84. A dozen Saint Mary's alumnae gathered to reminisce about their first days at college and help put the 4 young ladies at ease. Laughs were shared and a good time was enjoyed by all. One of the highlights of the evening was the presence of alumna Mary Rebel Carroll '45, who shared some memories from what campus life was like in the 1940s. Mary's granddaughter, Kelsey Mildenerger, is among the Class of 2015. The new students received Saint Mary's totes as a good luck gift.

The Book Club continues to meet at Transit Valley Country Club with Club Treasurer Kathy Reeves O'Donnell '74 as hostess and Jan Taubitz Vogel '68 as chairwoman. *The Day the Falls Stood Still* by Cathy Marie Buchanan, based upon the local geography, namely Niagara Falls, and life at the turn of the 20th century, was discussed. Alumna Mary Maloney '84 grew up in Niagara Falls and shared many insights to the history of the Falls and the local folklore and legends. *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand*, by Helen Simonson, is the next book club selection scheduled for discussion January 19, 2012 at Transit Valley. It's not too early to mark your calendars, read a good book, and mingle with some new and old friends.

The Founders' Day celebration was marked with a Mass at Sts. Peter & Paul Church in Williamsville. Saint Mary's College Director of Alumnae Relations Kara O'Leary '89 joined the small gathering to shed some light on the history of Founders' Day and how the College currently celebrates the occasion. Mary Ellen Cox Kreuz '84 hosted the event amid the beautiful fall backdrop of Park Country Club. Our next project will involve the assembling of care packages for the 6 local Saint Mary's students to help with first semester Finals. Watch your mailboxes for invitations to the "After The Holidays" Luncheon hosted by Club Secretary Marie Flaherty '90 at the Buffalo Yacht Club in February 2012. If you are interested in joining the Buffalo Chapter, please feel free to email Mary Ellen at mekreuz@aol.com or call her at (716) 598-7200.

Chicago East

On September 9, the Chicago East Club held its 2nd annual Chicago White Sox Halfway to St. Patrick's Day game and tailgate event. Thanks to Becky Novak '98 for organizing another great event! And thanks to all who attended—hope to see you next year.

On November 6, the club hosted its annual Founders' Day event, which commemorates the founding of Saint Mary's College and raises money for the Chicago Endowed Scholarship. The event includes a Mass, luncheon, and silent auction. If you live in the Chicago area or are visiting the Chicago area that weekend, please join us for Mass at St. Alphonsus and/or the luncheon and silent auction at Mia Francesca in Lakeview.

The Chicago East Club is thrilled to welcome College President Carol Ann Mooney '72 to Chicago for a reception on December 1. This special event will be held at True Partners Consulting in downtown Chicago. Please join us!

For more information about Founder's Day or President Mooney's visit, contact Kate Treder, '07, ktred01@gmail.com.

This summer the club organized its first-ever Mentor Program. So far, 12 mentor-mentee pairs have been made, and nearly twice that many Belles have expressed interest! We are in need of mentors,

so if you would like to participate in the program, or you think a fellow alumna in the Chicago area would be a great mentor, please reach out to Gwen Duffield '96, gdfield@yahoo.com. We hope that this, coupled with our Chicago Belles Marketplace job board, will create more professional opportunities for Chicago Belles, and encourage professional development at all levels.

We would like to extend a very big thank you to 2010-2011 Club President, Lindsey Cotter Mackenzie '02, for the dedication and leadership she brought to the Chicago East Club. We also wish Kate Treder '07 the best of luck as president for the 2011-2012 year.

Interested in becoming a member or taking on a leadership role? Want to receive our newsletter or attend a monthly board meeting? Need more information about our monthly events? Please send your inquiries to our general club email address: smcchicagoeast@yahoo.com.

We wish all Saint Mary's College students and faculty a wonderful holiday season, full of meaningful memories with friends and family!

Chicago West

2011 sure flew by! But we managed to squeeze in a few events for everyone to enjoy, so here's a review in case you missed it. Our annual newsletter was mailed in September. We collected dues for the first time in 18 months due to a change in our club's fiscal year. You can still submit your dues and join in our club events. Please check out the website for details and send your dues to Kristin Simono Newell '91.

Our regular book club nights were the usual success all year—fun evenings to discuss a book and hang out with the girls. In October we shared book ideas for the 2012 list and if you've paid your dues, you're on our e-mail list and have already received the books and the hostess locations thanks to Anne Murray McDermott '85. If not, you can get the 2012 book list on our website. We'd love to see you in the new year!

We also remembered Saint Mary's College on Saturday, Oct 15th with a Founders' Day event. The club celebrated Founders' Day with Mass and brunch in Downers Grove. We had a nice turnout and reflected on the luck of choosing the feast day of Saint Theresa of Jesus, a strong woman, to celebrate our alma mater that is built on strong women. It was a great day! Many thanks to Mary Fran Gisch Kitz '86 for coordinating brunch.

Our club's annual service day took place on Saturday, Nov 5th at the People's Resource Center in Wheaton. Club members spent their time serving others in the food & clothing pantries. The club appreciates Patty Piercy Cushing '90 for acting as our PRC liaison.

The club's annual Christmas party was hosted by Patty Piercy Cushing '90 on December 1. A beautiful night to gather and get in the spirit—thanks to all

who attended. Those in attendance gladly brought donations for the PRC's Share the Spirit Campaign as well as goodies for freshmen care packages. We enjoy sending a little cheer to the young women from our area as they diligently prepare for exams.

Please join us in 2012 for our Saturday Morning Mass & Coffee. Beginning on January 7th, we'll meet once a quarter on a Saturday morning to enjoy Mass & coffee somewhere in the area. Our first event will be in Glen Ellyn at St. Petronille Church, followed by coffee at Honey Restaurant. Spend an hour with your club in prayer—it can't hurt! If you'd like your area parish to be visited, please contact Allison Spohn Kavulich '93 and watch the club website for an upcoming schedule.

Finally, we offer a word of thanks to the board, book club hostesses and all active club members. We enjoy everyone's company—and the more ladies who help, the easier the events are to plan. It does take time to create a newsletter, collect dues, prepare a book list and track RSVPs for different events. We are grateful to everyone who helps and encourage other women to join us. We promise you'll have fun. For more club information—please check out the Chicago West website—or contact Allison Spohn Kavulich '93 at irishannie93@yahoo.com.

Colorado

It was a beautiful sunny day in Colorado Springs on Sunday, October 16 when members of the Colorado club celebrated Founder's Day. They attended Mass at Saint Paul's Church followed by lunch at the Broadmoor.

The club also welcomed Saint Mary's president Carol Ann Mooney '72 in November when she visited the club in Denver.

CLASSCLIPS



The Colorado Club had wonderful weather for their annual Founders' Day event. Pictured left to right: Noli Kane Morath '75, Kara Wargocki, Cindy Meyer Wargocki '99, Ginger diLorenzo '58, Phyllis Sullivan Van Hersett '62, Kelly O'Brien '90, Mary Moran Gaudet '59, Mary Hertel Hartman '57, Audrey Ballinger '08.

Cleveland

The Club had a very exciting and busy 2011. We started out pampering ourselves at Dolce Salon and Spa in March. In April, the Club celebrated its winning of the Club of the Year with a luncheon at Austin's Wood Fire Grill. Kara O'Leary '89, Director of Alumnae Relations, presented the award to the Club and the Cleveland/Akron Club's Founders' Day

Award was awarded to Cheri Petride Miller '79. The Club enjoyed the summer by relaxing and enjoying an evening at Dolce Salon and Spa and by attending a Lake County Captain's baseball game along with the Notre Dame Club of Cleveland. September brought the Club's service project at Womankind and Founders' Day was celebrated with liturgy and brunch in October. Alumnae prepared exam care packages for Saint Mary's College students in November and the Club celebrated the holidays at the annual Holiday Party and Cookie Exchange in December. WOW! The Club accomplished a lot and it was great fun. Please consider joining us at upcoming events for 2012. For more information, contact Cheri Petride Miller '79 at smcosu@earthlink.net.

Des Moines

The Des Moines Club celebrated Founders' Day with a Friday evening gathering at the home of Aimee Beckmann-Collier '75 for alumnae, spouses, and friends. The evening was organized around *Catholicism at the Crossroads*, a book introduced to the Club last year by Sister Kathleen Dolphin, director of the Saint Mary's College Center for Spirituality. In this era in which lines are increasingly being drawn between "Vatican II" and "Restoration" Catholics, the discussion was an attempt to provide alumnae and friends with an opportunity to talk about their vision for the Church and their own spiritual development.

In January alumnae participated in a day of service at Ruth Harbor, a local organization that provides housing, education, and other needs for pregnant women. Sarah Sullivan Bigelow '96 coordinated this event.

Detroit

The Detroit Belles gathered on Sunday, October 16th to celebrate Founders' Day. The celebration began with Mass at St. John Church in Fenton, MI and was followed by a delicious lunch and great conversation at the French Laundry in Fenton. Thanks to all who attended and made the event wonderful: Maureen Sullivan '55, Bridget O'Brien Bealin '79 and her husband Mark, Meghan Flick Schmelzer '05, Julie Fries '52, Lisa Walton Roelle '05, Christina Kolling '11 and her fiancé Adam and Amy Nicholson Pruchnicki '05 and her husband Mike.

Our next event is the annual Christmas Party. If interested please contact smcdac@gmail.com or Lisa Walton Roelle '05 at 810-287-4832.

Watch your mailboxes for invitations to a special reception with Saint Mary's College president Carol Ann Mooney '72 in March.

As always we welcome new faces and are delighted to see familiar ones as well! Feel free to contact us at smcdac@gmail.com for any questions, concerns, helping out, ideas, or general membership.

London

After 19 years as president, Cynthia McKiel Hunt '80, the founder of the London Club, is leaving office. This opens up a great opportunity for an organized alumna or two in England to lead the Club forward. The primary focus of the Club is to entertain visiting faculty and, where possible, lunch or dinner among the alumnae at other times of the year.

Cynthia founded the Club on October 7, 1992, with the support and enthusiasm of Barbara Butler Henry '85 and Adaline Stefanac Cashore '70, respectively, the Director of Alumnae Relations and Assistant Director of Alumnae Relations at the time. From the inaugural event held at Ye Olde Cock Tavern

in London's Fleet Street, which Barb and Mary Kay Conaty Leicht '74 co-organized, the Club went on to hold meetings at the Rugby Club in London for the first few years. Alumnae have also held events in their homes, including one for Dr. and Mrs. Claude Renshaw, who visited London with a group of students during an unseasonably cold Christmas break.

More recently, The Club had the privilege of hosting two Saint Mary's College presidents for dinner: Dr. Marilou Eldred and Dr. Carol Ann Mooney. However, their most frequent events have revolved around dinners for the faculty from Dr. David Stefanac's European Study Program, most of which have been held at the Oxford and Cambridge Club in London's Pall Mall.

Cynthia says, "There is much scope for the next president to further develop the Club. They will find it a most rewarding experience. It's also a lot of fun!" If you are interested in leading the London Club, please contact the Alumnae Relations Office.

Los Angeles

The Los Angeles Area Club has been keeping busy both as a whole group and in smaller geographical areas. Because LA is so large, we have planned several activities in different parts of the region. Our "Ladies who Lunch" gathered in January for lunch in Pasadena. Some of the same faces and some different ones met in March for lunch in the LAX area.

Over the summer, Pat Greeley Lechman '63 hosted a dessert reception at her home for new students and their parents. Alumnae (including a 2011 graduate) were also in attendance. It was so much fun hearing from the soon-to-be first year students, learning how they chose Saint Mary's (the highly personal touch they felt during the admissions process was a factor, as was the beauty of the campus). Thank you to Pat and her daughter, Laura Lechman Rodriguez '97, for hosting and organizing this event.

On September 9, 2011 alumnae and a couple spouses met for the annual Claremont Wine Walk and dinner at Walter's Restaurant. The event was organized by Martha Hanley Keates '79, Mary Braet-Hurley '82 and Mary Kay Scheid '88. Attendees came from as far as 60 miles away; they truly enjoyed exploring the town and intend to visit again.

On October 23, 2011, Lucy Hanahan DaGiau '83 hosted a Founders' Day Fiesta at her home in Manhattan Beach. Maureen Cassidy '71 co-chaired the event. Los Angeles Alumnae, family and friends gathered together for mass and a delicious taco buffet dinner.

Alumnae also volunteered to represent Saint Mary's College at several college fairs in and around the LA area. Special thanks to Mary Kay Scheid '88 and Casey Larson '11 for representing Saint Mary's to LA area students.

New Jersey

Happy New Year Jersey Alumnae!

Our Jersey students received their annual Christmas box of chocolates from the Club in time for finals. Thank you all for helping to maintain this tradi-

tion. Together with the NYC Club and Westchester/Fairfield Club, we will be hosting another networking event in NYC this spring. More details will follow. If you haven't already, please forward your annual \$25 SMCNJ Club dues to Dawn Parker Santamaria '81 at 2 Gravel Hill Road, Asbury, NJ 08802. If you are not receiving our Club and Regional email correspondence, please forward your contact information to dawn@sistersundersail.org.

Pittsburgh

The Pittsburgh Club co-hosted this year's Notre Dame "Fanfest" the night before the Notre Dame v. Pitt game, which was played in Pittsburgh in September. The event was held at Mullaney's Harp and Fiddle, which was owned by late Saint Mary's Pittsburgh club member, Anne Mullaney '78. In addition to being a pre-game pep rally, the event was a fundraiser for a local Pittsburgh organization that works with development organizations to build schools and work with local farmers in rural Haiti. It was an organization that Anne had dedicated herself to, and the hugely successful event was the Club's tribute to Anne's generosity.

Look for upcoming events, including a holiday tea, service projects and Young Alumnae happy hour and holiday party.

San Diego

Even with temperatures in the 80s, our San Diego Belles have embraced the beginning of the new school year. They have joined ND alums at game watches at the Prospect Grill in La Jolla, cheering the Irish on to victory. And many alums celebrated back-to-school at the San Diego ND/SMC Student

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Following a spiritual celebration at St Michael's Church, San Diego alumnae celebrate Founders' Day by taking in the magnificent view on the lovely patio at Peggy Battle Burns '81 home. Thanks to Peggy for organizing this great event!

Send-Off in August. Following Mass at Sacred Heart Church in Coronado, they sent off our 3 new Saint Mary's first year students as well as our 8 current students with cheers and well wishes.

Our Book Club is still going strong under the sure guidance of Lynn Dargis Ambrose '52. Lynn hosted a discussion of *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society* by Shaffer and Barrows. The readers enjoyed a lively discussion followed by tasty treats as usual. Our upcoming book is *Facing The Extreme: One Woman's Tale of True Courage, Death Defying Survival, And Her Quest For The Summit*, by Ruth Anne Kocur. Mary Jean Wallace Paxton '52 will host this event, and she will have extra insight as the author is a Saint Mary's alum and friend of Mary Jean's. We can't wait!

Many alums and their families celebrated Founders' Day on October 23 at a lovely Mass at Saint Michael's Church in Poway. This event was planned by Peggy Battle Burns '81, who then hosted a delicious reception at her lovely home.

The holiday season brought our 3rd Annual Cookie Exchange on December 8th at the home of Lynn Dargis Ambrose '52. This is always a fun and tasty kick-off to the Christmas season—with lots of delicious treats to take home!

The San Diego Alumnae Club communicates mainly by e-mail, and we want to make sure that all alums are notified of our activities. So please make sure your e-mail address is on record with the Saint Mary's Alumnae Office. We encourage everyone to join us! For more info, please contact Sandy Parry '07 at sandyparry@yahoo.com or me, Barb Drossel McKnight '77 at barb.mcknight@gmail.com.

South Bend

The South Bend Club is staying busy welcoming new women to the board while working on planning fun and interesting events for this year! The Club's current focus is to enhance the connections all share to Saint Mary's while bringing a new focus on involving the Club with current student activities and service events. Our Founders' Day Dinner on October 26th has really set the tone for the Club this year. Dr. Carolyne Call, director of the Office for Civic and Social Engagement at Saint Mary's, spoke about community service and the transformational impact it has on the lives of students. Dr. Call has inspired many of us to become more involved with service, particularly service events at the College. The Club is planning on being involved in many of the student events going on this year, including the annual 12

Days of Christmas event in December and Rebuilding Together (neighborhood revitalization project) in April.

As always, to keep updated on Club events, be sure to "like" our page on Facebook (Saint Mary's College South Bend Alumnae Club), keep an eye out for email updates, and watch the newsletter for Club news! If there are any ideas for future events or Club activities, please email them to us at smcsouthbend@gmail.com.

Twin Cities

The Twin Cities Alumnae Club started off the school year with three great events. In August, some new students and their parents gathered to meet and mingle with current and past students who shared a lot of helpful tips and advice. In September, the TC SMC Book Club met for the first of four times. In October, about 15 alums gathered for a mosaics class and got the opportunity to design, glue, and grout mosaic tiles to a mirror and tile slab to keep. We also had a fun time meeting new people and connecting with old friends. We hope to keep the momentum of this great start going throughout the whole year! Our Founders' Day celebration is November 10th. We're holding an event to support Breaking Free, a local non-profit that strives to educate and provide services to women and girls who have been victims of commercial sexual exploitation (prostitution/sex-trafficking) and need assistance escaping the violence in their lives. Check out the de-

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Sisters Sarah Mullen Schwab '98 and Elizabeth Mullen '01 show off their creations at the Twin Cities Alumnae Club mosaics class.

tails and more Twin Cities Club events on Facebook. You can find the page by looking up "Saint Mary's College Twin Cities Alumnae Club." If you're not on Facebook and would like to be on the mailing list, please email Colleen Dolphin '01 at colleen@dolphinography.com.

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From the Alumnae Relations Office

McGee Cook Jacobson '04 writes that she continues to meet wonderful women with Saint Mary's connections: "After graduating and accepting a position with **Carol Podesta Foley '59**, I quickly and gladly learned that there are more of 'us' out there than I thought!

"After moving on to another organization, I discovered a very special client who is not only wonderful lady but a Saint Mary's College graduate. **Marie Reiter Werner '33** is a lovely, respected, and exceptional woman who has been wonderful to me and those around her. She recently celebrated her 100th birthday! It is my understanding that several others from the Class of 1933 should also be honored for their longevity. I am honored to be a 'SMC Chick' and hope to build more relationships in the coming years."

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September 8, 2011: Dear Girls, I had a nice phone visit with **Margie Herr McGlynn** and Bob yesterday. They celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on August 25, 2011, with Mass at Queen of Peace Church in Bellville, Illinois, and a family dinner at the St. Clare Country Club. Their nine children and spouses, and all 12 grandchildren, except one who is just starting college, were all in attendance. Bob was also celebrating his 85th birthday and he said he is happier now than he has ever been in his whole life. He won't watch the Notre Dame football games though, because he says "it makes me too nervous."

Mary Imbs See is in good health and keeps busy with bridge.

Ann McEniry Gillmeister is still in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. Her time is occupied with Bob, who is in the hospital with a knee replacement. They are thrilled with the birth of their first great-grandchild in Boston.

I had a hysterical conversation with **Eileen Balfe Harrigan's** husband, Frank. He is funny enough to be a standup comic. He was home in Rye, New York, while Eileen was up in their home in Chatham on Cape Cod. They were together on the Cape during the hurricane, had 100-mile-per-hour winds, and intermittent power outages, but didn't have to evacuate at 750 feet from the ocean. Their area is a protected one for thousands of seals, which recently have attracted large schools of great white sharks.

Ann Cummins McIntyre in Seattle is busy trying to organize her things. Her husband died several years ago and she is in her big house. With so many friends dying, she thought it time to do the big "get rid of" job that so many of us are doing. Her son Charlie is visiting from San Francisco and helping her.

I thought Ann would have **Sister Mary Ellen Sloan's** address. We knew she had moved convents several years ago, but didn't know where. Unfortunately I learned from the Office of Alumnae Relations that Mary Ellen passed away in March 2011. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her family.

Joan Crowley Asaph in Huntington, New York, has just spent a month in the hospital. First, she broke her neck, and then she had to have a pace-

maker installed. Now that she is back at home, one son who lives down the street comes in daily to help her and take her out a few times a week.

Jeanne Black Clark is living in Cincinnati, Ohio, and is suffering from arthritis. One daughter lives nearby, and Jeanne said she babysits her daughter's cat. She is very involved in the Book Artists Society. Not only do the members make leather book bindings, but far more imaginative and intriguing books including pop-ups, illustrations, and the like. Jeanne just finished a book on the planets, in which hand-made facsimiles tell the story. Columbia College here in Chicago has classes in this art form and presents shows for other artists and the publishers—little did I know. I must explore this.

Joanne Stuhlfauth Corcoran recently entertained 60 members of her family. You may remember that she had 13 children. She still lives on the farm about four miles from Chillicothe, Ohio, where she lived throughout her marriage. She is widowed now, but some of her boys have farms and they take care of her crops. She no longer keeps animals. She still belongs to the nurse's guild in her area and volunteers for the Red Cross. Joanne gave up nursing when she married, but at 51 years, went to work with the VA for 11 years in inside management. She has 35 grandchildren—only three of whom live outside of Ohio.

Marie "Sis" Murnane Walsh is back home after a stroke and hip problems. Her sight is very bad, so she needs help at home. She, **Claire Daley Archibald**, and **Sue Caron Riley** are taking **Mary Ellen Deibler Gleason** to lunch next week to celebrate Tanto's birthday.

Yours truly has spent a "largely indoors summer." The humidity in Chicago last summer was like nothing we have ever had, and I can't take humidity. Being a beach girl—with a gorgeous beach on Lake Michigan about seven minutes from my house—you can imagine how frustrated I was.

I did have a wonderful reunion with two of my sons and one daughter, and their grandchildren in Darien, Connecticut, the week of July 4, however, the humidity followed me to Long Island sound.

Mary Ann Fellingner Ryan just retired from the North Woods of Wisconsin, where one of her daughters has a summer home. She and son Marc made their annual trek to Aspen this summer to the Aspen Institute and Music Festival.

If you want a Class News column, you will have to contribute to it—I have a phone and email so it really isn't hard. We don't care if you aren't taking fascinating trips; we just want to know if you are alive and what you enjoy most. God bless you.

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To the Alumnae Office at Saint Mary's: I first want to thank Saint Mary's College for a wonderful 60th Reunion. It was well planned and very enjoyable to the fifteen-or-so of more than 80 alumnae who were so blessed as to be able make the trip. We had fun and loved seeing each other.

For the past three months, my husband, Dick, and I have been at our summer home in the peaceful and cool Upper Peninsula of Michigan. As we counted, we had 44 guests (mostly relatives of all

ages). Our boat is now stored for the winter and in a month, we will go to lower Michigan for the winter.

One of our granddaughters has started college at Notre Dame, and one of our daughters had a baby girl the end of June, which gives her three girls under the age of two. Even with our family of nine, we are amazed at her responsibilities. The younger generation is interesting and so are we (right, girls?).

Carol Huebner Collins and Walt's granddaughter, **Brianna Lynn Collins '09**, married Philip Little (grad school, Notre Dame) on August 27, 2011. All of the Collins children were present at the wedding.

I had an interesting visit with **Rosemary White**, who had a family commitment, and so was not at the reunion. She lives in upstate New York. Her sister-in-law lives in the same building, so they do many things together. Rosemary is the receptionist at her parish for a few hours every day.

Imogene De Smet attended the Staff Students Reunion as part of Reunion Weekend in 2010. She taught for 26 years in the English Department at the University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point, and is now retired. She is teaching in the RCIA program of her parish. She has had some poetry published and is writing more. Her large extended family keeps her busy traveling to graduations and weddings.

The following is some information from Reunion data sheets.

Sister Mary Jean Klene, CSC, is professor emerita at Saint Mary's College. She earned a PhD in English (Shakespeare) from the University of Toronto.

Mary Alice Jacob Stanton is the mother of five children. She has a master's degree in philosophy.

Sara George Crave has seven children and lives in Beloit, Wisconsin.

Mary Sue Guthrie Company also has seven children and lives in Avon, Ohio.

Sister Miriam P. Cooney, CSC, is a retired sister at Saint Mary's. She received her PhD in mathematics from the University of Chicago and taught for 15 years in Oakland, California. She has now returned to the convent.

Virginia A. Binsack Murphy holds a master's degree in library science from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Constance Loraine Melaro is a retired assistant professor of French at Dunbarton College, and a music instructor. She has two published books, one of which is *RU There?*, a ninth-grade English text, and she recently wrote about Archbishop Sheen.

A few comments about some of our classmates who came to Reunion 2011:

Patricia Miller Hagerty lives in Beavercreek, Ohio. After raising four children and counseling many people, she still has her zeal for life and her beautiful smile. She is still working with a psychologist friend. Our class artist, **Laurie McCawley Van Tassel**, lives in Three Rivers, Michigan, and we had a nice visit at the picnic. Her daughter, Victoria, has three grown daughters, one who is married, and two who are still in college. Her son, Vincent, and his wife have two adopted boys and are about to add a third, making Laurie a grandmother of six. **Therese Murphy Jones** came from Evanston, Illinois. She is retired, but attends classes at Northwestern University and serves as a docent there for special events.

Fleur Hulsebus Burkhardt came to reunion with her friends from Louisville, Kentucky. They always drive in together. Kitsey and her husband are very active in their church activities.

Judith "Judy" Hogan McGah has an interesting position as a career counselor. She helps people write resumes and practice successful interviewing

skills as they search for employment. Her children live in California and Georgia.

Sister Joseph Marie Gibbons, CST (also known as **Sylvia A. Gibbons**), is the librarian at Villa Teresa Catholic School in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Her religious order is the Carmelite Sisters of St. Therese of the Infant Jesus. She could not come to the reunion because she was directing the summer program at her Motherhouse, and then retiring. She asks prayers for her community and sends her prayers to us.

Please send me your news, and let us keep each other in our prayers.

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Hello to all of you. I am uneasy as I start this because the whole East Coast is under a hurricane watch, and the media assures us that it is the worst ever. Some are comparing it with the hurricane of 1938. What I can tell now with certainty is that we will lose power when it strikes and takes down trees.

I received a call from **Muriel Flanagan Cullen**, who wanted to let me know that **Marge "Peggy" Fiehrer Hellinghausen's** daughter, Nancy Hellinghausen Brown, died this past spring of cancer. Nancy had no children. Muriel and her husband spend time in Buffalo, Hilton Head, and Victoria, and when they are in Buffalo, she sees **Judy Schwartz Reuter** and **Jo Ann Lyden Soch**. Muriel and Judy go to the casino together. In June, Jim and **Peggy Curtain Hutchinson** were in Hilton Head, and had lunch with Muriel and Ralph. Muriel, Peggy, **Jo Ann Lyden Soch**, and maybe more, do pool exercises together. Muriel also told me that **Joan Hoffman DeCrane** and Al are

now calling Florida home. Ralph's granddaughter will be a first year student at Saint Mary's College this year.

Betty Kiley Roach had a great trip to Florida with her daughter or daughters (I can't read my writing), and had a wonderful river cruise from Basle, Switzerland, to Amsterdam, Holland. Betty is going with friends on an ocean cruise in October. Betty's sister died recently, and she saw **Patricia "Pat" Doyle Mulligan** and Hugh at the funeral.

I talked to **Mary Curley McDougal**, who had been to lunch with **Patricia "Pat" Kerper Moriarty** and **Ann Korb '54** sometime this summer. She said they closed the restaurant. Mary is still a caregiver for Mac, her husband. Their son, John, has returned home from his job in California. Mary is a part of a Muslim Christian dialog group of women that meets monthly. She also enjoys book club.

Jacqueline "Jackie" Harle Etling says she is still hanging in there. She has two grandchildren who are college freshmen: one in Denver and one in West Virginia. Jackie has been traveling this spring, too. She has had six graduations—three from college and three from high school—as well as a marriage among her grandchildren. Jackie recently heard from her old roommate **Janell Wenzel O'Barski '54**. Janell's husband died a couple of years ago, and she's been spending summers in Minnesota and winters in Florida, but is thinking of moving to a condo in Illinois.

Mary Margaret "Meg" Grignon Tormey married Bob Juenger, who had lived in New York State, and whom she met over four years ago on a trip to South America. He has turned into a real Texan, and they live in Meg's home in Temple, Texas. Meg wants me to tell all about some fun they had in May 2011. The children of Jim and **Peggy Curtain Hutchinson** were giving a party to celebrate the 80th birthday of one of their parents. (I think Jim, but I was wrong once.) It was in late May, in Butler, Pennsylvania, and **Muriel Flanagan Cullen**, **Jo Ann Lyden Soch**, **Nancy Barker Peterson**, and Meg and Bob

all went to the party. They had a great time and met all the Hutchinsons' wonderful children. She was still bubbling while she recounted it.

Joan Randag Maloney ("Randy") emailed with some sad news that after many ups and downs with his health, her husband, Jim, died in late May. She was happy that all of her children were able to see him in his last days. She also reports that **Elizabeth "Liz" Wolter Paul** has passed. Randy and **Anne Glosser Wolfe** were able to drive to Minnesota in early May and visit with her and Vince. Randy remembers the trip as a couple of good days spent with them walking around Fairbault and catching up on Saint Mary's College news. Randy also wrote that she had received a letter from **Joanne "Jodi" Biddle Adler**, saying she is now living in Wilmington, Illinois. Jodi is also fighting cancer, and asks for our prayers. Randy has also been talking to **Marguerite L. Edwards**, who says she is busy after retiring from teaching. She still plays the violin with the Gary Symphony and hopes to be able to take the train to Chicago to meet classmates at least for lunch.

Patricia "Pat" Kerper Moriarty also emailed with sad news that her husband, Joe, passed away in June after struggling with the aftermath of pneumonia. She says it was peaceful and that most of her children were there with her. She asks for us all to keep her family in our prayers.

That's all for me, but I urge you all to keep in touch. Send me a Christmas card this year, please. This column gets written in February and August, but news from old friends and classmates is never stale.

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Maureen Sullivan and I had a winter-relief trip



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to Florida last February. Maureen had offered to drive a friend's car to Florida and asked me to join her. What's a friend to do? We stayed in Cocoa Beach, just missing the Discovery blastoff. Traveling down the East Coast we stopped in Stuart, where **Shirley Dyckes Kelley** had invited us to her club for lunch. Joining us was **Carol Graham Moran**, who winters nearby and is Shirley's frequent golf partner. Carol's mother, **Elizabeth Helfrich Graham '27**, died last July 29 at the age of 105. An obituary in the *Chicago Tribune* reported that she was a world-champion bridge player, harpist with the Springfield Symphony Orchestra, and a *magna cum laude* graduate of Saint Mary's. What a great lady. Our sympathies also go out to Carol and her family.

We traveled on to Key Biscayne to spend a few days with **Frances Clohessy Spillane** in her lovely Oceanside condo. More good food and conversation followed. Frances showed us around south Florida with its many beautiful vistas. Soon the odyssey was over, and it was back to the reality of snow and cold.

On my return I received a phone call from **Joan Kershaw Putnam** saying that **Kitty Nolan Calacci** was very ill. What had been thought to be gallbladder trouble turned out to be liver cancer. Therapy followed, but Kitty didn't respond. All treatment was ended after the holidays. Kitty then entered Hospice care and died on February 22, at home in Wheaton. To Ben and all their family members we extend our sympathies and prayers. Kitty had a strong legacy to Saint Mary's College: her sisters and daughters are graduates.

When **Joan Kershaw Putnam** called me about Kitty, she said she was going to have a knee replaced that week. I've spoken to her lately and she is doing just fine and enjoying all the family's attention.

Joan Nolan Bergan reported that **Mary Gerhold Cahill** had died in January 2009, in Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts. "Mary was an entrepreneur, teacher, mentor, and leader, encouraging, inspiring, and teaching others to reach their potential," the *Columbus [Nebraska] Telegram* reported. She is survived by her husband, Tom, and their six children.

Lora Pagliari Mraz and **Jane McCormick Nilles** and I met for dinner in January. Lora reported that Jim Pickert, husband of **Mary Ann Patterson Pickert**, died in December 2010. The Pickerts had moved to Orlando several years ago. Mary Ann had just retired from teaching. More prayers and sympathy are extended to Mary Ann and her family.

At Reunion, **Mary Beth Croxall Wahl** said her daughter Gretchen had been ill. Treatment for cancer had been unsuccessful, and Gretchen died in November 2010. To Mary Beth and all their family, we extend our heartfelt condolences.

Don and **Sue Mitchell Crowley** were on their way to Aspen, Colorado, when just outside their home in Columbia, Missouri, Don had a massive stroke. They returned to Columbia, where Don died on July 21, 2011, at University Hospital. Don and Sue were both professors at the University of Missouri. Don taught American literature and published books and essays on various American writers. Our sympathies go out to Sue and their children.

On a happier note, a letter from President **Carol Ann Mooney '72** details the state of our endowment funds. I am happy to tell you the fund has increased in value in spite of our difficult times. As of June 2010, it was worth over \$100,000. The award recipient for this year is Brianne Carroll '12; a senior from Fort Wayne who is a psychology major. Thanks to all of you for helping make this fund possible for it to be given.

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The lazy days of summer do not bring the flurry of mail that Christmas does, but thankfully, communications continue, and email sure helps. Right after my last deadline Dick and I enjoyed a short vacation in Florida. We were able to have lunch with Tom and **Judy Hankes Maus** at their beautiful beachfront condo in Ft. Lauderdale. Judy is using her organizational skills serving as president of their condo association, in addition to volunteering at the nearby Bonnet House Museum. Another day, we joined Larry and **Mary Ann O'Loughlin Szydlowski**, John and **Irene O'Leary Van Beckum**, and Jim and **Pat Hoag Ziperski** for a leisurely lunch in Marco Island. The Van Beckum's granddaughter, Erin Ronayne Cassidy, will be attending Saint Mary's this fall as a member of the class of 2015—their second granddaughter to become a Belle. Irene had asked previously if any other classmates had granddaughters following in our footsteps. Recently, I heard from **Ellen Boyle Benish** that her granddaughter, Madeline Inez O'Sullivan, a junior at Saint Mary's, and two of her classmate's had spent spring break visiting the Benishes at their Napa Valley Vineyards. **Mary A. O'Connor** came to join them, and everyone had fun comparing "then and now." On a more serious note, we extend our sympathy to Ellen on the death of her brother, Robert, who died in March.

Bob and **Joanne "Jody" Donohoe McGoldrick** are looking forward to visiting their grandson, Robert, at Notre Dame in the fall. His twin brother, John, has decided to forgo Notre Dame to pursue dentistry at University of Georgia. Congratulations to **Josie Murphy Vorda** on the May birth of her first grandchild, Adeline Murphy Vorda, daughter of son Matthew and his wife, Jen. **Ruth Keefe Herman** has enjoyed having her granddaughter, Sarah, in law school at the University of Virginia for these last three years. Sarah will be returning to her home in Washington State, so having the relatively short distance between Charlottesville and Washington, D.C., has been a plus. Another grandson will start at the University of Maryland this fall. Doesn't it seem not that long ago that WE were the college freshmen? How did this happen?

In May I learned of the death in California of **Pat Donovan Dowd '60**, sister of our **Diane Donovan Grant**. Thanks to Diane's daughter, **Marijane Grant Brangle '90**, for supplying this news. Many of you saw the announcement of the death of **Marianne McCrudden Walters** in the "For the Record" section of the spring 2011 issue of *Courier*. Marianne came to Saint Mary's from Youngstown, Ohio, and was in the nursing program. Our sympathy goes out to Marianne's family.

Delightfully, not all Christmas cards come in December. **Katie Reasor Anglin's** April card helped to extend my holiday joy. Truly, between her clever writing, delightful sense of humor, and excellent artistry the only part I regret is not being able to share her output with all of you.

On the subject of writing, **Pat Smith Parish** sent me a reprint from the *Phoenix Republic* of her article on the Lost Dutchman Mine. This was done as a promotion for her book on the subject, which is her current project. Last October, **Katherine "Katie" Perry, Janet O'Connell McCue, Peggy Kearin Carey,**

Dee Kiley LeFevour, and I joined other high school classmates for a long weekend in wonderful Nashville. I would love to hear from more of you about what you are up to and whom you are in touch with. This is one of my shorter columns. Let's all work together to make it longer and more inclusive.

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As our class column continues to edge closer to the top of the "Class News" section, our news seem to no longer celebrate the excitement of job promotions, weddings, and motherhood as it once did—our comings and goings are a little more retiring and somber now as we approach the twilight of our lives. It is with heavy heart that I report the passing of my dear "roomie" and **Sue Brown Bapst's** sister-in-law, **Vicki Bapst Henzy**. She had suffered for years from kidney disease and, recently, from congestive heart failure. Vicki left this world peacefully on March 11, 2011. She is survived by five children, seven grandchildren, and four siblings. Her ex-husband, Chuck Henzy ND'58, predeceased her. In accordance with her wishes, her family gathered in June to scatter her ashes into Connecticut's Mystic Harbor. Her daughter Beryl writes, "Some tears, lots of laughs, and some great memories. I know that you all have mourned her in the same fashion. And, of course, she would say to me, 'Okay honey, I think it's time you get over it. You have a lot to do, so don't worry about me. I'll be fine.'" Please remember Vic and her family in your prayers.

On a lighter note, **Mary Hughes Enright** reports that she finally connected with **Sue Dwyer Johnson** in Hawaii, in June. Sue worked as a secretary for a district attorney in Portland, Oregon, for many years and loved the work and snooping involved. Mary writes, "She is feisty and bright, and we had great fun and joy reminiscing about the olden days."

Here's a "small world" story: **Colleen Taffee Goldkamp Harmon** visited her daughter, **Barb Goldkamp Henry '86**, in the Washington, D.C., area this summer and attended one of her grandson's baseball games. While talking with one of Barb's friends, whose son was also on the team, Colleen discovered through their conversation, that Barb's friend was **Carol Lucas Dunne's** daughter, Susan. Colleen and Bob plan to visit Ireland in September, ending end up in the Normandy Beach area for a few days.

Katie Hall Kilcullen writes that her husband, Bob, is going through chemo and radiation for skin cancers that were discovered a few months ago, but that he should be back to normal in September when they will join me, **Carol Lucas Dunne, Betsy Finneran Kennedy, Carol Podesta Foley, Sarah Sceales Mulcahy**, and our husbands for our annual football weekend—this year, it's Michigan State.

Gerry and I had a nice visit with my sister, **Betty Benford Belfiore**, and her husband, Jack, in Venice, Florida, in early April, and just in time to join Tom and **Sarah Sceales Mulcahy** at their condo in Gasparilla Island, before they headed back to Milwaukee. Sarah looked wonderful, even after undergoing surgery earlier in the year.

Connie Roller Curtin occasionally has lunch with **Mary Moran Smith, Jeanne Mavigliano Conley**, and **Rosemary Zirille Spalding**. Jeanne

and Rosie winter in the Phoenix area. Connie said **Joy Manier Marchal** and her husband were on a cruise, and unfortunately, docked in Norway the day of the bombing and mass murder that rocked that country.

Sharon McGee Sittton Bradshaw's son, Dubby, and his wife, Julie, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in July on Balboa Island in Newport Beach, and Gerry and I were invited to join the family for Mass and dinner. We also met Sharon's darling great-granddaughter, Emme.

Teresa Nutting Marcy writes that she had completely retired from full-time work at Saint Mary's (since 2004), and from part-time teaching, since the end of last year. She is involved in various local projects, the most time-consuming one being the VITA tax preparation program, which she immensely enjoys. Terry just returned from a wedding reunion in France with her deceased-husband's family. She was accompanied by two of her children, their spouses, and two grandchildren.

Julie Franden Fitzgerald says life is good in Cary, North Carolina, despite the recent hurricane (Irene) and an earthquake. She had a trip planned to Egypt in January, but it was cancelled one day before departure due to the riots. She enjoys occasional trips to New York City, where her daughter lives, to take in the operas and Broadway shows.

Mary Alice Scuderi Loughran's youngest daughter is moving back home (Oak Park, Illinois) while she does her practicum for a psychology degree. She also baby-sits for her nearby grandchildren. The son of her Notre Dame-professor son won the Indiana State wrestling championship (eighth grade/140 lbs.), but lost at nationals. "We have been blessed with good health and work for all six of our children."

My daughter, **Cami Trafficanda Hurlbut '86**, attended her 25th Reunion at Saint Mary's in June. (Can that be possible?) She and her friends were housed in the new senior apartments. My husband took two of Cami's children to Notre Dame and Saint Mary's, where they toured the campuses and attended a Blue and Gold football game.

Life is good here in California. Besides tennis and Pilates, I've taken up bridge (again) and line-dancing, and have just signed up with a group of gals in our community for a line-dancing cruise from Los Angeles to Vancouver next spring.

"I just received a letter from Lauren Ashley Toth '12, the current student who is benefiting from our Class of 1959 Endowed Scholarship. In that letter, Lauren writes: 'I am proud to be able to say that good things have, and will continue, to come out of my received scholarship. My mother is a single parent supporting two children, so this monetary gift has impacted my decision to continue at Saint Mary's. As a social work major with a gerontology minor, I am the newly appointed secretary for the Social Work Club. I would love to focus on helping patients with Alzheimer's disease and dementia. Once again, I would like to thank you and the Class of 1959 for making this scholarship possible. I have no doubt that my upcoming senior year will be the best year I've had at Saint Mary's yet.'"

This is the first time all but one news item arrived via the Internet—that one was typed with a typewriter (yes, a typewriter). Keep the news coming, even with a quill pen. My deadlines are always March 1 and September 1 with no leeway, so I need to hear from you a few days before.

From the Courier: **Jeanne Pflaum Gnuse** writes: "I am pleased to share my fantastic summer experience with Choral Workshops. First, I sang a five-day workshop at Sonoma State University in Santa

Rosa, California, which was sponsored by Chanticleer Singers and Sonoma Bach. Following an audition, 65 singers performed with the Chanticleer Singers in Concert for family and friends on Father's Day 2011. It was a joy to have my husband, Tom, my singing son, John, and grandchild in the audience. On July 16, 2011, I sang with the Berkshire Choral Festival a more modern program of spiritual music following a week of rehearsals with 150 singers from many states and nations. The featured work by Carol Barnett was *A World Beloved: A Bluegrass Mass* performed with Monroe Crossing, a bluegrass band from Minnesota.

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Our 50th Reunion was wonderful. A special thank you goes out to the classmates who volunteered to chair committees and who organized and carried out special presentations and activities. I won't name names for fear I might forget someone. These people made a tremendous effort to ensure our 50th was special.

Helenmarie Anderson Corcoran sent word from Alexandria, Virginia, thanking classmates for their prayers for her sister and daughter. She can attest to the power of prayer. Helenmarie will chair Kaleidoscope, an initiative focusing on visual and performing arts in Alexandria, and a collage about living life fully scheduled in September and October 2011.

An email from **Kay Decker Koppel** in Osgood, Indiana, said how great it was to see everyone at the reunion, and she and **Mary Maley Burgess** (Pinehurst, North Carolina) were able to extend their visit by driving together to New York/New Jersey. Kay attended a reception for her son, Michael, and his bride who were married in April 2011, in Germany, and she also was able to visit her daughter, Kata, who lives in New York City. Kay and Mary then had another Saint Mary's College Reunion with their freshman roommate, **Ann Marie Gleeson McHugh**, and her daughter, Gerada. Anne Marie had transferred to Marymount College, and her 50th Reunion was the same weekend as ours.

Jean Lucey Easterly in Hayward, California, told of her trip in November 2010 with 15 lay people from around the country for a one-week pilgrimage to see the work of the Maryknoll Lay Missioners in El Salvador. They visited the AIDS Clinic in San Salvador and the community of Santo Domingo de Guzman, where a lay missionary works with women to find creative ways to market and diversify their artistic crafts. The group also visited Los Delicias, where a lay missionary assists the community youth to develop their leadership skills.

Anne McGovern Gerard in Sister Bay, Wisconsin, sends word of how proud she is of her granddaughter, Grace Gerard Moran, who participated in a 25-mile bike-a-thon fundraiser for Over the Rainbow, a nonprofit organization based in Evanston, Illinois, which provides, builds, or refits housing for mobility-impaired adults all over the state. Anne's daughter, Tara, Grace's mother, works for Over the Rainbow in a fundraising and legal capacity.

News from **B.J. Sitzberger Gorman** in Clarendon Hills, Illinois, tells that she was hoping that by the time the next *Courier* was sent out, she would have her book, *The Chi of Body and Place*, on Amazon

Kindle. It is already listed on Amazon and is about how Feng Shui can support the energy in us that pulsates through our chakras. She also has bitten into the Apple and aspires to become a creative computer wizard some day. B. J. says the Reunion was so much fun and so invigorating she wishes it could happen more often.

Reggie Ryan Wyles writes from The Villages, Florida, saying she was so disappointed to miss the Reunion, but enjoyed the pictures sent to her by classmates. She is thankful for all the thoughts and prayers from classmates for the success of her back surgery and for Ron's cancer treatment. Reggie says she hopes to be able to dance on the tables at the next Reunion.

An email from **Sandy Graham Bartlett** in Ridgewood, New Jersey, tells of a happy, but shortened (Hurricane Irene), excursion to Bermuda with her husband. Her husband's former roommate talked them into the trip so they could renew their marriage vows and celebrate 50 years of marriage. He even supplied the priest. They were both pleasantly surprised to discover their daughters would accompany them on the cruise. Sandy was looking forward to attending a Notre Dame football game and then traveling to Orland Park, Illinois, to celebrate the 50th wedding anniversary of **CeeCee Grimes Van Hecke** and her husband, Buzz. She was hoping to see many classmates there.

Mary Ellen (Straw) Berry Malone writes from Dallas, Texas, to say she was pleasantly surprised to discover at the reunion that we are all at the same stage of our lives, which made her feel that her life was more okay than she thought. She also found that health issues are very important and getting older is universal and unpreventable!

I truly appreciate hearing from all who answered my request for news. I hope to hear from more of you next time. My next deadline is March 1, 2012. Please keep me updated on any changes in your email address and to let me know of email addresses of classmates I may not have in my listing.

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Happy 70th birthday, everyone! (And we thought Sister Madeleva was so old back then.) Well, here we are, girls. **Joellen Reedy Belts** writes from Kansas City. She is a nurse, retired awhile back, but now doing retail work just to stay busy. I've enjoyed so much our communication and find her still as funny and irreverent as ever. She and her husband have a son who practices criminal law and small granddaughter. A while back, **Maggie McMahon Adrian** sent an obituary of **Ann Killian Bill**; I forwarded it to those of you for whom I have email addresses, and am very heartened by the outpouring of response regarding the very pretty, quiet, generous, and kind, Ann we knew back then. She touched the hearts of many. From her thoughts of Ann, **Judy Reardon** went on to propose an article telling "How Saint Mary's (and our friends there) had a powerful impact on what happened to us after graduation and how it evidenced itself." Shall we tell Judy to mail us the questionnaires and start the research?

Betty Ann O'Brien Clippinger continues teaching accounting as she's "not ready to give it up and

I love what I do and it keeps me young." She and Al obviously are enjoying kids and grandchildren, vacationing with all in Gulf Shores—my favorite place, too.

Susan Hoehn Sullivan and husband were to attend the 100th birthday party of **Diane Shalala Fritel's** mother's in Cleveland, Ohio: "Diane and her family took me under their wing the year I got out of grad school and taught me everything I know about really good mid-eastern cooking and the joys of an extended loving family. I want to grow up and be like Edna Shalala." Awfully nice compliment, Mrs. Shalala—and Diane, too.

Noreen Blakemore Fitch and Jim spent the weekend with **Julie Hutchins Stackpoole** and Bill, "solving the world's problems and having a great time." Noreen encourages our support for people with juvenile diabetes.

Virginia Benton Morris, the computer builder, is "volunteer tutoring in arithmetic for folks at a local homeless shelter who are trying to earn their GEDs." She has some very sad stories, as we can imagine. Jinny is also teaching a beginning computer class at the shelter, and is taking belly dancing at a park district class. (My belly dances all the time, Jinny.) Jinny has been a new, fun correspondent for me via the Internet. By the way, I have (and need more, please) email addresses for lots of you if ever you need one.

Kathy Wiedl Mettler says, "Life is good. I continue to practice GI, Steve is busy, and all 13 grandbabies are absolutely thriving."

Joan Dorgan says: "Just returned from my 70th birthday friends-and-family road trip covering 3,000 miles, six states, and two national parks. Despite buffalo-in-the-road delays, herds of motorcycles, and sudden storms, I managed to survive getting knocked-down flat in a ditch by an aggressive horse, while hiking." Joan also reconnected with **Margo Vitalich Manley** in Half Moon Bay, and **Ann Purcell Perini** at Lake Tahoe. Now she's back for another year as "department head for social studies at Parker School here in San Diego." Bless you, Joanie, there's no way this fat old lady could travel the distance and hike as you did.

Ruth Schnaus Smith and B. J., for their 70th birthdays, had their "whole family together for a week in Breckenridge, Colorado," all fourteen of them in one house, for "simply non-stop fun." (But they didn't invite me.)

Kathleen Branagan Saxon received her BS from Fordham, and an MS in nursing from Pace, and practiced as an RN/FNP until 1995, and then became a real estate agent in Old Greenwich, Connecticut, which she continues to enjoy. She has four grown children, one a Notre Dame Law grad, and added two with her marriage to Peter in 1993. They do volunteer work, and also enjoy their summer home on Block Island, Rhode Island. Her mother, **Alice Tobin Branagan '31**, survives—at 102 years old. God bless.

Carol Conrad Rafferty has just had a revision to stabilize her left knee with physical therapy thrice weekly, and unfortunately, is just one of many of us with bionic parts—but we're alive. **Kathy Mary Owen**, though alive, is too lazy to exercise away her arthritis, but managing to laugh, love (my kitties—God forbid an old man at this stage), volunteer, and play as I approach my 70s.

Special note to members of the Class of '63 from the Alumnae Office: If you would like to be a part of the 50th Planning Committee please contact Kara O'Leary, Director of Alumnae Relations, at koleary@saintmarys.edu or (574) 284-4578.

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Anne Harvey Lewis and I met for dinner in Rockford, Illinois, last month. It was a three-and-a-half-hour dinner at which we solved the ills of the world. There are few things more enjoyable than dinner with Anne. I think the waitress thought we would never leave. We will be doing another extended luncheon or dinner very soon.

A sweet note from **Theresa Lapenta Silio**, who writes: "Sheila and Lil, Thanks to you both for the notes, the birthday rhymes, the laughs, the time. By the way, I have been saving my Madeleva Mama shirt (from our 25th Reunion) for all these years so it would stay perfect. This week I wore it and thought of you all with love and delight. Also pleased it still fits."

From the constant traveler, **Sheila Flynn Boone**: "We've had some wonderful travel adventures this year. In May, we went to Machu Picchu in Peru, such an amazing place, and Cusco and Lima, were great experiences—even dining on alpaca, and trying guinea pig. We won't be ordering them again, but fun to say we've tried them. Then we had a great 33-day driving trip to see all of our relatives. Went from

Denver to Omaha; Chicago to South Bend; New York City to Washington, D.C.; Florida, Texas, Oklahoma, then home. It's a nice test to see if you and your spouse can handle this, but we'd do it again in a minute. Now, we are getting ready to go to Indiana for my 50th high school reunion. And, before you know it, our 50th Saint Mary's College Reunion will be here." Again, kudos to Sheila for all her hard work in organizing the Denver Saint Mary's Club. No small feat due to the distance of the members.

News from **Pat Farrell Wareham**: "I have visited with several classmates this year, mainly through Lil's birthday email alerts. I retired in 2001 after 32 years as head of the English department, teaching A.P. English and honors sophomore English. My mother, who was ill, lived with two of my sisters. I retired to help, and Mom died later that year. My brother was also ill, and my sisters and I cared for him until his death in 2003. I have three younger sisters in town, and one older sister in Illinois. We have been close all these years. My 50th high school reunion was this last weekend. Sixteen classmates were present; two could not be there for health reasons, one could not be found, and five have died. Most of us went from first grade through high school, so we were more like family than classmates. It was great visiting and catching up. Our daughter, Anne, Shawn, and their three children were here for a week the end of July. Shawn is in the Air Force Jag and has been assigned to the Pentagon. They have just rented a house in

Virginia. I spend Monday at a food pantry. [Husband Jim and I] both serve at a food kitchen once a month. Jim is president of his family's corporation in Manhattan, which gives us the opportunity to go back home regularly. We will celebrate our 46th wedding anniversary on August 28. We have saved furniture, kids' toys, scrapbooks, etc.... I envy my friends who have pared down each time they move. We have been in our second house for 33 years, so you can imagine what I have accumulated. We are enjoying our family, friends, neighbors, volunteering, and our free time when we can get it. I am looking forward to the 50th Reunion."

"I'm going back to Indianapolis the first weekend in June for my 50th high school reunion," writes **Marianne Spalding Schiavone**. "I'm taking my mom with me as she graduated from the same school. Shades of last year when mother, **Dorothy Reed Spalding '38**, choked and nearly died just before our Saint Mary's College 45th Reunion. Yikes, I sure hope that doesn't happen ever again. This Mother's Day, mom (95), me (67), daughter Sarah (39), granddaughter Kate (six), daughter-in-law Katie (37), and her mom, Linda (67), are all participating in the Komen Breast Cancer fundraiser walk. What a way to celebrate Mother's Day. Our daughter Sarah wrote a lovely tribute to the unsetting of the Auxiliary of West Suburban Medical Center in Chicago. I was on the board for many years. A final meeting/luncheon was held after 97 years of service to our communities."

"Thanks for remembering my birthday," writes **Marcia Black McMahon** to Lil. "It's such fun to hear from our classmates. Hope you had a great Fourth of July. Mine began with a long talk with **Cille Sorrentino Bucolo**. Also missing our late friend, **Pat Devine McCarthy**, whose birthday is next week. We always celebrated together, and for the past two years, I've gotten together with Pat's daughter, Betsy (who shared Pat's birthday), and my daughter Catharine. The tradition continues."

From **Lil Chard Beshel** in June: "Heard from Cille. She saw **Sheila Flynn Boone** in Colorado while visiting her grandchildren. Cille is having lunch with Ed and **Mary Delaney Willer** at their home in Wilmette, Illinois, tomorrow. Also lunching with Oliver and **Katherine Zeller Nicklin**."

"Just returned from San Antonio and the memorial service for my mother, **Joanne Aylward Callahan '42** who passed away at the age of 90 on May 7," writes **Patsy Callahan Berry**. "She died peacefully in her sleep, which was my prayer for her. She was blessed to have suffered little in the past months. She attended Saint Mary's College for a year and then followed my father (who graduated from Notre Dame) to St. Louis, where he attended medical school at Washington University. She graduated from Maryville University in St. Louis."

Hello to everyone from **Ann Pindar**: "Survived our 50th high school reunion (still can't believe that number) this past spring in Summit, New Jersey. We had a great turnout so it was a lot of fun. I am enjoying a lot of rowing in this glorious upstate New York spring and summer weather, including a regatta in Canada as well as local races. My significant other, David, had his 60th birthday last month, so we spent some time in the Finger Lakes and with his kids/grandkids. This month, I'm splurging for a hiking trip to the Scottish Highlands with girlfriends. **Pat Pindar** made her first trip to London last fall with her long-time friend and former law partner, John Neary, and had a great time. Pat's been hobnobbing with Jersey politicians and has co-hosted Tea Party events with the county Tea Party

president. Pat and I have a family reunion in New Jersey over Labor Day and then will wind up with a few days at the Jersey shore. Yeah."

News from **Paulette Crouere Gamard**: "I have just begun my 35th year of teaching at a Catholic elementary school here in New Orleans. During the summer, I spent some quality vacation time with my four children and 10 grandchildren in Florida and Alabama, and also got to catch up on the news with **Terry Failla Reymond** over a cup of coffee."

A mini reunion report from **Nancy Wagner LaValle**: "**Darlene Unger Currier**, **Joan Marskey Slattery**, **Barb Leahy Sutton**, and I got together in Chicago for our annual spring reunion. We based ourselves at the Drake Hotel and hit the streets running to museums and great restaurants, and had especially wonderful gabfests. Darlene splits her time between Wilmington, North Carolina, and Austin, Texas. Joanie and her husband, Bill, see Darlene in Austin every winter when they seek warmer weather than Minnesota provides at that time. When they're home, they are very involved with their beautiful grandchildren. Barb logs numerous plane miles visiting her sister, Mary Lou, in Maine and cycling/hiking in Montana. She usually throws in an exotic trip abroad between family visits. Darlene also came east in early July for an activity-filled week at our home on Long Island."

Judy Piers Locher is presenting a class in Spiritual Companioning with Art, and using her degrees in spirituality and art therapy. This class is offered through her parish in Grants Pass, Oregon, and it will explore one's relationship with God and deepen one's prayer life. Art will be used as a tool to reconcile emotional conflict and promote personal and spiritual growth. Sure wish I lived closer. Judy is so pleased to do this and says, "I did my first spiritual art therapy group today at our church. It was great, and they want to return in two weeks. Doing what I've wanted to do for 20 years."

"It has been real toasty in the South," writes **Bev-erly Senda DeFoe**. We have had a wonderful start to 2011. Spent two weeks in Seattle with Patrick and Tara, and Dean joined us from Vegas: a belated Christmas get-together in February. Spent eight days on a Danube River cruise in April to Budapest and Munich, Germany—so interesting and relaxing. And we've done a 'small' road trip—three weeks visiting relatives in North Carolina, Michigan, Ohio, and Maryland. Retirement is so much fun. Hard to believe our Reunion was over a year ago."

"Since Lee and I returned from Ireland and Scotland the middle of September 2010, the last 11 months have been quite a challenge," writes **E. J. Caluwaert McFadden**. "So far, I have survived a diagnosis of inflammatory breast cancer, two rounds of chemo for seven months, major surgery with some complications, and six weeks of daily radiation. Two radioactive tests showed my body was free from cancer as of the beginning of August. So the Lord granted us two miracles, thanks to the billions of prayers by my incredible array of friends and family. Son Ryan continues to live

in Nashville, Tennessee, and records albums and CDs for a variety of bands and talented musicians, and he is still the drummer for his band. Daughter Amy has completed her master's degree in nonprofit management, and hopes to help underprivileged youth select healthy lifestyles while learning a respect for and involvement with the environment. It is a tough economy and a very challenging job market for all. Lee and I are so grateful to all of my Saint Mary's College classmates who have been so determined to provide me with continuous messages of support that have given me strength that I thought I had lost. You will never know how much all of your support and deeply felt friendships have meant to me and to my family. I will pray for the rest of my life that all of you will be as blessed in any time of need, as you have blessed me with your prayers. I hope to give each of you a hug at our 50th Reunion or before."

This is some very interesting Saint Mary's information from days gone by from **Pat Hoben Daniels**. "My grandmother **Mary Ryburn Hogan Maurus 1898** was born on a canal boat at the Madison Street Bridge in Chicago.... She was named for that boat. My grandmother later married her high school boyfriend after her first husband died before my mother, **Mary Emmons Wilcox Hoben '28**, was born. He was head of the math department at Notre Dame and they lived across the street from the Rocknes. She was invited by Mrs. Rockne to be in the funeral scene of the movie with Pat O'Brien. (You can't pick anyone out in the scene in the church, but she's there.) Somewhere, I have the program from the movie's premiere in South Bend. I have my mother's scrapbook from Saint Mary's College 1928. It's interesting with photos of dances in the Le Mans Reignbeaux Lounge as well as other news clippings, photos, and dance bids. (Mother dated one of the Four Horsemen. His sister was in her class at Saint Mary's)."

More news from Lil from **Sue Bodkin Tompkins**: "Felt the earthquake here in North Carolina. I was at a knitting group and was the only one who thought it was an earthquake, from previous experiences that fortunately were mild. There are friends here who have helped me with knitting and also to learn how to crochet. It's also a wonderful support group in the neighborhood. One of the advantages of retirement." To all of you out east who were affected by the earthquake and then Hurricane Irene, I hope all is well and you are safe and sound."

CLASSCLIPS



Members of the class of 1967 met in Breckenridge, Colorado, for a mini-reunion at the home of Patti Theisen Moyer. Pictured from left to right, Patti Theisen Moyer, Janie Tiernan Meyer, Barbara Neuhoof Schlachter, Mary Kean Coffey, and Maureen Broderick Kuntz.

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From Maureen: Carol McCarthy and Alfred "Al" Kunz, a widower, tied the knot in Vero Beach, Florida, last April. This is Carol's first marriage and she says "worth the whole 65-year wait" to find Al.

Maryann Robley Trittschuh, who only spent her freshman year with our class, writes to say how much she enjoys the "Class News" section. It brings back vivid memories of her time at Saint Mary's College. Most of her working career was in government service in the Washington, D.C., area. After over a decade in Godfrey, Illinois, Maryann recently moved to the Huntsville, Alabama, area for a position with the army. She is truly enjoying the South and its people.

Pat Canary McMahon and husband Tom have lived for 37 years in Reston, Virginia, a Washington, D.C., suburb where they reared a son and a daughter. Pat retired a few years ago as a school guidance counselor and enjoys having her married children living a mile from each other, giving Pat and Tom great times watching the grandchildren grow and flourish. The McMahons have enjoyed winter vacations the past two years with **Mary Mortimer Meany** and John in Bonita Springs, Florida. **Kathleen "Kitty" Plunkett Freidheim** and Lee were able to be there at the same time one year. Pat is looking forward to our 45th Reunion.

Mary Mortimer Meany probably wins the prize for the most consistent contact with classmates. She and John enjoyed a May 2011 Notre Dame-sponsored cruise off the Amalfi coast along with **Sara Flecker Nash** and husband Pat.

After spending much of the year in Florida, the Meany's spend the summer months back in Chicagoland, where as often as possible they see Saint Mary's College and Notre Dame classmates, including **Mary Kean Coffey**, **Karen Haskins Brucks**, **Joan Garvey Hermes**, **Mary Geddes Boehler**, and **Mary Kaye Eiff Coyle**. The Meany's daughter, **Nora Meany '98**, is a special education teacher who recently started working in a Chicago-area Charter School. They love having her close by. Son John and his wife live in the St. Louis area with three beautiful children. Mary runs into **Gloria Ross McGiveran** and **Maryanne Michuda Lim** occasionally in the Naples and Bonita Springs area.

Carol Doehner O'Reilly and Jim live in Lexington, Kentucky, where Carol works in the history department of University of Kentucky after more than 25 years in special education at the Human Development Institute at UK. Son Kevin is a civilian employee of the Air Force at Wright Patterson Air Force Base near Dayton, a short trip away. Daughter Shannon is currently living home with Carol and Jim and needs our prayers. Thanks to prayers and her courageous approach to life, she is dealing with congestive heart failure, and has gone from being told she has two weeks to live, to gaining back her strength and working once again. Carol corresponds regularly with **Eileen Lex Keller**, who with husband Tom retired

from New Jersey to Port Orange, Florida, to live near their son, daughter, and grandchildren. Much closer to home, Carol is coming to Reunion in June and plans to pick up **Rosemary Zimmerer Richard** as she passes through Kokomo, Indiana, on the way to South Bend. Rosie has finally retired full-time to enjoy five grandchildren who live nearby. She and her whole family are dedicated community volunteers.

Maureen urges all of us to get on the telephone or on the email account and rally our classmates to come to our 45th Reunion. As "senior alums" we will be housed in one of the two on-campus hotels. No more dorm life—we've earned that, don't you agree? Call me if you need phone numbers or addresses: (757) 345-2785.

From Gloria: Kathleen "Kitty" Plunkett Freidheim's two children moved back to Chicago (daughter from Boston and son from San Francisco) to join the family business. Kitty has retired from her job as head of Chicago Airport Planning and does a lot of volunteer work on the board of Rehabilitation, and YMCA.

On a sad note, **Katie Meskill's** husband, Woz, passed away earlier this year after a difficult bout with cancer. Katie still lives in Washington, D.C., which makes it easier for her to drive up to Maine, where her mother lives. Katie loves to visit there and this year, both **Ann Chisko** and **Karen Keres** (who just sold her home in Island Lake) came for a visit.

Jane Tiernan Meyer's family owns Caberfae in Northern Michigan, where Jane has lived for over 40 years. It really is a small world. Jane's sister-in-law lives down the street from us in Florida. She and classmates **Maureen Broderick Kuntz**, **Patty Theisen Moye**, **Mary Kean Coffey**, and **Barb Neuhoft Schlachter** met in Breckenridge, Colorado, for a mini-reunion at Patty's condo and had a fabulous time. Patty had college photos of everyone circa 1967 for all to admire.

Karen Haskins Brucks is teaching special education in Arlington Heights, Illinois. One daughter lives in Chicago and the other just married and is living in England. Last year she and **Mary Kean Coffey** celebrated their 65th birthdays together and took a trip to Europe. Karen also enjoys bridge and golf.

Ann Chisko retired from teaching at the University of Cincinnati in 2004. Her daughter, who lives near Ann, has a two-year-old little girl who is the apple of Ann's eye, and her son, who lives in Boston, was recently married in Key West. What a great place to have a wedding, Ann says.

Carole Stanis Kwiatkowski still lives in the Chicagoland area, not far from where she grew up. At the ripe old age of 35 she returned to school to earn her law degree at DePaul. Carole laughingly says "I was the third oldest in my class." Way to go Carole. After recovering from a horrible automobile accident that left her in a wheelchair for months, she returned to work as an attorney—Illinois State Unemployment issues—in downtown Chicago that ultimately morphed into 17 years. Like everyone else I've talked to, Carole loves retirement.

And last, I received an email with sad news from **Deirdre "Dee" Sullivan's** daughter, **Amy Sacker-son Betley '01**. Dee passed away the end of August from complications due to diabetes. Amy said her mom often talked about Saint Mary's College and the wonderful memories and friends she made there. Our condolences go out to Dee's family. She will be missed and recognized along with other deceased alumnae in our class at Reunion.

'69

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Woo-hoo—this column is starting off on a very happy, healthy note, albeit with some prodding. I had seen on Facebook that **Kathy O'Donnell Effler** completed a sprint triathlon and so I bugged her for her news. She sent the following update to share. "It has been good spending time in South Bend lately. My husband, Steve Effler ND'68, and I are there often since our daughter, Erika Summers Effler ND'95, is in the sociology department at Notre Dame. Erika and her husband, Aaron Summers ND'96, live there with our grandson, Alexander. I visited with **Anne Stiens Duff** and **Joan Bartczak Cannon** in South Bend. Anne and I also spent a week in West Palm Beach together with our husbands in June. Joan and I also connected in Cape Cod. I hear from **Joyce Kenny Young** and **Janet Krueger**. My sister, **Carolynne O'Donnell '65**, Janet, and I had lunch together in Grand Rapids. It is always good to spend time with Saint Mary's College friends. This summer I participated in a sprint triathlon. The race was a half-mile Cazenovia Lake swim; the bike race was a 14.3-mile hill course, and the run was a 5K. Never having done anything like it before, there was plenty of time spent training. (I'm retired.) I finished and took second place in my age group. Okay, so there were only two of us. The race was lots of fun." Big kudos to Kathy for such a fabulous achievement! I've heard these events can be addicting. When is the next race?

In our last column, I mentioned that I had heard from **Cathy Coates** who lives in Alexandria, Virginia. When my husband, Roy, and I were back there last March, Cathy and I arranged to meet for breakfast one Saturday morning along with her daughter, Diana. It was wonderful spending time with both of them. When she wasn't chatting with us, Diana kept busy taking photographs of birds near the coffee-house where we met in Old Town. Then the three of us browsed a children's bookstore for a bit. Diana is in sixth grade this year, growing up quickly and excited to start another academic year, Cathy wrote.

From Japan, **Kathleen "Kathy" M. Schmitz** emails her news: "I've been living in Tokyo since 1991 and teaching at the Japan campus of Temple University. In fact, I was teaching on March 11, 2011, when the earthquake happened. There was not much serious damage from the earthquake in Tokyo because buildings are built to withstand strong quakes, but we certainly felt it strongly. It lasted so long. There were almost continuous aftershocks for at least a month afterwards. After the earthquake, all the trains in Tokyo stopped and the largest metropolitan area in the world went into gridlock. The streets were full of people (including me) trying to get home. Of course this was nothing compared to the loss of life and devastation from the tsunami along the northeast coast. I was in the United States three times in the past year: the Christmas/New Year break, in March for 10 days because of concern about the unstable situation at the Fukushima nuclear plants, and again this August during the summer break. During these visits, I was in touch with many Saint Mary's friends including **Mary Ann Sheeran Flynn**, **Kate Pastore Miller '70**, **Kathy Sweeney-Hammond**, **Laura Frank Chudd**, **Barbara Marley**, **Maureen Mattingly McNamara**,

Ann Collentine Kessenich, Patti Hanna McCauley, Mary Ann Hickey Walsh, and Kareen Reese Klier. In addition, in the spring I was reconnected with Saint Mary's CILA friends, **Mary Kay Hunkler Gleason and Ruth Ellen Dennis '70.** The Saint Mary's community continues to be so important to me. I've regretted not being able to attend reunions, but they haven't coincided with my university breaks. I'm planning to make the next one."

Another update came from a busy **Lynn "Lee" Paterson Bodkin**, who writes from the road while visiting grandchildren. "After graduation, David and I were married in December 1969. He went off to do his Vietnam service, and I went to work for United Airlines. Then David returned to Notre Dame for his MBA. We (including Jennifer and Sean) spent the next 35 years at GM/Delphi moving to several states as well as Switzerland, Japan, and Hong Kong. Sean spent half of his school life overseas. It was a great life, and we made lifelong friends, not to mention the wonderful travel opportunities. Upon our return to the United States, I went back for an accounting degree and worked for the next 10 years as an assistant comptroller at Real Estate One. We finally got to live at one address for more than five years: 17 years in Michigan. We both retired in 2009 and spend a good deal of time between Richmond, Virginia, and Houston, Texas, seeing Tyler (five), Dylan (three), Jack (two), and Matt (five months). I have been told if I want a granddaughter at this stage I will have to rent or borrow one. We managed to get to more than a few games in the early years and while Sean was at Notre Dame, but not much lately. Hopefully, now that we have more time, we'll do that. All in all, it's been a wonderful life full of great times and friends with a few adventures along the way. And, with God's grace, to be continued."

Patricia Moran Fagan has had a terrific career in theatre. She is a drama specialist for the Trumbull County Educational Service Center. Pat writes: "My late husband and I were recently honored as 'Legends of the Theatre' by the area community of theatres. I was on stage accepting our awards and suddenly, I was surrounded by a horde of young people whom we taught and directed. Some came from out of town, and some sent emails. I told them that if I had taught them half of what they'd taught me, then I'd done my job. I retired from my job as youth theatre director at the Youngstown Playhouse in December, and have been happily 'refocused' on directing, teaching and writing. The day I retired, I received a personal call from our new governor congratulating me and offering an invitation to a private dinner at the governor's mansion with him and his family."

From Williamsburg, Virginia, **Betty Sejda Bongiovanni** emails the following news. "We escaped the Virginia heat a few weeks ago by taking our kids and families to the Marriott Resort Canyon timeshare villas in Phoenix. Once you get floating in that lazy river you forget the heat. The best was having all five grandchildren together. Our son in Los Angeles has two children, ages 12 and eight. Our daughter in Kansas City has three children, ages seven, six, and our newest, Austin Robert, born in January. He is the perfect baby. I loved being the gracious grandma who offered to take him back to the villa for a nap. The only one I had to fight for that honor was grandpa. We are making our annual trek to a Notre Dame game in October. We will have Rob's parents and family with us."

Mary Alice Herod Lajoie and her husband, Dick, celebrated their 40th anniversary in August

by going to San Diego with their children. They had a terrific time seeing the sights and of course, they loved that weather. Mary Alice also writes that **Marian Morris Furey** and husband Denny ND'69 have likewise been traveling: to Portland in May to see daughter Ann get her master's degree, to the New Jersey shore to catch up with some of Denny's brothers, and soon, to California for the birth of daughter Tara's second child. Marian emailed me to add that she had recently seen **Fran Roat Stinnett** who lives in Kentucky, just across the river from Marian and Mary Alice who are in Cincinnati, Ohio. Fran had just had a 90th birthday party for her dad.

And in closing, here are two coming attractions: I've been emailing recently with **Joan McGowan Coggin** who lives in Charlotte, North Carolina. She promises to submit an update of life after Saint Mary's for a future column. My husband, Roy, and I are planning a trip to Paris, and we might be able to meet with **Barb Dowd Arkedis** and her husband, George Arkedis ND'69, who are settled back in Atlanta, but travel to France. We will have to see if our schedules there will coincide. Stay tuned. Please send me your news before our next deadline of March 1, 2012. Take good care, classmates, and God bless.

'71

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Wow—Reunion 2011 exceeded most of our expectations. It was fun, informative, rejuvenating, and spiritual. I think it can be said that we found new ground on which to connect. Despite the altitude and heat (we were housed on the fourth floor of Le Mans Hall), our gathering together for a few days seemed to enrich our lives in many ways. (Preview of Reunion 2016: we will be housed in one of the beautiful hotels on campus.)

First, let's acknowledge and remember our deceased classmates: **Susan Banker Cross, Julie Bevington Kurtz, Patricia Anne Boyle, Mary Ellen Cushwa Wolsonovich, Juliana Dwyer Davidson, Rose M. Flanigan, Susan Guidry Harper, Frances M. Hoehn, Susan Kelly, Lisa Raymond, Kathleen Shelton, Mary Stevens Haag, and Christine Wedryk.**

Secondly, if my tally is accurate, 53 classmates attended Reunion 2011: **Sara Ballard Call, Christine**

Balousek Dixon, Marilyn Becker Porcino, Sarah Belanger Earley, Jane Boemer Foster, Christine Boss Haight, Mary Ellen Burke, Roberta Butz Zabel, Gail Mary Conley, Mary Beth Crimmins Huba, Carol Cusick Riley, Paula M. Dawning, Karen Domaleski Gardner, Mary Fletcher La-teulere, Celia Foy Castillo, Catherine Gallagher, Ann Galloway-Egge, Joan Gifford LeSage, Patricia Gill Webber, Kathleen Gillick, Mary Patt Glass, Karen Grabowski Dowd, Nancy Hagen Yourell, Ann Heiny Long, Carol Henninger Cousineau, Christine Herrick Baasten, Susan Herbert Timmons, Carol Hladnik Buss, Shirley Johnson Morand, Louise Krugh Horvath, Deborah Lahey, Kathleen Larkin Hickey, Mary Leahy Farnan, Michele Magazzu Pflum, Michele Malloy, Virginia Maloof Cascarilla, Katherine Mamaux Rost, Rochelle Marsh, Cathy Martin Baiardi, Mary McDonough Landgraf, Patricia Moran Allen, Margaret Moran Zwislser, Virginia Murnane Meagher, Peggy O'Brien, Mary Beth O'Keefe Buescher, Nancy Pearson Silva, Amy Phimister, Kathleen Rodriguez Maloney, Maureen Schimizzi, Diane Suttmillier Barkmeier, Bernadette Volpe Mitsch, Joyce M. Waryha, and Catherine Whalen.

As **Carol Cusick Riley's** recent letter indicates, our class contributed over \$80,000 to our Reunion Gift for the Reunion Scholars Program. Thank you, Carol, for spearheading this campaign and "hats off" to your dedicated committee, which included: **Celia Foy Castillo, Karen Grabowski Dowd, Susan Fetick Hoffman, Joan Gifford LeSage, Michele Malloy, Katherine Mamaux Rost, Maureen Schimizzi, Pat Gill Webber.**

On the first day of Reunion, the "kick-off" event was a special program for our class led by classmates **Pat Gill Webber** and **Cathy Martin Baiardi**. Clearly, they did much preparation for the session titled "Who We Were Then, Who We Are Now, and Who We Are Becoming." They skillfully presented their topics with all of us breaking into small groups, and then, changing groups frequently. By the end, not only had we covered our time at Saint Mary's to present day, we had started connecting in ways that broke down barriers. It "jump-started" our reunion. Thank you, Pat and Cathy.

Thirty-three classmates have submitted their "news" to share. I'm going to shuffle the papers and randomly select one to start. **Robin Byrnes Huntington** and her husband Robert live in River Forest, Illinois. Robin received her master's degree in history from Indiana University. She is the dean of the middle school at The Willows Academy, where she has been employed since the fall of 1975. Their three children are/were at Notre

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Dame. She commented that all three of her children share their parents' love for history.

Susan Rossman Hall writes that she received her master of divinity degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1980, and she is now a licensed Christian counselor. She and her husband David have lived in Havre de Grace, Maryland, for 21 years, where he is a Baptist minister. **Paula M. Dawning** is retired in Round Rock, Texas, where she is busy volunteering in her church, community, the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, and the Mayfield Ranch, where she serves on its board of directors. Paula received two master's degrees: one in education from Boston University in 1972, and one in marketing from the University of Michigan in 1978. At Reunion, Paula shared her experiences with us about what it was like for to be a minority student at Saint Mary's College when we were there. Thanks for making us aware of some things, Paula.

Christine Herrick Baasten and husband Cornelius Baasten ND'70 live in Canton, Ohio. Their two children graduated from the University of Notre Dame. In 1989, Christine received her master's degree in counseling and human development from Walsh University. She worked as a mental health counselor, retiring in 2010. She writes that she is currently "reclaiming" some domestic skills and spending precious time with her mother **Helen Morris Herrick '41**.

Sara Ballard Call and her husband James operate The Meek House, a bed and breakfast in their home. In addition, they have a 53-acre farm with an acre vineyard of vidal blanc grapes. Having received her master's degree in 1975 from Middle Tennessee State University as a reading specialist, and earning 30 post-master hours in 1997 from the University of Kentucky, Sara has retired from teaching. She and her husband enjoy traveling now that their two daughters are grown.

Gail Mary Conley lives in Fairfax, Virginia, with her husband David Schombert. Gail is a yoga instructor. At Reunion, Gail suggested we have manicures, pedicures, and massages available. I'm with you on that one, Gail. Plus, how about offering a yoga session? Namaste, Gail.

Please continue to submit your information. This is your column. Inspirational notes are welcome. In closing, I'll add a statement from Faith Baldwin. "Time is a dressmaker specializing in alterations." Loved seeing each of you in June. Saint Mary's really knows how to put on a reunion.

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From Mary: I was delighted to hear from **Paula Norine Homer**, who was a music major, and who I remember singing beautifully in those recital classes held in the Little Theater. Since 1992, Paula has been the director of opera for the University of North Texas. Before that, she was on the music faculty at Angelo State University, ran her own professional opera company, OperaWork, Inc., was stage director for Des

Moines Opera, and ran their apprentice artist program for a decade. Whew. For most of that time, she was single, but one day, she went contra dancing, and she met Richard Hoefer, a professor of social work at the University of Texas in Arlington. Paula's father, who sadly passed away about a year ago, was able, while in the hospital, to watch Paula and Richard's wedding via Skype along with all the nurses and doctors.

My note to classmates this time included an enthusiasm for Saint Mary's history. I'd just been to reunion—and loved it, but felt some dismay that a student tour guide possessed a very shaky sense of history of the College (but then, again, I am sure I did too when I was a student), and that I stumbled upon a tribute to Sister Madeleva that was in a dark portion of the basement of the hall named for her.

To that, **Ellen Connolly Arens** replies that her daughter Kathleen Arens '13 is entering her junior year at Saint Mary's, and "I have given her my tour and explained what the campus was like in 1975. She gave me Gail Mandell's biography of Sister Madeleva last Christmas. It was a great read and I recommend it." Kathleen plays in the Notre Dame band, so Ellen and her husband Gerry attend as many Notre Dame football games as they can. "Being at Saint Mary's College always feels like going home. We are very fortunate to have had such a wonderful college experience," Ellen says.

Marianne Rinella Fotopoulos reports that son David ND'06 lives in Singapore. She is looking forward to attending the Olympics in the UK and, of course, regular attendance at Irish football games, which is when she's able to drive through the Saint Mary's campus. Marianne calls our attention to an obituary in the *Chicago Tribune* for a 94-year-old Saint Mary's graduate. "Can you imagine what her life was like at Saint Mary's? How many buildings were on campus? Two or three? Saint Mary's history is important and we should not forget what made us strong," Marianne says.

At her first party at Notre Dame on her first weekend at college, **Cathy Hammel Frischkorn** met Jack Frischkorn, and they married in 1974. The next year they moved to Pittsburgh, and they've been there ever since. They have four children, and both daughters graduated from Saint Mary's (**Julie Frischkorn '01** and **Kathryn "Katie" Frischkorn Dove '06**). Cathy was invited this year to be on the College's Board of Trustees, and she enjoys going to the campus four times a year. She is frequently in touch with other alumnae who live in Pittsburgh: **Joann Dubrovich Urbaniak** and **Lauren Esposto Goodman**.

Can you feel the wind in her hair? In June, **Kathy Brown Ryan** and her husband Tom took to a convertible and drove the Pacific Coast Highway from Los Angeles to Portland, Oregon. She writes, "The coast is so much more dramatic than I realized, and the redwoods are not to be believed. It was a great trip."

As for me, I was happy to finally make it to Reunion this June, missing our class year by one, but seeing so many friends from '76, and loving my stay at Le Mans Hall (in a room with a bath). The campus looked gorgeous. I was able to spend some quiet time on the island (well, two ducks were fighting), walking over to Notre Dame and retracing the route my parents walked when they got engaged, chatting into the evening with **Kathy Carrigan Collins '76** and **Mary Egan '76** (whose voice I heard calling out in Le Mans just like old times). We all sang in the Sunday choir with the Sisters of the Holy Cross in the stunningly restored Church of Our Lady of Loretto. I enjoyed stimulating conversations, toured

the new Spes Unica Hall, remembered dear Bruno Schlesinger, mourned the swimming pool, and was impressed by **Carol Ann Mooney's '72** presentation about the College's future. I enjoyed seeing **Lauren Peeler Brice** and **Gloria Ybarra** from our class. Both looked wonderful. So much is the same, and what is new belongs there. I was thrilled by the developments in the science department—but the liberal arts must always be by its side. I was all set to buy books and enroll.

I have indeed read and also recommend Gail Mandell's wonderful book, *Madeleva*, available on Amazon right now. It is research for a work I'm writing. I also picked up several histories of the College in the campus bookstore. I'm busy preparing a reading of one of my plays and finishing another book, but the hardest—and I must say—most transformative goal I have right now is preparing the September 11 service for my church.

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From Deb: Ladies, I don't have a lot to share, but am very happy to pass along what I've been fortunate enough to receive from others for the column you're now eagerly reading. Our amazing class co-reporter **Beth Campanale Daugherty** (a.k.a. "News Hound Extraordinaire") is taking a much-needed break from gathering the scoops this time around. She deserves it, having carried this column since she kindly offered to help several years ago. I'm not sure when she began, but the column content has beefed up considerably since then, thanks to Beth and all who answered her pleas for news. So thank you—and remember, you supply the news.

Maura Nugent Bardsley and I are thrilled to be co-chairing the Class of '77 Reunion 2012 Committee. We have a terrific committee, so be ready to hear from one of the following classmates as we touch base with you about this exciting event—our 35th Reunion—whoo—how did that happen? Here's who you may hear from as we reach out to invite you to join us May 31 through June 3, 2012. We'll be interested in hearing what you'd like the Reunion weekend to include, and we'll let you know about our goals for increasing our class gift and attendance compared to past years. Committee members include **Mary Lanois Kastelic**, **Lucy Hammer Geerer**, **Patsy Jones Mullin**, **Nannette Borkowski Cooley**, **Beth Lichtenfels Veihmeyer**, **Mary Jane Anderson Woodward**, **Tara Ann Carey**, **Michele Jaworski Moore**, **JoAnn McDermott Reed**, **Sue Greco Chambers**, and **Kathy Stapleton Larsen**. Never been to Reunion—or haven't gotten there in years? It's worth any amount of time you can spend. Neither Maura nor I had attended Reunion before our 30th, but we're really excited about going back for our 35th. Attending Reunion gives us a chance to catch up with friends and reminisce about "the good old days." It's also a terrific opportunity to meet some

wonderful women you may not have had the opportunity to know while at Saint Mary's. Let's do this.

Thanks to **Nan Borkowski Cooley** for sharing the following news. Nan writes: "**Lucy Hammer Geerer, Janet Magnotta O'Connell, Kathy Stapleton Larsen**, and I have been getting together every summer for the last 20 years at a variety of wonderful locations. We always have a fantastic time catching up, laughing a lot, talking about our lives and families, supporting each other, and of course, taking lots of pictures. It is a profound blessing to have such lifelong friends. We are in disbelief that we are coming upon our 35th Saint Mary's Reunion, and we look forward to seeing everyone there."

I also bugged **Mary Lanois Kastelic** (some of us remember her as "Harve" or "Harvey") into sending us another of her stories, having enjoyed her Facebook posts many times, as well as items she's shared in our column. She writes, "Thursday, August 18, **Mary Lanois Kastelic** returned to campus again. Yes, it did seem like yesterday, since daughter **Anna Kastelic '11** graduated from the nursing program at Saint Mary's. Now daughter Sarah Kastelic '15 has entered as a first year student. We attended the Legacy Reception, which honors all new students whose mothers are alumnae of the College, and we spent a few relaxing moments there on Friday, August 19, after a flurry of moving, setting up, buying books, and all the accompanying confusion. (Thank God for Anna.) We had some friendly conversation and refreshments and decided we needed to move on with our day and turned to leave. My eyes were not deceiving me because I had just attended a Rome Program Reunion last summer—and there she was—**Mary Anne Brown Schuster**, or "Bruni" as we knew her—in ROMA. Yes, Bruni's daughter McKenna Schuster is also a member of the class of 2015. We were able to catch up for a very short time (they keep us running on Move-In weekend), but the shock was priceless. It was wonderful to be able to meet Bruni's handsome husband Ken, and McKenna's beautiful sister Casey as well (I love those freckles)." Thanks for your great story, Mary. Sounds like a busy, but fun weekend.

Kudos to **Anna Kastelic '11** for passing her nursing boards this summer!

Speaking of get-togethers, my husband Jay ND'77 and I heard from Greg Melnyk ND'76 out of the blue. Greg and **Chris Frank-Melnyk** live in Oak Park, Illinois, and were in Columbus, Indiana, over Labor Day 2011. We decided to meet in the middle (we live just north of Indianapolis) and see each other for the first time since sometime in the '80s. We had such a great time catching up. It felt like we were talking to friends we see all the time, but there was so much we didn't know about those intervening years (except via Christmas notes), and a conversation that started at about 11:15 a.m. and was still going strong when we had to part at 4 p.m. that afternoon. I'm glad to know that Chris is planning to see all of us at Reunion '12. I'm going to end the column with some sad but important news. Our classmate (and Class of '77 column writer) **Beth Campanale Daugherty** has had a tough 2011. She lost a very close friend in January, another good friend in July, and Mark, her husband of 35 years, this past June. Mark died of a rare blood disorder for which there is no known cure. He did fairly well for several years on a drug regimen, then stopped responding to it. Beth says that Mark's condition causes the body to build up antibodies against its own blood. It was very painful for him, but he never

complained. Beth's sons are 24 and 26, and she says they have been a godsend. She is grateful for family and friends who have shown support in many ways. Beth had enjoyed a Saint Mary's/Notre Dame Roma reunion in Chicago in June 2010, and though she didn't tell her friends about Mark's illness, when they found out about his passing this June, they offered support through cards, Facebook, emails, and conversations. There was a reason Beth went to that reunion and rekindled friendships. You just never know where God is leading you and what's in store. You will see contact information for Beth at the beginning of our column. I hope you'll drop a note to her. She's an amazing woman. By the way, Beth is looking forward to Reunion '12 next June. We both hope to see you there, as we reconnect and take time to meet some of those we weren't lucky enough to know when we were at Saint Mary's. God bless. Hey, please send us your news.

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It was so great to see so many classmates at Reunion 2011—in fact, it was truly awesome. I especially enjoyed visiting with **Mary Beth Kasper Rapice**, who looks even better now than in 1981.

Jennifer Disabato Clapper writes: "I attended the wedding of the oldest son of **Nancy Cronin Perkins**, in St. Paul, Minnesota, in November 2010, and was happy to join **Marilyn Broderick Green** and **Susan Laney Munie** there. I'm currently enrolled in a doctorate program in nursing with planned graduation in 2012."

From **Patrice Tuohy**, who writes: "In November 2011 I will celebrate the 10th anniversary of the founding of my company, TrueQuest Communications, dedicated to producing high quality preaching and parish resources, including the award-winning *Prepare the Word* homily service and *Vision Vocation Guide*. Our vocationnetwork.org website was recently named a top-10 vocation website by the U.S. Catholic Bishops Conference."

Kathleen Moran Outcalt writes: "Our daughter Katelyn was married in June. She is a second grade teacher at Olentangy school district in Columbus, Ohio.

From **Marguerite Quinn Zappa**, who says: "At the end of February 2011, in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Illinois Dental Society, the following got together in the city of Chicago for dinner and dancing: Conrad and **Kelly Chambers Mazeski**, Mike and **Mary Beckman Gordon**, Jon and **Patty Meagher Clare**, and Dave and **Michelle Diener Filicicchia**, and **Annie Marmé Diaz**. Annie's son Mauricio is working as an architect in a firm in downtown Chicago. Mauricio graduated from UVA with a degree in architecture in May 2010. Their daughter Alexa is a sophomore at UVA. Over spring break, the Zappas visited Costa Rica. Annie and Pedro were wonderful hosts, taking us to watch Pedro play polo, to see the inaugural soccer game of Costa Rica versus China in the newly funded (by China) stadium, a tour of San Jose and its suburbs, and to the west coast of the country for a swim in the Pacific Ocean."

Tricia Burke reports that she and her husband George Van Arsdale have a granddaughter, Sloan, age

five. Tricia is active in Louisville with the YMCA, the National Association of Women Business Owners, Louisville Metro Parks Foundation, Church of the Epiphany, and the local Chamber of Commerce. They love to spend time with friends and family on their front porch.

From **Mary Stoll Oelerich**, who writes: "Our daughter Molly graduated from Notre Dame in May, and will be working for the Chicago Blackhawks in community relations. Margo just finished her sophomore year at Butler University. Madeline is finishing her junior year, and Megan, her freshman year at Woodlands Academy in Lake Forest, Illinois. Mamie is finishing sixth grade at Sacred Heart in Chicago. Frank has been with Deutsche Bank for almost three years in mergers and acquisitions. I am very busy keeping everyone in line as well as with fundraising for the girls' schools, and for Bears Care, raising money for Breast and Ovarian Cancer research in honor of my Mom, Nancy, and my sister, **Nini Stoll Lyman '82**.

Kathleen Tighe Miller writes: "Our oldest son Tim graduated in May from Boston College. Our daughter Bridget is also at Boston College, in her sophomore year."

From **Maureen O'Brien Kohler**, who writes: "Great time at Reunion 2011. We missed those classmates that couldn't make it, and you are encouraged to plan to attend Reunion 2016. The class of 1981 was well represented with over 64 attendees and a few day trippers from nearby Chicago, Indianapolis, and Michigan. Congratulations and thank you for your generous Reunion gifts. Our class was able to sponsor 15 Reunion Scholars, so you should be proud. If your travels on the Indiana Toll Road ever take you past South Bend, please take time to stop and visit Saint Mary's College. Once you are on campus, you will remember what a special place Saint Mary's College holds in your hearts."

'83

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Thank you to so many classmates who sent in news for this issue. I'm trying something new, so you should have received an email from me last summer asking you to send in any news. And you should also have received an email from me last fall, with an expanded version of this issue's news. If you didn't get those emails, it's because I don't have your current email address. So send it to me and I'll put you on my list.

Ann Kiefer Casey moved from Philadelphia to San Diego last August. She is in her fourth year as a member on the Madeleva Society Steering Committee. She and her husband Don Casey ND'82 have three girls; two have graduated from Notre Dame, and their youngest is a freshman swimmer this year there. **Paris Wilson de Ivanishevich** is still in Rio de Janeiro. Her oldest daughter Paris Maria ND'07 was married last year to Cesar Alvarez ND'07, and the couple is living in Quito, Ecuador.

"I am now back to being **Jacquie Jablonski**—not married anymore. My two boys are now in college. Chase is a sophomore at the University of Utah. Luke is starting his freshman year at Bowling Green State. He's excited to become a Midwesterner after all of his years in Idaho. I'm now in my 23rd year teaching. I've been traveling a whole bunch, including spending my 50th birthday skiing in the Dolomites of Italy. Life is good."

Cathy Murray Lattimer writes that she and her husband, Rick Lattimer ND'81 still live in Fishers, Indiana. Cathy has worked for Sigma Delta Tau Sorority as director of finance for 16 years. Their oldest son Chris just started his freshman year at Notre Dame. Their daughter Erin is a junior in high school, and son Tim is a sophomore in high school.

After 26 years of residing in southern California, **Jodi Bertino McDonough** moved to Greensboro, North Carolina, in the fall of 2010, when her husband Tom started a new job. Four of their six children still live at home. Their eldest, Tommy, is a senior at Northwestern University. Their daughter Annie is a sophomore at Notre Dame. She lives in Welsh Family Hall and loves it.

Elizabeth (Lisa) Napier Murphy has been with IBM for over 20 years. She and her husband Steve celebrated 14 years of marriage in September. They are enjoying life in Alexandria, Virginia, with their children, Declan, nine, and Kyra, seven.

Martha Bull Oprea has been raising her son Michael Wargo, Jr., age 18, in the South Bend area. "His dad and I divorced when he was one-year old, so I was a single parent for many years before marrying Damon Oprea four years ago. There truly is a second chance for love and happiness if you trust in God," she says. Martha is currently working at a local bank as a compliance officer in the trust and investment area. She saw **Kim Asuncion Scouler** in Atlanta last spring, where she now has her own law firm. "As always, it was great to get the chance to catch up with one of my Saint Mary's sisters," she says.

Cathy Morris Priest encourages "all of us from the Rome Program to write an update. *Buon giorno* to all of you. Now that I have two children out of college (one in a PhD program) and one enjoying high school, I have the time to follow my passion that started at Saint Mary's. I am working full time as an artist in the Chicago area. In this economy, I have to count my blessings that work continues to flow my way. To see what the instructors at Saint Mary's started, you can find me at cathyupriest.com. I can't wait to hear from all of you. *Ciao*."

Maria Groff Reynolds still teaches at The Regis School in Houston. Maria's husband Fisher Reynolds, III, ND'82, continues to work with NASA. Presently, he is working full time with the International Space Station. Their oldest, Fisher IV, is a junior at Marquette University. This year he is studying and working as an intern in Washington, D.C. Their second son, Stephen, is a freshman at Auburn. Their daughter Carmen is a senior at Duchesne Academy of the Sacred Heart. Their youngest, Virginia, is a sophomore in high school.

Carol Knych Stephens is teaching first grade in Indianapolis at St. Lawrence. Carol attended the Indianapolis Saint Mary's freshman send off last fall. She has two nieces at Saint Mary's this year: Katie Dapper '12 and Katie's sister Sarah Dapper '15.

Peggy Pieschel Van Hoomissen and husband Matt Van Hoomissen ND'82 live in the city of Prior Lake, Minnesota, on Prior Lake. They have three daughters in their 20s. Their oldest, Meghan, is married and an accountant for Best Buy's corporate office. Bryn just finished up her first year of medical school. Arie just finished up her first year of culinary school. Peggy and Matt sold their brick manufacturing company, corresponding distribution yards, and stone-cutting company in February 2008. They currently own a SNAP Fitness health club and are independent distributors for AdvoCare, a nutrition/supplement company.

Lou Weber writes: "**Tess Weber Steffen** works for *Today's Catholic* in the Fort Wayne-South Bend Catholic Diocese. Tess has two sons: Nick, a sopho-

more in high school at Bishop Luers, and Alex is in eighth grade. Tess keeps busy as co-chair of the parish fall festival along with her husband Mitch, and by serving on the school board.

Louise (Lou) Weber is a professor of biology and environmental studies at Warren Wilson College near Asheville, North Carolina. She summers at the lake in Indiana and entertains Tess's family on weekends.

Sharee Proud Wolff writes that last fall she and her husband Brett moved her stepdaughter, Karlie into Holy Cross Hall for Karlie's first year at Saint Mary's. She writes: "It was awesome to get back on campus and see all of the changes that have occurred. It was also very exciting to see Karlie start this new phase in her life. So far she is doing great and loves Saint Mary's. I am so happy to be able to share this experience with her."

Finally from me, **Sue Poss Harrison**, news from the Harrison house is all about college. Our oldest, Peter, graduated in 2011 from American University. John is a senior at Tufts, and our youngest, Mary, is a freshman at Stanford. The college years may be an expensive time to be a parent, but I also think it's a great time to be a parent. Brad and I absolutely love getting to be a part of this special time in our kids' lives.

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Greetings classmates. I have a few updates this time around. Thanks to **Teresa McGinnis Wharton** and **Katy Boldt Cushing** for setting up a softball reunion. Though not all the invitees could make it, it was great to see the email traffic from the likes of **Barbarann Theiss Peszka**, **Trish Nolan Anderson**, and others outside of '85 who spent their springtime at Saint Mary's College in the cold, rain, and snow, and sometimes, sun, before we all took off for the summer.

Trish is doing well in Atlanta, and has four kids, one of whom is going to Saint Mary's. Some of her kids have followed in her footsteps on the softball field, and two others are playing lacrosse.

I also heard from **Celeste Alleve Milne** in Flint, Michigan. Her son James graduated from the University of Michigan and headed to the east coast upon graduation. Look for him in Brooklyn. Her son Luke is at Michigan State University and her youngest son is in high school.

I've also caught up with **Maryellen May-Darnall** on a number of occasions. We're both certified coaches, so we have a lot to share with each other. She's definitely creating the life she wants for herself—taking a lot of bold steps and following her passion. She reports that **Debbie Hickey** had been trying to "bathe down the hatches" in light of hurricane Irene.

I followed up with **Wendy Rice Bank**, who swam the English Channel in 10 hours and 48 minutes. She said the water was 50 degrees, and the swim included seasickness, jellyfish stings, and hypothermia. Not sure you can count that as vacation, but she and the other swimmers powered on to raise over \$12,000 for Special Olympics and the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society—quite an accomplishment. This past summer, Wendy noted they stayed closer to home, swimming across Lake Tahoe without wetsuits, and only 12 miles instead of 34 (And I thought doing the 5K Warrior Dash was a big deal).

How about the rest of you? Have you done anything

lately to move out of your comfort zone? Do you have any interesting travels planned or taken? Or just clue us in to how your life at home is going. It will be a few more years before we're all back together as a class, so please share the latest when you get the chance. Take care.

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From Elisa: Reunion time is coming soon. I hope that as many of you that are able make the trip back to Saint Mary's. This is a big milestone for us!

Jolene Runger Hopper writes: "I'm still working in corporate tax at AbitibiBowater, a paper manufacturer based in Greenville, South Carolina. We love Greenville. My daughter, a junior, plays college softball at Presbyterian College in South Carolina. My son, a high school sophomore, plays lacrosse. I continue to teach group fitness for the "Y," plus try to find time to participate in triathlons. I completed my eighth marathon this year."

Mary Ann Samczyk Scott says: "It will be good to catch up with the class of 1987 again. I am currently working as a writing specialist at Albany State University while I continue to write YA fiction and chase after my two kids, Conner (14), and Maisie (10), who are growing way too fast. My husband Kevin is the director of English education at ASU."

Mary Beth Murray Houston writes: "I've been married to Phillip Houston since 1993. We have three daughters: Meaghan (17) is a senior who is committed to Furman University on a softball and academic scholarship; Colleen (16) is a junior and a cheerleader; and Moira Bridget (10), is a fourth grader who plays tennis. We live in Ft. Worth, Texas, and are practically on the campus of Texas Christian University. Since we can't always get to South Bend, we enjoy the energy of TCU and have a great time at football and baseball games. I saw **Chris Fortin Morrow**, my senior year roomie, last summer when we were touring colleges. I loved being back on campus. The best place in the world for me is the Holy Spirit Chapel on the third floor of Le Mans. I hope our classmates are doing well."

Sandy Zabel Fleishman says that being the mother of two high school girls keeps her busy, but she has managed to continue working in a pediatric PACU two days a week and finally enroll in a master's program. Her husband Craig has been very supportive. They feel very blessed with their

lives and their family.

Kathy Fugate Yonker, like so many of us, cannot believe that it will be 25 years since we graduated. She lives in Webster Groves, Missouri, with John, her husband of almost eight years. She is doing well working for Sodexo, a global food and facilities company. She enjoys catching up with **Kathy Knych Dapper** who has two girls at Saint Mary's this fall: Katie Dapper '12 and Sarah Dapper '15. She enjoys their fun visits over the Indy half-marathon weekends. Kathy also keeps in touch with **Mary Kay Scheid '88**. They meet up when Mary Kay is in Chicago visiting her parents.

Patti Herr Melei writes: "I serve as writing center director at Lemont High School, in a Chicago suburb. Who thought 'getting my W' would take me to this spot. My husband Anthony is an IT director, and my daughter Kathleen is a sophomore at Providence Catholic High School. My son Michael, age nine, attends St. Mary's Mokena. I live in Lockport, Illinois, and miss my Saint Mary's College friends. Life gets entirely too busy, but they are never far from my mind and heart. I can't seem to adjust to Facebook since I do so much email and tech with my job. The last thing I want to do is log onto another site."

Jeanne Carroll Flanagan says she and her family are busy living day to day. Her husband Tim is still at Notre Dame as one of the University's attorneys in the general counsel's office, and she still works part time for the ACE program at the university. Her oldest son, Sean, is a sophomore at Notre Dame; Caitlin is a senior at St. Joseph High School, and Tim, her youngest, is in sixth grade at Christ the King Catholic School in South Bend. Other than a few Facebook notes, Jeanne hasn't been in contact with many of the Saint Mary's crew.

Katrina Barnes Johnson writes: "I just finished home schooling (through Calvert Home School) my daughter Emma for three years of middle school. My husband Bill Johnson ND'87, Emma, and I were able to travel to Paris, London, Yellowstone National Park, Ireland, and Italy. Since I was on the Saint Mary's Rome Program about 24 years ago (that's frightening to write down), I was so happy to be able to show my daughter the beauty of Rome, Assisi, and Florence. We even went to Venice for Easter Vigil Mass. Emma will be going to Saint Mary's High School in Annapolis, Maryland, and I hope to follow other pursuits."

Jennifer Rollo Piekarski writes: "My husband Brian bought a house in Weston, Vermont, a few years ago while I was in school in Manhattan. When the baby came along (yes, my first—at age 45), I did one more semester in school while juggling mommy duties. Brian traveled back and forth between my apartment in Jersey City and our home. It was tough. I still have one semester of school left, but will finish up in Vermont. I finally moved up here this past June to join my husband at our home so we can rear our one-year-old daughter together. The distance and difficulties of being apart while I attended school in New York, and having a baby were just too much. Now that we are together, we've settled in and are pretty darn cozy."

Julie Cox Haley has three kids and is living in Ontario, Canada, but works as in-house counsel for Howden North America Inc., in Buffalo, New York. Her daughter, Danahy '15, is a first year student at Saint Mary's, which they all find very exciting.

Bernadette Cortas Golitz shares that she and husband Paul have three daughters who are now 14, 13, and 10 years old. They happily reside in Chicago's Lakeview neighborhood. In addition to substitute teaching and freelance writing, she has created

Journal Writing Clubs for Kids. Through summer camps and after school workshops, she helps kids ages six—15 express themselves using their own creativity. She is looking forward to our next Reunion.

Lori Lohman Camblin writes: "Things are well on our end. I still live in the Chicago area with my husband Kevin ND'88 and our four children: Marlowe (14), Colin (12), Clare (10), and Ryan (seven). I'm closing in on 15 years as a vice president with the Kellogg Co. Kevin runs his own specialty chemicals company. Our daughter will be attending Benet Academy and will be a cheerleader. What a coincidence it is that she has already met **Sheila Doyle Tully's** niece, Meghan. Sheila's son Matt is also going there. Another great coincidence occurred during the Open House at Benet last winter. We entered the chemistry lab and discovered the teacher there is none other than **Dr. Lisa Wittenkeller Riedy**. I just love how there is such a strong Saint Mary's presence everywhere." Lori went on to request a "plug" for our 25th Reunion. It's time to generate some buzz and get lots of alum to show up. Lori also mentioned that there a lot of Saint Mary's women connected via Facebook and that it is a great place to catch up. So check it out.

Mary Keough Martinez still lives in Albuquerque with her husband and two kids: Drew (14), a high school freshman, and Matthew (eight), who she will home school for third grade. She saw **Sandy Zabel Fleishman** this past June in Orlando while visiting her parents nearby. They chilled in the hot tub with some pina colodas.

Margaret Prosser Brown writes that they are still in Louisville. She has a high school senior, a fifth grader, and first grader, all trying to coexist in the same house. Her husband is a professor at the University of Louisville while she is a sixth grade reading and language arts teacher. If all goes well and snow days don't push back the year's end back, she will be at Reunion.

As for me, **Elisa Cullina O'Neill**, I adore my time raising our children, although, I will be out of a job sooner rather than later. I haven't decided what I want to do when I grow up. Melissa (20) is a college junior, John (18) is a freshman at "The U" of MN. James (15) is working on those required hours to get his driver's license, and only 50 more hours to go before my days as a driving instructor are over. My husband John and I will celebrate our 22nd anniversary. Life is good. We are blessed.

Before signing off, I want to add one last pitch for attending our 25th Reunion. I'm sure it will be a blast. Come see your former (notice I didn't say "old") classmates, tour campus, and see your favorite professors. Soon, if you haven't been already, you will be contacted about the Class Gift to be presented at Reunion 2012. The economy is tough and many of us are putting kids through college, but please consider a donation to Saint Mary's College in remembrance and gratitude for the education and friendships gained while at our beloved alma mater.

'89

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From Karen: As I write this it's a hot August day in the Washington, D.C. area. But when you read this it will be 2012. Happy New Year.

2011 found many classmates on the move. **Becky Jasper Seibert**, Scott, Isaac, and Zoë are in a new house, in a new state, and Becky is in a new job, in a new industry. Now back in Minnesota, Becky started at Metropolitan Mechanical Contractors (MMC) in February 2011, where she heads up their supply chain in commercial construction. Two active children are keeping Becky and Scott busy. Isaac, five, is a kindergarten in a Mandarin Immersion Program, and Zoë, three, loves to sing, dance, and play with dolls.

Kellen Brugman is now a California girl. She moved from Nashville to Santa Barbara last July to continue her yoga and ayurvedic pursuits. She loves being near the ocean and mountains and is enjoying the fantastic weather and friendly, welcoming people. If you are interested in keeping up with Kellen, you can find her here at kellenbrugman.wordpress.com.

Exciting news from **Martha Flick Jungenberg**. After the Jungenbergs finish their Foreign Service assignment in Port of Spain, Trinidad, and Tobago in 2012, they will be off to Kathmandu, Nepal, for two years starting in June 2013. There, her husband Todd will be doing a consular/political rotation. In between assignments, the family will spend nine months learning Nepali at the Foreign Service Institute in Washington, D.C., and their girls—Emmalee, Grace, and Sophie—will attend third, fifth, and ninth grades, respectively, in Falls Church, Virginia.

Our 20-Year Reunion proved the start of a new life for **Margo McMahon Fochler**. She reconnected with Matt Pfohl ND'88 at Reunion, who in turn set her up with Steve Fochler. Then, on November 13, 2010, Margo and Steve tied the knot at a blissful beach wedding in

CLASSCLIPS



Classmates from the class of 1991 took a vacation together to Sonoma, California in June. Pictured are Amy McCarthy Carney, Ann Volz, Annemarie Paskus DeSmet, Katy Calsin Keffler, and Stephanie Ley Pfister.

Boca Grande, Florida. In attendance were **Becky Jasper Seibert**, **Kelly Styrna Collins**, **Lisa Berens**, **Linda Arce Cosgrove**, **Mariellen Barry Roeder**, **Tracy Horn Siciliano**, **Frances Burke Phillips**, **Colleen Cary McMahon** (married to Margo's brother Dan ND '86), and **Cammy McMahon Baer '82**.

Julie Wagner Feasel hosted the freshmen sendoff for the Central Ohio Saint Mary's Club with her daughter Meghan '13. Listening to the current and new students talk about Saint Mary's, made Julie want to go back. If anyone has a daughter looking at Saint Mary's, Meghan, an elementary education major, would be happy to host them on an overnight and have them attend classes with her.

After 15 years at home with her children, **Jennifer Rappold Ryan** went back to school a few years ago and became a certified financial planner. She is currently a financial advisor with Morgan Stanley Smith Barney in Atlanta, and would enjoy networking with any local classmates in the financial planning industry.

And just finishing school, **Katherine Senko Yarussi** recently received her Doctor of Education (EdD) in educational leadership—her dissertation was titled "Qualitative Phenomenological Study of Leadership Perspectives of Commercial Airline Captains." Her career goal is to find a job designing airline training programs or auditing programs for airline training. Katherine and her husband Frank Yarussi will soon be splitting their time between their home in Scottsdale, Arizona, and Argentina. They'll be starting a new adventure, learning a new culture and a new language. Keep us posted.

Also back to school are **Barb Moorhead Vedders** and her husband Joel. Both nurses, they are each enrolled in the MSN program through Ferris State University to get master's in nursing degrees with an education focus. Their children, Abby, 13, is in eighth grade, and Jack, 10, is in fifth grade. **Karen Crespy** visited with the Vedders last June and had a wonderful time that included a beautiful afternoon at Lake Michigan. Karen also caught up with **Catherine "Katy" Burns** a couple of times in 2011—in March, when she visited Chicago, and in May, when Katy made her annual trek to the Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival weekend. Katy is enjoying Chicago life and her job at the American Dental Association. Karen's big trip was a July holiday in Rome, where she spent a week with a friend who was born and raised there. It was a spectacular and special trip.

Nora McQuillan Coleman has been keeping in close touch with her Saint Mary's friends. She and **Rosie Mahar Crogan** have enjoyed several visits since Rosie moved to Mason, Ohio, (near Cincinnati) last year with her husband Brian and three children. Nora lives just north of Columbus with her husband Kevin and five children—ranging from two years old to 13 years old. She traveled back to Chicago several times last summer with kids in tow to see **Kate Murray Harper** at her new home in Lincolnshire, Illinois. Kate was a wonderful hostess for cookouts with Nora and her children, **Jill Tomko Caffarelli** and her girls, and **Trish Ruth Erickson** and her family. And as the Colemans traveled back from their family cabin in northern Minnesota, they enjoyed a great lunch with the **Lisa Montpetit Brabbit** and her family near St. Paul.

Mary Claire Carmouche Upton lives outside of Houston, Texas, and has been a legal recruiter for 11 years after litigating for eight years. She has two boys—Tommy, 12, and Jack, eight—who have the Uptons living a life of sports and scouts.

Speaking of sports, cheer on the Belles and the Irish to success on the fields and courts.

A maintenance note: we have lots of broken emails on our class list. If you have changed your email address, please update it on the Belle Network through the Saint Mary's website, or email it to me. Thanks.

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From Jennifer Jermano Miller: Kim Didrikson Jowers lives in Austin, Texas, with her husband, Chad, a son, Rhys, three, and a two-year-old daughter, Sela. Kim would love to hear from any alumnae who are in the Austin area. You can contact her at ckjowers@att.net.

Meghan King Johnson is entering her seventh year in administration for Alderson-Broaddus College in Philippi, West Virginia, where she is also working on a second degree in professional writing. She continues to enjoy living in a historic, small college town in rural Appalachia. It has proven to be a great place to raise her son, Stellan, who starts first grade this fall. She keeps in contact pretty regularly with lots of fellow grads via Facebook. She and her sisters, **Maureen King White '83**, **Kathy King '84**, **Colleen King Kuhn '85**, and **Mary King Ehland '89** attended her sister Kathy's wedding in Pittsburgh this past July. She ran into **Melissa Gemmell Janda '93** at Kennywood Amusement Park in Pittsburgh this past July as well, which was a fun surprise for both of them.

Gretchen Flicker married Douglas Twisselman on March 16, 2011, in New Zealand. Saint Mary's friends that made the trip to the "Down Under" were **Jennifer Danahy Stewart** and **Gina Pampalone Brody '94**. Dawn Sandgren Firmstone, who lives in New Zealand, was also in attendance.

Jennifer Danahy Stewart hosted a baby shower for **Barbara Geelan Wareham '94** in her home in Plano, Texas, in June. Saint Mary's College friends in attendance were **Jennifer Jermano Miller**, **Kerri Sipes Koellner**, **Christine Smiggen Forester**, **Gretchen Flicker**, **Amelia Palk Murphy '94**, and **Gina Pampalone Brody '94**. Barbara had a baby boy, Sean, Douglas in August.

'95

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Hello Class of '95. Thanks to everyone who sent updates; the next Class News deadline is February 25, 2012.

On May 14, 2011, I married James Brian Ralph at Holy Name Church in Columbus, Ohio. It was a gorgeous day and we were blessed to have so many family and friends there to celebrate. My sister, **Krista Morrissey Gipson '00**, was my matron of honor. Krista's three daughters, Cecilia (eight), Alaina (five), and Darcy (three), were flower girls. I was thrilled to have Saint Mary's friends participate in the ceremony. **Lara Mattison Bauman** and **Stephanie Jackson Reitter** each did a reading; **Trisha Genovese Conlon** and **Theresa Causa Major** brought up the gifts. Other Saint Mary's friends in attendance included: **Molly O'Brien Adduci**, **Ann Pilger**, **Lisa Baumann Musielewicz**, and **Jennifer Abbate**. After the wedding, Brian and I spent our honeymoon in Charleston, South Carolina.

Laura Stach Miller and husband Robert welcomed a son, Benjamin August, on October 5, 2010. Congratulations, Laura and Robert.

Kate Sullivan Payne writes that she and her husband Matthew "welcomed a new little Payne this summer. Thomas Edward was born on June 6, 2011. We're still stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas, but have been here three years, so we expect orders soon." Thomas joins Carmen, 10; Rosa, nine; John, seven; Anna, four; and Joseph, two. Kate comments that the children call themselves "the Payne train, so I guess that makes Thomas the new caboose."

Ann Pilger moved to Virginia near the D.C. area in summer 2011. She would love to be in touch with any 1995 grads in the area. Ann can be reached at drama1973@yahoo.com.

Kate Kyle Cameron writes: "A lot has happened in my life since the Reunion last summer. I am no longer married. It has turned into a huge blessing and my life is much more joyful and peaceful. I continue to coach at my church's grade school, Saint Monica's in Indianapolis. I coach cross country and have helped coach the distance kids on the track team. Due to time constraints, I am only going to coach cross country from now on. I was lucky enough to get to go on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in April. I went with a group led by my former priest through Tekton Ministries. It was the most amazing, incredible, life-changing and faith-building trip of my life. I still feel the trip has no words that can do it justice and I cannot wait to get the opportunity to go back. My friend snapped a picture of me carrying a canvas reunion bag from Saint Mary's while we were walking the Way of the Cross on the Via Dolorosa. A little piece of Saint Mary's was there. My new parish priest wanted to start a divorce ministry at our parish and I am on the committee that is helping to get it started. It has been a very rewarding outlet. I continue to volunteer with Northern Lights Sled Dog rescue as I am avid lover of Siberian Huskies and the proud mom of two beautiful sweet little girls.

"This June, I got to meet up with **Audrey Comrie Dormanen**, **Barb Krantz Kappel**, **Jennifer Anderson Nurthen**, and **Katie Caputo Brockway** for a quick overnight girls' trip. Barb and I got in early and were able to catch a little bit of blues festival. It was a lot of fun. We all went out to dinner and talked

and talked and got caught up a little bit on each others' lives and all of the changes. It was really nice to see everyone. Last fall, I went to the Notre Dame home opener with **Colleen Horan Dabler '97**. We had an absolute blast taking in the game-day atmosphere and an exciting win. Over Christmas I was able to visit with **Jenny Horan Noonan '96**. She is living in Houston and is doing well."

I'm thrilled to report that **Lara Mattison Bauman** and husband Brent welcomed twin boys to their family. Jacob Franklin and Mason William arrived on September 15. The Baumans reside in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania, near Harrisburg.

'97

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Bonjour tout le monde. I hope this finds you doing well and enjoying the winter. As I write, it is 74 degrees and sunny in Greensboro with clear blue skies.... a perfect late summer day. Fall will be here soon. It is one of my favorite seasons. Fall was my favorite season at Saint Mary's and it is beautiful here in North Carolina, too.

I want to begin by thanking **Leigh Anne Hutchison Cipriano** for preparing our last *Courier* report. I am extremely grateful for her help. It is nice to know you can always count on a Saint Mary's friend. Speaking of which, can you believe our 15-year Reunion is almost here? I hope to see many of you there. It will be here before we know it.

There are not many updates this time around. I will start with a few of my own: Ignacio and I were blessed to be able to travel to Europe again this past summer. We spent two weeks in France and two in Spain. It was particularly wonderful as we spent a week in Poitiers, the town where I taught in 1998-99. I enjoyed rediscovering it, seeing dear friends, and introducing them to Ignacio. We were there for Bastille Day, too, the first time we have celebrated it in France. In Spain, we were mainly in Madrid, which is where Ignacio's family lives, as well as in the south.

That is all for my news. Here are a few updates from our classmates.

In mid-May, before I taught a first session summer course (my first time teaching in the summer), I saw **Kathleen Urda**. It was the first time we had seen each other since our 10-year Reunion. It was wonderful to see her and catch up. She continues to live in New York City and work in the English department at Bronx Community College. Both seem to be treating her well.

In August, after two years of waiting and preparation, **Leigh Anne Hutchison Cipriano** left Dallas to attend 2011 World Youth Day in Madrid, Spain. She spent 10 days there and had an amazing time.

Recently **Michelle Buenafe Bacho** sent me a message sharing some good news. She writes: "I married Frank Bacho on June 4. I have two children, Mikhail Abraham and Maria Elaine. I am a registered RN with a BSN and am currently working as a sales rep at Apria Healthcare." Michelle and her family are living in Princeton, West Virginia.

Julie Frayer Piller writes: "At the end of May, after 14 years in the classroom, I officially resigned from my position teaching English at my alma mater. It was truly a bittersweet decision. While I will miss being in the classroom, resigning has given me the opportunity to spend more quality time with my husband, Scott, and my 21-month-old daughter, Caroline, which has been a true

joy this summer. It has also given me an opportunity to try to dust off some other ambitions; I am hoping to pursue proofreading/editing opportunities in the publishing industry in the near future, but, for now, I have very recently taken on a new adventure as an independent direct sales consultant for Usborne Books & More, a company that develops and markets engaging fiction and non-fiction books for children ages newborn to middle school. My daughter, Caroline, adores the books and I hope this venture will be a natural fit for me.

"Resigning has also offered a bit more freedom to visit friends this summer. Most recently, I attended a very fun first birthday party for **Suzanne DeChat-elet's** daughter, Catherine. It was great to have a chance to catch up with her as well as fellow Saint Mary's College alums **Jennifer Ligda Busk** (and her two beautiful daughters) and **Bronwyn McAuliffe Azzarello**. All in all, change is good, and I continue to feel truly blessed."

With that, we end another *Courier* report. Thanks to all who wrote. If you haven't written in awhile or have updates to share, please drop me a line so I can include your news in our next report (deadline March 1, 2012). I look forward to hearing from you. For now, take care and have a wonderful and blessed holiday season. I hope to see many of you at Reunion 2012. *À bientôt, mes amies.*

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Holly Hosinski Busick and husband Michael welcomed their fourth baby, Jack William Busick, on April 17.

Karen Ciaciura Heil and Doug Heil ND'98 welcomed Kathleen Marian Heil on April 29. She joins older siblings Kevin, eight; Brandon, five; and Allison, two.

Shannon Cibella Teague and husband Ryan welcomed Dylan Everett on May 27. Dylan joins twin siblings Lexie and Cole, age two.

Madeline Carpinelli Wallack, her husband, David, and their two-year-old son, Oscar, welcomed Cecilia Elizabeth on August 22.

Kelly Fennewald Olszewski had a great summer visiting her sister, **Dana Fennewald '01** and **Meaghan David Kovacs** over the summer and getting settled into her new house in McKinney, Texas, near Dallas. Kelly is ready to begin another home school year with David in first grade, Rachel doing pre-k, and Naomi learning right along as she turns two.

Breann Kutzer McManus completed a second bachelor's in nursing through the Saint Mary's accelerated nursing program. On March 17, 2006, she married Martin McManus ND'84 in Rome, with 50 of their family and friends in attendance. Saint Mary's Rome Program professor, Father Marc Attard, presided over a Mass for their family at the Vatican. Through her marriage to Martin, she has been blessed with three amazing stepchildren: Samantha, Jackson, and Bianca. In 2008, she finished her Master of Science in Anesthesia Nursing at Rush University

Medical Center in Chicago and now practices anesthesia as a certified registered nurse anesthetist (CRNA) in Indiana with Great Lakes Anesthesia. On April 15, she gave birth to a beautiful healthy baby girl, Elizabeth Regina, who was 7lbs., 1oz., and 20-1/2 inches long. She thinks motherhood is bliss.

Jessica Dettmann Hinners and her husband welcomed August James Hinners on August 28 in Boca Raton, Florida. He was 8-1/2 lbs., and 21-inches long. He was named after his great grandfather, not the month. August joins his brother, Tucker, the Hinners' beloved dachshund.

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From Alyson: Class of 2001, we continue to be busy, busy ladies with growing families, new partners in life, and exciting opportunities. I hope you all are well and enjoying the updates.

Many of our classmates have welcomed baby Belle blessings to their homes including **Gretchen Trybus Batalis** who writes, "This school year I have moved up at the private school where I have been working for the last seven years or so to become the head of the High School. I'm very excited about my new position. Even more exciting was the birth of my baby boy. My husband, Nick, and I welcomed our son, Denny, on January 6, 2011. Having a baby and living in Charleston, South Carolina, kept me from being able to go to reunion, but being a mom is amazing and I love it."

Autumn Palacz Andronis says, "Pete and I welcomed another beautiful baby girl on October 29, 2010, Abigail Grace (Abby). Ava loves being a big sister. I continue to love every minute of being a stay-at-home mom/wife."

Kelly Dugan Prina shares, "Pete and I welcomed Clare Elizabeth on April 3, 2011. She's our third child. Maggie is four and Thomas is two. I just quit my job at Abbott Laboratories after 10 years to be at home full time. It has been wonderful blessing."

Sarah Merrick Granger writes, "James and I welcomed our daughter, Rebecca Ann, on December 20, 2010. I am still working for the County of Los Angeles as a nursing instructor." **Emily Patterson Salamon** writes, "My son, Kohler Andrew, was born on August 2. My husband, Andrew, and I are very excited to share this news."

Colleen Borkowski Fontaine also has exciting baby news, "In April my husband was offered a job in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and we decided to make the move from Boston. We made the move with my sister, **Sarah Borkowski '06**, when I was 32-weeks pregnant. It was a stressful eight weeks, but we were settled in our house when Caitlyn Mary arrived on June 30. It's been great to be back in the Chicago area so we could get to Naperville for a cookout at **Shannon Ross Perrino's** with **Sherry Desautels Prisco**, **Amanda Shock Johnson**, **Colleen Sullivan Schaefer**, and **Cathy Schroeder Ward**. Kid-

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Kirsten Kensinger '07 of Arroyo Grande, California, has been awarded a Fulbright U.S. Student Program scholarship to Georgia in Teaching English as a Foreign Language, the United States Department of State and the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board announced recently. Kensinger is one of nearly 1,600 U.S. citizens who will travel abroad for the 2011-2012 academic year through the Fulbright U.S. Student Program.

Jeannie Ament Fichtel '80 was named a Top Women in Finance by Finance & Commerce Inc. The award honors outstanding efforts of women who are making notable contributions to their professions, their communities and society at large throughout Minnesota. During Fichtel's 16 years with U.S. Bank, she had held several leadership positions including her current title of executive vice president of 24-hour banking and financial sales.

Lucia Anna (Pia) Trigiani '80, a principal in the law firm of Mercer Trigiani, has been named to the 2012 edition of *Best Lawyers in America* for real estate law. *Best Lawyers* is an annual peer review publication that includes evaluations of 41,149 attorneys in 126 practice areas covering all 50 states and the District of Columbia. She also was listed among 2011 *Virginia Super Lawyers* in the category for real estate law. The statewide listing is published annually in *Richmond Magazine*.

Kelly Neuwirth Grier '91 was awarded the Outstanding Accounting Alumna Award by the Saint Mary's College Department of Business Administration and Economics. Grier is the managing partner of the Chicago office of Ernst & Young LLP.

dos and husbands were in tow too—my how things have changed. For now, I am staying home with Caitlyn and looking forward to the rest of summer and the fall."

And **Brigid Phelan Smith** says, "I gave birth to Abigail Rose Smith on April 27. She is my first child. **Katie Phelan Giganti '03** gave birth to Erin Claire Giganti on June 16, 2011. She is my sister's third child, but first girl. The two cousins will grow up together and maybe follow their mothers to Saint Mary's in 18 years."

Congratulations are also in order to all of our classmates who are officially "off the market." **Robyn Niemier** was married on April 16 to Kevin Herbert in Richmond, Virginia. And **Maha Zayed** writes, "I recently got married in Chicago to Ryan Pizinger. We just moved to Aspen, Colorado, where Ryan is finishing his orthopedic surgery fellowship and I am working as a clinical psychologist in a private practice." **Tara Butz** shares, "My big update is that I got married. (Woo-hoo!) Darren Bowden and I were married at St. Anne's Church in Barrington, Illinois, and **Gina Case Kasper** and **Nina Riconosciuto Eilers** were bridesmaids. We got back not too long ago from our honeymoon in Paris and London."

And in other fun Belle news, **Kyle Veltri** checked in to say that she is still in South Bend working as the assistant women's golf coach at Notre Dame.

Crystal Aguilar-McMillan writes, "I moved to Seattle, Washington, in July to start a new chapter in my life. I am the drill team coach for Bellevue High School and work as the manager for the Capital Construction and Maintenance departments for the Bellevue School District. Life is crazy now that school is about to start and I'll be busy with my drill team until April. My dogs and I are plenty busy and very happy in our new home in Washington."

Molly Gast Holzrichter says, "My husband, Rob, and my daughters, McKenna and Riley, still live in

Kohler, Wisconsin. I took a new position with Sargento (a cheese company. Fitting for Wisconsin right?) as a training manager. I love the new job and the hours allow me to have more time with the family. Unfortunately, I was unable to make the reunion, but I am looking forward to seeing many of my favorite alums in a couple weeks at **Desiree Hollis Dewey's** wedding reception in Central Illinois."

Anne Senger Perna shares, "I started a new job at a biotech company in Ann Arbor, Michigan, Enzo Life Sciences, at the beginning of August. They specialize in the development and manufacture of immunoassay kits, and I am working on one of the teams developing new kits. I was previously at BD/Handylab for five years, working with infectious disease so this is very different, which is challenging, but also very interesting. Learning new science is great."

Megan McKeon writes, "I just got a new job as senior marketing manager at Katten Muchin Rosenman, a 600-attorney law firm in Chicago. I'm delighted and very happy to be a part of this group."

Prior to reunion, I received several updates from the Saint Mary's College Alumnae Office, including the following: **Jennifer Chamberlin Sowell** is living in Kentucky with her husband, Shane, and daughter, Alyssa Rose. She also shares that **Angie Gradeless Blasko** is living in Massachusetts. **Erin Gartland Daly** is teaching kindergarten in Connecticut and is married to Michael. **Olivia Smith** is working as a paralegal in Akron, Ohio. **Jessica Johnson** is married, living in New Jersey, and serving as a legal-trust administrator after earning her JD at Rutgers University. **Accalia Kusto** is a graduate student at St. Louis University and is married to Brian Peters. **Laurie Berrett Tillberry** and her husband, Aaron, have four children, all boys, and live in Massachusetts, where Laurie is a social worker.

Andrea Herek Wetters summarizes reunion well: "It was wonderful to return to Saint Mary's for

our 10-year reunion in June. Walking through campus with **Kelly Sterritt Clancy**, **Mary Wald Duncan**, **Alice Fox Fasula**, **Molly McVoy**, and **Chris Diana Crissman** brought back great memories. We also quickly remembered why we can no longer party like we did back in 2001 at the Linebacker Lounge. It was an amazing weekend shared with so many amazing people."

Before I finish, life is good out west. I've had a relaxing, fun summer with trips to Napa Valley and the Oregon Coast, the NKOTBSB reunion concert, and lots of bike riding, running, wine tasting, and beer festivals. I recently completed my second Hood to Coast; a 12-person, 200-mile relay. The new school year is just around the corner and I'm excited to begin my sixth year as a high school counselor. Until next time, my best.

From the Courier: Desiree Hollis Dewey writes: "It's wonderful to be able to share some good news: 15 years after meeting at the Graffiti Dance in August 1997, **Desirée Hollis Dewey** married Matt Dewey ND'01 on August 11, in Beverly Hills, California. **Molly Gast Holzrichter**, **Melissa Pennington Bassler**, **Ruth Ann Geis Kinsella**, and **Dave Kinsella ND'01** were in attendance at an intimate reception in Paxton, Illinois, following the nuptials. Desirée recently began a new career as account representative for Health Alliance Medical Plans in Urbana, Illinois, and the Deweys reside in Champaign, Illinois.

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From Amanda: Thank you for continuing to send your updates. The next updates are due February 25 for the summer 2012 issue of the *Courier*. Please send us anything you have to share. We want to hear from you. I also want to apologize that the last update from me was printed two issues in a row. Thus, the first six updates below were omitted last summer. In my own news, my husband, Tim, and I welcomed our second son, Andrew Peter, on February 18, 2011. I also am on a year of leave from teaching to take care of my boys. I have enjoyed being at home and even had a chance for a few play dates with **Elaine Porter Perez** and her two daughters.

Jena Morreale married Charles Corsello on September 26, 2010, in New York City. Her bridal party included **Val Gillis**. **Bridget Myers** sang at the Mass. Also in attendance were **Lauren Hofer**, **Emily Miller Klump**, **Tami Kozlowski**, **Meganne Madden Hoffman**, **Mariateresa "Tita" Moreno**, **Alex Mauro '12**, and **Adriana Trigiani '81**. Jena and Charles honeymooned in Italy for three weeks and were able to travel all over the country, reliving her days on the Rome Program in '01. They also bought

a house in Trumbull, Connecticut. **Emily Hemberger Dennison** and her husband welcomed their first child, Nola Belle Dennison, on December 10, 2010 (yes, "Belle" came from Saint Mary's). They are living in Louisville, Kentucky, where Emily is a pathology resident at University of Louisville Hospital. **Amanda Steenwyk Fickel** and her husband, Taeg, welcomed their fourth child, Simon Patrick, in October 2010. **Adrienne DeGraff Westlake**, her husband, Joe, and son, William, welcomed another addition to their family: Catherine Rose was born on January 30, 2011. She made up for being a week overdue with a quick delivery.

Alisha Keller Hoag and her husband, Bryon, welcomed their new son, Kylan Lee, on September 20, 2010. Alisha enjoys the daily precious moments at home with her two boys. She is keeping her teaching license and credentials current in case she decides to go back to teaching when the boys are in school. Alisha also has made it back to campus multiple times within the last few years as her sister Kari Keller '13 started her third year at Saint Mary's, and is majoring in nursing.

Katie Bacone married Justin Lane on February 19, 2011. They had a small ceremony with their immediate families and their bridal party on the beach of Sanibel Island, Florida. **Sarah Nestor Babcock** was one of the bridesmaids.

Elizabeth Janovic writes in with her news, "I was married on June 24 to Caitlin Smith. Caitlin and I were married in Darien, Connecticut, and plan to ski in Colorado for our honeymoon in February 2012. I graduated from Michigan State University College of Law in 2007. I then worked in Farmington Hills, Michigan, as a legal specialist for Hino Motors Manufacturing (a Toyota Group company), and moved to New York City in July 2009. Currently, I am working as corporate counsel for Knovel Corporation in New York City. Caitlin is a singer and actress."

Alaina Indriolo Moran has a lot of updates to share. Alaina writes, "**Katie Moorman Rahrig** recently bought a house in Cincinnati, and is busy chasing after her one-year-old, Ella.

Kimberly Corsentino Keyworth welcomed her second daughter, Avery, in June, and is still living in downtown Chicago.

Nina Ready Sina welcomed her son, Henry Morrison Sina, on June 9. Ironically, I gave birth to a baby girl, Brinley Kathleen, on the same day and just 13 minutes apart from Nina. My husband and I recently bought a house in Park Ridge and I love being a mom. I had lunch for **Katie DeMent Pohlmeier** and her daughter, Claire, and **Amanda Beale Johnson**. Amy is in Bloomington working at a school and is busy with her son, Colin, who will be

two soon." Thanks for all the updates, Alaina.

Leanne Howder Sullivan and her husband, Kevin ND'03, welcomed their second daughter, Elise Anne, on May 27.

Mackenzie McGee continues to practice radiation oncology at Beaumont in Royal Oak, Michigan. Mackenzie and her husband, Joe, welcomed Edeline Maureen Stark on April 14.

Rebekah Hauch Gano's second child, Olivia Leah Gano, was born April 12.

Deanne Czajkowski McKenna and her husband, Doug ND'01, welcomed their first child, Colin James, on December 29, 2010. Deanne has decided to stay at home and has been keeping busy with her active young boy. She also was training to run the Disney World Half-Marathon in January.

Amber Jernigan is now a CPA.

Leslie Kleczek married Leonardo Marcatelli on June 25, 2011. The following alumnae were there: **Katy Best, Mackenzie McGee, Sarah Stegmaier, and Liz Davis '02**. Leslie is living in Alton, Illinois, and going to the SIU Dental School.

Katie Phelan Giganti and her husband, Brian, announce the birth of their daughter, Erin Clare, born June 16, weighing 9 lbs., 6 oz. Big brother, Kyle, was born February 20, 2010. Dylan, age three, and Kyle have been very welcoming and caring toward their little sister. They are all excited about their new cousin, Abigail Rose, born in April, and daughter of Katie's sister, **Brigid Phelan Smith '01**.

Saint Mary's College Sister Alumnae **Melanie Burke Cameron** and **Theresa Kloska Thomas '85** enjoyed the Catholic Writer's Conference in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, in August. Thomas is coauthor of *Stories for the Homeschool Heart*, and delivered a talk to fellow writers entitled, "Authenticity in Marketing." Melanie is coauthor of *Christ on Your Guest List: A Wedding Planning Guide for Engaged Catholics*.

On June 17 **Sarah Nestor Babcock** and her husband, Brock, welcomed their first child, Brendan Michael. Sarah and her family live in Milwaukee while Sarah and Brock are at Marquette University. Sarah is completing her PhD in literature (her dissertation is on Irish women writers), and Brock is completing his MS in computing. Sarah also shared that a group gathered in Saugatuck, Michigan, at the end of July, to celebrate the Class of '03 turning 30. **Christina Reitano, Katie Rand, Marianne Jennings Rehfield, Kerry O'Reilly Hurley, Molly Lee, Jennie Buehler, Sarah Nestor Babcock, Amy Virzi, Mary Campe, and Jackie Bouters-Conn '04** had a great weekend together and look forward to the 10-year reunion at Saint Mary's in 2013.

Laura Porto Atkins married Ben Atkins on July 17, 2010. Ben proposed, and four days later he learned that the United States Coast Guard was transferring him. They quickly planned a wedding and were married two-and-a-half weeks later. **Asra Ashraf '02** and **Colleen Weigel '02** attended the wedding. Laura and Ben bought a house in Bowie, Maryland. Laura has found the Washington area to be a great place for her job in social work. She connected with the NASW Committee on Aging, a gero-networking group in DC, and a nearby chapter for Case Management Society of America. Laura spends a lot of time in Annapolis volunteering in their Junior League. Laura has met up with many alumnae in the area, including Captain **Sarah Rykowski '02, Melissa Alvarez Stevens** and her husband, David ND'04; **Mercera Payne De Silva '06**, and her new husband; **Nicole Clerly '04, Melanie Burke Cameron** and her family; **Katie Hoppe ND'03** and her kin; **Adrienne DeGraff Westlake** and her

Nominate A Distinguished Friend

Do you know a Saint Mary's alumna who is a rising star, a business sensation, a distinguished academician, or who has dedicated herself to service? Each year the Alumnae Association honors deserving alumnae who have made significant contributions to the College or in her field. Please take a few minutes to nominate an alumna. Submit her name, class year, and why you think she should receive an award. Nominations must be received by February 24, 2012. 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 1997–2007 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.

family; **Kathy Harter Harris '02** and her husband, Brendan ND'02; and **Meghan Harrass Roche** and her husband visiting from Ireland. The exciting relocation cannot go without a few other mentions. In early January of 2010, Laura saw **Asra Ashraf '02**, **Lisa Campbell '02**, and **Kremi Angelova** during a New Year's Eve trip to the Windy City. Everyone seems to be doing quite well. Asra continues to work as an instructional designer, and Lisa, as a school counselor at a Chicago charter school. In March 2011, Barnes Jewish Hospital threw their Centennial Celebration of Medical Social Work in St. Louis, and Laura saw **Catalina Bajuyo** and **Kathleen Walton '08** among many friends. Catalina and her husband are enjoying mentoring youth in a local Greek Orthodox community, and Kathleen is the social worker at Barnes Jewish Hospital's liver transplant program.

Katie Vincer Sears purchased a dental practice in Columbus, Ohio, called Confident Expressions, Katie Vincer Sears, DDS. She was in Michigan last summer with **Nicole Ciminillo Scott** and **Mackenzie McGee** to meet Mackenzie's beautiful baby, Edy. Also, in June, Katie experienced an unexpected layover in Denver on her way to Montana and was able to spend the night with **Kelly Long Jackson**. They caught up after not seeing each other for seven years. Last May, Nicole and Katie were in Chicago to celebrate **Ann Hoover Sinclair's** 30th birthday. Katie also gets together regularly with **Corrine Negrelli Carlson** since she is a fellow Columbus resident and they always have fun.

From Meganne: Happy holidays to friends and families of the Class of 2003. Lots of news this time around:

Allie Higgins and Michael Rittenour welcomed Cole Austin Rittenour-Orwick on April 7 2011. Allie reports that everyone is doing great.

Payman and **Nicole Gorowski Mahjoory** excitedly report the birth of their daughter, Minah Kathryn Mahjoory, on September 14, 2010.

Cindy Miller Holzhauer continues to teach elementary music for Plymouth Community Schools. In May she completed her master's degree in curriculum and instruction through Olivet Nazarene University. Over the summer Cindy had a great time playing her saxophone with the University of Notre Dame's summer band, and just recently began playing with the Marshall County Church Orchestra.

Jessica Saxton Fraser and her husband, Michael, welcomed a baby boy, Alistair Steven Fraser on July 9, 2009. Jessica was also recently promoted to senior policy analyst at the Indiana Institute for Working Families.

Meghann Robinson married Brian Kirzeder ND'06 in South Bend on August 13. Meghann is still working for ACE as senior associate director of the ACE Advocates for Catholic Schools and is going into her fourth year there.

That same weekend, **Katie Christiansen** married Michael Davis. Michael and Katie teach eighth grade and both coach the boys and girls basketball teams. **Katie Erchick** attended the nuptials, as did Katie's cousins **Katie Green '04** and **Bridget Green '07**. Katie is in her eighth year of teaching in southern MD right outside Washington, D.C., and would love to meet up with any Belles who are living/visiting in the area.

Lisa Straka Hardesty reports that her son Noah started kindergarten, and her daughter, Taylor Grace, was born June 12.

Bridget Horne Christian moved back to Grosse Pointe Farms with her husband, Chris. She is pursuing her master's in social work at the University of Michigan and has been working for that university doing youth leadership development and community organizing. Bridget also reports the birth of

Adelyn Anne Christian on May 7. Bridget writes, "Everyone is doing great, and Adelyn is looking forward to the Notre Dame versus Michigan football game."

Still living in San Diego, **Miranda Graham** writes in with news of her two-and-a-half-year-old little girl and her newborn baby boy. She recently visited with **Suzanne Dolembro**, who won the 2010-11 Teacher of the Year award for the Mishawaka school district. Congratulations, Suzanne, on this great accomplishment.

Sarah Slusarz married Matthew Love on July 1 and had a small wedding with close family. In August, they welcomed their son Connor Edward Love. Sarah writes, "We are having our wedding reception with friends and family and to celebrate Connor's birth on 11/11/11. We are living in downtown Chicago and are hoping to move to the suburbs next year. I have been working at Allstate Insurance Company in Northbrook as a project manager for almost three years now and love it."

Viktoria "Torie" Cox is doing well and married Tony McCullough on September 18, 2010. **Corrine Negrelli Carlson** and **Amy Wall Surma** were attendants and **Erin Moran Crill** and **Kara Ann Beck** came to celebrate the nuptials. Torie writes, "I'm practicing general dentistry in Northwest Indiana and loving it."

Kellie Mark Duncan and her husband, Matt, welcomed a son, Albert Patrick, on July 11. Albert joins his big sister Nora, two. Kellie is also happy to share that his godparents are **Sarah Blundy Morgan** and her husband, Matt.

Kate Hoover is still working at a speech-language pathologist in the Cherry Creek School District and seeing private kids who use augmentative communication devices to communicate. Kate has an exciting year ahead of her and is currently living in Denver.

Jillian Kamaski Buck and her husband, Sean, welcomed their first child, Collin Sean, on April 6 while **Nina Ready Sina** and her husband, Rob ND'03, welcomed their son, Henry Morrison, on June 9, 2011.

Monica Cannon-Meeker and her husband purchased a home in Cincinnati. Monica works part time as a Spanish interpreter for the local hospitals and courtrooms. Monica writes, "I am enjoying my time out of the house, and practicing my Spanish is always a plus. Annabelle is growing up too quickly and Giacomo is well into his second year of surgery residency."

Lisa Gill Grabowski writes in from Scarsdale, New York, where she and husband Alex bought and completely renovated a house. On January 4, 2011 they welcomed their little Belle, Marie Elizabeth. Their son Alex begins his second year of preschool this fall. Lisa reports that she is "relishing every moment of stay-at-home motherhood" and she is also running a proofreading and editing service, Chawton Writing Solutions.

Annie Kelly's son Ruben ("Ru") turned four on August 4 and is starting pre-kindergarten at Annie's former grammar school, St. Agnes, in Arlington, Virginia. Annie is doing freelance design and public relations, and has recently started horseback riding again. She and Ruben are looking forward to a trip to New Mexico this fall to see cousins **Heather Nash Dountas '98** and **Meghan Nash Cannavan '99** and their families.

Katie Zigler Anderson, Sarah Blundy Morgan, Kellie Mark Duncan, and Lindsey Brubaker Callan gathered their families together for their annual lake weekend. Katie writes, "We found we are quickly running out of room as our families continue to grow with babies and puppies, but it was a lot of fun to see everybody." Katie recently switched jobs to work at Kohl's and was promoted to buyer of utility bedding.

Nicole Strzyzkowski Mills and husband Daniel welcomed their fourth child, Maxwell Mills, on

October 10, 2010. Nicole is excited because now they have an even split: two boys and two girls.

Evelyn M. Gonzales married Rick Avila on October 1, 2010.

I was pleasantly surprised to celebrate my 30th birthday with **Cathy Canetti Ginter**. Cathy flew to Seattle for the occasion unbeknownst to me, until she "magically appeared" at a coffee shop. She recently celebrated her one-year wedding anniversary with Jacob Ginter and spent part of her summer fly fishing on Idaho's Snake River with him. I see **Katie Riley '04** frequently in Seattle, where we play on the same kickball team. Katie has also been known to recruit for events like ziplining and skydiving.

Please continue to keep us apprised of your news, we love hearing from you.

From Amy: Hi, everyone. I hope this edition of the *Courier* finds you and your families well. It's hard to believe our 10-year reunion will be here soon, which will provide us with a nice opportunity to revisit our alma mater and reconnect with old and new friends. For now, here are some updates to tie you over.

Tami Kozlowski works as a clinical social worker in community mental health with children and adolescents. She recently completed a certification program to become a Certified Trauma Specialist (CTS) to do sensory-based interventions with children and adolescents who are working through traumatic experiences/histories. Congratulations, Tami.

Christine LaVigne Osburn and husband Matt ND'03 are enjoying life in Indianapolis and keeping busy children Elizabeth and Jacob. Christine sings and cantors at her church and works with the teen music ministry and mothers' bible group.

In May, **Katie Rand** graduated from the University of Colorado in Boulder with a master's degree in curriculum and instruction in the humanities. She is working full time as a project coordinator for Successful Schools, Inc., an educational consulting firm based in Boulder that serves public school districts nationwide. Last year, Katie traveled around the country visiting with local school district officials.

Jame Roark opened a massage therapy business called Relax, Rejuvenate & Restore in the Champaign/Urbana/Danville/Hoopeston Area in Illinois. You can find out more about Jame's business on her company's Facebook page by searching "Relax, Rejuvenate." Jame is also working a full-time job in Danville with the auditing/accounting firm PRGX.

Shaun Russell Rooney was recently promoted to assistant director of events at Florida Citrus Sports and writes she is "very excited about the possibility to have Notre Dame play in the Champs Sports Bowl in Orlando this December." Shaun and husband Terry also bought a house last year and welcome all visitors to the Sunshine State.

Last spring, **Rebecca Stumpf** completed a 27-month assignment as a Peace Corps volunteer in Costa Rica. She is slowly readjusting to life in America and is temporarily living in Colorado doing freelance photography and teaching photojournalism at Front Range Community College.

In my own news, my husband Stephen and I recently vacationed in Costa Rica and had a great time touring the gorgeous beaches and rainforests. Unfortunately, we did not do any humanitarian work while we were there like our classmate Rebecca (above). I recently started a new position as an in-house attorney for a large Midwestern physicians' group and am really enjoying it so far. I celebrated my 30th birthday in August by skydiving with my best friend from law school. It was equally fun,

exhilarating, and terrifying all at the same time.

That's it for now. Thanks for all the updates, and see you at Reunion.

'05

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Our class has had quite a lot to celebrate in the past few months:

Courtney Smitham married David Sturgess ND'06 on July 30 at the Church of Our Lady of Loreto at Saint Mary's. **Kelli Getz** and **Emilie DesJardins Moreland** were bridesmaids, and over 15 other Saint Mary's College alumnae were in attendance. Courtney and David reside in Chicago.

Margie Schaffner married Ben Hancock on May 13, in Indianapolis. **Kim Holly Maher**, **Megan Beauchamp**, and **Ashley Thornburg** were bridesmaids in the wedding.

Kristen Zaininger married Ahren Lehner at St. Isaac Jogues in Hinsdale, Illinois, on February 26, 2011. **Meghan Elliott** and **Ashley Lalonde Voller** stood up in the wedding and **Britt Conway** was in attendance. They are living happily in Sandwich, Illinois. Kristen switched from education to business, and continues to run on a daily basis.

Emily Sterritt Johnson and her husband Kyle Johnson ND'03 welcomed a baby boy, Ryan Joseph Johnson, on May 9.

Sarah Harward Haywood and her husband welcomed their second child, Bridget Ann, on June 28.

Amy Nicholson Pruchnicki got married May 29, 2010, and had her first child, Vincent Michael, on February 26. She is currently working at Everest Academy in Clarkston, Michigan, teaching third grade, and she resides in Grand Blanc, Michigan.

Natalie Zettler Leisinger and her husband, Jon Leisinger ND'05 welcomed Clare Virginia Leisinger on March 30, 2011.

Molly Welton Boyle and her husband, Kevin Boyle ND'05, recently moved from Boston to be closer to Kevin's family. They bought their first home in the small town of Fallston, Maryland (about 20 miles north of Baltimore), and Molly left Ernst & Young to take a position as corporate accounting manager at Under Armour, headquartered in Baltimore. She loves her new job (and the ability to wear UA Gear to work every day), and reports that they love their new home. Since moving to the mid-Atlantic, Molly has had the opportunity to spend a lot of time with fellow classmates **Roz Byrne**, **Betsy Brown**, **Kristin McIntyre Winchell**, and **Jen Herdman**. In June **Julie Taylor Critser**, her husband Paul Critser ND'05, and their new baby Henry, visited, and they enjoyed a mini ND/Saint Mary's reunion.

Cassie Gerstner Kaplan and her husband, Giordan, welcomed Alessandra Irene Kaplan on July 8.

Melissa Montoya Glorioso is beginning her second year as the disability services specialist for Regis University's Office of Disability Services in Denver, Colorado. She spent a wonderful summer with family and friends, including a visit from **Katie Schultz** and **Lora Wilcomb** in Colorado over the Fourth of July.

Stephanie Hamer Brown is working as a professional counselor in Nashville at Hope Clinic for Women. She and her husband are also building a

house and will be moving into it in September.

Mary Allen White and her husband, Bryan, welcomed Cassandra Lynn on December 8, 2010.

Michelle Stanforth Smith transferred out of Active Duty Navy to the Navy Reserves, working with the Special Operations Command in Tampa, Florida. She completed her Master of Education Degree at University of South Florida, and is now teaching high school math, art, and world geography at Saddlebrook Preparatory School. She and her husband celebrated one year of marriage in June by adopting a puppy, which they consider their first "child."

Stefanie Simmerman made the trip back to Reunion Weekend 2011 with her family, including mom, **Sheila Spiel Simmerman '80**, for the Hall of Fame induction ceremony. She reports it was great to see fellow Saint Mary's College golfers **Megan Mattia '06**, **Nicole Bellino '06**, **Kirsten Fantom '06**, **Erin McQueen Young '06**, and **Chrissy Dunham Openlander** at the Student-Athlete Reunion, and afterwards, at The Linebacker. Stephanie also moved from Newport Beach back home to Phoenix for a job with Double Positive Marketing Group as a marketing manager on their higher education agency team.

Jenna Kartje Gensic had baby Anica on December 13, 2010. She joins Mikan, 3.

Ellice Gregg Bedel is now working full time as the youth minister at St. Susanna in Plainfield, Indiana. She and her husband, Mike, are also busy at home with five-year-old Adam, three-year-old Isabelle, and one-and-a-half-year-old Anna.

'07

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As I'm sure many of you can agree, summer flew by with weddings, concerts, and other fun events that make it a great time for travel and entertainment. I was able to take a week's vacation with my family in northern Michigan. I hope all of my fellow Belles had an opportunity to enjoy the beautiful, warm weather as well. As always, your updates are exciting. Please know your fellow Belles are cheering for you and your accomplishments.

Bridget Hahn has been hired full time as a regulatory specialist in the Office of Compliance and Regional Expansion at Indiana Wesleyan University in Marion, Indiana. We wish her much success as she begins her new career!

Allison Beyer is serving as a lay volunteer with Maryknoll Lay Missionaries in Cochabamba, Bolivia for the next year. She will be doing music ministry with a local parish, and writes that she is so grateful for this opportunity.

Gracie Guebert writes that she recently accepted a position with The Keystone Center, a non-profit policy organization based in Colorado that focuses on issues related to the environment, education, and health. She will work with Keystone's Washington, D.C., team on grant writing, strategic planning, and research.

Katie Doyle moved back to New Jersey and started a new job as the CWP administrative manager with JPMorgan Chase in Jersey City.

In Maine, **Meaghan Herbst Arzberger** is the manager of volunteer engagement at United Way of York County. She writes that it is great to work with many community organizations, helping them de-

velop volunteer programs.

Rosemary Walsh recently relocated from Atlanta to New York and accepted a position at Return Path as an account manager. Rosemary will be running her second half-marathon this fall with **Caitlin Fitzpatrick '08**.

In December, **Kristi Allmandinger** moved to Fort Wayne, Indiana, and is working as a registered nurse on a Medical-Surgical Intensive Care Unit.

Britni McElligott teaches ninth- and tenth-grade English in Plainfield, Illinois. She has recently been promoted to head coach of the dance team.

Laura Cucco writes: "I received my PHR (Professional Human Resources Certificate) in December 2009, and my MBA through Aurora University in April of this year. I am currently head of the Human Resources Department (HR Manager) for Imagetec LP, which is based out of the Chicago area, has seven locations, and 160 employees. Yeah, for further education."

On August 1, **Kassie Evans Spencer** changed positions to become the assistant director of finance and administration for the College of Science at the University of Notre Dame. Kassie has worked at the University since July 12, 2010, after transitioning out of public accounting, and she writes that she is extremely excited about this new opportunity. In the new position, Kassie will continue to put her certified public accountant (CPA) license to good use.

Ashley Goudreau just passed the second portion of the SEE exam. She plans to sit for the third part in November, 2011, and then will have her enrolled agent's license.

Julia Slotnick is now in Chicago serving with Dominican Volunteers USA. She will be tutoring and developing the program at Casa Juan Diego Youth Center.

From **McKenna Keenan**: "I moved to Denver last summer with my daughter, Macy, who is now two years old. I am currently the director and teacher of my preschool, St. Rose of Lima Catholic Academy. I am loving life in the Mile High City!"

Katie Osmack traveled to Chicago recently for a mini-reunion with fellow Belles **Beth Sands Van** and **Julie Malone Hum**, and their husbands, Peter Van ND'08 and Houston Hum ND'07. Mike Greer ND'06 also attended.

Kathryn Nussbaum and **Rose Zeidler** are both elementary school teachers in Chicago. **Claire Anderberg**, **Sarah Wieber**, and **Kelly Meehan** live in New York City. Kelly works as a writer's assistant for CBS Television and Claire and Sarah both work for Estee Lauder Companies.

Santa Brink writes that she is practicing special education law with the Indiana Department of Education.

From **Jamie Treash**: "It's been a year now since I've relocated to Albany, New York. I've completed the first year of graduate school and I'm nearly halfway to getting certified as a nurse anesthetist."

From **Claudia Toth**: "I had a big event take place this June. I was married to Paul Reuscher on June 18, in Corolla, North Carolina. Some of my bridesmaids included **Katie McGuire**, **Theresa Corsentino**, and **Caitlin McGee '08**. It was such a beautiful day for us. Paul and I reside in Cincinnati."

Katharine Williams writes: "After working for a non-profit in Indianapolis for three years after graduation, I moved to New Orleans last year, and I am about to start my second year at Tulane Law School. I am the proud aunt of three."

Sandy Parry accepted a job in March at Alliant Insurance Services as an account executive in the Employee Benefits Department.

Dana Christiano was married on June 11, to Mike

Dearth, in the Chicago suburbs. Matron of Honor was **Maggie Oldham**. Bridesmaids were **Kate Treder**, **Brittany Degres**, **Mary Meier**, and **Lisa Christiano '05**.

Maggie Oldham married Ciaran Byrne, a native of Ireland, on April 30, in Chicago. Maggie and Ciaran met while Maggie was interning in Galway in the summer of 2006. **Dana Christiano Dearth** served as maid of honor, and her bridesmaids were **Brittany Degres**, **Kate Treder**, and **Mary Meier**. Maggie and Ciaran reside in Bloomington, Indiana.

On June 4, **Stephanie Bailey Hoover** was married to David Hoover. Bridesmaids included **Santa Brink** and **Britni McElligott**. **Lauren Boris** and **Justine Mullen** were also in attendance.

Jennifer Chester Ferguson '06 and her husband, Brett, welcomed daughter Samantha Marie on June 3. Jennifer is working at St. Luke's Church, conducting adult instrumental and youth choral groups. They live near Denver.

Colleen McNamara Coleman married Kevin Coleman ND'07 on May 7, in Chicago, Illinois. Bridesmaids included **Erin Condon**, **Grace Gordon**, **Bridget Lipke**, **Donna Peloquin**, and **Caitlin Conaty**. Colleen's sister, **Teri McNamara Dean '00**, was matron of honor. Other Saint Mary's College alumnae present, included: **Alexis Emlong '06**, **Erin Hanifin '08**, **Elizabeth Pernotto**, **Emily Long**, **Megan Cahill Breen**, **Shannon Flecke**, **Megan McBride**, **Lauren Condon '06**, **Lauren Bossy Caruso '02**, **Meghan Conaty '09**, **Deborah McNamara Bossy '76**, **Mary Wolf**, and **Caitlin Condon '12**. Kevin and Colleen just recently moved to Austin, Texas, where he is going to University of Texas, for his MBA degree, and Colleen is working as an emergency room nurse.

Kelly Thetard Graft married Andrew Graft on June 11, at Holy Spirit Chapel in Le Mans Hall. Bridesmaids included **Regan Harding '08**, **Bridget Green**, **Megan Sosnowski**, and **Jessica Adach**. Kelly and Andrew are residing in Granger, Indiana, where Kelly is the assistant campus director at Ross Medical Education Center.

Kelly Hickey Lilly and husband Matt Lilly ND'05 '08 welcomed their second son, Henry Michael, on May 25.

who said their vows at Old St. Joseph Church on the campus of St. Norbert's College, De Pere, Wisconsin.

Kaitlyn Kuns Edwards married Chad on June 4 in Sandusky, Ohio. **Emily Bernath** and **Mary Grace Deery** were bridesmaids and **McKayela Collins** sang at the wedding. Other Belles in attendance included **Connie Adams '08**, **Mary Holland '05**, and **Molly Halm O'Farrell '05**.

Kate Petrovic Bednar married husband Jared, June 12, in St. Joseph, Michigan. Bridesmaids included **Bryn Cartmill**, **Maria Oliverio**, **Nora Holden-Corbett '10**, **Amanda McCracken**, and **Carolyn Maltby**. The couple recently relocated to Kansas, where Kate will be pursuing a PhD in philosophy after graduating with a master's in philosophy from Western Michigan.

Emily Woller married Robert Curry ND'09 in The Woodlands, Texas, on July 2. The two met three weeks before we graduated and did the long-distance thing as they had already made their after grad plans. After spending a year in New York, she moved to The Woodlands, where she's working as an RN at the Houston Fertility Institute. She and Robert are settling into their new house and adjusting to married life.

Betsy Baumann was married August 20. She also graduated from grad school at the Occupational Therapy at Midwestern University in Downers Grove, Illinois, in September.

Meghan Larsen married Tim Reidy ND'09 at the Church of Loretto at Saint Mary's with bridesmaids **Molly Rippinger Ensing**, **Alicen Miller Teitgen**, **Kathleen Dudek**, **Alison Russell '10**, **Kathleen Larsen '05**, and **Mary Kathryn Larsen Moscardelli '92**. The two live in Fairbanks, Alaska, where she works for a Catholic school.

Brianna Collins Little married Philip Little, a Notre Dame grad student, August 27, in South Bend. She graduated with a master's degree in Library Science from Indiana University with a specialization in archives and records management, this summer. She is relocating to Maryland with Phil and will be looking for a job there.

A couple of our classmates are already celebrating their anniversaries: **Renee Gonzalez Schutz** was married October 3, 2009. **Meg Frechette** celebrated her first anniversary with William Weight ND'08. Meg reports that she's living in Washington, D.C., and working as a government contractor with the Defense Intelligence Agency.

Lest you think all the Class of '09 has been doing

is getting married: **Molly Goldsmith** began a new position as executive director of Mitchell (South Dakota) Main Street & Beyond, a non-profit working on downtown revitalization in April after receiving an M.A. in American studies and historic preservation from the University of Wyoming. A brochure she researched and designed for Sheridan, Wyoming, was named the Wyoming State Historical Society's Publication of the Year.

Alex Tulisiak recently graduated from DePaul University's MENP program with a master's in nursing and is now a cardiac intensive care nurse at Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago. **Kellie Anderson** just completed her first year of law school at St. Mary's University in San Antonio.

Lauren Gilmore was promoted to 2nd Lieutenant in the Air Force and recently started a position at the headquarters at the Air Force Academy.

Natalie Beck completed a master's program in English in May, and spent fall 2010 studying abroad in Israel and the Middle East.

Jenny Antonelli graduated from the University of Miami with a master's in broadcast journalism. She's working overnight writing the 5–10 a.m. news at a FOX affiliate in Miami. **Kelly Gasior Pittner** recently relocated to Biloxi, Mississippi, with her family, including little Anna, who Kelly hopes will be Saint Mary's College Class of 2032.

And finally, I was able to spend a lovely evening on the Ohio River with **Anna Hoefer** back in August. She's been living in Indianapolis working for PwC since graduation, but was in Cincinnati for training. We caught up over some Mexican and Graeter's Ice Cream on Fountain Square. I'd love to be able to show others some of the sites of the Cincinnati, so anyone is more than welcome to give me a shout if they come to town. Anna let slip that our valedictorian **Courtney Parry** taught a course at Saint Mary's this fall. I'm sure I'm not the only one curious about what it's like on the other side of the classroom. Let us know Courtney.

You guys have been amazing at submitting updates. I have a bunch I had to hold back for our next update because I ran out of space. You can continue to update on Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/SMCclassof2009>) and Twitter (@SmcBelles09).

'09

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Happy winter, ladies. It's hard to think that when you all read this it'll be cold and snowy (unless you live in the south) since it's not even football season while I'm writing this, but it's a great time to remember the warm memories we all created this spring and summer together.

It was definitely the summer of weddings. So many of you wrote in with a fiancée or husband's name and the Belles who surrounded you on your big day.

I had the pleasure of watching **Emily Croft Kerwin** marry the love of her life, Kris, in her hometown of Bloomington-Normal, Illinois, on July 16. **Haley Nickell '08** and **Melissa Croft '10** were bridesmaids, and **Katie Putz**, **Jessie Sobczyk Bulosan**, and I made sure they played a few Backer classics at the reception.

Jessica Huang married Kyle Neary ND'09 on May 21, the day the world was supposed to end. Jessica reports that while the world did NOT end, it was the beginning of a brand new chapter for the couple

A correction and a request

On page 27 of the Fall issue we ran a short feature about the most mother/daughter legacy connections. We mistakenly reported that Barbara Benson LeJeune '64 had five daughters attend Saint Mary's. (Our apologies, Barb—that must have been an astonishing discovery to make about yourself as you read the *Courier*!)

In truth, LeJeune, who attended Saint Mary's for a year before transferring, had two daughters attend the College: Angela LeJeune Putz '88 and Katie (ND '91). Our database misidentified her sisters-in-law, Sheila LeJeune McGee '62 (deceased), Maureen LeJeune Harty '66, and Shannon LeJeune '74, as daughters.

Information for this feature and other *Courier* stories comes from our alumnae database—a database that largely relies on your input. Please, when you have a few moments, go to saintmarys.edu/belle-network to update your profile. Thank you in advance for helping us to keep this important information current and accurate.

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