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*we can do with it. We can take care of ourselves and those we*



*care about. We can use it*

*to have meaningful experiences. And we can use it*



*to improve society and the world."*



—PROFESSOR SUSAN VANCE







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## The wealth of knowledge

Heather Grennan Gary, College Editor



Right before we started working on this issue, I was looking through a pile of files I'd inherited. In it was a report from the College's Office of Institutional Research—the "Five-Years-Out Employment Survey" of 2004 graduates. It turned out to be a fascinating read.

One section that caught my eye included responses to the question, "Looking back, please list any additional general education requirements that would have been useful to you."

As you might imagine, there was a broad spectrum of answers. But it didn't take long for a clear trend to emerge. In that 2009 study, nearly a quarter of responses to that question mentioned personal finance topics. When the same study was conducted two years later with the Class of 2006, that number jumped to nearly a third.

While many students navigate the intricacies of financial aid, the full reality of financial independence doesn't typically hit until after graduation. That's when insurance policies, credit scores, budgeting, and investing take on a new level of importance. That's when it's time to figure out how on earth you can afford to sign up for that 3 (or 5 or 10) percent salary reduction to go into a retirement account while simultaneously making student loan payments.

"I took a legal and financial literacy class as a non-major elective senior year that I think should be a requirement," responded one '06 alumna. "It was extremely helpful in preparing me for the legal and financial decisions I faced upon graduation and would otherwise have been extremely underprepared to make."

The good news for future Belles: As of this fall that class, Financial Success Strategies for Women, is being offered as part of the new core curriculum. The good news for alumnae: You can get a taste of that class—including the reading list and a quiz—on page 10.

Of course, some will always shy away from such a class. It may be because it seems antithetical to the College's liberal arts focus. It may be because of the long-standing notion that it's a bit crass for women to talk openly about their finances. While that idea may be changing (see page 7), the reality is that to talk about one's income and expenses opens oneself up to being judged as ignorant, greedy, lucky, or imperiled.

That's why I so appreciate the story on page 3, "Putting money in its place," in which several Saint Mary's professors and Holy Cross sisters offer their wisdom about personal finance. Their answers may surprise you—and challenge you, too.

Unfortunately, the Office of Institutional Research doesn't conduct a 15-years-out, 25-years-out, or 45-years-out survey. But I would bet that it's not just the 5-years-out alumnae who struggle with their financial choices, knowledge, and planning. If anything, it gets harder over time. Raising a family, handling taxes and tuition and mortgage payments, planning for retirement, drawing up a will and other legal documents, considering long-term care options and disability insurance and prescription drug benefits—none of these complicated tasks is for the faint of heart, yet nearly everyone confronts them at some point.

While this issue of the *Courier* is no substitute for a serious personal finance course, we hope it helps you—no matter how many years out you are.

Heather Grennan Gary





# PUTTING money IN ITS PLACE

By Christine Cox

How's your relationship with money? Loving? Confusing?  
Overwhelming? Desperate? Satisfying?

According to Susan Vance, professor of business law, entrepreneurship, and personal finance, here's where you should be: "At the end of the day, we are happiest with our financial lives when we understand our relationship with money, when we understand finance, when we set financial goals for ourselves so we have direction, and when we use money in ways that are in line with our values."

Balance, in a word.

Of course, it's easy to get distracted and even intimidated in the quest for a harmonious relationship with money: turbulent economic times, rampant consumerism, endless options for investing and donating, and nagging insecurity about retirement.

As real and complex as these issues are, Vance and other experts from Saint Mary's and the Sisters of the Holy Cross maintain the most effective way to understand money's place in our lives—and thus achieve balance—is by exploring basic ideas and beliefs as well as building confidence to put money in its place.

## A philosophical look

Musings about the role of money in our lives are age-old, says Megan Halteman Zwart, visiting assistant philosophy professor, whose Social Justice course focuses on consumption habits.

"Historically, philosophers have often worried that our tendency to seek, hoard, and worship money will prevent us from the kind of reflection that is essential to living an ethical life," she explains. "These concerns come from various schools of thought—from Socrates, who lambasts the ancient Athenians because he sees them as focusing on material wealth to the exclusion of cultivating their souls; to the Catholic intellectual tradition, which highlights our duty to use our resources to care for the vulnerable; to some contemporary utilitarians who think we are morally obligated to maximize the aggregate good by giving almost until the point of need ourselves."

Though these reasons are varied, "Most philosophers agree that money can easily be an obstacle to the sort of happiness we should be pursuing," Zwart adds.

She points out that Thomas Aquinas famously addressed the issue in *Summa Theologica*, Question 66, Article 7:

Hence whatever certain people have in superabundance is due, by natural law, to the purpose of succoring the poor. For this reason Ambrose [says]: "It is the hungry man's bread that you withhold, the naked man's cloak that you store away, the money that you bury in the earth is the price of the poor man's ransom and freedom."

So according to these philosophers, a good relationship with money starts with a moral obligation to share.

## A spiritual look at giving and gratitude

Religions maintain the same focus of sharing. “What I have is for my use and also for sharing with others. This is something that followers of many spiritual practices believe,” says Sister Veronique Wiedower ’70, CSC, who serves as the College’s vice president for mission. You’d be hard-pressed to find a religion that encourages accumulation for its own sake or casual consumption, she adds.

“Money is not the end in itself. It’s a tool to provide other things. It’s a gift from God. The end is a good life when I’m aware of my needs and the common good.”

Adopting this way of thinking isn’t easy in a consumption-driven world where the lines between wants and needs are blurred. “It’s easy to get sucked in,” Wiedower says. Even for sisters. “We have possessions that we think we need, but then we see young sisters come on campus from other countries. They’ve lived their whole lives without these things and they’re happy. It gives us perspective.”

So does living in a community of people with similar values who keep each other aware, she adds.

To be clear, she isn’t saying it’s wrong to enjoy things money can buy. But it is worth examining wants versus needs,

especially in relationship to others’ basic needs. “What I do impacts others, whether they survive, have clean water, whatever the issue is,” she says.

In moving toward sharing, it’s critical—and easy—to develop a spirit of gratitude, Wiedower says. “Practice being in the present moment: When you eat, have gratitude for food. When you’re with someone, be present in and thankful for that moment,” she says.

Sister Geraldine Hoyler, CSC, general treasurer for the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Cross, adds that gratitude extends equally to gifts big and small. “I think about the story of the widow’s mite. She gives her little bit graciously. Gracious giving is not about size, it’s about how you give. Gracious giving doesn’t come from my excess, but from me.”

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Sister Amy Cavender, CSC, assistant professor of political science at Saint Mary’s, offers another simple method of developing gratitude: “Take some time at the end of each day to reflect, and to answer the question, ‘What are three things from the day that I’m most grateful for?’ Odds are that, most of the time, the answers won’t involve material goods.”



## Professor Vance's primer on women and money

**While a healthy relationship with money is important for everyone, I’ve learned that women face particular challenges when it comes to money. For many women, how they relate to money is complicated and can evoke both positive and negative emotions.**

In her book *Emotional Currency*, Kate Levinson talks about the two sides of our emotional relationship with money. On the positive side, money can bring feelings of success, satisfaction, joy, empowerment, and connection.

The negative side of money brings feelings of guilt, conflict, greed, denial, regret, or fear. This usually happens when we don’t feel in control of our finances or when we use money in a way that does not reflect our values. And sometimes women use money to fill a void, to balance the feelings of not having

enough in other areas of life. It’s no coincidence that money is one of the most common areas of marital conflict.

This emotional relationship with money is often based on family and cultural messages we’ve absorbed throughout our lives. To adopt a better relationship with money, it’s important to understand where our beliefs and fears come from and why we make the money decisions we do.

Sometimes these messages will cause women to put their heads in the sand and not take control of their finances. They may delegate financial responsibilities to a partner and turn a blind eye to money matters in the home. But we know that for a variety of reasons—including being single, widowed, or divorced—many women will spend a significant period of time on their own and will have to take control of their finances. So it is important not to rely on “Prince Charming” or, as my students like to say, “A man is not a plan!”

Consider these facts: Women often take time out of the workforce, or choose to work reduced schedules, to raise children and care for aging parents. Some women will take

When, however, we find ourselves grateful for material goods, we might reflect on our good fortune and remember that not everyone is so blessed, she says.

This may lead us to help others, which is “an appropriate response of gratitude for what we have,” Cavender adds. “Of course, it’s also important that we—as individuals and as a society—seek to address the underlying reasons why some have a surplus of wealth while others lack enough to meet basic needs.”

### Not rocket science

If money is a gift from God, it is important to understand personal finance in order to use resources in the best possible way for our individual situations, says Vance.

She’s troubled that so many women not only don’t have a basic grasp of personal finance, but also are intimidated to even try to understand it. Her research illuminates this problem.

In a 2006–2007 study of 951 Saint Mary’s alumnae, 72 percent gave a fair/poor rating to their readiness to handle financial affairs at graduation. And 19 percent rated their current readiness to handle financial matters as fair or poor.

Additionally, 74 percent of all respondents indicated a need to know more about investing, and this sentiment was consistent through all class years from the 1950s through the 2000s.

These and other startling statistics from the study reinforced Vance in her professional—and personal—mission to increase the number

of financially literate Saint Mary’s women, starting with students.

“It isn’t rocket science!” she insists. “It can be taught.”

With this in mind, she developed Financial Success Strategies for Women more than 10 years ago to help them become comfortable and confident about money. [Please see accompanying story on page 10.] “It is important this be taught at the undergraduate level in part because students have more time than alumnae to learn the material, and because decisions made in the 20s can significantly impact the quality of students’ financial lives, including their retirement. In today’s world, that is more important than ever,” she says.

As dedicated as Vance is about imparting this financial knowledge, she emphasizes money as means, not ends—a message that comes through particularly in one of her course readings, Kate Levinson’s *Emotional Currency*. “It is not the money that’s important, but what we can do with it,” Vance says, echoing Levinson’s writing. “We can take care of ourselves and those we care about. We can use it to have meaningful experiences, for example, through travel or taking classes. And we can use it to improve society and the world.”



positions with lower salaries to better meet the needs of their family. This means that over their lifetimes, women generally earn less than men. As a result, they often have less saved for retirement. Yet, women outlive men by approximately seven years and will need those assets to last a longer period of time. In today’s precarious world, women need to take steps to secure their financial futures. What can you do?

**Educate yourself about finance and investing.** Read books. Find an online “financial boot camp.” It is important to understand how the markets work and the strategies to employ in both good and bad times. Do you know how to select the best mutual funds in your 401(k) plan? If not, learn how. Even if you use a professional financial advisor, you want to be knowledgeable about finance.

**Start saving now—at least 10 percent of your income.** It’s never too late to start saving. *Pay yourself first!* If you are married and not working, invest in a spousal Roth IRA. If you are working, take advantage of any company 401(k) match and invest in a Roth IRA. Can’t find the money? Often it is the small

things that add up. Check out David Bach’s “latte calculator” at [finishrich.com/lattefactor](http://finishrich.com/lattefactor). You will be surprised.

**Set financial goals for yourself and break those goals into manageable steps so you can see you are making progress.** Goals need to be specific and reflect your values. For example, don’t just say, “I want to save the down payment for a house,” say, “I want to save \$20,000 for a down payment. I will do this by automatically transferring \$1,000 in a separate savings account for the next 20 months.” That way, you can see you’re making progress and are more likely to achieve your goal.

By taking control of your relationship with money, you will reap immediate rewards—and long term ones too, well into retirement. So go for it! You are a smart, confident Saint Mary’s woman. You *can* do it!

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Professor Susan Vance, JD, CPA, teaches business law, entrepreneurship, and personal finance. She has taught at Saint Mary’s since 1981.



## Growing money with meaning

In fact, focusing on worthy causes can go hand in hand with financial growth through socially responsible investing.

General treasurer Hoyler, a certified public accountant, says the congregation's investment strategy centers on the order's mission and core values, stewarding its resources in an equitable and sustainable manner. A good place to start, Hoyler says, is with the basic concept of "doing good and preventing evil."



The congregation has set parameters based on its values for choosing investments. For example, the congregation is very concerned about numerous issues, including war and peace/nonviolence, oppression of women, health, use of land and water, issues regarding Sudan and Darfur, and human trafficking. So, "If these are the values we

say we have, then we're going to make our investment choices and activities around those values," Hoyler explains.

The congregation's impact on these issues is strengthened through its membership in the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility (ICCR), a coalition of religious orders, denominations, and religious institutions.

In general, Hoyler explains, socially responsible investment programs have three dimensions: avoidance, proactive elements, and socially directed support.

"Avoidance means the Holy Cross sisters won't invest if we have a prohibition against what certain companies produce. For us, an example is a company that produces nuclear munitions," she says.

Which brings us to proactive elements: "Even if we have a prohibition against something, we may think this issue is so important that we buy stock and become active as stakeholders to change the company," Hoyler says. "You don't need to hold a lot of shares to make a difference." In fact, many drug companies now offer free medications to financially disadvantaged people because socially conscious shareholders have demanded it.

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As to socially directed support, the congregation chooses to invest small amounts of money in organizations that "do good," such as credit unions in economically disadvantaged places, micro lenders such as Shared Interest in South Africa, and minority-owned businesses that strengthen communities.

As important as socially responsible investing is, Hoyler doesn't encourage institutions or people to make radical changes. "Institutions especially can't make these huge leaps in changing their investment policies. It's little steps, little steps, little steps. It's better to take little steps than to take no steps."

And guilt has no place in the process. "Every institution does wrong and makes mistakes. If I make a mistake, I can rectify the mistake. Maybe I need to make reparations beyond rectification. But what good is guilt? If I carry the guilt, I become bitter. Instead, just say, 'This is something I need to do differently' and then take steps in that direction."

## Blissful dividends

These small steps—viewing money as a gift, feeling gratitude for it, developing confidence about it, and using it to improve the lives of others—can help lead to true happiness and growth, according to some models of philosophy.

Zwart explains: "Ancient philosophy views certain practical actions as ethical or spiritual exercises that contribute to transforming the individual."

For example, someone might decide to forego one restaurant meal per week in favor of giving money to a charity. She might initially find this difficult, and resent having to cook more. But, "She learns more about her charity of choice and feels herself becoming part of a community who cares about the same things she does," Zwart explains.

This can be transforming. "Eventually it becomes much easier to give up other luxuries and redirect more money to worthy causes," Zwart says. "In fact, she finds that many things she used to see as necessary now feel superfluous. Furthermore, as she gives more and consumes less, she is able to see the world through a more compassionate lens.

"And even if the path is difficult, the end result will be a more satisfying, longer lasting one."

Certainly, that balanced relationship—built on deliberation, confidence, and sharing—is worth the investment. ■

Interviewees for this issue of the *Courier* referred to a number of books and websites that they found valuable in considering money, finances, giving, and gratitude. Here are those sources.

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**Susan Vance, business professor**  
*Smart Women Finish Rich: 9 Steps to Achieving Financial Security and Funding Your Dreams* by David Bach  
*Frozen in the Headlights: The Dynamics of Women and Money*, National Endowment for Financial Education, ([www.nefe.org](http://www.nefe.org))

Also, see the course reading list on page 10

**Sister Veronique Wiedower '70, CSC, vice president for mission, Saint Mary's College**

*The Practice of the Presence of God* by Brother Lawrence

*The Present Moment: A Retreat on the Practice of Mindfulness* by Thich Nhat Hanh

**Sister Geraldine Hoyler, CSC, treasurer, Sisters of the Holy Cross**

Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility ([iccr.org](http://iccr.org))

Sisters of the Holy Cross justice and financial brochures ([cscsisters.org/justice/Pages/brochures.aspx](http://cscsisters.org/justice/Pages/brochures.aspx))

**Nursing students' book club** (page 45)  
*The Total Money Makeover* by Dave Ramsey



alumnae perspectives:  
What's one great financial  
decision you've made in  
your life?

We asked the above question on the Alumnae Association's Facebook page, and we heard back from dozens of Belles. Here's just a sampling of the creative, gutsy, and prudent decisions that paid off for them.

## my excellent investment

We started saving money on day one of our marriage. When we had two incomes as young marrieds and no children we saved one income. This made for a nice down payment on our first house.

—Pamela Carey Batz '70, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

We follow a plan to be debt free. Knowing where we spend our money *before* we get paid helps us budget for fun times, tithing, and essentials and pay off our student loans and mortgage ahead of time. It sets us up to provide a better life for our children and give back to our community.

—Jill Fenstermaker Stowers '99, Bloomington, Indiana

The one great financial decision I've made was to attend Saint Mary's. While I hesitated attending because I paid for college myself, the awesome opportunities I've had thus far are directly related to my experience as a Belle. While some people question my decision when I tell them I'm still paying for college, I've never regretted my choice.

—Brooke Sheldon '07, Ballston Spa, New York

When I changed jobs in 1997 I received a cash payout for my unused vacation time, which was significant. Shortly thereafter, my father's health problems made it impossible for my parents to stay in their home. My windfall helped me purchase a townhouse for them so they could keep the money from selling their home. My dad passed away two years later, and those savings helped provide my mother, who was developing Alzheimer's, with wonderful living environments. I am so thankful I was able to show my parents my appreciation for their love and support.

—Karen Preston McCarty '70, La Selva Beach, California

In 1975 my husband and I sold one car, moved into a cheaper apartment, and saved for a year. In 1976 we loaded up our camping gear and headed west from Lake Charles, Louisiana. For the next five months we crisscrossed the United States. Our travels took us to the Grand Canyon, Yosemite, Wyoming, and New York. In 1977 in Knoxville, we both found jobs in our professions within three months. Our year of chosen unemployment provided memories that helped a lot during years of babies, house payments, job losses, and divorce.

—Kenton Temple '70, Gatlinburg, Tennessee

In 1972, my husband and I bought a rental property—a house and garage apartment. It cost all of \$30,000. We still own it, and it's the best retirement investment we made. Inflation-proof income is making our life in retirement so much fun.

—Barbara Rasmussen '61, Fullerton, California

My best financial decision was putting away money for college when my daughter was born. The money grew over the years—enough to pay for a good education. I believe that education can make the biggest single impact on future income, and I wanted her to have that advantage. I've done the same for my two grandchildren.

—Diane McGarry '70, Fripp Island, South Carolina

When we had our son, I made a career decision to go part-time. My company pays full benefits regardless, so we retained family benefits. My husband works from home, allowing us to avoid childcare costs. What we gave up in salary more than made up for the valuable time we spend with our son.

—Kelly Powers Chandler '98, Lexington, Kentucky

We paid off our first home early by doubling the mortgage payment, and did something similar with the second home.

—Margaret Gallagher Baldwin '70, Baltimore, Maryland

The best financial decision I've made was going into business for myself. Knowing that every dollar I bring in is the direct result of my own work and reputation is rewarding and motivating.

—Kathleen Foley '00, Ann Arbor, Michigan

Going back to school to get my master's degree. Even though I went into debt, it's the best investment I made. No one can ever take it away.


—Lisa Campione Mullen '93, Grand Rapids, Michigan

Saving a lump sum at age 24 to use for six months traveling abroad. Because of that I met my husband, and we're still living in Ireland with our son nine years later. What I thought would be a fun European holiday has taken me on an incredible life journey I never expected.

—Maureen Gill-Emerson '99, Dublin, Ireland

I live within my means. I've always approached my life happy with the salary I earn and making that salary work. As my career progressed, my salary grew. My ability to travel or buy a house increased, but my debt did not. My freedom and peace of mind came from being debt free, not from the things I owned.

—Allie Putman Sabo '96, Columbus, Ohio

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No matter how much—or how little—money you have, it's always possible to improve your financial situation. Beverly Troxler O'Grady '63 and Rebecca Klest Walsh '01, two alumnae who work in financial services, provide some professional pointers to help you reach your goals.

## Get ready to *enjoy* your *retirement*

### alumnae perspectives: Steps to take when you have money

When it comes to useful financial advice, I think of Sophie Tucker. She died in 1966 at the age of 80, widely known by her nickname, "The Last of the Red Hot Mamas." She said, "From birth to age 18, a girl needs good parents, from 18 to 35 she needs good looks, from 35 to 55 she needs a good personality, and from 55 on she needs cold cash." I am tempted to substitute "education" and "conversation" for the middle two qualities, but she was right to aim for the last one: "avoid being a burden." It boils down to having a solid, well thought-out, realistic long-term financial plan.

Money is one of the most private subjects in our lives. It is security, the past, the future, and family all rolled into one. But one needs advice, and preferably from a disinterested and professional source. So, the first step to having cold cash (read liquid assets) sufficient to rest comfortably and be deaf to those thoughts that go "bump in the night" is to find someone to talk to honestly and organize.

**KNOW WHAT YOU HAVE.** Total your assets. Then total your liabilities. Diversify. Think about how to balance assets and liabilities prudently.

**KNOW WHERE YOUR ASSETS ARE.** Where are your liquid assets? Are they held by a bank custodian? A broker? Where is your insurance? Who is your lawyer? Your accountant? There may be someone at one of these places who can help you structure a plan.

**KNOW YOUR GOALS.** Add your annual obligations, charitable donations, entertainment, travel, clothes and food, potential medical expense, and maintenance. Is your "outgo" likely to exceed your income? Remember your income in retirement is that total of your Social Security income, annuity income or trust fund, and should also include 4 percent of all other liquid assets.

**DEVELOP A TIMELINE AND DEFINE YOUR EXPECTATIONS.** Don't invest in the market with the 75-year average return as your near-term expectation. Knowing history is useful, but those averages smooth out bubbles as well as the gut-clutching swoops. You cannot count on your investment cycle matching a market cycle. In fact, the last five-year returns for the S&P 500 Index are a negative -0.2 percent annual average while

10-year government bonds returned an annual average of 8.5 percent over that same period. Those results fly in the face of the often-cited theory that equity is a better place to put your money than fixed income or debt. True, but not all the time.

### **MAKE ROOM FOR CONTINGENCIES AND WINDFALLS.**

Fit additions and withdrawals into your overall plan. Don't invest on a whim but with a long-term view. When you buy, aim for value that looks sure to appreciate. Today, that appears more likely to be a health care company or a large integrated oil company than to be, say, a fashion retailer.

**NOW LOOK FOR ADVICE.** A financial planner is the way to go for most people; they charge a one-time fee for their service. (If you have more than \$3 million you should look for a money management firm or deal with a financial consultant.)

Above all, ask how someone gets paid. Brokers paid on commission are likely to recommend a good number of transactions. If an advisor has created and manages mutual funds, it should be no surprise that he or she thinks a mutual fund is the best decision you'll ever make. You get the idea. Try to get at motivation. Does it serve you? **C**



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alumnae perspectives:  
Steps to take when  
you don't have  
enough money

# How to *respond* to a financial crisis

Last year a soon-to-be-divorced woman sought financial advice. She knew she would have to move with her preschool-aged daughter, unable to meet the costs of home ownership. We reviewed her finances, considered spending changes she could make, and discovered that things would be tight until kindergarten began, but she would probably be able to keep her house. She refinanced her mortgage, cut some expenses, stayed in her house, and got back on her feet. This client's financial crisis was only a small part of her tumultuous year. Yet her finances had a huge impact on how tall she stood in the face of her challenges.

Financial crises arise when life events upset the often delicate balance of income and expenses. If you are facing a crisis now, such as a death in the family, major illness, divorce, or debt, here are some tips to help you muddle through until you are thriving once again.

**ACCEPT HELP.** If someone offers free babysitting, dinner, or a monetary gift, think twice before saying, "No, thank you, I can manage just fine." Most people *want* to help when a loved one is in crisis. We feel helpless and want to *act*. Don't allow pride to speak before you think about the impact of the offer.

**TAKE A LONG, HARD LOOK AT REALITY.**  $\text{Income} - \text{Expenses} = \text{Financial Stability}$ . You don't need to be a math major to add your incomes and subtract your expenses. If your result is close to or below \$0, you need to make changes to part of the equation. What can you live without? Are there sources for additional income?

**DO NOTHING DRASTIC.** Hasty major decisions could create long-term headaches. Most decisions are not urgent. Do not sell your house immediately upon losing your job or quit work upon receiving a large inheritance or insurance benefit. Set a date to make a decision later and then find an objective listener to help you think clearly.

**TALK TO YOUR CREDITORS.** Most creditors will accommodate you if you are unable to make payments. Being up-front informs creditors that you *do* intend to pay. You may be able to adjust your payments by refinancing your mortgage, going into forbearance on student loans, or only paying interest for a while. It never hurts to ask.

**SEEK PROFESSIONAL GUIDANCE.** Financial professionals offer objective perspectives and explain your options. Seek a "fee-only" Certified Financial Planner who charges by the hour and doesn't earn commission from selling financial products. Search for one in your area through the National Association of Personal Financial Advisors (NAPFA.org) or the Garrett Planning Network (garrettplanning.com). Most professionals offer a complimentary initial consultation, which may be enough to get you pointed in the right direction.

**ABOVE ALL, BE KIND AND TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF.** No, don't indulge in retail therapy or chocolate to wash away the woes of your financial crisis, but do take time off to enjoy a book by your favorite author, walk down a tree-lined drive or around a lake, spend time with people you love, and get extra sleep. Such care will help you gain perspective and make better decisions when you *do* have to decide. ■



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# A CLASS THAT YIELDS *spectacular* dividends

By Alexandra Davin '12

As a college senior, my experience with personal finance has been limited to rent payments, textbook fees, and weekend fun money. But I know that soon I'll be navigating unfamiliar territory such as insurance plans, investments, and—it's never too soon—retirement planning. So, during my final semester at Saint Mary's, I enrolled in Financial Success Strategies for Women. Along with almost 60 other seniors in the course, I'm looking forward to graduating in May with a clear understanding of the basics of personal finance.



Vance

Susan Vance, professor of business law, entrepreneurship, and personal finance, created the elective 10 years ago to provide students in all majors an opportunity to grasp the financial concepts needed to make informed decisions as they embark on life after college.

"When a new graduate starts her first job, I want her to know how to make sense of her benefit package—to know the difference between various health insurance options, and to take full advantage of her retirement savings opportunities," says Vance. "Saint Mary's students are bright and articulate, and I have found that regardless of major, they 'get it' once they take my class."

Topics covered include an overview of the financial planning process, investing in 401(k)s and IRAs, credit management, buying decisions, insurance, personal financial statements, income taxes, legal documents, living wills, and durable power of attorney.

Vance also uses the class to address any fears or worries students may have about personal finance. "Students are concerned they will be in over their heads or they worry they don't have the math skills needed to be successful financially. Some are paralyzed because they are afraid they will make a wrong decision. I address all these concerns the very first day in class. I assume no knowledge going in and I walk them through the topics so that they feel comfortable and competent."

The students appreciate her approach. "I can't express how thankful I am to Professor Vance and Saint Mary's for the Financial Success Strategies for Women course offering," says Katie Dapper, a senior double-majoring in business administration and communication studies. "This is the perfect time in my life to learn these financial strategies—I will feel much more confident as I enter the work world and make career-related decisions."

"The majority of my financial knowledge stems from my parents," says Maura Diamond, a senior majoring in English and French. "I'm lucky to have a fiscally aware mother as a role model, as she and my dad provided me with a strong economic foundation. But this class is furthering my knowledge of the concepts."

The course continues to grow in popularity among students. "It is always one of the first to fill up during registration, so I'm thankful for the opportunity to take the class," says senior communication studies major Hilary Ferguson.

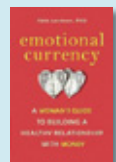
This semester, two sections of the 3-credit course are offered, and beginning with next fall's entering class, Financial Success Strategies for Women will be offered for general education credit.

"Accomplishing this means that long after I retire from Saint Mary's, our students will continue to have access to financial education," says Vance. "This is truly my legacy." ■



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## Check out the student reading list for Professor Vance's Financial Success Strategies for Women course:



*Emotional Currency:  
A Woman's Guide to  
Building a Healthy  
Relationship with Money*  
by Kate Levinson



*On My Own Two Feet:  
A Modern Girl's Guide  
to Personal Finance*  
by Menisha Thakor  
and Sharon Kedar



## *test your* **FINANCIAL LITERACY**

The following true-or-false questions are from a comprehensive quiz Susan Vance gives to her students at the beginning—and the end—of the Financial Success Strategies for Women class.

1. T F You will generally have more money at retirement if you invest \$2,000 in an IRA each year from age 21 to age 30 and make no further contributions than if you invest \$2,000 in an IRA starting at age 31 and continue to do so until you retire at age 65. (Assume both options are invested in the same mutual fund earning the same return.)
2. T F Your net worth is determined by subtracting your annual expenses from your annual income.
3. T F If you use Internet banking to pay bills each month, your creditors will always be paid electronically the same day you authorize the transaction.
4. T F If you pay off your credit card bill in full each month, it doesn't matter what interest rate you are charged (10, 15, 20 percent), assuming there is a grace period.
5. T F With a traditional PPO health plan, your insurance company generally will allow you to visit an out-of-plan doctor but you will have to pay more of the cost than if you see an in-network doctor.
6. T F Assume Mary retires at age 65. If she has a Roth IRA, she will not have to pay any federal income tax when she takes money out of the account.
7. T F You want to pay an extra amount toward your mortgage loan principal. If you do so at the beginning of the loan, you will save more interest than if you pay the extra amount toward the end of the loan.
8. T F If you have an employer-sponsored retirement plan that "vests" after three years of employment and you change jobs before that, you can roll over the amount your employer contributed.
9. T F Jane is a child of Mary and Joe. Mary and Joe list Jane as a dependent on their 1040 tax return. Jane has a summer job and must complete a tax return of her own. Jane can claim an exemption for herself on her 1040.
10. T F A tax deduction reduces taxes owed dollar for dollar (each dollar of deduction reduces the tax bill by a dollar).
11. T F If you carry collision insurance on your automobile, you will be covered if someone sues you for personal injuries after an accident.
12. T F If you have a term life insurance policy, your policy will not build up a cash value each year.

Interested to see  
how your financial  
knowledge aligns  
with the topics  
offered in the course?

*Take the quiz!*

Answer Key  
1. True  
2. False  
3. False  
4. True  
5. True  
6. True  
7. True  
8. False  
9. False  
10. False  
11. False  
12. True

# Feminizing THE FACE OF GLOBAL *statistics*

By Chelsea Iversen '08

JOANN VANEK '63 SPENT HER CAREER AS A STATISTICIAN TO SHOW POLICY MAKERS THE TRUE STATUS OF WOMEN AROUND THE GLOBE.

It was a cold, grey, late-winter day in 1959, and first-year student Joann Vanek was struggling to figure out what she wanted to do with her life. She made her way to O'Laughlin Auditorium to attend a lecture by Barbara Ward, the groundbreaking British economist who studied global development. As Vanek sat listening, she became increasingly inspired. The lecture opened up a new world of ideas for her—ideas that would eventually lead Vanek to help change the face of global statistics and provide a better understanding of the status of women around the world.

## FORGING HER WAY

After graduating from Saint Mary's in 1963 with a bachelor's degree in social science, Vanek immediately began doctoral work in sociology at the University of Michigan. She admits she wasn't much of a researcher at that point. "I was not a stellar student, but I was a good teaching fellow," she says. Though her teaching

skills kept her afloat, it was her dissertation that blew her mostly male colleagues and professors out of the water. Vanek analyzed historical data, comparing the time women spent on housework in the 1920s to time they spent in the 1960s. She found that, though technology made housework more efficient in the 1960s, women were actually spending *more* time doing housework in the 1960s than they were in the 1920s. Her research and findings established her as a pioneer in the field of household economics and women's studies. *Scientific American* published an article she wrote in 1974 based on her dissertation.

## "THE VICTORIES WERE VERY EXCITING"

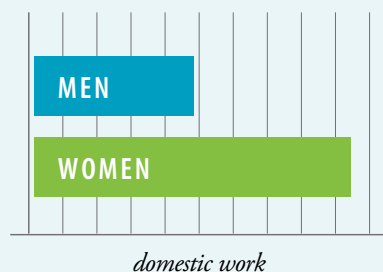
After earning her doctorate, Vanek spent two years teaching at Queens College in New York and several years working for the National Science Foundation. However, Vanek's interest in international issues that was sparked by the Ward lecture motivated her to apply for a job at the United Nations. The year was 1980—smack dab in the middle of the United Nations' Decade for Women (1975 to 1985). The UN Statistics Division was experiencing international pressure to produce data on the situation of women around the world, and it needed a talented statistician dedicated to gender concerns. Vanek happily accepted the position.

Almost immediately, however, she began to feel the weight of her task. She and her team had to compile information from more than 150 countries on topics such as education, employment, leadership, and health—and had to deal with many gaps in their data. "Once you take seriously that there is a need for statistics on women, national statistics offices have to begin collecting data on topics that they have not collected data on before," Vanek says.

In 1991 the UN released *The World's Women: Trends and Statistics*, an in-depth report compiled by Vanek and her team.

*A new edition of The World's Women: Trends and Statistics has been published by the United Nations every five years since 1995. The 2010 edition, for which Vanek was a contributor, includes the following findings—all of which are supported by extensive statistical analysis.*

In all regions, women spend at least twice as much time as men on unpaid domestic work.



Several natural disasters in the less developed regions, such as the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami, claimed more female than male lives, suggesting that more needs to be done in terms of providing *equal access to information and life-skills development.*

Existing statutory and customary laws still restrict women's access to land and other types of property in most countries in Africa and about half the countries in Asia.





Statistician Joann Vanek '63 spearheaded the first edition of *The World's Women*, a United Nations publication originally released in 1991 and now updated every five years. Here, Vanek is shown in Ahmedabad, India, in 2002, when she spent a day with a representative of the Self Employed Women's Association (SEWA).

The *New York Times* ran a story about the study, which helped it become a best-selling research publication for the UN.

Only after Vanek sat down to read the entire publication cover to cover was she finally able to fully comprehend what all the data meant. The incredibly unequal status of the world's women hit her "like a crushing blow."

By the time she retired from the United Nations in 2001, Vanek and her team had completed two more volumes of *The World's Women*. Because her department was slow to change, she says, and because compiling worldwide statistics on women demanded new strategies, she faced frequent battles throughout her 20-year career. "But the victories," she says, "were very exciting."

Today, Vanek is director of statistics for WIEGO (Women in Informal Employment: Globalizing and Organizing), an organization she helped found in 1997 to increase the voice, visibility, and validity of the working poor, especially women, in the informal economy. With her colleagues, Vanek has helped highlight and identify the enormous global workforce outside the realm of official, protected employment. "Those who are talking about the importance of the informal economy, whether it's the World Bank or the Intersecretariat Working Group on National Accounts, they quote us," Vanek says.

### PAINTING THE BIG PICTURE

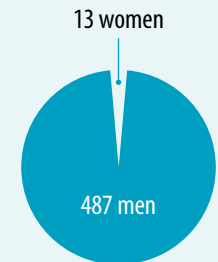
Vanek's career has included twists and turns, but she learned important keys to success during college. "Saint Mary's made us interested in being responsible members of our communities, the church, and the world. It also gave us the tools to think deeply and showed us the importance of doing something that was intellectually satisfying."

Looking back on her career, she is able to see her path clearly. "While it didn't seem so at the time, all of my work has had a thread of consistency," she says. Her ability to use statistics to help others understand the big picture is like second nature: "I like to package data and make it understandable. That's what I do well, and I enjoy doing it."

"Numbers are needed," she says, "to influence policy and change the situation for women around the world." ■

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# It's not about the money

The peculiar financial landscape of stay-at-home parents

By Heather Grennan Gary

*"If you're home full time, sometimes it feels as if your work isn't always as appreciated or respected just because you don't get paid for it."*



Ever wondered how much a stay-at-home parent is worth? Official folks try to calculate the answer every year; the website Investopedia determined in January that \$96,261 fairly compensates an individual whose job includes childcare, meal planning and preparation, house cleaning, driving, laundry service, and yard maintenance. (Just imagine if Investopedia had considered more complex parts of a stay-at-home parent's job, such as home health care provider, insurance benefits coordinator, counselor, tutor, peace negotiator...)

In truth, stay-at-home moms know they'll never see a dime of that hypothetical salary, and, for the most part, they're OK with that—at least, they knew it wasn't part of the deal when they signed on for the job.

While earlier generations of women typically stayed home to raise children—either by choice or because it was “what you did”—a number of more recent Saint Mary's alumnae currently

elect to spend their working hours with their kids rather than at a paying gig. That decision comes with money-related challenges that surpass the reality of running a household on one income.

“You have a full-time, never-ending job once you become a parent whether you work outside the home or not,” says Amy Mestrovich Barone '94, a mom of two school-aged sons who previously owned a wedding and event planning business. “But if you're home full time, sometimes it feels as if your work isn't always as appreciated or respected just because you don't get paid for it.”

That feeling can be exacerbated by forces closer to home—that is, by those *in* the home.

“The biggest challenge when you're not getting paid for something is that it's easier for everyone to take what you do for granted and assume it will always be done,” says Amber Taylor O'Rourke '03, who is at home raising her 4-year-old son and 1-year-old daughter after working in nonprofit communications. She remembers a time during her childhood when she, her brother, and her father weren't pulling their weight with chores, and her stay-at-home mom went on strike for a few days. “Seeing dishes and laundry pile up and not having a dinner prepared each night quickly forced us to realize that her efforts were not being appreciated,” she says. “I think going on strike is something all stay-at-home parents may need to do at one point or another!”

## Planning is essential

For many women—and some men—the desire to stay home with their children is their vocation and becomes their job. But with it can come financial challenges.

Personal finance experts advise those considering a move from paid employment to stay-at-home parenting to practice living on one income for several months before making the leap. Helen Murphy Tine '94, stay-at-home mom of a 7-year-old daughter and 3-year-old son, set the bar higher for herself. “Even when I was single, I saved a portion of my earnings for my future children’s college fund,” she says. When she and her husband were dating, Tine made sure he was OK with her eventually leaving her job as a software engineer at Motorola to become a stay-at-home mom. Once they got married they started saving money in earnest and practiced greater frugality as steps toward that goal.

“We created a budget for ourselves with the idea that I would stop working at some point,” Tine says. “We viewed all my income as savings. When I stopped working, the only amount in the budget that changed was what we were saving.”

Of course, sometimes plans change. In 2007 Jaime Sessions Kammerzell '99 was balancing her professional duties as an editor at *Rigzone*, an oil and gas magazine, with her family responsibilities, including two sons, then ages 3 and 10 months. She had no plans of leaving her job until the day she got a call from the child care provider about her younger son, who was having trouble breathing. “I couldn’t get there fast enough,” says Kammerzell, whose son was later diagnosed with asthma. “It was a wake up-call. I needed to be with my kids—at home.”

Kammerzell (who has a 1-year-old daughter in addition to her sons, now ages 8 and 5) talked with her mom, mother-in-law, and a friend—all experienced stay-at-home moms—about the reality of one-income budgets and the various implications of not earning a paycheck. “It was a difficult decision,” she says, but in the end, “My husband and I knew we could make it work. Heck, just eliminating the daycare costs was going to be a huge savings.”

In reality, the relative savings or costs of staying home with kids can be hard to gauge, even when parents diligently plug numbers into online calculators (see [parents.com/app/stayathomecalculator](http://parents.com/app/stayathomecalculator)). And sometimes the decision to stay home boils down to more

than the financial feasibility—and more than the choice between a full-time job or no job. “I always knew I wanted to be a stay-at-home mom, even when I was in college,” says Kristina Robinson Paluszkievicz '03. When she and her husband studied their financial situation before their son was born, they knew it would be tight if she left her job as a high school math teacher, but they were willing to sacrifice to make it work. A few months later, after their roof started leaking and their furnace died, they realized they needed to adjust their plan. Paluszkievicz took a part-time job at a daycare so she could make some money and still be with her son while she was working. After her daughter was born earlier this year and her husband received a raise, she started again as a full-time stay-at-home mom. But there’s little room for error in their streamlined budget. “The double income allowed us to make some financial mistakes and not suffer much,” she says; that luxury no longer exists.



*“It is a bit of a shock when you realize half—or more—of your income is no longer there.”*

## Dealing with sticker shock—and guilt

Most of the women interviewed for this article acknowledged their job as stay-at-home mom (SAHM) has included some vigorous and creative dollar-stretching strategies over the years: using coupons; shopping at garage sales; handling basic household repairs; opting for public school over private; eschewing credit cards; moving into a less-expensive home. But all that necessary penny pinching can sometimes lead stay-at-home moms to put their own material wants—or even needs—last.

When Tine quit working, for example, her frugality kicked into high gear—so much so that it became “extremely difficult” for her to spend money on clothing for herself. “I don’t have a lot of time to shop for clothes and feel guilty paying full price,” she says. “Sometimes my husband has to remind me that it’s fine for me to buy clothes for myself.”

Katie Maxbauer McNulty '97, a former executive aide who has a 4-year-old daughter and a 2-year-old son, says she and her husband have gotten used to living with less, but they wish they could better afford some things they enjoyed more frequently in their pre-parenthood days: travel, entertainment, philanthropy, and household improvements.

“It is a bit of a shock when you realize half—or more—of your income is no longer there,” she says.



But McNulty tries to keep the situation in perspective. “Just because I’m not adding income does not mean I’m not impacting my family’s bottom line.”

Rebecca Klest Walsh ’01, a hybrid stay-at-home/working mom of two preschool-aged daughters, is in the process of becoming a Certified Financial Planner. Of all the expenses competing for space in a family’s budget, Walsh pleads with her fellow moms not to ignore their own retirement savings. Most stay-at-home parents are eligible to contribute to a Spousal IRA, a retirement account for married nonwage earners who file their taxes jointly. In her handout “Family Finances for Parents of Preschoolers” she explains why it’s more important to save for one’s own retirement over a child’s college education. “Your children can get money for college: grants, loans, and scholarships. Nobody will give you money for retirement. If you fill your child’s college fund at the expense of your retirement, you may end up relying on your child for support at some point during your retirement.”

## Making it work

One challenge for all couples—but particularly those with a stay-at-home parent—is coming to agreement on spending, administration, and planning—what Walsh calls “establishing a financial household.” Reaching consensus on questions like how much each spouse can spend before needing to consult the other, how to remain accountable to a spending plan, who pays the bills, who researches investments and insurance, and how a family can best live out their values and achieve their desires and career goals is essential to create financial harmony within a household. It also puts both partners on equal footing when it comes to family finances, regardless of who’s the primary breadwinner.

“It took a long time [for my husband and me] to get to the point where we were speaking the same language—despite the fact that he is an economist and I am a financial advisor, our minds work extremely differently from one another!” says Walsh. “But now we’ve established our financial routines and mindsets that allow our financial conversations to be less frequent and less intense.”

And being able to keep financial conversations that way can help both spouses—wage earner and stay-at-home-parent alike—focus their energy on their real work, whether inside or outside the home.

Of course, on some days, no matter how much one believes in the importance of staying home to raise kids, the primary challenge comes back to how to measure the value of one’s work in the absence of a paycheck or professional status. Common stereotypes of stay-at-home moms—whether they be uneducated, unfashionable, unambitious, completely kidcentric, or pampered and rich—can take a toll on even the most self-assured SAHMs. On those days, the negative messages have a tendency to loom large—and mislead.



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“The hardest part was my five-year college reunion,” says Paluszkievicz. “I wanted to attend but felt like I hadn’t done enough, or hadn’t fulfilled some imaginary requirement because I was working part time at a daycare and raising my son. I guess—at the time—I felt like I’d wasted what I was given and would be looked down upon by all my successful classmates.”

But recently Paluszkievicz was out to lunch with a college friend, and conversation turned serious. When her friend said she felt she hadn’t yet done much with her life, Paluszkievicz reminded her of her wonderful job, her great husband, her beautiful home, and exciting travels. “When she said, ‘Yes, but I don’t have kids yet,’ that kind of put things into perspective for me,” says Paluszkievicz.

Barone says that she finds immense value in the fact that she no longer dreads Sunday nights. “I don’t hate the thought that ‘I have to go to work tomorrow’ anymore.” In being home with her family, she says, “I have become more organized and have learned to relax a little more and really try to enjoy life as it is rather than just trying to get through the day.”

Walsh sums up the real benefit of choosing that unpaid job—especially after one has sufficiently planned and discussed and worked to navigate the peculiar financial landscape of stay-at-home parents. “There is a freedom that comes from not being paid. It is a freedom to take the long view.” ■

# Tea and conversation

## Students learn about campus history during Heritage Week



Megan Carey '13 helps herself to tea during a Heritage Week event at Riedinger House. Several of the silver pieces shown here were given to the College by Lillian Studebaker in 1982.



Elizabeth Elsbach '13 and Allie Courtney '12 admire the desserts set out in the dining room.

Students gathered at Riedinger House on January 25 to enjoy tea and refreshments, as well as learn more about the Alumnae Association and house's unique history, during the College's annual Heritage Week. Kara O'Leary '89, director of alumnae relations, began her talk by explaining the house, built in 1939, was intended as a practice house for home economics majors.

"Four students lived here at a time, learning housekeeping skills," she explains.

Due to high costs, the house was built on a seven-eighths scale. While the house has been updated over the years, much of the original art and furniture remains.

When Riedinger House first opened its doors, it was considered to have a "perfect kitchen," according to the February 1939 issue of the *Courier*: "electrical throughout, with all-steel cabinets in the latest design, and the best equipment available." The kitchen's careful design served an important purpose: Home economics majors were required to make a meal for then-president Sister Madeleva in order to successfully complete their coursework.

Before taking the students on tours of the house, O'Leary explained its current primary function is to house visiting alumnae and other guests of the College.

Tour guide Meghan Feasel '13 stayed in Riedinger House at age 13 with her mother, Julie Wagner Feasel '89, and her mother's former college roommates, Kelly Glavin Zeh '89 and Penny Falaschetti Dolan '89, along with their children.

"We watched the Summer Olympics and spent a lot of time in the gardens," recalls Meghan. "I thought it felt more like a home than a campus building."

The event was part of Heritage Week, an annual January tradition celebrating the history of Saint Mary's. O'Leary says the timing is ideal, as it takes place during a less busy time of year and allows students to focus on the traditions.

"Saint Mary's has lots of history. And with lots of history comes tradition. That's what students want to learn." ■

—Michelle Rozman '12

*Michelle Rozman '12 is majoring in business administration with a concentration in marketing. She interns for the Courier.*



## Seniors receive Orr fellowships

Amanda Lester '12 and Melissa Jackson '12 are the first Saint Mary's students ever to receive the Governor Bob Orr Indiana Entrepreneurial Fellowship.

Established in 2001, the fellowship allows around 25 recipients to receive two-year paid positions with high-growth Indiana companies. Fellows gain executive-level mentorship and build professional networks. Upon completion, participants travel internationally to the emerging market of their choice, all expenses paid.

After graduation Lester will work for TinderBox, which provides web-based solutions for businesses to create proposals. Jackson will work for Aprimo Inc., a marketing software solutions company. Both companies are in Indianapolis.



Lester and Jackson

"TinderBox was my first choice," says Lester, a communication studies major. "My official role is still being sorted out, but I believe I will be primarily responsible for the marketing function, media interaction, Internet, and social media development."

Jackson, a business administration major, is equally enthusiastic. "I believe it is a great place to launch my career," she says about Aprimo, which the Indiana Chamber of Commerce has called one of the best places to work in Indiana. "Working so closely with the chief marketing officer of a fairly large firm is not something that you typically experience with an entry-level position."

—Gwen O'Brien

## Accounting team wins state again

For the second year straight, Saint Mary's took first place at the Indiana Certified Public Accountants Society (INCPAS) case competition in Indianapolis on November 18. Coach Professor Mary Ann Merryman, center, has led the Belles to the final round for the past six years. Team members are, from left: Allie Courtney '12, Chelsea Pacconi '13, Merryman, Maggie DePaola '12, and Katie Gutrich '13. Courtney and DePaola participated last year. "We pushed each other to stay focused and motivated to be the best," Courtney says.

—Christine Cox



## Fitness program kicks into high gear



Belles for Fitness members get moving

Angela Athletic Facility was more crowded than usual as the 13th session of Belles for Fitness (BFF) got underway in February. The team exercise program required each participant

to work out for a minimum of 200 minutes a week for five weeks. "This was our biggest session ever—28 teams and 158 participants," says Bridgette VanSchoyck-Clark, physical education instructor. "This session was also the most successful to date, with many teams meeting the goal."

VanSchoyck-Clark, who teaches spinning, yoga, and pilates at Angela, started the program in 2008 after noticing students "doing these crazy, marathon workouts two weeks before spring break to get ready for bikinis." She wanted to create a program that would

encourage participants to tone up in a safe, effective manner. BFF emphasizes the importance of support and accountability by making participants undertake the program as part of a team.

The American College of Sports Medicine recommends 300 minutes of exercise per week, which helped determine the BFF goal: "I figured students probably already walk about 100 minutes per week on campus," VanSchoyck-Clark says. She hopes the five-week timeline helps participants develop the habit of incorporating more physical activity into their lives. The program permits participants to do any kind of exercise, including cardiovascular, strength training, flexibility, fitness classes, sports—anything helps reach the 200-minute goal.

"Regular exercise is so important for college students," says VanSchoyck-Clark. "It helps boost their immunity, it helps them de-stress and work the kinks out after a day of being hunched over a desk, it keeps our most important muscle, the heart, healthy, and it increases endorphins or 'feel good' hormones—which is very helpful in the winter, when we can easily go two weeks without sunshine."

—Heather Grennan Gary



## Financial executive and media personality to speak at Commencement



Hobson

Mellody Hobson, president of the Chicago-based money management firm Ariel Investments, will deliver Saint Mary's 2012 Commencement address on May 19. Hobson is a nationally recognized voice on financial literacy and investor education and is interviewed regularly for national television and radio programs and publications.

As president of Ariel Investments, Hobson is responsible for firm-wide management and strategic planning, overseeing all operations outside of research and portfolio management. Additionally, she serves as chairman of the board of trustees for the mutual funds. She joined Ariel in 1991 after graduating from Princeton University.

Hobson is a regular financial contributor on *Good Morning America* and a frequent guest on *ABC's World News Tonight*. In 2009 she served as executive producer and host of an ABC prime-time special, *Unbroke: What You Need to Know about Money*. Hobson is also a weekly finance expert on the *Tom Joyner Morning Show* and a regular columnist for *Black Enterprise*.

Beyond her work in finance and investor education, Hobson serves on the board of the Field Museum, the Chicago Public Education Fund, and the Sundance Institute. Additionally, she is on the board of governors of the Investment Company Institute. She is a director of DreamWorks Animation SKG, the Estée Lauder Companies, Starbucks, and Groupon. Hobson is a Henry Crown Fellow of the Aspen Institute, a former member of the Princeton University Board of Trustees, and a 2010 recipient of an honorary doctorate degree in humanities from Howard University.

—Gwen O'Brien

## College's endowment outperforms national average

Saint Mary's endowment showed a return of 21.4 percent for fiscal year 2011, outperforming its average peer by 2.2 percent.

According to data released in January by the National Association of College and University Business Officers NACUBO–Commonfund Study of Endowments (NCSE), the 823 colleges and universities that responded to the NCSE survey saw an average return of 19.2 percent.

“What this says is that Saint Mary's College and the Investment Committee of the Board of Trustees have developed a well thought-out and disciplined investment approach for these very volatile times,” says Bruce Fink, director of investments at Saint Mary's.

The 19.2 percent average represents a marked improvement over the 11.9 percent average return for fiscal year 2010 and a

continuation of recovery from the -18.7 percent average return reported for fiscal year 2009.

As of June 30, 2011, when participating colleges and universities submitted their numbers to the NCSE, the Saint Mary's endowment was \$128 million. This represents a 30 percent increase in the value of the endowment from what Saint Mary's reported for the 2009 NCSE report in the aftermath of the 2008 financial crisis. Strong investment performance and generous donor gifts were central factors driving this growth.

Even through volatile economic times, the College endowment has maintained its level of support, Fink says. “We have been able to distribute about \$6 million each year from the endowment, a significant portion of which is for student scholarships and financial aid.”

—Gwen O'Brien

## Bishop Kevin Rhoades presents at Aquinas Symposium



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, visits with Stephanie Cherpak '12, left, and Rebecca Marie Jones '12 on January 26.

The Most Reverend Kevin C. Rhoades, Bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, delivered the lecture at the 15th Annual Symposium on St. Thomas Aquinas on January 26.

In his lecture, “The Contemplation of Truth by Faith and Reason: St. Thomas Aquinas, Blessed John Paul II,

and Pope Benedict XVI,” Rhoades spoke about the relationship between theology and academics.

Before the symposium, Rhoades met with three religious studies students. “Bishop Rhoades was eager to learn more about the religious studies and campus ministry programs at Saint Mary's,” says Stephanie Cherpak '12. “We were able to discuss our personal interests in theology with him as well as our future goals.”

Rhoades, who was installed as bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend in 2010 after serving as bishop of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, previously taught systematic theology and canon law at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

—Christine Cox



# Going the distance

*By Sarah Miesle '07*

On camelback in the Outback: Katelyn Tondo-Steele '12, a biology major and soccer player who studied in Freemantle, Australia, during her sophomore year, takes a unique stroll (followed by Courtney Helmer '11) on the beach in Broome, Western Australia.

Student-athletes can usually be found in predictable places: the classroom, library, gym, field, pool, court, or running path. You may not think to look for them in an orphanage in Honduras, say, or in a Spanish cathedral, the White House, or a wildlife refuge in Australia.

But think again.

Because Saint Mary's is a Division III institution, our student-athletes don't face the same limitations as those at Division I schools, where athletic scholarships make playing a sport comparable to holding a job. And many Belle student-athletes seize the opportunity to participate in some form of distance learning: More than 30 percent of current student-athletes have studied abroad or in Washington, or have participated in international service work. That number jumps to more than 55 percent when members of the first year class are removed from the equation.

"I think Saint Mary's—and especially the athletic department—instills in its women a confidence that we can 'do it all,'" says Katelyn Tondo-Steele '12, a senior soccer player and biology major who studied in Freemantle, Australia, as a sophomore.

That doesn't mean it's easy to fit it all in. "I knew from the beginning that it would be difficult to study abroad, run cross country, and earn the 150 hours needed to sit for the CPA exam after I finished my accounting degree," says Joanne Almond '12, a senior accounting major who spent a semester in Seville, Spain. "In order to stay on track and excel



in my sport and schoolwork, I worked with my academic advisors to create a four-year plan that would allow me to study abroad.”

The constraints of some majors can make a distance learning opportunity seem impossible. Sophomore soccer player and nursing major Kaitlin Teichman '14 found a way around that, however. She participated in an alternative spring break trip to Honduras last spring. “I really wanted a service-oriented experience,” she says. “The Saint Mary’s community has encouraged me to pursue all of my interests whether they are athletic, academic, or individual.”

Softball player Kate Mitchell '12 seized the opportunity to get a close-up view of the justice system by participating in the Washington Semester Program. As a political science and psychology double major, Mitchell was able to better imagine her future plans—plans that include law school next year. “If I hadn’t participated in the Washington Semester Program, I do not believe I would have been as passionate about my future as I am today,” says Mitchell.

That kind of comprehensive learning experience is one of the biggest ways student-athletes prepare for life after Saint Mary’s. But an athlete’s love of the game can provide a special advantage for those studying abroad, as softball player Morgan Bedan '13 discovered last summer. Bedan was studying in Cordoba, Argentina, during *la Copa América*—the American Cup, a major soccer tournament that happens once every four years. “Soccer fans in Argentina put even the biggest sports fans in the U.S. to shame,” says Bedan.

Cordoba was one of the tournament’s host cities, and she saw several national teams around the city. The entire experience—from the pre-tournament hoopla to the fervor of *fútbol* fans to discussions about the event with her host mom—provided a unique window into a new culture. “It was amazing to see a nation unite around such a simple thing as a soccer tournament,” says Bedan. “As a sports fan, I’d never experienced enthusiasm like that.”

And that’s the whole point of distance learning. The enthusiasm, passion, and challenge that student-athletes accumulate on their adventures are terrific souvenirs to bring back home—and share with their teammates. **C**

## WHERE IN THE WORLD *are Belles student-athletes?*

Current student-athletes have studied or served in these locations:

Italy  
(Rome Program) 9

Ireland 6

Uganda 4

Australia 3

European  
Summer Study 3

Washington, D.C. 3

Argentina 2

Greece 2

Honduras 2

Spain 2

Austria 1

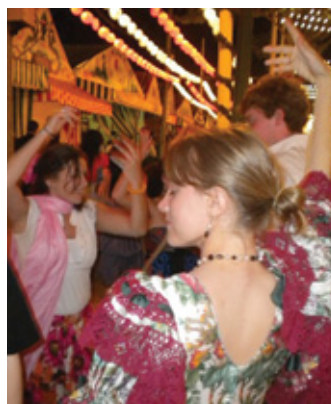
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France 1

Nicaragua 1

Tanzania 1



Clockwise from top: Sophomore soccer player and nursing major Kaitlin Teichman '14 takes photography pointers from a resident of Hogar Diamante, a home for boys where she did service work during her alternative spring break trip to Honduras.

Snow in July! Softball player and political science major Morgan Bedan '13 marvels at the sight during a visit to a vineyard in Mendoza, Argentina.

Softball player Kate Mitchell '12, a political science and psychology double major, participated in the Washington Semester. Here, she and her Washington semester roommate, Olivia Lang (right), visit the Capitol.

Accounting major, cross country team member, and (at least this one evening) flamenco dancer Joanne Almond '12 spent a semester in Seville, Spain. Her host mother lent her a flamenco dress to wear to the city’s annual fair.





Sister Basil Anthony "B.A." at her desk in Le Mans Hall in an undated photo

## In the arms of God

**Sister Basil Anthony O'Flynn '46, CSC**  
*September 2, 1917–December 16, 2011*

*By Gwen O'Brien*

"One of a Kind." That's the headline from a summer 1989 *Courier* article describing Sister Basil Anthony O'Flynn '46, CSC. The same words were repeated again and again as alumnae and friends of Saint Mary's learned of her passing. "Sister B.A.," as she was known, was 94.

Saint Mary's College President Carol Ann Mooney '72 was a student when Sister B.A. was vice president of fiscal affairs. She remembers the statuesque sister, who stood about six feet tall with her habit, as "initially intimidating, but ultimately gentle and caring with students."

Mooney has referred to Sister B.A. as the "heart of the College," not just for the years she spent here or the positions she held, but also for the times in which she served. "Sister B.A. was a major link to significant times in the College's past," Mooney says. "Sister sat at the table during the merger/non-merger discussions with Notre Dame and held every administrative post at the College except president."

"Sister was very much a calming voice when we faced some of the critical issues affecting the future of the institution," recalls William A. Hickey, who served as acting president of the College (1974–1975 and 1985–1986) and then as president (1986–1997). "Her generosity of spirit, mischievous nature, and sharp wit were

characteristics all of us will remember and miss. I know that Sister will demonstrate those same unique characteristics in the heavenly place reserved especially for her.”

If Sister B.A. was a link to the College’s past, she was a connection to countless personal histories as well. Through 2008 Sister B.A. attended Reunion Weekends for the opportunity to visit with generations of alumnae. Beginning in 2009 she met visitors at the convent instead. For many alumnae, any visit to campus would include time with Sister B.A.

Sister B.A. was born Brigid Anne O’Flynn. When she received her habit, she was given the religious name Basil Anthony in honor of Blessed Basil Anthony Moreau, founder of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Cross. “The name had never been given before,” Sister told the *Courier* in 1989. “It was the centennial anniversary of the Holy Cross, so I think that’s why I got it.”



President Carol Ann Mooney '72 greets Sister B.A. at her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday party in 2007.

The Washington, D.C., native born of Irish immigrants entered the Congregation in 1941. Her brother and only sibling became a Jesuit priest. “I never knew a time when I didn’t think I was going to be a nun,” she told a *South Bend Tribune* reporter for a November 2007 article marking her 90th birthday.

Sister B.A. accumulated a bevy of degrees, receiving a bachelor’s in English and philosophy from Saint Mary’s College in 1946; a master’s degree in theology from Saint Mary’s College’s School of Sacred Theology in 1949; a master’s degree in education (counseling and guidance) from the University of Notre Dame in 1967; and a master’s degree in pastoral care from the University of Michigan in 1975.

Sister B.A. worked at the College for 37 years, spanning five decades, mostly as an administrator. Her relationship with students depended in part by what job she was doing. As dean of students (1961–1968), she often served as disciplinarian. She was also vice president for fiscal affairs (1968–1972), vice president for public relations and development (1972–1973), vice president for campus affairs (1973–1974), and assistant to the vice president for college relations (1979–1998) until

retiring at the age of 80. In addition, she served as chair of the Board of Regents from 1975 to 1979.

Over the years the College recognized Sister B.A. with many honors. In 1975 she was named the Alumnae Association’s Distinguished Alumna. In 1994 the College presented Sister with the President’s Medal in recognition of her outstanding service to the community and her contributions to the life of Saint Mary’s College. In 1998 a scholarship fund was established at Saint Mary’s in her name by Bob and Mary Kelly McLaughlin ’42. In 2002, Sister B.A. was awarded an honorary doctorate from the College.

In October 2007, Saint Mary’s College threw Sister B.A. a surprise party, something she told the *Tribune* she’d never had before. Friends and colleagues packed the Student Center to celebrate her 90th birthday. As a gift, the College compiled a two-volume memory book for her. More than 100 alumnae, faculty, and staff paid tribute to Sister’s life, work, and faith by sending special memories about her for the book.

“Two of the greatest gifts she ever received were the endowed scholarship at the College and the alumnae letters on her 90th birthday,” recalled Deborah Johnson Schwiebert ’74 of her dear friend. “Many times when I visited after her 90th birthday she would bring out the book of letters and her eyes would light up and she would share wonderful memories and stories.

“Sister B.A. was a remarkable woman. Her dedication to and love for the Congregation and the College were such an inspiration to me. She lived a life of service and gently encouraged everyone to do the same.”

Schwiebert encourages those who want to honor and remember Sister B.A. to support the scholarship fund in her name. “Sister B.A. wanted every qualified young woman to experience and love Saint Mary’s as she did. She will be greatly missed by generations of Saint Mary’s women.”

Sister Basil Anthony loved her years here, but she looked forward to an even better place to come. When the *Courier* asked her in 1989 what she thought heaven would be like, Sister B.A. answered, “I think it’s going to be relaxing in the arms of God. Everything is going to be as perfect as you can imagine. I think being in the presence of God is going to be enough for me.”

Farewell, Sister B.A. We know you will continue to watch over Saint Mary’s. ■

For the full 1989 *Courier* article and Sister B.A.’s 90<sup>th</sup> birthday messages, go to: [saintmarys.edu/courier](http://saintmarys.edu/courier)

**Scholarship donation information:** Those wishing to make a gift to the College in honor of Sister B.A. may designate gifts to the Sister Basil Anthony O’Flynn Scholarship, Saint Mary’s College, 110 Le Mans Hall, Notre Dame, IN 46556.

## Marriages

Kimberly Bero Rennick '96 and Alexander, October 29, 2011.

Angela Olsen Grauer '98 and Walter, September 10, 2011.

Anne Marie Joseph Irey '98 and John, July 16, 2011.

Meghan Theard Vakulskas '98 and Todd, November 19, 2011.

Ann-Marie Roche Powers '99 and Tom, August 27, 2011.

Aileen Emery Veldhuizen '00 and David, October 9, 2011.

Stephanie King Bahus '02 and Kevin, July 2, 2011.

Lee Cassie Yates Clagett '02 and Daniel, September 10, 2011.

Sarah Alter Darling '02 and Chad, October 1, 2011.

Megan Colvin Graue '02 and Justin, March 19, 2011.

Erin McGarry Hardison '02 and Scott, October 22, 2011.

Kelli Taylor Green '03 and Travis, October 18, 2008.

Kymberly Dunlap Andren '04 and Darin, June 4, 2011.

Staci Gierich Bergstrom '04 and Steve, October 1, 2011.

Emily Agness Botich '04 and Joseph, October 22, 2011.

Courtney King Fritz '04 and Derek, April 8, 2011.

Adrienne Upah '04 and John, May 14, 2011.

Renee Gruber Walker '04 and Josh, September 24, 2011.

Kristi Spriggle Werth '04 and Eric, April 2, 2011.

Diane Pisani Boehret '06 and Justin, October 8, 2011.

Annie Huffman Vorys '07 and Mike, July 10, 2011.

Mary Esler Bortman '08 and Brent, August 27, 2011.

Sarah McConnell Hand '08 and Maxwell, August 6, 2011.

Meghan Larsen Reidy '09 and Tim, August 13, 2011.

Erin Haines Vu '09 and Phong, June 18, 2011.

Maggie McNicholas Sayles '10 and Mike, July 8, 2011.

## Births & Adoptions

Patsy McGowan Donahue '92 and Jim: Grace Margaret, June 23, 2011.

Elizabeth Harvey Preston '92 and Bryan: Owen Michael, November 16, 2011.

Sheila Doran Shane '96 and Patrick: Norah Patricia, September 30, 2011.

Molly Sanford Dodd '97 and Alex: Elizabeth Regan, February 6, 2011.

Monica Thorson Dunn '98 and Aaron: Colette Suzanne, October 21, 2011.

Kate Votruba Frey '98 and Charlie: Benjamin Carl, October 14, 2011.

Margaret Finegan Daley '99 and Martin: Madeline Mary Josephine, August 1, 2011.

Mary Louise Musante Weeks '99 and Mark: Madelyn Kahlan, June 22, 2011.

Laura Brennan Schlidt '01 and Thomas: Margaret Grace, May 14, 2011.

Brooke Wagner DeSapio '02 and Vince: Cecilia Clare, March 25, 2011.

Erica Rae DeVoir-Moore '02 and Nathan: Xavier Ray, July 8, 2010.

Liz Kocourek Dunleavy '02 and Brian: Christopher James, April 18, 2011.

Denise Rasch Eiswirth '02 and Erik: Grace Elizabeth, June 13, 2011.

Meaghan O'Connor Gerhardstein '02 and Andrew: Autumn Drew, June 21, 2011.

Carri Cuellar Gibson '02 and Jeremy: Dillon Scott, May 14, 2011.

Alison Ashley Johnson '02 and Brett: Devin Ashley, July 23, 2010.

Marie Sordelet Lytle '02 and Brian: Gianna Grace, November 30, 2010.

Katie Corsentino Newberger '02 and Charlie: Evan Tang, November 11, 2011.

Mary Crawford Nolan '02 and William: Crawford Anderson, July 12, 2011.

Shannon Meyer O'Rourke '02 and Tim: Mary Grace, August 18, 2010.

Kathleen Quiroz Tate '02 and Matt: Linus Michael, October 12, 2010.

Jamie Norton Trailov '02 and Jason: Alyssa Danielle, April 10, 2011.

Sara Pendley Gillespie '03 and Joe: Keagan Joseph, December 15, 2011.

Michelle Biersmith Hennings '04 and Daniel: Brandon Merle, December 10, 2011.

Holly Bergman Mullen '04 and Brian: Grace Elizabeth, July 6, 2011.

Jessica Ratke-Buckholz Stielow '04 and Matt: Grace Mary, October 14, 2011.

Melissa Knauss Wood '04 and Andy: Anderson Edward, September 29, 2011.

Annie Huffman Vorys '07 and Mike: Olivia Marie, July 15, 2011.

Penelope Trethewey Mattice '10 and Brian: Elizabeth Ann, October 9, 2011.

## Alumnae Deaths

Lucile Crowley Olfs '30, August 22, 2011.

Winifred Heinen Bower '39, sister of Genevieve Heinen Swoyer '44, aunt of Ann Dumas-Swanson '80, cousin of Tina McGuire Callanan '80 and Susan M. McGuire '76, January 24, 2012.

Anne Bodle Schuknecht '40, November 3, 2011.

Elizabeth Dillon England '41, October 5, 2011.

Emilita "Bunny" Wagner Barker '42, grandmother of Ashley Clark Bass '98, December 6, 2011.

Victoria Puddicombe Kelly-Bauer '42, mother of Kathleen A. Kelly '70 and Margaret Kelly Crimmins '80, grandmother of Claire Barrett Kurdalak '99, December 23, 2005.

Helen Rauen Kristufek '42, October 22, 2011.

Mary Kelly McLaughlin '42, mother of Theresa McLaughlin Patterson '72, sister of Sister M. Cecilia Ann Kelly CSC '49, aunt of Cecilia Marie Michel '76 and Anne Michel Mackiewicz '78, cousin of Mary Lloyd Fildew '96, October 4, 2011.

Mary Roane Cagle '44, cousin of Regina Broussard Winegar '70, Christine Shaheen Broussard '74 and Julie Broussard Miller '89, March 5, 2011.

Elizabeth O'Connor Gillespie '44, aunt of Elizabeth O'Connor Chandler '70, May 22, 2011.

Rosemary Boetto DeBartolo '45, Class of 1945 valedictorian, aunt of Monique M. Boetto '85, October 23, 2011.

Anne Keller Gilbert '45, mother of Mary Gilbert Pfeffer '74, aunt of Virginia McDonald Brehl '68, January 1, 2011.

Lorraine Overton Nook '45, cousin of Kathryn Ann Overton '93, October 29, 2011.

Mary Burns Mahoney '46, grandmother of Shannon Marie Mahoney '00, January 6, 2012.

Sister M. Basil Anthony O'Flynn, CSC '46, December 16, 2011.

Marjorie Bolte Kelly '47, May 11, 2011.

Joan Stewart Kennedy '47, February 15, 2011.

Geraldine Lash Brittsan '48, June 4, 2009.

Virginia M. Melevage '48, June 6, 2011.

Kathleen McCaffery Ward '48, November 6, 2011.

Virginia Logan Bradley '50, October 24, 2011.

Catherine Deck Skeehan '50, mother of Teresa Skeehan Stewart '74, grandmother of Claire Teresa Stewart '15, October 16, 2011.

Marcia Cavanaugh Sneed '50, February 24, 2010.

Elizabeth Grimmer Treacy '50, October 31, 2011.

Ann Hannigan O'Neill '52, November 29, 2011.

Patricia McAndrews Pilger '54, October 30, 2011.

Sister Maura Campbell, OP, PhD '55, January 29, 2011.

Mary Ann Hoben Jensen '55, sister of Patricia Hoben Daniels '65, mother of Julia Jensen Hoffman '82, November 15, 2011.

Eleanor Griffith Stolzer '56, October 2, 2011.

Mary Van Hecke Benthall '57, mother of Clare Van Hecke Korte '88, April 12, 2009.

Marylou Armstrong Bouche '57, April 5, 2008.

Marie Lyman Meagher '57, January 5, 2012.



Anne Rody Cooney '59, mother of Colleen Cooney Kipp '84, niece of Joan Agnes Bell '84, January 19, 2012.

Joan Swanson '59, November 11, 2011.

Kathleen Dolan Reed '60, mother of Lisa K. Peppers '87, October 27, 2011.

Mary Margaret Boesen '62, cousin of Maureen Hogan Lang '60 and Coleen Hogan '75, January 17, 2012.

Kathleen Lucas Reilly '62, April 3, 2006.

Jane Feldmeier DeJovine '64, March 18, 2011.

Joyce Richards Babin '67, June 5, 2011.

Patricia Dugan Bash '67, August 5, 2011.

Deborah Byrne Tynan '70, November 6, 2010.

Cynthia Melczek '77, November 2, 2011.

Jennifer Marie Philips '88, January 8, 2012.

## Family Deaths

Esther Leone Anania, mother of Donna Anania-Reich '77 and Susan Anania Hunter '84, December 30, 2011.

Burnett Bauer, father of Kathleen A. Kelly '70 and Margaret Kelly Crimmins '80, grandfather of Claire Barrett Kurdelak '99, October 28, 2011.

Harry T. "Bud" Bigelow III, husband of Rosemary Foley Bigelow '50, father of Julie Bigelow VanCura '79 and Pattie Bigelow O'Sullivan '90, uncle of Chris Foley Carroll '91, January 3, 2012.

Clarence "Blanky" Blankenburg, father of Barbara "Bunny" Blankenburg Kiep '79, October 2, 2011.

Jerome Brault, father of Catharine Brault Murphy '85, July 7, 2011

Dominick Bufalino, father-in-law of Patricia Morahan Bufalino '76, January 13, 2012.

Agnes D. Carr, mother of Mary Lee Carr Charles '70, November 3, 2011.

Thomas P. Cerneka, father of Lisa Cerneka Burns '84 and Heidi Ann Cerneka '87, August 15, 2011.

Mary Catherine Chambers, mother of Kelly Chambers Mazeski '81, December 17, 2011.

Tim Daly, son of Martha Abberger Daly '41, brother of Diane Daly McGarry '70, December 16, 2011.

Joseph J. Daniels, husband of Patricia Hoben Daniels '65, May 18, 2010.

Gerald Dapper, father-in-law of Kathryn Knich Dapper '87, grandfather of Katelyn Dapper '12 and Sarah Dapper '15, January 14, 2012.

Gordon Francis Davies, husband of Nancy Branton Davies '49, January 4, 2012.

Ralph H. Dwan, Jr., husband of Mary McGahey Dwan, December 18, 2011.

Doris J. Fanning, mother of Maureen Fanning Brandes '79 and Colleen Fanning Gallant '88, grandmother of Katie Pariso '11, aunt of Alice Fanning Horney '69 and Marty L. Fanning '83, January 14, 2012.

Keith Eric Gisleson, husband of Janet Walton Gisleson '64, January 13, 2012.

Robert E. Helgesen, father of Patricia Helgesen McAlpine '73, grandfather of Meghan McAlpine '13, uncle of Pamela Helgesen Couture '79, December 21, 2011.

Gail Hinkle, mother of Tonya Sheets Sexton '90, December 8, 2011.

Elizabeth Imler, mother of Julia Imler Doyal '78 and Joan Imler Grass '80, October 11, 2011

Amy Jones, sister of Judy Jones Sullivan '54, cousin of Patrice M. Jordan '89 and Kathryn Bridget Loftus '90, November 21, 2011.

Isaac James Keeler, infant son of Jessica Brady Keeler '04, November 22, 2011.

Richard F. Klee, Sr., father of Mary Beth Klee '75 and Eileen Klee Sweeney '76, step-father of Nancy Thomas Dickinson '79, grandfather of Anne Marie Klee '04, January 13, 2012.

Eleanor Carol Koscielski, sister of Alice Koscielski Lesniewski '48, aunt of Marie Koscielski Gerken '92, cousin of Barbara Rys Fournier '64, June 21, 2011.

Mark Koscielski, son of Catherine Germano Koscielski '53, brother of Marie Koscielski Gerken '92, nephew of Alice Koscielski Lesniewski '48, cousin of Barbara Rys Fournier '64 and Megan Marie Christiana '09, November 9, 2011.

Regina P. Krusniak, mother-in-law of Mary Inwood Krusniak '80, November 12, 2011.

Edward G. Lawlor, Jr., husband of Evelyn Van Huffel Reese Lawlor '45, stepfather of Kareen Reese Klier '69, brother-in-law of Isabel Van Huffel Dray '39, December 20, 2011.

Eleanor Liedel, grandmother of Sara Leavitt-Turner '96, December 5, 2011.

John C. Lyons, husband of Joanne Clair Lyons '49, grandfather of Kelly Rose Lyons '11 and Bridget Ann Lyons '15, uncle of Kerry Clair Barry '92, brother-in-law of Geraldine Clair Gilboy '49, November 18, 2011.

Rose Madden, mother of Mary Anne Madden Hoffman '73, grandmother of Meganne Hoffman '03 and Jennifer Hoffman '10, April 16, 2011.

Marianne Martin, mother of Jeanne M. Martin '81, November 22, 2011.

Robert O. McCoy, Jr., father of Mary R. McCoy '82, October 8, 2011.

John McGrath, husband of Margaret Broughton McGrath '59, father of Katherine McGrath Wollenberg, December 8, 2011.

James O. McNamee, father of Mary McNamee Birleson '68 and Patricia McNamee Cherry '74, January 12, 2012.

Joe A. Moore, father of Jennifer Moore Pett '96 and Jill Moore Clouse '99, December 9, 2011.

James J. Murphy, father of Kathleen Murphy Villano '79, grandfather of Nicole Villano '08, September 16, 2011.

James J. Murtagh, Sr., father of Joyce Murtagh Stengle '86, October 4, 2010.

Terrence M. Nicholson, husband of Ellen Lawlor Nicholson '76, brother-in-law of Mary E. Lawlor '78, December 5, 2011.

Walter H. Oppenheim, brother of Marita Oppenheim Larkin '43, Virginia Oppenheim Barlock '48, Ramona Marie Oppenheim '50, Rose-Marie Oppenheim Dilenschneider '54, uncle of Susan Larkin Heintz '73, Lynn Larkin Flanagan '75, Mary Dilenschneider Condon '87, February 13, 2011.

Theodore Vincent Oppenheim, brother of Marita Oppenheim Larkin '43, Virginia Oppenheim Barlock '48, Ramona Marie Oppenheim '50, Rose-Marie Oppenheim Dilenschneider '54, uncle of Susan Larkin Heintz '73, Lynn Larkin Flanagan '75, Mary Dilenschneider Condon '87, November 22, 2011.

Robert P. Roberts Sr., father of Mary Roberts Nelson '66, December 28, 2011.

Elinor Rys, mother of Barbara Rys Fournier '64, aunt of Alice Koscielski Lesniewski '48, June 29, 2011.

Eugene Schaffer, husband of Kathleen Smith Schaffer '52, September 9, 2011.

Alice Schlesinger, mother of Mary Schlesinger '72 and Catherine S. Schlesinger '75, wife of the late faculty member Bruno Schlesinger, January 24, 2012. Schlesinger, an artist, painted the portrait of Sister Madeleva that hangs in Madeleva Hall.

Lawrence J. Schubert, father of Mary Schubert Foltz '83 and Rita Schubert Kierski '86, January 15, 2012.

Charles W. "Lefty" Smith, father of Mary Beth Smith Romano '89, January 3, 2012.

Alan Charles Soch, son of Jo Ann Lyden Soch '53, October 4, 2011.

Ronald Eugene Spohn, father of Alison Spohn Kavulich '93, January 5, 2012.

Ruth Wishart Sullivan, mother of Phyllis Sullivan Van Hersett '62, grandmother of Lynn Van Hersett Hemans '90 and Joan Van Hersett Elledge '93, November 20, 2011.

John E. Treacy, husband of Elizabeth Grimmer Treacy '50, December 9, 2011.

Frances D. Updike, mother of Virginia Updike Daily '70 and Mary C. Updike '71, mother-in-law of Monica Manchester Updike '70, grandmother of Erin Daily Duba '03, aunt of Miriam Donnellon Kimball '75, Cassandra Kimball Compton '01, October 21, 2011.

John J. Van Beckum, husband of Irene O'Leary Van Beckum '57, grandfather of Meghan Cassidy '06 and Erin Cassidy '15, October 13, 2011.

Donald L. Vondriska, father of Ann Vondriska Wilson '78, September 30, 2011.

Thomas A. Walsh Jr., husband of Barbara Roman Walsh '72, uncle of Kelly Roman Ganter '97 and Kara Anne Roman '04, August 5, 2011.

Matthew Niles Wiley, father of Nadine Wiley Priestley '82, November 22, 2011.

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*— Ann Struhs Roberts '82*

The Roberts family on vacation in Barcelona, Spain.  
*From left:* twin sons Drew and Connor, Ann, and her husband, Duane.

*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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## Chicago East

After ending 2011 on a high note, hosting a cocktail reception for President Carol Ann Mooney '72 and other esteemed members of the College, we began the new year invigorated with "Belle Pride" and ready to start tackling a new list of goals!

Beginning in February, the Club will host monthly "Sunday Socials" where alumnae of all ages and backgrounds can get together for a casual drink and conversation before beginning the week. A complement to our already successful book club, wine club, legal group, and

donated their time and talents to the Club this year. You have gotten us off to a great start!

Interested in getting involved in the Chicago East Club? Please contact Kate Treder '07 at [SMCChicago-President@gmail.com](mailto:SMCChicago-President@gmail.com).

## Chicago West

The Chicago West club has kicked off the New Year with a few events. On Jan 7<sup>th</sup> the club met for our first quarterly Mass & Coffee event in Glen Ellyn at the St. Petronille Parish. Following mass attendees adjourned for

coffee/breakfast at Honey Restaurant and just to enjoy one another's company. If you're interested in starting a few Saturdays with Mass & Saint Mary's fellowship, please join us. Visit the club website for more details and upcoming events.

Book club began, and we have already welcomed some new faces this year. Please join us for a book discussion the last Thursday of each month. Book selections and hostess information is available on the club website at <http://our.saintmarys.edu/~alumnae/club-pages/ILLINOIS/chicago-west.html>

We are looking for a few good women to assist with club communications. If you are interested, please contact Alison Spohn Kavulich '93 at [irishannie93@yahoo.com](mailto:irishannie93@yahoo.com).

## Cleveland

The first event of 2012 was held on January 1st at Cleveland Browns Stadium. Club members watched the Cleveland Browns take on the Pittsburgh Steelers. It was agreed that this event should be repeated next season. Many thanks to Kristin Rhoads '11 for organizing the event.

On Saturday, February 11, the Club hosted a wine tasting at Thorn Creek Winery in Aurora. Katie McVoy '03 organized the event, which included a tour of the winery followed by wine tasting and heavy appetizers. This event was a sure way to beat the winter blues.

The home of Linda Holtcamp McVoy '74 is the site for the annual meeting on Tuesday, April 24. Members will plan Club events and activities for the rest of the year. A discussion of Mary Gordon's book *Circling My Mother* follows the meeting.

We encourage everyone to join us! Keep an eye out for email updates and news. If you have any inquiries, please contact Cheri Petride Miller '79 at [smcosu@earthlink.net](mailto:smcosu@earthlink.net).

## Colorado

The Colorado Club had a lovely visit in November by President Carol Ann Mooney '72. Also, to start off 2012, we are reading the One Book One Saint Mary's book selection, *Circling My Mother* by Mary Gordon. More fun activities will be coming up this spring.

## Columbus

On April 29th the Columbus Club will be hosting our Annual Spring Brunch to Honor the Women in Our Lives. It will be held at Worthington Hills Country

Club in Worthington, Ohio. We will also hold a silent auction during the event, which will benefit the Club and our scholarship endowment. Our guest speaker is Vice President Shari Rodriguez, who will present the Club with the Club of the Year 2011-2012 Award. All alumnae in Central Ohio and the significant women in their lives are welcome to attend.

Also, the book club continues to meet regularly. For more information about the Book Club's next gathering, please contact Christina Orsinelli '96 at [corsinelli@yahoo.com](mailto:corsinelli@yahoo.com)

If you live in Central Ohio and are interested in joining the Club, please contact Katie Vincer Sears '03 at [kvincer@gmail.com](mailto:kvincer@gmail.com).

## Dallas/Fort Worth

Over the winter, the Dallas/Fort Worth alumnae club read *Circling My Mother* by Mary Gordon, the One Book One Saint Mary's selection for this year, as well as

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The Saint Mary's Dallas Alumnae Club enjoyed reading and discussing the One Book, One Saint Mary's selection, *Circling My Mother*. From left, Linda Kawecki '79, Erin Krombach Groves '05, Emilie DesJardins Moreland '05, and Mary Holland '05.

*The Night Circus*, by Erin Morgenstern, and Tina Fey's *Bossypants*. Our book club meets on the 4th Sunday of every other month and is always open to book suggestions. If you would like to join us for book club, or any other event, please email [smcdfwclub@gmail.com](mailto:smcdfwclub@gmail.com).

We are also looking for alumnae in the Fort Worth area who are interested in events closer to them. Please email [smcdfwclub@gmail.com](mailto:smcdfwclub@gmail.com).

## Des Moines

The Des Moines Club's mid-winter service project involved painting at Ruth Harbor, a home for pregnant women needing a variety of social services. Organized by Sarah Sullivan Bigelow '96, the project is seen as one that can be ongoing for the club. Club leadership will meet in June to plan the next year's activities. To participate in the planning meeting, contact Aimee Beckmann-Collier '75 ([aimee.beckmann-collier@drake.edu](mailto:aimee.beckmann-collier@drake.edu)).

## Detroit

The Detroit club is very excited to have President Mooney visit in March. We are planning an evening reception on March 27<sup>th</sup> in honor of her visit. We are also currently looking for volunteers to fill the officer position of treasurer. If interested, please email [smcdac@gmail.com](mailto:smcdac@gmail.com).

## Eastern North Carolina

The Eastern Carolina Alumni Club of Saint Mary's College is growing and hoping to have many new members in 2012! The club recently hosted its Annual Founders' Day Celebration. The event, which

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Members of the class of 2011 pose with Saint Mary's College president Carol Ann Mooney '72 when she visited the Chicago East in December. Pictured from left to right back row: Eliscia Filice, Kendall Anteker, Ally Drake, Kelly Zenere, Nina Midgley, Laura Smith. Bottom row left to right: Liz Molnar and Jessica Schott

business/networking happy hours, Sunday Socials are the perfect opportunity for alumnae to reconnect.

Our monthly *Constant Contact* newsletter continues to keep everyone in our Chicago community in the loop about upcoming events, Club news, and what's going on in South Bend. We are in the process of revamping our advertising program, targeting local SMC-affiliated businesses to sponsor our newsletter. Interested in marketing your business to fellow Chicago Belles? Please contact [SMCChicago-Communication@gmail.com](mailto:SMCChicago-Communication@gmail.com) for more information or to be included in future mailings.

The Saint Mary's College Chicago East mentorship program continues to thrive. We have received lots of positive feedback from mentors and mentees alike. A big thank you to everyone who has helped the program through a successful first year! Along the same lines, we are currently pursuing a relationship with Josephinum Academy in Wicker Park, an all-girls Catholic high school. Interested in lending a hand? Please contact [SMCChicagoService@gmail.com](mailto:SMCChicagoService@gmail.com) or [SMCChicagoMentor@gmail.com](mailto:SMCChicagoMentor@gmail.com).

Calling all class representatives! In order to continue serving our diverse Chicago alumnae community, we remain committed to recruiting volunteers to help keep their classmates up-to-date and involved in the Chicago East Club. Are you interested in representing your graduation year? Please contact [SMCChicagoNewMembers@gmail.com](mailto:SMCChicagoNewMembers@gmail.com) for more information.

Our annual Spring Scholarship Tea is just around the corner! Help us maintain our legacy of helping young Chicago women experience all that is Saint Mary's. To make a monetary donation or learn how you can get involved, please contact [SMCChicagoTea@gmail.com](mailto:SMCChicagoTea@gmail.com). It is a lovely occasion celebrated by alumnae of all graduation years; we would love to see you there!

A special thank you to all the alumnae who have



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The Eastern North Carolina Alumnae Club hosted its Annual Founders' Day Celebration on January 29th. Alumnae celebrated mass at St. Raphael the Archangel Church and enjoyed dinner at Winston's Grille. Pictured from left to right, back row: Chris Luby Gaither '72, Melinda Rennaker '01, Sister Judy Hallock, CSC '65, Beverly Lawrence Buttaci '83, Sister Mary Margaret Weber, CSC '67, Tom Jacobs ND '57, Charlotte Lepetit Jacobs '57, Rose Gill Kenyon '76, and Mardi Hack '62. Front row left to right: Heather Peoples Sopko '00, CC Cronley Sumner '02, Judy Trippe Geaslen '84, Cathy Gibbons Morrissey '83

was initially scheduled for October 2011, was held on January 29 and included Mass at St. Raphael the Archangel Church and dinner following at Winston's Grille. Sister Mary Margaret Weber CSC '67 commented that meeting on January 29<sup>th</sup> was quite appropriate for our group as it is the feast day of Mother Mary of the Seven Dolors—the first sister of the Holy Cross and the first superior general of the Sisters of the Holy Cross. This was a great evening for a dozen of our local Belles to renew and/or engage in new friendships. Upcoming event for the club include the following:

**Book Club** - Our book club meets on the last Wednesday of every other month (February, April, June, August, October). This is a very informal and social group—we try to read a variety of books to appeal to the diverse interests of our members. If you do not have an interest in the book selected for a given meeting or run out of time to complete your reading, you are always welcome to join the group for some refreshments and lively discussion! Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 25, 2012 at 7:30.

**Student Send-Off** - Whether we have new students from our area travelling to South Bend or not, we will be having our annual send-off brunch. The brunch will be held on Saturday, August 4, 2012, at the home of Heather Peoples Sopko '00.

We encourage each of you to take some time out of your schedule and join us for one or more events in 2012. For many, it has been extremely fulfilling to reconnect with fellow alumnae of Saint Mary's—there are so many wonderful memories to share and so many opportunities to await! If you have any questions regarding activities of the club, please do not hesitate to contact Judy Trippe Geaslen '84 at [jgeaslen@ncrr.com](mailto:jgeaslen@ncrr.com)

## Grand Rapids

The Grand Rapids Saint Mary's College Alumnae Club continues to meet every other month for our book club. Our next book club meetings are in March and May. Our next selection for March is *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford. The March book club will be held at the home of Lucinda Staples McCall '78. Our May book will be *Princess*, a true story of the life behind the veil in Saudi Arabia by Jean

Sasson. The May book club will be held at the home of Nicole Dugan May '92. Please contact Tara Melichar Millar '90 [tmillar@comcast.net](mailto:tmillar@comcast.net) for further details.

We are excited that Kara O'Leary '89, director of Alumnae Relations, will be visiting us in May. Please look for more information on our Facebook page. Also, our club would not be as successful as it is without your help. Please mail in your dues if you have not done so this year. Dues can be mailed to our NEW treasurer, Janet Krueger '69 7726 Kirkwall Dr. SE, Ada, MI 49301

### Upcoming Events:

Book Club: March and May 2; Newly Accepted Reception: March 18, 2012; Kara O'Leary '89,

Alumnae Relations Director, to visit Grand Rapids Club: May 2012

If you are new to West Michigan or have any suggestions or ideas, please contact Rebecca Jawahir Sypniewski, '96 [rjawahir@msn.com](mailto:rjawahir@msn.com) for more information. We are always looking for new alums to join in our fun!!

## Los Angeles

The Christmas season was made a bit brighter by the LA club's "Ladies Who Lunch" gathering in Pasadena. More than a dozen women gathered outdoors, on a crisp, cool sunny Sunday morning for a lovely meal and sparkling conversation. The club hopes to continue organizing these informal gatherings in various neighborhoods throughout the southland. We look forward to seeing old friends and hope to meet new ones in the coming year.

## Milwaukee

The Saint Mary's Greater Milwaukee Alumnae Club enjoyed a rebuilding year in 2011, and sponsored three very successful and well-attended events. The Club joined with the Notre Dame Club of Milwaukee in hosting a Milwaukee Brewers Baseball game and tailgate party in mid-August, the annual College Send-Off party hosted by Mary Pat Wilson Russell '78 for six new Saint Mary's first year students, and finally our year ended on a wonderful note at our Founders' Day Cocktail Party and Reception at the Milwaukee Athletic Club in November. The Reception was hosted by Kathy Sheedy '78 and provided a great opportunity for alums from a variety of classes, including the 50s, 60s, 70, 80s, 90s and 2000s, to spend time together reminiscing about our collective memories and experiences from our Alma Mater. We also broadened our leadership team by adding Kelly O'Connor '06, as vice-president and treasurer of the Club.

2012 provides new opportunities for our Club to build on our previous success. We will once again host a Milwaukee Brewer Baseball game and tailgate on Tuesday night, July 17<sup>th</sup> when the Brewers take on the World Champion Saint Louis Cardinals. Our College

Send-Off party will take place once again the first week in August. We hope to add a service project this year, including a September Saturday Habitat for Humanity day (a non-football weekend, of course!). And finally, we will once again end our year in early November with the Founders' Day Celebration. Details on all of these events will be forthcoming via email over the spring and summer. If you have an interest in joining the Club or serving in a leadership position, please write Mary Rukavina Kuhnmuellen '78 at [prosqtr1@aol.com](mailto:prosqtr1@aol.com).

## New Jersey

Our regional initiative to join hands with the Saint Mary's alumnae in NYC and CT continues to strengthen our ability to offer more frequent opportunities to bring us together. We will be hosting our second annual networking event in May once the current students are home for the summer.

We want to help our students make connections out here at home. Along with several New York regional Notre Dame Clubs, Saint Mary's Alumnae Clubs of NYC and NJ will be sponsoring a daughter of our U.S. military with Sisters Under Sail from West Point Military Academy to Perth Amboy in June. We will kick off this exclusive ND and SMC sponsored voyage for six girls with a dockside reception aboard Tall Ship Unicorn on Thursday, May 31st, at North Cove Marina in Manhattan. We also hope to host another dockside reception on the Jersey side of the Hudson once dockage can be secured. Please stay tuned for dates, locations and details via our email announcements. If you're not receiving our Club updates, please email Dawn Parker Santamaria '81: [dawn@sister-sundersail.org](mailto:dawn@sister-sundersail.org). And, dues are always due!

Please forward your \$25 check to SMCNJ Club c/o Dawn Parker Santamaria '81, 2 Gravel Hill Road, Asbury, NJ 08802.

## New York City

The NYC Alumnae Club has had some wonderful events in the past few months. On November 18th we gathered at City Crab on Park Ave South and 18th street for great conversation over a glass of wine. Our Christmas event was held in mid-December at the Church of the Heavenly Rest where we listened to the Canterbury Choral Society sing and then we gathered afterward for dinner at Paola's restaurant on 92nd and Madison. A thank you to Mary Ellen Stoltz Bianco '72 for helping to set up this wonderful evening for the club. We will be hosting our second annual networking event in May once the current students are home for the summer. We want to help our students make connections out here at home. Our annual Sister Under Sail dockside reception will be held on Thursday, May 31st at North Cove Marina in Manhattan. We will sponsor a U.S. military daughter. Please stay tuned for dates, locations and details via our email announcements. If you're not receiving our Club updates, please email Carey O'Neill '99: [careyoneill@gmail.com](mailto:careyoneill@gmail.com). And dues are always due! Please forward your \$25 check to SMC NYC Club c/o Carey O'Neill, 114 West 86th Street Apt 17A, New York, NY 10024.

## Richmond/Central Virginia

Alumnae in central Virginia are invited to gather Tuesday, May 1, to honor renowned alumna best-selling author, Adriana Trigiani '81 — featured at the Junior League of Richmond's Book and Author event. We have a table of 10. For information and attendance contact Mary Ellen Stumpf '74: 804/232-9144 or [stumpfandassoc@aol.com](mailto:stumpfandassoc@aol.com)

## San Diego

The Saint Mary's Club of San Diego congratulates our co-presidents, Sandy Parry Kesser '07, and Nicole Mercado Fortunato '00 on life's most wonderful events! Sandy married Daniel Kesser ND '10 in a beautiful ceremony at the San Diego Mission on December 30, 2011. Sandy was a gorgeous bride, and we wish her and her handsome groom much happiness. Nicole and her husband welcomed their first child, Gianni Angelo Fortunato on January 29<sup>th</sup>. Cute Gianni weighed in at 6 lbs, 10 oz and was 18 inches long. As Nicole said, "I was reading our latest Book Club selection, but was interrupted by labor!"

Nicole was reading *John Adams*, by David McCullough, which was the book discussed at a lively meeting at Kathleen Hossley Hines' '59 lovely La Jolla home on February 20<sup>th</sup>. As usual, Kathleen provided delicious goodies for all the readers to enjoy. Everyone enjoyed the book. The San Diego Book Club continues to meet almost monthly and always welcomes new members. Look for e-mails from the club coordinator, Lynn Dargis Ambrose '52, for updates on selections and hosts.

Barb Drossel McKnight '77 and her husband, Wade, will host a Spring Scholarship Fundraiser at their Ocean Beach home. Plans are in the works for an April/May Couples Party to raise money for the San Diego Club Scholarship Fund. Besides enjoying wine and delicious food from their ocean-view deck, guests will have the opportunity to "win" surprise goodies in a fun raffle. Sandy Parry Kesser '07 and Barb will email further information.

## South Bend

Happy Spring, South Bend Alumnae! The South Bend Club has been busy this year. In December, finals candy care packages were sent to local on-

campus students as a sign of support and encouragement during such a stressful time and we are planning on doing the same again in May. Keep an eye out for candy collection locations and dates! We need your help supporting our local students!

In February, club members participated in a service event at Hannah's House, a nonprofit organization serving pregnant teen mothers in Michiana. We prepared and served dinner for current residents and Hannah's House alums and then helped watch their children while they participated in their monthly meeting. It was a very busy night but extremely rewarding to all who attended!

SMC's in the City has continued going strong—keep an eye out for upcoming locations and dates!

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](mailto:smcsouthbend@gmail.com).

## Twin Cities

The Twin Cities Alumnae Club continues to have a wonderful year! The Founders' Day event held in November was a great success. Alums gathered to learn more about the local charity, Breaking Free, which 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. The charity was able to sell accessories and jewelry and all of the proceeds went back into helping them continue their mission.

In December the book club met to discuss *Four*

*Queens: The Provençal Sisters Who Ruled Europe*, by Nancy Goldstone. The club was also able to send out the annual Starbucks cards to current students to help keep them motivated through finals week! In January there was a cooking class where alums learned how to make their own noodles from scratch, as well as get tips on making their own pasta sauce and bread, too. Everyone sat down together at the end of class to enjoy the freshly prepared meal.

As spring approaches, the club looks forward to a couple more book club meetings as well as other events. Check out the details 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](mailto:colleen@dolphinography.com). **\*\*We are looking for someone to take on the leadership role of president of the TC SMC Alumnae Club. If you or another alum you know is interested in taking over this position as Colleen's two-year term wraps up, please email her at the above address. Thank you!\***

## Youngstown

In November 2011, Erica Antonucci '07 and Alison Greene '08 became new-co presidents of the Youngstown Alumnae Club. Jessica Brinker Foster '08 also became the new club treasurer. In December, the club hosted its first event, a holiday dinner for alumnae and students. The new presidents are very eager and have new ideas for the upcoming year. You can email them at [saintmarysalumnae.youngstown@gmail.com](mailto:saintmarysalumnae.youngstown@gmail.com) for club information or suggestions.

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"Unity in Community" was a powerful theme for *Courier* in the November 2011 edition. I'd like to suggest that our alumnae magazine tackle another timely subject in the near future, namely, "Family unity."

I have always felt that the late Father Patrick Peyton, CSC, had the right formula when he said, "Family that prays together stays together." I continue to have challenges within my own family.

Special thanks to **Teresa Nutting Marcy '59**, who firmly believes in family supporting family. Special blessings to those who have written: **Anne Bodle Schuknecht**, **Patsy O'Neil Stewart**, **Toni DiSalle Watkins '52**, and the late **Max Trompeter Waltman's** daughter Maggie Smith, who follows her mom's column.

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**From the Alumnae Relations Office**

Saint Mary's College mourns the loss of a devoted alumna and volunteer, **Emilita "Bunny" Wagner Barker**. Bunny served her class as class reporter for the *Courier* for nearly 70 years, a term of service unmatched. She also served on the Alumnae Association Board of Directors from 1967-1970 and as the president of the Saint Mary's College Louisville Club in 1945. In addition to her service to the College, Bunny was an active volunteer in her hometown of Louisville. Bunny was preceded in death by her husband, Ken, and is survived by three children, eight grandchildren, including **Ashley Clark Bass '98**, seven great-grandchildren, and many nieces, nephews and friends.

We are also sad to report the death of **Mary Kelly McLaughlin**, who maintained a lifelong relationship with the college. She received the President's Medal in 1984 for outstanding volunteer and professional support of civic and charitable organizations, and for serving on the Alumnae Board of Directors. In 2002 she was honored with the Distinguished Alumna Award in recognition of her work on educational and parenting issues. In the 1980s, she and her late husband, Robert "Bob" McLaughlin, began funding scholarships at the College, and today there are nine endowments in their names. She loved attending Reunion, making it to nearly every one until 2007. The McLaughlins had six children and became legal guardians to her brother's six children after his death in 1968. She is survived by all of her children (including **Theresa McLaughlin Patterson '72**); many nieces (including **Cecilia Marie Michel '76** and **Anne Michel Mackiewicz '78**), nephews, cousins (including **Mary Lloyd Fildew '96**), and grandchildren; and three siblings, including **Sister Cecilia Ann Kelly CSC '49**, and Father James E. Kelly, CSC.

'44

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The warm weather in Des Moines has been a blessing all winter long. News from the Class of 1944 has come in bits and pieces, but each piece has warmed the hearts of all who hear it.

In December, **Gerry Roche Fahey** celebrated

her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday with a big family celebration. She had 20 relatives who planned to come the last time we talked. I have not heard all the details, but she was so looking forward to the day and the party. Write, or call and tell us all about it Gerry!

**Jeanne Yuncker Klem** usually sends me some news. She writes and we enjoy visits on the phone. There is not much new, though. She says our class has reached the 'patch and repair' stage. (I imagine this is a feeling shared by quite a few of us.) Jeanne has talked to **Weedie Pfaff Wolf** in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Imagine my surprise, yesterday, to pick up the phone and find it was Weedie. I had not heard from her since 2009. Weedie has had some health problems, as we all have had, but does not let them get her down. She sounded like her old self...and it was wonderful to hear from her. She is not traveling as much as she used to, but she is planning a trip to Cape Cod in May. She will be attending a wedding of one of her grandchildren. She is especially looking forward to the wedding celebration.

**Marge Shaughnessy Wittebort** lives in Charlotte, North Carolina. Her sister, **C.C. Shaughnessy Nessinger**, has moved to Charlotte. They enjoy each other's company and spend as much time as possible together. Occasionally, Marge hears from **Jane Zeman Protz**. Though I have not heard about Jane, we hope all is well with her. Marge also sees or at least talks to **Louise Peterman Prosser** (Weesie) during the year. They plan to visit with each other at Hilton Head in May.

Weesie called yesterday, also, (a wonderful day for me to hear from these good friends) She wanted all of us to come to Louisiana as soon as possible, because "the gulf is back!" We visited about the remnants of the oil spill and how much has been cleaned and reclaimed. This was terrific news to hear from an actual resident. She enjoys life and continues to travel whenever possible.

**Jeanne Sohm Thyberg** is perhaps the luckiest one of us all! Being a civic-minded, duty-bound individual, she attended the caucus in January. At the end of the caucus, Jeanne began to walk home. (As I mentioned previously, we have had warm weather...the warmest on record...for Iowa.) She decided to take the shortcut, down a muddy path. She, somehow, slipped and took a terrible fall. Getting up as best she could, she climbed over a two-foot wall and got slowly back to her building entrance. She got upstairs and called her family. They doctored her, bandaging her numerous cuts and bruises. They wanted her to go to the hospital, but she would not go. She is fine now, but has a great story to tell. Go Jeanne! Anything for politics!

Good friend **M.J. Murphy** of Chicago has been unable to contact world traveler, **Mary Alice O'Laughlin**. We thought she was in Mexico, but my calls remain unanswered.

As for me, I am planning to go to my granddaughter's wedding in Florida in May. She continually asks for my opinion and thoughts about her wedding and I am honored that she feels comfortable to do this with an 89-year-old woman. My children, three of my grandchildren, and a great-grandchild took me to the Art Center for luncheon for my birthday. We had a delightful time. My grandchildren are planning to take me to Disney World for my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday! We all laugh and say together... "I want to go to Disney World for my birthday!"

'50

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**From the Office of Alumnae Relations: Elizabeth Nolan** has graciously agreed to serve as class re-

porter for your class. The College thanks you, Elizabeth, for volunteering. Classmates can send their news to Elizabeth by May 1<sup>st</sup> for the fall issue of *Courier*.

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Happy 2012 to all our classmates from the Class of 1952. Our 60th Reunion is just around the corner. I hope you are planning on coming.

I gave **Eleanor Falls** a call to tell her she could not miss this reunion as she and Mary live practically right next door in the Holy Cross Village. She promised that she would come this time (she didn't make our last one). She told me of the many Saint Mary's alumnae who are at the village. Although she's not as mobile as she would like, she need only walk down to the dining room to visit with her friends. Eleanor has sold the famous (but unseen by any classmates) red convertible that Mary gave her for her 75th birthday, so no rides this time either.

**Liz Werres Ravenscroft** writes that she is filled with chagrin at being unable to attend Reunion: "I wish, so wish, I could come and I hope you'll keep in contact with me while you're there. It's the only one other than the 10th, just after our Paul was born, that I've missed."

**Toni DiSalle Watkins** may have a graduation in June, but will have a mini-reunion in February with **Maureen Carroll Muller** and **Nancy Ahlforth Steele**, when Maureen will be visiting her daughter in Phoenix. Nancy herself writes: "I had a nice visit with **Lynn Dargis Ambrose** when she was here with her daughter Patrice, preparing to travel to Oregon for a family Christmas. We spent a few hours here at my house talking over old times and new. My Christmas was really nice with my California family and Skyping the ones who live elsewhere. As for Reunion, I have no plans yet." Maureen sent a family photo with all her children and grandchildren, including some cute redheaded grandchildren.

**Mary Jane Belfie Boles** continues to enjoy working full time as an individual and marriage counselor. When her office manager/secretary of 20 years retired last December, her husband Bill, a retired engineer, volunteered to "give it a try," she says. "As it's turned out, he's a great office manager and it is fun working together. So 'The Serenity Center for Counseling' is being run by a pair of 81-year-olds." He is especially good, she writes, at fighting insurance companies and paying bills: "He even fixes lunch for us—ramen noodles and coffee!"

**Nancy Hutchison Newton** writes that she and her daughters recently spent four days in Santa Fe and took a side trip to Dixon. "Norman and I had been there to visit Letty and Sarita a couple times, so I thought the girls would enjoy meeting Sarita and seeing the area. We had lunch and a nice visit. We all have good memories of Letty."

Some classmates are still celebrating their 80th birthdays. One of the youngest, **Marilyn Dargis Ambrose**, celebrated in August, and some classmates attended, including **Mary Jean Wallace Paxton**, who reported from California that the theme was "A Night in the Library." The theme was based not only on Lynn's fondness for books and reading, but also on her position as instigator and moderator of the Saint Mary's College San Diego Book Club. Lynn's seven children and six of her seven grandchildren planned and directed the celebration at her lovely Leucadia home and garden. The approximate 100 guests (they kept moving so I couldn't



count exactly) included members of Lynn's parish, Curtillo associates, professional colleagues and neighbors as well as Saint Mary's alums, **Jennifer Wagner '05**, **Emily Olson '91**, **Mary Musante Kraemer**, and **Mary Jean Wallace Paxton**. True to their Saint Mary's education, Emily, Mary, and Mary Jean won book prizes for identifying authors from their photos and writings. The book theme was carried out enthusiastically by guests who dressed as characters in books, a most interesting assortment that included Lynn's daughter, son-in-law, and their four children as characters from the *Harry Potter* books, and her goddaughter as one of the maids from *The Help*. Lynn, we eagerly await your 90th."

**Joan Gadomski Huguenard** celebrated her 80th birthday with the gift of 10 weeks of volunteer teaching in Namibia. She writes: "Gorgeous orphan children came to our after-school school for classes in math and English, a safe environment for play and learning, and a free lunch at 2 p.m. (for many, their first meal of the day)." They are looking for other volunteers, especially retired teachers, who might spend three months or longer teaching there. For more information, contact her at [joan@justjoanonline.com](mailto:joan@justjoanonline.com) or read some of her columns about Namibia and her work there on her website: [www.justjoanonline.com](http://www.justjoanonline.com).

**Susan Klimcheck Miller** writes: "The stories about what everyone did for their 80th birthdays were so much fun to read. My birthday was rather sad since my lovely 21-year-old granddaughter lost her battle with childhood cancer the day after my special day. Even though all my children and some of my grandchildren celebrated Ashton's reunion with God, we also got together in August for one whole week on the South Carolina beach. There were 24 of us from all over the USA. Each one of my six children cooked a special meal each of one of the six days. Time was spent on the beach, sight seeing, playing games, and doing

sand sculpture. My gang has celebrated my birthday every five years since my 65th with family reunions, a balloon ride, and going to the South Carolina beach twice. We have had so much fun together with grandchildren staying up all night to watch the sun rise over the ocean, with word games, Monopoly, Michigan Kitty games (that is a card game), and so many other games. We had fun telling stories of growing up together and having each other and our God to help us through the good and the bad times." Susan will not be able to make Reunion, as she has a conflicting graduation, but she sends greetings: "To all my classmates, I wish you the best, God bless each and every one of you."

The Chicago group gathered for lunch at Piccolo Sogno in Chicago, on November 1. Those attending included **Mary Rose Shaughnessy**, **Jo Brazaitis Ebert**, **Faith Kilburg McNamara**, **Elaine Smith Caraher**, **Helen Wade O'Brien**, and **Maureen Marie Galoney** and **Sarah Struett O'Keefe '55**, who wanted to remember her sister **Mary Jo Struett Bowman**.

**Marie Galoney** has finished her official rehab (after two stents last spring) and has plans to move into the Admiral, a senior residence in Chicago, sometime this year.

We are sorry to hear that **Kathy Smith Schaffer's** husband Gene died this past year. **Dor Murnane McMahon** keeps in touch with her and passed this on to me.

**Betty Foley McGlynn** writes in her Christmas letter: "This was my 'See America First' year. I left the globetrotting to the three kids. Other than many trips to Chicago throughout the year, my only travel was to South Dakota, in August. A friend and I spent five days visiting our former pastor, Father Peter Etzel, S.J., who is now director of the Sioux Spiritual Center in Howes, about a two-hour drive northeast of Rapid City. We enjoyed an all-day Gray Line tour of the Black Hills, Mount Rushmore, and many other scenic sites on a picture-perfect day. That monument is so impressive that you just can't stop taking

pictures of it. Father Peter drove us through the amazing Badlands to visit another former pastor, Father George Winzenberg, S.J., who is now president of Red Cloud Indian School on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, a most impressive, multi-faceted operation in an area where the Jesuits have worked for more than a century."

**Joanne Hickey Frazel** was getting together for Christmas with her family at a son's home in Chicago. Four sons live in Chicago, and another came from New Orleans. A daughter came from Minneapolis. She says: "After our meal, we sang Christmas carols—not very well—but we try. I look forward to Reunion."

**Gloria Gazzara Eppler** is planning on coming to Reunion. She writes that she and her entire family were going on a Christmas cruise on the Mexican Riviera: "We leave the 23rd and come back the 31st. We did this last year and it was wonderful. No work for anyone. I still have a hard time walking. But life goes on."

**Mary Ann Scherger Fairlie** and her husband will be going on a 60th anniversary cruise with their children at the same time as Reunion, so she will have to miss it. "We just got home a few weeks ago from a five-week trip to Europe. Visited Spain, Portugal, and Morocco before catching a Mediterranean Cruise called 'In the Footsteps of St. Paul.' We especially loved our two days in the Sea of Galilee area and our visit to Jerusalem as well as Ephesus and Rome. Now we are starting family visits for the holidays with three families arriving this week and two in January. Two were already here for the Thanksgiving holiday, so our family is keeping us busy."

I went on a cruise myself in September, from Amsterdam to Istanbul, a "repositioning cruise" from the North Sea to the Mediterranean, stopping along the way in Belgium, France, Spain, Gibraltar, Sicily, and Athens, before Istanbul. I became so enthralled with all the Byzantine art I saw along the way, especially



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in Sicily and Athens, that I signed up for a Voyage to Antiquity cruise next September, from Istanbul to Venice, that will focus on Byzantine art.

Next stop—Reunion. Hope to see you there.

'54

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Happy spring and a future or belated Happy Big Birthday to those of us born in the early '30s. Thanks to those who sent news and to **Lorraine Nigro Cervanyk**, who, although she had no news, nonetheless sends her greetings.

**Judy Jones Sullivan** called to tell us her sister Amy died in November. **Rose-Marie Oppenheim Dilenschneider's** brother Vince died in January and her brother Walt died last year. Our prayers and sympathy go out to Judy and Rody.

**Lois Langford Berry** and Bill Berry ND'53 and I were at **Pat McAndrews Pilger's** funeral in November. Pat's husband Rick Pilger ND'54 arranged for a bagpiper to play after the Mass. "Amazing Grace" and "Going Home" (New World Symphony) were a fitting tribute to Pat.

**Mary Ann Kramer Campbell's** husband Tom Campbell ND'54 was a pallbearer at the funeral of Sister M. Basil Anthony O'Flynn, CSC '46 in December. Tom was one of the Saint Mary's boys in the '50s.

For some happy news: **Bernice Boucher Hopp** says she and Jim are enjoying the events and new friendships at Marquette Manor. She's serving as president of the Indianapolis Day Nursery Auxiliary this year.

**Peg Tiernan Sheehan** tells of a glorious fall lunch with **Sue Hartmann** and **Mary Fran Koehnemann Nolan** this fall. It was nonstop yakking, Mary Fran says.

Another lunch visit brought **Jane Flynn Carroll**, **Joan Rossi**, **Rena Bianucci Sereno**, and **Aggie Majewski Kinnucan's** daughter Molly, together in Geneva. Jane says Molly is definitely her mother's daughter. Despite back surgery and double knee replacements, Rena doesn't use a cane or walker and drives everywhere. Two Carroll sons were coming to Dundee for Christmas.

I had lunch with **Marlene Gaubinger McGinn** and her daughter **Frances McGinn '80**, shortly after Thanksgiving. Marlene was concerned about watching Notre Dame's bowl game as her family is half Florida State alums. She attended a Clemson game last fall and was most impressed that at a state school, there was a prayer before the game.

**Mary Wieland Scheetz** writes of the fun, cultural influence **Barbara DiSalle Lindsfold** has on her: ballet, opera, and symphony. Barb is also a great cook, Mary reports.

The new address for **Sister Jo Lucker, MM**, is 340 Norumbega Drive, Monrovia, CA 91016. Last June, **Rose-Marie Oppenheim Dilenschneider** and Jack visited her sister **Ramona Oppenheim '50** in Ossining, N.Y., and had a breakfast with Jo with "lots of joy, hugs and talk," Rody says.

**Ann Murray O'Neill** and John spend six months in Fort Myers and the rest in Burlington, where three of her children live. They watch their youngest grandchild's first steps via iPad and YouTube. Their oldest is in her second year of doctorate studies.

Summer '12 will be busy for **Anne Feldpausch Hubert** with two granddaughters getting married. Her 11th grandchild will be a year old this April.

Another family reunion is in **Nancy Gibbon Ross'**

plans for this July. She's still enjoying life at Willow Valley Retirement Center and has taken up mahjong.

This has been a year of downsizing for **Janell Wenzel O'Barski**, who sold both her Florida home and Minnesota cabin and has moved to a "cozy little villa" on an Illinois retirement campus. There, she enjoys book club, poetry circle, and fitness programs as well as good food. Her new address is: 3610 Meadow Court, Olympia Fields, IL 60461.

**Sue Whalen Heyer** had unusual company this summer when a skunk moved onto her patio. Sue says she's doing fine with much help from her daughter and family.

It's always nice to hear from **Sister Terese Fab-bri** even though it's almost always forwarding material. She did report they've replaced house windows and that they are working to restore order.

**Marilyn Austgen Thompson** and Jim are still traveling quite a bit, most recently cruising to Hawaii, and visits to Savannah and Charleston. Swimming every day (in 92-degree water) keeps her going.

A Caribbean cruise with 15 family members, including grandchildren aged between 2 and 24, was **Rose Marie Murphy Foley** and Brendan's 50th anniversary celebration. They attended the Shaw Theater Festival with **Joan Rossi** again this year. "We're keeping out of trouble and adjusting to the liturgical changes," Murph says.

The pleasures of Pinehurst continue for **Mary Schmitz Bartley** and Ed, although at a slower pace. They've given up tennis, but continue with golf and volunteer involvement in the community. They still love to travel, but find flying a hassle.

**Bev Bierbusse Campbell** and Paul are moving to a senior residence this spring. Their address will be 2001 Laurel Lake Drive, W315, Lake Hudson, OH 44236.

**Liz Kiley Wilson** sent a picture of her family at a reunion in northern Wisconsin—all 22 of them. "I'm still walking short distances with a walker," she reports. Rody reports after a chat with Liz that even after six-and-a-half years of paralysis, Liz exudes her joy.

An ocean view in Pacific Palisades, California, keeps **Kay Curran Douglass** from missing winters. She always watches Notre Dame games, and was a prognosticator for a local paper, picking five college and five pro games, beating the sports editor and a U.S.C. grad. She's very proud of her lifeguard son, who lives in Los Angeles County and has saved many.

**Mary Lou Leim O'Beirne** says her family was blessed in 2011. All the kids are working, no one lost their home, and all were in good health.

**Patt Gannon Scully** is still working with clay and has begun making jewelry. She says there simply aren't enough hours to do everything. Her birthday celebration was a sit-down dinner for 54 people, all but two of them her children, their spouses and children, and their children's children.

A note from **Jean Zimmerer Thomas** says: "I am just realizing that we didn't realize at the time how blessed we were to be there during Sister Madeleva's presidency."

'58

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Greetings from the snowy wonderland of South Bend, Indiana. By the time you read this, spring will be upon us and hopefully crocuses peeping out, and tulips and forsythia right behind.

Last August I ran into **Sistie Doherty McEnergy**

and her daughter **Mary McEnergy Harding '84**, and Mary's daughter Elle at the Notre Dame Bookstore. Sistie said that **Ellen Canny Werner's** husband Jim had recently died. People who knew Jim spoke so highly of him and the happiness he and Ellen had together. All of us want to extend our sincere sympathy to Ellen. I wish her comfort and courage in her sorrow.

Sistie said she had run into **Betty Drey Woodward** in St. Joseph, Michigan, where Betty and Ken were vacationing. Sistie was having dinner with them that evening.

Sistie said **Honey Hurley Gfroerer's** mother Mary Ruth Hurley, celebrated her 100th birthday with a party at the Butterfield Country Club in Oakbrook. Sistie reports, "Honey looked beautiful and her husband George looked great."

A couple of weeks later, I visited my son Dr. Michael Willson, his wife Marilyn, and daughter Clare in St. Paul, Minnesota. **Jody Vetter Olson** picked me up at Michael's and took me out for lunch, where we laughed and talked for a couple of hours. Jody was a real "sport" since she was leaving very early the next day to fly to South Bend to meet **Paula Lawton Bevington** for the Humanistic Studies Lecture. I had planned to see Jody and Paula here, but my timing was off.

On a serious note, Paula forwarded me an email sent to her in October, from our classmate **Lourdes Huanqui de Farias**. Lourdes writes: "Now, we are also passing for the same period of our life. Juan, our dear Juan, like Milton, also left us, on June 11, after six years of suffering a hard illness. It has been and remains a painful experience. I still don't understand how life is going to be for us in the future. Juan, like Milton, was the center and motor of all of us. Days with him were always happy days, pains were not allowed. Juan has left me five children and eight grandchildren. They are a great support for me, but it is a difficult lesson for all of us to learn."

Paula writes: "Juan was the author of many young adult books, at least was a prize winner." Paula herself has eight of them. Contact Information: "Aturuxo," Pisuega, 33 El Bosque, Villaviciosa de Odon, 28670 Madrid SPAIN. Paula's new email address is plbevington@gmail.com

**Sally Teppert** sent me a cheerful letter describing a mini-reunion in Silver Spring, Maryland, at the beautiful home of **Helen Patton**. **Kathryn Kramper Massey** and **Carolyn Sidley Martin** made up the foursome.

Sally writes: "On our first full day, Helen whisked us off for a tour of Gettysburg. The cyclorama is a must. It portrays the three-day battle at Gettysburg during the Civil War. This portrayal seems more than real with sounds and sights in a 360-degree setting." The group went to the memorial for Dr. Martin Luther King, and toured The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. Next year the group meets at Carolyn's condo. Earlier, Sally wrote that in July, she visited **Barbara Hartmann Russell** in Fargo, North Dakota. She had dinner and spent the night with Barbara and Gary.

Ever enthusiastic and smiling, our own **Pat Hurley McMahon** and husband John have moved to Pinehurst, North Carolina. John wrote the letter and sent a hilarious picture of the two of them amid a sea of boxes. Pat writes: "We're having too much fun to unpack."

They have a condo on a golf course and besides plenty of golf and tennis there are concerts, lectures, and a good local bookstore. Pat is struggling with a knee replacement that hasn't healed well, but hopefully that will improve, and in the midst of everything, Pat is painting, exhibiting, and will teach an art class beginning in February. Contact information: John and **Pat Hurley McMahon**, 60 Midland Drive, Pinehurst, NC 28374. Phone: (901) 420-1192. Cell phone: (706) 840-3972. Pat's email: patndsmc@nc.rr.com

Christmas mail brought a thoughtful letter from

**Joan Renehan Thompson**, and a beautiful picture of Frank and Joan with their children and grandchildren. However, in her letter, Joan writes: "Pasadena has survived hurricane winds up to 140 mph. The streets are covered with downed trees and power lines. Many are without electricity, most without cable connection, and all agree that we have never had anything like this." Joan mentioned the loss of friends as well as friends with incapacitating illness. Frank has slowed down, but Joan keeps busy volunteering at the hospital and doing water aerobics with friends. She recommends reading *Jerusalem, Jerusalem* by James Carroll as an "incredible, readable history of Jerusalem from the beginning."

**Hannah Storen Kreps** sent colorful family pictures, including a wonderful one of Hannah and husband Bill, and a wedding picture of a grandson and his bride. The inscription reads: "May our joy be found in giving our hearts to Him, the One who gave His all to us."

**Jewel Reitz England** wrote last summer that her husband Geoff retired in September 2008, and they moved to 78411 Desert Willow Drive, Palm Desert, CA 92211. Jewel writes: "Geoff has loved retirement. I miss my little first-graders, but do sub to keep my feet in the water." Both sons live in Montana, while daughter Kelly and family live in South Carolina. Jewel's daughter Erin and her family live close to Jewel and Geoff. In the spirit of our age, "Like so many others in our class, we have our health issues, but we keep on by keeping on."

My granddaughter Morgan Bedan '13 is on a committee advising on plans for a new/renewed Angela Athletic Center. Morgan is the catcher on the Saint Mary's softball team as well as an excellent student. She tells me that Saint Mary's athletic facility is very outdated and that its facilities are quite inferior compared to those at other colleges where Saint Mary's teams travel to compete. The level

As always, blessings to all of you as we travel on our life journeys with the hills and valleys and joys and sorrows we all experience.

'60

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Remember when our class news was near the end of this chronological epistle? We are getting much too close to the beginning, but lucky we are to be here.

In April, the Chicago luncheon group included: **Di-ane Zaranonello Sullivan**, **Elaine Van Etten Cassidy**, **Nancy Prawdzik Kidder**, **Arlene Lagona Feldmeier**, **Peggy Hock Cahill**, **Jane Simpson Kiep**, **Karen Wilke Galvin**, **Barbara Graham Stotzer**, and **Maureen Hogan Lang**. Elaine looks great and is back to her usual spry self after heart surgery, now knowing what it is to "feel good." Diane had recently spent an afternoon with **Nancy O'Toole Doppke**, who is making an incredible recovery from a serious car accident in August. Peggy had just returned from Atlanta, where she visited daughter **Mary Carol Cahill Sullivan '88** and her grandchildren. She celebrated her birthday by seeing *Wicked* with them and saw "lots of football." Karen had been to Montauk, Long Island, where she spent a week with her sister **Doris**

**"Pinks" Wilke London**

'66, beach walking and non-stop talking. Barbara feels stronger and is enjoying college life through the eyes of her grandchildren who are in various Midwest colleges. Jane is still the bridge queen and both Jane and Diane were looking forward to the golf season. Inevitably, our conversation turned to prayer, and we had special requests from Arlene, for her sister Bonnie, whose vision is failing; from Nancy, for her son Bob, who has complications after a kidney transplant; from Karen, for her 10-year-old granddaughter Colleen, who has a failing liver due to an autoimmune condition; and from Maureen, for her cousin **Mary Mar-**

**garet Boesen '62**, who is recovering from yet another cancer surgery (*Editor's note: Sadly, Mary Margaret passed away on Jan. 17, 2012*); we all are continuing to pray for the recovery of **Nancy O'Toole Doppke**.

**Molly Bolster Frawley** heard from **Cecile Hudson Grant**, who was in Charleston with **Mary Ann Prejean Antrobus**, **Nancy Ryan Soller**, and **Denise Ryan Mitchell**. What a great time that group must have had. Charleston will never be the same.

**Maureen Hogan Lang** volunteers for the Cath-

olic Campaign for Human Development, and is not only lucky to be working with **Tamara Demianczuk Fedoryshyn '07**, program director for the campaign, but gets to hear about her daughter, Laura. But the luckiest of all is the Archdiocese of Chicago to have Tamara directing this program.

Molly and Maureen think of you all the time and would love to hear from you. In the meantime, we wish you the joy—of today. Keep smiling.

'62

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Happy New Year full of blessings and peace. I encourage all classmates to come back for our 50th Reunion, May 31–June 3 this year. Committees have been working diligently to make our 50th a memorable experience for all of us. In making my calls, I have news from **Ardith Becker Fitzpatrick** (Ardie) in Lake Mills, Wisconsin. She and husband Mike spend six months in Naples, Florida, and six months in Wisconsin. She retired in 2008 from teaching middle school and has taught in elementary school. She now teaches literacy adult education through the Volunteers of America. She and her husband like to sail on Wisconsin lakes.

**Barbara Mouch Hamilton** spends winters in New Jersey, and summers in Sandusky, Ohio, on the water. She has lived in New Jersey for 37 years, has two children, Brian and Christine, and seven grandchildren in New Jersey. Oldest daughter Sarah went to Notre Dame and lives in Columbus, Ohio, with her four children. Barb was visiting youngest son Patrick and his wife in West Palm Beach, Florida, to celebrate their first child (Barbara's 12th grandchild) when she wrote to me. Barb retired in 2009 after 24 years as a guidance counselor in a public middle school. She also worked eight years in a Catholic girls' school.

**Mary Ciruli Marcello** and husband Ron live in Denton, Texas. Ron is professor at U of N Texas. Mary has retired from high school teaching and spends time with her grandchildren and sons in Texas. She reports **Mary Margaret Boesen** had major reconstructive surgery on December 7, when her jaw cancer returned after five years. Please keep Mary Margaret in your prayers. (*Editor's note: We received word that Mary Margaret passed away on Jan. 17, 2012.*)

**Barbara Piedmo Barnes** lives in my hometown of Mansfield, Ohio, where she and husband Dave raise horses. She is active in music ministry at St. Peter's parish. Her husband had heart surgery last summer and is doing well now. She has children in Texas, Ohio, Florida, and the Virgin Islands, where she likes to travel.

**Betsy Patterson Sentowski** is a retired teacher who was going to Russia on an air/cruise trip with **Pat Potenziani Vick**, who attended Saint Mary's our freshman year. She is looking forward to Reunion 2012.

**Rollian Binder Scheckler** lives in Madison, Wisconsin, and Door County, Wisconsin. She has retired from teaching harp and the music profession. She is unable to be at Reunion due to family commitments.

**Mary Anne Balles Bland** (Berkeley, California) enjoys reading Class of '62 news and hopes to attend Reunion. She is looking for **Libby Knapke Salamone**, who is on our lost classmates list. Does anyone know Libby's address, phone number, or email address? Mary Anne would appreciate you letting Saint Mary's and her know if you do. Also, if you

## CLASSCLIPS



Friends for over 51 years, since 1960, members of the class of 1964 gathered in September in Pittsburgh to watch the Notre Dame vs. Pittsburgh football game. Pictured from left to right: Carol Cronin Moran, Bobby Borchers Flecker, Anne Froning Laboe, Joanne Casellini Kelly, Linda Camiller Sanderson, Mary Kay Brady Turner, Barbara Borchers Bernath '66, Angie Braunstein Maher, Susan Shalgos Wolsfeld and Margie Carroll Flynn.

of athletics has improved so much since our time, and so have the number and percentage of student athletes at Saint Mary's. Athletics and physical fitness are much more important than they were when we were students.

Just for fun, maybe some of you can send me an email or letter describing what athletics ("gym") was like for you in our era. My memories are hazy. I think we wore light blue bloomers. I played tennis just for fun, and I know some played field hockey, but I can't recall anything very competitive. How times have changed.



know of any classmates who have died, please let Saint Mary's and me know so we can include them in our memorial service at our Class Mass at Reunion.

Thanks for your news over these 50 years. I hope to see you at Reunion 2012 in May/June.

'64

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What a tremendous response to my plea for news. **Ginny Duggan Murphy** retired two years ago as chair of the English department at Mother McAuley High School in Chicago, but is still teaching English there. Her first grandchild is one of her students. Two of her four sons are married, with six grandchildren between them, and they live within five minutes of her. **Sue Badalucco Gerhard** and her husband, John, took a 23-day driving tour around Ireland and found the scenery spectacular. They also rented a beach house in Whitehall, Michigan, for a family reunion. **Bobbie Borchers Flecker** and **Angie Braunstein Maher** hosted several Saint Mary's College-Notre Dame couples for the Notre Dame-Pittsburgh game. Bobbie was also interviewed after a Steelers game on TV.

**Pat Ralicki McGowan** sent me a Christmas letter punctuated with events and pictures of their fourth grandchild, a girl. There are now two girls and two boys. On August 28, Pat's birthday, Hurricane Irene struck, causing much damage. However, Pat's children helped immensely. One of the benefits of grandchildren, she says, is that the promise of their young lives lifts a great deal of personal pain. Pat is a volunteer at St. Joe's Social Service Center's Project Ready, a job-skills upgrade for folks who can use a lift.

**Andrea Dillon O'Neill** retired in May and has a new email: aoneill@edustrat.com. She plans to attend our 50th reunion. **Susanna Hayes** continues to work on the Colville Reservation in Coulee Dam. Last summer, she walked across southwestern Ireland, met people with her family name, and was amazed at the Catholic churches that were packed in Limerick, Kinsale, Dingle, and Ennis.

**Fran Bardello Craig** plans to retire from her company, Unanet Technologies, and turn the reins over to her son, Chris. He and his wife have two boys and live nearby. "What a wonderful time of life," says Fran, who sees **Pat Ralicki McGowan** and her husband every New Year's Eve for bridge. **Eileen Bleeg Cavanagh** and husband, Ray, live in Vienna, Virginia, only about 15 minutes away.

**Ginny Leyes Kortenkamp** suggested Fordham professor Elizabeth A. Johnson, author of *Quest for the Living God, Mapping Frontiers in the Theology of God* and recipient of an honorary Doctor of Letters from Saint Mary's in 1994, as a speaker for our 50th. **Bobbie Borchers Flecker** suggested Sister Joan Chittister, OSB.

Tom and **Barb Koch Dumit** spent three weeks in China. They live in Whidbey Island, north of Seattle, and 21 members of their family are off to Costa Rica.

Bill and **Suellen Trumbour-Cheney** lived in Vermont for 28 years. They have moved to Sedona, Arizona, where Suellen is a holistic nurse and polarity practitioner. She teaches in Flagstaff at The Arizona School of Integrative Studies, and enjoys hiking the gorgeous canyons there. **Marianne Elliott Morin** worked for 25 years as a reading specialist and elementary technology coordinator. She and her husband Bob are now media specialists that bring local access TV to community, church, and school. They have their own show: *More Stuff*, which covers local events. They are

involved in Corning Community College, serve on the church liturgy committee, and sing in the Resurrection Choir. They have six children and seven grandchildren ages three–22. Marianne's closing remark says it all: "As you put together all our news, you will find some common threads that show that Saint Mary's girls are good women with many talents and interests." My response is, yes, we are all giving, sharing, doing, and caring.

**Louise Habeeb Anella** sends news from South Bend. She and son John work together as financial advisors. As Louise wants more time with her nine grandchildren and to travel, John is assuming a larger role. She lunches almost weekly with **Mary Ann Roach Butkovich**, who is active in the Art Center, and had shows in South Bend and Cincinnati. Louise has seen **Joanne Casellini Kelly** and saw a show with **Bonnie Burns Elbersen**. **Margaret Diver Mastros** had dinner in New York City with Louise. Last June, she lunched with Louise and Mo in South Bend.

Charlie and **Marty Thompson Coe** received papal honors: a Benemerenti Medal, which means "well deserved," for all their diocesan work and the Marriage Encounter program. **Sandy Brant Koss** has been retired for five years. For 20 years she managed a Stat Lab or Roche Biomedical Labs (now Laboratory Corporation of America). She and her husband love living in downtown Indianapolis and love to travel. Some of their best trips have been taking the grandchildren to faraway places. **Sue Stadler Thompson** is in real estate in Sacramento, California, and sister-in-law **Mary Pat Wenning Stadler**, lives in Bluffton, South Carolina.

**Pat Powers Gowdy** has three children and eight grandchildren, ages 11 to 1. They all try to get together in Maine in the summer and winter. Pat looks forward to the 50th.

**Maria Mazza Kompare** was accepted into the National College Society annual show and can be accessed at their website. At her husband's 50th Notre Dame Reunion, Maria saw **Karen Mortimer Williams**, who was attending with her husband, Dave.

**Molly Follis Tuton** has retired, one of her two sons is married, life is good, and she will try and be at our 50th, she says.

**Pat Malone Nathe** sounds like she and her husband are in the travel business. They took their first grandchild to England as a graduation present before he went off to the University of Montana. He is the first of nine grandchildren. Pat and her husband then traveled to Australia, Greece, and Turkey with Notre Dame alumni, which she highly recommends.

**Jean Canizaro Enochs** recently visited with **Sue Badalucco Gerhard** and Mike and **Linda Camiller Sanderson**.

Bob and **Kathie Menzie Lesko** attended the Notre Dame-Stanford game, lunched with **Kathy Podesta Mehigan**, and Bill and **Roberta Limarzi Weinsheimer** in San Francisco, and talked about Saint Mary's College and Notre Dame memories and the possibility of going to the ND-Navy game in Dublin, September 2012.

**Diane Smith O'Donnell** lives in Woodstock, Illinois, a stay-at-home mom for 26 years, where she raised seven children, volunteered as a catechist/Confirmation teacher, youth ministry team member, and helper at St. Mary School. For the past 12 years, she has been the full-time D.R.E. Diane and husband Sean are going to Ireland (which seems to be a preferred destination). They have nine grandchildren ages 15 to three, and God willing, she says, they will be at the 50th.

**Robin Keyworth** reports that she lived in seven states in the 14 years before moving to Minnesota. She has retired from a 33-year career in retail real estate and now works three days a week as the major

and planned giving officer for the Basilica of Saint Mary and the Basilica Landmark (a 100-year-old church). Husband Steve Haas is an architect, and they divide their time between a downtown townhouse and a cabin on Cedar Lake in Deerwood, Minnesota. Ben, their son, teaches international law in Seoul, Korea, while their granddaughter Hayden lives in New York.

**Kathy Roeder Bell '72** was asking for prayers as she was on her way to Honduras to help out with mamaproject.org. Her 15-year-old granddaughter is accompanying her. Kathy says she is a little scared, but with the awe of the young. This could be a life-changing event for her, she says.

**Linda Camiller Sanderson** sent a picture of Janet McKenzie's interpretation of the Magi: three women of diverse nationalities surrounding Mary and the Baby Jesus, which reads: "Here is global inclusiveness and a vision of mutuality and interdependence—the giving and receiving of the three gifts essential to life itself: Presence, Love, and Daily Bread. Christ is born for all people. God's favor extends to all."

Mark your calendars now—our 50th Reunion is June 5–8, 2014. Love, peace, and joy.

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With deep sadness Saint Mary's College announced the death of **Sister M. Basil Anthony O'Flynn, CSC '46** on December 16, 2011. Many of us knew her as the impressive dean of students. Everyone felt the downward stare of this almost-six-foot-tall authority figure while we were at the College.

Fortunately, I had a separate experience with this wonderful woman when I picked her up at a hospital in Anderson, Indiana. Sister was scheduled to be the speaker for the Indianapolis Saint Mary's Alumnae Club. In the back seat of my car were my six-year-old daughter, Bridget, and her younger brother, Dan. As children are, they proceeded to act up. Sister asked me if I knew her real name—Brigid Anne O'Flynn. With that Sister told me that Bridget was not bothering her in the least. Twelve years later as Bridget (**Bridget Gott Kennedy '91**) entered her freshman year at Saint Mary's I reminded Sister Basil Anthony that she had a namesake to watch over for four years.

In my last column, I tried to tell something of everyone who attended our 45th reunion. Here are some notes on those classmates who could not be present with us for that special weekend.

**Christine Nichols Donohue** who lives in Weatherfield, Connecticut recently retired. Christine completed a Master's in Library Science in 1977 at Simmons College, Boston. Her children's names are Liam Sean and Erin Christine...a bit of Ireland there.

**Pam Pagano Cooney** also retired and still lives in Houston. Pam has four grandchildren. Two of the grandchildren live in Houston, one in New York, and one in Los Angeles. She definitely needs a grandchild in Minneapolis to have the country covered.

**Lorelei Long Croft** writes from Paso Robles, California, where she lives with her husband, Robert. She is retired and has four grandchildren in California. A fifth grandchild, in Japan, wishes to move to California.

**Mary Maude Guillot Carr** put down her books as a librarian and principal recently. Mary Maude received her master's degree from that evil school called USC. I am surprised her husband, Maurice ND '67 allowed such transgression. Mary Maude has grandchildren in New

Orleans and on each coast. She has one son and daughter-in-law who live in Tirana, Albania, and work at the embassy.

**Patricia Smith Ragone** works as a manager for Suburban Metalcraft near her home in Arlington Heights, Illinois. Pat was traveling out of the country during Reunion.

Another Pat, **Pat Guccione Conway** from Aledo, Illinois, put away her pencils and ruler as a teacher. Pat completed her Masters of Education in 1969 at Kent State University in Ohio.

**Diane Dineen Pacella** is now enjoying the good life in Toledo, Ohio, after many years in the computer field. She says her life is tennis, golf, and visiting her two grandchildren.

From sunny Italy, **Portia Prebys** works as professor and Program Director for the Saint Mary's Rome Program. Her latest honor was a Rome knighthood from the President of the Italian Republic. She also received an Honorary D.Litt from John Cabot University. In July 2011 she received an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from the American University of Science & Technology in Beirut.

**Peggy Doran** wrote a special note in her reunion reply. She asked me if I remembered all the times we sat next to each other in convocations... Doran, Duffy, Dunn. Yes, I remember Peggy better than I do the subject of the convocations.

Peggy retired as a museum curator, but continues to serve on boards for the Galveston Historical Society and on several boards dealing with Galveston libraries. Each daughter, Meaghan and Catherine, are following in Mom's footsteps with the deep interest in antiquities and history.

**Gail Marino Meiering** pressed her white nurse's uniform for the last time. She and Mike ND '66 are enjoying the area surrounding Albuquerque and spending more hours with their darling grandchildren.

**Kay Macelwane Wernert** devotes her time to Marin Head Start Program in Novato, California. She has been director for 12 years and interested in this field for over 20 years. In her note, she challenges those of us who are retired to investigate helping at a local Head Start Program.

Another California girl, **Margaret Desmond Hughes**, went from a working as a community college teacher and administrator to an owner of JEM Restaurant Management in Fresno, California. Margaret spent 37 years at California's Butte Community College teaching English. She completed her time there as assistant dean. Margaret joined Peggy Doran, myself and Mary Dunn in the row of D's for convocations.

**Susan Klover Martin** hails from Sugarland, Texas. Now retired, Susan travels between grandchildren in Utah, Washington, and Texas. The five grandchildren range in age from 15 to 3.

**Sue Armel Haley** sent a Christmas card from Naples. She and Phil Haley ND '65 are proud grandparents: the youngest is two; the oldest will graduate from high school this year.

We heard from several graduates of the master's program of Saint Mary's.

**Marge Hunkeler**, who received her master's in education, taught in a Catholic elementary until she was 70. Now 86, Marge is an active Secular Franciscan working at Corpus Christi Parish in South Bend.

**Sister Lillian M. Sullivan CSC '66**, also known as Sister M. Robert Anita, lives in Fort Portal, Uganda. She works as a librarian and music teacher at St. Paul's National Major Seminary, Kinyamasika. **Sister Marilyn Furtaw R.S.M. '66** lives in Farmington, Michigan. **Sister Crispin Joseph Kalathil S.D. '66** teaches theology in India for the Sisters of the Destitute. She published a book titled *Thirst for*

*the Divine*, available through Carmel International Publishing House, India.

Until next issue for the Class of 1966, may your roads rise slowly, may the sun be at your back, and may God keep you in the palm of his hand.

'68

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My first news arrived in November from **Angela Maynard Sewall**, saying that she had been appointed chair of the unit accreditation board of the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), for a term through June 2012. Earlier last year she had been elected to a three-year term as a member of the board of directors of the American Association of Colleges of Teacher Education. Angie has been a faculty member in the School of Business at the University of Arkansas since 1992, dean since 1997, and active in educational policy roles, including member and dean's representatives on the Reading Recovery Board Council of North America, and member of NCATE Executive Board. For 22 years, she worked in the Little Rock School District as teacher, principal, and associate superintendent.

I did email a call for news on December 23, but received many "message undeliverable" replies. If you have a new email address since Reunion 2008, please let me know.

**Mary Motto Culley** and **Martha Sullivan McGinnity** did acknowledge my inadvertent but serendipitous invitation to connect on LinkedIn. I have also been keeping up with our classmates who have joined our belles68 page on Facebook. If you'd like to join this group, please let me know. **Karen O'Donnell Thorpe** is a frequent contributor; her most recent post was a photo of her 1968 wedding party featuring **Bobbe Clinton Baker** and **Taya Haugland Mahoney**.

Karen also shares tales of her Caribbean sailing adventures with her spouse, and sometimes, our classmates. **Barbara Menke Pinckney** and her husband had a fabulous time sailing for seven days in the British Virgin Islands on a catamaran with Admiral **Karen O'Donnell Thorpe** and husband "Captain Roy." Barbara writes that her grandson, Hudson Michael Garratt, arrived on December 18 to the delight of his 15-month-old sister, Aidan, and parents, Christopher and Angela. Barbara is very pleased to have retired in 2011.

**Margaret Piton** writes that she has been in frequent phone contact with roommate **Donna de Manbey Boynton**, and that she has fulfilled a long-held dream of visiting Siberia and Lake Baikal this year. She planned on spending the 2011 holidays in Florida. She is also working on a detective novel set in St. Petersburg, Russia, a small e-book about travel in Russia, and she continues her blog, [yourtravelwriter.blogspot.com](http://yourtravelwriter.blogspot.com).

**Mary Lou Motl** writes that she and **Denise Cote** went to Costa Rica for a delightful week in April of last year, where they saw the non-erupting volcano, hiked in the cloud forest in search of the Quetzal, which they did see and hear, and zip-lined above the monkeys that they also saw in the treetops. Not a bad trip to celebrate the year in which we became eligible for Medicare.

And **Judith Leahey Lundin** sends in great news about her recent experience with, and healing from, surgery for basal cell carcinoma. She had gone to a cosmetic surgeon in Reno about a small cyst by the corner of her eye that had been bothering her. With just one look, the doctor diagnosed skin cancer, had

it biopsied, and scheduled surgery and a skin graph because of the deep incision. Judith will be happy to respond to emailed questions about her experience. She writes that she is hearing so many stories of skin cancer from people in our age group. We should have been using sunscreen instead of baby oil way back when, but we just did not know the dangers. Judith also writes that her daughter is doing well, raising her two sons (Dalton and Spencer) and thinking of returning to school in the area of child development.

**Catie Condran Geist** had persuaded Judy to join Facebook during a visit before the 2010 Staff Reunion. Judy is registered for LinkedIn as Judith Lundin, which may be the reason she was not hit with one of the recent invitations sent from my LinkedIn account.

But that error turned out to be serendipitous as it did prompt an email from **Marty Sullivan McGinnity** who writes: "Well a quick update is, I moved to the New York City area right after graduation from Saint Mary's and I haven't left. Outside of working for a software startup company for a couple of years, I've worked for IBM my entire career. I'm still there and work in marketing with our Channel Partners in the software division, and I still enjoy it. **Meg Sullivan Lope**, my twin, has her own marketing company and works primarily for GM in the Detroit area. She just became a grandma for the first time."

I received an email from **Gwynne Morgan** a few months ago about the printing of the book that we used as the basis for our pre-2008 Reunion workshop. Unfortunately, I could not find this email, and was unable to locate more information about the book with Google, Amazon, or Gwynne's own Facebook page.

Since Reunion 2003, **Sally Blackley Clemmer** and I have been having a nearly annual visit in South Bend when she and spouse Dayne travel from their home in Florida. Sally and Dayne are retired and enjoy frequent trips to places far more exotic (and warmer) than South Bend. Sally has offered suggestions for bed and breakfast inns for the 2012 Navy-Notre Dame game in Dublin.

I continue to work full time and am now in the final days of my semester break, which I am spending with my mom (who will be 99 next week). We arrived on December 17, and were joined by Richard for his week of school vacation. Please do send news to [econprofessor@aol.com](mailto:econprofessor@aol.com) as you think of it and be on the look out for my May reminder.

**From the Courier:** Henry Johnson, husband of **Fair Romeo Johnson** reports that "Fair and I have been married since 1988, so I never got to share any of her Saint Mary's experiences, nor have I ever met any friends or classmates of that period. I want to relay some information concerning Fair. She's experienced an aggressive and debilitating form of Parkinson's Disease, first diagnosed three years ago, and over the past 18 months causing severe loss of function. She is unable to speak, type, text, or otherwise initiate communication, other than with whispered phrases or expressions. Occasionally she can speak, and one area where her verbalization is mostly intact is in repeating form memory poems, songs, or phrases. I now know the words to the Notre Dame Victory March by heart, as that is her favorite sing-along.

I would be happy to share updates on her condition with any of her Saint Mary's classmates who might be interested. My email address is [oldpronc@gmail.com](mailto:oldpronc@gmail.com). Thank you.

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Unfortunately, this column starts with news of the loss one of our classmates. **Jane Hoyne Hosty** passed away suddenly on Tuesday, September 6. Jane, who lived in Dayton, Ohio, died at home due to a head injury resulting from a fall. Jane is survived by her children, Katie Hosty (2831 N. Woodard, #1N, Chicago, IL, 60618) and Larry Hosty, Jr. (5283 Leatherwood Dr., West Chester, OH 45069), as well as several siblings, nieces, nephews, and her former husband, Larry Hosty. I still remember Jane for her smile that lit up the room.

**Ronnie Henry Kessenich** shares that husband Peter retired fully on August 31 after four months of semi-retirement. They headed to New Orleans the next day for a visit with his mom, Rusty, just as tropical storm Lee headed into New Orleans. "Despite 16 inches of rain in four days, we had a great visit. We then headed to South Bend in October for the Air Force game and continued for 2,400 miles to Cleveland, Ohio; Niagara Falls, Ontario; Toronto; Niagara Falls, New York; Morristown, West Virginia; and back to Atlanta. Retirement is good. Next trip? Who knows. We had a wonderful family Christmas with the Henry side and are looking forward to days of relaxation and many adventures in 2012. Happy New Year," Ronnie says.

**Gwen Gill Caranchini's** Christmas newsletter provided the following update. "I continue to do real estate but I am returning to the practice of law—some real estate law, some foreclosure defense, and some discrimination law. Real estate is slow and I get bored if I don't do 10 things at once. I am getting ready to open an office in the same building as my real estate company—Keller Williams—in Prairie Village, Kansas, as I will be getting my Kansas license this year as well.

"I continue to be more involved in the Episcopal Church—sorry folks, the Catholic Church has gotten a bit conservative for my taste—and my church is very, very involved in the community, which I love... I work in the office on Fridays and do soup kitchen downtown and also work with various outreach groups through the church. I have met some lovely girlfriends and it has been good for me. Of course, the loves of my life these days are my two granddaughters—Maggie (four and a half) and Nola (18 months). The highlight of the year was their coming to Kansas City with their parents for Thanksgiving for a week... the holiday was filled with parties for Kelly's friends and my friends to 'ooh and aah' over the grandkids. We had a great dinner reminiscent of bygone dinners with Dennis. I spent the Christmas holiday in Chicago (Wheaton) with them. [Daughter] Kelly is in her second year of her PhD program at NIU in Special Ed Art Education. My stepson Vincent (who was my husband's son before we met) and Kelly gave a joint presentation to the Illinois Association of Special Ed Art Ed, which was thrilling. He is going to take my husband's name this year and we are thrilled!"

**Mary Lou Wylie** provides the following updates on several of our classmates. "**Edi Hill Gibney** got a little wild and crazy this September when she went with her brothers, Tim and Dennis, on a 12-day raft trip down the Colorado River in the Grand Canyon. It was the most extraordinary experience.... It was a bit more rigorous and scary than she was expecting, but she survived and has a million stories and pictures to share.

"**Donna Feliciello Holtz's** Christmas card included pictures of a beautiful kitchen with the note 'We started the kitchen demo around Christmas time in 2004. This year, Bill completed the last cabinet drawer on his 65th birthday. In September, we fulfilled a long time dream to kayak Black Canyon of Colorado with our friends. Life is good and we are so thankful.' Judging from **Barbara Morrin Cook's** card, it seems that she broke her foot this year and had to postpone a hiking trip to Glacier National Park, now scheduled for 2012."

**Sally Fogarty Hasbrook** shared this special story.

"Our children and spouses surprised us with a 40th wedding anniversary tailgate party before the Notre Dame-Navy football game, October 29. The official date was December 30, so they really pulled off the surprise.

"We were supposedly meeting 'friends of friends' at the Log Chapel before the game, only to find our kids sitting outside. We then opened the doors to find a group of close friends, relatives, and our friend Father Jim Bonke ready for Mass, during which we renewed our wedding vows. A little disconcerting was the extremely sudden hailstorm during the renewal of the vows, truly 'shaking down the thunder.' My Saint Mary's roommate and bridesmaid, **Kerry O'Hara Shannon**, and her husband Tom drove from Milwaukee for the party. We ended the day with a family gathering at The Mark at Eddy Street Commons. It was quite a celebration and a wonderful day."

**Mary Niemeyer McCoy** is back in the U.S.A. After 10 years of living on an island in the South Pacific, Mary has returned to the San Diego area where she has resumed her consulting/speaking business. She is still a bit overwhelmed by the abundance in the grocery stores, but is convinced that running hot water is a great invention that you shouldn't take for granted.

**Addie Stefanac Cashore** reports that she was in Santa Barbara in November representing Saint Mary's at the funeral of **Mary Kelly McLaughlin '42**. At the funeral, she saw **Mary Beth Tetlow DeNiro** and **Sue Bracco Gleason**, who are both active members of the California Central Coast Alumnae Club. Mary Beth passed along the sad news that **Debbie Byrne Tynan** died in November 2010, in New Orleans. Debbie is survived by three children. According to her obituary, Debbie earned an MBA at the University of New Orleans and spent her professional career passionately dedicated to the success of multiple downtown New Orleans hotels including Westin, Le Meridien, Chateau Sonesta, and most recently, Loew's New Orleans.

**Kenton Temple** shares the following fun news about her weeklong visit with **Diane Wallace McKee** in August: "We had a blast, mostly talking and talking and talking. We looked at all the yearbooks and pictures I had and shared all that had happened in our lives for the last 40 years or so, way too much to cover for your column. We are both very happy to be back in touch with one another."

**Pat O'Hara Gable** and Steve Gable ND'70 have a new grandson, Robert Thomas, born December 30 in New York City to their oldest son, Andrew, and his wife, Nicole. Their two-year old GiGi (Geraldine Grace) is very into helping with the baby. GiGi doesn't love the Robert part of his name and calls him "Thomas Harold." No one knows where Harold came from, but I suspect her naming may come from "Thomas the Train" and "Harold the Crayon."

**Ann Toffanetti Schumacher** writes that Gil is back to "curling" after extensive hand surgery in May. Ann got "conned into" teaching bridge to a new group of eight ladies and is thoroughly enjoying it. Ann and Gil enjoyed several lovely Michigan vacations this past summer, including the Soo Locks (used to transport freighters from Lake Superior to the Atlantic Ocean) and Whitefish Point on Lake Superior.

As for me, Karen, I continue to love, love, love my job at Juniper Networks and have recently been moved over to their newly created IT Supplier Management Team. My daughter Megan is thoroughly enjoying her graphic design position at St. Supéry Vineyards and Winery. We spent a weekend in San Francisco the week before Christmas reviving our tradition of attending the Nutcracker, enjoying the city's Christmas decorations, and shopping and eating. We followed up last weekend in St. Helena with a tour and wine tasting at Sterling Vineyards followed by dinner at one of the newest up-and-coming restaurants

in the Napa Valley—one of the many perks of Megan's job.

PLEASE continue to share your news, and let's start planning some regional mini-reunions to keep us connected through the big 45 in 2015.

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No news is not good news when you are a class reporter. Unfortunately, I don't have much to write about, except for our very exciting and unbelievable 40th Reunion May 31 through June 3. I hope all of you are planning to attend. It will be a great celebration for a great class: a time to laugh, maybe cry, and share old memories and make new ones.

**Anne Pryser Leary** and I accepted the job of Reunion Gift Chairs for this reunion. We have an amazing committee of our classmates who worked very hard to raise a significant amount of money for our Class Gift. It is not too late to make a donation. Please remember that the percentage of donors counts along with the amount of the gift.

The next several editions of *Courier* will be full of news from Reunion, I promise. I hope to see you at Saint Mary's soon. Until then, I send all of you my love.

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**From the Courier: Mary Ellen Stumpf** writes: Class connections in recent years have included a group trip to Toronto by Mary Ellen and **Ann Wallace Troutman**, **Jennifer Johnson Barth**, and **An-**

## CLASSCLIPS



This past January three Saint Mary's alumnae traveled to the Dominican Republic with 10 other Mission Possible volunteers to provide medical care to residents of a small village outside the town of Higüey. Semi-annual visits from the Mission Possible team provide the only organized medical care for about 400 individuals. Eva Dolan '57, Dr. Molly McVoy '01, and Linda Holtcamp McVoy '74, helped with everything from weighing and measuring patients to diagnosing and treating those with illnesses—all while enjoying each other's company and the warm hospitality of the villagers.



**nabelle Logue Curran.** Having done her graduate work and taught in Toronto, Mary Ellen had always wanted to share this great city with classmates.

A momentous occasion brought Ann and **Celine McGowan** to help Mary Ellen in her role in the 400<sup>th</sup> commemoration of historic Jamestowne, Virginia. The anniversary was punctuated with visits by Queen Elizabeth II and other international dignitaries, the president and vice president, and festivities of international proportion—all requiring super Saint Mary's volunteers! Mary Ellen directed a \$56.5 million campaign for the site's archaeological excavations, research and care of the 2,000,000 artifacts, plus the master plan of facilities, exhibits, and programs. For more info, go to [www.historicjamestowne.org](http://www.historicjamestowne.org).

In recent years, Mary Ellen's service on the Alumnae Board coincided with that of **Debbie Johnson Schwiebert**, also a trustee; and, **Barb Jacobs Mueller**, whose daughter, Elizabeth, is enrolled at Saint Mary's. Debbie has represented our class in exemplary ways on both boards with her leadership and generosity. Barb stays busy with her consultancy and community service. Other steady connections include **Judy Rauenhorst Mahoney** and **Nancy Weigel Rodman** in Minneapolis. In addition to Judy's *Teach Me Tapes, Inc.* and her four grown children, Judy was a devoted daughter to her mother, now deceased, and now to her father; plus she maintains a busy volunteer schedule. Nancy has been teaching French in a private high school plus guiding three children through their college years. Mary Ellen joined Nancy and her family in New York recently to celebrate her 60th.

Over the decade other memorable connections were made at the wedding in Indianapolis of **Mary Kay Conaty Leicht's** daughter, Katie. Classmates included Jennifer, Mary Ellen (Mary Kay's cousin), **Barb McKiernan Davis**, **Sue Murphy Janko**, **Sharon Brown Sobolewski**, **Anne Cisle Murray**, and **Laurie Bracken Flanagan**. The recent wedding of Barb's daughter **Elizabeth Davis '02** in Chicago gathered the group once again.

Sad connections have also brought news of the losses of the parents of **Mary Loretto Casper**, **Betsy Erny Conway's** mother, **Carol Purcell Gillig's** mother and **Ann Wallace Troutman's** mother.

On a happier note, Betsy's son (Steve) and Mary Kay's son (Danny) are Notre Dame students in the same class as Mary Ellen's two ND nephews, Eric and Aaron Stumpf. Christmas correspondence shared the happy news of the wedding of **Carol Purcell Gillig's** son, Ken; and a grandchild for Mary Kay. Some of us hope to gather in Louisville for the Kentucky Derby to honor our 60<sup>th</sup> and reprise college trips!

'78

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**From Susan:** Greetings from California. **Lisa Maglio Brown** and I continue our antics so there is never a dull moment. For the second year, we celebrated New Year's Eve in Carmel. Lisa's daughter, Callie Brown '15 is in her second semester at Saint Mary's College and loving every second of it to Lisa's great delight. Lisa, **Holly**

**Rieger Curley '80**, and I caught up with **Katie Cinnamon Doyle** and Mike and girls at the Stanford game. They are looking like college coeds themselves, and it was great to reconnect. Lisa and I continue to marvel that we are back together again, and the giggles never stop. We are so lucky to have a lifelong friendship. We are happy to host you here in beautiful California anytime. I would love to hear from all of you with updates.

**Katie Cinnamon Doyle** says: "The Doyle Family moved from Bernardsville, New Jersey, to Boston over three years ago. My husband Michael Doyle ND'78 is the CFO of Forrester Research. My daughter Bailey Doyle ND'05 is residing in San Francisco and working for Mars Advertising. She is also the president of the Notre Dame Club of San Francisco. Kelly, my youngest daughter, is a graduate of Bucknell University and is working in sales, also at Forrester Research."

**Laurie O'Dell Rollinson** says: "I've been in southern California since 1979 and have spent the last 31 years teaching A.P. American History at Mater Dei High School, a Catholic school in Orange County. My husband Bruce is the head football coach at the same school... Three of his quarterbacks have gone on to play at USC of all places (Bruce played football there in the late '60s.) Since my younger daughter Catherine is a junior at USC, I've been to a number of football games there. If anyone had told me 30 years ago that someday I would occasionally cheer for the Trojans, I would have thought they were out of their minds. My heart still belongs to Notre Dame. My older daughter, Caroline, graduated from Notre Dame in 2009. The first time I was back for a Notre Dame football game since 1979 was when Caroline was a freshman in 2005 and I made it to a game all four years that she was there. Caroline is now teaching at Marymount School

in New York City. This past October we had a 'family reunion' at the Notre Dame-USC game. I flew out with USC daughter Catherine (and a few of her sorority sisters) and we gave them and all our southern California friends the grand tour of Notre Dame... I heard over and over again from all who were there how friendly and hospitable everyone at Notre Dame was to the USC visitors. We had lunch on Friday at O'Rourke's at the unbelievable Eddy Street Commons. Playing on the big screen as we ate was the 1977 Notre Dame-USC Game. Senior year and green jerseys. Caroline and I had to educate the USC girls on that historic game. Bruce had five or six of his players playing in the game for both Notre Dame and USC. They had been high school teammates, so after the game they met outside the stadium and took a picture, still wearing their uniforms with 'Touchdown Jesus' in the background. While we are a divided family, both of my daughters grew up with Rudy (and can quote almost every line). I've come to appreciate USC just a bit. Bruce fell in love with Notre Dame the minute he stepped foot on campus in August 2005 (hadn't been there since his playing days). Now he says when he retires he wants to buy a house on Angela Street and go to every Notre Dame football practice and game. (I told him he'd be gone after experiencing the first winter.) All the trips back to South Bend while Caroline was at Notre Dame brought back so many wonderful memories of Saint Mary's and Rome and friends. One of my resolutions for 2012 is to finally get on Facebook and reconnect with old friends. If you make it out here to Southern Cal for the Notre Dame game in November, be sure to let me know. In the meantime, GO IRISH!"

**Jo Ann Baggiano Hunter** is still teaching, and her two sons are both completing internships. Jay is in Washington, D.C., and Matt is in Chicago. **Sheila Mathews Wales** is trying to coordinate a group to go to Naples, Florida, this winter, including **Sherry Antonini**, **Jo Ann Baggiano Hunter**, and **Kathy Groskopf**, who lives in the Sarasota area.

**Sheila Matthew Wales** says: "Mark and I have been focused on expanding Mugs Across America for the last couple of years, and have been fortunate to build a great team of sales reps covering about 20 states. (We won't rest until we are in all 50.) Though we stay extremely busy with this venture, we still manage to find time to have some fun, not only here in Florida, but also in Michigan in the summer months, and frequent trips to our home in Chicago throughout the year. Mark's daughter Katie graduated high school and moved into Seminole territory as she entered Florida State University in the fall. Rest assured, I will be proudly adorned in my Irish attire on December 29, when ND and FSU go head-to-head in the Citrus Bowl. GO IRISH."

"Kendra, now in eighth grade, continues to master her social prowess and has become extremely skilled at making sure that every free hour of the weekend is filled with some activity with at least one, if not 20, of her closest friends. Despite this social focus, Kendra has continued to achieve straight-A grades. A fact we are all proud of!"

We are thankful that the Internet helps us reconnect and stay close even if it is only to read a status update on Facebook. It's always great to read these little snippets of your lives, and more often than not, your updates keep us smiling from afar.

## Alumnae Board Seeks Nominations for 2013–2016 Term

The Saint Mary's Alumnae Association Board of Directors will select three new directors for a three-year term beginning June 2013 at the September meeting. All alumnae are invited to submit nominations (self-nominations are welcome) by July 27, 2012. Please contact the Alumnae Relations Office at (574) 284-4578, email [alumnae@saintmarys.edu](mailto:alumnae@saintmarys.edu), or visit [saintmarys.edu/alumnae-friends](http://saintmarys.edu/alumnae-friends) to obtain a candidate profile form. A personal statement also is required. Candidate profile forms must be submitted on a yearly basis.

### Criteria for the 2013–2016 Term

- **Geographic:** All geographic areas are eligible
- **Class decade:** Vacancies may be filled from the 1970s and 2010s

### Among the selection criteria:

- Demonstrated involvement and/or service to the College
- Demonstrated leadership skills through professional and/or personal endeavors

### For More Information

Please visit [saintmarys.edu/alumnae-friends](http://saintmarys.edu/alumnae-friends), then click on Stay Connected.

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Happy New Year, Ladies. Let's keep those updates coming. I have not heard from many members of the Class of '80. Let's get going and send in your information. I started a Facebook page for the Class of '80. I am hoping we can get more information that way. The page is Saint Mary's College Class of 1980.

Please keep **Carol Laughlin Nock** in your prayers. She has a very long recovery from a serious car accident.

**Mary Pat Crnich Lake** says, "It hardly seems possible that we were freshmen at Saint Mary's 35 years ago. I am now officially an empty nester, all three children have moved out. My son Sean lives in Colorado, where he and his wife are the parents of my beautiful granddaughter. **Colleen Lake '11** graduated from Saint Mary's and is now in the Advanced Standing Program at the University of Pennsylvania. She will graduate with a master's in social work. Our youngest, Caitlin Lake '15, is a freshman at Saint Mary's and beginning her tenure as a Belle."

'82

**Would you like to see news from your classmates?**

**Contact Jessica Stuifbergen '99 at [jstuifbe@saintmarys.edu](mailto:jstuifbe@saintmarys.edu) to find out how to become your class reporter.**

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**From Diane:** Hello Ladies. As you are receiving this, spring should be bursting out everywhere. I am writing this in January and it has been a mild winter so far. Let's see what happens. I am on Facebook and read all your updates. I will not publish any of them unless you instruct me to. Anyone who is not connected to me can find me at Diane Smith Poirier on Facebook and I will friend you.

**Anne Marie Oberheu** says: "2011 has proved to be an exciting year as the Plouffs get ready to send Lauren Marie off to college in the fall while Caroline enters her freshman year of high school. Lauren, 17, finished her senior year of volleyball as captain of the team....She is interested in pursuing a civil engineering degree. She/we were very excited when she received her admissions letter to Rose Hulman, a premiere engineering institution, where she is also trying out for collegiate-level volleyball. She has been accepted at Evansville [and] Auburn.... She is truly becoming a fabulous young lady and will be missed in the fall.

"Caroline, 13, my true GRITS ('girls raised in the south') is as feisty as she is tenderhearted.... She is a true friend and has learned her father's boxing techniques quite well as she effectively kept a bully at school from messing with one of her friends. The only question we had when

we picked her up from school after being called by the dean was about her dad asking if she got any good punches in. She responded "Dad, I remembered what you told me about straight punches." We knew she would not be involved unless she had used words first. She is back to playing club volleyball this year and is getting ready to receive her confirmation sacrament in the spring. She will graduate eighth grade as well."

"Tom and I continue to tag-team parent and work schedules as he flies up to Chicago on a weekly basis for his law practice. He is doing well and remains the rock in this crazy, fun world.

"I remain happily ensconced at BCBS of AL where I have been since 2005, as one of four medical directors. I oversee all clinical services, including our physician staff in our health management division. We are consultants as a whole to the corporation, which insures 3.5 million lives throughout the country.

"The only 'notable new thing' in my life is...that I will have completed my third half marathon at Kiawah on December 10. Mom and Dad graciously hosted us and we had great cheerleaders in them, Fred, Laurie, and Maggie the dog. Fun was had by all."

**Susan Van Etten** reports, "My daughter Katie Ziltz is a first year at Saint Mary's College and lives in McCandless Hall. She loves Saint Mary's College. Also, **Sandra Gonzales Ver Beek's** daughter Olivia is a freshman living in McCandless. **Lynn McCarthy Frost's** daughter Keeley was just accepted to Saint Mary's College. She stayed with my daughter for the Notre Dame-Air Force game for the weekend in October, and they had a great time."

**Kelly Cambren Fretwell** reports, "**Maria Lopez Honan, Eugenia Minondo, Ava Borrasso**, and I met up in Panama with **Gina Latoni-Gonzalez '83** in October, for a girls' weekend celebrating Gina's 50th. We had a VIP tour of the Panama Canal and toured the old city. We saw authentic Panamanian dancing and soaked up the beautiful scenery and jungle life at Gina's and Carlo's place on the coast. We celebrated Gina's birthday by dancing to '80s music under the disco ball."

**Judy Belger Scara** reports: "Last time I mentioned we were planning a reunion with **Mary Kimmel Berezo, Mary Beth Alban Shields, and Gwen Warwick Anderson**. We had it and it was amazing. I showed them my neck of the woods: Hollywood, Beverly Hills, and Malibu where we had cupcakes in a 'paparazzi-free zone'. It was great to spend time catching up and reminiscing. We all agreed we wouldn't wait so long until the next reunion."

**Ann von Wahlde Fink** reports: "Just returned from a 14-day odyssey to California by car, traveling with camping gear, atlas and due date. Flying by the seat of our pants and letting our best angels light our way. We experienced something akin to Michelangelo's 'Divine Spark' when we camped one night in Tucson's dry Sonoran desert at the foot of a 70-degree, dry cave (alone, locked in a state park under a grove of Mesquite trees). The next day, we camped on the

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Members of the class of 1984 gathered for a mini-reunion in Seven Springs, Pennsylvania, last October. From left to right, seated: Kelly O'Shea Carney, Trish Sigler Valacer, and Beth Walsh Gregory; from left to right, standing: Margaret Young McNamara, Claire Gilvary Chick, Tracey Perry Arnone, and Kathy McNamara Porter.

border at Organ Pipe National Park. After a life-giving rain, the desert awakened, blooming green and florid. We lay under a 50-foot saguaro under dark, desert skies for hours experiencing every star in Earth's heavens. We saw shooting stars and even a meteor flame to ground. We meditated on the rim edge of the Grand Canyon, slept in Red Rock canyons, and spent time learning from the generous Hopi in a traditional village (without electricity or running water). We walked among the giants of the Petrified Forest and read stone cliffs carved by ancient peoples. We walked the steps of turn-of-the-century copper miners and met many who were eager to help us see the roads less traveled. We learned much, saw much, and loved much. I wish you a new year of many roads less traveled, with those you love by your side, fearless and ego-less."

**Diana Butler Buxton** and her husband Dr. Douglas F. Buxton, will celebrate their seventh anniversary on March 19, surrounded by family being united in the Blessed Sacrament of Holy Matrimony at the Church of St. Francis Xavier, followed by dinner at Alison Eighteen in New York City. They plan to attend the Notre Dame-Michigan game in September, and would love to tailgate with anyone who might also be out in South Bend that weekend. Please connect with Diana via Facebook and LinkedIn.

My husband, Joe, and I attended the Notre Dame-MSU game at the spur of the moment. I met **Caroline Adornetto Caudill** and her son Matthew, age 7, at Detroit Metro Airport during their layover from Atlanta to South Bend on Wednesday afternoon. We came home and decided we needed to be in South Bend too. We found a place to stay for the weekend that night. We left Friday afternoon and had tickets for the game, thanks to **Alicia Ojascastro Behrnt**. We hung out with Caroline, her son, her mom, Linda, and brother and his son. We had a great weekend.

I was also back in South Bend for the Boston College game with **Janice Dwyer Wiggins, Karen Wagner Lewis, Angie Sleeper Helmstetter, and Mary Rymarquis Stiglmeier**. Unfortunately, **Anne Archibald Deutsch** couldn't attend due to a running injury. We had a lot of fun as always. We tailgated with the "enemy" and showed them how football works at Notre Dame.

'86

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**From Mary Fran:** We look back on our reunion as one of our year's highlights.

**Joyce Murtagh Stengle** emails that she and John Stengle ND'86 have raised our three girls, Janet (15), Julia (13), and Jenna (11) in Toledo, Ohio. We enjoy many sporting events as all three girls have been successful in swimming, tennis, golf, and basketball. Last October, my father Jim Murtagh ND'48 passed away, leaving us with wonderful memories. The girls continue with piano as requested by their grandfather. We travel to as many home football games as possible. Look for the Murtagh Toledo-Ohio flag near the Joyce Lot. It was great to see the Saint Mary's family at Reunion."

**Mary Louise Padden** writes from Louisville, Kentucky. Mary Louise has a law degree and practiced for five years, then helped start imagePRO, a promotional marketing company, where she is director of marketing communications. She also has a consulting company, JDM Consulting LLC, which "is a vehicle for freelance marketing and website design." Mary Louise has two Boykin Spaniels, and is the rescue volunteer for a several-state area. Her adventurous streak has led her into whitewater kayaking, multi-sport adventure racing, climbing and mountaineering, and racing her yellow Ducati motorcycle. She is hoping to race in a Formula Continental race car at the Sportscar Vintage Racing Association event. This girl loves speed. Mary Louise is part of a race team, AccelRace Motorsports, which "specializes in the development of young aspiring drivers moving from go-karts or USAC sprint races into open wheel racing." She handles legal, website, art, graphics, merchandising and driver media coaching for the team. Mary Louise enjoyed seeing everyone at Reunion.

**Susan Carmody** reports that she thought the "college went 'all out' on our reunion. It was nice to see everyone and visit and catch up." Susan attended Reunion with **Carol Branka** of Chicago, who is a fellow biology major and past roommate. Susan and her husband Tim Taylor, a pharmacist, live in Bloomington, Illinois. Susan is a physician and practices in an urgent care center, which is part of the St Joseph's Hospital. Susan and Tim have two daughters, Grace (6) and Cate (3).

**Susan Miller Schilling** and Nick Schilling ND'86 of Overland Park, Kansas, have college on their minds. Daughter Megan was accepted into the

Class of 2016 at Notre Dame this fall, and she will join brother, Nicholas, who is sophomore class president there. Older brother Patrick finishes at Kansas University after playing four years on the football team, including the Orange Bowl Championship. Oldest daughter Katherine graduated from Notre Dame in 2010 and was just named to Notre Dame's Kellogg Institute Advisory Board as its youngest alum ever. Susie writes, "We will finish 18 straight years of grade school, when Christopher graduates this year and goes to the Catholic high school." Susie says she, "started a new business with NYR Organic (us.nyrorganic.com/shop/susan), introducing from London a company with certified organic skin care and wellness products in the U.S." Susan and Nick celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary last summer. Susie says it was wonderful to see so many at Reunion."

**Marci Woods Kilpatrick** and our family had a fun visit after the ND-BC game in November. Marci and sons Liam (16) and Aidan (14) are living in South Bend after being evacuated from Cairo, Egypt, when the revolution began last January. Kevin Kilpatrick ND'86 is in Baghdad as a physician with the State Department. Daughter Eileen is a freshman at Purdue, Quinn is a junior at Notre Dame, and Connor graduates from West Point in May. Marci enjoys being near her parents, Col. David and Eileen Woods, who live nearby. Marci and her mother, Eileen, organize neighborhood groups committed to collecting food for the monthly food bank.

**Jeanne Grammens** said it was a thrill to settle her daughter, Gabrielle Grammens '15, at Saint Mary's College this fall. Older brother Nicholas is in the honors program at Indiana University, Maddie is a junior at Cathedral High School, and Tomas is in seventh grade at St. Thomas Aquinas in Indianapolis. Jeanne works at Marian University in campus ministry. Highlights for Jeanne this year included a pilgrimage to Assisi, Italy, and our Saint Mary's Reunion, she says.

**Teresa Keefe Konrad**, Scott, and family live in Brooklyn, New York. Teresa writes that "their oldest, Kevin, is studying mechanical engineering at SUNY Buffalo. Caleb (15) plays the drums and lives to fish. Ian (12) started piano lessons this year and wants to be an artist." Teresa says, "We escape up to our place in the Catskills every chance we get. Scott is three years away from retirement (in teaching) while I'm still in advertising and hope to last a little while longer without burning out."

**Suzy Avitabile Huschke** and Mark are enjoying life in Eden Prairie, Minnesota. Suzy writes that Elizabeth, who is a sophomore at Notre Dame and studying electrical engineering, "spent eight weeks over the summer working with International Rescue Committee in Boise, Idaho." Adrienne, a high school senior, and Daniel, a freshman, play on soccer and Nordic ski teams. The family enjoys lots of outdoor activities like canoeing, fishing, and Nordic skiing. Suzy writes that it was great to see everyone at Reunion.

I visited with **Margo Mischler-Philbin** and Jim Philbin ND'86 while we watched the Notre Dame bowl game in December at Jim's parent's home in Oak Park, Illinois. Margo and Jim have two darling daughters, Lucy who is in eighth grade, and Rose, who is in third grade and home schooled by Margo. The family participates in couple parish mission trips to El Salvador. Margo coordinates the monthly meal that their Duluth, Minnesota, parish provides for the homeless shelter.

My father Frank Gisch passed away peacefully at age 88 on March 2, 2011. Dad was a big fan of Saint Mary's College. He and my mother Mary Gisch sent all

four of their daughters to Saint Mary's College—**Peggy Gisch '87, Elizabeth Gisch '91, Kate Gisch Ogilvie '95**, and me. I am grateful that I lived near my parents for my father's final years. On a lighter note, Mike Kitz ND'84 and I celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary with a trip in September to Northern Italy, which was spectacular. God bless you and your families.

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**From Mary Kay:** I hope the others have things to add as I don't get out much. As I write, I am just packing up the final signs of the holiday season. I loved hearing from so many friends.

**Rachel Durkin Drga** writes that her daughter Madeline is happy and healthy and getting ready to start middle school. Rachel and her husband continue to work in the theatre, but they have taken on new and different responsibilities. At home, new responsibility has arrived since their adoption of a little Lhasa Apso. **Meghan Farley Astrachan's** holiday photo of the family at Liberty Island reminded me how long it's been since I've visited New York. **Mary Ellen McKenna Dickson's** photo featured only her four children, but I feel confident in guessing that her youngest is at least as tall as her. The list goes on. Letter after letter, photo after photo, I am reminded how lucky I am to have attended college with such wonderful people.

My more-than-full-time teaching schedule has curtailed my social calendar. Through my involvement with the Los Angeles Area Alumnae club, however, I have been able to participate in a few events with **Anne Borgman** and **Katy Kronenberg Penna**. My favorite this year was our visit to the Claremont Wine Walk, an event only six miles from my house, but almost 60 miles for them. I still travel to Chicago at least twice a year. In the summer of 2011, **Jamie Smith Taradash** and I drove out for a graduation party for **Clare Van Hecke Korte's** oldest daughter. I really enjoyed visiting with both of my former colleagues (we were resident advisors together), but I was even more appreciative for the opportunity to interview her daughter and her daughter's friends about the college application process. I learned quite a bit, and shared what I could with my son. By the time you read this, I hope and pray, he will have made his choice.

Because we know it is easier to keep in touch electronically than it is through holiday letters and parties, we hope to set up a Saint Mary's College Class of '88 Facebook page. Be on the lookout for it.



'90

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**From Sue: Peggy Sullivan Monahan** and Jon Monahan ND'90 are living in Champaign, Illinois, with two children: Sean, a high school senior currently applying to colleges (yes, Notre Dame is on the list), and Maggie, an eighth grader looking forward to high school at St. Thomas More. Peggy is working as a senior business analyst at the University of Illinois Housing division. Jon is president of the family business: Monahan Filaments.

**Theresa Hart Dearie** helped to manage her husband's (Jim Dearie ND'90) campaign for the city council of Lebanon, Ohio. After a hard-fought campaign, Jim was victorious and will serve on the city council.

**Mary Cassidy** is happily nearing completion of her MBA from the Notre Dame Mendoza College of Business.

**Lynn Van Hersett Hemans** writes in with the sad news of her grandmother's passing at the spry age of 97. Ruth Wishart Sullivan is survived by her daughter **Phyllis Sullivan Van Hersett '62** and granddaughters Lynn and **Joan Van Hersett Elledge '93**, in addition to three sons and a granddaughter who are Notre Dame alumni.

Our prayers are with **Tonya Sheets Sexton**, who lost her mother Gail Hinkle before the holidays.

**Deirdre Milon Ralph** and family are still living in Annapolis, Maryland, on the Naval Academy property but not for long. They are moving after 10 years, down the street to a neighborhood called West Annapolis. They will miss all the conveniences of government housing, which included waterfront living and lawn and maintenance services.

**Anita Knebel Ehmsen's** daughter Haleigh Ehmsen plans to attend Saint Mary's in the fall, a future member of the Class of 2016. English, journalism, Spanish, and Youth Ministry are her interests right now. Is this the first daughter of our class to make their way to Saint Mary's? Get in touch and let me know.

I got together with some of the Saint Mary's girls over the summer at the home of **Monica Badar Hehl** in Plainfield, Illinois. It was a great afternoon. I was so thrilled that **Kelly O'Brien** and **Mary Sande** were in town too. We had lots of laughs. Also there were **Kim Mahoney Barrio** and her husband Jerry. Kim and Jerry enjoy living in Palatine, Illinois. Kim is busy working as a case manager nurse at Advocate

Good Shepherd Hospital, enjoying her five-year-old Meaghan, singing in the church choir at Holy Family parish. She has volunteered for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and is looking forward to Saint Mary's College Northwest Club's next book club selection. She wishes the Cubs would finally do it this year.

Thanks again to all who sent in updates. Please be sure to join us in the SMC90 Facebook group, which is now 116 members strong. Nearly a third of our class is there.

'92

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**From Patsy: Tess Lynch** and Donald Nichols were married March 25, 2011. They live temporarily in Muskogee, Oklahoma, while Donald works construction at the Oklahoma Renaissance Faire. Tess assists him in building on the site. They are currently building a two-story pirate ship and a Spanish Colonial Mission-style building. Tess still commutes to Tulsa, Kansas City, and Chicago to work with National Seminars Group, where she has been a senior event manager for almost 19 years. Tess and Donald live in a crazy house in the country and have a bunch of gypsy friends.

**Michele Delaney Peterson** and Brendan are moving from Chicago to Pennsylvania. Michele has been in Chicago for the past 15 years and is hoping to reconnect with Saint Mary's friends back in Pennsylvania. Brendan and Michele have three children: Jack Finn (5), Declan (2), and Maeve (7 months). Michele moved to Chicago after law school in 1996 to work for the Public Guardian's Office. While it was wonderful to be among so many Saint Mary's friends in Chicago, Michele is looking forward to starting a new chapter in Pennsylvania, closer to her family.

**Nicole Dugan May** and Phil live in Grand Rapids, Michigan, with their two children: Sara (four) and Brendan (two). Nicole works part-time for JPMorgan Chase in corporate training. Phil works for Fifth Third Bank. Nicole recently got together with eight classmates for their annual get together. It was planned to be a postponed 40th birthday celebration that they had hoped to have in Florida. Nicole was diagnosed in the summer of 2011 with stage one breast cancer. The girls rallied. Within 24 hours of setting a date and location, timed to be between chemo treatments, all eight women had tickets booked for their long weekend at their rented house on the shore of Lake Saugatuck, Michigan. It was the first time the nine of them had been together in four years. It was a fabulous weekend and would have been regardless of the circumstances, since they always reconnect as if it were freshman year back at the dorms. This trip was so special for Nicole, that they would all come to support her and just help her laugh through everything. They have also collectively sent her weekly care packages since October, when the treatments started. These eight fabulous women are **Kelly Brantman Roles**, **Beth McGie Robertson**, **Mary Johlie Harrison**, **Amy Wolpert Larkin**, **Meg Telesca Ramey**, **Jan Campbell Borgmeier**, **Jen Libby Kenealy**, and **Nikki Samarzija Floody**. It is a tes-

tament to the quality of people at Saint Mary's and how special our alma mater is. **Kelly Brantman Roles** lives in Maple Grove, Minnesota, with her husband Brad and their beautiful children: Tabitha (4) and Zachary (2). Kelly is blessed to be at home with their little ones while Brad manages their mortgage company, Supreme Lending. **Beth McGie Robertson** and Mike live in New Brighton, Minnesota, with their four children. **Jan Campbell Borgmeier** and Dan live in Rochester, Minnesota, with their six children. **Mary Johlie Harrison** and Kent live in Richmond, Virginia, with their three children. **Nikki Samarzija Floody** and Pete live in Tucker, Georgia, with their two children. **Jen Libby Kenealy** and Dave live in Alexandria, Virginia, with their three children. **Amy Wolpert Larkin** and Ed live in Hamilton, Ohio, with their four children. **Meg Telesca Ramey** and Russell live in Centerville, Virginia, with their daughter, Grace. This group of nine women has managed to keep in touch through ongoing email conversations and an annual reunion at one of their homes. With growing families and responsibilities, it has gotten tough to get everyone together, but they all look forward to their long weekends filled with laughter and chatter. Nicole is looking great and doing well with her fight.

On December 15, **Kerry Meehan McOsker** received her nursing pin from Los Angeles Harbor College. It was a long two years for Kerry and her family, but her education at Saint Mary's helped tremendously with time management and writing. Once she passes the boards, Kerry is hoping to work in a telemetry unit. To celebrate surviving the program, Kerry and John McOsker ND'89 and I took their kids to Hawaii for a week and met up with **Shannon Hil-ton Smith** and her family who happened to be on the same island. It was a wonderful visit and they are looking forward to our class reunion.

**Elizabeth Harvey Preston** and Bryan welcomed their son Owen Michael on November 16. On December 3, **Meg Whitty Molloy** came into town, and Beth, Meg, **Moir Lydon Miller**, and **Michelle Lia** got together to meet Owen Michael and to celebrate. Meg stayed with Beth for a weekend, passing along some of the knowledge she has gained raising her four children: Maggie, Jimmy, Missy, and Billy. The Preston family lives in Chicago.

**Lori Corirossi Hazen** and Scott Hazen ND'92 recently met up with **Eileen Isleib Schaffler** and Bill in Chicago when they were on their way to the ND-USC game. They hadn't seen each other in over six years.

Finally, Jim Donahue ND'92 and I welcomed our fourth child, Grace Margaret, on June 23. Grace was welcomed home by Shannon (nine), Jack (six), and Meghan (four). The four kids keep me busy, but we are enjoying our life here in Baltimore. Please email or send me a note on Facebook if you have any updates. Please always remember to keep our classmates in our prayers.

'94

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**Mary Cosgrove Moran** writes: "My husband Matt Moran and I live outside Chicago with our five-month-old daughter, Angelina Cathleen, born March 8, 2011. I was just admitted to the Illinois bar and am licensed in Michigan and New York as well. I am taking time off from the practice of law to spend time with Angelina, but will start working again soon. I was an assistant district attorney in Buffalo, New York,

prior to moving to Illinois. I enjoy spending time with the Chicago West ladies at book club. I've seen **Kathleen Farrell Perreault, Rosie Cox Conway,** and **Suzanne Somers Ryan** often."

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**From Julie:** Hello fellow classmates. I am writing this update as we enter 2012 and I hope the new year finds all of you well and happy. Many of our classmates have new beginnings to report as well as a lot of other good news as well.

**Mary Udovich Baginsky** still lives in Washington, D.C., with husband Steve. Mary finished her clinical year at Johns Hopkins and currently works at the George Washington University Hospital as a clinical registered dietitian. She specializes in nutrition support, oncology, and renal disease and absolutely loves her new job and making a difference in her patients' lives. **Karen Gerlach** finished her radiology residency at Virginia Commonwealth University and has since moved with her family to California. There, she is starting a mammography fellowship at UC Irvine this July. So far, the kids are adjusting well to the move. In another new career move, **Barbara Howells Boukater** is now the business manager at an incredible organization called Buckhead Christian Ministry, which helps Atlantans get back on their feet after financial crisis. I'm sure these three women are doing wonderful things at work and positively impacting the lives of so many.

**Christina Orsinelli Simone** is doing well in Columbus after getting married and settling in to a new home and married life. **Karla Oselka Walsworth** added to her family while living in London with the birth of baby number two, Wesley Frank, who was born October 22, 2009. Karla enjoyed a visit from fellow alum **Betsy Killian** as well before moving back to the States to Dayton, Ohio. (I'm so glad to have her in the area.)

**Sheila Doran Shane** delivered baby number six on September 30, a girl, Norah Patricia Shane. **Laura Ferguson Van Wyk** and husband Chris recently completed their long adoption process and traveled to Ethiopia to bring home their new daughter in April of last year. Abezash is 3 years old and adjusting well to her new life in Virginia. She has an amazing amount of energy and is crazy about swimming in the neighborhood pool. Their son Simon is 4 years old and adapting well to being a new big brother. Laura continues to work exclusively from home for the Environmental Law Institute in Washington, D.C.

**Maureen Davis '97** is happy to report that she finished the Rock-in-Roll half-marathon in Vegas, her 14th and final race of 2011. Needless to say, the race bug bit her. She competed in her first triathlon and added three more shortly after. She also competed in a handful of half-marathons, duathlons, and a 200-mile Ragnar Relay team that ran from Madison to Chicago. This year, she plans to increase her long-distance relays to three, heading up a women's ultra team of six who will run 33 miles each from Chattanooga to Nashville in the fall. Until then, she is train-

ing for more triathlons and her first marathon. Good luck, Maureen, and keep us posted.

**Sara Leavitt-Turner** and family moved back to Sara's hometown of St. Charles, Illinois, last summer. They are very happy to be back closer to family. Speaking of new moves, **Candace Novak Valach** recently moved from Columbus, Ohio, to Cincinnati, where I have been able to connect with her a few times. I also was lucky enough to enjoy a couple "Belle-apalooza" gatherings, first with **Beth Luedtke Petrie, Madeline Wahl '97, Veronica Villalobos Smith,** and **Ann Pilger '95** last fall as we met in Washington, D.C., for the Notre Dame-Maryland football game. Beth, Veronica, and Ann all live in Washington, D.C. Ann is enjoying the city after moving there from Florida. Beth continues to work for the FBI, and after several years working with the EEOC, Veronica is now the director of the Office of Diversity and Inclusion for the U.S. Office of Personnel Management. Maddie continues to work as a physician's assistant in Pittsburgh and, along with **Simone Barber Vecchio**, came to visit me last winter. We had a wonderful time celebrating Simone's birthday as well as mine, and New Years. I'm still chugging away at my doctorate and making progress. Last year I defended my thesis and passed my qualifications exam, so now the last requirement to complete is my dissertation.

I hope the rest of you are doing well. If you are on Facebook and looking to connect with former classmates, please join our class page. You can find it under "Saint Mary's College '96 (Notre Dame, IN)."

**From Alison: Colleen Murray Kartychak** writes: "My husband Rob and I welcomed our 2nd son, Patrick Daniel, on June 10, 2010. He joins Big Brother, Bobby (age 4). I have been fortunate to be able to stay home following his birth, and I recently started a work-from-home job as a Regulatory Analyst with ConEdison Solutions, a retail electric supplier. Although I am no longer practicing law, after 7 years in litigation it is a nice change of pace and a unique opportunity to utilize my legal training and background in a non-traditional way."

**From the Courier: JudeAnne Wilson** married Raymond Hastings on September 17 in West Lafayette, Indiana. **KrisAnne Wilson '01** served as JudeAnne's maid of honor. **Shannon Sarachman Buchmann '01, Vicki Palk Cassidy '96, Michelle Poepppe Egan '93, JoAnn Grima MacKenzie '69, Amy Dooks Taylor '01,** and **Jessica Stuijbergen '99** were also in attendance. JudeAnne and Raymond were married at Ross Camp Chapel and the reception was held at the Trails. The happy couple is living in Lafayette in their new home they recently purchased. JudeAnne continues in her role as director of development for the Lafayette Catholic School System.

'98

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Happy 2012 to all of you. **Angela Olsen Grauer** is still living in Chicago, working in sales at IKON Office Solutions, a position she's enjoyed since 1998. Angela was married on September 10 to Walter Grauer at the John Michael Kohler Arts Center in Sheboygan, Wisconsin. Many '98 classmates were able to make the trip to Wisconsin, including: **Laura Zurcher, Megan McMahon, Claudia Burgard Solomon, Rachel Torres Bell, Laura**

**Meyers Malec, Monica Thorson Dunn, Ann Hal-loran Schlabach, Mandy Strauss Kreuzer, Nora Meany,** and **Cathy Navarro-Harkin. Rebecca Zurcher '95** was also in attendance.

**Kate Votruba Frey** and husband Charlie welcomed a son, Benjamin Carl, on October 14.

**Claudia Burgard Solomon** and Ian welcomed their son, Joseph Sidney Solomon, on November 20, 2010.

**Shannon Crunk Hipp** and Tim Hipp ND'95 started out 2011 by welcoming Charlie Hiram, born January 31. He joins big sister Flannery Jane, now four years old. In August, Shannon completed her PhD in English at Emory University with a dissertation on T. S. Eliot entitled "Eliot Among the Women." She is now back to teaching, and all of the Hipps are doing well in Atlanta.

Last fall, **Genevieve Morrill** and Nathan visited Hungary, Slovakia, and the Czech Republic. Highlights included hiking the battlefield at Austerlitz and strolling through Prague drinking hot mead. Genevieve also started her term on the Saint Mary's College Alumnae Association Board of Directors in September, and spent a long weekend on campus getting up to speed on the board's work and how it supports the College.

**Anne Marie Joseph** married John Irey on July 16. They were married in the beautiful stone Chapel at Saint Hugo of the Hills in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. They had a beautiful, loving, and fun celebration. In attendance were fellow Belles: **Lori Riebe Smul, Michelle Abraham Sartor, Rossitsa Stoyanova,** and **Jennifer Dugan Muldowney.** Anne Marie and John are enjoying their newlywed life in Chicago.

**Liz May Smith** had her third daughter, Olivia Catherine, in May. Sisters Kailyn (8) and Mia (3) absolutely love having another sister. She is living in Valparaiso, Indiana, and still working as a neonatal nurse practitioner at Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago.

Aaron Dunn ND'98 and **Monica Thorson Dunn** welcomed their third daughter, Colette Suzanne, into the family in October. Their band, Point Five, just released its first album. It includes 12 covers of Americana bluegrass tunes. Go to their website at pointfiveband.com to read more about them or to purchase a CD.

**Elaine Tsiumas Kaznessis** was promoted to senior manager in September at Accenture. Elaine has been working there for more than 13 years. She is responsible for setting the strategy and managing the operations of a North American technology unit specializing in information management skills. Elaine is also responsible for supporting Accenture sales efforts at a global level. Her degrees from Saint Mary's College (international business and computer science) have found full use at Accenture. Elaine and her husband, Yiannis Kaznessis ND PhD'99, joined a Notre Dame advisory council in October, focused on graduate studies and research. Their children Evie (eight) and Serafeim (five) are enjoying the benefits of the council membership with more frequent trips to Indiana from Minneapolis, visiting grandma and grandpa.

'02

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**From Katie:** Hello ladies of the Class of 2002. Our class continues to amaze me with their accomplishments and life events. How blessed we have been since leaving Saint Mary's almost 10 years ago. Hope to see as many of you as possible in person this spring as we celebrate our 10th Reunion on campus. It is almost impossible to believe a decade has passed since graduation.

Our update begins on the West Coast from **Marlee Seiler Griek**, who married John Griek on June 18 in Chicago. Marlee reports, "Our ceremony took place at St. Josaphat's Catholic Church. The reception was held in the beautiful ballrooms of Germania Place in downtown Chicago. **Laura Stevens** was my maid of honor and **Tammy Grady** was my matron of honor. **Kerry Gill Rogers**, **Katie Miller Quinn**, and **Catherine Valente Seiler '04** were bridesmaids. Also in attendance were **Emily Swiss Bennett '01**, **Jessica Claes Mumaw '01**, **Jenny Wejman '99**, **Stefanie Roth**, **Megan Keleher**, and **Natalie Valent '11**. (I hope I am not forgetting anyone...) We currently live in Folsom, California, outside of Sacramento. Although I miss Chicago, where I lived for eight years before moving to California in June of 2010, I really enjoy the sunshine in California and working in a small Catholic school."

**Alison Ashley Johnson** and husband Brett welcomed a daughter, Devin Ashley Johnson, on July 23, 2010. Alison writes, "Devin has been a delight and has a lot of personality. In October 2011, I left my position with United Health Group and we moved across the country to San Francisco. My husband accepted a position at Autodesk as a web designer. We are exploring all the Bay Area has to offer. I am enjoying spending more time at home with our daughter,

but plan to return to work in the coming months."

**Sarah Hoshaw** writes in about an exciting career move: "After working as a project manager in the department of finance for Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, I am now working for HealthLinc, as their director of corporate strategy and community engagement. I love my new role. HealthLinc has a series of primary care practices that also provide mental and dental health services. While we accept all patients, we have a specific mission to focus on those that are uninsured, underinsured, or have Medicaid and Medicare."

**Lee Cassie Yates** had a busy 2011. She moved from Chicago back to Kentucky in May 2011 and started a new job as an associate attorney at Kerrick Stivers Coyle. She also married Daniel Ryan Clagett on September 10. Her Saint Mary's 2002 bridesmaids were **Christina D'Aquila-Phillips**, **Noreen Gillespie Connolly**, and **Kelly Riley-Swallows**.

**Denise Rasch Eiswirth** reports that she and husband Erik Eiswirth ND'00 and their three children live in Saint Louis. While raising Aidan (five), Owen (three), and a daughter, Grace, who was born in June, Denise has been working as a literacy coach at Daniel Boone Elementary for five years.

**Erin McGarry Hardison** married Scott Hardison on October 22, at St. Ambrose University Christ the King Chapel in Davenport, Iowa. A reception followed at the University Club in Moline, Illinois. Belles in attendance were **Kathleen Nickson D'Avria** and **Sarah Chaudoir Alden**. Scott and Erin honeymooned in Cancun, Mexico. Erin is still working as a speech pathologist with LinguiSystems. The newlyweds live in Davenport.

**Ann Marie Dennany Keeler** reports, "In December, I accepted a position with MLive Media Group. As the B2B marketing analyst, I research and promote digital and print media audience solutions for eight offices across Michigan. Also, in August, there was a mini Saint Mary's reunion when **Shannon Meyer O'Rourke**, **Erin Bush Gennuso**, **Julia Libecap**, and I got together in Chicago to celebrate Shannon's daughter's first birthday. We stayed up half the night giggling and telling stories. It was spent a lot like many nights in Le Mans Hall!"

**Shannon Meyer O'Rourke** would also like to report that she got hitched to a cool new surname and an even better fellow in 2006. They welcomed the most adorable little lady, Mary Grace, into their family in August 2010.

**Katie Quiroz Tate** and husband Matt ND'00 had their second son, Linus Michael, in October 2010. Liam is a proud big brother. They are living in Muskegon, Michigan, and she is enjoying staying home with her boys.

**Meaghan O'Connor Gerhardtstein** sends news of a baby girl. She and her husband welcomed their third daughter, Autumn Drew, on June 21.

After three-and-a-half years of evening classes, **Katie Corsentino Newberger** finally finished her MBA at Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management with concentrations in marketing and management. She works at PepsiCo in their Global Nutrition Group, focusing on new product innovation. Katie and husband Charlie are thrilled to announce the arrival of their first child, Evan Tang Newberger, born on the lucky Friday of 11/11/11. He was the best Christmas gift they could ask for, she says.

**Mary Crawford Nolan** is excited to announce the arrival of son Crawford "Ford" Anderson Nolan, who joined big brother Will on July 12. Mary and husband William Nolan ND'01 live in Canton, Ohio. Mary is already planning her reunion weekend visit to campus by stocking up on ramen noodles and boxed wine. She says that she has Papa John's on speed dial for late night breadsticks.

**Erin Schenz Campbell** is very excited to see her fellow Belles at our upcoming 10-Year Reunion. In October 2010, she and husband John welcomed their son Jonah. She is still practicing law at Helmer, Martins, Rice and Popham, Co., L.P.A. in Cincinnati.

**Jaime Dineen Gleason** will be working part time with the pharmaceutical company where she works in 2012, so she can spend more time at home with son Logan. He was born on February 25, 2011, weighing 8 lbs., 9 oz., and measuring 21 inches long.

**Jamie Norton Trailov** and husband, Jason welcomed their first baby, Alyssa "Aly" Danielle, on April 10, 2011. They are currently living in Chicago where Jamie works at Children's Memorial Hospital as a pediatric speech language pathologist.

**Carri Cuellar Gibson** sends exciting news as well. "We were blessed with a surprise addition on May 14, 2011, a healthy baby boy named Dillon Scott Gibson. He arrived weighing a whopping 10lbs, 2oz. If the little bugger had waited four more hours, he would have shared his daddy's birthday. That would have been a nice surprise since Daddy was out to sea and couldn't be here for the birth. At least Dillon was patient enough to wait for Mommy to graduate with her Master's degree in Marriage and Family Therapy from Chapman University on May 13, 2011. Since we have added our third child to the family with one in kindergarten and one in preschool, I have decided to continue to stay at home and put my career on hold. I know I couldn't have made a better decision," Carri says.

**Caroline Eckert Marks** reports that she and husband Charles Edward Marks ND'02 relocated back to the Midwest in August 2010, after eight years in Los Angeles. They spent six months building a house in Avon, Ohio, and moved into it in February

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**Susan Sullivan Lane '63** was named Volunteer of the Year at National Philanthropy Day in Colorado in November 2011.

**Mary Anne Luzar '72** and her research team received the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Director's Award in August 2011 for their work on HIV prevention clinical trials.

**Nora Barry Fischer '73**, U.S. district judge, was awarded the Susan B. Anthony Award by the Women's Bar Association of Western Pennsylvania. The highest honor bestowed by the association, the award is given annually to an individual who demonstrates dedication to encouraging and promoting women in the law, while working to promote and maintain the highest standards for the legal profession, the judiciary, and the court systems of western Pennsylvania.

**Jennifer Paluszak Hadden '96** has been appointed to the State of Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board.

**Angela Kelver Hall '97** was recently admitted as a partner by Faegre Baker Daniels LLP. She received her JD from Indiana University Maurer School of Law in 2003 and joined the firm in 2007. Hall focuses her practice in business litigation, counseling clients in the resolution of court matters, and arbitration proceedings.

**Darcey Palmer-Shultz '03** has been named CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Indiana. She first became involved with the organization in 2004, as special events coordinator for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Indiana in Fort Wayne. She began her work with the Central Indiana affiliate as the marketing and events manager in 2006, then served as director of strategic vision in late 2008 before moving into the role of interim chief operating officer in August.

**Jaclyn Zurcher Ausborn '06** was recently promoted to vice president at BMO Harris Bank, Chicago. Jackie is employed in the Special Assets Management Unit.



2011. They are looking forward to their first Christmas in their new home.

**Jamie Mortens Ervin** also sends an update. "I married my best friend Greg Ervin in August 2007. It was wonderful to enter into the sacrament of marriage with so much support and love from family and friends. In attendance from Saint Mary's were **Jennifer Rea**, **Jennifer Wyatt Bennett**, and **Kara Tirimacco**. The day before our second wedding anniversary, daughter Lucy Marie was born, and 14 months after that, son Henry Robert was born. Being a stay-at-home mom has its challenges, but is more satisfying than I ever could have anticipated. I am looking forward to being back on campus for the reunion."

**Mandy Schomas Soderstrom** and husband Danny recently bought a home in the suburbs northwest of Chicago. They are happy to now be close to the city and family. For the most part, they are enjoying all their house projects and are not missing parallel parking. Mandy is still working in the hospitality industry and is writing on the side. She hopes to finish her current project, a second book, before this *Courier* goes to print.

**Sarah Alter** writes in with her first update since graduation. "After living and teaching elementary school in Austin, Texas, for six years and earning my M.Ed. in Reading Education and Special Education at Texas State University-San Marcos, I moved back to Indiana to be closer to my family. Less than three months after moving back, I met my husband. We were married at Our Lady of Loretto Church on the Saint Mary's campus on October 1.

"**Cammy Phelan** and **Stephanie King** were bridesmaids, and **Jennifer Kincaid** and **Katy Nykamp** were present. I'm a reading specialist/interventionist at a middle school in Carmel, Indiana."

Some updates from the East Coast follow. **Kristen D'Arcy** writes, "I recently moved over to Oscar de la Renta as the senior vice president of e-commerce and digital media. I'm still in New York City, living in the West Village. Look forward to seeing everyone at the reunion."

Also dominating the Big Apple's corporate scene is **Mary Hermes**. She has consistently advanced her media career and now holds the position of partner at Team Detroit. Her workdays consist of negotiating the Ford contract with Derek Jeter. Mary was back on campus last May to celebrate the graduation of her sister **Frannie Hermes '11**. Mary can't wait to see everyone at reunion in May, she says.

**Liz Kocourek Dunleavy** is pleased to announce the arrival of her second child, son Christopher James Dunleavy, born in April 2011. He joins big sister Claire (2). Liz and husband Brian live in Old Greenwich, Connecticut.

**Erica DeVoir-Moore** writes to us from across the pond. She married Nathan Moore on August 8, 2009, at the Our Lady of Loretto Church at Saint Mary's. They welcomed son Xavier Ray Moore into the world on July 8, 2010. Erica is teaching at a private American school outside of London, England.

**Marie Sordelet Lytle** writes: "My husband Brian and I welcomed our third child, Gianna Grace, on November 30, 2010. She joins big sister Bella, who will be five in September and big brother, Colin, who will be three in May. We are truly blessed. I hope to see everyone at the Saint Mary's College Reunion this coming summer."

**Sarah Chadoir Alden** reports: "In May 2011, I fulfilled a long-planned dream of opening a children's clothing and toy boutique in Manistee, Michigan, where I have lived for three years with my husband and our two daughters. I am keeping my Michigan law license and may do some transactional work on the side, but for now, running the new store keeps me busy and I love it."

'04

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Happy 2012, Class of 2004. Thank you for all of the great updates. Please keep them coming as new and exciting things continue to happen.

**Kristin Hansen** is living in Pompano Beach, Florida, working from home in her beachfront condo, selling translation services and creative global marketing solutions to global corporations for Lionbridge. You can follow Kristin's insights on twitter: @kristinhansen or send her an email at k.hansen82@gmail.com. Since I am writing this from Pittsburgh, on a very cold January day, I can honestly say I am jealous. I really enjoy Kristen's insightful blog posts.

**Abby Van Vlerah** writes that she is currently in Bowling Green, Ohio, working on her PhD in American Culture Studies and Women's Studies. She attended **Carolyn Clements'** wedding in December. Carolyn married Jay Hughes in Atlanta. Also in attendance were **Joan Muecke**, **Courtney King**, **Katie Weiss Sebesta**, and **Amanda Wishin**. **Jamie Veselik** was a bridesmaid.

**Courtney King** was married to Derek Fritz in the Dominican Republic, in April 2011. Abby was in attendance for Courtney's wedding as well.

**Katie Weiss Sebesta** and husband Barry welcomed their first son, Benjamin Kwon Sebesta, on June 3, 2010. Katie and Barry adopted Benjamin from Korea.

**Captain Jessica Millanes Shearer, USMC**, and husband Rob are living in Oklahoma with their one-year-old-daughter Evelyn. Rob is still in the Marine Corps and was promoted to major in July. Jessica's time with the Marine Corps will officially end in August.

**Emily Agness** is a NICU nurse in Indianapolis. She married Joseph Botich of South Bend in October.

**Mary Kartheiser** sends in the following update: "**Candice Polisky** continues her work in Portland, Oregon, and manages to make it to Manistee, Michigan, every summer, where she and Mary vacation with their families. Mary continues to teach fourth grade in Lake in the Hills, Illinois. Recently, she started taking courses at Northern Illinois University toward her Ed.D in literacy. In December, Mary met up with **Maureen Palchak** at Maureen's condo in Evanston, Illinois. Maureen works at Northwestern University in the student athletics department. Mary and Maureen traveled to Pensacola, Florida, last fall to visit **Julie McGranahan**. Julie teaches art and sixth grade language arts in Pensacola. **Chloe Lenihan** flew in from New York, to join them. Chloe has been busy with Buds of May Productions, which she founded with a friend with whom she studies at Esper Studio. As of January, Chloe and Buds of May are performing a play *Ethan's People* while working on a second short film and a web-series."

**Elizabeth "Annie" Gallagher** reports that she is enjoying her new job in the Schuylkill Haven School in Pennsylvania as the K-12 gifted coordinator and Title I teacher. She has a new puppy named Phoebe, who unfortunately does not get along with Rudy, Annie's cat that already reigned over the house.

**Stephanie Arttnak** recently left her law practice at Barnes & Thornburg LLP's Indianapolis office, where she practiced mergers and acquisitions law and accepted a position as general counsel/United States Attorney for Weston Foods US, which manufactures a variety of goods, including frozen bakery products, pies, cupcakes—and Girl Scout cookies. Stephanie says it's her dream job, and why not?

**Melissa Knauss Wood** and husband Andy welcomed their first child, Anderson Edward Wood, on September 29.

**Megan Ramsey** is currently a second-year internal medical resident at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis, and was just elected to be one of two chief residents for the upcoming year. Way to go, Meg. She and husband Riley, a resident at Indiana IU, celebrated their second wedding anniversary recently and are living near downtown Indianapolis.

**Stephanie Cunningham Ryan** writes that she and husband Peter bought a townhouse in Chicago last June. Stephanie successfully defended her dissertation titled "Student Ratio Use and Understanding of Morality Concepts within Solutions Chemistry," in the Learning Sciences program at the University of Illinois, Chicago, in September. She now has a PhD and is in a post-doctoral position at UIC.

**Meaghan Blake** received her PhD in chemistry from Penn State in 2010. She currently lives in Midland, Michigan, working for Dow Chemical Company as a senior chemist in Core Research and Development.

**Adrienne Upah** married John Vignocchi of Lake Forest, Illinois, on May 14, 2011. Bridesmaids included **Katie Virzi**, **Stephanie Patka**, and **Kaley Humbert Thornburg**. "We had a Catholic wedding ceremony at Holy Name Cathedral in downtown Chicago, and a reception at the Chicago Yacht Club (where John has been a member for eight years). Other Saint Mary's alumnae in attendance included: **Laurel Bernel**, **Meg Lawrence**, **Kristen Shimala**, **Michelle Bezdicek Davis** and husband Jason Davis ND'04. I'm currently living in Los Angeles, and working for the Walt Disney Company within the strategy and business development team," Adrienne says.

**Jackie Zins** writes that she took a trip to Seattle over the summer, where she met up with **Katie Riley**. Jackie ran her third half-marathon in Savannah, in the fall. Jackie graduated with a master's degree in School Psychology from UNC Chapel Hill in 2010, and is in her second year as a school psychologist in Alamance County, North Carolina.

**Becca Doll** recently moved back to Los Angeles from Washington, D.C., to intern at LACMA. She was offered a position as collections and registration assistant for their Fashion Collection, which includes travel to Paris and Berlin. She is looking forward to her next step, hopefully in a museum working with costume collections, she says. Becca is also the national Facebook administrator and on the social media committee for the Costume Society of America, which has led to some great opportunities, including installing the Rodarte donation to the LACMA.

**Carla Gunn** and husband Ryan had a son, Caleb Andrew, in November 2010.

**Brittany McMahon Craig** writes: "My business, Crowning Celebrations, has been good. I was recently quoted/featured in *The Knot Ohio*. I enjoy planning weddings and events here in Northwest Ohio. And I am going on my third semester teaching at the University of Toledo on the wedding planning industry. It's crazy to be back on a campus with students teaching every week. The energy is great and it brings back great memories of Saint Mary's College.

Aside from work, I've been married for six years to my husband John. He has been my rock while I've grown my business. We have four dogs and are enjoying suburbia and remodeling our house."

**Annie Basinski Dubsky** is living in Minneapolis with husband Chad. She writes that **Michelle Biersmith Hennings** and husband Daniel welcomed a son, Branden Merle, in December, for whom Annie is honored to be the godmother. The baptism will be at Notre Dame in May.

**Holly Bergman Mullen** is living in Grand Rapids, Michigan, working as a neuro intensive care unit RN. She was married in 2009 to Brian Mullen. They welcomed their first baby, Grace Elizabeth, in July 2011.

**Sara Mahoney** is living and working in Wash-

ington, D.C., at the Department of Labor in the Office of Disability Employment Policy. She manages a national program for college students with disabilities. She and **Meghan White** and **Marianne Orfanos** met in the Bahamas for a week this year.

I met up with **Jackie Zins** during her visit to Seattle, last July. It was fun to catch up and have some Saint Mary's College chat.

**Alison Gavin** writes: "I lived in Los Angeles for a couple of years after college and worked as a social worker. I moved to Taiwan to teach English to three- and four-year-olds. After teaching in Taiwan for a year and traveling around Asia a bit, I moved to the Boston area, where I decided to get a master's degree in special education. I now work as a teacher in a substantially separate classroom for students with autism. I am almost finished with grad school."

**Stella Barrutia Coomes** reports: "My husband Mark Coomes ND'03 is a doctor in the Air Force and this has brought us to Southern Georgia for two years. My husband deployed to Afghanistan for four months, and while that was challenging, I kept busy with my two daughters, Elena (five) and Cecilia (three). We recently learned that our next base assignment will be in Mississippi, about an hour from New Orleans. We're both sad about leaving the friendships we made in Georgia, but excited about this new adventure and chapter in our lives. I am also most proud that my sister Markie is now in Saint Mary's Class of 2015. I was able to visit her in the fall. I picked her and her roommate up and we took a trip to Chicago to see **Katie Roney** and **Stephanie Simmons** (my old roommate) for lunch downtown. Katie changed jobs in July 2010. She is working for a digital advertising company, Turn, Inc., located in the River North neighborhood. This new year promises lots of traveling for Katie, Stephanie, and me for a few Saint Mary's College bridal showers, bachelorette parties and weddings. Details to come."

**Katie Riley** reports that **Jessica Ratke-Buchholz Stielow** and husband Matt welcomed their first child on October 14, daughter Grace Mary.

On a sadder note, **Jessica Brady Keeler** and husband Chris were blessed with a baby boy, Isaac James Keeler, on November 3. However, Isaac passed away a few weeks later on November 22. Jessica says that Isaac touched many hearts during his short, precious life. Here is an excerpt from his obituary:

"Isaac James Keeler, infant son of Christopher and Jessica (Brady) Keeler, passed away peacefully in his home surrounded by his mommy and daddy. Isaac touched many lives in the short time he was here. He was not expected to survive without life support, but our little fighter was able to come home for two weeks before God called him home. He is now our little angel and will live forever in our hearts."

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**From Natalie:** Happy 2012! I write from Washington, D.C., where I am working on a master's degree in interior design at the Corcoran. I received an update

recently from **Cassie Callon**, who resides in Fernandina Beach, Florida, where she works as a retail sales specialist for Chiquita Brands. After graduation, she worked at Live Nation in Indianapolis and Chicago, as a sponsorship coordinator until December 2008. She also worked at CNO Financial in Indianapolis, as a life insurance support specialist from 2009-2010. Cassie reports that **Noelle Whiteside** resides in Phoenix and works in sales for Thermo Fisher Scientific.

**Kelly MacDonald** resides in Santa Barbara, California, where she is a speech and language pathologist at Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital. After graduation she lived in Charleston, South Carolina, where she earned her master's degree in communicative sciences and disorders from the Medical University of South Carolina in 2010.

**Mary McKenna Corrigan** resides in Chicago, where she is a middle school religion and social studies teacher at St. Genevieve School. Mary is also enrolled in Notre Dame's ACE leadership masters of education program.

**AlexaRae Antekier** resides in San Francisco, where she is working as an account executive in public relations for Ruder Finn West. AlexaRae joined Ruder Finn in April of last year. Previously, she held the position of account executive at S&S Public Relations in Chicago, and attended Kendall College of Art & Design for continued education courses in graphic design.

**Erin Brady** resides in Los Angeles, where she started as an executive assistant to the executive producer at Andrew Glassman Media. She has since been promoted to producer of reality television.

**From Cate:** **Mary Fearon** graduated from Loyola University's school psychology program last May with an educational specialist degree and certification from the National Association of School Psychologists. She is currently a school psychologist for the Cicero Public School District in Illinois.

In August, **Mary Esler** married Brent Bortman in a lovely evening ceremony at The Athenium in Detroit. **Corey Duff** served as maid of honor. Other Saint Mary's ladies in attendance included **Mary Fearon**, **Megan Staley**, **Nora Casey**, **Abby Hinchey**, **Allison Fleece**, **Sarah Griffin**, **Jenn McLean Morgan**, **Audrey Ballinger**, **Connie Walsh**, and **Cate Cetta**.

**Annie Davis** moved into an apartment in Chi-

cago and began working at a new school, the Chicago Bulls College Prep, a charter school on the city's West Side that is focused on helping students graduate from high school and continuing their education through college graduation.

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Hello, Class of 2010. I hope everyone had a great year. I know I did. I am proud to announce the birth of my daughter Elizabeth Ann Mattice, on October 9 at 1:34 a.m. She weighed 8 lbs., 4oz. and was 21-1/4 inches long. She has brown hair and blue eyes. **Kara Rusnak** and **Michele Peterson** came to visit and to celebrate her birth. I am working at Notre Dame as a kitchen assistant at the North Dining Hall.

**Alyssa Piñón** recently moved from Michigan and will begin her second year of teaching as a kindergarten teacher at Newell Elementary School in Charlotte, North Carolina.

**Maggie McNicholas** married Mike Sayles ND'10 on July 8 last year, at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at Notre Dame. **Jackie Corey** and **Mary Elizabeth Ulliman** were members of the bridal party. Grooms-men included James Ircink ND'10, Kevin Lall ND'10, Mike Faron ND'09, and James Butler ND'09. The couple is living in the South Loop of Chicago, and Maggie is working as a sixth grade teacher at Millennium School in Homewood, Illinois.

**Meagan Temple** moved back home to Ohio, where she enrolled in a non-degree graduate program at The Ohio State University. She took some masters' courses in education, which allowed her to earn her second teaching license in Ohio, for PK-5. During the second half of the 2010-11 school year, she taught at a school in the deaf and hard of hearing classroom. She then moved back to South Bend to be close to boyfriend Michael Hartman ND'11, who is continuing his education at Notre Dame while she teaches kindergarten. Meagan writes, "It has been a crazy year since graduation from Saint Mary's,

but I still think about how amazing those four years were. I am blessed to have had so many wonderful experiences."

**Heather Quick** is working for Motorola solutions in Columbia, Maryland, in the U.S. Federal Government division.

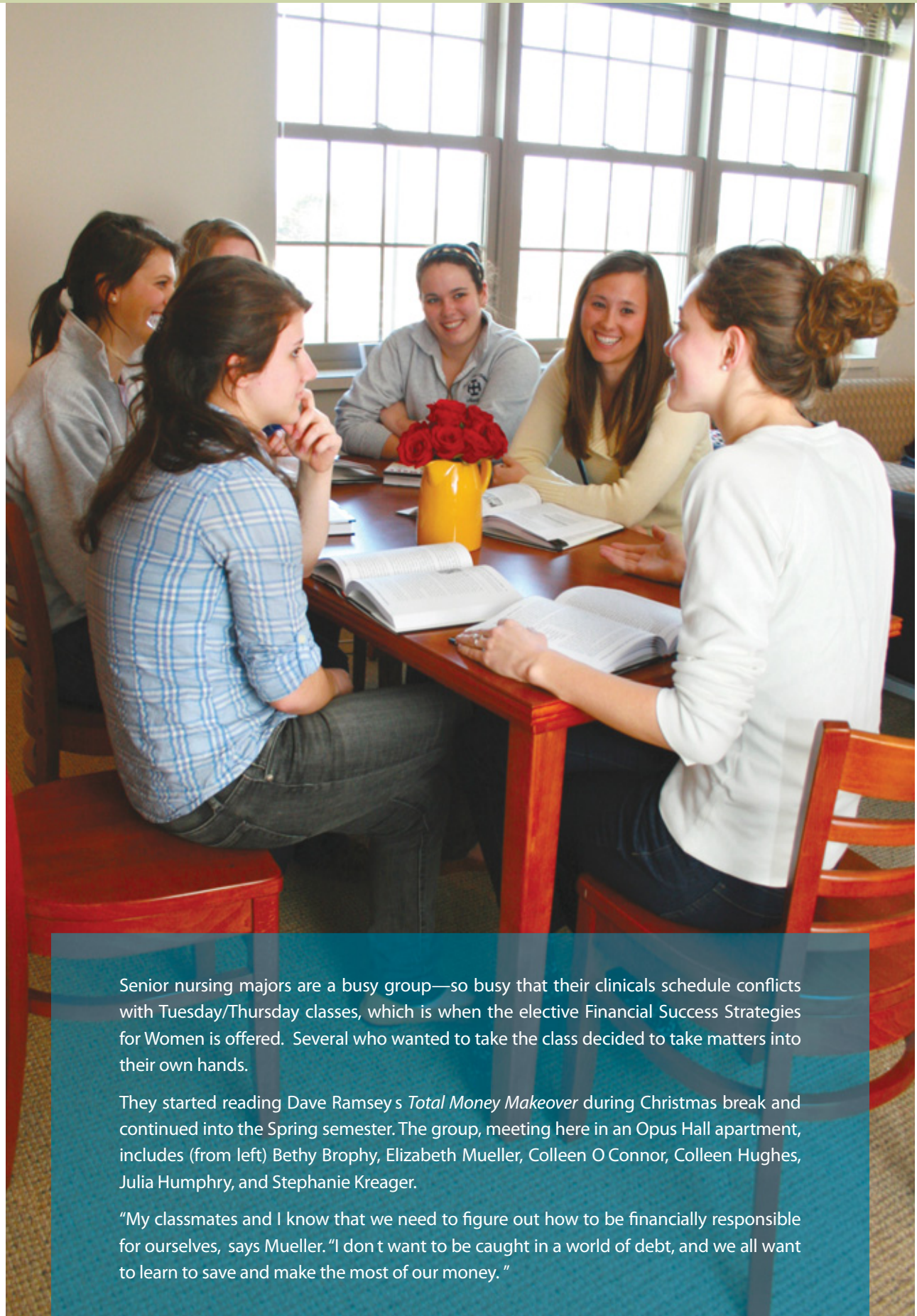
**Rosemary Ansel** moved from Columbus, Ohio, to the suburbs of Chicago (Hoffman Estates), to work for Sears Holdings Corporation. She joined the company as part of Sears' buyer apprentice program and has moved on to become a full-time assistant buyer at Sears Holdings on the Kmart side, for the bath department.

## CLASSCLIPS



Back row (standing from left to right): **Annie Boyce**, **Erin Kaplan**, **Maggie Melone**, **Sarah Ryniak**, **Caitlin O'Brien**, **Maddi McCrea**, **Laura Gill**, **Caroline Doubek** all SMC '10; (second row, crouching): **Morgan McColl**, **Ally Darragh** '15, **Mary Kate Boyce** '11, **Kelly Zenere** '11, **Marissa Pie** '15, and **Quinlan O'Grady** '10; (3rd row, sitting): **Megan Miller** '11, **Jessica Schott** '11, **Kayla McColl** '12, and **Taryn McCarty** '10.





Senior nursing majors are a busy group—so busy that their clinicals schedule conflicts with Tuesday/Thursday classes, which is when the elective Financial Success Strategies for Women is offered. Several who wanted to take the class decided to take matters into their own hands.

They started reading Dave Ramsey's *Total Money Makeover* during Christmas break and continued into the Spring semester. The group, meeting here in an Opus Hall apartment, includes (from left) Bethy Brophy, Elizabeth Mueller, Colleen O'Connor, Colleen Hughes, Julia Humphry, and Stephanie Kreager.

"My classmates and I know that we need to figure out how to be financially responsible for ourselves," says Mueller. "I don't want to be caught in a world of debt, and we all want to learn to save and make the most of our money."



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