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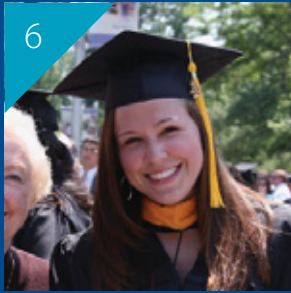
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On the back cover: Sara Duffy Pensinger '02, facing camera, greets classmates at the registration desk in Le Mans Hall as Reunion 2012 gets underway.

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Four short years that inspire a lifetime of learning

Carol Ann Mooney '72, College President

As I write this column, I look out my window and see the perfectly manicured lawn in front of Le Mans Hall. Our hardworking maintenance staff is carefully setting up row after row of chairs on the Green. This weekend we will celebrate the 165th Commencement exercises at Saint Mary's College. Four hundred fourteen young women will cross the stage and receive their diplomas. Four years ago, they arrived anxious about whether they had made the right choice to attend Saint Mary's. Now they will cross the stage as confident graduates ready to face an exciting future.

Just two weeks after we say goodbye to them, a record number of our alumnae will return to campus for Reunion 2012. These are busy days at Saint Mary's.

This year my classmates and I will celebrate our 40th reunion. This significant milestone has caused me to reflect on my years as a student and how my time here prepared me to serve as our president. When speaking to alumnae groups I often refer to one of my favorite English professors, Sister Franzita Kane, CSC, and her powerful influence on my life. Sister Franzita both intimidated and inspired me. She helped me to see abilities in myself that I may not have discovered otherwise. Faculty members at Saint Mary's still expect great things from their students. They challenge them to exceed even their own expectations.

For me, my four years as a Saint Mary's student was a time to read the great books, discuss the great thinkers, and live the intellectual tradition of a Holy Cross education. But as I reflect back I am quite sure I was blissfully unaware of the depth of my Saint Mary's education. Will any of our young graduates this weekend understand what a gift she has received until she is able to reflect back upon it?

Each year when I toast the seniors at the Alumnae-Senior Champagne Brunch, I encourage them to keep reading and assure them that if they keep their minds sharp, their lives will remain interesting. A love of literature and the development of my adult faith life are the greatest gifts that Saint Mary's gave me. I hope that this *Courier* issue brings back wonderful memories of your time at Saint Mary's and that you, like me, continue to enjoy the many blessings we received here.

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Heard on campus

Many dynamic speakers visited the College this spring to share their insights, passions, and expertise. Here's just a taste of what some of them had to say.

"I'm not the best writer, but
**I work harder than
10 people combined.**
You have to believe in you."

—**Adriana Trigiani '81**, best-selling author, in a master class for English students. Her latest book, *The Shoemaker's Wife*, debuted in April on the *New York Times* bestseller list at No. 5. (April 26)

"You all have such a bright future ahead of you. **Is it really worth the risk to text and drive?**"

—**Diveeta Thompson**, founder of Stop Texting and Distracted Driving (STANDD), speaking to an audience about her son, Rodney, a high school senior who was killed in 2008 as he was texting and driving. He was just five minutes from home. (April 25)

"Religious extremism has no virtue in Islam and has been unequivocally **condemned by the prophet Muhammad**. He is reported in an authentic prophetic tradition (hadith) to have declared thrice, 'The extremists shall perish.'"

—**A. Rashied Omar**, research scholar of Islamic studies and peacebuilding at the University of Notre Dame's Kroc Institute, in his Center for Spirituality lecture, "Islam between Violence and Peace." (April 25)

"Yes, Archbishop Romero was and is my icon; he showed me the way I, as bishop, could be faithful to Jesus and find God in the life and suffering of the poor and oppressed of South Africa and elsewhere. . . . but I learned from Romero that **there is always a cost** in trying to make relevant responses to the many faces of suffering in our world."

—**Kevin Dowling, CSSR**, bishop of the Diocese of Rustenburg, South Africa, in his keynote address, "Archbishop Romero: An Icon for South Africa" at Romero Days. (March 28)

"For many years I encouraged other women to speak out and **tell their true stories** and hardships. It was easy for me to tell other women's stories, but not my own."

—**Zainab Salbi**, co-founder of Women for Women and author of *Between Two Worlds*, on her experience as an advocate for women in war zones, and as a survivor of an abusive arranged marriage. (March 21)

"I felt very lucky, **but very scared at the same time**. It seemed as though no one in the United States understood me or where I came from."

—**Arn Chorn-Pond**, human rights activist and only member of his family to survive the Khmer Rouge. Pond was rescued and adopted by an American in 1980 after living alone in the Cambodian jungle for several months. (March 20)

"Today, I think we are in a real, literal **food fight**. We as eaters need to push the agenda and change the way we look at food."

—**Temra Costa**, keynote speaker at Food Week, in her address, "The Roots of the American Meal." Costa is the author of *Farmer Jane: Women Changing the Way We Eat*. (April 18)

"If you tell a girl **she can't play baseball**, what else is she going to think she can't do?"

—**Justine Siegal**, founder of *Baseball for All*, a nonprofit organization that advocates that both sexes be allowed to play ball. Siegal, a graduate of Major League Baseball Scout School, is the first woman to throw batting practice to a MLB team, the Cleveland Indians. (April 18)

"Comedy comes out of aspiring for something, **coming up short**, and getting back up."

—**Bill Persky**, five-time Emmy Award-winning producer of shows such as *The Dick Van Dyke Show* and *That Girl*, at the "Celebrating the Golden Age of Television Writing" lecture, which he presented with Adriana Trigiani '81. (April 27)

"These guys are **masters of coercion and trickery**. They target the vulnerable and then use threats, manipulation, and blackmail to force them into commercial sex or labor while they gain financially."

—**Theresa Flores**, activist and licensed social worker, speaking about the human trafficking situation in the United States, and her own experience of being a victim of sex trafficking as a teenager. She is the author of *The Slave Across the Street* and founder of SOAP: Save Our Adolescents from Prostitution. (April 20)

—compiled by Heather Grennan Gary

Women's research council recognizes Saint Mary's

The National Council for Research on Women (NCRW) recently presented its 2012 Diversity and Inclusion Award to the College's Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership (CWIL).

"This award affirms Saint Mary's national leadership role in improving the lives of women and girls, and highlights our success and commitment to the challenging issues of diversity," says Elaine Meyer-Lee, CWIL director.

"Saint Mary's has invested so much effort into inclusive excellence throughout the College and especially in [CWIL] over the past decade," said Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Patricia Fleming. Fleming accepted the award at the annual meeting of NCRW, a network of 120 research, policy, and advocacy centers committed to improving the lives of women and girls.

The award honors CWIL's efforts to promote diversity on campus through such programs as the intercultural leadership certificate, global education, and the English Language School. Additionally, CWIL has hosted national women's leadership conferences in 2007 and 2010, and serves the local community through its Women's Entrepreneurship Initiative.

Madeleva Lecture focuses on sacraments; new translation of the Mass

Sister Kathleen Hughes, RSCJ, delivered the 27th annual Madeleva Lecture on April 19 at Carroll Auditorium. A liturgical theologian and former president of the North American Academy of Liturgy, Hughes was the first woman to earn a PhD in liturgical studies from the University of Notre Dame. Her lecture, "Becoming the Sign: Sacraments in a Post-Conciliar Church," addressed the gap that exists among Catholics between what they profess to believe and their perception of the importance of sacraments in their lives.

Hughes, former professor at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, provincial of the Society of the Sacred Heart in the United States, and longtime member of the ICEL (International Commission on English in the Liturgy) advisory council, also reflected on the new translation of the Roman Missal and welcomed questions and comments from the audience on that topic.

"For over 30 years Dr. Hughes has been a key player in the development of a well-grounded understanding of sacraments in the Catholic Church," said Sister Kathleen Dolphin, PBVM, PhD, director of the Center for Spirituality. "Her insights on sacramental life, especially as it has evolved since the Second Vatican Council, [are] a timely topic indeed."

Hughes' lecture will be available from Paulist Press at a later date.

Dance Marathon breaks fundraising record; raises \$84,000 for children's hospital

Hundreds of students from Saint Mary's College, Holy Cross College, and the University of Notre Dame laced up their dancing shoes for the seventh annual Saint Mary's College Dance Marathon (DM) on March 31 in Angela Athletic Facility. The 12-hour event—and mini-Marathons organized by Saint Mary's students at six local high schools—raised \$84,000 for Riley Hospital for Children at Indiana University Health in Indianapolis.

Riley challenged the organizers to raise 20 percent more than last year's total of \$63,000, making their goal \$75,898. At the end of the evening when the total was announced, "I was speechless," DM president Rebecca Guerin '12 told the *Observer*. "It was the best feeling in the world knowing that we exceeded our goal." The total funds raised by Saint Mary's Dance Marathon for the hospital is nearly \$467,000 since 2005.

Art and engineering students team up for projects

Robots were the uniting force between art students from Saint Mary's and engineering students from the University of Notre Dame this spring. The first-time collaboration involved the nine Saint Mary's students enrolled in the Beyond the Object course by art associate professor Krista Hoefle, and students from the Autonomous Mobile Robots course at Notre Dame. Small teams first determined the function of each of the six interactive robots. Then engineering students figured out the programming, and art students addressed the exterior design needs. For example, Theresa Nucciarone '13 sculpted a head for a robot that was used in an interactive version of the iconic Pac-Man video game. Called PacBot, the robot chased participants who wore t-shirts with sensors attached as they ran through a floor maze. Other robots knitted, played soccer and laser tag, or acted like pets.

More than 600 adults and children had the opportunity to interact with the robots at a celebration of National Robotics Week at Notre Dame on April 14.



Art student Theresa Nucciarone '13 and friends show off PacBot, a robot Nucciarone created with engineering students from Notre Dame.

"We tell art students that they are creative producers, that they have a marketable and lucrative skill set," Hoefle says. "They can give meaning to things and take meaning out of things. And they are creative problem solvers. Not everyone can think in that way."

Future teachers learn in Ireland



Lauren Kepley '14, Katherine Borchardt '13, Principal Marie Hand of Educate Together, Professor Nancy Turner, Shannon Glazier '14, and Kaley Jones '14 at the Educate Together school in Maynooth, Ireland, during the first Education Studies Exchange Program.

A new partnership between the education departments at Saint Mary's and the National University of Ireland-Maynooth had teacher candidates from both schools swapping places in March to experience the educational system in the other country.

Professor Nancy Turner accompanied four Saint Mary's students to Ireland for the inaugural trip of the Education Studies Exchange Program, which is supported by the College's Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership. Their week at NUI-Maynooth included lectures about the Irish education system and visits to an Educate Together National School, Gaelscoil Ui Fhiaich (all-Irish school), and Pipers Hill College (secondary school), among others. The following week course leader Majella Dempsey from NUI-Maynooth came to Saint Mary's with seven future secondary science teachers. The group visited St. Joseph and Adams high schools in South Bend, as well as Schmucker Middle School and Mishawaka and Penn high schools in Mishawaka.

Farewell, friends!

After serving the Saint Mary's community for a combined total of 290 years, nine faculty members retired at the end of the 2011-12 academic year. We are grateful for the knowledge, wisdom, and dedication that they have shared here. Their many contributions have influenced generations of students and made the College a better place. We extend our gratitude and wish them all the best.

23 years

Nancy L. D'Antuono
Department of Modern Languages and Literature

28 years

Michael L. Robinson
Department of Business Administration and Economics

31 years

Susan M. Vance
Department of Business Administration and Economics

32 years

Mary V. Connolly
Department of Mathematics

32 years

Thomas Parisi
Department of Psychology and Communicative Disorders

34 years

Kara W. Eberly
Department of Biology

36 years

Nano F. Farabaugh
Department of Nursing

Robert J. Hohl
Cushwa-Leighton Library

38 years

Max J. Westler
Department of English

"The variety of schools in both countries gave teacher candidates an invaluable opportunity to compare and contrast teaching philosophies and practices," Turner says. Additionally, the college class visits and social events sparked new friendships and professional connections between the two groups of students.

Three decades of justice education celebrated with lectures and conference

The Justice Education program celebrated its 30th anniversary with two public lectures by innovative advocates for social justice. On March 27 Woodrow Wilson Fellow Barbara Gottschalk, co-founder of the international non-profit Seeds of Peace, presented her lecture, "Beyond Ideas of Wrong-Doing and Right-Doing: Building New Visions of Peace." Gottschalk visited classes and met with students when she spent a week in residence at the College. Her visit was co-sponsored by the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership.

That same week the College and the University of Notre Dame co-hosted the 2012 Romero Days, which commemorated the life of Salvadoran Archbishop Oscar Romero. Events included a lecture by South African Bishop Kevin Dowling, "Archbishop Romero: An Icon for South Africa," at Saint Mary's. Rustenberg, the diocese Dowling has led for the past 21 years, includes large, impoverished settlements where nearly half of the women test positive for HIV. The diocese provides numerous services for people with AIDS, including clinics and hospices for the dying.

Dowling has praised the model of church leadership exemplified by Romero. Such leadership, Dowling wrote, "instead of giving an impression of its power, privilege and prestige, should rather be experienced as a humble, searching ministry together with its people in order to discern the most appropriate or viable responses which can be made to complex ethical and moral questions." His visit was co-sponsored by Campus Ministry.

"Commemorating Archbishop Romero's life and legacy on our campus shines a light on the Church's social teaching—that we are all called to care, to be compassionate, to be a voice for those who suffer and whose basic human needs are not being met," says Janice Pilarski, outgoing director of the Justice Education program, who led the program since 1997.

In addition to offering a minor in justice studies and the option of a student-designed major, the Justice Education program also helps to foster campuswide awareness of social concerns.

—Avenue News compiled by Gwen O'Brien, Christine Cox, and Heather Grennan Gary

Commencement 2012

SATURDAY, MAY 19





CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: College President Carol Ann Mooney '72 congratulates Vanessa Bui as Registrar Todd Norris looks on; graduates make their way to Le Mans Green; from left to right, Maggie Ronan, Hilary Ropp, and Laura Ruiz enjoy the ceremony; Carrie Altick, left, and Mariela Aguilera check their phones before Commencement; Angela Willson shows her diploma; Mellody Hobson delivers the commencement address after receiving an honorary doctorate in humanities. Center photo: Alexandra Broderick celebrates with her grandmother, Kate Broderick.

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AWARDS *and* HONORS

2012 CLASS VALEDICTORIANS Two valedictorians with 4.0 grade point averages represented the Class of 2012. Annie Bulger and Krystal Holtcamp not only excelled academically, but they also exemplified the Holy Cross philosophy of educating the heart, body, and soul in addition to the mind.

“For those of you who find today to be overwhelming and fleeting, let this moment keep you grounded in time and in thought. For those of you who find yourself today worried and fearful over what the future may hold, let this moment bring you peace and hope. For those of you who find today sad and nostalgic, let this memory bring you joy for many years to come.”

—FROM KRYSTAL HOLT CAMP’S VALEDICTORY

ANNIE BULGER
Minneapolis, Minnesota

MAJOR: *Math*
Graduated a semester early and works as a programmer for One:Ten, a website development company in South Bend

HEART: Bulger left college for two years to do mission work in poverty-stricken areas of southern Indiana, where she went door-to-door to meet people and evangelize. “I felt that the Lord was calling me to build his kingdom in this way,” she says. “I wanted to join Him in drawing all into His life and proclaim the gospel to any who would hear.”

SOUL: The trip allowed her to feel God’s love even as she witnessed adversity. One disabled man, Arnold, told her, “I’m dirt poor, but everything I see is mine, because it belongs to my Father.” Bulger will never forget him: “His money and his health were stripped away, but Arnold’s very person remained, and in his simple, grateful dignity, he was teaching me how to have peace in suffering.... And he was producing fruit which will remain, in his own life and in mine.”



Heart, Body, Mind, and Soul

VALEDICTORIAN ANNIE BULGER (LEFT), PRESIDENT CAROL ANN MOONEY '72, AND VALEDICTORIAN KRYSTAL HOLT CAMP (RIGHT)

KRYSTAL HOLT CAMP
Mentor, Ohio

MAJOR: *Biology*
Plans to attend the University of Toledo’s physician assistant program in the fall

BODY: Holtcamp played intramural dodgeball, basketball, and volleyball. “I played sports in high school and decided intramurals would be a great way to meet people, have fun, and stay in shape. Intramurals introduced me to the students who became my best friends,” she says. “Plus, I learned to manage my time and take a break from the seriousness of studies.”

MIND AND HEART: Holtcamp spent a summer on Little Corn Island, Nicaragua, where she conducted biology research. “My research involved putting water filters into the homes of islanders,” she says. While there, she would talk with the residents and learn about their lives and health concerns. “I became sure that becoming a physician assistant was right,” she says. “I want to use my education to help those in need, especially the medically underserved. And I want to form relationships with my patients.”

“Let us use our gifts of intelligence and this extraordinary education to renew the working world; let us be women of compassion, forgiveness, and strength. As we go forth from this place, let us raise our eyes to meet each human face with love and dignity, that through it all, we may transform the weeping valleys of the world into gardens of God.”

— FROM ANNIE BULGER’S VALEDICTORY



LUMEN CHRISTI AWARD

NICOLE GANS received the 2012 Lumen Christi Award, the College's highest award for a student, in recognition of her leadership and loyalty to Saint Mary's. Her notable contributions to the College were through Campus Ministry and the Student Government Association.

Gans participated in music ministry and served as a liturgical minister, retreat team leader, and a peer minister. She also served as junior class president and the 2012 student body president. Under her leadership the Student Government Association reorganized to include an elected senate and a council of organizations, a change that allowed for much greater participation in the governing process.

An accounting major with a justice education minor from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Gans accepted a job offer at Ernst & Young in Chicago, which she starts this summer.

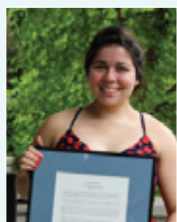


OUTSTANDING SENIOR

ANABEL CASTAÑEDA, a political science and communication studies major from Oak Park, Illinois, was named Outstanding Senior by the Alumnae Association for embodying the heart of Saint Mary's through her spirit, values, scholarship, leadership, and dedication to the College.

Castañeda was president of the Political Science Club and Al-Zahra, a club that celebrates North African and Middle Eastern traditions. She also was involved in the Student Government Association, the College Academy of Tutoring, Girl Scouts, and the South Bend Center for the Homeless. She studied abroad in Ireland and earned an Intercultural Leadership Certificate from the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership.

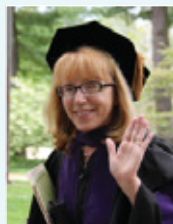
After a summer internship with the U.S. embassy in Ireland, Castañeda will pursue a master's degree in international relations at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland.



SAINT CATHERINE MEDAL

CARLA LEAL '13 was presented with the Saint Catherine Medal for her high standards of personal excellence and scholarship and for her contributions to the College community in the spirit of Christian leadership. The award, given by Kappa Gamma Pi, the National Catholic Honor Society commemorates Saint Catherine of Alexandria, the patron saint of women scholars.

Leal, a psychology and communicative disorders major from Brownsville, Texas, is a leader in Dance Marathon, Twelve Days of Christmas, Rebuilding Together, blood drives, and the pen pal program. She also volunteers with Hannah & Friends, a nonprofit that improves the lives of children and adults with special needs, and with the College Academy of Tutoring.



SPES UNICA AWARD

Business professor **SUSAN M. VANCE** received the Spes Unica Award for eminent service in recognition of her energy and penchant to get things done. One colleague praised her ability to motivate people to go to the next level, give credit to those who deserve it, and encourage those who need it.

As department chair she worked to improve the curriculum, advising, and assessment. She also established the Women's Entrepreneurship Initiative Program through the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership.

"It has been an absolute privilege to make a difference in the lives of students who can then make a difference in the lives of others," said Vance, who retired in June after 31 years at Saint Mary's.



JOSEPH M. INCANDELA, professor of religious studies and associate dean of faculty, received the Spes Unica Award for eminent service.

Incandela, who has served on the faculty for 25 years, was recognized for his role in the development, adoption, and implementation of the Sophia Program in Liberal Learning, the College's new general education program. In presenting the award, Dean of Faculty Patricia Fleming called Incandela's leadership "patient, determined, humble, steady, pragmatic, and wise."

"The most rewarding thing about teaching at Saint Mary's," Incandela said, "is to witness [how our students] leave here with a voice and the confidence to use all of their talents to enrich society by carrying the mission of the College into the world."



MARIA PIETA AWARD

WILLIAM L. SVELMOE, associate professor and chair of the Department of History, received the Maria Pieta Award for excellence in teaching lower division courses.

In his 12 years at Saint Mary's, Svelmoe has become known for asking thought-provoking questions and sparking discussion. "I want students to leave my class looking forward to the next one and wanting to learn more about the topic on their own," he said.

This is exactly the experience of one student, who writes that Svelmoe changed her life: "I learned more than I ever thought possible," she wrote. "He inspires me to achieve."

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“Teddy Roosevelt said it: ‘Do what you can, where you can, with what you’ve got.’ You wouldn’t believe the number of people who tell me why they aren’t acting, why they are bystanders in society because they are waiting for something to happen. It’s unacceptable. I know you have been taught to do and to act. Doing what you can, where you are, with what you got—whether it’s five dollars or five cents—will move the needle in our society.”

—MELLODY HOBSON, in her commencement address



Commencement honorees, from left to right: Mellody Hobson, Susan Fitzgerald Rice '61, and Kathleen Flynn Fox '74.

HONORARY DEGREE

Mellody Hobson

Mellody Hobson, president of the Chicago-based money management firm Ariel Investments, delivered the Commencement address and received an honorary doctor of humanities degree from the College.

The youngest of six children, Hobson was born in Chicago, attended parochial school, and earned a degree from the Woodrow Wilson School of International Relations and Public Policy at Princeton University. She joined Ariel Investments as an intern, rising through the ranks to become the firm's president and the chair of the board for Ariel Investment Trust.

Hobson is a regular financial contributor to national media outlets, including *Good Morning America* and *World News Tonight*. She also devotes herself to a variety of educational, civic, and professional causes, and has served on the boards of the Chicago Public Education Fund, the Chicago Library, the Field Museum, the Sundance Institute, and Princeton University.

PRESIDENT'S MEDAL

Susan Fitzgerald Rice '61

President Carol Ann Mooney '72 bestowed the President's Medal upon Susan Fitzgerald Rice '61, honoring Rice's contributions to the life of the College and society.

A Christian culture major at Saint Mary's, Rice went on to earn a doctor of education from Pepperdine University. Her professional accomplishments include working with nonprofit organizations on fundraising as principal of SFR Consulting and serving as president/chief executive officer of the Greater Los Angeles Zoo Association.

Rice recently stepped down from the College Board of Trustees after serving for nine years, most recently as vice chair. She has helped lead Saint Mary's alumnae clubs in Los Angeles and Washington, DC, and has served on the Alumnae Association Board of Directors and on her Reunion Gift campaigns; she also is tri-chair of the Campaign Steering Committee and an advisor to President Mooney. In 2006 Rice reestablished the annual Christian Culture Lecture, which had been dormant for 25 years.

HONORARY DEGREE

Kathleen Flynn Fox '74

Kathleen Flynn Fox '74 received an honorary doctor of humanities degree in recognition of her professional accomplishments and commitment to volunteerism.

Fox graduated from Saint Mary's with a degree in history. She is sole proprietor of Silver Fox Marketing, a partner with Silver Fox Partners, and vice president of Lieberman Enterprises.

For 30 years Fox has promoted literacy and supported programs for those in poverty. She has volunteered for a Head Start literacy program in Collier County, Florida, working with families who do not speak English. During the summer she volunteers at the Christ Child Society's clothing distribution center in South Bend.

As chair of Catholic Charities USA's Centennial Steering Committee, she led the planning and implementation of a 12-city centennial celebration in 2010 and was subsequently presented with the Centennial Medal by Catholic Charities USA in recognition of her volunteer service.

Commencement

BY THE NUMBERS



414
graduates

53 teacher candidates
1 bachelor of music degree
2 bachelor of fine arts degrees
53 bachelor of business administration degrees
1 simulcast location
(O'Laughlin)



73
student
liturgical
ministers
at the Baccalaureate Mass,
including musicians

250
bachelor of
arts degrees
108
bachelor of
science degrees
49
double majors

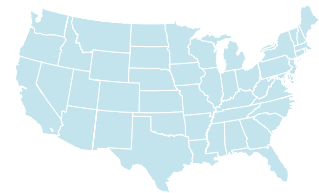
88 degrees
and sunny at
Commencement
1 ambulance
on standby



15 summa cum
laude honors
54 magna cum
laude honors
91 cum laude honors
30 inducted into
Kappa Gamma Pi, the
National Catholic College
Graduate Honor Society



47
nurses
pinned



438 graduates, family, and friends at the
Commencement Brunch



4,350
chairs set up
for graduates,
faculty, and
guests at the
graduation
ceremony

225 folding tables used
at graduation events
407 beds made up for
overnight guests in Le Mans

37 states
represented in the class
(including Alaska and Hawaii)
4 countries
represented by international students
(Bolivia, China, Myanmar, and Vietnam)

\$14,311.68

raised by the graduating class
for their class gift
(designated for Angela Athletic & Wellness Complex)

exceptional SENIORS

Selecting each year's Exceptional Seniors is difficult at best. And the Class of 2012 created a special challenge—faculty and staff remarked again and again that this group of young women was among the finest they'd ever seen. The eight students featured here represent a class that was truly exceptional in carrying on the College tradition of academics, service, and faith.



ELIZABETH MALTBY
Kalamazoo, Michigan

Major: Studio Art with a concentration in Sculpture
Minors: Italian and Religious Studies

A six-week archeological dig in the heart of Transylvania, Romania—with no phone or Internet and hardly any running water—brought out the best in Elizabeth Maltby. “It was one of the greatest experiences of my life,” says Maltby. “I got to combine my love of history, traveling, and museums.”

The dig wasn't Maltby's first experience abroad. She spent her sophomore year in the Rome Program and visited Greece for two weeks before the dig in Romania.

And she's enjoyed sharing her passion for overseas studies with other Belles. “The most meaningful way that I was involved at Saint Mary's was being a study abroad peer advisor. Because my personal study abroad experiences were so powerful and life-changing,

it was important to me to help other students have their own positive study abroad experiences. I enjoyed giving students advice and helping them pick the study abroad program that was right for them and their interests.”

Maltby was a member of the Senior Class board. Her art won second place in the judged Student Summer Art Show in 2009, and she was named a runner-up for the same show in 2011.

Associate Professor of Art Krista Hoeffle says of Maltby, “Elizabeth is one of the top students I've worked with in her level of commitment to her studies, in her analytical and intellectual abilities, and in her creative approach to studio and academic courses.”

After graduation Maltby will move to Chicago to live with her sister, Carolyn Maltby '09, and find a job in a museum or gallery.

Every morning Alma Bravo makes the sign of the cross and asks God to guide her. “I try to live by the concept of *encomendarse a Dios*: entrusting yourself to God,” she says. “This was instilled in me as a child. Starting the day out like that has really helped me even in the most challenging times.”

But Bravo does not avoid challenges. She seeks them out as a social work major and volunteer who has logged more than 600 hours serving local causes during the last four years. She worked with others at their most vulnerable: teenage mothers struggling to finish high school; families affected by job loss and adjusting to the newness of poverty; disadvantaged children unable to keep up in the classroom.

Among her many activities were working as a teaching assistant for the College Academy of Tutoring with primary students who spoke English as a second language, and with La Casa de Amistad, a nonprofit

that serves Hispanics, where she was named Volunteer of the Year for her work with the food bank, interpretation services, and other programs. As a senior she also won the Kristi Morris Award in social work.

Faith guides her actions: “It's Christ's greatest commandment to love others the way you love yourself,” she says.

Regina Wilson, assistant director of Campus Ministry, knows Bravo through a number of venues. “Alma is very mature and knows herself well,” Wilson says. “She is generous, intelligent, thoughtful, and very patient—an impressive woman to say the least.”

Bravo plans to earn her master's in social work at Indiana University South Bend, attending classes part time and working full time.



ALMA BRAVO
South Bend, Indiana

Major: Social Work
Minor: Spanish



CHRISTINE HENDERSHOT

Wyoming, Michigan

Major: Nursing **Minor:** Music

In high school, Christine Hendershot knew she wanted to work in health care: “I wanted to help sick people feel better,” she says. “I observed the care of my grandmothers and realized that those who had the greatest influence on their quality of care were nurses. Their nurses interacted on a level that was more than physical. I knew that in order to really connect with my patients, I must become a nurse.”

Her career path is inseparable from her faith. “As a nurse, I am called to be the hands of Christ to those in need. My education here has taught me the importance of caring for the whole person—not just for the physical being, but the emotional and spiritual needs of each patient.”

With this in mind, Hendershot excelled in the nursing program, earning the 2011 Caritas Award for Nursing as a junior and the Humanitarian Award as a senior. This past academic year she was chosen to be a peer mentor for first-year nursing students.

Despite the rigors of her studies, Hendershot consistently made time for Campus Ministry, where she served as a cantor for weekly liturgies, assisted in liturgy preparation, and sang in the liturgical choir.

“Christine gives 100 percent to everything she does,” says Annette Peacock-Johnson, associate professor of nursing. “She is an exceptional leader and role model.”

Hendershot has accepted a job as a registered nurse for the Center for Restorative Care for Metro Health in Wyoming, Michigan.

CAITLIN ASCHERL

Granville, Iowa

Major: Communication Studies

Minor: Public Relations

Coming from a farming community of 300 residents, Caitlin Ascherl was eager to soak up as many experiences as possible at Saint Mary’s.

“Campus events have done a lot to prepare me for the future,” she says. “Even small conferences and talks have opened my eyes to big ideas and thought processes that help me understand people better. Because of speakers like Glenn Close, our Diverse Student Leadership Conference, and other opportunities, I have learned about the lifestyle of women living in harems and wearing veils; different viewpoints about sexual orientation; the potential of political movements; and other issues.

“This exposure prepares me to be a much more well-versed officer and resource in my air force career.”

In May 2013, Ascherl will report for duty at Vandenberg Air Force Base in California to train as a space and missiles officer. She’s been headed in that direction since joining the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) her first year of college. Ascherl’s ROTC service earned her several honors: Outstanding Cadet Training Assistant as a drill sergeant for 400 cadets, the Paul Roberge Award for outstanding leadership, the Air Force ROTC Achievement Award, the ROTC Military Officers Association of America Medal, and the Arnold Air Society Noel A. Dube Award, given to an outstanding senior within the professional service organization.

On campus, Ascherl earned the Outstanding Resident Assistant (RA) Award. Her supervisor, Opus and Regina Hall Director Helen Gillies, says, “Caitlin is a leader, mentor, and role model. Her love for God and her country are inspirational.”

Ascherl will work as a counselor for Saint Mary’s summer camps and then with the Center for the Homeless in South Bend before reporting for military duty.



CATHERINE CLEARY

Fridley, Minnesota

Major: *Student-Designed Major in Women's Studies*

Minors: *Spanish and Sociology*

Like generations of Belles before her, Catherine Cleary looks back at herself over four years and sees a different person. "I'm not sure that 18-year-old me would recognize 21-year-old me," she says.

Nor could that 18-year-old predict the places and experiences that she would visit: shelters for abused women, struggling elementary classrooms, women's prisons. In response, she organized a women's hygiene product drive for women inmates; counseled mentally ill and chemically dependent offenders; taught GED classes to ex-offenders; created a workshop to spark underprivileged girls' interest in science; and created a high school informational program about sexual assault.

Cleary's honors include the American Association of University Women selecting her for its student advisory council; the College's Office for Civic and Social Engagement recognizing her service to women; and the College Board of Trustees choosing her as student trustee. Cleary was a Eucharistic minister, a member of the Belles Against Violence Office, and a member of the Straight and Gay Alliance.

"I am driven by self-confidence, a growing awareness of my own privilege, my Catholic faith, and my faith in humanity," Cleary says of her endless activism. "I'm proud to be a Catholic, a feminist, a woman, a daughter and a sister, an activist, a role model and mentor, a student, a friend and resource, and an advocate."

Karen Johnson, vice president for student affairs, has worked closely with Cleary. "Cat is an amazing young woman and advocate for women," Johnson says. "She is dedicated to educating young women about their rights and empowering them to think for themselves."

Cleary is still considering a number of options for her future, all related to social justice.



MARICRUZ CÁRDENAS

Bronson, Michigan

Major: *Spanish*

Minors: *Secondary Education, English as a Second Language, and Intercultural Studies*

Maricruz Cárdenas is certain God led her to Saint Mary's. The support she received from the campus community brought her through her darkest hour. "During my first semester, I lost my brother to the violence in Mexico," she says. "I wondered if I could stay in school. I questioned my faith."

But she was persuaded to stay, and even participated in Campus Ministry's Mexico Pilgrimage shortly after her brother's death. "It allowed me to understand that faith is greater than death. It helped heal my wounds and strengthen my faith."

It was also a homecoming: Cárdenas was born in Guanajuato and moved to Michigan at 11. "Transitioning to a different country and not being able to communicate or complete assignments was very frustrating. But I learned English."

She discovered other students were not offered the same opportunities. In college Cárdenas volunteered in a bilingual elementary school class. "But the class was not bilingual—there were only Hispanic students and the teacher did not know Spanish," she says. "Why would they call it bilingual?" Wanting to address such questions, Cárdenas enrolled in the education program.

At Saint Mary's, Cárdenas participated in Diversity Dialogues with the city of South Bend; attended the National Conference of Race and Ethnicity; received an Indiana Community Grant to encourage Latino students to pursue higher education; and was named Outstanding Future Educator by the Indiana Association of Colleges for Teacher Education.

"Mari demonstrates that commitment, resolve, and perseverance will overcome the lack of a smooth and easy path," says Julie Storme, chair of modern languages.

Cárdenas would like to teach in an inner-city school and help students overcome struggles the way she did.

Whether she was learning Hebrew in an independent study, researching gendered language in the Reform Jewish prayer book, or giving a presentation on political rhetoric and civil rights activism at the American Anthropological Association annual meeting, Rebecca Marie Jones has excelled at Saint Mary's.

"Overall, she's the finest student I've worked with," says Anita Houck, chair and assistant professor in religious studies. "She has really taken advantage of opportunities to discern and pursue her interests."

Jones was drawn to her majors because she wanted to better understand the role religion plays in people's daily lives. "I've always had a passion for religion and a drive to learn more about all religions," she says. "Saint Mary's helped me develop that interest and showed me how central religion

is to human affairs. My desire to study religion's role in social structures led me to my student-designed major, where I've been able to study this issue in depth."

Among her awards and honors are the Dorothy Manier Award for the best paper from a Writing Proficiency course, a Sister Franzita Kane Writing Award, and the Theta Alpha Kappa Undergraduate Achievement Award for excellence in religious studies. She also earned senior awards in religious studies and women's studies, and received a Student Independent Study and Research (SISTAR) grant.

After graduation Jones plans to work for a year before studying religion at the University of Chicago, where she's been accepted.

REBECCA MARIE JONES

South Bend, Indiana

Majors: Religious Studies and Student-Designed Major in Gender, Language, and Religion
Minor: Women's Studies



ARELI BAUTISTA

Warsaw, Indiana

Majors: Communication Studies and Psychology
Minor: Justice Education

During her years at Saint Mary's, Areli Bautista has helped people find their voices and express themselves. It's a natural fit for her double major of communication studies and psychology.

"I love serving as a communicator in any way possible to help my community and individuals in need," she

says. "I think that communication studies and psychology together will allow me to listen to those who are unheard, be the voice for those who are oppressed, and understand problems others face."

Among other activities, Bautista assisted with citizenship classes for people who are not fluent in English, helping them improve verbal and written skills. At the Center for the Homeless in South Bend, Bautista taught a communication class for adults preparing to look for jobs.

During her sophomore and junior years Bautista interned with two local radio stations, working as a reporter to deliver local, national, and international news to the Spanish-speaking community. She also advocated for the Dream Act.

Bautista served as vice president and treasurer of La Fuerza, the campus Latina club; earned the Intercultural Leadership Certificate through the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership; tutored in several capacities; performed community service through La Casa de Amistad; and served as a student representative for the Northern Indiana Hispanic Health Coalition.

"Areli is a courageous woman of faith," says Judith Fean, director of Campus Ministry. "She gives witness to the compassionate love of God through her work with immigration and the Church."

After graduation Bautista will return to the Northern Indiana Hispanic Health Coalition to work as a program coordinator. **C**

The heart of the matter:

lifelong learning springs from Holy Cross educational philosophy

“We shall always place education side by side with instruction; the mind will not be cultivated at the expense of the heart.”

—Blessed Basil Anthony Moreau, founder of Holy Cross congregations of sisters, brothers, and priests, 1849

Some “heart” lessons are better learned as life unfolds rather than in the fleeting four years of one’s college career. As members of the Class of 2012 prepared to graduate, we asked alumnae who had been out 50 years or more about the most important lessons they’ve learned since their own commencement day. Here are the top nine—a gift to their youngest sister alumnae, and the rest of us.

1. Trust yourself.

“Something that I learned late in life is to be yourself,” says Marilyn Cacciatore O’Leary ’62. “As the saying goes, everyone else is taken. The most creative and best things I do come from deep inside me. When I try to figure out how other people do something or how something ‘should’ be done, the outcome is usually mediocre.”

Pat Gallagher ’62 has a similar message: “I’ve learned to trust my intuition. I’ve learned to listen, to pay deep attention [not just to] others, [but] to myself.”

“Nurture a deep understanding of what you believe, what your basic faith principles are, and live a life that honors those principles, no matter what,” says Mary Ellen Norris Durbin ’61. “I have continued to learn that lesson throughout my life.”

2. Trust God.

“I have learned that success in life comes when you work together with Christ,” says Sister Cleopatra Jesus Konnikkara ’57, CMC. “God has a plan for my life and yours. It is important that we search for God’s will for us and live doing it. In the search for God’s will, the Holy Spirit helps. God will not leave us in trouble.”

Mary Ellen Berry Malone ’61 sums up this lesson succinctly: “Prayer works.”

3. Serve and share.

“Since graduation, my eyes have been opened to individuals who live and survive in abject conditions,” says Betsy Finneran Kennedy ’59. “Working at a migrant camp, visiting the sick in an inner city, delivering food to a rural ghetto, and volunteering in a Third World country have changed my attitude toward almost everything.”

“The happiest people I’ve met are the people who are living a life of service to others,” says Mary Ellen Norris Durbin ’61. “The past 32 years of my life, after I raised my children, have been spent serving people in poverty, an experience that has fed my mind and my soul, and has helped me to be fully alive.”

4. Life is full of surprises.

“I have learned that just because you start out in a given direction does not mean that is where you’ll end up,” says Mardi Hack ’62. “In fact, where you end up may well be a thousand times better than the place where you were headed for, or dreamed about. I did get lost, and I took a few detours, but the side roads were quite exhilarating, both personally and professionally. I wouldn’t trade any of it for anything.”

5. Extend mercy rather than judgment.

“Raising children has taught me unconditional love, sacrifice, and tenderness,” says Barbara Benford Trafficanda ’59. “I’ve learned not to judge, and I learned that bad things happen, and I can’t save my children from the train wrecks of life.”

“The most important thing I learned since college graduation is to forget—completely forget,” says Joan Mette Reddy ’56. “When you are hurt, no matter how grievously, forgiving is just the first step. Obviously, you shouldn’t dwell on the hurt and your magnanimity in forgiving. But I’m talking about completely letting go of it. It sounds hard, but it’s amazingly liberating. And the Holy Ghost is always there to help.”

6. Live life now.

“I’ve learned to live fully in the present,” says Helen Kalin Klanderud ’59. “Life is too valuable and too short to spend it regretting the past, or worrying about the future. Make the most of every day. Don’t be afraid to make mistakes or to take risks. The rewards for both are many.”

“In my twilight years I’ve learned to accept new ways of life—I try to keep current,” says Barbara Benford Trafficanda. “I Facebook with most of my 21 grandchildren and play Wii with the wee ones.”

More advice for the Class of 2012

7. Be patient.

Lesson #7 is the flipside of lesson #6. Cassie Rydesky Connor '60 remembers the prescient words of Sister [later Mother] Olivette, who advised her and her roommate, Liz King Durand '60, as they left to serve as lay missionaries to the Holy Cross Mission in Brazil after graduation: "Don't look for immediate confirmation of your teaching efforts. Your influence may take years to be seen."

That long-view perspective is just as valuable in reflecting on one's personal life. "As a senior citizen, I have learned that many problems and events in my past that I didn't understand were actually preparation for the future," says Nancy Ryan Soller '60.

8. Whatever is lovely, think about these things.

Many alumnae cited the wisdom of appreciating the little things in life. "Appreciate the daily small gifts life offers: colors, fragrances, an unexpected kindness," says Pat Gallagher '62.

"Take time to appreciate the goodness in each person you encounter," says Sister Agnes Anne Roberts '51, CSC.

Joan Mette Reddy '56 takes this practice one step further. "Every day, find the Joy of the Day. This can be as big as a family wedding or as small as a rose. When you spend the day looking for its joys, it's difficult to be sad. At the end of the day, write down the joy that won the day's prize." Reddy has been recording her joys in a journal since 2000, circling the daily winner at the top of the page. "Writing down the joy, even in just a list, will confirm that joy's existence."

9. You know the important things already.

"I realize that I learned the most important lessons for life as a child from my mother's example," says Sister Gertrude Anne Otis '52, CSC. "Her habit of daily family prayer, when possible, the importance of sacramental life, her selfless caring for her family, her striving to see God's will in the events of daily life, and her great trust in divine providence laid a solid foundation for my life."

"From the time I left Saint Mary's, I learned I could count on what I had learned there—that my ideas and my life choices had to be based on the rigors of good thinking, good theology, and good love," says Carolyn Flynn Fay '56. "That's what we learned; that's how we learned. That rigor has lasted in every relationship, in every professional task, and in every step of my later life."

Fay ponders the future of the Class of 2012—women who follow in her footsteps 56 years after she graduated from Saint Mary's. "I can't imagine the challenges ahead of you but I pray you will be able to know that you, too, can count on the rigors of your learning at Saint Mary's to face whatever these challenges will be. They are timeless. They last." ■

"No matter what challenge, heartache, terror, worry you may be facing, know that in the moment you are always all right. Taking each moment as it comes will get you through the darkest times. . . . And please, tell your stories, so that others may learn from you."

—Pat Gallagher '62

"Never stop believing in yourself. 'I can't' and 'I failed' should never be part of your vocabulary."

—Helen Kalin Klanderud '59

"Cultivate courage. Cultivate patience. Cultivate energy and enthusiasm. Cultivate each of these with vigor, and, like a gardener who tends her flowers, you will bring the bouquet of your 'self' to all you meet, wherever you are."

—Carolyn Linnig O'Rourke '55

"Your marriage, family, and friends are more important than accomplishments. Center your life around them."

—Patricia O'Shea Dorfmeister '58

"Attend Reunions! A serious regret of mine is that I did not attend over the years. My 50th was outstanding. What better way to renew our lives than to be enriched by those who shared the journey with us during our college years?"

—Frances Cappabianca Carideo '57

"You have been blessed with an excellent education. Take what you learned and pass it on."

—June Mulvihill Williams '49

"Always reach out and gather someone in. The community you build will be amazing and essential to you, now as well as later. Just you wait and see."

—Mardi Hack '62

"When confronted with choices, including those pertaining to possessions, choose that which is freeing. Be open to the life that is waiting for you, not the one you anticipate."

—Gay DiCerto Lenox '57

"Be careful what you carry around in your head. Our thoughts create our world. Also: Listen. Be open to the impossible. Prayer is the only thing that always works."

—B. J. Sitzberger Gorman '61

"Never stop learning. Never stop praying. Hard as it sometimes is, make the gospels your compass."

—Nancy Ryan Soller '60

"Engage people in conversation. At daily dinner in Le Mans Hall, we had to talk to our tablemates and the nun who sat at the head of our table—about matters that interested them. The importance of this skill remains with me to this day."

—Mary Elizabeth Schaeffer Conroy '59

"Stay in touch with your friends from college. They will remind you of what you have learned together."

—Carrie Powers Powell '48

"Take care of yourself or you have nothing to help others with."

—Nancy Wills Browne '51

"Don't procrastinate. Make that phone call or write that note to a parent, child, friend; they may not be there tomorrow."

—Mary Lou Ahern Colfer '57

HOLDING ON TO THE PAST **CELEBRATING THE PRESENT**



TOP: Maureen McCafferty '62, facing camera, hugs Charmaine Hitchcox '62 in the Cushwa-Leighton Library.

BOTTOM: Left to right: Christine Bodewes '87, Susan Smith Newell '87, and Kathleen Copeland Swanson '87 chat at the 25th reunion cocktail reception in Madeleva Hall on Friday night.





CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Laura Lechman Rodriguez '97 pushes her daughter River Rodriguez as she chats with her mother, Patricia Greeley Lechman '63, on the way to the Reunion Banquet.

Betsy Patterson Sentowski '62, in foreground, participates in a discussion with her 50-year classmates in Regina South Lounge.

Left to right: Maggie McFarland Rousseau '82, Laura Potts Sorensen '82, and Deidre Dalton Toole '82 smile outside their Le Mans Hall room.

Catherine Wagner '07, left, and Lauren Sullivan '07 chat in their room in Le Mans Hall.

President Carol Ann Mooney '72, right, catches up with Carol Weiss '72, center.

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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Lori Marucut Clark '92, facing camera, hugs Krista McCaw Zikos '92 at the end of Reunion.

Left to right: Mary Meier '07, Maggie Oldham Byrne '07, Kate Treder '07, and Dana Christiano '07 catch up while taking a campus stroll.

The More than Golden Dinner in the Welsh Parlor in Haggard College Center brought together alumnae who graduated more than 50 years ago.

Peggy Gisch Zahora '87, left, and Kate Hickey Devine '87 take a ride to the Reunion Banquet. The two became friends the first day of their first year of Saint Mary's when they shared a quint in Holy Cross Hall.

Barbara Callahan Johnson '52 and Kathy Kelly enjoy the More than Golden Dinner on Friday evening.



Twenty-eight alumnae participated in the first-ever Multicultural Alumnae Gathering, which included dinner on Friday evening in the Noble Family Dining Hall (photo above) and a post-picnic reception on Saturday afternoon on the island on Lake Marian. "We felt that it was important to engage these alumnae as an affinity group since we certainly bonded between class years and through our student mentoring programs," said Angeline Johnson '07, one of the organizers. "It was a successful program that our alumnae hope will continue into the future."

Back row, from left: Nicole Turnipseed Durkin '01, Nikki Gonzalez '01, Lety Verduzco '04, Adriana Garcés Petty '01, Maria Ruvalcaba '04, Barbie Shaw '10, Kendall Davis '11, Kristle Hodges '10, Andrea Washington '11, LaQuay Boone '10, Angeline Johnson '07, and Kimberly Hodges '08. Front row, from left: Lilly Morales '02, Mariecruz Segura-Perez '01, Mara Martinez '11, Thelma Garcia '09, Cristina Posadas '11, Anita Moo '09.

Congratulations

To the 2012 Award-Winning Classes!

1952 received the Highest Class Gift to the College Award, raising over \$452,000 for Saint Mary's.

1997 received the Highest Class Gift to the Annual Fund Award, raising \$143,356 for the Annual Fund.

1967 received the Mother Pauline Legacy Award, documenting the largest number of new Mother Pauline Society members.

1962 received the Class Participation Award, with 54 percent of the class making a gift to the College.

2007 received the Young Alumnae Participation Award, with 38 percent of the class making a gift to the College.

Will your class be a winner next year?

Reunion 2012 Class Standings

Class of	Total Class Members	Unrestricted Gifts	Total Gifts & Pledges	% Participation
1947	70	\$5,055	\$5,450	33%
1952	125	\$39,640	\$452,471	45%
1957	189	\$30,483	\$50,918	52%
1962	220	\$28,159	\$256,285	54%
1967	250	\$45,820	\$52,404	46%
1972	367	\$135,711	\$388,339	52%
1977	383	\$55,954	\$352,165	30%
1982	459	\$60,387	\$111,663	34%
1987	449	\$35,575	\$150,235	35%
1992	411	\$35,530	\$50,606	32%
1997	342	\$143,356	\$201,975	32%
2002	332	\$8,647	\$11,782	26%
2007	345	\$7,811	\$12,564	38%
TOTAL	3,942	\$632,128	\$2,096,857	39%



ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION *Awards* 2012

2012 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNA AWARD

Kathleen Plunkett Freidheim '67

Kathleen Plunkett Freidheim '67 received the Distinguished Alumna Award for exemplifying the standards, ideals, and mission of Saint Mary's College, and distinguishing herself through support of the College.

After graduating from Saint Mary's with a bachelor's degree in government, Freidheim earned her master's degree in policy and planning from the University of Chicago. In 1986 she joined the City of Chicago Department of Aviation, where she served as managing deputy commissioner for 18 years. Today she is a nationally recognized expert in the field of airport planning.

While the millions of people who travel through Chicago airports each year may not know Freidheim by name, they certainly know her work. She was responsible for planning the International Terminal at O'Hare International Airport, the Midway Terminal Development Program, and the World Gateway Program.

In 2004 she formed Freidheim Consulting, which provides aviation planning and real estate advisory services to airports, municipalities, and private clients. She chairs the Airport Council International World Business Partners/Associates Board and serves on the oversight committee of the FAA research grant program.

In addition to her professional accomplishments, Freidheim has enriched her community through volunteer service. She is a member of the Women's Board of the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago, the Real Estate Advisory Committee of the Metropolitan YMCA of Chicago, and the board of the Neighborhood Capital Institute.

Saint Mary's College has benefited significantly from Freidheim's dedication. She has been a member of the President's Advisory Council and presently serves on the Chicago Advisory Council. Freidheim led the Reunion Gift Campaign Committee in 2006–2007 and is a current member of the committee.

2012 ALUMNA ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Margaret Perkinson '72

Margaret Perkinson '72, a respected anthropologist and gerontologist, was honored for her professional and personal achievements.

After graduating from Saint Mary's with a bachelor of arts in humanistic studies, Perkinson earned a master's degree in cultural anthropology from the University of Missouri and a doctorate of philosophy in human development and aging at the University of California at San Francisco. Perkinson currently serves as associate professor with the Department of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy at the Doisy College of Health Science at Saint Louis University.

She has authored dozens of articles and book chapters and has served as consultant or investigator for research projects and programs that improve the lives of older adults. She is a fellow of the Gerontological Society of America, the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education, and the Society for Applied Anthropology.

Along with colleagues from other universities, Perkinson worked with the National Association for the Practice of Anthropology (NAPA) to establish the NAPA-OT (Occupational Therapy) Field School in Antigua, Guatemala. She serves as the director of the community-based gerontology component. Her students work in a residential care facility for older adults, providing comprehensive care.

On her own time, she collaborates with the Saint Louis University legal clinic to attain nonprofit status for Casa Maria, an eldercare facility in Guatemala, so it will be able to receive charitable contributions.

Finally, Perkinson and her husband sponsor three Guatemalan children through a project called Common Hope. They have formed close relationships with the children and their families through visits and correspondence. Her devotion to them speaks to her caring, generous heart.



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:
Margaret Ann Monahan '87;
Kathleen (Kitty) Plunkett
Freidheim '67; President
Carol Ann Mooney '72; Sara
Mahoney '04; Margaret
(Peggy) Perkinson '72.

2012 HUMANITAS AWARD

Margaret Ann Monahan '87

Margaret Ann Monahan '87 received the Humanitas Award for her compassion and dedication to making the world a better place.

For the past 25 years Monahan has committed herself to serving others. After graduating from Saint Mary's with a bachelor of arts in psychology and communication studies, Monahan joined the Holy Cross Associates and worked for a year at an inner-city school extended care program in Oakland, California.

She later joined the staff of an emergency shelter for abused and neglected children, where she worked as a family educator. While there, she taught herself Spanish and earned her master of social work degree from the University of Illinois at Chicago.

In 1989 Monahan joined the Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago as a child welfare specialist. Since then she has provided crisis intervention and counseling to thousands of abused and neglected children, working with them in their homes, schools, and the court system. She now serves as the clinical director of Youth and Family Therapeutic Services and continues to provide individual counseling while managing the team of Catholic Charities counselors working with victims of trauma.

Her colleagues are grateful for her dedication and leadership. "I have witnessed many instances where Margaret has put her life on hold for our clients," says Hector Rivera, her colleague for 20 years. "I truly believe that her work has a long-term and far-reaching impact on society."

2012 OUTSTANDING YOUNG ALUMNA AWARD

Sara Mahoney '04

Sara Mahoney '04 received the Outstanding Young Alumna Award, which honors an alumna who, within 15 years of graduation, exhibits leadership in her personal and professional accomplishments and in her involvement with the Alumnae Association or the College directly.

Mahoney works as a business development specialist for the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy. In this role she manages a national recruitment program that connects college students who have disabilities with federal agencies to help them find internships and jobs.

As a Saint Mary's student, Mahoney, a chemistry major, coordinated Disabilities Awareness Week and served on the College's Board of Trustees. She continued to serve Saint Mary's after graduation by working as an admission counselor.

Mahoney earned her master's degree in student affairs administration in higher education from Ball State University in 2006. She then joined the Washington Center where she managed the program for interns with disabilities. From there, she moved to Georgetown University's Academic Resource Center, again focusing on students with disabilities.

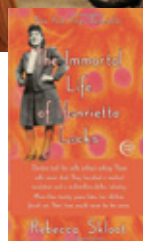
In 2009 she took her current post with the Department of Labor, sharing her skills and affirming spirit to help others find success.

Mahoney continues her involvement with Saint Mary's as an active member of the D.C. club, and by recruiting potential students at college fairs. Mahoney served on her fifth-year Reunion Gift Campaign and participates in the Alumnae Resource Network. ■

One Book, One Saint Mary's



Left: Sister Eva Mary Hooker '62, CSC, professor of English, and Laura Ambrose, assistant professor of humanistic studies, lead the discussion about Mary Gordon's *Circling My Mother* at Reunion. Below: An alumna shares her thoughts about the book during the discussion in Carroll Auditorium.



Several dozen alumnae gathered on Friday afternoon for an on-campus discussion of the 2011–12 “One Book, One Saint Mary’s” selection, *Circling My Mother* by Mary Gordon. The book, read by various alumnae club book groups and online sessions throughout the year, generated plenty of discussion among the crowd in Carroll Auditorium. While some questioned Gordon’s decision to write so frankly about her mother, others appreciated her efforts. “You can’t see your mother objectively until you step out of her life,” said one alumna. “I never could break completely away from the idea that my mother had it all together and I was still trying to get there.”

Laura Ambrose, assistant professor of humanistic studies, and Sister Eva Mary Hooker ’62, CSC, professor of English, led the discussion. Hooker talked about why Saint Mary’s women should read the book, whether as a class assignment (as Ambrose did with her “Lives and Times” class), for One Book, or on their own. “Women need to know these things and mediate their thoughts of their mother,” she said, sharing how, when she traveled

to California last year to be with her own mother during her last days, she brought Gordon’s book with her to reread. “I needed to circle my mother. I still need to circle.”

At the end of the session, Alumnae Association Board of Directors member Linda Kawecki ’79 announced the 2012–13 “One Book One Saint Mary’s” selection as voted by alumnae: *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot.

Skloot’s nonfiction account of the woman whose cells were used for medical research—and the struggle her children and grandchildren endure as they deal with that legacy—touches on issues of science, ethics, history, socioeconomics, faith, and family. *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* was a #1 *New York Times* bestseller and named one of the best books of 2010 by more than 60 book critics.

Theodore Billy, professor of English; chapter, “Almayer’s Folly and Victory: Conrad’s Affinity with Asian Religions,” in *Joseph Conrad and the Orient*, ed. Amar Archeraiou and Nursel Icoz. East European Monographs. Lublin, Poland: Maria Curie-Skłodowska University Press, 2012, pages 179–209.

Thomas F. Bonnell, professor of English; presentation, “James Boswell’s Perplexed Writing: The Stag Unable to Trace His Own Doublings,” at the Eighteenth-Century Texts and Books conference, Loyola University Chicago, February 15, 2012.

Insook Chung, associate professor of education; workshop, “Activities to Help English Learners Develop Number Sense and Operations,” at the 2012 Annual Meeting & Exposition of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM), Philadelphia, April 26, 2012.

Workshop, co-presented with H. Yang, “Exploring Tangible Geometric Concepts through Hands-on Activities,” at the 2012 Annual Meeting & Exposition of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM), Philadelphia, April 27, 2012.

Book translation, with M. Park, J. Pang, I. Jeong, M. Ju, and J. Chae: *Navigating through Algebra: Pre-K to 2*. Seoul, Korea: Kyung-moon-sa, 2012.

Book translation, with M. Park, J. Pang, I. Jeong, M. Ju, and J. Chae: *Navigating through Geometry: Pre-K to 2*. Seoul, Korea: Kyung-moon-sa, 2012.

Nancy L. D’Antuono, professor of Italian, translated the libretto *L’Infedeltà fedele* by Domenico Cimarosa (text by Giambattista Lorenzi) as part of the “Recent Researches in the Music of the Classical Era” series. Edited by Ethan Haimo. A-R Editions, 2012.

Article, “Le Peripezie Italo-Spagnole del *Finto Astrologo*: Dal Folklore al Palcoscenico,” *Commedia dell’Arte. Annuario Internazionale*, anno III, 2011, Università di Bergamo, Bergamo: Leo S. Olschki.

Paper, “The commedia dell’arte’s Mutabile Capitano,” presented at the American Association of Italian Studies conference, University of Pittsburgh, April 7–9, 2011.

Paper, “Calderón’s *El Astrólogo Fingido* in 17th-Century Italy: Sources, Adaptations and Performance,” presented at the Midwest Modern Language Association meeting, St. Louis, MO, Nov. 3–5, 2011.

Paper, “Italian Actors/Spanish Plays. The Comici dell’Arte as Translators and Performers of Spanish Golden Age Plays,” presented at the meeting of the American Association of Italian Studies, the College of Charleston, Charleston, SC, May 3–5, 2012.

Indi Dieckgrafe-Dreyer, professor of dance; master class: “Practical and Creative Applications of Laban-based Theories: ‘Eukinetics & Choreutics’ (Effort/Shape & Space Harmony)” presented at the American College Dance Festival Association (ACDFA) East Central Conference at Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI, March 7–11, 2012.

Choreography premiere, “Me Too,” “Work Gifts,” and “Grow in Light,” and revised choreography of “We Are,” performed by members of the Dance Ensemble Workshop at DanceArts 2012, ...a Time to Dance..., O’Laughlin Auditorium, April 26–28, 2012.

Ryan Dombkowski, associate professor of biology; manuscript, co-authored with Marie Naylor ’11, Emma Shoemaker ’11, and Michelle Smith ’11, “Hydrogen Sulfide (H₂S) and Hypoxia Inhibit Salmonid Gastrointestinal Motility: Evidence for H₂S as Oxygen Sensor” in the *Journal of Experimental Biology*, vol. 214, 2011.

Visit saintmarys.edu/alumnae-friends/one-book for more information.

Amy Gillan, assistant professor of teacher education; presentation, "National Marine Education Association (NMEA) Session: Ocean Literacy in the Heartland: Bringing the Ocean to the Landlocked," at the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) National Conference on Science Education, Indianapolis, IN, March 29-April 1, 2012.

Presentation, with Madalynn Peterek '12, Elizabeth Karpus, '12, Kelly Meyer, and Stephanie Yang, "Walking the Talk: Supporting Science Teacher Candidates as they 'Flip' their Classrooms," at the 13th Annual Midwest Conference on the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning, Indiana University South Bend, South Bend, IN, April 20, 2012.

Cindy Iavagnilio, assistant professor of nursing; an article, "Traumatic Brain Injury: Improving the Patient's Outcome Demands Timely and Accurate Diagnosis," *The Journal of Legal Nurse Consultants*, vol. 22, no. 3, Summer 2011.

Jeffrey Jacob, professor of music; composed *Fantasy for Piano and Large Orchestra*.

Premiere performance, *Fantasy for Piano and Large Orchestra*; piano solo; performed with the American Youth Philharmonic Orchestra; the Regenstern Auditorium, Alexandria, Va.

Recording, *Contemporary American Eclectic Music for the Piano, Vol. 11*, New Ariel Recordings, 2012.

Recording, *Music for Haiti—Orchestral Music of Jeffrey Jacob*, New Ariel Recordings, 2011.

Presentation, master class for pianists and lecture for composers; Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, March 2012.

Recital, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, March 2012.

Recital, All-Beethoven piano music with commentary, Saint Mary's College Little Theater, April 2012.

Richard Jensen, professor of biology; paper, "Are Species Names Proper Names?" in *Cladistics*, vol. 27, 2011.

Phyllis H. Kaminski, professor of religious studies; presentation, "Desire and Contemplative Silence," at the Leuven Encounters in Systematic Theology VIII, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium, October 28, 2011.

Presentation, "Tradition(s) and History: Intercultural and Theological Perspectives," sponsored by the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership, Saint Mary's College, March 30, 2012.

Jerome McElroy, professor of economics; presentation, "The Long-Term Propensity for Political Affiliation in Island Microstates," at the International Workshop on Island Independence Movements in the 21st Century, University of Edinburgh, Scotland, September 8–10, 2011.

Article, "Island Demography: Some Selected Caribbean Contributions," *Island Studies Journal*, vol. 6, no. 2, November 2011.

Article, co-authored with Stephanie Mitchell '10, "Emigrant and Immigrant Small Island Profiles," *Bank of Valletta Review*, no. 43, Spring 2011.

Article, co-authored with J. Guan '11 and **U. Rajadhyaksha**, "The Relationship between Work Conditions and Women's Socio-Economic Status: A Global Exploratory Study," *Journal of Peace, Gender and Development Studies*, vol. 1, no. 10, November 2011.

Poem, "The Art Show," *Writers' Journal*, vol. 32, no. 5, October 2011.

Poem, "Autumn Ricochet," *The Aureorean*, vol. 16, no. 3, Fall/Winter 2011–2012.

Poem, "Econ Epiphany," *Avocet*, vol. 15, no. 1, Fall 2011.

Poem, "Revelation," *Plainsongs*, vol. 32, no. 3, Spring 2012.

Poems, "Apparitions," "I Wish," and "Signal Sightings," *The Poet's Pen*, vol. 24, no. 2, December 2011.

Poems, "First Tryst," "Haiku Sandwich," and "Precocious Ballerina," *The Poet's Pen*, vol. 24, no. 3, March 2012.

Elaine Meyer-Lee, director of the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership; co-led a pre-conference workshop, "Beyond Management: Leadership for Comprehensive Internationalization," the Association of International Educators Annual Conference, Houston, May 29–June 1, 2012.

Presentation, "Multi-Method Assessment of the Impact of Student Learning Abroad," at the 13th Annual Midwest Scholarship of Learning and Teaching Conference, Indiana University South Bend, May 20, 2012.

Presentation, "So What's the Use: Using Evidence to Foster Global Learning and Development," at the Outcomes Assessment in Education Abroad Standards of Good Practice Institute, Forum on Education Abroad, Denver, March 21, 2012.

Ewa Misiolek, associate professor of mathematics and computer science; presentation, "Computing Feasible Toolpaths for 5-Axis NC Machines," at the 4th Annual International Conference on Combinatorial Optimization and Applications, Kaihia-Kona, HI, December 2010.

Article, "Algorithms for Interval Structures with Applications," co-authored with D. Z. Chen, *Proceedings of the 5th International Frontiers of Algorithmics Workshop, Lecture Notes in Computer Science*, 6681:196–207, 2011.

Article, "Computing Feasible Toolpaths for 5-Axis NC Machines," co-authored with D. Z. Chen, *Proceedings of the 4th Annual International Conference on Combinatorial Optimization and Applications, Lecture Notes in Computer Science*, 6508:270–284, 2010.

Don Paetkau, professor of biology; poster, "The Genomics Education Partnership (GEP): Comparative Analysis of the Drosophila Dot Chromosome by Undergraduate Students," presented with colleagues from the Genomics Education Partnership at the 53rd Annual Drosophila Research Conference, Chicago, Illinois, March 7–11, 2012.

Daniel Party, associate professor of music; a chapter, "Twenty-First Century Latin American and Latino Popular Music," in *Musics of Latin America*, W. W. Norton, 2012.

Book review, "Rock the Nation: Latin/o Identities and the Latin Rock Diaspora" by Roberto Avant-Mier in *Camino Real*, 2011.

Paper, "Listening to Male Femininity in Lucho Gatica's Boleros" at the Latin American Studies Association annual conference in San Francisco, CA, May 2012.

Paper, "Chile's Revolution: Girl Style Now!" at the Experience Music Project Pop Conference, New York University, March 2012.

Thomas R. Platt, professor of biology; co-authored article, "Invasive Species Threat: Parasite Phylogenetics Reveals Patterns and Processes of Host-Switching between Non-Native and Native Captive Freshwater Turtles," *Parasitology* 138: 1778–1792, October 2011.

Article, "Age-Related Change in Phototaxis by Cercariae of *Echinostoma caproni* (Digenea: Echinostomatidae)," co-authored with **Rose M. Dowd '11**, in *Comparative Parasitology* 79: 1–4, January 2012.

Catherine Pellegrino, reference librarian; article, "Does Telling Them To Ask For Help Work? Investigating Library Help-Seeking Behaviors in College Undergraduates," *Reference and User Services Quarterly*, vol. 51 no. 3, Spring 2012.

Catherine Pittman, associate professor of psychology; clinical workshop, "Anxiety in the Brain: Explanations for Both Children and Adults that Promote Engagement in Treatment," the 32nd Annual Conference of the Anxiety Disorders Association of America, Arlington, Va., April 12–15, 2012.

Ujvala Rajadhyaksha, associate professor of management; article, co-authored with J. Guan '11 and **Jerome McElroy**, "The Relationship between Work Conditions and Women's Socio-Economic Status: A Global Exploratory Study," *Journal of Peace, Gender and Development Studies*, vol. 1, no. 10, November 2011.

Terri L. Russ, assistant professor of communication studies; chapter, "Is Daddy's Little Girl a Bitch or a Princess?: Narratives of Female Identity on *My Super Sweet 16*" in *Race/Gender/Media 3.0: Considering Diversity Across Audiences, Content, and Producers* (Ed. Rebecca Ann Lind): New York: Prentice Hall, 2012.

Sean J. Savage, professor of political science; article, "Management and Vision," in *A Companion to Lyndon B. Johnson*, edited by Mitchell B. Lerner. Wiley-Blackwell, February 2012.

Article, "The First Hundred Days," in *The Obama Presidency: A Preliminary Assessment*, ed. by Robert P. Watson (Albany, NY: SUNY Press, 2012): 85–98.

Michael Waddell, assistant professor and the Edna and George McMahon Aquinas Chair of Philosophy; article, "Aquinas on the Light of Glory" in *Tópicos: Revista de Filosofía* (vol. 40:105–32), December 2011.

Sue Wiegand, periodicals librarian, **Suzanne Hinnefeld**, collection development librarian, and **Katherine Marschall**, catalog librarian, gave a panel presentation, "Zotero Anywhere: Developing a Faculty Workshop for Managing Research Sources," at the 13th Annual Midwest Conference on the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning at Indiana University South Bend on April 20, 2012.

Robert L. Williams, Jr., assistant professor of marketing; article, "Marketing Orientation and Innovators' Success: An Exploration of the Influence of Customer and Competitor Orientation," in the *Journal of Technology Management and Innovation*, vol. 6:3.

Chapter, co-authored with **Ujvala Rajadhyaksha** and Maktoba Omar, "The Value Flame at the Base of the Pyramid (VFBOP): Identifying and Creating a Valuable Market," in the series *Advances in International Marketing*, Emerald Group Publishing, vol. 23.

Chapter, co-authored with Ujvala Rajadhyaksha and Maktoba Omar, "The Value Flame at the Base of the Pyramid: VFBOP 2.0 and the Effect of Co-Venturing," in *Interdisciplinary Approaches to Product Design, Innovation, & Branding in International Marketing*, Emerald, May 2012.

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My four years at Saint Mary's left me with a fine liberal arts education, lifelong friendships, fond memories, and a profound sense of gratitude to the community that gave me so much. Over the course of my life, those bonds to Saint Mary's have only deepened.

By including the college in our will, my husband and I have ensured that our attachment to Saint Mary's will endure long after we are gone.

— 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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PROFESSIONALS

BEST-SELLING AUTHOR RETURNS TO
CAMPUS WITH HER MENTOR TO ENCOURAGE
STUDENT WRITERS AND ENTERTAIN FANS

"If you're a writer, here's the first rule you should follow: write every day of the rest of your life," Adriana Trigiani '81 told students during a recent campus visit.

Trigiani, best-selling novelist, television writer, playwright, and documentary filmmaker, majored in theatre at Saint Mary's. (All four of her sisters are Saint Mary's graduates, too.) In April, the same month she released her *New York Times* best-selling novel *The Shoemaker's Wife*, Trigiani returned to campus to share her knowledge and experiences with students.

And she brought along her mentor, Bill Persky, a five-time Emmy-winning producer, who worked on hundreds of television shows, including *The Dick Van Dyke Show*, *That Girl*, and *The Cosby Show*.

On campus Trigiani and Persky gave several writing workshops for students as well as an informal lecture on television writing that was open to the public. The workshops provided students a rare one-on-one opportunity to pitch sitcom ideas and receive feedback from two successful television writers. Plus, as comedy writers, Trigiani and Persky had their audiences in stitches with stories about writing, celebrities, and life in general.

They were also intense listeners. Trigiani began one creative writing class by asking each student to share her name, major, and hometown. She then asked follow-up questions about career goals and coursework. She listened intently and started her lecture only after each student had introduced herself.

"Let go of this 'I'm a loser' stuff," she told students. "Don't judge your life experience—live it! All experiences are opportunities for learning. My mentor, Bill Persky, always told me that you must work your way up."

She used her own story as an example. After graduation Trigiani moved to New York City to become a playwright. In order to support herself, she worked as a nanny and an office temp. Eventually she was hired as a writer for *The Cosby Show*.

She wrote her first novel, *Big Stone Gap*, as a screenplay. Two friends read it and suggested she rewrite it as a novel. So each morning Trigiani woke up at 3, worked on the novel for several hours, and then left for work. She did this every day for about a year until the novel was finished.



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Emmy Award-winning producer Bill Persky talks about writing for the *Dick Van Dyke Show* during a public lecture on April 27 in Carroll Auditorium; *New York Times* best-selling novelist Adriana Trigiani '81 poses with writing students, from left, Sarah Swiderski '13, Michelle Rozman '12, Katherine Trainor '13, Madeline Miles '13, and Vy Nguyen '14; Trigiani and Persky give individual advice to students after listening to their sitcom pitches in Stapleton Lounge.

Trigiani continued writing into the next year to improve her writing skills. Her efforts ended up becoming *Big Cherry Holler*, the sequel to *Big Stone Gap*.

Persky, a television legend, encouraged students to push through with their ideas. "Anybody is creative enough to stop an idea—never think that way," he told students before listening to their sitcom pitches. "True creativity is keeping that idea going." Trigiani and Persky invited the students to share their ideas one by one, suggesting everything from show titles to possible characters to networks.

Their workshop Writing for Comedy required students to rely on their comedic chops. "The only way to get through bad things is to find something funny," said Persky, advising students to imagine how they would describe a bad experience three weeks after it occurred. "As a comedy writer, you have the obligation to take the pain out of difficult experiences and focus on the humor."

Trigiani and Persky concluded their visit with a public lecture, "The Golden Age of Television Writing." They shared clips of shows they have worked on and discussed their careers, how television has changed, and how television will continue to change. They had the audience laughing the entire time.

As always, Trigiani spoke highly of her beloved alma mater. "I had the best education here. I am the biggest fan and supporter of Saint Mary's College." ■

—Michelle Rozman '12

Marriages

Margaret Gray '87 and Danny Spina, October 7, 2011.

Lisa Napoli Pierson '91 and John, August 17, 2007.

Christina Orsellini Simone '96 and Steven, October 22, 2011.

Gayla Spennay Jensen '97 and Per, March 23, 2012.

Kristy Tutorius Kilfoyle '01 and Richard, March 26, 2011.

Jennifer Baker Corcoran '02 and Ryan, November 12, 2011.

Erin Roberts Davidson '02 and Michael, October 23, 2004.

Megan Keleher Lazar '02 and Todd, July 24, 2010.

Candace Reilly Miller '02 and Jason, June 18, 2011.

Jessica Klink Severino '02 and Anthony, July 16, 2011.

Julianna Harman Armendariz '03 and Paulo, July 20, 2010.

Karen Schaff Awe '03 and Cory, November 6, 2010.

Bridget Myers Mullins '03 and Vince, November 12, 2011.

Daniela Urs Jones '04 and Casey, October 14, 2011.

Laura Blume Doverspike '05 and Darin, April 24, 2010.

Cynthia Rodriguez Good '05 and David, June 17, 2011.

Margie Schaffner Hancock '05 and Ben, May 13, 2011.

Katie Borg Rendahl '05 and Nick, November 13, 2010.

Rose Zeidler Brock '07 and Rick, October 15, 2011.

Gina Gonnella Ensell '07 and Josh, July 25, 2009.

Sophia Del Fabro '07 and Benjamin Tritle, May 7, 2011.

Mallory O'Brien Gerster '07 and James, October 2, 2010.

Jenaca Forquer Hobson '07 and Jonathan, June 19, 2010.

Sandy Parry Kesser '07 and Daniel, December 30, 2011.

Perryn White McLeod '07 and Michael, November 5, 2011.

Stephanie Apostoluk Titus '07 and Vidi, October 1, 2011.

Elizabeth Sands Van '07 and Peter, July 18, 2009.

Cathy Theiss Virtue '07 and Dan, July 2, 2010.

Mary Elizabeth Campbell Manie '09 and Christopher, June 26, 2010.

Annaliese Furman McSweeney '09 and Brian, September 10, 2011.

Rachael Johnson Rabil '09 and Kevin, June 19, 2010.

Erin Seidelmann '09 and Ryan Truesdale, October 15, 2011.

Mary Cavadini Lauck '10 and Anthony, March 5, 2011.

Catherine Campbell Garcia '11 and Bernardo, May 21, 2011.

Births & Adoptions

Elizabeth Rollins Orton '89 and Michael: Michael Patrick, December 3, 2011.

Bridget Farley La Bar '90 and Richard: Philip Sutton, born January 13, 2012; adopted January 13, 2012.

Lisa Napoli Pierson '91 and John: Giovanna Clare, November 21, 2008.

Brigid Brooks Zvirbulis '92 and John: Ronan Jacob and Liam Robert, January 26, 2012.

Molly O'Brien Adduci '95 and John: Colleen Lynne, January 19, 2012.

Hilary Humm Beatty '95 and Bill: John Michael, December 17, 2011.

Heather Matula Henwood '95 and Ben: Roan Margaret and Stewart Foster, January 25, 2011.

JudeAnne Wilson Hastings '96 and Raymond: RaeAnne Marie, February 16, 2012.

Tina Alley DiSanto '99 and Michael: Luca Domenic, November 26, 2011.

Michelle Janko Meade '99 and RJ: Evan Keating, January 4, 2012.

Chrissy Bartle Meko '99 and Justin: Caroline Ann, April 4, 2011.

Trish Haigh Peterson '99 and Kelly: Henry Lee Mitchell, January 30, 2012.

Anne Eckert Yearsich '99 and James: Elizabeth Nicole, February 9, 2012.

Kathryn Goolsby Flavin '00 and Edward: Patrick Edward, December 12, 2011.

Melissa Pennington Bassler '01 and Casey: Nora Rose, February 7, 2012.

Beth Castricone Bell '01 and Brian: Jackson Quentin, December 19, 2011.

Casey Kimball Compton '01 and Brent: Cash Wilson, November 29, 2011.

Lori Schulte Smithe '01 and Tomm: Molly Ann, April 26, 2011.

Ryann Cox Szczepanski '01 and Neil: Elizabeth Grace, September 1, 2011.

Monica Councilor Wohlberg '01 and Mathew: Claire Cathryn, August 23, 2011.

Meg DeLuca Wright '02 and Kevin: Lexi Caroline, October 24, 2011.

Karen Schaff Awe '03 and Cory: Madeline Catherine, December 11, 2011.

Melanie Burke Cameron '03 and Mark: Philip Simeon, January 5, 2012.

Renee Donovan Genetti '03 and Michael: Luke Donovan, July 16, 2011.

Nellie Williams Gould '03 and Dave: Brigid Anne and Charlotte Francis, November 7, 2011.

Josie Bilas Gruver '03 and Scott: Jack, September 27, 2011.

Cara Hoover Jacob '03 and Michael: Sadie Grace, February 1, 2012.

Alisha Kay Keller-Hoag '03 and Bryon: Kylan Lee, September 20, 2010.

Cindy Cvengros McCutcheon '03 and Tom: Ryan Michael, November 11, 2011.

Lianne Wojnarowicz Mink '03 and Brian: Leighton Elyse, December 14, 2011.

Jill Maxbauer Niemi '03 and Sam: Lauren Vera, December 27, 2011.

Kris Robinson Paluszkiwicz '03 and Michael: Kaitlyn Amber, November 29, 2011.

Adrienne Dorbish Pietropaolo '03 and Domenico: Rocco Antonio, January 3, 2012.

Nicole Prezioso '03 and Jim Lee: Augustin Alexander, January 27, 2012.

Amy Baum Purshotam '03 and Jatin: Ava Jayne, October 29, 2011.

Rachael Benkert Wenzl '03 and Tom: Thomas John, November 3, 2011.

Andrea Zandstra Alves '04 and Pedro: Bennett Grey, May 25, 2011.

Jessica Millanes Shearer '04 and Robert: Evelyn Rose, December 6, 2010.

Kate Wallace Bramanti '05 and Tommy: Julia Rose, February 2, 2012.

Michele Firmstone Butwin '05 and Ben: Ryan Joseph, January 6, 2012.

Laura Blume Doverspike '05 and Darin: Mia Marie, January 4, 2012.

Margie Schaffner Hancock '05 and Ben: Annabelle Margaret, February 3, 2012.

Kathleen Wiggins Hergert '05 and John: Colin Patrick, January 14, 2012.

Michelle Eggers Lagos '05 and Chris: Cecilia Maria, October 4, 2011.

Kim Holly Maher '05 and John: Kellen John, January 27, 2012.

Catherine Tindall Mott '05 and Jared: Vera Jeanette, November 30, 2011.

Kassy Kriegel Reiff '05 and Toby: Robby, November 1, 2011.

Camille Kelly Esmacher '06 and Tom: Nicholas Paul, January 22, 2012.

Kaitlin Cox Hilger '07 and Paul: Lilah Kathleen, December 8, 2010.

Jenaca Forquer Hobson '07 and Jonathan: Jonquil James, April 1, 2011.

Mary Beth Pavela Matenaer '07 and James: Monica, April 2, 2011.

Dana Dreher Schrader '07 and Ben: Lillian Diane, December 30, 2011.

Scarlett Robinson Wand '07 and Patrick: Eoghan Francis, April 18, 2011.

Rachael Johnson Rabil '09 and Kevin: Adilene Rose, September 22, 2011.

Catherine Campbell Garcia '11 and Bernardo: Evelyn Anne, August 8, 2011.

Alumnae Deaths

Eileen Doyle Beilstein '39, June 20, 2011.

Dorothy Overlock Stewart '39, July 15, 2009.

Catherine "Kay" Kroth Page '41, January 16, 2012.

Frances Thompson Feller '44, February 18, 2012.

Eleanor Barany Gilroy '44, sister of Vera Ann Barany Shirley '48, cousin of Anne Barany Monserez '48, March 3, 2012.

Mary Carey Ragen '45, mother of Mary Ragen O'Rourke '69, Therese Ragen '71, Anne Ragen McNulty '73, March 13, 2012.

Mary Rita Hellmuth '46, aunt of Mary Louise Hellmuth Loftis '66 and Catherine Hellmuth '70, March 7, 2012.

Pauline Zeman Langenfeld '47, February 7, 2012.

Mary Lou Malone Donohue '48, March 18, 2012.

Mary O'Connor Kirk '49, mother of Melanie Kirk Ahanotu '77 and Patricia A. Kirk '80, February 11, 2012.

Suzanne Centlivre Farmer '55, August 22, 2010.

Carol Braunsdorf '57, February 8, 2012.

Katherine Hardesty Connaughton '57, mother of Katherine Ann Connaughton '87, February 7, 2012.

Ann Butler McDaniel '58, April 16, 2011.

Beverly J. Romanchuk '59, February 7, 2008.

Myrna Rivard Nabors '60, August 19, 2011.

Dolores Wartha O'Brien '61, June 18, 2011.

Sister Patricia Jean Garver, CSC, '63, February 2, 2012.

Sister Helen Kieszkowski, CSC, '65, February 22, 2012.

Paula Dale Mulligan '65, March 25, 2012.

Karen Keres '67, sister of Susan Keres Biemeret, April 5, 2012.

Barbara L. Marley '69, April 14, 2012.

Janet M. Belden '71, October 6, 2011.

Karin Gurtzweiler Perozek '94, April 17, 2012.

Family Deaths

Jose Alvarado, father of Delia Alvarado Gadziola '94, February 28, 2012.

Michael Barry, father of Nora Barry Fischer '73 and Linda Barry Cumpston '74, February 2, 2012.

Theodora "Teddy" Barskis, mother of Carole Barskis Weber '64, February 20, 2012.

Elizabeth Beall, mother of Patricia Beall Wanschura '69, March 6, 2012.

John Beck, father of Joan Beck Bitonti '63, April 22, 2012.

Boris J. Bilas, father of Jocelyn Bilas Gruver '03, June 22, 2011.

Philip A. Bir, father of Rachel Bir Stroop '88, January 31, 2012.

Joe Broussard II, father of Mary Broussard Bartley '69, Regina Broussard Winegar '70, Jeanne M. Broussard '72, brother of Katherine Broussard Doyle '36, Mary Broussard Donovan '38, grandfather of Julie Broussard Miller '89, Mary Bartley McGuire '95, Emily Broussard Nash '98, uncle of Susan Doyle Dunigan '64, Virginia Schlueter Jones '68, Anne Steinman Montalbano '70, Kay Doyle Conway '71, Eugenie Schlueter '72, Patricia Steinman Doyle '73, Joan Marie Steinman '75, father-in-law of Christine Shaheen Broussard '74, cousin of Christine Ruddy Draths '80, Erin Ruddy Allare '82, Sarah Hamilton Schwartz '07, March 16, 2012.

Jan Beddow Carlisle, mother of Amy Carlisle Keating '92, February 8, 2012.

John P. Crimmins, husband Rita Davis Crimmins '45, father of Mary Beth Crimmins Hubs '71, grandfather of Bethany Kathleen Huba '04, December 31, 2011.

Dorothy DiGann, mother of Janice Di Gann '71 and Mary Beth Di Gann-Herczeg '74, March 6, 2012.

Bernard L. Doyle, father of Patricia K. Doyle '69, April 10, 2012.

William J. Eisenhauer, Sr., father of Margaret Eisenhauer Rueth '91, March 16, 2010.

Joseph Phillip Emmite, father of Eileen Emmite Calabria '85, February 3, 2012.

Neal Farrell, father of Anne Farrell McKay '88, Karen Farrell Regan '90, Kathleen Farrell Perreault '94, March 6, 2012.

Robert C. Feldmeier, husband of Kathleen Clark Feldmeier '88, April 29, 2012.

James Thornton Glenn, father of Kathleen Glenn Normlye '79, January 5, 2012.

Dionizy Grabowski, grandfather of Cara Grabowski '08, February 1, 2012.

Harold P. Graham, father of Colleen Graham Dow '91 and Christine Graham Gambs '95, April 7, 2012.

J. Michael Green, husband of Mary Walsh Green '63, brother-in-law of Kathleen Walsh Harty '65, Colleen Walsh Warin '69, Melanie Walsh Flannery '73, uncle of Maureen Flannery Crowe '01 and Colleen Harty Taricani '88, April 19, 2011.

John R. Kammerer, husband of Patricia McDermott Kammerer '51, February 5, 2012.

Raymond F. LeFevour, husband of Dee Kiley LeFevour '57, January 24, 2012.

Mary Isabelle Frame Luzar, mother of Mary Anne Luzar Tattersall '72 and Emma Jane Luzar '74, April 10, 2012.

Margaret K. McGie, mother of Elizabeth McGie Robertson '92, January 30, 2012.

Robert L. McGoldrick, husband of Joanne Donohoe McGoldrick '57, March 12, 2012.

John W. McKenna, father of Nancy McKenna Mize '71, Molly McKenna Sliney '76, Amy McKenna Greely '84, March 5, 2012.

Keith Merline, husband of Mary Ann Braun Merline '55, February 22, 2012.

Edward D. Milas, father-in-law of Kathleen Petit Milas '95, December 17, 2011.

John Panelli, husband of Margaret Petrass Panelli '53, March 2, 2012.

Neil Pedrolie, father of Claire Pedrolie Smith '85, March 6, 2012.

Albert W. Placey, Jr., father of Ellen Placey Wadey '83, February 29, 2012.

John P. Riordan, brother of Marcia Riordan Leonard '54, uncle of Maura Leonard Davies '90, Roisin Leonard Maxcey '93, Julie E. Leonard '93, Pauline Leonard Karpowicz '95, March 9, 2012.

James R. Roberts, father of Lynn Roberts Clarkson '79 and Deborah Roberts Vehovec '80, grandfather of Megan Clarkson '09, uncle of Kathleen Brems Durbin '73, Barbara Brems Flynn '76, Laura Brems Flynn '79, February 4, 2012.

Mary Lee Wallace, mother of Ann Wallace Troutman '74, January 31, 2012.

George F. Walters, husband of Evelyn Kritzer Walters '49, August 21, 2011.

James H. Walton, father of Ann Caroline Walton '86, April 8, 2012.

Anthony G. Ward, husband of Diane Anstett Ward '62, December 1, 2011.

Doyle Watkins, stepfather of Sara Morrison Cusick '75, October 26, 2011.

Stephen P. Wolf, son of Mary Louise Pfaff Wolf '44, brother of Mary Wolf Loiselle '83, April 26, 2012.

Joseph J. Worblewski, father of Julie Worblewski Tourtillotte '82, February 5, 2012.

IN MEMORIAM



Neal F. Farrell, former chair of the Parents Council and member of the College Board of Trustees, passed away March 6 in Naples, Florida.

The father of three Saint Mary's graduates, Farrell worked tirelessly on behalf of the College.

He served on the Parents Council from 1987 to 1994, including a term as chair from 1987 to 1988. He served as a Trustee from 1992 to 1997. An Illinois native, Farrell graduated from the College of Commerce at DePaul University, Chicago, in 1962, and received a juris doctorate from John Marshall Law School in 1969. He worked for the Borg-Warner Corporation in Chicago for 35 years, retiring in 1995 as vice president, chief financial officer, and general counsel. He was a director on the boards at Calumet Steel Corporation and on the advisory board of DePaul University, Chicago.

Farrell is survived by his wife, Barbara (née Kuhn), their children Anne (John) McKay '88, Susan, Karen (Dave) Regan '90, Joseph (Kristen), and Kathleen (TJ) Perreault '94, and 12 grandchildren.



Harold "Pat" Graham of Shorewood, Illinois, former Trustee and ardent supporter of Saint Mary's, passed away April 7 at home and surrounded by his family.

Graham believed in the power of education to change lives, so after his two daughters enrolled at Saint Mary's, he dedicated countless hours to the College. He held a seat on the Parents Council from 1992 to 1995, served on the Board of Trustees from 1995 to 2004, and was part of the President's Circle from 2011 until his death.

He and his wife, Patricia, established the Harold P. Graham Family Scholarship in 1998.

Graham graduated from Lewis University in 1963. He also served with the Illinois National Guard. He and Patricia started HP Graham Construction Company in 1969. He was a founder of First Community Bank in Joliet, Illinois, which opened in 2004.

He is survived by Patricia (née Liker), daughters Colleen (Thomas) Dow '91 and Christine (Matthew) Gambs '95, and three grandchildren.

>> Alabama

The Saint Mary's College women in Alabama participate in Notre Dame-related activities, including game watches and club events in the Birmingham Notre Dame Club. A student send-off in the summer for both Saint Mary's and Notre Dame students is held the first weekend of August. We had a Notre Dame and Saint Mary's community Mass this winter and regularly participate in Habitat for Humanity and other service projects. *ND night* will be in April at "The Club." The Saint Mary's women are a big part of the woman's group in the Birmingham area: "ND connect," where we serve in a homeless shelter, have a book club, and social events. At least half of the group's members are Saint Mary's alumnae. If anyone would like to participate they may contact Ginny Karle '81 at gkarle@aol.com.

>> Chicago East

The Chicago East Club has been hard at work finding new ways to engage alumnae of all ages and backgrounds. If you are interested in getting more involved in your Saint Mary's Chicago community, we have a place for you! Please contact Kate Treder '07 at SMCChicagoPresident@gmail.com.

We are proud to introduce our new Chicago East Moms Club. This group is targeted towards moms (and moms-to-be) and their children from birth to 5 years. Search for "SMC Mamas Chicago" on Facebook, and share pictures, milestones, questions, and support your fellow Saint Mary's moms. For more information, including details about the next playdate, please contact Lindsey Cotter Mackenzie '02: lindseycotter@yahoo.com.

On April 12, 2012, we held our quarterly Wine Club event, "Wines from Around the World." Hosted by Natalie Hock '04, members were guided by a guest sommelier through a variety of wines from different regions. It's the perfect way to unwind after a busy week and catch-up with your fellow Belles! Interested in joining Wine Club and/or hosting a future event? Please contact SMCChicagoEast@gmail.com.

Chicago East Book Club met on May 3 at the home of April Thomas '05 to discuss *The Kitchen House* by Kathleen Grissom. June's selection is *One Thousand White Women: The Journals of May Dodd* by Jim Fergus. Book Club loves new members! For more information, contact Mandy Schomas Soderstrom '02, mandysoderstrom@gmail.com.

On May 8, 2012 we held our annual Spring Scholarship Tea at The Chicago Club in the South Loop/Grant Park area of the city. Hosted by Dorothy Murnane Wehmer '76, alumnae from all over Chicagoland gathered to celebrate our alumnae community and the Chicago Endowed Scholarship tradition. Guests enjoyed a variety of tea, wine, and treats as they browsed and bid on our fabulous collection of silent auction items. It was a beautiful occasion benefiting current and future Saint Mary's Chicago Belles.

On June 24, 2012, a group of Saint Mary's Chicago runners participated in the Chicago Women's Half Marathon. Starting together and celebrating at the finish line, it was a special experience for all those who ran the race and cheered from the sidelines! If you are interested in running with other Chicago Belles, please contact Jackie Paunicka '06: Jackie.Paunicka@gmail.com.

Summer break is here! Our monthly meetings will not pick-up again until the fall, but we still have plenty of opportunities for you to connect with your fellow Chicago Belles! To get up-to-date information on Club events, make sure you are subscribed to our monthly Constant Contact newsletter. Contact SMC-ChicagoCommunications@gmail.com to be added to our distribution list.

Cheers!

>> Chicago West

The Chicago West club is pleased to have introduced Saturday Mass & Coffee at various churches in our club boundaries this year. It may seem like a stretch to get up early, but once you've enjoyed Mass with your Saint Mary's sisters and can grab breakfast or coffee together—you'll find it is a great boost to your Saturday. We've already been to Glen Ellyn, Yorkville & Clarendon Hills and still have Batavia & Wheaton to come. If your parish offers a Saturday morning Mass, email Alison Spohn Kavulich '93 at irishannie93@yahoo.com to be included on the rotation in 2013.

Book club continues Aug-Oct; we take the month of July off. You can find our book discussion list and hostess locations on our club website.

This fall we'll participate in a service day at the People's Resource Center in Wheaton and are planning a Founders' Day event for October. We have added a 2012 calendar to the website for your convenience. Please join us for an upcoming event. And you can always pay your dues to be added to the email distribution each month for more timely event details and reminders.

We are currently looking for a club secretary and a young alumna representative to get more involved. If you are interested, please contact club president Alison Spohn Kavulich '93 for more information at irishannie93@yahoo.com.

>> Cincinnati

The Cincinnati Club has picked up momentum in the past couple of years with great events and increased participation.

This past fall, we enjoyed a wonderful Founders' Day with the theme "Saint Mary's: Then and Now." Harriet Enneking Moster '48, Jeanne Black Clark '49, Mary Lou Motl '68, Holly Karches '12, Kelsey Goslee '13, and Anna Ulliman '15 volunteered as our panelists, regaling listeners with stories of yesteryear on The Avenue. Mollie Wheeler '94 also entertained us as the MC for the event.

In January, we all enjoyed socializing at the beautiful home of Ann Grant Sebastian '94, where our annual Epiphany Party was held.

In May at our Spring Event, many alums, including new alums from the class of '12, got firsthand lessons in the proper way to prepare and enjoy tapas and drink wine at The Art of Entertaining in O'Bryonville. We were excellent pupils!

We are now looking forward to another Send-Off in August. This event is open to all alumnae. For more information, please contact Julie Melvin Ulliman '82 at

mjulliman@fuse.net.

I want to thank the following alumnae who have stepped up and accepted leadership positions to ensure the Cincinnati Club's vitality. For 2012-2014, the new officers are as follows: President: Ellen Gerrity McGoron '75; VP/Communications: Shannon Culbertson Thompson '06; Secretary: Liz Harter '09; Treasurer: Amy Oliva Campos '06; Newsletter: Jen Habrych '94; *Courier Liaison*: Mary Lou Motl '68.

Events Chair People are as follows: Julie Melvin Ulliman '82: Send-Off; Susan Argus McNamara '68: Founders' Day; Mollie Wheeler '94: Founders' Day; Ann Grant Sebastian '94: Epiphany Party; Jennifer McMahon '93: Spring Event

Thank you to all the Cincinnati alumnae who planned and participated in our events and made our year very successful. I have thoroughly enjoyed leading the Club for the past couple of years and look forward to seeing everyone at the Send-Off!

Kacey Horner Schmitt '85

For more information about the Club, please contact Ellenmcgoron@yahoo.com.

>> Cleveland

The Cleveland Club held its annual meeting on April 24 at the Willoughby Hills home of Linda Holtcamp McVoy '74. There was discussion regarding upcoming events including the rescheduling of the wine tasting tour at Thorn Creek Winery, which had to be cancelled in February due to severe winter weather. Some ideas in the works include Founders' Day, Exam Care Packages, and the Holiday Social.

Following the meeting, there was a discussion of the book, *Circling My Mother*, by Mary Gordon. Many thanks to everyone who attended and took part.

Just a reminder that the Club's website is updated regularly to show future dates and events.

For more information or to submit ideas to the Club, contact Cheri Petride Miller '79 at smcosu@earthlink.net.

>> Detroit

On March 27, 2012 the Detroit Club welcomed President Carol Ann Mooney '72 to the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham, Michigan. Also in attendance was Director of Alumnae Relations Kara O'Leary '89, along with over 60 alumnae, spouses, and parents. Guests enjoyed cocktails and hors d'oeuvres along with mingling with President Mooney and fellow Belles. President Mooney spoke to the Detroit Alumnae and their guests on the great progresses of Saint Mary's College.

We are happy to announce the new board



In late April, the Colorado Club met at the home of Sheila Flynn Boone '65 for its annual Student Care Package Party, where we put goodies together to send to the Colorado students, to help them get through their finals. We always have a good time. Cindy Meyer Wargocki '99, her daughter, Julianna, Kelly O'Brien '90, Phyllis Sullivan Van Hersett '62 and Sheila filled the bags. For information about upcoming events, please contact Colorado Club president, Kelly O'Brien '90, at telephone 719-351-6693 or email Kelly90.kob@gmail.com.

members of the club. President: Caitlin Cunningham '10; Vice President: Claire Kenney '10; Secretary: Erica Barker-Erlewein '03; and Treasurer: Kymberly Dunlap Andren '04. We are excited to serve the greater Detroit area and help keep everyone connected! Thank you to the outgoing board members for all your hard work: Lisa Walton Roelle '05, Amy Nicholson Pruchnicki '05, Amy Gentile '92, and Meghan Flick Schmelzer '05.

Upcoming events include a Notre Dame Tailgate/ Game Watch in September and a Founders' Day Celebration in November. As always, we want to hear from you! If you are interested in joining the club, have questions or suggestions please contact us at smc-dac@gmail.com. Don't forget our Facebook page just search Saint Mary's College Detroit Alumnae Club.

>> New Jersey

Service is an important component of our Saint Mary's tradition. Our NJ Club joined hands with the New York City Alumnae Club in sponsoring a daughter of our U.S. military aboard Tallship Unicorn with their Sisters Under Sail leadership program this summer. This particular student of strong character came to us from Ft. Bragg, NC. Her father is deployed to Afghanistan. We were very proud to participate in this initiative along with our fellow regional Notre Dame Alumni Clubs. In total, the Saint Mary's and Notre Dame community sponsored 6 girls. If you are not receiving our email updates on club activities, please forward your most current email address to dawn@sistersundersail.org. \$25 annual dues are always due and can be forwarded to Saint Mary's Club of New Jersey ~ 2 Gravel Hill Road ~ Asbury, NJ 08802.

>> New York City

There will be several events in the Fall planned for the NYC Club so please keep an eye out for announcements via email. If you need to be added to the email distribution list, please email Carey O'Neill '99, president of the NYC Club, at carey.oneill@gmail.com. Dues for the club are \$25 a year. Please remember to send them in. Connect with us on Facebook—we are listed as "Saint Mary's College Alumnae Club of NYC." If anyone is interested in becoming more involved in club activities, please contact Carey.

>> Pittsburgh

Happy summer to the Pittsburgh alumnae! In its efforts to revitalize itself, the Pittsburgh Club has been busy this spring. A spring tea was held on Sunday, April 29 at the Frick Arts and Historical Society. There alumnae and friends gathered to discuss Mary Gordon's *Circling My Mother*, the selected title from the One Book, One Saint Mary's book discussion initiative.

A community service event is being planned with the Homeless Children's Education Fund. Kathryn Harrison '04 is a volunteer with that organization, and with her assistance, Club members will be hosting a story afternoon and pizza party for the children and families in the Pittsburgh area being assisted by that organization. This program will be held during the summer months, with the hope that current Saint Mary's students from the Pittsburgh area will be available to assist with the fun afternoon.

If any Pittsburgh-area alumna is interested in becoming more involved with the Club, please contact Colleen Miles '03 at colleenbmiles@gmail.com. The Club is in need of alumnae for the Board positions of treasurer, committee heads, webpage/social media. We hope to hear from you!

>> San Diego

Our San Diego Belles were busy this Spring/ Summer, welcoming newly-accepted students (and hopefully, future alums); and sending them off to their new college. We also held a very successful fundraiser to raise money for scholarships to help them fund their education. And we continued our very active Book Group.

In mid-March, Lynn Dargis Ambrose '52, hosted a reception for the 10 high school students from the San Diego area who were accepted to Saint Mary's for the upcoming Fall semester. Ten young ladies and their parents enjoyed time spent with Lynn, Sandy Parry Kesser '07, and Jen Wagner '05. Lynn and a representative from Saint Mary's answered parents' questions, and Sandy and Jen happily gave information from a student's perspective. This is the second annual information session offered to our future San Diego alums, and it was again, very successful.

On June 16, Barb Drossel McKnight '77, and her husband Wade (an honorary Belle!), hosted a lovely, casual summer cocktail party for all the area Saint Mary's alums and their guests. A convivial group enjoyed cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and beautiful Pacific views from the decks of Barb and Wade's Ocean Beach home. There was also a Silent Auction that featured ND/SMC items as well as an autographed book by our own Adriana Trigiani '81! Not only was the event a fun get-together, but it also raised money for the San Diego Club's Scholarship Fund. This is the third annual event that made it easier for a deserving San Diego-area student to attend Saint Mary's College.

The Annual Notre Dame/ Saint Mary's Student Send-Off is at Spreckles Park in Coronado on August 4th. Activities include a picnic lunch, Mass at Sacred Heart Church, and, of course, talk of the upcoming Fighting Irish Football Season. This Fall will be the second year that the ND Club will host Game Watches at the Prospect Grill in La Jolla. All ND football fans are invited to join us as we cheer on the Irish!

Our Book Group continues to rock on with all our enthusiastic readers. One of the more unique meetings was held in April by Lynn Dargis Ambrose '52, the group's coordinator. Lynn had recently travelled to Africa, and she chose "Out of Africa," by Isak Dinesen, as an apt theme. She also shared an interesting video of her African safari. The Book Group always welcomes new members! Contact Lynn at mambrose2@sbcglobal.net.

All San Diego Saint Mary's alums wish a safe and happy new school year to all our lovely California Belles! And for all you San Diego alums who have yet to join us, you are ALWAYS welcome. For more information, please contact Sandy Parry Kesser '07 at sandyparry@yahoo.com or Barb Drossel McKnight at barb.mcknight@gmail.com.

>> South Bend

Happy Summer South Bend Alumnae!

My how the time has flown! The South Bend Club has kept busy this year. In May, finals candy care packages were sent to local on-campus students as a sign of support and encouragement during such a stressful time.

We are already busy making big plans for next year. The Club is planning a Trivia Night to be held on the Saint Mary's College campus during the '12-'13 academic year. This will be the largest fundraiser the club has had in a very long time and we need your help! If you're interested in participating in any way, please send a quick email to Robyn Chmielewski Albert '00 at annanzio@gmail.com.

We will also have our annual Summer Picnic coming up soon to elect our new slate of officers—keep your eye out for details!

The Club is in need of your help—if you are interested in participating and planning Club activities, please let us know!

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 smc-southbend@gmail.com.

>> Twin Cities

The Twin Cities Alumnae Club is looking for a new president! Are you creative? Do you like to organize fun events? Be part of a club that supports fellow alumnae and current students. From volunteering to book club to taking classes and learning new things, this club has enormous potential. Please email Colleen Dolphin '01 at colleen@dolphinography.com to inquire about the 2-year term.

>> Washington, DC



Members of the Washington, DC, Networking Club gathered in February to serve at Miriam's Kitchen. Pictured from left: Sara Pluta Gibson '98 (on staff at Miriam's), Maura Kahn '83, Maureen Burke (on staff at Miriam's Kitchen—back), Natalie Grasso '08, Sara Mahoney '04, and Cheryl Corsaro '69.

With the cherry blossoms in bloom, so are the activities in DC. In April, the Belles supported a great cause by participating in the MS WALK 2012 in DC. The event consisted of a three mile walk around the National Mall. We had a great time and hope to participate in the event again next year! In June we will welcome the new graduates in the DC area at a barbeque on June 23. Details on additional summer events will soon follow.

In January Alumnae attended the Networking Club's happy hour. The Networking Club teamed up with Sara Pluta Gibson '98 in February to volunteer at Miriam's Kitchen.

If you are interested in becoming a member, taking on a role, or would like more information on the DC Alumnae Club, please contact Sophie Benitz '10 at sophiebenitz@gmail.com.

We congratulate the Class of 2012 and wish them the best of luck as they move forward into their next phase of life.

'49

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Dear Friends, I was so delighted to see **Evelyn Kritzer Walters'** return address on an envelope I received in October, but was so sad for her after I read her note. Her husband George had died suddenly on August 21. She went on to say that her only daughter had been killed several years earlier in an automobile accident. Evelyn is in Birmingham, Alabama. Her two sons live in Houston, Texas, and Brentwood, Tennessee.

Evelyn said she always enjoys reading news of our classmates in the *Courier*. Hopefully, some of you might contact her at 480 Paige Drive, Birmingham, AL 35226. Her phone is (205) 979-4127. Evelyn, our only classmate in Birmingham—in all of Alabama—is **Florence Mundi DiPiazza** at phone number (205) 871-1167.

I caught up with **Nancy Branton Davies** in Palm Desert the other day. She has rented a house there for the rest of the winter and had two nieces visiting. Nancy's husband Gordon died on January 4. They had been married 13 years and divided their time between her house in Carmel, and his in St. Helena. They had Christmas in Carmel with all of her large family and as much as he wanted to die in St. Helena, Nancy said his heart was too weak. They took him home to St. Helena for his funeral and burial.

One more death: **Joanne Clair Lyons'** husband John (ND'50) died suddenly on November 18 in West Bend, Wisconsin. He had a stroke in the ambulance on the way to the hospital and never regained consciousness. Fortunately, Joanne was not alone as one of her sons had been living with her for several months in route from St. Louis to a new position.

Many of you may remember John who was a lovely man. Joanne's address is 727 East Tamarack Drive, West Bend, WI 53095. Her phone is (262) 334-5104.

Sally Tiedebohl Billingsley and Bob are very active grandparents. They went to Ashville, North Carolina, in December to see third- and fourth-grade grandsons in a school play. They went to Loras College in September to see granddaughter Kathryn, a member of Loras' golf team play in a seven-school tournament. Kathryn is majoring in sports management. Don't you love it? So like all the college endeavors we engaged in.

Mary "Margie" Herr McGlynn and Bob's granddaughter (one of five sisters) just returned from two months of volunteer service in Sri Lanka. Having received her doctorate in physical therapy, she worked in an orphanage run by Mother Teresa's nuns. This is a constant war zone so the family was very relieved when she arrived home safely.

Jean Murphy Westland said that she makes all the home games of the Notre Dame woman's basketball team. We would not believe the grandeur of the two new indoor ice skating rinks at Notre Dame. Jean lives nearby in Holy Cross Village. She says **Mary Ann McDonnell McTigue** is fine and very busy with her children and grandchildren.

Please add **Florence Mundi DiPiazza's** family to your prayer list. Her 58-year-old son was diagnosed with bladder cancer right before Christmas. A 33-year-old granddaughter has breast cancer.

After many tries to find **Marylou Manion Gatens** at her place in Florida, I found her home in Iowa City, Iowa. She entertained her family in Florida for Christmas and then headed for the Midwest to hit the sports circuit with her sons and their college children's sports teams. Grandson Matt Gatens is the star of Iowa's basketball team. The youngest grandchild is a freshman at Dartmouth. She is going to his crew regatta at Madison in April. In May, she

will attend granddaughter Sara's graduation at Notre Dame. She says she is "slowing down."

Maxine Lange Orr said that she keeps in contact with **Mary Jo Mack Blaney** and **June Mulvihill Williams** who are both fine. How about a word from you, ladies?

Max celebrated her 85th birthday. Her son rented a horseshoe shaped bus (I've never heard of one) and picked up her and 10 of her friends. They played games reroute to a famous fondue place in Dayton for lunch.

Mary Ann Fellingner Ryan just returned from a month in Sanibel, Florida.

Emily Dennard Sant'Amour and Jack just phoned from Murfreesboro, Tennessee. They are back from a Florida vacation. Emily has been working for some time on her oil painting and is doing paintings of all the grandchildren and children individually as gifts.

Mary Ellen Deibler Gleason is in Naples, Florida, where **Marie Murnane Walsh** is headed in March to visit her sister Dorothy for several weeks.

Please ladies, amidst your busy or not so busy lives, remember our classmates who are hurting. A simple phone call or note can make all the difference. You know, there are many who don't have ongoing friendships from Saint Mary's and yet eagerly await news of our class. If each of us reached out to one classmate who is not in our regular circle of contacts, think what that could mean. Conversely, the bashful ones we never hear from could call me so that I don't have to write about the same few all the time. God bless.

'51

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Dear Classmates, I am glad to report that my



Welcome Home Alumnae

The Alumnae Board of Directors
Invites you and your family to attend an
on-campus pre-game Tailgater!

Saturday, September 22nd
Notre Dame vs Michigan
Dalloway's Clubhouse*
12-noon to 2pm

Gather with old friends, professors, meet current students, and enjoy a bowl of chili before crossing the street to Notre Dame. Park at Saint Mary's for only \$20 to benefit our varsity athletic teams. There is an on-campus shuttle available to and from the Notre Dame Bookstore.

An encore performance by Bellacappella,
the exquisite voices of Saint Mary's own a cappella group!

*Dalloway's Clubhouse is just south of Madeleva Hall
facing the parking fields.

Remember,
You're Saint Mary's!

granddaughter Sara Quashnie is settling happily into school at Notre Dame this year. She has a sweet soprano singing voice and has joined one of the choirs there. During Christmas vacation she traveled to several cities as part of the group and had a very enjoyable time. She is also on the Freshman College Bowl team. They have competed against the University of Michigan and Northwestern. Her brother is a hockey player and had the privilege of playing on the ice at the new stadium at Notre Dame this past weekend.

Since it is difficult to travel far with my oxygen equipment, I have stayed put this winter and plan to go to our summer home in June. Playing bridge and studying scripture keeps me busy.

I hear from **Carol Huebner Collins** and her husband Walt and **Therese Despres Randall** now and then. They are doing fine.

Every Christmas I receive a letter from **Virginia Val-lee Delaney** who lives in Salt Lake City, Utah. Last year, she and Joe celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. Congratulations. Ginnie's stories about their travels in their area of our great country are fascinating.

Please pray for Jack Kammerer, the husband of **Patricia McDermott Kammerer**, who died on February 5. Our love and prayers are with you, Pat.

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Dear Classmates: Well, it's February and we're into another new year. They are going by fast, aren't they? Or is it that by the time I figure out the new date I have to write a column? Last summer I decided that we should all know which of our classmates are not among us, so I asked the Alumnae Office to send me a list, and they did. I am not putting it in this column because it is long and discouraging with 67 names on it. But I am not on it, and if you're reading this, you are not on it, and I suggest that all of us should just remember our old friends. Think about the pleasure that knowing them gave all of us. I roomed with **Adrienne Higgins Wallace** for four years, and had lunch with her monthly the year before she died.

Part of the reason the years go by so fast is that more than half of this one will be gone before you read this. I had a letter from **Linda Duffy Hensel** in November of 2011. Her husband died suddenly in January of 2010, and she decided to move nearer her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren in the Dallas area. She is living in McKinley, Texas, a suburb of Dallas. I have an even earlier letter that I seem to have ignored, from **Joan Randag Maloney**. (I didn't really ignore it. I couldn't find it.) Her husband William James (Jim) died in May of 2010. She writes that her son Bob lives nearby and is a great help to her. I have an even older letter from **Anne Foley Klimek**, mentioning that she gets in touch with **Joan Crawford Easley**. Now Joan is gone. I phoned Anne and did get to talk with her. She and Tom are still living in South Bend, in the same house, and have two grandchildren living in Indianapolis. Anne and Tom have a sailboat about an hour away on Lake Michigan. They are wondering whether to launch it this spring. I urged them to do so, if only to have picnics on it. Anne recently talked with **Mary Brennan Schilling**. Mary and George moved from the city to suburban South Bend, and say that their children are scattered around.

Of course, I am writing this at the 11th hour or maybe the 12th, but this time I have a good excuse. Last year, Connecticut had a terrible winter, so in early summer, Jack and I squandered all our frequent flier miles on tickets for two weeks of February in Puerto Rico. We had two weeks of wonderful weather: 81 degrees everyday, complete indolence, and novel reading for exercise. I had visions of escaping snow and storms at home, but not so. It was 60 degrees in Connecticut.

I made some phone calls and found absolutely no one at home, but I left a message on **Patricia "Pat" Kerper Moriarty's** message machine to call me, and bless her, she did. She told me she had just returned from a Florida trip with her daughter. While she was in Florida, Pat had lunch with **Betty Kiley Roach**, **Joan Hoffman DeCrane**, **Patricia "Pat" Doyle Mulligan**, and **Jo Ann Lyden Soch**. Pat says the DeCrane's now live in Vero Beach. In January, Pat went to Tucson and Phoenix with a daughter who had meetings there while Pat spent two days with **Sue Seidensticker Cannata** and her husband Frank. Pat and Sue had been roommates for two years. Pat and her daughter went to botanical gardens and spent time with a cousin while they were in Scottsdale, and then went on to Tucson. Pat's daughter Ann, who is the mother of the young man who recovered from cancer a couple of years ago and then finished at Notre Dame, have more travel plans, but my notes fail me at this point. I have something to the effect that he might be working in Paris, and those two women are hoping (hoping what?). Words lost in the ether of the phone. Pat had talked with **Mary Curley McDougal** who is fine, and told me that Ed and **Mary Jane McKeon Gray** are in Florida for six weeks. **Jo Disser Barger** and husband are neighbors to Pat, and she sees them. Pat closed her family news by telling me that her Montana daughter had moved to Minneapolis, and Pat spent Christmas with her. We ended with the news that **Ellen Sheehan Berek** had called, she is fine, and in contact with **Ann Haskins Kelly**. Ann has moved recently and is living in Minnetonka, Minnesota.

I had a telephone visit with **Celia McGuire Forristal** on August 27, 2011. She was telling me about a lunch with **Ann Sullivan Bajc** that she had in February 2011. I never knew that Celia had a brother at Notre Dame in the Class of '51. My brother who is now deceased, was Class of '50. The four of us could have had a spaghetti dinner together at Rosie's. Celia said that **Carol Gill Sutherland** was a friend of her brother.

Peter Stahl, widower of **Wilma Snyder**, who died 41 years ago, asked if anyone who has memories of Wilma would mind sharing them with him. Call or write the Alumnae Office to share your story.

I have spent hours doing this for you, my dear classmates. It's your turn to do something for me. Send me a postcard or a note, or a letter or a phone call before the end of August this year, please.

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Jay Rose, the husband of **Florence Senger Rose**, had extensive heart surgery in September. All went well and Jay is recuperating very well. Their annual family picture Christmas card shows Florie and Jay celebrating their 55th wedding anniversary with 20 of their 22 grandchildren. **Joan Kershaw Putnam**

keeps me informed with news of classmates through her extensive communication system. Joanie spoke with **Mary White**, whose house in Washington, D.C., was rattled during the earthquake last fall. No damage was incurred, but it was frightening to have the house shaking. **Kay Willett Diebels** reports of spending winters in Florida, and back to Wisconsin for summer and fall. No report on what happened to Alaska. **Marie DeMeester Meehan** updated me on granddaughter Olivia's condition. Olivia is four-and-a-half now and has had several health problems. The latest was surgery at Children's Hospital in Boston, for repair of arteries that had caused a TIA. The surgery was successful and she is now home at Kitty Hawk. They expect a full recovery, but only time will tell. Marie asks for your continuing prayers. Marie continues that she and **Sue Centlivre Farmer** had remained close after Sue left and until the Meehan's frequent moves with the military caused them to lose track. When **Natalie Healy Doell** notified Marie of Sue's death, Natalie mentioned that a Centlivre cousin lived in Chesapeake when Marie's daughter was a teacher there. You know where this is going. Indeed, she had taught Molly Centlivre (small world). **Carolyn Linnig O'Rourke** writes from California, where she continues to work with at-risk youth, something she finds very satisfying. **Mary Ann Immonen Haidinger** fell and sustained multiple fractures in her leg. She is recuperating nicely, but their travels have been somewhat curtailed. **Carol Wiseman Smith** and John were on their way to Mexico when I spoke to her in January. On their return, they are moving to a high rise condo on the lake in Wilmette, Illinois. Their daughter Anne and her family are moving to the house where Carol and John have lived for 50 years. I have often written about visits to Carol's wonderful front porch.

Winter *Courier's* spread on Sister Madeleva featured our own **Gretchen Hartman Sherman** being "enrobed" by Sister Madeleva in 1955. An article in the *Chicago Tribune* on page three of the September 29 issue titled "Business is Bubbling" told the story of five Saint Mary's business students whose project turned into a burgeoning South Bend business. Charged with a plan to create and market a new business, they had to pitch their idea: a bright-green craft soda called "Twist O'Luck" to local bankers and Saint Mary's faculty for seed money. They received \$1,900—enough to launch their company and persuade the campus cafes to begin selling their drink. It took off immediately. The entire loan was soon repaid with interest, and they expanded their market to South Bend. The Notre Dame mini-mart took four cases and sold out within 24 hours. They have sold five pallets and expanded to eight locations. All students received an "A" in the class. Nice going, ladies.

Mary Ann Hoben Jensen attended our 50th Reunion with her sister **Patricia "Pat" Hoben Daniels '65**. After her retirement, Mary Ann had moved to Galena, Illinois, and developed a very busy life there. She became very active in the historical society and conducted tours, including the home of President U.S. Grant. Mary Ann entered a full-care facility last year and **Jeanne Jenk Goen**, her longtime home economics roommate, visited occasionally. Mary Ann died November 15—her birthday. Her son Jerry says, "I know there are college friends of hers (I'm thinking of **Mary White** and **Jean Kershaw Boehm**) that would like to know, but I don't have their contact information." He reports she had a good day, went to bed, and died in her sleep. For many years she wrote this column. We all enjoyed her wit and special take on events. One memorable column

ended with "As my colleague, Walter, says, 'That's the way it was.'" Service and burial were in her hometown of Seneca. Our prayers are with her family, but the memories are all ours.

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The wonderful Christmas greetings of 2011 brought the additional pleasure of anticipating our 55th Reunion. Many have expressed hopes and plans to be there, among those was **Rosemary Knope Trippe**. She and Sam enjoyed the Notre Dame-Navy game this fall, although the outcome wasn't what former Navy man Sam had hoped. They did have a great mini reunion that weekend with six of their grandchildren, and their card featured the event. Ray and **Julie Dittoe Schmidlin's** card "From our house to yours" featured their holiday-decorated house and Julie's intention to "be there in June." **Margaret "Peggy" Maher Engler's** lovely artwork graced their card. She and John tried for a family picture at Thanksgiving, when 22 of them gathered at their mountain home, but as she said, "It was too chaotic." Those group shots are a challenge, I know. For you golfers, the Engler's son, Father Chapin, is pastor of the parish at St. Charles, near the Greenbrier in West Virginia. **Elizabeth "Liz" McCorkle Groden's** card told of an August kitchen fire—which turned out, as she said—to be a blessing. The incident, though small, spread soot throughout the house, requiring extensive cleanup, painting, and replacement. The stress it created led to medical problems, tests—and amazingly—to successful carotid artery surgery.

Last September, **Josephine "Josie" Murphy Vorda, Margaret "Peg" Balfé, Mary O'Connor, and Jody Donohoe McGoldrick** and I spent a week enjoying the beauty of the Finger Lakes region in New York. Jody was able to work in a visit with her daughter Kelly and her family in nearby Rochester. We had the bonus of briefly visiting with her husband Bob when he picked her up. Immediately afterward, Mary left from Boston for France on what sounds like the trip of a lifetime. Mary was part of a group from Palo Alto, California, visiting their sister city of Toulouse, and then to Albi and the Dordogne area. Shortly after her return she was able to entertain the daughter of her French host on her first trip to the U.S. Then Mary took off for Palau and Yap for two weeks of snorkeling and marine biology study. I need an atlas just to keep up.

Pat Smith Parish has been living in Phoenix for years, but remembers fondly beautiful autumns in the Midwest. After visiting **Ruth Keefe Herman** for a few days in Washington, D.C., she stayed briefly with Dick and I. Josie, Pat, and I even spent an afternoon at the Morton Arboretum, but couldn't pull off the change of colors on time. **Pat Bauervic Leonard** came to the Chicago area in the fall and had a great visit with **Mary Lou Ahern Colfer** and **Janet O'Connell McCue**. Mary Lou and Janet also had lunch with **Jeannie Haenn Rainey** when Jeannie was in Wilmette, Illinois, visiting her daughter.

I'm sure you noticed in the winter 2011 *Courier* the death of our classmate **Patricia Flynn Mraz** in early September in Wheaton, Illinois. Among those responding to my email about Pat's death was **Irene**

O'Leary Van Beckum, who reminded me that she had gone to high school with Pat at St. Xavier's on Chicago's south side. As Irene recalled, there were only about 36 in their graduating class and about one quarter of them came to Saint Mary's. Amazing. Also among them was: **Florence Peter Anderson, Regina Crane Gschwind, Marilyn Stupek Ahern, Mary Katherine (MK) Sheehan Chandler, Anne McCain Sturm, and Mary Kay Starshak Ahern**. Sadly, Anne and **Mary Kay Starshak Ahern** predeceased Pat as you know. Our sympathy goes out to Pat's husband Richard, their three daughters, and their families.

Shortly after Pat's death came news of the October death of John VanBeckum, husband of **Irene O'Leary Van Beckum**. John had been ill for some time and struggled valiantly. Longtime friends Jim and **Pat Hoag Ziperski** informed me and were present at the impressive memorial Mass, as were John and **Carole Nordengren Suttner** and **Margi McCarthy Rice**. John was a very active member of his parish and community and we send our condolences to Irene, their six children, and 14 grandchildren.

Unfortunately, the New Year brought more bad news. **Marie Lyman Meagher** passed away on January 5. Although Marie had been ill, her death came as a shock. She will always be remembered by our classmates for her efforts to encourage us to "make a good showing" at Reunion in our class gift and percentages of participation. This was done, as was everything she undertook, with quiet grace and determination. As her husband Jim says: "She was devoted to Saint Mary's and the people she knew from there." We send our sincere sympathy to Jim and their family. In response to the news, many have suggested using her inspiration to motivate our Reunion giving. I was happy to hear that John and **Anne White Maysak** were able to travel from their Maryland home to New Jersey to attend Marie's funeral. This was fitting since Jim and Marie met on a blind date for the Military Ball, which Anne had arranged.

Shortly after Marie's death came the shock of the sudden death of Ray LeFevour, husband of **Dee Kiley LeFevour**. Ray died after meeting friends for breakfast and doing a brief errand. Our prayers are with Dee, their seven children, and 16 grandchildren. Ray was a well-respected member of the community, having been the retired president of Chicago's Wright College.

Those of you whose email addresses I have know that I have shared the news of these sad events. Unfortunately, in early February, came another blow to our class. **Kay Hardesty Connaughton** died in St. Louis, which had always been her hometown. Responses to the news included many who remembered her great smile, sense of humor, skill at bridge (those long ago games in the Rec) and what fun she was at reunions. **Alice Quinn Kalafut** recalled visiting Kay years ago when Tom and **Chicki Taylor Spalding** were also living in St. Louis.

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Our dear classmate **Anne Rody Cooney** lost her valiant five-month battle against colon cancer on January 19. Anne, who lived in Albuquerque, New Mexico, is survived by her ex-husband, Jim Cooney

ND'59, six children, and nine grandchildren. The last thing she said to me in a November note was, "Please know I continue to have hope." Many of you may not remember Anne, as she transferred to Saint Mary's mid-semester our junior year from Ball State, and roomed back in Regina Hall with me after Vicki left to get married. But who could forget her beautiful voice when she played Laurey in Notre Dame Theatre's *Oklahoma*. She was a wonderful part of my youth and I will never forget her. Yesterday, Gerry and I met with one of her daughters, Molly, who lives in California, and she presented me with a DVD featuring Anne's life, which was shown at her funeral Mass.

Another classmate who has gone home to God is **Gracie Rembusch Bill** of Indianapolis. She peacefully died surrounded by her loving husband, Joseph ND'56 and family on June 13, 2011. In addition to her husband, she is survived by five children, 10 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. During our freshman orientation at Saint Mary's, Gracie and I discovered we had attended second grade together at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School in Indianapolis, where she grew up. My father was in the military so I was there barely a year. With tears and laughter, let us celebrate their lives.

Other sad news, **Connie Roller Curtin** lost her ex-husband, John Curtin, to cancer on January 14 in Scottsdale, Arizona. He was a well-known family physician in the east valley, retiring only five months before his death. I also received word that John McGrath, husband of **Peggy Broughton McGrath**, passed away December 8, 2011, in Ottawa, Illinois. Please remember them in your prayers.

Rosalie Riegle has been elected to the National Committee of the War Resisters League, the nation's oldest secular pacifist organization and one with close ties to the Catholic Worker movement, which Rosalie is very involved with. **Carol Cruise** continues to enjoy good health after years of orthopedic problems. Her surgeon tells her to keep traveling and exhibiting at quilt shows around the country, because the lifting, carrying, and the like is keeping her young and in good shape. At a recent show she met a fellow sewer/quilter out of Tucson, who turned out to be her cousin. They share an aunt, Helen Hosinski, who was Father Theodore Hesburgh's private secretary for his entire tenure as president, who is commemorated with a plaque in the Administration Building at Notre Dame.

I received a press release via **Katie Hall Kilculen** with the headline "What do football, art, and real estate have in common?" The answer is her husband Bob Kilcullen, former Chicago Bear, world champion, and Dallas real estate professional who is now devoting all of his time and talent to his real passion—the arts. He is launching his new website: www.kilculenarts.com to help showcase his work and share his long passion for the arts. Check it out—it's fabulous.

Carol Podesta Foley and **Barbara Patrick O'Toole** organized a no-host Christmas luncheon on December 7, 2011, for classmates in the Chicago vicinity. It was held at the Union League Club and in attendance were **Mary Alice Scuderi Loughran, Jan Rauch Keck, Rosalie Riegle, and Mary Sue Sheets Klinkose** (who was visiting from Indianapolis). The lunch was such a success that Carol and Barbara have decided to have it every year for whoever can come. Just before Thanksgiving I got an email from Carol. She writes: "I broke my left wrist tripping over Brian's barbells in the middle of the floor. What a pain!" That's one way to get out of cooking a turkey.

I received a nice long call from **Jeanne Mavi-**

gliano Conley, who is being treated for pulmonary hypertension. It has slowed her down a bit, but she is dealing with it. She still winters in the Phoenix area, but would love to downsize her primary residence in Riverside, Illinois, when—and if—the market improves. **Marge Liebrich O'Connor** writes in her Christmas card that Richmond, Virginia, was hit with a hurricane, tornadoes, and an earthquake. It was worse, she says, than anything she experienced in her three years in California. She and family spent Thanksgiving in the Bahamas. **Marilyn Manion Thies** and her husband spent Christmas in Tallahassee, to be with their son and family. She stays busy—studying short fiction, Bible study, the gym, and genealogy.

The northern part of Vermont, where **Dick and Pat Wilson Fastiggi** live, was spared the brunt of Tropical Storm Irene, but in the southern part roads, bridges, and homes were washed away. Pat and Dick celebrated their 50th this year: first in Texas, where they live half the year, and then in Vermont with a cast of thousands. Great picture, Pat.

Jackie Baumer Berg was also affected by the spring tornadoes that hit the southeast. "Our main power stations were down for five days. There was great devastation. Banks, ATMs, gas stations, restaurants, and grocery stores without generators couldn't operate. Everyone helped each other, we felt lucky to survive without damage, injury, or loss of life." Life in Huntsville is back to normal now, she is happy to report.

Fred and **Fran Tetaz Juliano** celebrated Fred's 80th birthday with their sons and families in Colorado this summer, and the reunion was repeated for Christmas at their home in Illinois. Fran writes, "I was sorry to read of Grace's death. We were cabin mates at Camp Marie du Lac in Lakeside, Michigan, when we were just in elementary school. May she rest in peace. The camp was founded, run, and endowed by the Holy Cross sisters from Saint Mary's."

While visiting her granddaughter in Colorado, **Rosie Mudd Nickodemus** spent a wonderful day with **Mary Beth Schaeffer Conroy** and Tom, who live in Englewood. Then in September she joined **Mary Ann Chaplicki Devoe** and husband Dana (from Maine) in a visit to their daughter in Portland, Oregon. "It was such fun, and I was treated like one of the family," she says. **Peg Stratton Burleigh** writes, "Our town had a 'first' this year: Notre Dame came to town to play Wake Forest. It was a big event, plus both teams played well and either could have won. No one left the stadium early."

Mary K. Moran Gaudet and Bob celebrated their 50th with a two-week trip to Switzerland and Austria in June. Mary K., who lives in Centennial, Colorado, writes grants, chairs the Scholarship Program, and volunteers in the thrift store of the Assistance League along with playing tennis and golf. She is also on the foundation board of an inner-city parochial school that is struggling to keep its doors open. **Sally Porth Brown** enjoyed a jazz cruise to the Caribbean and joined her high school classmates for a mini-reunion. **Sharon McGee Sitton Bradshaw** just sent me an email letting me know that she and Murray were leaving for a three-week trip to China and Southeast Asia.

Colleen Taffee Goldkamp Harmon and husband Bob enjoyed a motor tour of Ireland and Northern France. "We survived driving on the left side of the road (most of the time) in Ireland, and left only limited permanent damage to rock walls, car mirrors, rocker panels, ego, and nerves. Their mountain roads are mostly modified goat paths. They are insanely narrow and twisty and are bordered with

vertical rocks walls built in the middle ages. In Paris, we became separated while transferring trains in the biggest meanest complex of the Metro system. It took a frantic hour to find each other," she says.

Pat Whealan Hartigan, from Dunwoody, Georgia, sent a great Christmas picture taken with her 13 gorgeous grandkids. **Sue Brown Bapst** was feted with a large surprise party for her 75th. The entire family was there (with seven children, that's a lot). "We had a lovely dinner together with lots of pictures and reminiscing about 'Life with Mom.' I think the grandchildren were amazed that Mom-Mom is that old and still manages to be able to function," she says.

From the "it's a small world" file: **Mary Moran Smith** reports that her granddaughter, Emily, a freshman at St. Louis University studying nursing, is a dorm neighbor of **Gerry Dunn Leinenweber's** granddaughter. Mary and her daughter are planning to attend the Notre Dame-Navy game in Ireland this fall.

Last minute note from **Martha Risher Davis Lamb** in Fairfax, Virginia, brings news that her granddaughter's high school volleyball team (Cardinal Gibbons High School in Cary, North Carolina) won the state championship. She hears from Bob and **Marilyn Kerkhoff Peltzer** who do a lot of traveling in their RV.

Tom and **Sarah Sceales Mulcahy's** plans to attend the Notre Dame-Wake Forest game on their way to their condo in Florida were put on hold when Sarah's doctor discovered she was suffering from one or more hernias (the result of prior abdominal surgeries). During her successful surgery they repaired six. She has recovered and should be enjoying the sunshine on Gasparilla Island as I type. Gerry and I will join the Mulcahys in June for the guys' 55th Notre Dame Reunion, and then again for a game in September. We might even catch them in Florida when we visit my sister **Betty Benford Belfiore** and Jack in April.

I received a copy of a letter sent to Ed and **Barbara Patrick O'Toole** from President **Carol Ann Mooney '72** thanking our class for our commitment to the mission of Saint Mary's College—our Class of 1959 Endowed Scholarship Market value as of June 30, 2011 is \$417,479.77. I'm sure **Ann Meagher Vander Vennet** (R.I.P.) is pleased.

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Greetings from the north woods of Minnesota. It's been an unusual winter here as elsewhere in the country. We finally received about five inches of snow a few days ago, but we're still behind the amount of snow we would like to see. Perhaps it will be a rainy spring.

I received a very newsy email from **Julia Armstrong Zwart** updating me on her life for the last 50 years. I've included most of it, since this is the first time I've heard from her, and she has lived an interesting life. Julia went to graduate school at The Johns Hopkins University and received an M.A. in Spanish and completed all requirements for a Ph.D., except the dissertation. She married a fellow student in her second year and had a son, Gian-Mario, in 1963. When her husband received a Fulbright Fellowship, they were off to Florence, Italy, where she gave birth to her second son, Antonio Filippo, in 1964.

They returned to the U.S. in 1965, and her husband was hired as an assistant professor of Italian

at the University of Michigan. Julia was hired as a research associate in the Foreign Language Innovative Curricula Study and the English Language Institute. In 1968, her husband was hired by the City University of New York to direct their Study Abroad Program in Bologna, Italy. In 1970, they returned to the U.S. to the University of Massachusetts-Amherst, where her husband was hired as an assistant professor of Italian, and she was hired as a lecturer in French and Italian, and in Spanish and Portuguese. She subsequently became an assistant dean in the College of Arts and Sciences, where she was responsible for administering the college's graduation requirements and general academic advising.

In 1981, her marriage ended, and she and her younger son, Antonio, moved to Santa Cruz, California, where she became the campus' first ombudsman. By the time of her retirement in 2001, she was serving as assistant chancellor for human resources and assistant academic vice chancellor for faculty relations—not only the longest job title on campus, but one that encompassed responsibility for faculty personnel actions, grievances, and discipline; staff human resources; faculty and staff labor relations; Title IX; Affirmative Action and Equal Employment Opportunity; and disability access.

Her older son, Gian-Mario, who had remained in Amherst to attend the university, died tragically a few months before his 20th birthday. Her younger son Antonio, 46, lives nearby with his wife and two young children.

In 1996, she remarried following an eight-year courtship, since neither wanted to rush into anything. Her husband, Frank, retired last year after 20 years as UCSC's campus architect. Since his retirement, they've been traveling and enjoying their grandchildren.

Joan Schaefer Haviland writes from Honeoye Falls, New York, saying she had just returned from Borgne, Haiti, where she is part of a nonprofit charitable corporation. They have 58 children on scholarship into their third year of school and have opened a new school for over 200 children who no longer have to cross rivers to go to school. They have also started a sewing center with treadle machines. Check her group at www.friendsofborgne.org. Joan says it was great to work with compassionate and giving people who demonstrate that it truly does take a village to raise a child. She also volunteers at an inner-city school, and she and her husband are looking forward to their 50th wedding anniversary.

From **Margaret Quinn Jones** in Green Bay, Wisconsin, comes news that her youngest son Michael and wife Abby gave birth to their eighth little leprechaun, Erin Marie Jones, on January 3. Peg traveled to Las Vegas to do her "Nana" bit. In the fall of 2011, she led a study group as they experienced "A Biblical Walk through the Mass."

Anne McGovern Gerard and I spent quite some time on the phone one February afternoon in an attempt to determine what Sister **M. Madeleva Wolff, CSC '09** was referring to by The Four Last Things. After paging through Sister's book by the same name and reading poems to Anne, we still had no answer. I eventually found online what I think is the Catholic answer: death, judgment, heaven, and hell. Anne also related a fun time watching granddaughter Grace portray the Wicked Witch of the West and riding onto the stage on a bicycle instead of a broom.

From Clarendon Hills, Illinois, **B. J. Sitzberger Gorman** writes that she and her husband Earl, had some time in the sun in Florida in late January and

then went on to Panama to meet grandson number four, Dylan, the firstborn of their firstborn. B. J. was glad to be back home after the travel challenges of getting to Panama City, and then to Pedasi, where their son lives.

Kudos for B. J.'s book, *The Chi of Body and Place*, came from **Mary Ellen "Straw" Berry Malone** in Dallas, Texas. Straw found the book to be very understandable, very informative, and had large print. She finds herself reading it over and over to learn the Chi.

Mary Ellen Norris Durbin sends news from Lisle, Illinois, that she and Ron celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with two weeks in Paris in October 2011. In February, they enjoyed a visit with **Helen "Susie" Cahill Zavodnyik '63** in Venice, Florida.

Norma Lee Ngan has been traveling again. This time she and husband John were in Sydney for the wedding of their son Gordon to Andrea Wan on January 29. Following that, they spent some time on Whitsunday Island, Queensland, in the Great Barrier Reef. Daughter Kellee married Ben Hart on October 7, 2011, on Granville Island, Vancouver.

Beth Mackin Baxter in Florida says she enjoyed an afternoon in February with **Brenda Bokor Solon** and **Claudia Cronin Waller**, who were also in Florida. She is expecting **Susan Fitzgerald Rice** and her husband the middle of March. The local book club is reading Beth's book, *Two Sons*, and she will be monitoring a discussion in person on March 14. She is working to have other book clubs discuss the book and would be available to answer questions on Skype. Thus far, six book clubs are reading her book.

I truly appreciate hearing from all who answered my request for news. Please keep me updated on any changes in your email address and also let me know email addresses of classmates I may not have in my listing.

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So many themes emerge from the latest reports from various classmates. Achievement, wisdom, contentment, and ongoing learning are reflected in the emails and notes, however enormous the challenges

that our friends are confronting.

On a recent visit to Santa Fe, **Flo Theurer Hernandez** agreed to be scribe for **Lynne Baur**, who sends us the following message: "I am completely paralyzed, but I am grateful for it because it is such an opportunity to grow spiritually. I can move my left arm from the elbow down. There is not one thing in my life that I can do on my own. If my foot itches, someone has to scratch it; if my foot is too close to the edge of the bed, someone has to move it. The paralysis is a gift because it forces me to look at spiritual issues and that's why we're here. It is the great gift of my later life that my sister Lisa chose to go on the great journey of Buddhism with me. My teacher, a Buddhist nun, comes once a week and we call Chicago so Lisa can join us. I love my teacher. Buddhism has saved me by opening the door to seeing the joy in being paralyzed, not in spite of being paralyzed. I see it as a gift. Buddhism has trained my mind to see others ... to cherish others. This is essential. Anyone who gives you a problem is immediately your teacher." Lynne will send more reflections to us.

Other classmates write of their deepening involvement in the arts. **Betty Rompf Gallick** is playing violin in two orchestras (Venice Symphony and Sarasota Pops) as well as a string quartet. **Mary Schuh DeSilva** emerged from a strenuous 18-month training program of classes, research papers, audits, and examinations at the Metropolitan Museum of Art and is now a docent teaching middle and high school students about the art of the Ancient Worlds of Egypt, Mesopotamia, Greece, and Rome. Mary leads tours two days a week during the school year while continuing the training that will soon qualify her to conduct tours for adults in specialized areas. On the West Coast, **Ann Purcell Perini** moved some years ago from work in the non-profit sector to museum work through the Auxiliary of the San Francisco Arts Museums. Ann has served as president of the auxiliary and participated in the opening of the deYoung's new building as well as the search for and appointment of a new director who has launched major exhibits drawing on collections and museums in all parts of the world. Betty says she had forgotten how important music is to her and exults in how much fun playing with other accomplished musicians is. Mary says she "simply can't seem to get enough of the Met—the art, the challenge, the learning, and all the great people of all sorts, backgrounds, and ages." She is

impressed with the way the Met conveys that the docents are a valued part of a "wondrous institution."

Since her retirement from Boston's Leahy Clinic, **Mary Ann Boyle** has become a regular in yoga and the Life Long Learning program at Regis College, where she serves on the planning committee for the Lunch, Listen, and Learn (LLL) program. **Mary C. Rainey** is even more deeply involved in community issues on a local and national basis. Her work as a Red Cross volunteer brought her to Richmond, Virginia, and Hazelton, Pennsylvania,

last year to liaison with non-government organizations trying to meet the unmet needs caused by the floods from Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee. Back home in Florida, she volunteers as the external relations lead for an eight-county area that includes rural and urban coastal areas. She's also been engaged in advanced training for trouble expected during the August Republican convention. **Margie Nutting Ralph** is busy with children, grandchildren, teaching, and publishing. Her base of operations is still the Lexington Theological Seminary, but she is also teaching deacon classes for St. Meinrad. Her newest book, *The New Testament, The Good News of Jesus Christ*, is a textbook for seniors in high school (St. Mary's Press). **Diane Shalala Fritel** will retire from full-time teaching at the end of May, but she plans to continue her GED teaching at a local drug/alcohol treatment center. Diane sends her news as the temperature was registering -10 on their farm in North Dakota, but her breath-taking schedule for the upcoming months indicated that the cold does not keep her inside.

Health issues are challenging probably more of our classmates than we know. **Mary Walsh Green's** husband died in Houston last year while Mary was herself gravely ill. **Peggy Woodin Green** writes from Beaumont: "Marty has been suffering from Alzheimer's dementia for the past few years and it has been over three years since he closed his law office." Peggy retired to become a full-time caregiver and is grateful for the family support that they are receiving from hospice, prayers from friends, and help from their children. Several children live in Maryland, where Peggy and Marty check in on grandchildren; others reside in Texas. Daughter Sherry manages to write the humor blog known as *Chocolate for Your Brain* while directing the activities of 10 children.

Some folks have written that our last reunion opened up new doors or spurred them to take on pursuits they had long postponed. Reunion clearly allows us opportunities to weave threads of continuity and connect the whole as we continue composing our lives. People are already relishing the coming opportunity to continue important conversations next June. Planning for our 50th Reunion is already underway. Send thoughts on what you'd like that event to include to the co-chairs of the planning committee: **Kathryn Wiedl Mettler** (smettler@bellsouth.net) and **Mary Jo Pauli Landry** (maryjolandry13@gmail.com).

Jane McClelland Sawtell writes: "The best news of all is that my scholarship student Maggie Karcher is graduating from Saint Mary's College and she has been accepted at Seton Hill Medical School. What a difference Saint Mary's College has made in her life."

From the Courier: Patricia Greeley Lechman writes: "One more year until our Reunion. Can't believe the big '50' is here already."

I don't know if you know or not, but **Noreen Blakemore Fitch's** husband, Jim Fitch ND'62, passed away in the fall. Noreen has many friends and a younger brother and older sister in Cleveland.

Last April 9, I had a granddaughter. My daughter **Laura Lechman Rodriguez '97** now has a baby girl, River Isabella, and three-year-old Kevin. As grandma, I am kept busy babysitting, which I love, especially when my grandson stands in the middle of McDonald's and announces, "I love my grandma."

"I plan to attend my daughter's 15th Reunion with her on her invitation. She loved Saint Mary's and goes back whenever possible."

"Last January my husband Don and I went with our bishop and group to Israel, an eye opener into the Middle East. In July for my 70th, we went to Waikiki Beach. We climbed Diamond Head, went

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Saint Mary's graduates gathered at the home of Susan Ball Laurie '67 in Vero Beach, Florida, to celebrate Valentine's Day with a brunch. Pictured from left: Catherine Phee '63, Charlotte "Shotsi" La Joie '76, Susan Ball Laurie '67, and Barbara Breen Hickey '61. The photo was taken by Mary Ann Curnes Fuller '64.

snorkeling at 6 a.m., and rode an outrigger. Next time I'm going to learn to surf.

"In November, Don and I attended the Navy-Notre Dame game with my nephew Joe Greeley and his son Jack Greeley, a future Notre Damer. Hail and rain before the game didn't keep anyone away.

"I'm still painting and have sold some works. Look forward to seeing you next spring. Take good care of yourself. Until then, your friend, Pat."

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Jan McCale O'Neill sends a note that she and Pat went to Russia on a Notre Dame trip and, as usual, with the Notre Dame crowd, had a great time. Thanks-giving and Christmas were in Atlanta with the family.

Lil passes along some news from **Darlene Unger Currier**: "I'm in Texas, and the weather is perfect. I belong to a group at UT that is 500 strong called LAMP (Learning Activities for Mature People). You would have loved to see me on the student bus this a.m. They even have seats designated for 'seniors or disabled people.' I sat in my designated seat with my younger riders. Where did all those years go?"

Ashley Shannon, daughter of **Cathy Haenn Shannon**, was a contestant on the TV show *Jeopardy* in October. "Ashley came in second place, but she had a good time anyway. We don't have much news here. I've recently talked to **Patsy Callahan Berry**, **Theresa Smith Harron**, **Kathleen McAnaney Glaser**, **Anne Harvey Lewis**, and **Katherine Zeller Nicklin**. We had long conversations that just seemed to flow as if we

to examine and question my political and religious views. Our children and grandchildren are doing well and we get to see them frequently. Tom and I consider ourselves to be very blessed."

Teffy Lyons Brosnan sends a note that she was in the Holy Land, and that she was praying for all of us. She also mentions that they had a party for her mother who turned 100 on March 3, 2011. "My sister **Norreen Lyons Burke '58** was also there. We had close to 100 people come. My mother still lives by herself and just has someone come in to help her with her shower, only because I asked her to do it for me so that I would not worry about her falling. She also reads the paper cover to cover and is up on all current events." (Would that we all had such stamina.)

Pat Farrell Wareham writes a lovely, newsy note, saying: "We find ourselves so busy with volunteer work and our first 'in town' grandchild arrived September 17, a beautiful girl called Franny, who has ignited our hearts all over again. We are enjoying the frosting on the cake each day of this time of our lives. I missed not having any good snow storms this winter, but am excitedly awaiting the budding of spring flowers, and not too excited about spring cleaning."

Colleen Leahy emails that she is off to their place in Ireland for 16 days.

"Forgot to mention that I ran into **Marcia Black McMahon** on Wednesday at a fundraiser," writes **Terry Miltich Murphy**. "My friends wanted to know how she knew it was my birthday. How nice Lil that you keep us in mind of each other. Many thanks."

Lil's birthday missives have been wonderful in getting classmates connecting again.

Margaret Burns King was on the committee for the Down the Avenue fundraising event at Saint Mary's. She represents us very well.

Sara Johnson Walz and Nick attended the funeral of **Sister M. Basil Anthony O'Flynn CSC, '46**

at Saint Mary's. "I just got back from Sr. Basil Anthony's funeral," she says. "It was chilly, but the rain held off. I guess I was the Class of '65 representative. Many classmates sent letters on the occasion of her 90th birthday, including you, Sheila, and **Cille Sorrentino Bucolo**, our late friend **Pat Sears Kraemer**, **Molly Martin Mannino**, **Sue Sheridan Joyce**, and **Bev Senda DeFoe**. They were on display in two scrapbooks that had been made for her, and she read them often. The letters reminded me that she was tough in some of

her decisions, but also full of kindness and compassion. I was there early so I went to the remembrance table and read some of the letters from the scrapbooks. The Mass was lovely, and then we all walked to the gravesite. After a few prayers we sang *When Irish Eyes are Smiling* and dispersed. I think Sister B. A. would have approved. Her only request was to keep her funeral simple. I'm sure some of our deceased classmates were in heaven to meet her and show her around."

More news via Lil from **Janine Renaud Burns**: "I can feel how much I missed by not being able to join you for our last reunion. When we were in college, I always understood that we had a special class. You'll always be in my memories and my heart. Hopefully, we will all be together for the BIG 50. Love, health, new wisdom, and great laughs to all in 2012."

I opened an email from **Marianne Spalding Schiavone** and up popped a picture of her on the cover of a magazine. She's our own cover girl. "Attached is the winter 2012 edition of Vanguard West Suburban Medical Center's external newsletter *With You for Health*. When you have a chance, Sheila, take a minute to read about some of the great programs and services offered at West Sub and on the River Forest, Illinois, campus," writes Marianne. "Not quite the February *Sports Illustrated* edition, but I have cover girl status anyway. Know that this picture was shot outside on one of the warmest days of fall: turtle-neck, down jacket, woolen scarf, earmuffs, gloves, and post-menopausal hormones. Yikes. The photographer and I had much fun."

Lil sent news from **Marilyn Petroff Connor**, who writes a little poem of her own right back to Lil. "Hi, Lil. Love the birthday wishes that come all year and want to make sure you know January 25 is my day to cheer. Though it has past, want all to know I spent the day with a broken arm cast.

"Loved hearing back from my friends **Sara Johnson Walz**, **Cille Sorrentino Bucolo**, and **Junie Miller Smith**. My big news is that I'm leaving Palm Beach and Neiman Marcus on April 27. It marks exactly 20 years of my life in retail. We plan to spend winters in Florida, and the rest of the year in Michigan. I hope to attend as many of my grandchildren's soccer games as possible. Mike and I are going to Ireland to see Notre Dame play Navy in September. Is anyone else from our class going?"

Dick McCarthy, husband of our late classmate **Pat Devine McCarthy**, and I email a bit. He tells me what enjoyment their family continues to have in her memory. "There was a trip to Ventura that was such a perfect way to remember my best friend," he writes. Dick promises to drop over and visit with our class during our 50th Reunion as he will be celebrating his 50th Reunion at Notre Dame. He mentions, "I am sure all your prayers during Pat's illness were part of that positive attitude and why she never-ever said a word about the pain, etc."

Martin and **Rosann Gorman Conroy** are enjoying most of the year in Naples, Florida. They live in a golf community. Rosann plays golf with the "nine-holers," has joined a book club, and is active in local charities. They enjoy meeting new neighbors from Northern states and Canada. They have five grandchildren. Summers are spent back in Flossmoor, Illinois.

It's always a treat to hear from **Beverly Senda Defoe**, who says: "We had a wonderful 2011 filled with lots of travel, including a Danube river cruise from Budapest, to Munich, Germany. Visited family and friends on another of our cross-country road trips. The ultimate highlight was the birth of our first grandchild, Cameron Edward Defoe, son of Patrick and Tara, in Renton, Washington. What a thrill, what a joy. Oh, and by the way, quite handsome. 2012 has two trips planned to Renton. And what would we do without Skype. Had a couple of blips on the medical front, but then it's good to be 68. Our 50th is only three years away."

Cille is just back from a week in Cabo with **Margo Lawrence Ludwig** and Jerry. "Sunshine and good friends," she says. "Who could ask for more? I am so blessed with wonderful friends and memories from

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It was a great get-together in Naples, Florida, for **Sis Reynolds McBride '64**, **Rosemary Andrew '58**, **Maureen Andrew Latimer '64**, **Colleen Pierce Garard '64**, **Ellen Brown McBride '64**, **Nancy Sheehan '64**, and **Mary Ann Cumes Fuller '64**.

had been talking just last week. Good friends seem to stay that way. I was so sorry to have missed my 50th Reunion from high school due to my illness last year. Almost everyone came from all over the country to have a great weekend. As I look at both my high school and Saint Mary's days, I am truly awed by how unique and positive those formal education years were. Although not for everyone, I am deeply appreciative of my Catholic formal education, which gave me support in my religious belief as well as the ability

Saint Mary's College. We have a bit of snow, but it will be gone tomorrow. Such an easy winter. Be happy."

We took two cruises last year—to Alaska and the Mediterranean (finally got to Venice)," writes **Terry Miltich Murphy**. "We thought that there would be little time to travel this year because of building the new house and we were right. It is coming along nicely, and we expect to be moving in at the end of the summer. Williamsburg will be a big change for us after 26 years in this house and even longer in the Northern Virginia area. I noticed in the *Courier* that **Maureen O'Brien Doyle '67** is the class correspondent and lives very near our new house. We ran into her at a meeting and we enjoyed chatting. It's so nice to have a Saint Mary's College friend before I even move in." Pictures of Terry's home being built are wonderful, and the progress is fun to see. Their lake view will be gorgeous.

Sheila Flynn Boone writes, "No travels, except back and forth to the ski slopes. We try to go every week during the season. Son Chris and family and my brother Kevin are arriving tonight for the week to ski. Grandson Nate (four years old) called from the airport and told grandpa he thought he could beat him down the mountain."

"It is indeed a small world. I was having dinner tonight with some friends and as I was leaving, a woman with a very familiar face came up and said 'Hi, Sue,'" writes **Sue Sheridan Joyce**. "I knew her, but couldn't figure from where until she said she was **Anne Locher Knudten**. I was amazed. She did admit that **Therese McCaffrey McConville** had mentioned that I lived down in Vero, but I was stunned that she recognized me. My friends were equally stunned that classmates from college had recognized one another (even though we saw one another briefly at Reunion). What a great class we have. Also saw **Mary Delaney Willer** two weeks ago in Winter Park. Her husband was taking an art course there. **Kathy McAnaney Glaser** was here last week to visit her sister Sheila, but we couldn't connect. For such a small class, we sure get around."

Barb Leahy Sutton writes: "Continuing a wonderful tradition, **Nancy Wagner LaValle** and I joined **Joan Marskey Slattery** and **Darlene Unger Currier** in January for our annual mini-reunion, this time in Austin, Texas. Darlene, who splits her time between Austin and Wilmington, North Carolina, kicked off the weekend with cocktails in her beautiful art deco condo. Then we were off to nearby Barton Creek, where Joan and her husband Bill (ND'65) come each year to golf and escape the Minneapolis winter. Darlene and Joan's packed itinerary included a whirlwind lesson in Texas history at the Bob Bullock Museum and reminders of our own history at the Lyndon Baines Johnson Library. It was sobering to see photos of Johnson taking the oath of office and realize that we all shared that moment at Saint Mary's. The next day we drove through the Hill Country to Johnson City and on to LBJ's Texas White House, again immersed in the history of our times. As always though, the best part was catching up with each other over wonderful meals. When she is not in Austin or Wilmington, Darlene travels to California, Colorado, and Michigan to visit her children and grandchildren. Nancy loves spending time with her granddaughter Abigail Rose who lives near her in Manhattan. Joanie also lives near her granddaughters Shannon and Arianna and enjoys every minute she spends with them."

Our Class of 1965 Memorial Scholarship continues to gain ground. The college informed me that Noelle E. Radko '12 is the recipient of our 2011–12 award. Noelle is from Pittsburgh.

And, plans are already in the works for our 50th Reunion in 2015. **Sheila Flynn Boone** and **Terry Miltich Murphy** are taking the lead on the program commit-

tee for the 50th. Ideas are being tossed around. They ask for your thoughts, ideas, etc. to be sent to them. Three years and counting. Sheila is sbfmbf@comcast.net and Terry is teressa_murphy@yahoo.com.

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From Gloria: Mary Chmielewski Golichowski

keeps in touch with **Suzanne Seidl Griffin** (a Saint Mary's College Humanitas Award recipient in 2007). Mary sent me a recent note from Suzanne saying that she would be returning to Afghanistan at the end of January 2012 to teach a graduate course there until mid-March. Mary said that she also keeps up with others at Saint Mary's College through her book group in Indianapolis, and that there is nothing like the supportive friendship of her fellow alumnae

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Eileen Lex Keller '67, Carol Doechner O'Reilly '67 and Gloria Ross McGiveran '67 met in Tampa, Florida, in April when Carol was visiting her sister in Sarasota. Eileen drove in from the East Coast, and Gloria drove up for Bonita Springs for a wonderful afternoon.

of all ages who are part of the Book Club.

Jamie Gehring Dance's husband, Peter, died 11 years ago. She lives in New Canaan, Connecticut. She has a son living in San Diego, a son in New York City, a daughter who lives in Memphis, and seven grandchildren.

Barbara Foley Dyer moved to eastern Connecticut in 1972 when her husband was in the Navy, and has been there ever since. She has three sons and one adorable granddaughter and is actively involved in a variety of community volunteer jobs. I had a fun conversation with **Margaret Beckwith Magee's** husband Richard because every time I called her she was out doing wildlife rescue work. They have lived on the west coast of Florida for nine years and are passionate about conserving the environment. They have worked diligently to make their home energy efficient and have virtually no electric bills. Wow.

Eileen Lex Keller moved to Port Orange, Florida, last year after many years in New Jersey. She and Tom have retired and are loving the climate and the chance to be near their two darling little grandsons, their daughter Kathleen, who lives near them, and son

Thomas who is working on his PhD in the Jacksonville area. **Karen Walsh Tyler** lives in a gorgeous rural area near Joliet, Illinois. Karen was married soon after graduation and did biomedical research prior to the birth of her daughter Sarah, who is a summa cum laude graduate of Notre Dame and has a law degree from Loyola University in Chicago. Through Karen's volunteer efforts and the support of Dominick's Finer Foods, Karen and other volunteers helped feed 250 families at Christmas-time. **Patty Nienaber Koellner's** mother is 87 years old and lives in a senior residence next to the Saint Mary's College campus. Patty keeps up with the goings on through one of her nine grandchildren who also graduated from Saint Mary's College. **Leslie Ann Doyle Carroll** lives in Davis, California, and is retired from her career in computer science and IT.

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From Joyce: Hi classmates. When I last wrote, I mentioned that my husband Roy and I were planning a trip to Paris for the last couple of weeks of September 2011 and hoped to connect with **Barb Dowd Arkedis** and her husband George ND'69 there. We succeeded. While they currently live in Atlanta, they still have a home in Versailles, and periodically travel to France on business. One night during our stay, Barb and George picked us up and took us to a favorite spot of theirs in Neuilly, a lovely Chinese restaurant. We had a wonderful evening. All three of their children live in the Washington, D.C., area, so they enjoy getting up from Georgia to D.C. Barb recently writes that they had just returned from France after a freezing month there. Roy and I had to laugh that while Barb and George live in Georgia, and we are in North Carolina, it takes Paris to bring us together again.

I was so pleased that **Sharon Sweeney Bourke** took my email request for news to heart and sends the following message to share: "Since I only went to Saint Mary's for two years, I have never written in with info, but why not now? I have been married almost 30 years to Brian Bourke, and we live in Evanston, Illinois. We have two daughters: Meghan, 28, who lives and works in Chicago and is getting her MBA from Loyola, and Katie, who just turned 25 and is also a senior at Loyola. I have been working part time for the last nine years at Perennials, a small gift store in Evanston. My husband Brian had a kidney transplant four years ago, which had many complications that we are still recovering from. Luckily the kidney survived, but he is facing another major surgery to repair some of the problems that occurred during the transplant. I really don't keep in touch with our classmates, but I did see **Nancy O'Laughlin Salmon** last September at our 50th grammar school reunion, and she is great. Please give my best to all who may remember me."

Maryanne Kearns Christenson writes that she is still the clinical lab manager at Kaweah Delta Medical Center in Visalia, California, but thinking about retiring. "Our son Richard ND'94, '02 and daughter-

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Ginna Thieme Jordan, Susie Janney Ballard, Ellen Foy Stroope, and Lee Paterson Bodkin, all Class of '69, got together in November 2011 at Jordan's condo on Marco Island, Florida.

in-law **Kimberly Fleming Christenson '97** were blessed with their fifth child. Richard is a professor at the University of Connecticut in Storrs. Daughter Beth ND'92 and son-in-law Chris Bone ND'92 are in Westfield, Massachusetts, with three children. My husband, Joe ND'67, is retired and managing our three orange groves. Eat lots of California oranges."

From Indianapolis, **Patti Valentine** sends news and seems to have hit just the right chord with her time management. Patti's update includes this news: "This year I decided to semi-retire. That is, I retired from teaching high school English full time, but continue my work as technical director for the stage productions at Bishop Chatard Catholic High School. For me, it's the best of both worlds: engaging in the lives of adolescents without grading research papers or getting up at 5:30 in the morning. I also have more free time for travel, recently New York City, Chicago, and soon, Houston, where I will be visiting with one of **Janice Misuriello Horan's** five children, her daughter **Jennifer Horan Noonan '96**, and two of Janice's seven grandchildren. As you know, Janice and I have remained close friends since our Saint Mary's days. She and her husband John have been nice enough to 'share' their kids and now grandkids with me since I do not have any of my own. My father, who resides in an Alzheimer's unit of an assisted living facility, will turn 90 this summer, so I spend time with him and other family members as often as possible. Blessings to all my classmates."

Bev Pagorski Reid shares her news, writing: "We Reids were pleased to have the company of **Janice Williams** for a couple of days to celebrate Christmas 2011 in Grand Blanc, Michigan. As 'only children,' Janice and I have bonded as 'sistahs.' Our son even refers to her as 'Aunt' Janice.' We make an effort to spend some holidays together, to share important events as well as to discuss books and politics regularly. On the 26th, I drove back to Gary, Indiana, with Janice to continue festivities. During my visit, Janice entertained our classmates **Kathy Carey Moore**, **Mary Ragen O'Rourke**, and **Patty Reynolds Walsh** at a luncheon at her home, a special treat because I have rarely seen them since our graduation. It was wonderful to catch up on news of their families and other Saint Mary's classmates with whom they keep in touch. Janice is, by the way, a gracious hostess to those who come for a few hours or a few days."

I have been in touch with **Sheila Dwyer Robus-**

to by phone and am happy to report Sheila and Danny ND'70 have a growing family. They joined the ranks of grandparents when son Adam and wife Eileen had a baby boy, Sam, who is now 10 months old. Their family lives in northern Virginia, but thanks to Skype, they can keep in touch regularly. Sheila and Danny's second son, Matthew, married Nadina several months ago, so they have welcomed a daughter-in-law as well into their family recently. Matt and Nadina are in the Pittsburgh area, so you know Sheila and

Danny put on lots of miles with detours on their Florida-New Hampshire trips every several months.

As always, thank you for sending your updates. Take good care and God bless.

From Pat Moran Fagan: I am currently directing Aladdin at Lordstown Elementary and lining up day camps for the summer. I will direct *The Princess and the Pea* at Kent State Trumbull, which will perform in June. KSU is also touring a show I wrote called *Three By Three* to Trumbull libraries in July. I have applied for a sub license for Trumbull County and am meeting the new manager of the Salem Community Theatre on Monday. They are interested in rebuilding their Youth Theatre programs.

Linda Herrington still lives in the Akron, Ohio area and she is busy with lots of projects, including redecorating her condo.

Rosalinda "Rose" Shuttoni Raher and her husband are spending the winter at their home in Key West.

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Reflections from the desk of **Kathy Larkin Hickey**, who writes: "At last year's 40th Reunion workshop, **Cathy Martin Baiardi** and **Patricia "Patty" Gill Webber** invited those present to explore and share our individual experiences over the decades since our graduation. We reflected together on various choices made along the way. In looking forward, they cautioned us to be willing to 'choose without certainty' and to 'choose from the heart.' They encouraged us to 'push a bit outside of your comfort zone.' In the end, they advised, 'there is no such thing as a wrong choice' because 'you can always change your mind.'"

Kathy continues, "Keeping this in mind, I've begun to realize that future decisions may, in fact, be made by various desires and opportunities pulling me forward rather than by any preset plan of what I will do or when I will transition to some new pattern of living. As John, my husband and partner of 42 years, enters retirement, I see him enjoying more time for genealogy, gardening, grandparenting, and volunteer board work.

"Our roles are now reversed in that he has become the family communicator. While I feel as if there is 'never enough time' to do everything I want to do, I see John filling his life with meaningful activities and enjoying his new-found leisure. Part of my problem is that I don't want to give up any part of my life or change how I define myself."

Kathy closes with "One of the outcomes of our class workshop was the realization that despite our different backgrounds and diverse experiences since graduation, we have much to offer one another in terms of the wisdom gained from life experience."

With regard to volunteering, no doubt many classmates are dedicated volunteers with rich experiences. If this is something you would like to share in our news column, you are invited to enrich our lives with your stories. **Susan Rossman Hall** writes that she travels to Lake Placid, New York, with her mission group each year to volunteer for the Ironman Triathlon. Also, she has completed 49 mission trips to Scotland to help a small struggling church in Buckhaven. In addition, in November 2011, she sang on stage at Carnegie Hall with 360 volunteer singers—14 choirs from 10 states—making it the largest group to ever perform there. It was the world premiere of *The Hope of Christmas*.

With regard to books, do you have one to recommend? Perhaps you'd like to share "why."

Under the category of "other," this is an invitation to write something. Share your stories, your reflections, your wisdom, work, or your whatever. I'm sure others would love to hear from you.

A very special "thank you" goes out to **Maureen "Mo" Phillips Murphy** for keeping our class news column alive for so many, many years. Mo, I'm sure many would like to hear from you.

Let's be creative in our efforts to stay connected with our classmates. Ideas are welcome.

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From Mary: Gretchen Werner Schuttey writes, "Claude and I celebrated our 35th wedding anniversary in June 2011. I will forever remember that **Sharon McKernan Gottlieb** and **Robin Heisler** traveled from the east coast to Wisconsin (marvelous memories). Claude and I will travel to Germany in May as a deferred celebration, joining a parent group from Valparaiso University. Concurrently, the acclaimed Valparaiso University Chorale, [including] our daughter Madeline, a college junior and soprano, will tour eastern and central Germany. The chorale has been invited to sing at the Thomaskirche in Leipzig as part of the 800th anniversary of this historic church where J. S. Bach held his residency. We are so excited about this experience. Our daughter Kirsten, who completed her master's degree in art history last year, lives in Chicago, works in an art gallery, and volunteers at the Chicago Historical Society. Later this year, Claude and I will each celebrate our 25th anniversaries with our employers: Claude is an architect and directs the Of-

fice of Campus Planning at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, while I am a counseling psychologist with the Department of Veterans Affairs in Milwaukee. Claude and I plan to continue working for a few more years. We are still in the big home where we raised our daughters, but are seriously contemplating downsizing. If anyone finds herself heading to Milwaukee, we would love to reconnect with classmates and friends."

Judith "Judy" Sullivan Bayer reports: "All is well at this end. My husband Mike (ND'75) and I are officially empty nesters. Our youngest son Alex is a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army, stationed in Arizona. Our only daughter Joanna lives in Boston and works as a nanny. Our son Eric is married with one child, Caleb, who is adored by his grandparents."

"My husband Mark and I just returned from a fabulous trip to Antarctica," writes **Sharon McKernan Gottlieb**. Sharon and Mark are not quite empty nesters as their youngest graduates from high school next June

and is waiting on her college acceptance letters.

Sara Morrison Cusick sends some sad and much good news: "My beloved stepfather Doyle Watkins passed away in October 2011. Rich and I now are the proud grandparents of five—two girls and three boys. Rich retired from Texas Instruments a few years ago and is in his third year of teaching at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Dallas. I am in my 19th year at Mary Immaculate. (He certainly sees the challenges of teaching in a new light these days.) Our daughter Katie's husband, Captain Julian Flores, USMC, is finally home for a few years and is an instructor pilot for the Prowler aircraft and has been selected for the rank of Major." She adds: "Rich and I are truly blessed to have such a wonderful family. Hope you and yours are well."

As for me, I am busy: singing, writing plays, entering contests, getting a new cabaret show ready, and doing a refresher publicity attack for my novel, *Quest of the Sleeping Princess*, and its website (www.

questofthesleepingprincess.com) where you can view several ballets by George Balanchine.

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From Beth: Suzanne Bona currently lives in Evergreen Park, Illinois, in the same home in which she grew up. She lives with her sister Bonnie (ND'78) and her brother Phillip (ND'85) along with his wife and children. Suzanne's son Kevin Barsaloux is a senior at Notre Dame. He is a FTT (Film, Theater, and Television) major and is scheduled to graduate this May. Suzanne has spent a lot of time at Notre Dame over the past three-plus years due to Kevin's plays and football games. She has been a nurse manager for 32 years at a state psychiatric hospital and is thinking of possible retirement.

Melanie Veger Micozzi '83 went to Saint Mary's College from the fall of 1973 through 1976. She left in the fall semester of 1976 and returned the fall of 1982, graduating in May of 1983 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree. She continued to get her master's degree in fine art at Notre Dame in 1987, graduating in 1990. She has two children: Elias, 18, and Eva, 17. Melanie worked as a graphic designer from 1995 until 2008. Since 2009 she has been teaching as an adjunct professor in the art departments of Ivy Tech Community College, South Bend, Indiana, and the Raclin School of the Arts, Indiana University of South Bend.

Faye Maloof-Wolf currently practices law, particularly probate law. She also manages family real estate. The Bronze Pelican was recently awarded to her by the Cleveland Catholic Diocese. It is awarded to adult Scouters who demonstrate outstanding character, give positive leadership, and exemplify a Christian way of living. She is an active member of St. Raphael's Parish in Bay Village and serves on the spirituality committee, Adoration, and taking communion to homebound. She also serves on the National Committee of the Board of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, and she attended the February board meeting in Memphis. Faye is on a tennis league and enjoys gardening and cooking Lebanese food. But most of all she enjoys watching her daughter Mary Nora, a theatre student at Columbia College, act and sing on stage. **Beth Marzano Fleming** and **Mary Jane Anderson Woodward** met up with Mary Nora and drove in from Chicago for the Navy game last year. Her son Billy is a junior at St. Ignatius High School in Cleveland, and is still celebrating winning the state championship in football. In addition to football, he is active in basketball and baseball and has completed his Eagle Scout project. In 2011, **Beth Marzano Fleming** and her husband Greg gave Faye and Billy a tour of the University of Pittsburgh as well as Duquesne. She hopes to come to our 35th Reunion this summer and mentioned that **Dorothea Wieland**, who has retired and lives in Hilton Head, may pass through Cleveland on her way to the reunion.

Kathleen "Kate" Schomer Kohorst has been practicing law for 30 years in Harlan, Iowa, which

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Pat Costello '58 of Lexington, Massachusetts, received the Unsung Heroine Award from the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women for her extensive work as a community advocate and volunteer.

Mary Kean Coffey '67 was awarded the Catherine McAuley Award from Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School in Chicago. The award is presented to a person with a strong affiliation to the school and demonstrates a commitment to the school's mission to provide quality Catholic liberal arts education for young women and exemplifies the charism and values of Catherine McAuley in their personal and professional life.

Nancy K. Freeman '68, associate professor of early childhood education and director of the Yvonne and Schuler Moore Child Development Research Center at the University of South Carolina in Columbia, co-authored *Ethics and the Early Childhood Educator: Using the NAEYC Code, 2nd Edition*, which was published in May by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).

Catherine Anthony Odell '69 wrote a new book, *Praying the Rosary for Intercession*, which was published in June by Our Sunday Visitor.

Peggy Moran Zwislser '71 was ranked by the legal blog Law360 as one of America's top 15 female trial lawyers. Zwislser, an antitrust trial lawyer with Latham & Watkins LLP, has represented clients like Johnson & Johnson, wallcovering maker F. Schumacher & Co, and home insulation contractor Masco Corp. for over 35 years.

Cathy Logsdon Moreno '86 was named school counselor of the year for the state of Arizona. The award was presented in early April at the Arizona School Counselor's Conference in Tempe, and she was presented to the Arizona State Legislators in Phoenix in late April.

Sheila M. Cawley '90 has joined the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago as vice president of external affairs, leading the museum's fundraising and membership initiatives. Cawley previously spent seven years at the Chicago Field Museum, where she was promoted to vice president of institutional advancement and led the organization's most recent capital campaign, exceeding its goal by \$17 million.

Elizabeth Martin Kiser '94 has been appointed associate vice president and director of development at Queens University.

she absolutely loves. She has recently finished remodeling her office building that was built as a bank in 1892. Her son John graduated from Rice last year and is now a medical student at Mayo Medical School. Joe is a freshman at the University of Northern Iowa. We will see Kate at our upcoming reunion.

Joan Richtsmeier lives in State College, Pennsylvania, where she and her husband Bill Ryan ND'77 work for Penn State. Joan is in the anthropology department where she teaches classes in anatomy, osteology, and evolution. Bill is in the meteorology department. Joan is a biological anthropologist who studies development and evolution of the head and diseases that affect growth of the head. She does research on the role of specific genes in producing facial variation in unaffected children and in children with craniofacial diseases. You can visit her lab website at getahead.psu.edu. Joan and Bill have three children. Their oldest daughter, Hannah, 26, is a registered nurse living in Philadelphia, while their son, Lucian, 21, studies psychology and philosophy and will graduate from Gettysburg College this spring. Their youngest daughter, Faith, 17, graduates from high school this spring.

Joan spent her sophomore year in Angers, France, with the now-defunct S.U.N.D.E.F. program. Many of the Notre Dame/Saint Mary's College students who went abroad from 1974-75 (including long-time friend **Anabel Sequeira**, met in Paris for their 50th birthdays a while back and plan to meet again in Chicago this coming July.) Anyone interested in this off-site reunion can contact Joan through her website.

Angela "Angel" Marino Fewell moved to Boston shortly after graduation and has been there ever since. She studied photography, produced performances incorporating projected images and dance, worked in the cutting edge of multimedia, film and video production, and managed a business that produced award-winning health education documentaries.

After receiving a master's degree from Emerson College in communication management and with a strong orientation towards the use of technology in business administration, she has influenced growth and operational advancements for several companies and she has been fortunate to work with top executives in various industries, managing directors at Zurich Investments and Deutsche Bank, one of the leading experts in quantitative economics, and an internationally renowned architect.

Recently she took 18 months off and used the freedom to pursue some artistic endeavors and spend more time with her soul mate "J." They have been together for over 20 years and have raised three children: her son, and his son and daughter. He is a great parent as well as a brilliant theater director and multimedia producer. Her son, a graduate of Berklee College of Music, is a talented drummer performing with two bands. One just completed their first CD and is planning a tour to Chicago. The other just finished a tour down the east coast to Florida.

She hopes to take a trip to Europe this year and has found a position with an international technology company. Angel is excited to be part of an organization that allows opportunities to use her talents and advance her position as they grow.

She said she doesn't feel much different since college. She says, as the saying goes, "You're as young as you feel." Angel is hoping to see old friends at this year's college reunion.

Mary "Teddy" Adler Finney went to Japan immediately after graduation to teach English. After her year in Japan, she helped a friend move to Colorado Springs in 1978 and has stayed there ever since. She met and

fell in love with her husband and they married in 1982. She spent the first 13 years of her marriage in Denver, and has resided in southwest Colorado for almost 17 years. They have raised two beautiful daughters, Emily and Jenna, in the mountain community of Pagosa Springs. The mountains surround them and they are minutes away from skiing, rafting, and hiking. Last year, Jenna, University of Portland '08, married Brian Murphy ND'05. Emily is living in Denver and has the same job Teddy had over 30 years ago: teaching Head Start. Both have a love for those cute three-to-five-year olds.

Teddy's job with United Way ended in May 2011. She had the community relations and fundraiser position in Pagosa Springs. She represented 15 human service non-profit agencies in her area. Currently she has joined forces with her husband, Ray, who works for Century 21 Valley Realty selling real estate. This gives them an opportunity to work together towards retirement.

Teddy recently had a mini-reunion with some Saint Mary's College friends. They met in New York to rekindle friendships and to catch up on years gone by. **Ellen Shalvoy Davis**, who knows New York City like the back of her hand, led the way. **Patsy Jones Mullin** showed everyone her favorite knitting shop and bought enough yarn to keep her out of trouble for a few months. **Mary Anne "Bruni" Brown Schuster** bought yarn for a sweater for her grandson Macey even though she doesn't knit. Guess who will be making the sweater? **Maureen Tomshack** gave everyone the lowdown on the best golf courses while **Mary Jo Koenigs Bench** shared multiple tips on the multi-colored vitamins she takes that keep her fit as a fiddle. **Laura Costanzo Davies** shared stories of her two young sons that keep her young and running.

Anabel Sequeira lives in Costa Rica with her husband, Rodrigo, and family. In May their daughter Laura and husband blessed them with a grandson. Since they live nearby, Anabel and Rodrigo hope to enjoy quality time with him. Of their two sons, Xavier also lives close and helps out at the family farm and works with his dad. Their youngest, Edgar, works in New York City with Barclays' Capital and enjoys life in the big city. Anabel looks forward to seeing the reunion pictures of all her friends and events.

Deborah Smith Reale, co-class reporter says: "Many thanks to Beth for her excellent news gathering for this column, and to all who responded to her request for scoops. When this summer edition arrives, my husband Jay Reale ND'77 and I will be the proud parents of Joe Reale ND'12 who will begin working in Chicago in August. As we close this edition of our class notes, we want to remind you to please drop either Beth or Deb a quick note about where you live, what you're up to, whether you ever run into any of our classmates, or anything you'd like to share. It doesn't have to be earth-shattering to be news, and we like to read it. Who knows: Someone you haven't been in touch with for years might be inspired to get in touch with you as a result of seeing your comments in the column. Please be in touch.

From the Courier: **Sue Greco Chambers'** youngest son, PJ (Peter), 11, is part of a group called the Fort Bend Boys Choir of Texas. The choir is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year and their picture is on the cover of *Fort Bend Lifestyle* magazine. "There is an article that features my five boys since we are the only ones to have had five go through this program," Sue writes. "PJ is the youngest of seven, and he is going to perform the *Carmina Burana* with the Houston Symphony in May and travel to France for two weeks in June! I am going to be most proud to listen to him sing the *Panis Angelicus* by himself on Divine Mercy Sunday at our parish Mass. If you type "Fort Bend Boys Choir 2012" into YouTube, you can hear them sing the national anthem at the opening of the Houston

Livestock show and rodeo (the largest in the world). They also performed this at the Houston Rockets (basketball) and at the opening of the new baseball stadium for the Houston farm team, the Skeeters.

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At Christmas I heard from **Maureen Casey**, who told me that she married Ivo Kulic in Luhavac, Bosnia, in 2008. Then in 2009, they were married again in the church. Congratulations, Maureen.

Telana Stokes Nieves and her husband, Pablo, have started a part-time business in the energy industry. They have partnered with Ambit Energy. "We help people save on their gas and electric bills," Telana writes. "Energy is the last public utility to deregulate, and it is an awesome opportunity for ordinary people to work hard and become financially independent. I love it. Our website is: www.ptnieves.energy526.com.

"Our part-time business is going great, and because of our success, I am going to be able to retire earlier than expected from my job with the City of Rochester," Telana adds.

Mary Monaco Morgan is currently in her third year as the associate dean at ITT Technical Institute in South Bend. She also adjuncts and consults in her spare time. Husband Rob Morgan has semi-retired from work and is now playing at being an almost-full-time ice hockey goalie.

Mary's youngest son, Anthony Joseph Lauck, married **Mary Cavadini '10** in March 2011. He just finished his third tour in the Navy. Back in Mississippi from Afghanistan, he plans to separate from the Navy and return to South Bend with his wife. Mary is very excited that one of her four children will again be close by.

Mary said she saw classmate **Mamiella Chavis Brown** at the annual Taste of Peace event in South Bend. Mamiella has been featured twice in the local papers for her work with the after-school tutor program at St. Augustine's Church.

Teresita Valdivia Collins continues working part time at St. Helen Catholic School in Vero Beach, Florida. She teaches accelerated math, coaches the academic games teams, and gives ACT and SAT review classes. She feels very fortunate to have her two daughters (Kaylee Collins Tobin ND'06 and Corey Collins ND '08, '10) living back in Vero Beach. Both are teachers at the same high school they attended. Son Kyle is scheduled to graduate from Notre Dame in May 2012 in mechanical engineering. He will be working for Deloitte Consulting in Chicago next fall. "When the Notre Dame Football team wins, we are all happy, and when they lose... you can only imagine."

Lynn Roberts Clarkson started working on her MS in Nursing in December. She admits that she is obviously out of her mind. Her daughter **Megan Clarkson '09** works at PWC in Chicago. Lisa is a sophomore at Saint Mary's College. She returned from study abroad in Argentina in December. Son Jeff HCC'06 is a captain in the 82nd Airborne at Ft. Bragg. He returned from a deployment to Iraq in December. Son T. J. and his wife gave Lynn and Tom their second grandchild, Brady, on August 22, 2011. Husband Tom is still doing well at Flex-N-Gate. They spent several days at the Super Bowl as guests of the Jacksonville Jaguars (Tom's boss bought the team in November).

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Celia Anne Boyle writes: "Jay and I are having a great time with our new son Vincent, born last July, in Florida. I really loved seeing everyone at the reunion, and especially appreciated talking with the classmates who shared their adoption experiences with me. **Ann Foley Waris** and **Deborah "Deb" Carey** both stopped by during their travels out west during the summer to meet him.

From **Mary Ellen Gallagher Gavin** and **Adriana Trigiani**: "Congratulations to **Elisabeth McNamara**, winner of the Reunion Gift Campaign grand prize, Raising the Roof at SoHo House. Elisabeth and Tim Reed spent two nights in New York City at the grand SoHo House, plus dinner with us. The day was spent sightseeing and shopping in New York. We all had a great time. Thank you to all in our class who participated in the Gift Campaign. Through your generosity, our class was able to provide 15 young women with \$5,000 scholarships."

From **Mary Catherine Ramelow Green** (apologies from class secretary for being late with this): "I had the great privilege of attending the wedding of **Mary Ellen Maloney '84** and Brian Wrafter, in October 2010, in Niagara Falls. It was quite the event: lots of activities highlighted by Mary and Brian's first dance on the observation deck over the falls and a ride on the *Maid of the Mist* with Mary in her bridal gown. There were over a dozen "Saint Mary's College chicks" in attendance and we all had a ball!"

Mary Elizabeth Davis writes: "After 13 years on the faculty at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, most recently as chair of the Department of Music, I'll be moving to New York this summer to take a new job as dean of the School of Graduate Studies at the Fashion Institute of Technology. The move might seem unusual, but my research has focused on the link between music and fashion. My books *Classic Chic: Music, Fashion, and Modernism*, and *Ballets Russes Style: Diaghilev's Dancers and Paris Fashion* both cover the connection."

From **Roseann Enyedy Cyngier**: "Pete and I went to Barbados to celebrate our 25th wedding anniversary. We rented a villa and were joined by **Louise Enyedy Bergin '80**, her husband, three of our sons, and a friend. The weather was gorgeous, and we had a great time sailing and swimming. My favorite activity was swimming with the sea turtles and snorkeling above several shipwrecks. I enjoyed scuba diving and sunning on the gorgeous beaches."

Kathy Martin Miller writes: "My husband Johnny and I live in Louisville and have five children: Ashley, 26, (married last November and manager for Groupon in Chicago). Danielle, 24, works for the Department of Energy in Washington, D.C., Courtney, 23, works for a public relations firm in Washington, D.C. Nicole, 20, is a sophomore at the University of Mississippi. Gus, 17, is a junior at St. Xavier High School in Louisville. I have been a landlord for about 12 years, but last summer, after seven years of schooling and internships, I was licensed as a family therapist, and I now work in a practice with 11 other therapists. My husband owns an energy management company."

From **Michelle Taylor Holman**: "I'm looking forward to attending Junior Moms' Weekend in April, with my daughter, Caitlyn Holman '13."

Michelle Diener Filicicchia writes: "I am relo-

cating to the South Bend area as my husband accepted a new position as an electrical engineer for a company located in Niles, Michigan. That means that for my performance consulting business, I will be expanding my territory, which is exciting as well."

From **Mo O'Brien Kohler**: "We are thrilled that our youngest daughter, Madeline "Maddie," will be a freshman in the Class of 2016. Four more years of visiting a place that Jeff ND'79 and I both love. We will let you know what it is like to be empty nester in the next edition."

From **Moira O'Leary Bell**: "I've recently moved to Fort Worth, Texas, to join my husband, the fire chief of Richland Hills. I'm recovering from spinal fusion surgery from a past accident. My oldest daughter, **Bridget Bell '10**, just recently moved back to the Chicago area to work as race coordinator at the Chicago Yacht Club. My youngest daughter, Meghan, is a junior at DePaul University. My youngest son is graduating from Marine Military School in Harlingen, Texas, and plans to go to Kansas State University in the fall. In November 2011, my brother, who was only 55 years old, died of a massive heart attack in his sleep at his home. **Michelle Taylor Holman** and **Joanne Rodden** were at the service."

Lisa Brinkman Jensen writes: "My husband Mike and I have lived outside Philly for almost 24 years. Mike's a sportswriter for the *Philadelphia Inquirer* (yes, there are some people that still read a daily newspaper). I enjoy my second career as a pre-K teacher, which I began after our youngest started school 10 years ago. Our oldest daughter is a sophomore at NYU, studying communications. Our second daughter graduates from high school this year and will row for UCLA in the fall. Our youngest daughter started high school this year and is following her older sister on the high school crew team."

From **Mary Catherine "Kate" Willson Voelker**: "We live in an historic home in Mishawaka, Indiana. I am the executive director of a nonprofit in South Bend. My husband, Mark, works as a sales manager for a manufacturer in Bremen, Indiana. Our oldest, Maggie, graduated from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. She will start a physician's assistant program at Midwestern University, in Downer's Grove, Illinois, in June. Son Patrick will graduate from St. Norbert College, in De Pere, Wisconsin, in May. He has enjoyed his time there playing hockey and doing a semester abroad in London. Mary is a freshman at Indiana University in Bloomington. Michael is a sophomore at Marian High School. I spent time with **Mary Pigott Martersteck** and her family several times last fall."

Reporting from San Diego, California, **Margaret "Peggy" Battle Burns** is Nokia product manager for Windows Smartphone devices, and recently launched the Lumia 710 with T-Mobile. "I worked in the aerospace industry launching telecommunications satellites at General Dynamics, and ground equipment with Qualcomm and Ericsson for the last 18 years. I'm married to Chris Burns ND'81 and have two beautiful daughters, Katherine, 17, and Emily, 11."

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Barbara Harding Cooney has been living in Troy, Michigan, since 1986. "I have three wonderful children," she says. "My daughter Ryan is a senior at Notre Dame and heading to medical school at Loyola in Chicago next year. My daughter Erin is a sophomore at Harvard

and plays volleyball for them. My son Michael is a junior at Brother Rice High School in Birmingham, Michigan. I work for K. C. Crain of Crain Communications in Detroit, as his 'right hand man.' It is an awesome job. I've made several visits to see Erin at Harvard and have met up with **Patricia "Patty" Sullivan Thomas** and her husband Rick (ND'82) as well as Mike Joyce ND'83 at various Boston/Cambridge pubs. We also all got together in South Bend last fall for a football game and have met up with children currently attending Notre Dame."

Mary Silvi Croteau recently started a full-time teaching position at a local Catholic school, teaching junior high language arts, literature, Spanish, and religion. She and her family spent the summer on an RV trip across the country. Highlights included a stop in South Bend to visit with Professors D'Antuono and Gingras as well as many sights out west. Mary's son, Jean-Luc, 18, is enjoying high school. Her youngest son, Blake, 13, is on the honor roll at school and still improving his football game, where he plays both on the offensive and defensive lines as well as indoor football in the winter.

Deirdre Grant Gehant writes: "Each time I read the *Courier* or am out with some Saint Mary's friends, we say, 'let's send in our update or a photo.' In your last column, you mentioned celebrating 50. Well, some of us in the Midwest have been doing that in style for the better part of the year. It is all a blur to me, but across these events these gals have shown up to: **Mary Anne Daher Leonard**, **Ellen Placey Wadey**, **Katie Wilson Fahrenbach**, **Mary Stauder Keefe**, **Julie Kanak Rigali**, **Amy Lowden Saletta**, **Monica Gugle Graffeo**, **Tracee Hargreaves Hicks**, **Lisa Dufrene Vrablik**, and **Ann Armstrong Berenato '81**. In May of 2010 we were at the Wrigley Field bleachers to celebrate **Mary Anne Daher Leonard's** birthday, as she requested doing something fun like we used to do when we were young. In December of 2010 there was a party downtown at the home of **Julie Kanak Rigali** for the Notre Dame/Saint Mary's gang. We surprised **Katie Wilson Fahrenbach** for her big day. Also, **Tracee Hargreaves Hicks** had her 50th birthday bash on New Year's Eve 2011, complete with a replica of the Lodge Bar from Rush Street and shots. Then in April 2011, a bunch of us met up for Spa Night in Chicago, the Shamrock Shuffle, and a wonderful weekend of hanging out together. In July 2011 there was summer fun and the Oak Street Beachstro and the Sox Sky Box. In November 2011 a bunch of us headed to Captiva Island to start to wrap up the birthday year (well, at least that is our excuse). And finally, a few of us are making plans to travel to the Notre Dame-Navy game in Ireland later this year. So, as you can see, it is not for lack of things to report that we have not updated you for the *Courier*. Maybe it is because we are so busy 'living life to the fullest'."

"Keep urging others on to share their updates. It is always a highlight to grab my cup of coffee and page through the *Courier* when it arrives."

From **Anne Throckmorton Hyland**: "I always love receiving the *Courier*, turning first to the back to see what is going on with our class. Our oldest, Heather, just graduated from Notre Dame (Class of 2011) and is preparing to begin medical school in the fall. We are truly enjoying this bonus year that we have with her home. Our second child, Holly, is in her third year of a six-year doctoral physical therapy program at Marquette University. Our youngest, Jake, just began his freshman year of high school and loves it. I have a very fun little story about reconnecting with **Maria Groff Reynolds**. In the small world that we live in, Maria's son, Fisher IV, and my daughter, Holly, both attend Marquette. The two became pretty close friends sophomore year and the subject of Notre Dame/Saint Mary's came up. When

CLASSCLIPS



Celebrating 50th birthdays at the New Belgium Brewery in Boulder, Colorado, are Kathleen Rownd Zullo, Mary Jo Russo Henke, Ann DeWitt O'Keefe, Fran Roth Nemeth, and Patti Zukaitis Russo, all '83.

they realized both of their moms had graduated from Saint Mary's, Maria and I simultaneously received cell phone calls asking what year we graduated. Holly and Fisher have been dating for over a year now, and Maria and I periodically have the pleasure of keeping in touch thanks to our kids, after all these years."

Sarah Clarke Madigan's son graduated from Notre Dame in May 2011 and is working for Johnson & Johnson. Sarah's daughter is a junior at Saint Mary's, majoring in photography. Sarah recently reconnected with Class of 1983 graduates and friends **Peggy Pieschel Van Hoomissen**, **Mary Beth O'Brien**, **Mary E. "Maribeth" Blackburn Carent**, and **Elisabeth "Beth" Johnson Holod** at an Air Force tailgater. "It was wonderful to reunite with classmates and their families," she says. "We plan to be at Notre Dame this fall for at least two games and we would love to see friends at our tailgater."

Jodine "Jodi" Bertino McDonough's two oldest children are in college. Her son Tommy is a senior at Northwestern University and has accepted a position with Green Street Advisors, Inc. in Newport Beach, California. Daughter Annie is a sophomore at Notre Dame, where she lives in Welsh Family Hall.

Mary Eileen Shelley Morrissey writes with some sad news. **Heidi Krumdieck McAuliffe** lost her dad in August. **Cathy Gibbons Morrissey**, **Mary Loeser Shawhan**, **Nancy Rodgers Tomek**, and I went to the funeral in Cincinnati. It was a beauti-

ful tribute to her father, complete with a military burial. My dad, Joseph P. Shelley, Jr., passed away on September 18, 2011, after just four weeks of illness and treatment. Needless to say, we were all shocked by his sudden death, but realize it was better for him that it happened so quickly. Then while a group of us were celebrating our 50th birthdays (again) at the home of **Elisabeth "Lisa" Keeley-Cain** at the Jersey shore, **Cathy**

Gibbons Morrissey got a call that her husband Jim was in a car crash. Jim sustained numerous broken bones, but is stable after several operations. "In happier news: I ran into **Mary Loeser Shawhan** again at Notre Dame as we were both moving our daughters back on campus. Going back to South Bend always puts a smile on my face as I remember all the good times we had."

Mary Beth Ferstel Strotman and **Mary Laue Iberle** enjoyed celebrating their 50th birthdays over lunch. Mary works right around the corner from Beth's home in Deerfield, Illinois. In other news, Beth and her family ran into **Jane Van Gilder Vosters** and her family at Mass on New Year's Eve in Milwaukee. They now keep in touch almost daily with a fierce competition of *Words with Friends*. Beth has a cookie company and her username is *bsweetcookies*. Beth and her husband, Buddha ND'81, took their two youngest boys Luke and Matthias back to campus "to show them where we first met. It was a great day of remembering," she delights.

From **Carolyn Neuhoof Shaw**: "After graduation I stayed in Dallas, Texas. Rex Bellomy and I had three boys: Ryan, Sean, and Beau. We divorced, and I remarried Scott Shaw (he also had three children). We have been married for 14 years. All six children are now college graduates. Ryan graduated from Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas, where he played baseball. Sean graduated from Georgetown University,

where he played soccer. Beau, another soccer player, graduated from St. Louis University. Scott and I sold our five-bedroom house and moved to a downtown Dallas high rise and we love it. I have been the school secretary at an elementary Catholic high school for 18 years, and Scott owns an artificial turf installation company."

From **Catherine "Cathy" Kunkel Forslund**: "Early in December, six of us (**Carole Hatstrup Cunningham**, **Teresa Fatum Shank**, **Susan "Sue" Boos Kilayko**, **Mary Beth Oxenreiter Gordon**, and

Paula Mazeski Maloney) had the great opportunity to meet and celebrate our 50th birthdays at my home in East Grand Rapids, Michigan," she says. "It was a fantastic weekend getaway retreat. Carole brought letters and pictures of our Saint Mary's days. It sure brought back many memories from the four years we spent at Saint Mary's. It was a great 'gathering of friends.' Here are some updates: **Sue Boos Kilayko** resides in Barrington, Illinois. She took an 'early out' package after 24 years at United Airlines. Currently she and her husband Mark are keeping busy with her two children's activities, Caroline (fourth grade) is involved in club soccer, gymnastics, and basketball; Christopher (second grade) plays club soccer and basketball. There is never a dull moment in her life. **Mary Beth Oxenreiter Gordon**, from Pittsburgh, has a daughter, Lucy, who is a sophomore at Saint Mary's and is currently studying abroad in Rome. Her son Billy is a high school senior waiting to hear from colleges; daughter Audrey is a sophomore in high school and very successful in cross country; and her youngest, Charlie, is in fifth grade. M. B. is the chair of many committees in her children's schools and activities. **Teresa Fatum Shank** lives in Grand Rapids, Michigan and works as a certified registered nurse anesthetist at Spectrum Health. Her children: Madeline (sixth grade) and Michael (fourth grade) are keeping her busy between basketball, soccer, and numerous other activities. **Carole Hatstrup Cunningham** lives in Sewickley, Pennsylvania, with her husband and three children. Her oldest daughter, Sarah, is waiting to hear from many colleges; son Eric is a high school sophomore; and daughter Amy is in eighth grade. Both Carole and her sister **Rosemary Hatstrup McNelis '86** live close by and help care for their mother. **Paula Mazeski Maloney** lives in Mount Prospect, Illinois, with her husband Tim and has a son, Matthew, at Indiana University. Her twins Shannon and Ryan are juniors in high school and starting the college searches. She works part time in an accounting office and substitutes as a teacher often. I recently resigned as the learning resource coordinator in the simulation center at Grand Valley State University, but now teach part time as adjunct faculty in the nursing program. My daughter Maddie is a corporate buyer at Levi Strauss in San Francisco; son Alex works in Manhattan doing research marketing for Media Com; and my youngest son, P. J., is a junior at the University of Dayton. My husband and I are basically empty nesters. Life is good!"

From **Ann Kiefer Casey**: "**Michele "Missy" Murphy Battle**, her husband Glenn ND'83, my husband Don Casey ND'82 and I were together at the Big East Swim meet in Pittsburgh in February. Their son Sean is a sophomore at the University of Connecticut and swims for them; my daughter Bridget is a freshman swimmer at Notre Dame. We spent the weekend together at the University of Pittsburgh pool. The Battles have four children: Ryan, Kelly ND'08, Connor, and Sean. Missy and Glenn live in Pittsburgh. We have three girls: Meghan ND'10, Katie ND'11, and Bridget. Don and I live in San Diego. While in Pittsburgh, I also had lunch with **Carole Hatstrup Cunningham**. It was great to catch up with all of them. It seems like no time has passed, even though we don't see each other very often at all."

From **Patricia "Patti" Zukaitis Russo**: "I hosted a mini Saint Mary's reunion here at 'Chateau Russo West' (our home in Boulder) for our collective 50th birthdays. We had such a wonderful time exploring Pearl Street, Boulder Creek, Chautauqua Park, and New Belgium Brewery, in addition to sharing a lovely birthday feast together at our table. It was truly a wonderful weekend with **Mary Jo Russo Henke**, **Ann DeWitt**

CLASSCLIPS



Classmates from 1983 gathered in December 2011 at the home of Cathy Kunkel Forslund in East Grand Rapids, Michigan, to celebrate 50th. Back row, from left: Carole Hatstrup Cunningham, Teresa Fatum Shank, Cathy Kunkel Forslund, and Sue Boos Kilayko. Front: Mary Beth Oxenreiter Gordon and Paula Mazeski Maloney.

O'Keefe, Kathleen Rownd Zullo, Francesca "Fran" Roth Nemeth, and yours truly, in attendance."

Thanks to everyone for sending in news.

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Greetings classmates. Not a lot of news from you this time around, though I certainly see glimpses of some of you on Facebook and in LinkedIn on occasion.

Debbie Hickey did let me know that one of **Theresa Biondo Flick's** relatives sent a picture of a memorial bench that has been put up on the Notre Dame campus with Theresa's and her recently deceased stepdad's name on it. Debbie thinks it is by Moreau Seminary. Perhaps another stopping point for all of us next time we're on campus: To pay her a visit, of sorts.

It's crazy, but it won't be too much longer before we meet for our 30th Reunion even though there is a whole lot of living to do before then. Let us know what's going on in your life.

I hope you are all healthy, happy, and following your passions.

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Hope everyone is enjoying 2012—time sure does fly. A big congratulation goes to **Elizabeth Rollins Orton**, her husband Michael, and two-year-old Maggie, who celebrated the arrival of Michael Patrick on December 3, 2011.

Congratulations to **Rozel Gatmaitan Moore** and David on the celebration of their 20th wedding anniversary in October 2011. Living and working in Keller, Texas. Rozel spent last school year working in a classroom for autistic students; fortunately, it's the same school that her son, first-grader Ethan, and daughter, fourth-grader Maggie, attend. Last September the entire Moore family was lucky enough to join family at the Notre Dame-Michigan State game. They enjoyed perfect football weather, saw an awesome game with a big win, and had an equally great time showing their children Saint Mary's and Notre Dame thanks to Rozel's niece and nephew, who are current students.

Lisa Whittingham Brennan lives in Western Springs, Illinois, with her three children: Emily, 17, Molly Rose, 14, and Jake, 12. In 1993, Lisa received her master's of education degree in counseling psychology from Loyola Chicago, and she started a private practice called "Harmonious Healing" (www.harmonioushealingnow.com). Her specialty is music and sound therapy with children on the autism spectrum. In addition, Lisa recently joined the staff of Charlie's Gift Autism Center in Downers Grove, Illinois, as a therapist, where she facilitates social groups, parent support groups, and conducts music therapy sessions and couple's counseling.

Over President's Day weekend, **Kelly Glavin Zeh** was in Columbus, Ohio, with her youngest daughter, Teegan, and her mother, Cathy, for a gymnastics meet. They were able to get together and catch up with

Julie Wagner Feasel and her youngest daughter, Brigid, over lunch and ice cream. Julie will be at Saint Mary's in April for Junior Mom's Weekend and is looking forward to spending time with her older daughter, Meghan, and the other Saint Mary's moms.

In March, after over 20 years as an orthopedic nurse, **Barb Moorhead Vedders** moved to the Out-patient Surgical Center at Spectrum Health Butterworth hospital. While an adjustment, the change has been good and she was looking forward to early April when she and Joel celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary in Cancun, Mexico. Barb and Joel continue their MSN program through Ferris State University to get a master's in nursing with an education focus and are kept very busy with Abby, 14, and Jack, 11.

It's back to work for **Patti Sullivan Weber**. After 10 years at home with her four children, Danny, 13; Clare, 10; Bridget, 9; and Tommy, 4, in Winfield, Illinois, Patti started working part time last September as an assistant to the Sheriff's Merit Commission of DuPage County in Illinois.

Theresa Prieshoff Warren lives in Elwood, Indiana, and has been working as a marketer at Red Gold for nearly 16 years. Over Super Bowl XLVI weekend in Indianapolis, she was part of a Red Gold team that hosted the seven winners of the company's blogger contest. At the Taste of NFL event, Theresa enjoyed meeting several Food Network stars, such as Ted Allen from "Chopped" and Mauro from "Cake Boss."

I attended two Notre Dame football games last fall: Notre Dame versus Michigan State, where I caught up with lots of Notre Dame friends; and Notre Dame versus USC, where I stayed with **Jackie Brody Tavit** '91 in Valparaiso, Indiana, met up with Notre Dame friends again, and caught up with **Kara O'Leary** at her tailgate. In December, Karen got to attend the Army-Navy game at FedEx Field outside of Washington, D.C., with Jackie and her husband Adam. What a treat. Karen also caught up with **Cathy Mansfield Fox** over lunch in February. Cathy and her husband Ed live in Reston, Virginia, where both are pediatricians and are busy keeping up with Ben, 14, and Pablo, 10.

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

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From Jennifer Jermano Miller: Julie Beem Brems and husband Tod were thrilled to adopt their third child in October. Lily Cristine, two, joins her brother Nathan Andrew, eight, and sister Amber Marie, five.

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Hello, Class of 1995! I hope you are all enjoying summer. Thanks as always for the updates.

Heather Matula Henwood writes, "On January 25, 2011, my husband Ben Henwood and I became parents of girl/boy twins, Roan Margaret Matula Henwood and Stewart Foster Matula Henwood. While on maternity leave, we visited **Amanda Hogan** and her two terrific girls (Sylvia & Charlotte) in the Washington, DC area and later met up with **Margaret Mary Dillon Leardini** and her cutie son, Hayden, in both Chicago (where Margaret currently lives) and Inishmaan, the tiny Aran Island that Margaret's mother is from. I'm now back to work at McKinsey, looking ahead to another big change! After 12 years in New York City (5 minutes from my sister **Tiffany Matula '96**, her husband Erik Rhey, and their two-year-old daughter, Juniper), I'll be moving to Los Angeles where I'll stay with McKinsey and my husband will be starting a faculty position at USC. I know absolutely no one in Los Angeles so any Saint Mary's College connections would be welcome! (And maybe, just maybe my sister will join me there!)"

Hilary Humm Beatty and husband Bill also have a new addition to their family. Hilary writes, "We just welcomed our second little Canadian son, John Michael Humm Beatty, on December 17, 2011. He joins his older sister, Mary, and older brother, Paul, who are thrilled to finally have their new baby brother here. We are still in Ottawa, Canada, where my husband is stationed with the U.S. Air Force. We are anticipating a move this summer and are excited to find out where and when we will be going next. We have loved Ottawa and are going to miss all the wonderful friends we have made here. But, we know God has a plan for our family and we are looking forward to our next adventure. I am taking extended leave from veterinary medicine to stay home with our kids and love the challenge and fun of being a full-time mom."

On January 19, 2012, my Saint Mary's roommate **Molly O'Brien Adduci** and husband John welcomed their fourth child, Colleen Lynne Adduci. Colleen joins siblings Patrick, May, and Jane. The Adducis reside in Glen Ellyn, Illinois.

In February 2012, after years in San Diego, **Anne Delaney** moved back to the Midwest. Anne resides in the Lakeview area of Chicago, where she works for TiE Midwest while also managing her business in San Diego, Excelsior English. It was great to meet Anne for happy hour and catch up on the past 17 years since graduation! We had fun reminiscing about being English majors, particularly the wonderful course we took senior year with Professor Jeanne Rodes, Honors Reading. Memories like this make us both feel fortunate to be Saint Mary's alumnae.

'97

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Bonjour tout le monde. I hope this finds you doing well and enjoying 2012. As I write, reunion is less than three months away. Can you believe it (or that it's our 15th)?

There are not many updates this time around, perhaps in anticipation of the upcoming reunion and catching up with everyone in person. I will start with a few of my own.

Ignacio and I travelled to Illinois in December and enjoyed a few weeks home for the holidays. During that time, **Michele Kuhlmann Nelson**, **April Sass Johnson**, and I (and April's adorable son, Andy) met at Panera Bread for breakfast. Michele continues to teach at the College of Lake County. April is directing her home parish's children's choir. She also accompanies their adult choir and leads a children's Bible study class. Both are keeping very busy and, like me, are looking forward to attending Reunion Weekend and being back on campus. For me, it will be the first time since Reunion 2007.

Ignacio and I are halfway through the spring semester, busy grading and doing other work over spring break as I write this. We are looking forward to summer travels in the Midwest and here in the Carolinas.

Here is an update from **Laura Lechman Rodriguez**: "River Isabella was born April 9, 2011. It was a beautiful homebirth in water. Now Kevin, three, is a big brother and learning to share with his little sister. My husband and I are thrilled with our growing family. I am still teaching English at a high school in Los Angeles. My husband, Johnny, was laid off from his teaching position, but luckily picked up a long-term sub position at another local middle school and sells insurance on the side. While I would love to stay home with my children, I am learning to balance work and quality time with my children. Hope to see you at the reunion."

With that, we end this *Courier* report. If you haven't written in awhile, please drop me a line so I can share it in our next report. For now, take care and have a wonderful summer. *À bientôt, mes amies.*

They also have a little boy, Connor, who is three.

Ann-Marie Roche Powers married Tom Powers on August 27, 2011, in St. Paul, Minnesota. Her bridal party included **Catherine Roche '03**, **Allison Roche '05**, **Sara Wolfert Russo**, **Sarah Siefert Barney**, and **Colleen Thomas Dewan**. They are living happily in Chicago, and Ann Marie continues to work at CNA Insurance.

Patricia "Trish" Haigh Peterson and her husband Kelly had their third son: Henry Lee Mitchell Peterson, who joins brothers Jack and Freddy. This past school year she also returned to work full time as a building learning specialist at All Saints Catholic School, after 12 years in the public school system. Last May Trish got to go to her triplet siblings' graduations from Saint Mary's (congratulations to **Mary Haigh '11** and **Megan Haigh '11**) and Notre Dame. She had a very fun weekend.

Tina Alley DiSanto, Michael, and big brother Rocco (two-and-a-half) welcomed Luca Domenic DiSanto on November 26, 2011 at 11:58 p.m. He weighed 8 lbs., 13 oz. Michael and Tina recently moved from San Francisco back to Cincinnati to be closer to family. Tina still works part time from home for an SF-based technology company as an HR business partner while her husband is corporate attorney. They miss San Francisco, but are so happy for the help of grandparents.

From Charmaine: In October, **Allison "Lis" Sonneveld** accepted a job at Polsinelli Shughart, PC, in the trial department. Polsinelli is a law firm with offices from coast to coast, and she is very excited to be a part of this firm. She hit the ground running with a deposition on her second day, and hearings on her third.

Jaime Sessions Kammerzell has been busy writing for *Rigzone*, an online publication. She has written about women in the oil and gas industry, and was recently quoted by the *Houston Business Journal*. Check out some of work at www.rigzone.com.

Jennifer Pelic Camero and her husband, Mark, are moving back to Illinois in June. Jen has been appointed as a tenure-track assistant professor of law at Southern Illinois University School of Law. She will be teaching contracts, commercial law, and accounting for lawyers.

Anne Eckert Yearsich and her husband, Jim, welcomed a future Belle (fingers crossed), Elizabeth Nicole, on February 9. The family is doing well.

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From Alyson: Happy *Courier* time to all 2001 Belles. Hope you are well.

We are Baby Belle Central lately. Here are the latest blessings to arrive: **Laura Brennan Schlidt** and family welcomed Margaret "Maggie" Grace on May 14, 2011. "Big brother Thomas, four, and big sister Kate, three, love their new sister. Maggie is a sweet baby and such a blessing to our family. I am enjoying being a stay-at-home mom. Life is very busy, but great."

Lori Schulte Smithe writes: "My husband Tomm and I welcomed our third child, Molly Ann Smithe, on April 26, 2011. Thomas, four, and Emily, two, love

being big siblings to Molly, and I am enjoying life as a stay-at-home mom."

Monica Councilor Wohlberg shares: "On August 23, 2011, we welcomed our daughter, Claire Cathryn. She's the perfect addition to our family. Mom, Dad, and big brother Aaron, our cheerleader during the class photo at Reunion, are so much in love with her."

Ryann Cox Szczepanski writes: "On September 1, 2011, my husband Neil and I were blessed with another beautiful baby girl. Elizabeth Grace joins big sisters Emily, eight, and Maria, two, and big brothers Thomas, six, and Kevin, four. We continue to live in Fort Wayne, Indiana, where Neil is an IT manager for Hendrickson. I am enjoying life as a stay-at-home mom."

Beth Castricone Bell checks in with her good news: "On December 19, 2011, my husband Brian and I welcomed Jackson Quentin Bell to the world. He is super sweet and we are crazy about him, but it does mean he can't wear the pink Saint Mary's College dress I bought at Reunion. I'm already back at work and trying to figure out this whole working mom thing. This past September I had the pleasure of a visit from **Olivia Smith**, and it was great to have her as a roommate again, even for just a day."

Cassandra "Casey" Kimball Compton writes: "I had another little boy, Cash Wilson, on November 29, 2011. He joins his big sister Anna and brother Dustin. I'm really looking forward to a trip with **Mary Suddendorf Braunwarth** to North Carolina to visit **Maren Ammerman** this spring. I can't wait to spend time with them."

Melissa Pennington Bassler says: "My husband Casey and I welcomed Nora Rose Bassler into the world on February 7. Nora weighed 5 lbs., 15 oz., and measured 19-1/2 in. long. Everyone is healthy and very happy."

In other news, **Rachele Rodarte Raloff** shares: "The past year has been one of my most fulfilling. My little boy Lucas is turning one in a few weeks, I received my master's degree in education at the end of 2011, and I was asked to co-chair my English department of 24 talented educators. Even though all of these life additions brought some chaos, I could not be more blessed with my personal and work life."

Kristin Frazer checks in: "I have finally decided to call Knoxville, Tennessee, home and bought my first house this past fall. I love having room for family and friends and truly feeling at home. My other exciting news is that I'm leaving for my first mission trip to Africa in March. I will be helping in a medical clinic for a few days, building playground equipment and bookshelves at a school, and taking clothes and toys to children at an orphanage. My mom and I have been talking about going on this trip for years, and I can't believe that we will be leaving soon."

Lastly, I continue to do well in my little corner of the world. I've begun training with my students for the fifth year of my after-school half-marathon training program and have another 10K race scheduled for April. I'm also looking forward to the next several months when I can ride my bike more, travel to Napa Valley in June, and be on summer vacation. It was also great to visit campus this past January when my brother and I had the opportunity to visit my parents in Indiana for the first time in many years. Until next time, my best.

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From Jenny: **Michelle Janko Meade** and her husband R. J. had their second son, Evan Keating on January 4. She also decided to quit her event planning job and is now a stay-at-home mom. It's a huge change, but she's really loving it.

Chrissy Bartle Meko and her husband, Justin ND'99, had a little girl, Caroline Ann, on April 4, 2011.

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From Amanda: Thank you for your updates. It's hard to believe it has been almost 10 years since we graduated. I hope to see many of you at Reunion in 2013.

Elizabeth Janovic landed a new job as an associate attorney at Kaufman Borgeest & Ryan in their New York City office. The team she works with focuses on medical malpractice defense-defending nurses, doctors, and hospitals in the New York City area.

On November 11, 2011, **Cindy Cvengros McCutcheon** and her husband Tom welcomed their second son, Ryan Michael.

Jill Maxbauer Niemi, and her husband Sam welcomed their second daughter, Lauren Vera Niemi, on December 27, 2011. She joins big sister Mara. After maternity leave, Jill started a new job with Lawrence Tech University, coordinating the northern Michigan campuses and recruiting for LTU's MBA program. She is excited to take on this new challenge in the admission and recruitment field.

Melanie Burke Cameron, her husband, Mark, daughter, Esther, and son, Johnpaul, welcomed Philip Simeon on January 5. Melanie serves as president of a bridal nonprofit called St. Anthony's Bridal, providing free use of a wedding gown and free use of reception items to brides on a budget of \$3,000 or less. The bridal shop is located in Bethesda, Maryland.

Cara Hoover Jacob and her husband Michael welcomed their first child, Sadie Grace, on February 1. She weighed 8 lbs., 5 oz., and was 20-1/2 inches long.

From Amy: Renee Donovan Genetti and husband, Michael ND'01, welcomed Luke Donovan Genetti to the world on July 16, 2011. Before Luke's birth, Renee taught at a junior high Catholic school and also taught English as a Second Language to a group of women. Renee is now taking some time off to be a new mom and has been fortunate to have **Merideth Pierce Sullivan** and husband, Jesse ND'07, move from Rhode Island to Thousand Oaks, California, which isn't too far from Renee's home in southern California. Renee, Merideth, and **Lauren Dasso Stalter** all met up in Orange County, California, at the end of July for a mini reunion.

Jatin and **Amy Baum Purshotam** welcomed Ava Jayne on October 29, 2011. Amy writes, "Ava is so sweet, and our three-year-old son, Devan, is totally crazy about her. I am still employed as a clinical social worker for Vitas Hospice and we are currently living in Irvine, California. **Alisha Keller Hoag** is Ava's godmother and recently came out from North Dakota for Ava's christening. She and her husband Bryon visited with sons Braydon, three, and Kylan, one, and we all spent time together at Disneyland and the San Diego Zoo. It was a great visit."

Kristina "Kris" Robinson Paluszkiwicz and her husband were blessed with daughter Kaitlyn Amber on November 29, 2011. Kris' husband recently started a new job, which allows her to be a stay-at-home mom. Kris is also keeping busy tutoring middle school children two nights a week.

Karen Schaff and Cory Awe welcomed their first

child, Madeline Catherine, on Sunday, December 11, 2011. Karen writes, "No pressure, but we hope she will be part of the Saint Mary's College class of 2034."

Adrienne Dorbish Pietropaolo and husband Domenico (ND'03) were blessed with their second son, Rocco Antonio, on January 3. The Pietropaolos are keeping busy with the boys, but were able to squeeze in a trip to Boston in October before Rocco's arrival, where Domenico presented at the Pediatric Infectious Disease Conference.

Nicole Prezioso and husband Jim had their fourth child, Augustin Alexander, on January 27. Nicole writes, "Gus' is a fantastic addition to the family and a perfect baby brother to sisters Josephine, five, Genevieve, four, and Rosemarie, 18 months."

Karen Fink lives in New York City, where she continues to work for the Random House Publishing Group. Recently, Karen led the publicity campaigns for Tom Brokaw's *The Time of Our Lives*, Charles Frazier's *Nightwoods*, Mimi Alford's *Once Upon a Secret* and Sophie Kinsella's *I've Got Your Number*, all of which became bestsellers. She often runs into fellow book publicists and Saint Mary's alumnae **Meghan Cassidy '06** of Free Press, **Emily Lavelle '07**, of Public Affairs, and **Lauren Lavelle '07** of Scribner, in green rooms around the city.

Meghan McGinty Anderson and her family recently moved to Virginia Beach where husband Ben (ND'03), is working for the Navy on the *USS George Bush*. Megan writes, "We love our new house on base and our kids Luke, Drew, and Keira are enjoying their new schools and friends. Before we moved here from D.C., I was able to go to the Notre Dame versus Maryland game at FedEx field, where I had a great time catching up with classmates **Heather Goodrich Schrider**, **Susan Kutz**, and **Kathleen "Katie" Phelan Giganti**."

Christine LaVigne Osburn is happy to be teaching dance once again as well as musical theatre. Her class is currently getting ready for competition season in the spring. Christine is also serving as the chairperson of her church's Vacation Bible camp and is keeping busy with her two children's activities, including choreographing their school's most recent Christmas show.

From Meganne: **Shannon Nelligan** just received her Certified Meeting Professional (CMP) designation and writes that this achievement "will allow me to grow in my current position. I look forward to the possibility of using the CMP to springboard into contract event management and marketing in the D.C. area." Congratulations, Shannon.

Nellie Williams Gould and her husband Dave proudly announce that they had twins on November 7, 2011. Brigid Anne was 7.1 lbs., and Charlotte Francis was 6.12 lbs. Nellie reports that both are redheads. Big sister Norah, now two-and-a-half, is in love with them and a wonderful help. Congratulations, Nellie and Dave.

2011 was a bittersweet year for **Josie Bilas Gru-**

CLASSCLIPS



Members of the Class of '03 gathered to watch the ND vs. Maryland game in Washington, DC. From left: Susan Kutz, Katie Phelan Giganti, Heather Goodrich Schrider, and Meghan McGinty Anderson. It was great fun seeing old friends and cheering on the Irish!

ver, who writes that she lost her dad in June after a very short battle with cancer. Josie continues, "While this was an extremely difficult time, we did have some happier events. We welcomed our son, Jack, on September 27, 2011. He's brought us all a lot of joy and we are loving every minute of him (even the sleepless nights)."

Rachael Benkert Wenzl writes from Chicago: "In July 2011, my husband Tom and I bought a house in Glen Ellyn, a suburb of Chicago. We were slowly getting settled, and on November 3, we welcomed Thomas John Jr. (Tommy) into our lives. We couldn't be more thrilled."

In other Chicago news, **Bridget Myers** married Vince Mullins on November 12, 2011. Bridesmaids included **Val Gillis** and **Corrine Negrelli Carlson**, and **Emily Blaha** served as maid of honor. **Meganne Madden Hoffman**, **Jena Morreale Corsello**, and **Jaime Rubino Henry** were also in attendance along with other Saint Mary's alumnae, including Bridget's mom, **Connie Long Myers '75**, and her aunt, **Kerry Long '70**. Bridget is still working at Crate and Barrel's corporate headquarters as a merchandise planner, and she and Vince now reside in Libertyville, Illinois.

'05

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Hello everyone. I hope you're all having a great summer. Thank you for submitting your updates.

Jill Roberts visited me in at my post in Istanbul, Turkey, in February. We had quite a few adventures and even learned to cook a five-course Turkish meal.

Jessica Sloan recently accepted a marketing position with an accounting firm in Maumee, Ohio.

On June 17, 2011, **Cynthia Rodriguez** married David Patrick Good. They married at the St. Louis Cathedral in New Orleans, Louisiana. One of Cynthia's bridesmaids was **Erin Nolan '07**. After the wedding, she and her husband moved from Dallas to Houston, where she works at Texas Children's Hospital as a pediatric social worker.

On April 24, 2010, **Laura Blume Doverspike** married Darin at Saint Mary's Church of Our Lady of

Loretto. **Carlye Gibson** and **Jani Burns '04** were in her wedding party. On January 4, she and her husband had a baby girl named Mia Marie. Laura is still working at the University of Notre Dame, in Human Resources, in benefits.

Kassy Kriegel Reiff and her husband, Toby ND'02, welcomed their second little boy, Robby, on November 1, 2011.

Kimberly "Kim" Holly Maher and her husband, John, welcomed their son, Kellen John, into the world on January 27.

Kathleen Wiggins Hergert and her husband, John, welcomed son Colin Patrick on January 14.

Catherine Tindall Mott and her husband Jared welcomed Vera Jeanette on November 30, 2011.

Kate Wallace Bramanti and Tommy welcomed baby Julia Rose on February 2. The Bramantis currently reside in North Pole, Alaska.

Margie Schaffner and her husband Ben Hancock welcomed their daughter, Annabelle Margaret Hancock, on February 3.

Michelle Eggers Lagos and her husband, Chris ND'05, welcomed Cecilia Maria on October 4.

We have quite a few email addresses that are out of date. When you have a chance, please take a moment to send your current email and contact information to SMCourier05@gmail.com.

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Anna Sophia Del Fabro married Benjamin Tittle on May 7, 2011. **Merrie Elizabeth Laughman '11** was in attendance. On May 14, 2011, the couple graduated from the Indiana University School of Medicine, and Sophia was given the Indiana Society for Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Award. In June, the couple will be moving to Cleveland, where Sophia will be completing her residency in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at the Metro Health Rehabilitation Institute of Ohio. Ben will be completing his residency in Radiology at the Cleveland Clinic.

Sarah Ann Sult married David Chase Kurtz on October 29, 2011, in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Her bridesmaids were **Mallory O'Brien**, **Erin Anhut**, and **Bridget Spore '08**. **Anne Chapman** and **Katie Chapman** were also in attendance. Sarah and David reside in Houston, Texas, where they are both medical sales representatives.

Scarlett Robinson Wand writes: "My husband Patrick and I are excited to (although belatedly) announce the birth of our second child, Eoghan Francis, on April 18, 2011. I am also excited to report that I earned my K-12 French license in the fall of 2010, and my Elementary Education license this past fall. I am looking forward to a long-term substitute teacher position as a kindergarten teacher starting in March."

Mary Beth Pavela Matenaer welcomed daughter Monica J. Matenaer on April 2, 2011.

On June 19, 2010, **Jenaca Forquer** married Jonathan Hobson, and on April 1, 2011, they welcomed a son, Jonquil James Hobson.

On December 30, 2011, **Dana Dreher Schrader** and her husband added a new addition to their family, second daughter, Lillian Diane Schrader.

Kaitlin Cox Hilger and her husband Paul welcomed Lily Grace Hilger on October 4, 2009, and Lilah Kathleen Hilger on December 8, 2010. They re-

side in their hometown of Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Ashley Goudreau writes that she passed the third part of the Enrolled Agents exam in December, and is now an enrolled agent with the IRS.

Sandy Parry writes: "I married Daniel Kesser ND'10 on December 30, 2011, in San Diego. **Tara O'Brien** was my maid of honor, and **Caitlin O'Brien '10** was one of my bridesmaids. In attendance were **Wynn Perryn White**, **Christie Pearl Rastello**, **Lyn-da Pearl '09**, **Shelagh O'Brien '12**, **Barbara Dros-sel McKnight '77**, **Trish Sheehan Pearl '83**, and many of our Notre Dame friends."

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Happy summer, Class of 2009. It has been an incredibly busy six months since our last update. I'm running out of space for small talk, so on to the news.

Ashley Recupito sent me a Christmas card thanking all of us for our letters, well wishes, and prayers during the holiday season. She further reports that her time since entering as a postulant with the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia in Nashville last fall has been exciting and surprising. She broke her ankle while playing soccer with the Sisters shortly after arriving and spent much of the next few months living in the convent's infirmary, but is doing better now.

While collecting the letters I sent to Ashley, I was able to talk to a lot of you who I hadn't heard from recently.

Miranda Baxter was living in Creede, Colorado, a small town in the San Juan Mountains, until the long, hard, and lonely winters made her restless. She left for a new job with the American Players Theatre in Spring Green, Wisconsin, from May through October. If anyone is in the area, she says she'd love some visitors.

There seems to be a ton of 2009 graduates in Chicago, including **Kristen Brickley**, who lives with **Emily Cwidak-Kusbach**, **Kristen Edelen**, and **Erika Lowe**. Fellow Belles **Kaley Jo Fornelli**, **Meaghan Fontein**, and **Kathleen Dudek** joined them to celebrate Emily's 25th birthday in January.

Kate Wojan is also living and working in Chicago. She reports that in spring 2011 she finished a program at the Chicago Portfolio School, an advertising and design school. She is now an art director at a healthcare company called Healthy Interactions. She says she's loving Chicago and is eager to connect with other Saint Mary's grads in the area. Kate, you should call up Kristen, Emily, Kristen, and Erika.

There were a few births and weddings since I last reported. **Rachael Johnson** gave birth to Adilene Rose Rabil on September 22, 2012.

In September, **Annaliese Furman** tracked back to our alma mater to marry Brian McSweeney at the Church of Our Lady of Loretto. **Kelly Gasior Pittner's** daughter Anna was the flower girl and **Christina Werner** and **Lauren Lassus** joined in on the fun. Annaliese and Brian are settling down in Ireland, where she graduated with a master's in philosophy in theatre and performance from Trinity College in April.

Alicen Miller Teitgen reports that **Erin Seidelmann** married Ryan Truesdale ND'09 on October 15 in Chicago, and **Sarah Falvey Burkett** attended **Kimberley Burkart's** wedding to Matt Bayer, in Sheboygan, Wisconsin on March 17.

Alicen and Sarah have news of their own to share

as well. Alicen will graduate with a master's in chemistry from Ball State in July while Sarah received her JD from the University of San Diego in May and entered the Navy JAG Corps.

Molly Lamping also graduated with her JD from Loyola University Chicago School of Law in May.

Allison Buddie reports that she completed the Nuclear Engineering Certificate Program at the University of Pittsburgh in December. She started a new job as a test engineer at Westinghouse Electric Company on February 1.

We have quite a few teachers who seem to be superwomen at their schools. **Mary Hancock** is teaching ninth- and tenth-grade English at St. Charles East High School in Illinois. She's also the head coach of the varsity dance team and completed the Chicago Marathon in October.

Katie Comeford just completed her third year at the Phoenix Military Academy in Chicago. She teaches economics, journalism, and U.S. history while somehow finding time to also coach the varsity cheerleading team and serve as the yearbook advisor. Katie will be spending her summer at Dartmouth with the Summer Institute for the Gifted after completing research with the Yale University Education Initiative.

Christine Ashby just completed her third year of teaching English at Highland High School in Highland, Indiana.

Dana Krilich earned a master's degree in education curriculum and instruction in May. She's already started on a second master's program to earn her Type 75 Administration Certificate and is teaching and coaching the Varsity Lady Cardinals girls basketball team and the Junior Varsity girls' tennis team at Eisenhower High School in Blue Island, Illinois.

Jumping west of the Mississippi, **Ashley Fusaro** is teaching sixth-grade math and coaching seventh-grade basketball and volleyball in Kalispell Montana. She was recently hired as Flathead High School's head softball coach.

Erin Haines Vu is still teaching at St. Augustine Catholic High School in Tucson, Arizona. She received a master's degree in education from Notre Dame in May 2011, and married Phong on June 18, 2011.

Alyssa Lewanski is thriving in Park City, Utah, working for Holy Cross Ministries. She is a teacher in the School Readiness Program that serves preschool students in the Hispanic community. They teach the children basic kindergarten concepts and English skills to make the transition to an all-English speaking school easier.

Caitlin Brodmerkel Krouse says: "During the 2012 year, I am running in five full marathons to raise money for the Wounded Warrior Project, a nonprofit organization that assists soldiers returning from war in making an easy transition back into civilian life. The organization is for military members who have been physically or emotionally injured from war. This is near to my heart because my twin brother is currently fighting as an Army Lieutenant in Afghanistan. I created a web site with information about my marathons, the Wounded Warrior Project, and how to donate: www.runningforwarriors.com."

This was a whirlwind update, ladies, but I still want to know where you are and what you're up to. I hear that we have a beauty queen among us, a couple women are training to run the Chicago Marathon again, and groups of you are going on vacation together. Let me know—we'd love to hear about it all.



More than 20 percent of the Class of 2012 have mothers, sisters, aunts, or grandmothers who also graduated from Saint Mary's. We recognize how this graduation formalizes a special connection within their own families—and the Saint Mary's family as well. (Mothers are listed in *italics*.)



Joanne Almond, Anne E. Becker '83

Elizabeth Anglin, Sheila Slattery Leete '70

Jane Baker, Barbara Bennett Sanderson '91, Julie Bennett Bottenhorn '88, Carol Bennett Clancy '82

Clara Bartha, Catherine Brissette Reidy '85

Natalie Bartzen, *Angela Speranza Bartzen* '76, Elena Bartzen '05, Laura Speranza Atwood '87, Anna Bartzen Stockman '77, Elizabeth Bartzen Leader '73, Gretchen Bartzen Spohn '72, Mary Bartzen Loveton '70

Catherine Batz, *Pamela Carey Batz* '70, Carolyn Carey Batz '05, Elizabeth Carey Kish '78, Marie Corby Carey '41,

Molly Borg, Bridget Borg '07, Kathleen Borg '05, Eileen Deasey Johnston '82

Kelly Bracken, Kathleen Bracken Gambra '80

Elizabeth Bramanti, *Theresa Lewis Bramanti* '79

Vanessa Bui, Natalie Bui '10

Natalie Burkart, Kimberley Burkart '09

Sarah Capaldi, *Susan Bouhall Capaldi* '81

Brianne Carroll, Caroline Zern Lee '87

Lauren Carroll, *Mary Beth Bruton Carroll* '85, Megan Carroll '10, Karen Bruton Ryan '94, Sharon Bruton Knecht '89

Eva Cavadini, Mary Cavadini '10

Kelly Conaty, *Mary Wolf Conaty* '76, Meghan Conaty '09, Caitlin Conaty '07, Julie Conaty McDonald '05, Colleen Conaty Bowen '03, Carol Wolf Gubbins '83, Anne Conaty Selvaggi '82, Mary Kathryn Conaty Leicht '74, Mary Hardin Wolf '49, Virginia Wolf Doyle '40, Jean Wolf Corby '40, Dorothy Rempe Doyle '27, Marion Rempe '23, Mercedes Rempe Coughlin '21, Janet Rempe Cronin 1916

Caitlin Condon, Erin Condon '07, Lauren Condon '06

Brianne Coxon, Hayley Coxon '08

Maureen Cunningham, Kathryn Cunningham '06

Courtney Dahms, Mary Cunningham Deitle '34

Katelyn Dapper, *Kathryn Knych Dapper* '87, Christina Knych Ugo '97, Carol Knych Stephens '83

Maura Diamond, *Sheila Anne Kinney Diamond* '75

Brittany Dian, Rose Marie Murphy Foley '54

Katherine DiPiero, Claire DiPiero '10

Elizabeth Downs, Erin Downs '00

Monica Drettmann, Kathleen Walsh Spencer '78

Claire Egan, *Susan Murdock Egan* '82

Maggie Fechtel, Morgan Fechtel '06

Megan Flaherty, Molly Flaherty '10

Victoria Flees, Elizabeth Flees '09

Emily Foldenauer, *Margaret Foldenauer* '81, Anna Foldenauer '10, Debra R. Bauters '77

Elizabeth Frawley, *Linda Hewitt Frawley* '82, Carol Schneider Hewitt '58

Angela Gillis, Michelle McNamara Franks '87, Martha Gillis Esrig '59, Eleanor Osborne Gillis '30

Kristen Glomb, *Louise Masotti Glomb* '88, Lisa Masotti Campbell '92, Laura Masotti Fredrick '90, Trisha Glomb Ladner '85

Katherine Greenspon, Judith A. Greenspon '80

Grace Guyol, *Mary Tramelli Guyol* '80

Julie Hamilton, Jacqueline Hamilton Pora '04

Karen Hanley, Kathryn Hanley '06, Molly Furey Hanley '98

Lauren Harrell, Brittany Harrell Iams '09

Kaitlin Hennessy, *Kathleen Horgan Bauer* '80

Anna Holod, *Elisabeth Johnson Holod* '83

Julia Humphrey, Danielle Haley '03, Sharon Quakenbush Couture '78, Madeline Couture Lewis '78

Gabrielle Hussey, Caitlin Hussey '10

Melissa Jackson, Lauren Jackson '11

Rebecca Marie Jones, Nancy Jones Fallon '92

Kimberly Jordan, Jessica Jordan '07

Grace Kennedy, *Karen Lowery Kennedy* '79, Anne Kennedy Weicher '08, Megan Kennedy Shanley '06



Legacy graduates and family members attended the Alumnae Legacy Family Reception on Friday, May 18, in Stapleton Lounge.

FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Elizabeth Munger '12, second from right, and, from left, father, Hal Munger ND '78, brother Hal Munger ND '07, and mother, Melissa Campbell Munger '79.

Emma Thibaudeau '12, center, and, left, sister Clair Thibaudeau, and mother, Diane Thibaudeau.

Kayla McColl '12, center, and sisters Morgan McColl '10, left, and Christa McColl '14.

Mary (Maggie) Ronan '12 and mother, Carolyn Thompson Ronan '81.

Victoria Flees '12, far right, and, from left, mother, Rosalyn Flees, sister Elizabeth Flees '09, and sister Katherine Flees.

Kelly Conaty '12, third from left, joined by, from left, friend Doug Eldridge, sister Caitlin Conaty '07, sister Meghan Conaty '09, cousin Amy Leicht '10, and cousin Danny Leicht.



Kerrianne Key, Maureen Hussey Key '76, Mariana Hussey O'Rear '85, Kathleen Vilona Hussey '80

Stephanie Kreager, Diane Williams Kreager '79, Barbara Blum Williams '88

Jordan Lierz, Meredith Lierz '10

Julianna Loebach, Gina Ameduri Loebach '81

Alexandra Lowe, Erika Lowe '09

Mary Mahoney, Mary Dean-Mahoney '75

Elizabeth Maltby, Carolyn Maltby '09

Kayla McColl, Morgan McColl '10, Sheila Mortell Finan '82, Elizabeth Mortell Dubenetzky '77, Linda Mortell Bunda '73

Keelin McGee, Caitlin McGee '08, Mackenzie McGee '03

Bridget Meade, Rebecca Meade '10

Elizabeth Mueller, Barbara Jacobs Mueller '74

Elizabeth Munger, Melissa Campbell Munger '79

Kathleen Murphy, Elizabeth Murphy '10

Jami Nelis, Lindsey Nelis '10, Kelly Nelis Nicholas '06

Shelagh O'Brien, Caitlin O'Brien '10, Tara O'Brien '07

Tatum O'Brien, Sarah O'Brien '11

Courtney O'Neill, Jayne Murphy O'Neill '80

Jessica Orlando, Janet McMeel Orlando '80

Madeline O'Sullivan, Ellen Boyle Benish '57, Margaret Boyle '53, Mary McNally Sullivan '39

Cassandra Palmer, Cynthia Bender Palmer '79

Katelynd Park, Julie Radke Park '90, Tammye Radke Raster '88

Alyson Payne, Alyce Rygiel Payne '75

Brittany Payne, Kelly Payne '11

Madeleine Powell, Mary Carolyn (Carrie) Powers Powell '48, Mary Winch '29, Carolyn Tobin Powers '23

Riley Pummill, Dana Pohlman Erbrecht '92

Anne Reagan, Margot Fisher Reagan '77, Ellen Gorman Reagan '82

Kelly Reidenbach, Erica Reidenbach '08

Mary Ronan, Carolyn Thompson Ronan '81, Molly Thompson Cole '82, Kathleen Dailey Ronan '56

Mariel Rose, Christin Rose '00, Tami Rose Raciti '88, Kathleen Rose Was '86, Ann Loughran Pingel '85, Sharon Horvath Rose '62

Megan Ryan, Elizabeth O'Hara Ryan '33

Anna Rybarczyk, Mary Alice Winn Culhane '82

Elizabeth Santschi, Eileen Morrison Santschi '84, Megan Morrison '94, Patricia Morrison O'Donnell '87

Emily Schmitt, Katherine Horner Schmitt '85

Brittany Sinka, Karen Finkenbinder Knop '81

Emily Skirtich, Susan Skirtich '08

Kellie Stepaniak, Lauren Stepaniak '09

Madeleine Stoll, Mary Dolehide Stoll '84

Emily Suprenant, Patricia Etling Suprenant '85, Maria Frigyesi Etling '80, Anna Frigyesi Garriott '77

Ann Tawadros, Virginia Barrett Tawadros '76

Samantha Tulisiak, Alexandra Tulisiak '09, Marita Nolan Tulisiak '74

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