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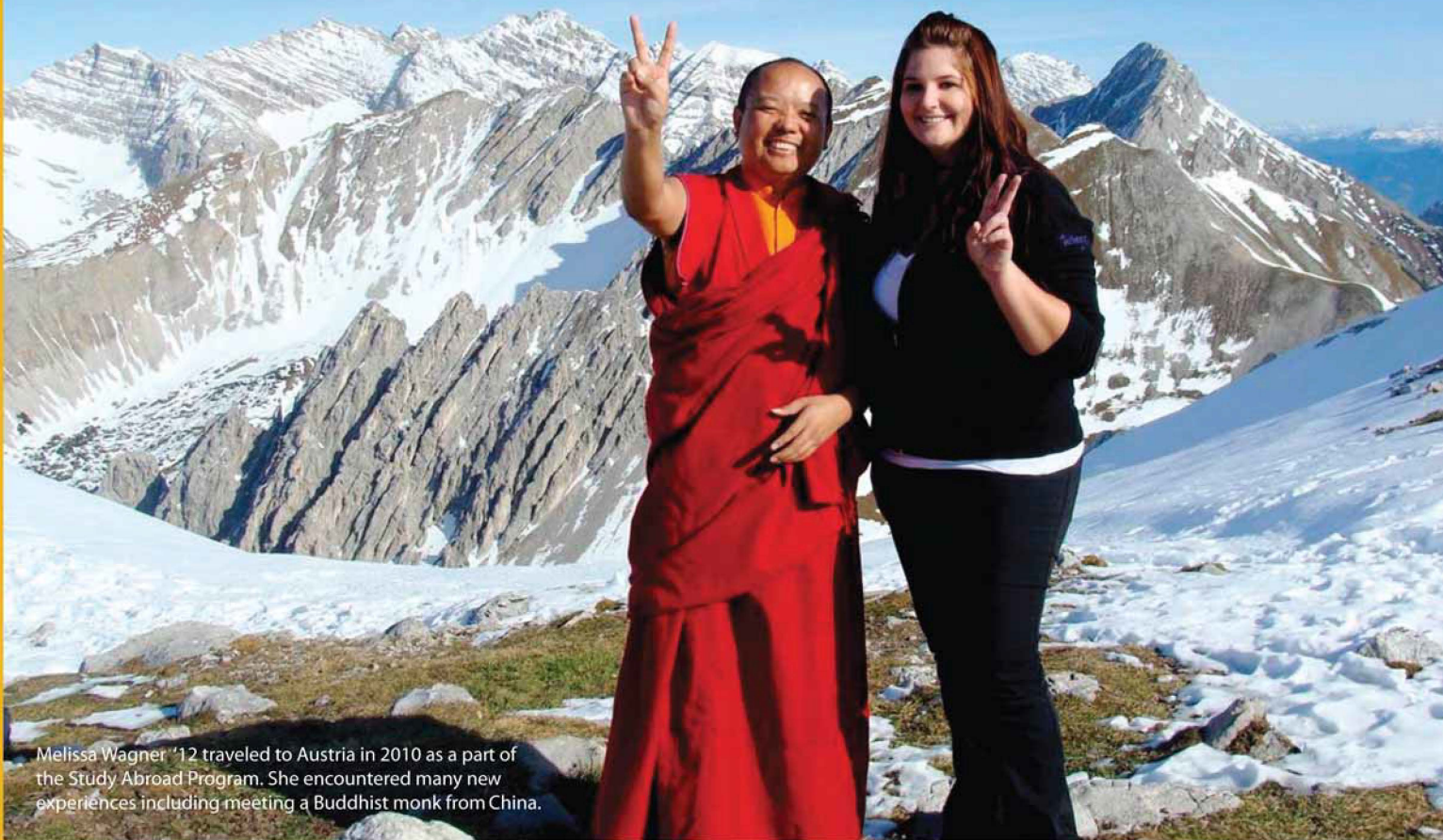
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Unlocking the opportunity
for college success
today



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Melissa Wagner '12 traveled to Austria in 2010 as a part of the Study Abroad Program. She encountered many new experiences including meeting a Buddhist monk from China.

This moment made possible by alumnae and friends of Saint Mary's College

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Saint Mary's College is a Catholic, residential, women's college in the liberal arts tradition. A pioneer in the education of women, the College is an academic community where women develop their talents and prepare to make a difference in the world. Founded by the Sisters of the Holy Cross in 1844, Saint Mary's promotes a life of intellectual vigor, aesthetic appreciation, religious sensibility, and social responsibility. All members of the College remain faithful to this mission and continually assess their response to the complex needs and challenges of the contemporary world.



Access to College: Attaining the dream and achieving success

Mona Bowe, Vice President for Enrollment Management

Education tends to be a hot topic during election years, so it's not surprising that there is a lot of talk about access to higher education in the media right now. Readiness for college and the complexity of the admission and financial aid process used to be the most common barriers for some prospective students. Lately, however, lack of financial resources and growing concerns with student debt take center stage in these discussions.

Through one of the deepest recessions the country has seen, we were able to recruit outstanding students that make the College a thriving learning community. And, we recognize and appreciate the sacrifices their families have made to enable them to follow their dreams.

But those dreams are getting harder to pursue. In a recent article in the *U.S. Catholic* Gerald J. Beyer states that in general Catholic colleges and universities, when compared to their secular counterparts, fall behind in their efforts to recruit, accept, and retain students with the highest financial need. Beyer finds an interesting dichotomy: the larger the endowment at the Catholic universities he researched, some worth billions, the fewer Pell-eligible (high-need) students they enroll.

Of the new students who enrolled at Saint Mary's in 2011, 25.9 percent were Pell-eligible. This percentage has increased significantly, from 15.4 percent in 2008. A student's ability to pay, or lack thereof, is not considered at all in our admission process. Saint Mary's goal is to attract and enroll academically ambitious and socially responsible young women. True to our Catholic tradition and mission, we choose to invest our scholarship dollars to make a Saint Mary's education affordable, and therefore, equally attainable, for all.

Of course, this philosophy comes with a price; currently, our endowment does not provide enough support for Saint Mary's to meet the financial need of every one of our applicants. We get to know these young women and it is heart-breaking when an outstanding applicant is unable to enroll due to financial constraints. Our goal is to make Saint Mary's accessible for every qualified student and our dream is to grow our resources to make that happen.

We know many of you are parents of college-bound children and are facing many of the same questions and challenges that confront our applicants. We hope the information in this issue about the college search and about the processes and support at Saint Mary's provide your family with insight and tools to help your child not only get into the college of his or her choice, but ensure they succeed in their studies and in their future endeavors.

Mona Bowe

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Correction: Board Member Angeline Johnson '07 was mistakenly omitted from this listing in the Summer 2012 issue of *Courier*. Apologies from the *Courier* office.

"There will be people looking for your spot. It's a part of life. You need to be sure your personal brand is out there and people can see it."

—**Susan Glockner Gallagher '80**, in her keynote at the Success After Saint Mary's event September 20. This year's theme was Branding Yourself for Career Success.

Heard on campus

This fall Saint Mary's hosted a number of compelling speakers. Their advice, reflection, and expertise were as varied as their topics.



"I like to picture Jesus as having a sense of humor. I mean, walking on water? That's got to be good for some grins."

—**Tom Leopold**, in his one-man show "A Comedy Writer Finds God," in which he shares stories of his career as a producer, story editor, and TV writer for hit sitcoms "Seinfeld," "Cheers," and "Hope & Faith," among others. Leopold discussed his faith journey, which started with Judaism. Leopold converted to Catholicism last year. He presented his show and taught a master class for theatre students with friend and writer Bill Persky, known for his work on programs like "The Dick Van Dyke Show," "That Girl," and "The Cosby Show."

"**Be not afraid.** Trust in your experience, trust in your life, trust in your being here."

—**James Carroll**, 2012 Christian Culture Lecturer on "The Reforming Dimension of Christianity in Western Culture: Vatican II and Beyond." Carroll is a columnist for *The Boston Globe*, the Distinguished Scholar in Residence



at Suffolk University in Boston, and National Book Award-winning author of *An American Requiem*, among ten novels and seven non-fiction works.



"**I am profoundly convinced** that defense of religious freedom is destined to be the premier social and political priority of the Catholic Church in the 21st century...In the United States, a threat to religious freedom means that you could get sued. In a growing number of other parts of the world, it means that you might get shot. And I hope we would all agree that would rate higher on the urgency meter."

—**John L. Allen, Jr.**, Senior Correspondent covering the Vatican for the *National Catholic Reporter*, from his Center for Spirituality lecture "The Legacy of Vatican II: Historical Highlights and Reasons for Hope."

New Department of Global Studies will offer major and minor

The College began the 2012–13 year with a new academic department, the Department of Global Studies, which offers a new major and minor in global studies.

“The global studies programs implement key components of President Carol Ann Mooney’s strategic plan which, in part, seeks to prepare our students to fully participate in the emerging global community,” says Jill Vihtelic, Professor of Business Administration and Chair of the Global Studies Department. “As President Mooney says in the plan, it is no longer sufficient for our graduates to be prepared to work only in the United States. Today’s graduates must be prepared to work with, and compete with, colleagues from around the globe and potentially to spend some portion

of their careers living outside the United States.”

Courses deal with topics as diverse as Women in Africa and the Middle East; Globalization and Economic Development; Migration and Diasporas; Politics of Multiculturalism; International Trade and Finance; and European Literature, History, and Culture.

—Gwen O’Brien

Saint Mary’s moves up in *U.S. News* rankings for 4th year

Once again *U.S. News* ranks Saint Mary’s College among the top 100 “Best National Liberal Arts Colleges.” Saint Mary’s comes in at 87, up from 90 last year. The College’s position has progressively increased over the past five years.

Chemistry research team unveils new device to screen for counterfeit drugs, patent pending



Dr. Toni Barstis, Diana Vega Pantoja '13, and Elizabeth Bajema '11 discuss their paper analytical devices.

A Saint Mary’s chemistry research team has developed an inexpensive paper-based tool that can screen for counterfeit pain relievers. The paper analytical device (PAD) is the size of a business card and offers results in less than five minutes. It’s technology that could ferret out other fake drugs that promise cures for everything from malaria to the flu. Counterfeit phar-

maceuticals are a serious problem in developing countries. The College has applied for a U.S. patent for the PAD and the patent is pending. It’s the first time Saint Mary’s has applied for a patent.

Panadol is one of multiple brand names used abroad for the pain and fever reliever acetaminophen. The Saint Mary’s research team, led by chemistry professor Toni Barstis, Elizabeth Bajema '11, the PADs project professional specialist, and student researcher Diana Vega Pantoja '13, led the Panadol project with researchers at the University of Notre Dame.

“Panadol long has been among the most common, standard pain-relieving drugs counterfeited around the world,” says Saint Mary’s chemistry professor Toni Barstis. “In the past, you could just look at the labeling and packaging and know if it was counterfeit. Now, they do such a good job with the package design it’s hard to determine whether it’s a package of the genuine medicine or a fake that contains no acetaminophen or even ingredients that may be harmful.”

—Gwen O’Brien

Sister Maria Amadeo, CSC, and nursing program featured in Havican Hall exhibit



Elise Jacobson Torczynski '56 and Professor Linda S. Paskiewicz, The Marjorie A. Neuhooff Chair in Nursing.

Amadeo, CSC, which ran from 1935–1962. Elise felt inspired to make sure the era wasn’t forgotten. The program was one of the first in the country and the first in the state of Indiana.

After several trips to the College and many hours in the archives, Elise had collected enough information to create an exhibit honoring Sister Amadeo, the nursing program, and the

exceptional nursing graduates from this era.

“The attitude was that nurses weren’t scholars,” says Elise. But at least 15 students from the 1940s to the 1960s went on to receive advanced degrees. “We were scholars just like the other students.”

Among the materials found in the archives, Elise discovered a formal portrait of Sister Amadeo that inspired a newly commissioned oil painting to be placed in the center of the exhibit.

“I’m just so proud of Sister Amadeo. She was so quiet, so professional. I never had any idea how much she had done,” says Elise. “She was a real scholar and a wonderful woman.”

The exhibit focuses on aspects of the nursing program’s history as well as Sister Amadeo’s life. It includes original nursing pins, photographs, and information dating back to the precursor of the nursing program, when women with limited training cared for troops fighting for both sides during the Civil War.

—Lynn Sikora '06

Tom Leopold performs “A Comedy Writer Finds God” and two seniors find new comps

Thanks to the Department of English and the Shaheen/Duggan Performing Arts Series, TV comedy writers Tom Leopold (“Seinfeld,” “Will & Grace,” “Cheers”) and Bill Persky (“The Dick Van Dyke Show,” “That Girl,” “The Cosby Show”) visited Saint Mary’s in mid-September. They worked with English, theatre, and communication studies students in two master classes and Leopold performed his one-man show, “A Comedy Writer Finds God.”

In the show, Leopold shared stories of his career and his faith journey, which led him to Catholicism (he was baptized last year). Deep despair tied to his teenage daughter’s eating disorder brought him to his conversion.

Leopold shared how he lay in bed one Christmas Eve and “for the first time in my life I started to pray for real...Lord, just give me a sign that you’re up there. I can’t make it.” He was a night’s sleep away from seeing his daughter, who had been in a treatment facility in Arizona for four months.

He awoke at 4 a.m. Christmas Day and went for a walk in the desert.

“There were still a billion stars in the sky and the air was sweet. It was almost Biblical, the only thing that was missing was a heavenly messenger—and then he arrived on a motorcycle with deer antlers for handlebars. A crackly, leathery, old Marine-faced 77-year-old guy. He comes up to me and pops a wheelie and starts an hour-long monologue. The guy had such an intensity,

such charisma that I couldn’t take my eyes off of him.”

The man talked about being married to a woman named Shepherd and how she brought him to Jesus when he was 33.

“The sun begins to rise above his head like a halo and he says, ‘God is watching you.’ And then he’s gone.”

The encounter and other signs ultimately led the New Yorker to St. Patrick’s Cathedral and RCIA. Leopold says his daughter still struggles with the disorder, but her health has improved.

English professor Max Westler invited Persky and Leopold to campus. It was Persky’s second visit to the College this calendar year. He and best-selling author and comedy writer Adriana Trigiani ’81 visited the College in April for master classes and a public event. Trigiani was one of Westler’s students. Master classes like these, and those provided through The Margaret M. Hill Endowed Visiting Artist Series, give Saint Mary’s students unusual access to professionals in film, television, and theatre.

Two of Westler’s English students in a sitcom writing class with Leopold and Westler were inspired to change their senior comprehensives almost on the spot. They will both develop sitcom ideas and create scripts that Leopold and Persky will critique a few pages at a time. Yes, the students and the pros exchanged email addresses. Only at Saint Mary’s.

—Gwen O’Brien

Madrigals celebrate 40 years with new music, performances, and set design



This year’s Madrigal Dinners will commemorate four decades of entertaining guests and celebrating the holiday spirit.

Presented by the Department of Music, the Madrigal Dinners have been a beloved tradition at Saint Mary’s for 40 years now. The show has undergone a recent transformation and will feature a new script and design in honor of the anniversary.

Director Nancy Menk says the show’s redesign is a group effort. Professor Michaela Duffy and her theatre students have taken on the task of redoing the set. Professor Susan Baxter has written a new script and Chicago-based composer Paul Carey has composed a new piece in Renaissance style.

“We also plan to bring dance back to the dinners after an absence of almost 20 years, with the help of choreographer Laurie Lowry,” says Menk.

Richard Baxter, director of special events, is excited to see the community celebrate the start of the Advent season together.

“Most patrons focus their compliments on the music and the food,” says Baxter. “My favorite part of Madrigals is watching how the Saint Mary’s community comes together to provide an enriching experience for our patrons. It is an example of how the College lives the mission.”

Madrigal Dinners run November 30 – December 2. For a complete list of show times and ticket prices, visit MoreauCenter.com or call (574) 284-4626.

—Bridget Feeney ’13

—Avenue News compiled by J.D. Brewer

Unlocking the Door:

Access to education today

By Karen Zagrocki McDonald '76,
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Can I afford college? Is a degree worth the cost? How am I going to navigate the complexity of financing a college education? These are the questions on the minds of many high school students (and their parents) today. News of escalating tuition and incidental costs, come at a time when the economic downturn has negatively impacted family finances and the ability to pay for college. Add to that the decreased government support for students and institutions and you've got a generation of potential college students facing a big barrier to higher education.

A degree is worth the cost. It's no secret that the cost of a college degree is increasing. However, according to the U.S. Census Bureau 2010 population survey, **the average annual earnings for those attaining a bachelor's degree is \$56,665-\$26,038 more than high school graduates.** Furthermore, if the United States is to compete in the rapidly changing global economy, the skills and knowledge our students need require postsecondary study. That being said, the other questions remain—affordability and optimizing financial aid without taking on insurmountable debt.

- A White House Task Force on Middle Class Families Staff Report, *Barriers to Higher Education*, states “we want to gauge the extent to which a child's merit—his or her academic ability, separate from family income, wealth, or background—is truly a determining factor in helping him or her get into, and graduate from, a good school in order to tap into the advantages that a college education provides in today's economy.” Some other key findings in that report include:
- Family income impacts college enrollment. Seventy-eight percent of high school graduates from high income families enrolled in college; the rates for middle and low income families were 63 percent and 55 percent.

- Children from less affluent households also face information barriers—they lack the road maps or networks to get the information they need about admission and financial aid options.
- Middle-income children are half as likely to complete college as wealthier children.
- About 60 percent of college students borrow for college and their debt level is increasing.

According to the College Board report, *Trends in Student Aid*, in 2010–11, the average total debt level for those relying on student loans graduating with a bachelor's degree from public four-year colleges and institutions was \$23,800; for those graduating from private, nonprofit institutions, that debt level was \$29,900. While these amounts are not insignificant, they are a far cry from the media stories about students carrying hundreds of thousands of dollars in debt. **What is important is that prospective students understand the financial aid programs available to them and the nuances of various loan programs.**

The term “net price” is becoming more relevant in the conversation regarding the cost of college. The equation starts with tuition, room and board, fees, and other associated costs. Net price calculators, found on most college websites, enable a student to estimate financial aid packages and options and deduct that from the topline cost. However, the financial aid part of the equation is becoming more reliant on loans as state and federal grants have diminished. Colleges and universities are being called on to improve operational efficiency and increase institutional grants to students based on merit and need.

The bottom line is **no qualified student should be denied the opportunity to attend college.** Overcoming the barriers—poor academic preparation, lack of financial resources, lack of knowledge about the enrollment and financial aid process, and providing students the support to succeed once they are enrolled is a challenge that must be met if the dream of a college education is to be attainable for prospective students today and in the future. The problems are clear and the solutions are not easy; yet, access to education is critical to enabling the hopes and dreams of young people. ■

Alumna Profile

Her Financial Journey

How one Saint Mary's grad overcame the obstacles to her own higher education

By Shannon E. Brewer Rooney '03

As an eleven-year-old, Kamara Umbaugh '12 spent her Saturdays a bit differently from her friends. She spent her weekdays differently as well. When Umbaugh was seven, her mother was diagnosed with glioblastoma brain cancer. While in treatment her mother couldn't work and her father was laid off, struggling to find work with a high school education in a down economy. Her mother's staggering healthcare bills were piling up.

By fifth grade Umbaugh spent her weekends mowing neighbors' lawns and cleaning houses near the family's farm outside of Austin, Texas. She homeschooled her younger sister, Miranda, and taught herself at home so she could help care for her mother during the day. Eventually, the financial burden forced Umbaugh's family to sell their home and move into a camper.

By this time she had become her family's sole financial provider at age 11. Taking on such enormous responsibilities at a young age meted out a lot of life experience. Umbaugh quickly learned to take initiative in both personal and financial matters. "Still, I would never have chosen to act any differently, because I am proud to have been able to support my mother, until her death in 2003, and family throughout the years," says Umbaugh. "This has taught me how to basically take care of myself, both emotionally and financially. I didn't have the time to worry about how to support my family; I had to do it."

Now, a Saint Mary's graduate with an accounting degree, and math and music minors under her belt, Umbaugh wends her way through Manhattan morning foot traffic to her office at KPMG headquarters in New York City. KPMG, a major audit, tax, and advisory firm, is the U.S. member firm of KPMG International Cooperative ("KPMG International"), whose firms employ 145,000 professionals, including more than 8,000 partners in 152 countries.

Umbaugh's journey from near poverty to Certified Public Accountant at a global corporation has been one of faith and staunch determination. The lessons in earning and saving she learned as a kid prepared her for the effort it took to reach her goals. "As the first college-bound kid in my family, I knew I had to save up to pay for my own college...I was not going to let the financial burden stop me from going to the best possible college," says Umbaugh. She saved up to pursue a degree in accounting at her first-choice school, Saint Mary's.

Here she made friends with women whose financial backgrounds varied widely from her own and each other's. She loved to encourage her friends, who sometimes opted out of big experiences—study abroad, internships in other cities—due to financial constraints. "Never let money get in the way of your dreams," she'd tell them.



In an essay written for Professor Susan Vance's personal finance course, which Umbaugh took her senior year, Umbaugh uses an example from her college experience to encourage readers. After her junior year, Umbaugh was offered an internship with KPMG in Chicago. She knew she could not afford to live there. But the prospect of declining a position with the "Big 4" accounting firm was heartbreaking. "I stopped crying and asked myself, 'When have I ever let my financial position stop me from doing what I truly wanted?' I compared this situation to [providing for my family as a kid], and decided that I was not going to let my financial state keep me from taking advantage of this opportunity," says Umbaugh. Ever determined, Umbaugh took three part-time jobs her junior year and finished with enough money to live in Chicago for the summer.

While personal fortitude paved the road to her career success, Umbaugh had help along the way. When her Chicago internship ended, KPMG offered her a full-time position after graduation as a federal tax advisor at their headquarters in New York City.

"Never let external objects get in your way. Follow your dreams, and people will support you along the way."

Currently Manhattan is the most expensive place to live in the U.S. The average cost of living is four times the average cost of living in the rest of the country. "This intimidated me and I thought to myself that there was no possible way I would ever be able to afford to live there," says Umbaugh. When she rejected KPMG's New York offer to work for KPMG in Chicago full-time instead, the national managing partner called to ask if she could provide him with the reason. Umbaugh told him that she was stressed financially because she was paying for college without family support.

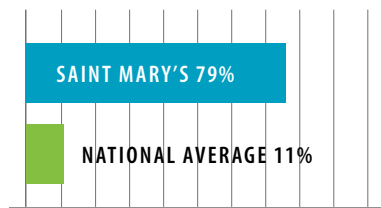
"Within minutes, he had set my flight to New York City for the next day and said that the firm would help provide for me and make sure I could live my dream," says Umbaugh. "I will always remember his empowering words: 'I never succeeded by taking the easy route. Never let external objects or happenings get in your way. Follow your dreams, and people will support you along the way.'"

It was a conversation Umbaugh will always remember. Now, as a successful federal tax accountant with KPMG in New York City, Umbaugh lives her dream every day. She says faith—she converted to Catholicism at Saint Mary's—and her friendship with other Saint Mary's women inspired her along the way. Now she looks back with gratitude and pride on her journey, and looks forward to her future with confidence. ■

Making Sense *of the* Headlines

With media attention focused on the rising cost of higher education, many college-age students and their parents are uneasy about their ability to pay for college. News stories report continually rising tuition and room and board costs. An increasing number of college students fail to graduate within four, even five, years, driving the cost of their education higher. Here, disquieting headlines tend to beg the question, “How does Saint Mary’s stack up?” The numbers show we’re holding our own in the competition to make a Saint Mary’s education possible for high-achieving students and ensure they graduate successfully.

Merit-based Scholarships on the Rise as Economy Struggles



Merit Scholarships

In 2011–12, 79 percent of Saint Mary’s students received merit aid in the form of scholarships. This compares to 11% of full-time undergraduates nationally according to the National Post-Secondary Student Aid Study. The College offers these scholarships to high-achieving students.

Merit Scholarships Offered at Saint Mary’s

Moreau Presidential \$20,000	Madeleva Scholarship \$14,000
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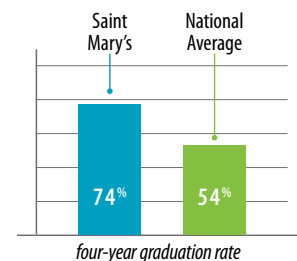
First Generation College Students Hindered

22% of Saint Mary’s students are first-generation as of fall 2012. Results from the 2011 CIRP Freshman Survey indicate that 24% of entering students nationally at four-year institutions are first-generation.

Providing access for first-generation students is a College priority.

College Graduation Rates Under Fire

The four-year graduation rate for the College’s 2006 entering cohort was 74 percent, compared to 54 percent for the 2006 cohort at Baccalaureate Arts and Sciences institutions. Graduating in four years saves students and their families the cost of attending for a fifth or sixth year. (Source: IPEDS Data Center–NCES)



four-year graduation rate

Will I Get a Job?

50%

of Saint Mary’s recent alumnae have careers in business and industry, education, and health/medical services. *An additional 30 percent* attend graduate or professional school immediately upon graduation.

“Nearly one-fourth of our operating budget is devoted to making a Saint Mary’s education affordable for our families.”

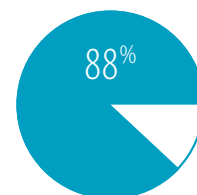
—PRESIDENT CAROL ANN MOONEY ’72

[Read more at saintmarys.edu/perspectives-economy](http://saintmarys.edu/perspectives-economy)

Dream Schools Out of Reach for Middle Income Students

In 2010–11, 88% of SMC students received need-based aid in the form of grants compared to 81% of undergraduates at Baccalaureate Arts & Sciences institutions nationally. We are just above average in providing qualified students with the aid they need.

(Source: IPEDS Data Center–NCES)



Saint Mary’s students receiving need-based aid

Navigating the Financial Aid Process

By Kathleen Brown, Director of Financial Aid

Starting the financial aid process fills many students and parents with anxiety. At its most basic, the financial aid process is simple: students get admitted, complete the aid applications, receive their award letters, and decide which school is the best fit academically, financially, and socially. But the devil's in the details, especially for families with unique situations, and the financial aid process can be complex.

If your student is in the midst of choosing a college, there will be financial aid questions to resolve.

For example:

When the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) asks parents to report net value of investments, what does the government mean by "net value" and what items are considered "investments?"

When the financial aid office tells a student she'll receive her award letter after she's been admitted and after we have the results of her aid application, what is the award letter?

As a parent or student your best resource is your prospective institution's financial aid office. Saint Mary's helps families navigate this unfamiliar territory by providing a lot of direct contact with students and their families throughout the process. Staff is on-hand at College visit programs with special time set aside to speak to parents and students about how the financial aid process works. Basically, families need to know what to do and when to do it.

Additionally, when new students receive their acceptance packet from the Office of Admission, it includes information about the two applications—the FAFSA and the College Board's PROFILE application—the family should complete to be considered for aid at Saint Mary's.

The Financial Aid office is also available during the spring Meet Me at the Avenue day, when accepted students come to campus to meet their future classmates and learn more about Saint Mary's. By this time most accepted students have received their aid packages. During Meet Me at the



Kathleen Brown, director of financial aid, and Nichole Clayton '13 run some numbers.

Avenue the financial aid staff meets individually with families for private discussions about their financial aid package. During the summer we conduct continual follow-up with students about the final steps they need to take in order to finalize all of their financial aid. This includes reminders about the steps needed to secure federal student loans and find student jobs on campus.

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Even for those families for whom the process is straight forward, it can still be confusing.
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This year the financial aid office also participated in the August orientation program, Belles Beginnings. At this information session we specifically shared with families what they need to know about financial aid for sophomore, junior, and senior years.

All students also have the ability to log on to PRISM at any time to check the status of their financial aid. PRISM is an acronym for the system which allows students to access their academic, financial aid, billing, and general personal information online.

One of the main purposes of the financial aid office is to help students and parents navigate the maze that is financial aid. We're not here just to crunch numbers, but also to help students and parents through the process, to help them fit all the pieces of the puzzle together so that the family can have a financial plan that works for them.

Find helpful information at studentaid.ed.gov.

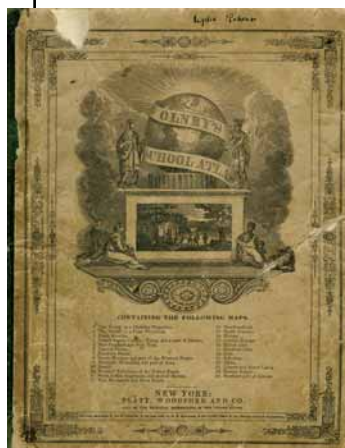
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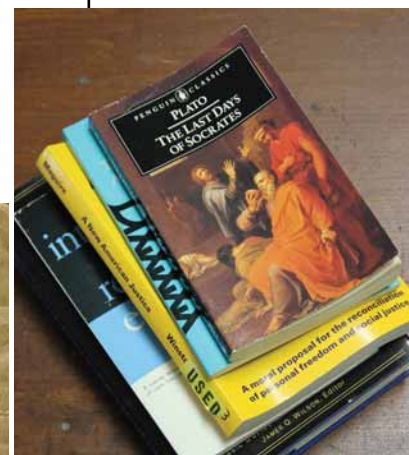
Technology has advanced exponentially in the 168 years since Saint Mary's Academy opened in 1844. The College Archives is keeper of handwritten ledgers from the early days, featuring intricate entries detailing each student's purchases from the time she arrived at the College through her graduation. The records start in the 1860s and finish in the mid-1920s. "The College was your bank in those days," say College Archivist John Kovach. Students made withdrawals from their accounts at the College to fund tuition, room and board, books, and other school supplies. That much hasn't changed.

What's different, of course, is students' need to keep up with the new millennium's continually and quickly evolving technology. While the "new" typewriter may have caused a buzz in 1886, contemporary students' requirements for mobile technology mean that they or their parents are now buying high-priced items—laptops, smart phones, e-readers—before they even set foot on campus. Purchases like these make up the "hidden costs" of a college education.

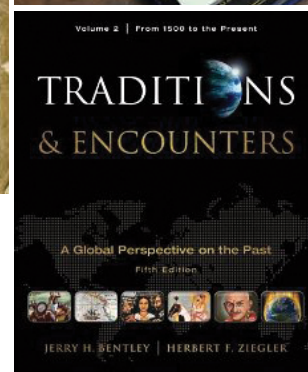
Then The world looked very different in the maps of Lydia Rohrer's geography book circa 1856. In addition to school books (costing up to around \$3, according to the College's ledgers), students paid for shoe repair and doctor visits, among other necessities, through their College accounts.



Then These 1980s textbooks, used by Kara M. O'Leary '89, history alumna and director of alumnae relations, ranged in price from \$3.95 to \$24.95.



Now Students in HIST 103 use *Traditions and Encounters* (McGraw-Hill, Fifth edition), priced new at \$154.25 and used at \$115.75.



Then and Now: *The Enduring Blue Book*

\$0

COST TO STUDENTS
Books are handed out at test time.



Anyone who took a humanities course at Saint Mary's — and that's everyone — will recognize this exam book, used to record essays and answers.

Created in the 1920s by Butler University professors, the "blue book" is used on campus today.

Supplies That Stay With Us

	1940s	1970s	NOW
Pencil	1¢	3¢	5¢
Pen	25¢ (fountain ink 5¢	30¢ (ball point)	18¢ (ball point)
Composition book	5¢	35¢	\$2

Then Martha Munger, 1886 graduate, sits at the new typewriter. As it is today, the College was on the cutting edge. The typewriter was only just patented in 1868 by Christopher Latham Sholes, Carlos Glidden, and Samuel W. Soule. Most typewriters were priced at around \$100.



Then In the '60s and '70s the portable electric typewriter was a must-have for students, costing about \$75.



Editor's note: Recognize yourself or a classmate in the 1978 photo? Write to courier@saintmarys.edu to let us know and we'll send you a copy.

Now A veritable necessity on campus today, the laptop ranges in price with the average cost being \$675.



—Shannon E. Brewer Rooney '03

Now: *What to Bring*

Saint Mary's provides a list of items for incoming students that includes timeless necessities like bed linens and an umbrella.

*In addition, most students bring**

MP3 PLAYER
\$149.00

TABLET or E-READER
\$386.00

COMPUTER
(Laptop or desktop)
\$675.00

SMART PHONE
(not including service plan)
\$257.00

* (average 2012 price paid)

Before 1990

these items wouldn't have appeared on the list provided by the College:

**Ethernet Cable, Movies,
Power Strip, Small Refrigerator,
Television, and DVD Player**

What I've Learned About the Financial Aid Process

By Julie Wagner Feasel '89

I started educating myself about college financial aid around the same time my oldest daughter, Meghan, started high school in 2005. I had started saving almost immediately after she was born, but once she entered high school, it hit me—paying for college was going to start sooner rather than later. Now I'm starting the process all over again for daughter number two, Brigid, and let me tell you I'm relearning everything.

As I look at the literally hundreds of emails and mailings Brigid has received from colleges and universities all over the country, here are the things I have learned and relearned throughout the financial aid process:

1. **NO MATTER WHAT, FILL OUT THE FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA).** You may not qualify for Federal Aid, but many outside scholarships require a FAFSA when applying for their money. Also, the colleges and universities may have institutional aid that they award separate from Federal Aid, but they do so based on information provided in the FAFSA. The key word here is "free," as there are plenty of websites that will "help" you fill out the form and submit it for a fee, but the official website is www.fafsa.gov. You can start filling out the form on January 1 of the year your student will enter college.
2. **A PIN IS REQUIRED FOR FILING THE FAFSA ONLINE.** The PIN is used as an electronic signature. Even though the FAFSA has to be completed each year the student applies for aid, parents and students apply for the PIN once and use it year after year.
3. **THE FAFSA IS SUPPOSED TO BE FILLED OUT BY THE STUDENT APPLYING FOR THE AID;** however, some of the questions are based on the parent's financial records. Therefore, be prepared to set aside ample time for you and your student to fill out the form together.

4. **IT'S BEST TO COMPLETE YOUR TAXES** (and, if necessary, the student's) prior to filling out the FAFSA. You can fill out the form by estimating your taxes or indicate that you want your current IRS information automatically populated in the FAFSA form. If you file your taxes online, this information will be available to FAFSA approximately two weeks after they have been received by the IRS. If you file your taxes by mail, the information will be available in six to eight weeks.
5. **MANY PRIVATE SCHOOLS (INCLUDING SAINT MARY'S) ALSO REQUIRE A FORM CALLED THE PROFILE.** The difference between the two is that the Profile requests more financial information. There is a fee of \$25 to file the Profile.
6. **DEADLINES FOR FILING THE FAFSA AND PROFILE VARY BETWEEN INSTITUTIONS.** This can be confusing for the first-time college applicant because the institutions all have different application and financial aid deadlines.
7. **THERE IS HELP.** I live in the state of Ohio and we are having a statewide College Goal Sunday in February, where parents and students receive free help filling out the FAFSA. These events are being held at community colleges and branch campuses of the state universities and other institutions of higher learning. Students can check with their school counselors to see if something similar is being offered in their area. There are also helpful websites.
8. **ONCE THE APPLICATION IS COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED, BE PREPARED FOR THE FAFSA VERIFICATION PROCESS.** At least one-third of the FAFSA forms submitted will be selected for verification where more information will be required. Think of it as an audit.
9. **FINALLY, YOU CAN CONTACT THE FINANCIAL AID OFFICES** of the institutions your student is considering to ask specific financial aid questions. Also, get to know your student's high school guidance counselor as they usually have the resources you are looking for or can point you in the right direction.

By taking the time to educate yourself you can save yourself and your student a lot of time and avoid frustration when you sit down at your computer to start the process.

Julie Wagner Feasel '89 is the mother of two daughters, Saint Mary's senior, Meghan, and Brigid, a high school senior going through the college search process. Julie is the vice president of communications for the Ohio Chamber of Commerce and a school board member for the Olentangy Local School District and the Delaware Area Career Center, both outside of Columbus, Ohio.

Admission, Tuition, and Success

AT SAINT MARY'S

By Angela Saoud '05

Colleges and universities are increasingly being called upon to help qualified students access an excellent education. Getting into (any) college and getting financial aid are key steps to getting a college degree. When a student makes it past these obstacles, what, or whom, will ensure she graduates successfully? At Saint Mary's, efforts are focused on helping prospective students understand and appreciate what happens here: the academic programs available, the experiential learning opportunities, and being part of a community that supports their success.

ADMISSION

One major hurdle in the college search process is lack of knowledge about the variety of opportunities available at any given institution. According to a March 2010 report by Learning Point Associates, research suggests that students without the necessary information are often “undermatched” with the colleges they attend. This means that high-achieving students often settle for a school that does not necessarily make the most of their talents and abilities.

Disseminating a clear message to prospects is imperative. “You have to be deliberate about the messaging,” says Mona Bowe, Vice President for Enrollment Management. The College admission team works to educate prospective students about what the College has to offer, with the understanding that choosing a college that matches a student's capabilities, interests, and potential can be a daunting process.

TUITION

“The ‘sticker price’ of a college education today varies greatly and the actual price paid by individual students varies even more widely. When students and their parents compare college tuitions, they may not realize that private institutions devote a large percentage of their budgets to financial aid,” writes President Carol Ann Mooney '72 in her online President's Perspectives series. **(Read the full text online at saintmarys.edu/perspectives-economy.)**

More than 95 percent of Saint Mary's students receive some form of financial aid including need-based assistance, merit scholarships, outside scholarships, and work-study opportunities. In a recent five-year span, from the 2007–08 academic year to the 2011–12 academic year, Saint Mary's tuition and fees and room and board have increased 19.1 percent to \$33,280 and \$10,140 respectively. This is slightly lower than the national average of 21.5 percent at baccalaureate arts and sciences institutions as Saint Mary's works to steward resources to benefit our students.

The job of the Financial Aid office is to get pertinent information to prospective students during their college search. Saint Mary's uses an individualized approach to financial advising. **(See “Navigating the Financial Aid Process” page 9.)**

SUCCESS

Once a student has the academic prerequisites and the financial aid package to make a Saint Mary's education possible, the College supports her success on campus. Established in 2009, The Office of Student Success teaches skills and offers tools to make sure students gain a strong academic footing. The Office's workshop offerings include sessions on time management and goal setting, the learning process, and managing stress and procrastination. **(See “Access Does Not Equal Success,” page 14, for more on student success.)**

Saint Mary's women study in an environment where they are supported in learning and life from an entire community: through collaboration, work-study opportunities, interaction with faculty, and on-campus presentations and lectures, among other learning experiences.

Sarah K. Brown '05, Alumnae Association Board of Directors member, is proof positive that support and opportunity are the keys to student success. “At Saint Mary's, I gained valuable writing and critical thinking skills that make me a better lawyer and a better employee,” says Brown. “I am able to collaborate effectively with my colleagues to solve problems and think creatively.” Brown practices law with the non-profit law firm Mountain State Justice in Charleston, West Virginia.

Completion rates are often over-looked during the college search; however, it is the final and perhaps most important step in ensuring the next generation of students is prepared to compete and succeed in the global economy. ■

SAINT MARY'S Gates Scholar



Clarisa Medina '16 of San Antonio, Tex., is one of 1,000 extraordinary high school graduates this year to receive a scholarship to attend the college or university of the student's choosing. Medina chose Saint Mary's. She is the College's first Gates Millennium Scholar.

“I knew that if I wanted to be successful in the classroom and feel empowered as a woman then I needed to come to Saint Mary's College,” said Medina. “This scholarship has taught me that hard work pays off and with heart and desire anything is possible. I feel invincible and empowered to impact the world.”

Learn more about Medina and the Gates Millennium Scholarship program at saintmarys.edu/Gates.

Access *Does Not Equal* Success

Our first-year students have the academic prowess and the financial aid package that got them down The Avenue. Now it's up to our strong, tight-knit community to support them through the next four years.

These are the responses we received to our Facebook post asking alumnae: **Who at Saint Mary's reached out to you and helped you feel welcome, comfortable, confident?**

I remember watching my family drive away from the circle drive in front of Le Mans. I was terrified and convinced I had just made a horrible decision. Who goes to college four hours away from home? How would I ever be able to handle this? As I sat there overwhelmed (and probably crying hysterically) a woman came out of the front doors and started a conversation with me. It's likely that she said her name and told me what she did for SMC, but I can't remember any of what she said. All I remember is how calm she helped me feel and how welcoming she was. Within a few minutes I was able to compose myself and feel much less trepidation about college. For some reason I always felt that she was a nun and worked in Le Mans, but no matter where and when I looked for her I never could find her. I simply wanted to say thank you. **She helped me so much that day and I have thought of her many times during my years at SMC and beyond.** She was the first of many people to have an influence on me at SMC, and her kindness and thoughtfulness will never be forgotten.

—Katy Docter '04

As a parent, it was our first contact, **Ann Sheldon, in the Welcome Center.** We miss you, Ann!
—Sue Larson, mother of Casey Larson '11

I can recall the very first day I moved on campus and I had a meeting with my randomly assigned orientation group. It was a small group—probably no more than ten girls—and it was pretty obvious that we were all nervous to be there. Our orientation leader had each of us introduce ourselves and talk about our interests. After we all broke the ice, we went for a walk around campus and made casual conversation. Later that night we were asked to meet in our leader's dorm room before heading to Domer Fest across the street. We all became close really fast; **I met my best friend from Saint Mary's** in that orientation group that night. I couldn't be happier.

—Rebecca Schiappa '10

On Accepted Student Day, **Patricia A. Sayre and Joseph Incandela solidified my choice for SMC** as well as a double major in PHIL/RLST. Forever indebted to both of them as Saint Mary's was the best choice I've ever made in my life!

—Kathleen Feh '01

I actually came for my first visit after I had been accepted and gotten my roommate assignment. My parents, boyfriend, and I went in to the Welcome Center and were also met by Anne Sheldon. She asked me my name, and when I told her, she looked straight at my boyfriend and said, "OH! You must be the boyfriend from Germany!" Of course, we were all really weirded out, but it turns out she was my roommate's **MOM! Love that Ann Sheldon! Love SMC!**

—Annie Huffman Vorys '07

I quickly made friends back in 1965 with Margaret Roberts, 4th floor Holy Cross neighbor, whose aunt, Sister Agnes Anne, was the Holy Cross dietician at the Mother House. We made frequent stops to visit with her and share doughnuts between classes—a great antidote for homesickness. Sister Agnes Anne [Roberts, CSC] is still there and welcomed me back for a visit in July—she is still the face of Saint Mary's for me!

—Joyce O'Donnell Bussewitz '69

Upperclass students from the music department at Saint Mary's College left a welcome home sign on my door, and then-senior **Meghann Robinson Kirzeder '03** came to McCandless on move-in day to personally welcome my parents and I to campus. My dad still speaks highly of this special greeting and personal touch, as well as all the positive interaction we had with Nancy Menk in the months leading up to my first day. The Orientation Mass was a highlight of the weekend and exactly the right way to begin that exciting new chapter! Best of luck to the class of 2016. You will probably experience feelings of uncertainty and loneliness in the days to come, but rest assured, those feelings will soon give way to confidence and joy as you realize you are right where you're supposed to be.

—**Kristina Schliesman '06**

Brigid Hanrahan '06 was my freshmen orientation small group leader and all-around awesome person to know for the rest of her time at SMC...and we're obviously still Facebook friends after all of this time!

—**Angie Ellison Keefner '07**

I was a transfer student and though I had difficulties making friends on the floor in Le Mans, **Sr. Maria McDermott**, head of the education department at the time, made me feel welcome in the department and steered me towards classes I never thought of taking. Being a part of these classes helped my confidence immensely. I will always think of her fondly.

—**Nancy Thomas Dickinson '79**

My days at SMC shaped the person I am today. I will always remember the special reception that was given to us as incoming (and scared and family-missing) freshmen. Women there today: you are all blessed to be where you are!

—**Sandi Kudnowski Iaconetti '66**

Potential *for* Success

By Dianne Fox, director, Office for Student Success

While access to college does not equal success, access to Saint Mary's (by way of acceptance) translates into "potential for success." What does enable a student to be successful? Work ethic. Too often, the obstacle for floundering students is not their intelligence but their initiative—not attending classes, failing to submit work, or not studying—and that is simply a lack of work ethic.

The College addresses these issues by providing support for students from their first weeks on campus to the last. During the second week of classes all students are invited to an Academic Skills and Strategies Workshop presented by the Office for Student Success. The titles have varied, but the topic remains the same: "How Can I Be a Successful College Student?"

We follow up with a series of workshops throughout the academic year addressing a variety of student needs, including reading and note-taking skills, study skills, and test preparation and test taking skills. We also teach students about how high school differs from college, motivation,

stress management, goal setting, and time management, among other related topics. These workshops impart to first-year students, and any student who attends, the necessary skills and strategies to be academically successful. Additionally, the Office for Student Success meets one-on-one with students who come in for help or are referred by instructors and email students helpful tips and strategies.

The Office's goal is to empower students to know their academic success is in their own hands, and they must employ a good work ethic in addition to intellect when striving for academic success.

Moreover, our Saint Mary's faculty is very much involved in our students' education. Often students meet with professors after class to review material or seek additional direction on an assignment. Many departments have tutors available to students. And, the support and help students receive from our Math and Writing Centers is invaluable.

Throughout campus, in any office or classroom, students know there is support and concern. Not going to class, not submitting work or not studying—and not having someone notice and take issue with that—is not an option. While our goal remains steadfast to empower our students to achieve their own success, academic and otherwise, we at Saint Mary's take very seriously our role to teach, to advise, and to encourage our students along their way to success.



Global LEADERSHIP

This summer Saint Mary's hosted student leaders from around the world, giving our own students an opportunity to connect with women from very different cultures.

The U.S. Department of State Study of the U.S. Institute (SUSI) for Student Leaders on Women's Leadership, titled "Educating Tomorrow's Global Women Leaders," brought to Saint Mary's 20 undergraduate women from Egypt, Libya, Tunisia, Mongolia, and Burma (Myanmar).

The four-week academic residency program, followed by a week of educational travel, was part of a broader State Department initiative designed to promote a better understanding of the U.S. abroad and to help develop future world leaders. The program was organized and facilitated by the College's Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership (CWIL).

A Reflection on Global Leadership

By Kaitlyn Rabach '15

Kaitlyn Rabach '15, political science and global students double-major, learned that examining each other's differences—holding them up to the light—can actually bring people together. One of ten Saint Mary's students who participated in the SUSI program, she shared a residence hall room with two international students, and attended all classes and excursions with them. The experience included recreational and service activities in South Bend, as well as educational travel to rural Indiana; Chicago; Seneca Falls, New York; New York City; Boston; and a conference in Washington, D.C. Through the intensive four weeks Rabach and her peers developed among themselves a network of global women leaders.

On June 16, 2012, Martha Smith, the administrative director of the Saint Mary's SUSI program, and I hopped on a Royal Excursion bus and set out for Chicago, Ill. After weeks of preparation we were finally ready to pick up the SUSI program participants. We proudly held up our "SMC-SUSI" signs at the airport arrival gate and anticipated meeting the program delegates: women from Burma, Egypt, Libya, Mongolia, and Tunisia.

Looking back on this moment, I never would have guessed that these young women would make up an international sisterhood to which I now belong. Each of these individuals has a unique story; they practice different religions, speak various dialects of different languages, and, most importantly, each young woman expresses her own leadership style.

Times were not always easy and cultural differences can result in misunderstandings. Although all of the women spoke English very well, there were still words and phrases unfamiliar to them. Their perception of the United States was very limited and much of it was based on how America is portrayed in the media. Many of the participants were shocked to see not all American teenagers were like the characters in *American Pie* or *Friends*. Many thought the majority of Americans were very well off and few lived in poverty. Together we volunteered once a week in the South Bend community. We went to places like the Center for the Homeless, Young Women's Christian Association, and Saint Margaret's House, a local day center for women and children. It was these experiences that changed certain preconceived notions and allowed the participants to get to know us as their mentors better, and as well as witness the diversity of the South Bend community.



Many of these young women have been through hardships I could never imagine. The common thread that runs through all their stories is the desire to move forward with hope and courage to establish true social change.

I was an American ambassador to two participants from Burma and Libya who expressed tremendous strength and optimism.

Sarah plans to use the tools she has gained from this program to bring change to her home country of Libya. Just over a year ago, Sarah was in the midst of what is now known as the Arab Spring. Libya fought to gain independence from the restrictive Gaddafi regime, and Sarah witnessed violent acts that many Americans and people in other parts of the developed world could not even fathom. She heard stories of women being raped and witnessed her own neighbor being shot by Gaddafi loyalists. But this extraordinary woman also took note of the extremes to which men and women would go to obtain freedom. It is this notion and this pride that she hopes will linger in her home country. During the Institute, Sarah was inspired by a viewing of *Pray the Devil Back to Hell*, a film about a group of visionary Liberian women



1. Ice Cream Social to introduce the SUSI participants to the College community. Left to right: Bo Mee Ngwar (Burma/Myanmar), Bulgasaikhan Chuluunbat (Mongolia); Kim Ngun Siang (Burma/Myanmar); Amarjagal, Altangerel (Mongolia); Amy Enkhbayar Dambadarjaa (Mongolia); Uemaa Gantulga (Mongolia); Tunglag Pilden (Mongolia); Ahlem Ismail (Tunisia); and Menna Taha (Egypt)

2. Clockwise from top: Kaitlyn Rabach '15 with Sarah, a 19-year-old student from Libya, and Salwa, a 22-year-old graduate student from Tunisia

3. President Carol Ann Mooney '72 talking with Menna Taha (Egypt), Salma Be Hamadi (Tunisia); and Hager Ben Mosbah (Tunisia)

The SUSI program was made possible through a Department of State grant under the Fulbright-Hays Act with the purpose "to foster mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries." Saint Mary's was awarded a \$214,834 grant to facilitate the initiative.

who came together to put an end to the civil war and violent acts of former President Charles Taylor's (1997–2003) corruptive rule. The Liberian women brought peace to their country, and after the war they worked to have their sons, brothers, and nephews return the weapons that were once used for violence in their country.

Sarah left the Institute inspired to start a program of her own. During the Libyan revolution both Gaddafi loyalists and freedom fighters had weapons, and once Libya gained its independence these weapons never left their hands. Today, weapons like machine guns and rocket-propelled grenade launchers are in the homes of many civilians who simply kept them after the war. Sarah's program would work with people to turn in the many weapons still roaming around Libya to the new Libyan government, a series of local councils under the auspices of Libya's National Transitional Council. Instead of focusing on hate and violence, Sarah is moving forward in her life with hope and optimism.

Before this program I held a very strict definition of leadership. I saw a leader as someone who started a movement or managed a company, but after spending time with these young women I realized there are a million different ways to express leadership. In each session the directors and instructors emphasized the importance of being a global woman leader.

During each activity, participants and mentors took on different roles. Some days certain participants would take on the traditional "dominant" role of leader and the next day they would follow their peers. This idea of following and allowing others to step up to the plate is an important and often overlooked characteristic of leadership.

Participating in this program helped me realize that in order to be a true leader you must have self-awareness. Knowing who you are is critical to learning how to lead. Today, I don't have one definition of leadership, but realize the definition is constantly changing.

Much of our leadership training was taught outside of a classroom setting. It was then that friendships were made and stereotypes were debunked. Friendships strengthened through late night chats and the telling of personal stories. We shared laughs and tears, but after five weeks together, we were not an institute of 30 individuals—we had become an international sisterhood.

Each participant left with a passion for social change and a newfound style of leadership, but the most important gift this program gave us was each other: an international community of knowledge and support. ■

Creating a personal legacy

at Saint Mary's College



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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Athletics AND FORTY YEARS OF Growth

By Sarah Miesle '07

In the forty years since the passing of Title IX, women's athletics has grown by leaps and bounds. According to the NCAA, participation by female student-athletes has increased from fewer than 65,000 women in 1981–82 to over 195,000 in 2011–12. This past summer, not only did every nation represented at the London Olympic Games send at least one female athlete for the first time in the history of the games, but the United States sent more female athletes than male athletes for the first time ever.

"I was 10 years old when Title IX passed," says Julie Schroeder-Biek '88, Saint Mary's director of athletics and former Saint Mary's volleyball player. "My sister and I ran on the track team with all boys. I was shy as a kid, but that is when I realized sports were my niche. It was the light bulb that went on that this was what I wanted to do. I wanted to compete."

Providing students with the opportunity to compete is paramount to NCAA Division III, the division in which the College competes. Saint Mary's values align closely with DIII values, which seek to impart to student-athletes comprehensive learning, passion, responsibility, proportion, sportsmanship, and citizenship.

In their day-to-day campus activities, student-athletes take these greater life lessons, learned on the court or the field, to the classroom and beyond. "I have learned leadership, cooperation, hard work, determination, the joy of success," says volleyball player and team co-captain Meredith Mersits '15. "I cherish all of these things that I have been able to learn through a sport that I love, which drives me to want to feel these things in the classroom."

At the conclusion of the 2011–12 academic year, 40 Saint Mary's student-athletes were named to the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association, the conference in which we play, academic honor roll for maintaining at least a 3.5 grade point average for the entire year. Eighty percent of student-athletes finished the year with a GPA above 3.0.

"Saint Mary's was the perfect alignment. You had your strong academics—that was the priority, period. But then you also had the athletics," says Kristin Crowley '93, a captain with the Los Angeles City Fire Department and former Belles athlete. "Coming out of Saint Mary's having graduated with a bachelor of science degree in biology, and also having the athletic side of it, that's where I felt like I had the complete package."



Left: Kristin Crowley '93
Below: Meredith Mersits '15



Students can achieve success in both quantitative and qualitative ways here. The focused, personal education provides leadership opportunities across all areas: in students' field of study, student government, study abroad, service, clubs and of course athletics. "The hard work that goes into playing a sport and excelling in the classroom are very different from each other but have a lot in common," says Mersits '15. "I have learned how to manage my time so I am able to be successful on and off the court. I get the chance day in and day out to prove to my coaches and professors what I am capable of as a student and an athlete."

These opportunities prepare Saint Mary's students for similar success in their post-graduate endeavors. One new program established this year is a series of leadership training seminars for all student-athletes to further develop their skills inside and outside the realm of competition. Organized by cross country coach Jackie Bauters '04, the seminars provide student-athletes the opportunity to learn about and discuss the facets of quality leadership.

Crowley earned a degree in biology while playing soccer and basketball for the Belles. Her Saint Mary's experience, provided her with the foundation from which to move up the professional ranks as a firefighter. A skilled leader, she was recently promoted to Fire Captain II.

The Los Angeles Fire Department is the third largest in the nation. Of 3,400 employees, Crowley is one of the 2.7 percent that are women. "Having that background that I had—I played three sports in high school, two at Saint Mary's—and I had my educational background. I left college going, 'Okay, whatever I put my mind to, I'm going to do.'"

Title IX has driven the increase in women's involvement in sports in the last four decades. Saint Mary's has responded by fostering the all-around experience young women are looking for as a result of the increased opportunities. We're focused on making it possible for our Belles to be powerful in competition, in the classroom, and beyond Saint Mary's. ■

Learn more about NCAA Division III at
saintmarys.edu/athletics/division-iii-identity

Marriages

Elisabeth McNamara Reed '81 and Timothy, April 21, 2012.

Marcie Lange Adams '88 and Howard, August 4, 2012.

Martha Boesen Trout '88 and Brett, June 21, 2008.

Laura Carey Totman '91 and Jeffrey, December 31, 2011.

Alysann Sieren Johnson '92 and Carl, April 29, 2012.

Amy Svoboda Thomas '93 and Robert, February 12, 2011.

Megan Morrison Komenda '94 and Jason, July 2, 2011.

Chace Caven Breitmoser '96 and David, March 24, 2012.

Diann Garlanger Payne '96 and John, February 10, 2012.

Martha Sanford Ellsworth '97 and Todd, June 16, 2012.

Genevieve Clare Morrill '98 and Nathan Kay, September 8, 2012.

Linda Padilla Bowie '03 and Timothy, June 19, 2010.

Mary Dugan Kline '03 and Andrew, August 11, 2012.

Michelle Lawton-Recendez '03 and Joe, July 15, 2011.

Christina Reitano Sutter '03 and Jonathan, June 30, 2012.

Julie McGranahan Fink '04 and Jonathan, June 30, 2012.

Mary Kartheiser Galyon '04 and Addison, June 22, 2012.

Maureen Palchak '04 and Doug Meffley, July 20, 2012.

Carolyn Batz McGee '05 and Kyle, June 25, 2011.

Angela Rizzo Gay '06 and Matthew, November 26, 2011.

Danielle Taylor Spalenka '06 and Josef, July 28, 2012.

Jennifer Chmielewski Castro '07 and Edgar, June 22, 2012.

Katie Fryml Adair '08 and Peter, July 2, 2011.

Kelley Davey Brechting '08 and Patrick, January 22, 2011.

Jeney Anderson Christensen '08 and Brian, June 23, 2012.

Justine Higgins Dahl '08 and Matt, May 19, 2012.

Christine Haunert Dalton '08 and Daniel, June 9, 2012.

Anna Fricano DeJarnette '08 and Noel, October 8, 2011.

Bridget Gulvas Ennis '08 and Kevin, June 9, 2012.

Kristyn Fogle '08 and Jarred Stirk, August 14, 2010.

Chrissy Seus Gilbert '08 and Michael, October 1, 2011.

Erica Rath Hamilton '08 and Charles, April 30, 2011.

Bernadette Langel Howson '08 and Christopher, June 16, 2012.

Anna Saccaggi Keirn '08 and Stephen, July 23, 2011.

Caitlin McGee Lakdawala '08 and Jeff, July 27, 2012.

Erin Hogan Liebenaurer '08 and Karl, June 16, 2012.

Colleen Kielty Lintz '08 and Evan, September 17, 2011.

Erica Harmony Liskey '08 and Carl, August 25, 2012.

Molly Segó Lucas '08 and James, June 16, 2012.

Nicole Villano McRoskey '08 and Greg, March 17, 2012.

Lyndsey Piehl Parker '08 and Matthew, November 26, 2011.

Kelly Maus Piazza '08 and Joseph, April 14, 2012.

Megan Gray Piper '08 and Jack, May 4, 2012.

Jenny Ferguson Rhodes '08 and Jonathan, November 5, 2012.

Sarah Patten Sagardia '08 and Christian, December 3, 2011.

Ashley Brown Sheahan '08 and Brock, July 14, 2012.

Meg Anderson Smith '08 and Christopher, June 8, 2012.

Kimberly Harris Stanton '08 and Tom, August 6, 2011.

Maura Clougherty Bonham '09 and Timothy, June 9, 2012.

Kim Burkart Boyer '09 and Matt, March 17, 2012.

Christine Ashby Dorsuleski '09 and Pere, July 21, 2012.

Kaitlyn Kuns Edwards '09 and Chad, June 4, 2011.

Lindsey Jo Appelquist Jeffers '09 and Lyle, June 9, 2012.

Kristin Amram Reilly '09 and Daniel, June 30, 2012.

Kelsey Robertson Brickl '10 and Michael, June 19, 2010.

Shanna Dianne Goffinet-Myers '10 and Daniel, August 8, 2011.

Katie Sheldon Urtel '10 and Kyle, July 28, 2012.

Christina Kolling Carlson '11 and Adam, July 14, 2012.

Angela Regan Mattingly '11 and Michael, August 4, 2012.

Chelsy Rhoades Parker '11 and Jeff, October 1, 2011.

Meghann Rose Pittman '12 and Adam, July 14, 2012.

Steph Kreager Smith '12 and Adam, June 23, 2012.

Adoptions & Births

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

Kathleen Houlihan Motzenbecker '91 and David: Fiona Marie, May 9, 2012.

Jacqueline Brody Tavitias '91 and Adam: Patrick Brody, born June 9, 2012, adopted July 18, 2012.

Erin Hardin '93 and Robert Meyn: Charlotte Mary, born October 7, 2008, adopted May 20, 2011.

Amy Svoboda Thomas '93 and Robert: Claire Marie, February 20, 2012.

Sarah Sullivan Bigelow '96 and Nicholas: Siobhan Murphy, August 10, 2012.

Kelly Powers Chandler '98 and Britt: Hannah Marie, July 8, 2012.

Keri Ruscito Clavin '98 and Nicholas: Harper Kathleen, November 25, 2011.

Carrie-Kate Briscoe Allen '99 and Brett: Brogan Jeffrey, February 10, 2011.

Kate Tournoux '99 and Jeff Massey: Lucas Austin, May 9, 2012.

Beth Mayer Castle '00 and Chris: Corey Christopher, March 7, 2012.

Mary DeKever Murphy '00 and Frank: Mary Katherine, December 27, 2011.

Laura Porto Atkins '03 and Benjamin: Theodore Grant, May 25, 2012.

Linda Padilla Bowie '03 and Timothy: Addison Grace, October 2, 2011.

Jennifer Lyn Mason '03 and Ryan: Ellorie May, September 1, 2012.

Kymberly Dunlap Andren '04 and Darin: Broderick Joseph, July 30, 2012.

Anne Cashore Borjas '04 and Henry: David Manuel, April 26, 2012.

Elizabeth Diehl Newcamp '04 and Jeff: Henry John, April 7, 2012.

Cecilia Oleck Street '04 and Curt: Rocco Francis, May 25, 2012.

Emily Bishea Flaherty '06 and Patrick: Grace Ann, July 11, 2012.

Katie Fryml Adair '08 and Peter: William Peter, July 18, 2012.

Juliana Fisher Chervanick '08 and Daniel: Cassidy Elizabeth, June 8, 2012.

Erica Rath Hamilton '08 and Charles: Henry Thomas, April 29, 2012.

Theresa Klear Larson '08 and John: Ariana, October 2, 2011.

Kaitlyn Kuns Edwards '09 and Chad: Ronan David, June 11, 2012.

Shanna Dianne Goffinet-Myers '10 and Daniel: Rosalie Grace, September 9, 2012.

Alumnae Deaths

Alice Tobin Branagan '31, mother of Kathleen Branagan Saxon '63, aunt of Mary Kay Tobin '73, July 27, 2012.

Mary Hoffman Porter '39, August 30, 2012.

Sister M. Francis Rose Ruppert, CSC '40, May 22, 2012.

Marie Garofalo Raaf '42, mother of Nanette M. Raaf '69 and Monica Raaf Huso '73, sister of Catherine Garofalo Misir '46, aunt of Angela Raaf Widdel '72, Barbara Raaf Wolff '75, Maria Raaf Medlock '78, Susan T. Raaf '82, May 17, 2011.

Helen Milnar Quady '42, May 9, 2012.

Lorraine Cahill Greenock '43, June 13, 2012.

Bonnie Larkin Nims '43, October 7, 2008.

Elsie Santucci '43, mother of Dorothy Santucci Cuzzone '76, April 5, 2010.

Peggy Lane Connolly '44, August 22, 2012.

Virginia Dundon Marshall Moran '44, sister-in-law of Gertrude Daley Moran '42, April 27, 2012.

Joan Mosher Nelligan '45, January 28, 2012.

Mary Louise Condon '46, March 14, 2012.

Patricia Hynes Couch '47, May 1, 2010.

Elizabeth Sausaman Langenfelder '47, cousin of Arielle Nelson '09, July 11, 2012.

Dorothy Wick Cornwall '48, cousin of Jeanne Wick Younger '49 and Marge Wick Collins '52, July 27, 2012.

Rosemary Turner Dowdle '48, November 22, 2011.

Frances O'Neil Sajbel '48, mother of Maureen Sajbel Wallenfang '78, September 2, 2012.

Sally Fox Shannon '48, May 31, 2012.

Carolyn Morin Brown '50, mother of Kathryn Brown Ryan '75, Carol Brown Morrisette '81, grandmother of Mary Elizabeth Ryan '10, sister-in-law of Patricia Brown O'Brien '56, June 10, 2012.

Marjorie McKeon Digan '50, sister of Mary Jane McKeon Gray '53, June 27, 2012.

Sue Seidensticker Cannata '53, cousin of Gretchen Seidensticker Hildebrand '63, July 16, 2012.

Mary Jane Wahl Earns '53, aunt of Joan Wahl Cushing '74 and Ellen Wahl Baty '78, August 31, 2012.

Sister Aloysia Marie Mulcaire, CSC '53, July 5, 2012.

Marilyn Beck '54, June 30, 2012.

Carolyn Conrey Hansen '56, August 9, 2012.

Sister M. Sheila O'Keefe, CSC '56, June 9, 2012.

Patricia Hoag Ziperski '57, June 5, 2012.

Elaine Freitas DiGiulio '58, June 23, 2012.

Mary Ann Chaplicki Devoe '59, mother of Therese Devoe '93, July 17, 2012.

Barbara Borkowsky Smith '59, February 13, 2012.

Mary Wiita Warden '59, May 27, 2012.

Sister Kathleen Marie Till, CSC '61, June 24, 2012.

Sister Marilyn Reiser, CSC '62, August 11, 2012.

Lynne M. Baur '63, September 5, 2012.

Joan Beck Bitonti '63, June 14, 2012.

Mary Erickson Bufka '63, May 3, 2011.

Margaret Hess-Fennell '63, September 2, 2012.

Judith Erickson Howard '63, sister of Jean Erickson Smith '64, March 10, 2012.

Kathy Kiefer Keil '63, August 7, 2012.

Catherine Anne Phee '63, sister of Margaret Phee Ashline '66 and Deborah Phee Clarke '68, September 5, 2012.

Sister Mary Ann Scofield, RSM '63, June 2, 2012.

Joan Mikulka Albert '64, July 12, 2012.

Paula Giere Ewers '64, July 1, 2012.

Judith Grabski Miner '64, July 15, 2012.

Mary Ann Tarr '64, June 22, 2012.

Frances B. Armstrong '65, August 6, 2012.

Sister Mary Adrian Dimmerling, CDP '65, June 2, 2012.

Patricia Harvey Howells '66, daughter of Betty Walsh Harvey '42, mother of Barbara Howells Boukater '96, niece of Barbara Harvey Streeter '40, July 31, 2012.

Sister M. Anna Clare O'Connor, CSC '67, sister of Sister Frances B. O'Connor, CSC '60, aunt of Kathleen O'Connor Thompson '64, June 4, 2012.

Carolyn Furst '68, December 4, 2011.

Nancy Gros-de-Mange Ottoboni '69, June 8, 2012.

Joyce Underly '69, August 24, 2010.

Billie Sink Hudson '71, sister of Lucinda Sink Hudson '69, November 20, 2011.

Susan Rohn Groden '78, sister of Nancy Rohn-VanMarm '76, cousin of Julie Ann Brennan '78 and Rosemary Borris Hughes '80, August 12, 2012.

Family Deaths

Joseph Archibald, Jr., husband of Claire Daley Archibald '49, father of Anne Archibald Deutsch '84, brother-in-law of Gertrude Daley Moran '42 and Jane Daley Clark '46, April 27, 2012.

William J. Bader, father of Kathleen M. Bader '72, August 18, 2012.

Christina Bart, mother of Stacy Bart '99, Monday, August 6, 2012.

Geraldine Baxter Bush, mother of Susan Bush Ewert '81, March 8, 2012.

Michael Brienza, husband of Isabelle Pogue Brienza '63, April 17, 2012.

Mark Chelsky, husband of Kathryn Keenan Chelsky '84, July 24, 2012.

Francis J. Connor, father of Mary Beth Connor Newkumet '80 and Kathleen Connor Del Col '83, August 21, 2012.

Edward Cornell, father of Pamela Cornell Allen '98, July 8, 2012.

Mary K. Cositore, mother of Mary Ellen Beebe Cositore '75, May 1, 2012.

William G. Dahme, husband of Anne Lindstrom Dahme '59, July 15, 2012.

Robert Derrickson, brother of Iris Derrickson '94, September 13, 2012.

Dana C. Devoe, father of Therese Devoe '93, March 24, 2012.

Thomas Doyle, husband of Patricia Kinney Doyle '58, August 6, 2012.

Walter Dray, father of Peggy Dray Fouts '63, September 6, 2012.

Alyce Dunkin, mother of Janyce Dunkin Brengel '78, August 10, 2012.

Billie Rae McDaniel Erlandson, mother of Delores Clemens Cates '04, September 17, 2012.

Dino Ferrari, brother of Kathleen Ferrari Redmond '85, May 19, 2012.

Helen Ferrari, mother of Kathleen Ferrari Redmond '85, May 31, 2012.

Donald M. Fordyce, husband of Ann Glascock Fordyce '58, May 9, 2011.

Thomas P. Foy, father of Cecilia Foy Castillo '71 and Muffet Foy Cuddy '74, October 8, 2011.

Eugene Geissler, father of Mary Geissler Lanzoner '68 and Sheila Geissler '70, August 5, 2012.

Rita Good, mother of Mary Good Palmer '96, June 1, 2012.

John C. Gosling, husband of Patricia Molumby Gosling '59, July 30, 2012.

Frank Grassi, father of Cristina Grassi Sullivan '99, August 21, 2012.

John T. Grayhack, father of Anne Grayhack '75, August 8, 2012.

Lorraine Greco, mother of Susan Greco Chambers '77, May 29, 2012.

Phillip Houston, husband of Mary Beth Murray Houston '87, September 1, 2012.

Christopher Hussey, husband of Sheila Logan Hussey '84, son-in-law of Mary Holland Logan '60, uncle of Mary Kathleen Holland '05, August 19, 2012.

Karen Johlle, mother of Mary Johlle Harrison '92, August 24, 2012.

Thomas Brookbanks Johnson, infant son of Alysann Sieren Johnson '92, June 17, 2012.

Marie Krakora, mother of Susan Krakora '76, June 19, 2012.

Joseph Lange, husband of Irene Canny Lange '63, August 15, 2012.

Clem H. Litka, Sr., grandfather of Cortney Litka Couture '01, July 28, 2012.

Ann Lyman, mother of Mary Beth Lyman Jones '72, July 7, 2012.

Thomas C. Mayer, father of Sarah Mayer Carron '91 and Ellen Mayer Vaughn '92, September 25, 2012.

Bernard J. McCue, husband of Janet O'Connell McCue '57, August 24, 2012.

Richard J. McDonald, father of Mary L. McDonald '85, August 31, 2012.

Paul McNellis, husband of Janice Zihlerle McNellis '62, June 17, 2012.

E. Arthur Moran, father of Kathleen Moran '88, August 5, 2012.

J. Stewart Moran, son of Gertrude Daley Moran '42, April 26, 2012.

Margaret Moran, mother of Kathleen Moran '88, August 5, 2012.

Francis T. Muller, husband of Maureen Carroll Muller '52, April 13, 2012.

Dix Ballard Nord, daughter of Sallie Junkin Ballard '48, April 17, 2012.

Bernard J. Nosan, husband of Janis Jakubaitis Nosan '72, February 6, 2012.

Edward M. O'Toole, Esq., husband of Barbara Patrick O'Toole '59, July 6, 2012.

Philip J. Prosser, father of Peggy Prosser Brown '87, July 12, 2012.

Anne Pryser, mother of Anne Pryser Leary '72, June 6, 2012.

Lois Rochford, mother of Joan Rochford Donnelly '73 and Elizabeth Rochford Striedl '82, September 2, 2010.

Louis Rukavina, Jr., father of Mary Rukavina Kuhnmuensch '78, September 8, 2012.

William Rourke Sisson, father of Teresa Sisson Rijks '73, Diana Sisson Peacock '74, Donna Sisson Rozman '76, grandfather of Mamie Elisabeth Rijks '02, February 14, 2012.

Helen Helms Slankas, mother-in-law of Margaret Sullivan Slankas '68, July 14, 2012.

Shirley P. Stein, grandmother of Julie Anne Steinke '96, April 1, 2012.

William Sullivan, husband of Mary Gallagher Sullivan '55, June 1, 2012.

John Richardson Thomas, Jr., father of Nancy Thomas Dickinson '79, August 14, 2012.

Frank B. Thompson, husband of Joan Renehan Thompson '58, brother-in-law of Mary Ruth MacKinnon Renehan '63, September 18, 2012.

Alvin J. Tight, father of Stephanie Tight Maddock '91, uncle of Tasha Tight Wallace '92, June 1, 2011.

Nino Tobino, husband of Colleen Moran Tobino '67, December 13, 2011.

Bette Tychsen, mother of Kimberley Tychsen DeCelles '86, May 7, 2012.

Tura Jane Van Patten, mother of Victoria Beth Van Patten '72, May 24, 2011.

John Carpenter Vorys II, stillborn son of Annie Huffman Vorys '07, February 19, 2012.

Eugene Voyt, husband of Margaret Kropf Voyt '52, uncle of Barbara Voyt Schultz '92, March 30, 2012.

Kathryn Welch Wagner, sister of Teresa Welch Blahoski '93, September 5, 2012.

Robert J. Williams, father of Diane Williams Kreager '79, July 23, 2012.

James W. Zick, father-in-law of Erin Vartabedian Zick '00, May 10, 2012.

Robert Zierk, father of Linda Zierk Nieting '79, April 22, 2012.

IN MEMORIAM



Mary Rita Hellmuth '46, former trustee, Distinguished Alumna Award recipient, and charter member of the Madeleva Society died March 8 in her residence in Holy Cross Village, Notre Dame, Indiana.

Hellmuth was born in Springfield, Ohio, on October 27, 1924. After graduating from Saint Mary's, she entered the Novitiate of the Carmelite Sisters, which she eventually left because of health issues. She worked for Merchants and Mechanics Federal Savings & Loan and then real estate firm Link-Hellmuth, Inc. In 1977 she returned to South Bend to work for the Sisters of the Holy Cross in their department of archives. Shortly thereafter, she helped develop the Congregation's Lay Associate Program. Hellmuth also worked as an administrative assistant to the regional superior for retired CSC sisters until her own retirement due to failing health in 2004.

Hellmuth was a member of the College Board of Trustees from 1973 to 1979; a charter member of the Madeleva Society in 1979; and the recipient of the Distinguished Alumna Award in 1968. She also established the Mr. and Mrs. Andrew A. Hellmuth Memorial Scholarship in 1984 in honor of her parents.

She is survived by two alumnae nieces: Mary Louise Hellmuth Loftis '66 and Catherine Hellmuth '70; double-first cousins, Richard J. Link and Gloria Woeber; and many generations of nieces and nephews.

» Buffalo

BUFFALO CLUB UPCOMING EVENTS: October 28, 2012 - Mass at 11:00 am at St. Francis of Assisi in Hamburg, NY and lunch following at McKenzie's Restaurant. January 24, 2013 - Book Club at Transit Valley Country Club - *Let's Take the Long Way Home*. February 9, 2013 - After the Holiday Luncheon - noon at the Melting Pot at the Galleria Mall. PLEASE JOIN US!

Any questions can be directed to mekreuz@aol.com

» Chicago West

The Chicago West Alumnae Club was pleased to receive a visit from President Carol Ann Mooney '72 and her husband George Efta on September 13th for an evening reception at the Hinsdale Golf Club in Clarendon Hills, IL. The club event was sponsored by Greg & Sue Knapp Besio '81 and John & Donna Ryan Coffey '90. With a grand turnout from the area, the event was the best attended presidential visit to an alumnae club. We truly appreciated our special guest and watched her attentively greet almost every person that entered the hall. President Mooney's remarks included comments on first-time Saint Mary's College patents being filed by the College's science department and a large grant for the continuation of the research behind these patents. She shared statistics on the class of 2016 and fielded questions from the audience about other departments and areas of study. Her visit was the first to the Chicago West club in many years and it was clearly appreciated. Attendees were also generous in their participation of a raffle of Saint Mary's items from the bookstore. We want to thank all our volunteers for the event, and a special thanks to Joanne Tracy Marsh '69 for buying & packaging our raffle gifts that everyone wanted to win! Winners included: Norma Podeschi Driscoll '47, Trish Keenan Kinsella '87, Mary Ryan, Kim Reiken LeDoux '77 and Meaghan Barrett Grimes '90. All money raised was donated to the Chicago Endowed Scholarship. Many thanks to everyone who attended.

The club enjoyed a Founders' Day brunch on Saturday, October 13th in our beautiful western suburbs at Allgauer's Restaurant in Naperville. It was a nice day to remember Saint Mary's and reflect on our time there with fellow SMC Sisters.

The club's annual service day was held on October 27th at the People's Resource Center in Wheaton. This was our 5th consecutive year supporting the PRC by a day of service from our members. The club donated our time that Saturday morning as we volunteered in the clothing & food pantries. It is an easy way to give of our time and enjoy quality time with one another.

Our final book club was held on October 25th at the home of Anne Murray McDermott '85. Our book club 'master' - she collected ideas for the 2013 book & hostess list, which will be compiled and distributed in December, just in time for Christmas. Please watch your emails and the club website for the new book list.

We're planning to gather on Saturday, Feb 2nd to cheer on the Notre Dame Men's Basketball team as they visit DePaul in Chicago. Stay tuned for ticket information.

The club is looking for additional committee & board members to assist with monthly communications and event ideas. If you're interested, please contact Alison Spohn Kavulich '93 at irishannie93@yahoo.com or by phone at 630-640-8156.

» Cleveland

With great weather this summer, the Club has taken advantage of it and held events outside for all

to enjoy. On Saturday, June 16, Cleveland/Akron alumnae met for lunch at the West End Bistro in Chagrin Falls. The lunch was delicious and the meeting of several alumnae proved to be an outstanding event. Thorn Creek Winery in Aurora was the site for a lovely evening on Friday, July 20. Alumnae and guests enjoyed wine tasting and hors-d'oeuvres, while having the opportunity to purchase wine to take home.

The 2012 Student Send-Off took place at Mavis Winkles Restaurant in Independence on Tuesday, August 7. Incoming freshmen along with current students attended. This was a great opportunity for the students to meet each other, ask questions and exchange ideas. The Club wishes the students a safe and happy school year.

Dues are due and will remain at \$25. Please remember to send them in. The Club is always looking for new help and participation. If any Cleveland/Akron alumna is interested in becoming more involved with the Club, or to submit ideas, please contact Cheri Petride Miller '79 at smcosu@earthlink.net. We are already making plans for the rest of the year. We hope that you will join us.

» Colorado



The Colorado club gathered in August to celebrate the students headed to Saint Mary's in the fall.

On Sunday, August 12, students and their mothers were hosted at a send off party before the start of the new school year. We gathered at Ernie's Pizza and Restaurant in Denver where students and Alumnae shared stories and advice for fun and success at Saint Mary's. It was especially heart warming to witness the sharing between the current students and their moms with our first year student and her mother; they discussed everything from transportation to room configurations in the dorms.

» Dallas

The Dallas/Fort Worth club recently started volunteering regularly at St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store. The employees always seem to appreciate our help whether we have 20 volunteers that day or 4.

Our book club has read a lot lately including the One Book, One Saint Mary's selection, *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*, as well as *Wuthering Heights*, and *Is Everyone Hanging Out Without Me?* by Mindy Kaling (Kelly Kapoor from "The Office").

To join or contact our club, please email us at smcdfwclub@gmail.com.

» Dayton

The Saint Mary's Alumnae Club of Dayton has been very active lately. On July 15, we hosted a welcome reception for incoming freshman and their mothers in the Community Room at Dorothy Lane Market in Springboro. Three current students with their mothers and several alumnae greeted the new students and answered questions about student life at Saint Mary's. Also on August 5, we joined with the Notre Dame Alumni Club in hosting a Freshman Send-off for all Saint Mary's and Notre Dame students in the Dayton area at the home of Robert and Bernadette Volpe Mitsch '71.

During the past year we have also started a book club that is meeting three times a year at the Panera at the Town and Country Center in Kettering. In May we discussed *Very Valentine* and on Sept. 24 we discussed *Brava, Valentine* both by Adriana Trigiani. Our next selection for late January will be the 2012-13 "One Book One Saint Mary's" selection *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot. Email invitations will be sent later with the specific date and time. We would love to have more alums join us for good fun and great books. Please contact Peggy Frericks Thompson '77 at pjthompson1986@gmail.com for club information.

» Des Moines

The Des Moines Club celebrated Founders' Day by gathering to hear Sandy Hatfield Clubb, athletic director at Drake University, discuss her life in a male-dominated profession and the ways in which her faith has guided her work. Alumnae and their spouses enjoyed Sandy's insights.

The Des Moines Club plans to participate in the One Saint Mary's book read, with a discussion in March. A service project in the early summer will complete the year's activities.

» Detroit



Detroit alumnae Joan Mette Reddy '56, Peg Tallet-Myks '75, Jill Dannemiller Feeney '75, and Mary Cucchi Depman '50 have fun catching up at the Detroit Alumnae Club's Spring Luncheon.

On May 12, the Saint Mary's College Detroit Alumnae Club enjoyed a Spring Luncheon at Kruse and Muer in Rochester, MI. The event was attended by Erica Barker-Erlewein '03, Claire Kenney '10, Bridget O'Brien Bealin '79, Susan De Ponio Boyer '73, Caitlin Cunningham '10, Jill Dannemiller Feeney '75, Jessica Reddy Hoeck '88, Laura Curtin Nicholson '92, Joan Mette Reddy '56, Maureen Sullivan '55, Peg Tallet-Myks '75, Mary Cucchi Depman '50, Katy Sudro '71, Julie Skelly Fries '52, and Kathryn Schropp '98. Guests enjoyed catching up with fellow Belles along with the delicious food!

Kelley Rak '99, Erica Barker-Erlewein '03, Caitlin Cunningham '10, Mary Dahm Howlett '78, Claire Kenney '10, Hillary Shesterkin '14, Diane Meagher '82, Alison Meagher '13, Charlotte Brown '13, Gabriella Meagher '15, along with friends and family gathered to cheer on the Detroit Tigers on July 18th at Comerica Park in Detroit. This event was a great success and is always popular among alumnae and their friends and family! As an added bonus, the Tigers beat the Angels 7 to 2.

On Tuesday, August 7th, eight incoming freshmen from the class of 2016 joined us at the home of Diane Demasi Meagher '82 for this year's Freshman Sendoff. Current students and alumnae shared their experiences and wisdom with the incoming class. Maribeth Yingling '09, Elyse Lopez '09, Torrie Thompson '12, Lauren Mariola Marantette '00, Laura Curtin Nicholson '92, Kathryn Schropp '98, Louise Foley Smith '88, Jessica Claes Mumaw '01, Diane Demasi Meagher '82, Margaret Clark '08, Megan Smith '08, Erica Barker-Erlewein '03, Claire Kenney '10, Caitlin Cunningham '10, Maureen Sullivan '55, Charlotte Brown '13, Gabriella Meagher '15, Alison Meagher

'13, Taylor Schuler '16, Kelly Quinn '16, Brett Quick '16, Meghan Flanagan '16, Gina Serra '16, Claire Boyle '16, Catherine Smith '16, and Amanda Graham '16 were all present to wish the newest class of Belles the best of luck!

Please keep an eye out for emails and Evite invitations for upcoming events. Do not hesitate to contact us at smcdac@gmail.com or Caitlin Cunningham '10 at ccmarie077@gmail.com.

>> Houston

The Houston Alumnae Club spent a delightful afternoon at the lovely Woodlands home of Valerie Homola Woller '78 to send off the 2016 Belles! Her daughter, Emily Woller '09 as well as eleven other alumnae made this event special. Madeline Gabler Tidwell '67, Jennifer Mooney Stevens '74, Susan Greco Chambers '77, Melissa Peters Christaldi '95, Amy Tidwell '01, Jennifer Kincaid '02, Emily Pernotto Raley '05, Ashley Fant '07, Mary Borden King '07, Sarah Sult Kurtz '07, and Anne Spyhalski '07 presented Jill Chipley '16 with a Texas care package that will provide her with a little piece of Texas for her new "home" in Indiana. The Houston Club wishes Jill, Reagan Peet '16 and all those returning to Saint Mary's, a wonderful year!

On September 19, the club hosted a networking Happy Hour at 13 Celsius in Midtown. We had a great turnout this time and hope to host these events on a more regular basis. Please contact us at HoustonSMC@gmail.com if you'd like to help plan the next one!

The Houston Founders Day celebration is quickly approaching and many members of the club are working hard to plan the October 26th event at The Forest Club. The Saint Mary's Houston Alumnae Club hopes all alumnae in the Houston area are able to attend as the event supports scholarship fundraising.

The Houston Alumnae Club welcomes three new members to the board! Sara Montelongo '10, Emily Pernotto Raley '05, and Anne Spyhalski '07 will serve as Event Coordinator, Secretary, and Treasurer, respectively. Please contact the club or any of the officers if you are interested in helping to plan or host an event.

Find us on Facebook at "Saint Mary's College Houston Alumnae Club", follow us on twitter @HoustonSMC, or email us at HoustonSMC@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at our exciting upcoming events!

>> Los Angeles

The Los Angeles Alumnae Club is actively engaging alumnae throughout the Los Angeles, Orange County, and Inland Empire regions. In July, a core group met downtown to plan a series of events—summer send off, museum tours, Founder's Day, and more.

Our student send-off this summer hosted 16 southern California women who had chosen Saint Mary's. The gathering, hosted by LA Club Member Pat Greeley Lechman '63, was so large we almost couldn't accommodate everyone. Freshmen learned from upper classmen about the shocking climactic differences and were given advice on how to cope (they all left excited about the new weather experiences they would have). Seniors spoke with older members of the club about their intentions to become actively involved when they returned home as alumnae.

On August 18, Saint Mary's and Notre Dame women gathered for a "behind the scenes" tour of the Huntington Museum. Both the tour, and the lovely tea that preceded it, were great fun.

Alumnae across the region have graciously volunteered to attend college recruitment fairs as representatives of Saint Mary's.

We are looking forward to our upcoming

Founders' Day Celebration, a Christmas brunch, and a tour of the Getty Center Museum.

>> Maine

Maine Alumnae—plans are in the works for an end of the year happy hour. Look for an email in your inbox in early December. To suggest a spot or get involved, please contact Genevieve Morrill '98 at gcmorrill@yahoo.com

>> Milwaukee



Club Vice President, Kelly O'Connor Dancy '06 and Club Secretary, Katie Putz '09. The two officers enjoy a moment together during the college send off with 19 other area alumnae and students who joined in the afternoon's festivities and welcomed the three new students to the Saint Mary's Family.



Three incoming students from the greater Milwaukee area who attended the Club's Send Off luncheon on Sunday, August 5th at the home of Club President, Mary Kuhnmuensch '78. From left to right those students are: Jennifer Vosters '16, Caitlin Rosencranz '16, and Madeline Gibbs '16.

The Saint Mary's Alumnae Club of Greater Milwaukee has enjoyed a busy event filled summer and fall. A large group of alumnae gathered at Club President, Mary Rukavina Kuhnmuensch's '78 home for the Annual Student Send Off luncheon August 5th. The gathering included a few current students as well as we welcomed incoming students Caitlin Rosencranz, Madeline Gibbs, and Jennifer Vosters to the Saint Mary's family.

Another diverse group of Alumnae participated in the Club's Annual Habitat for Humanity Day on Saturday, September 15th where they joined other volunteers from the community to help build a new front porch and apply a fresh coat of paint to a very happy homeowner's house in Milwaukee's Central City. The Club will also sponsor its Annual Founders' Day Reception at the Milwaukee Athletic Club at 5:30 PM on October 16th.

>> New Jersey

Summer was great! We had a beautiful evening for our dockside reception aboard the Tallship Unicorn at North Cove Marina on Thursday, May 31st. Several young Saint Mary's alumnae and current students were in attendance. The event was a fund raiser for the Sisters Under Sail voyage scholarship fund to support our selected Saint Mary's sponsored daughter of the US Military, Torri Johnson, whose mother is an active soldier with the Army and assigned out of Ft. Bragg. Torri and 5 other daughter's of our US Military, who are all sponsored by the Saint



Members of the New Jersey club had a fabulous time at a fundraiser for the Sisters Under Sail voyage scholarship fund, to support a selected sponsored daughter of the US Military.

Mary's and Notre Dame Alumni community, will be sailing on a week-long adventure of a lifetime from West Point Military Academy from June 17–22. Thank you to all alumnae who contributed to this initiative.

Look for the New Jersey Club on Facebook at Saint Mary's College Alumnae Club of NJ. If you are not receiving our emails with Club updates, please forward your email address to dawn@sistersundersail.org. Annual \$25 dues are always due and can be forwarded to: Saint Mary's Alumnae Club of New Jersey (SMCNJ) c/o Dawn Parker Santamaria, 2 Gravel Hill Road, Asbury, NJ 08802

>> New York City

I hope that you all enjoyed your summer. Please keep an eye out in your email for some upcoming events this fall in NYC. If you are new to NYC area or would like to be added to the distribution list please email Carey O'Neill '99 President at carey.oneill@gmail.com. As a reminder we have Facebook page. To join please visit Saint Mary's College Alumnae Club of NYC. Go Irish!

>> San Diego

The Saint Mary's Club of San Diego continues to stay active through the Fall and into Winter. Even though our beautiful San Diego temperatures remain in the 70's, we are still excited about the arrival of Fighting Irish Football! We continue to join the Notre Dame Club for game watches at The Prospect Bar and Grill in La Jolla. Over 120 Irish fans gathered at 6:30 a.m. at this fabulous venue overlooking the sparkling Pacific Ocean to cheer on the Irish over Navy. Prospect hosts game watches for all the televised games. With delicious snacks and libations, these events are a fun way to celebrate our team and make new friends. Go Irish!

Lynn Dargis Ambrose '52 continues to coordinate the SD Club Book Group. A core group of members meets monthly to discuss their book selections, and new members are always welcome. Lynn sends out an update after every meeting with details about the upcoming book and location. Please feel free to join!

A nice group of Saint Mary's alums and their families met to celebrate our Founders' Day on October 28. We attended Mass at the Mission Basilica San Diego de Alcala, the lovely Spanish mission founded by Father Junipero Serra. Mass was celebrated by Father Bill Lewis, an ND alum. Father Bill offered a beautiful Mass, honoring the founding of Saint Mary's. Afterwards we continued our Celebration at Sandy Parry Kesser's '07 Apartment Clubhouse. Members and their families enjoyed the delicious brunch as well as catching up with their fellow alums. Everyone was encouraged to bring donations for Girls Inc., our current charity.

Our next event will be our 5th Annual Christmas Cookie Exchange. This is a really fun event (and tasty!) Details will be sent by email soon.

We send Holiday greetings to ALL our wonderful Saint Mary's alums! If you are new to San Diego,

please feel free to email our President Sandy Parry Kesser '07 at sandyparry@yahoo.com, or Barb Drossel McKnight '77 at barb.mcknight@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you!

»» San Francisco Bay Area

The San Francisco Bay Area Alumnae Club Founders' Day Celebration on Sunday, September 30th, commemorated the 80th Anniversary of the San Francisco Club. The "Toast, Taste and Tix" event was held at Domenico Winery and included a mass, guided wine tasting, light lunch, and raffle. Linda Timm of the Saint Mary's Development Office was also in attendance.

»» South Bend

The South Bend Alumnae Club is busy preparing for the 2012–2013 year! We have many events already on the calendar. The two I want to highlight are our Founders' Day dinner on Thursday, October 18, 2012 where Nancy Mascotte '64 and her husband Hank will be discussing their missionary work in Bangladesh, and on Saturday, March 9, 2013 we are having our first trivia night! Help us to raise money for the endowed scholarship by volunteering on the planning committee or buying a table the night of the event. Contact Robyn Chmielewski Albert '00 at annanzio@gmail.com if you are interested in helping plan the evening. We have quite a few new committee chairs bursting with fresh ideas and energy to plan events! Look for our fall newsletter to find out what is to come! As always, we have book club and SMC's in the City dates already scheduled.

»» Twin Cities

The Twin Cities Alumnae Club has a new enthusiastic board that is pleased to support 22 women from the Twin Cities metro, including five first-years and one transfer student. Beth McGie Robertson '92 hosted a lovely send-off luncheon in August. In addition, Founders' Day will be celebrated at Donatos' Floral of Maple Grove on 10/24. Participants will learn secrets to professional floral design & receive an update on the College from Kara O'Leary '89, Director of Alumnae Relations. Additional events planned include game watches, service events and a One Book, One Saint Mary's gathering on 3/7/13. For more information, see the annual club newsletter hitting mailboxes in October or contact Kelly Brantman Roles '92 at kellyroles@comcast.net.

»» Washington DC

The Washington, D.C. Club has picked up steam the last couple of months, and continues to move full speed ahead.

In June, we welcomed the Saint Mary's College Women's Choir as they presented a concert for a national conference on American Choral Music on June 29th. The Choir performed choral music by American Women Composers from the turn of the 20th and 21st centuries.

The Washington, D.C. Club sent out a survey in July, about future activities and projects. The feedback was helpful, and we look forward to hosting the popular activities. The club's Co-President also requested for volunteers for other club roles. We will announce the new Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer next month!

In August, we wished the nine students from the D.C. area well and provided each student with a send-

off package. The young ladies were excited to start the new school year, and we couldn't be happier for them!

Fall is a big time for the Washington D.C. Club, with many activities and club changes! We are happy to announce that we have started sending out a monthly newsletter. Our September issue announced our future activities, such as Founders' Day mass and brunch on October 14th and our regularly scheduled mass on Sundays. Additionally, the Saint Mary's and Notre Dame D.C. clubs have recently teamed up to coordinate activities and service projects in the coming months.

The club will be preparing exam care packages for the students from the Washington, D.C. area on November 10th. We are also thrilled about our first Christmas social and cookie exchange on December 8th.

In May, the Saint Mary's DC Alumnae Networking Group hosted Congresswoman Donna Christensen '66, the U.S. Virgin Islands Delegate to Congress, to address their group at a networking event. The group is also planning some exciting activities for the fall and winter—stay tuned for more details in the coming weeks.

To learn more about networking opportunities and events in the area, or if you have an internship opportunity or open position you would like to share with local alumnae and current students, please contact Erin Reese '03 at erinreese_smc@yahoo.com.

To get updated information on club events, please contact Sophie Benitz '10 at sophiebenitz@gmail.com or check out our club's website. We are also on Facebook, so please connect with us at "Saint Mary's Washington, D.C. Alumnae Club." We look forward to this busy season and seeing new faces at our events.

CLASS NEWS

'47

From the Alumnae Relations Office

From the Courier: Saint Mary's was saddened to learn of the death of **Elizabeth Sausaman Langerfer** on July 11, 2012. Elizabeth was the niece of Grace Kierr Burke, who served as a house mother in Holy Cross Hall and Regina Hall from 1967 to 1978.

'48

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Early this year, I willingly volunteered to try and be the Class of 1948 reporter. I wanted others to know that we slightly grey-haired ladies are still alive and fabulously "hanging on."

On a trip to Dallas for a Friend of Libraries meeting at the American Library Association's mid-winter meeting, I had lunch with **Rosemary Haggard Vaughan**. Rosemary still lives in her beautiful home just outside of Dallas. One of her sons has made a documentary of Rosemary's life for the family. This same son is also a businessman, photographer, and runner—he has made a commercial documentary about runners in Africa.

Rita Domas McCabe no longer travels the way she used to but did go to Concord for a graduation this year. She lives in San Diego near the Concorde Hotel. Her last letter contained a picture of her 85th birthday party, when she was surrounded by her children.

Rosie Gauer Costa was one of the 18 of us who attended our 60th reunion in 2008. I could almost see her infectious smile when I spoke to her on the phone. Golf is now out because of arthritis but of a group of ladies who lunch "is in." The Costas moved to a one-story home to make life easier—one of Rosie's daughters is now a serious artist with several gallery shows to her credit. One of her granddaughters, **Katherine Rose Thurston '07**, attended Saint Mary's.

Jeanne Bailey Benson lives in Beverly Hills, MI, with children nearby. Lately, Jeanne has had some throat problems. Some of her children and grandchildren have such interesting occupations. One is attacking the New York theater scene, another is a professor, and a granddaughter will work this summer on Mackinac Island.

My sister, **Marguerite Chenal Jans**, is in a condo near O'Hare Airport in Chicago with her five sons nearby. This winter, Marguerite spent some time in Florida with three of her daughters.

In July, I had the opportunity to visit with Jane Kiley, the daughter of **Rosie Paulin Maginot**—another Rosie.

For the first time I attended the Donors Appreciation Weekend at Saint Mary's. It was such an eye opener to see the changes in the campus, the new building, recent acquisitions, and especially to talk or listen to so many of the students. It was a most uplifting experience. I certainly would recommend it.

It has been such a pleasure hearing about our lives after Saint Mary's. Please send me any Christmas letters or holiday cards so we can share.

'49

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From Mary Ellen Gleason: I am pleased to be able to say "hello" to all my classmates of the great Class of '49!

Our class correspondent, **Nancy Byrnes Riley**, has asked me to fill in for her this time. She is preparing for hip replacement surgery.

As usual, we have some sad news to report. Three of our classmates have lost their husbands these past few months. **Joanne Clair Lyons'** husband, John ND '50, died in November 2011. **Nancy Branton Davies'** husband, Gordon, died in January 2012. **Claire Daley Archibald's** husband, Joe ND '49, died in April 2012. Joe was also the father of **Anne Archibald Deutsch '84** and the grandfather of her six children. We send our most sincere condolences to the families.

Marie Murnane Walsh and her sister, **Dorothy Murnane McMahon '52**, spent a delightful day and luncheon at the Morris Inn with **Jean Murphy Westland** and **Eleanor Fails '52**. I'm told there were many stories shared.

Dick and **Sue Wagner Broeren** are home in the Chicago area after spending the winter in Jupiter, FL.

Mary Ann Fellingner Ryan and her son, Mark, will make their annual trip to Colorado for the Aspen Festival of Music.

Marie Murnane Walsh and I will have granddaughters entering Saint Mary's this fall. Therese Marie Burke, daughter of **Cecilia Walsh**



Over the Fourth of July, Mary Lou Kelly Sullivan '49, June Mulvihill Williams '49, and Lois Tripeny Shickich '49 had a great adventure at Seaside, Oregon. They celebrated June's 84th birthday on June 30, and Mary Lou's 85th birthday on July 4th, by laughing, telling stories long after midnight, staying in their PJ's until mid-afternoon, and walking the promenade despite the chilly 55 degree sea air. As the fog was rolling in they cuddled together in a Saint Mary's beach blanket, and reminisced about the Class of '49 and their wonderful college years.

Burke '76, will be in McCandless Hall. Allison Mary Dudek, daughter of Mary Liz Dunne Dudek '79, sister of Kathleen Dudek '09 and niece of Anne Dunne Baetz '77, will begin her Saint Mary's experience in Holy Cross Hall. Both of our granddaughters are third-generation Saint Mary's College women. We are both so proud of them.

So, for now, we send our love and prayers to Nancy for a speedy recovery. Nancy's address:

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Until next time, Mary Ellen Deibler Dunne Gleason.

'50

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Iowa City. I think this new effort is going to be fun. I hope that the letters updating '50 class news keep coming my way to share.

Rita Moliski Goth wrote that she and husband Jack will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary in May. They raised a family of 11 children (eight girls and three boys). Throughout the 60 years, Rita has been very involved with parish activities. Now, retired from active nursing after 25 years as director of nursing at a local nursing home and teaching in the nurses' aide training program, she enjoys working in their backyard greenhouse and gardens. All the children and grandchildren come home in August for a great time at the annual family picnic.

A lovely letter from Sister Ramona Marie Openheim, MM included an invitation to the centennial activities of the Maryknoll sisters. Monie has been at Maryknoll Center since 2010 and finds it a "stimulating place with all kinds of goings on." She has finished a finance course, is taking on one in advanced computer. For outreach, she has joined Pax Christi.

Rosemary Treacy Eide has moved from Estes

Park to Fort Collins, CO, with her husband, Paul, who was left suddenly without sight in one eye two years ago due to a rare affliction called giant cell arteritis. She writes that their traveling days, with happy memories, are over; however, she and a couple of their children did go to Michigan last August when her twin brother celebrated his Jubilee. She also chatted with Helene Preece McCormack recently and learned that one of Helene's daughters has a very interesting job as a producer for the Discovery Channel—"usually on Alaska stories."

With a promise to keep in touch, Mary Ruth McGee Dorsher wrote that she keeps busy at her independent senior housing with family coming often to visit. She also keeps in phone contact with Mary Ellen Molony Brady and Peg Gardner Haaser.

Joanne McCabe Schmitz spent several spring weeks at Hilton Head, finding the *Courier* in the awaiting mail on her return home.

Honey Kennedy Ryan was visiting her brother, Jim, and his wife, Betsy Finneran Kennedy '59, in Michigan City, IN, when the *Courier* arrived there. Honey and her daughter, Helen, also enjoyed seeing Kay Motta Hart and her husband, Bill, who is still active as a federal judge in Chicago.

As I write this, I'm looking ahead to an August wedding in Adara, Ireland, when a grandson of my sister, Barbara Nolan Wagner '52, will wed an Iowa nurse. Luckily, I still have more than six months left on my passport as I love to travel. For the last several years, I have been going to Hawaii in January and Door County in the summer. Otherwise, having retired from the practice of law, I'm still occupied with travel around Iowa. Please write often to your class reporter, Betty N.

'51

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Our class news will now be reported three times a year in the *Courier*, so please send all of your news to me in Northville, MI. It has been a pleasure to catch up with some of you, and I look forward to sharing any information that comes my way.

One very cheerful member of our graduating class was Sister Mary Jean Klene, CSC, who taught Shakespeare in the College for 50 years. She also taught in Flint, MI. She is now tutoring Vietnamese sisters. These are not Holy Cross sisters but are being sponsored by the priests at Notre Dame.

I had an interesting visit with Patricia Ramsey Beckman, who is living near Cleveland, OH. Pat has written and published several children's books and, currently, has several manuscripts ready to mail. The Beckmans have five great-grandchildren.

Mary C. O'Malley Alden lives in a home on the east coast of Florida for six months each year. She plays golf frequently. This fall she will be cruising in Alaska. She has traveled extensively but never to Alaska. Mary's twin granddaughters graduated this year and will be attending college this fall. She has 14 grandchildren. She plays bridge twice a week.

Charlene Unger Canny lives in Pennsylvania. She and husband Dan have lived in a senior living community there for seven years. She plays golf, and they play duplicate bridge twice a week. They have five sons living in five different states.

Kathleen O'Connor Brauchler resides in Can-

ton, OH, in the summer. She enjoys Florida during the winter months. Kathleen enjoys working with her garden club and playing bridge. She is also involved in the hospital in Canton which has a new ER.

On the day that I called Carolyn Huebner Collins in late July, she and Walt had just been blessed with their sixth great grandchild, Jaxson Robert. Congratulations!

Therese Despres Randall entertained all of her children, grandchildren, and friends at her beloved Michigan cottage last summer.

Last summer was very hot, especially in Louisville, KY, where Fleur Hulsebus Burkhardt and her husband are very active in their church. Church activities they enjoy are hiking and playing cards. They have seven grandchildren. We discussed the concept of Christian Culture and the memorable teaching of Bruno Schlesinger. She keeps in touch with Sara George Crave through email. Sara's family is involved in cheese making in Wisconsin.

My husband, Dick, and I have kept cool at our cottage in Upper Michigan this past summer with excitement provided by our children and grandchildren. Our dear granddaughter, Amanda Browne, has been living with us this summer. She has been a true blessing. Dick and I are enjoying our family and friends and playing cards.

Our love and prayers go out to Patricia McDermott Kammerer, who lost her husband and her son this year.

I hope all my classmates are well and please keep in touch.

'52

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Dear Classmates: Wow! What a great reunion we had! Thanks to all those at Saint Mary's who made it so enjoyable and memorable, especially Kara O'Leary '89 and Shari Rodriguez of the Alumnae Office and all the many volunteers who drove us from event to event and looked after us, along with the more than one thousand who attended! Being such a **very** elderly class—the Older than Golden—we are sort of like the great-grandparents at a family reunion. No one expects us to do anything but show up. We sit near the front (because of our hearing problems) and everyone waits upon us. And seventeen of us octogenarians showed up!

Some husbands who were attending the Notre Dame reunion also stopped over for a visit. Hayes Kennedy spoke about how he is getting on with his life after the death of Ann McCoy Kennedy eight years ago. Joe Straub, upon not finding his wife Mary Cash Straub's name on any list in the hospitality suite, wrote on our message board, "reminds me of 'degree received in absentia.'" We were glad when he came over again, and we could give him a hug. He was always so faithful in coming to reunions with her.

Joyce McMahon Hank had planned to come, but an unhealed foot surgery kept her home on the couch with her foot propped up, stranding Joey Bryan MacDonald. Mac volunteered to drive her the six hours down from Wisconsin, and she joined us for breakfast at the Inn every morning. Kathleen Smith Schaffer was registered and we kept looking for her, but something kept her away at the last minute. Helen Wade O'Brien had also planned to come, but her sister-in-law's sudden death and

funeral kept her from joining us.

Classmates who had never attended reunion decided that this was the year: **Maggie Petrass Panelli '53** (who is actually listed with the Class of 1953, but started with our class) caught us up on her life. She left at the end of her sophomore year to marry the football star John Panelli. (She told us they met in Rosie's and he proposed on their first date, and she accepted him. She really didn't want to be a nurse!) He died in March, and now she is planning to move back to Mishawaka to live near her daughter, Velma, and granddaughter Amanda (Mandy attends St. Mary's of the Woods!), both of whom were with her at the picnic. A number of people brought children (or vice versa): **Thelma Hausman Dunlevy** got son Patrick Dunlevy to do a "Driving Miss Daisy," **Mary Barnet Large** had her son with her; and **Barb Callahan Johnson** her daughter, Kathy. Children are wonderful!

Missing Reunion was a hard choice for some of our class but family came first for **Betty Foley McGlynn** and **Toni DiSalle Watkins**, who had grandchildren graduating from high school. **Loretta Jo Brazaitis Ebert** was having a family reunion in Door County. **Mary Jean Wallace Paxton**, **Mary Jane Belfie Boles**, and **Liz Werres Ravenscroft** had ailing husbands at home. Liz lamented that this was only the second reunion that she missed. And **Mary Ann Scherger Fairlie** was celebrating her 60th wedding anniversary with a family cruise. (If you have a 60th wedding anniversary coming up, tell us how you're celebrating!)

Gloria Gazzara Eppler had planned to attend but wasn't feeling up to it after a knee replacement.



Seventeen members of the class of 1952 attended Reunion 2012! Front: Pat Cain Murray, Lynn Dargis Ambrose, Thelma Hausman Dunlevy, Beverly Miller Skoniecke, Joanne Hickey Frazel, Eleanor Fails; Back: Sally Disser Weigand, Mary Barnet Large, Margaret Petrass Panelli, Faith Kilburg McNamara, Mary Rose Shaughnessy, Julie Skelly Fries, Joey Bryan MacDonald, Mary Berners Kishler, Barbara Callahan Johnson, Carmelita Celaya Groff, Marie Galoney.

Dorothy Murnane McMahon was coming to Chicago two weeks after reunion to be with her sister, and couldn't make two trips. A lot of people sent messages of support, including **Sister Grace Shonk, CSC** and **Susan Klimcheck Miller**. Sorry you all weren't here with us.

Carmelita Celaya Groff, whose husband died in 2005, came from Houston. **Barbara Callahan Johnson** came from Idaho, where she lives with her youngest son and his three children. Before that she had lived for 13 years with daughter Kathy in Lansing, helping with her twins. (She also has in reserve a priest son in Detroit she can stay with if she wants to return to the Midwest.)

Faith Kilburg McNamara had a pleasant surprise when she, **Julie Skelly Fries**, **Mary Berners Kishler**, and **Barbara Callahan Johnson** walked over to Notre Dame on Saturday afternoon. They accidentally encountered a couple from Buffalo attending the Notre Dame reunion who Faith knew from an ND-

Saint Mary's College Marian pilgrimage tour in 2010. Neither side knew the other would be coming.

Eleanor and I looked unsuccessfully for reunion with Sisters whom we had known over at the Convent. I did go to the English Department Open House (in the new Spes Unica Hall) where I found **Sister Mary Jean Klene, CSC '51** (formerly Sister Zita Marie).

Thelma and I went to the discussion of the "One Book One Saint Mary's" chaired by **Sister Eva Mary Hooker, CSC '62** of the English Department and Dr. Laura Ambrose of the Humanistic Studies Department. The book was Mary Gordon's memoir *Circling My Mother*. (I participated in the online discussion). I can recommend next year's book selection: Rebecca Skloot's *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*. Both my book groups read and discussed it.

On the program schedule was a session on volunteerism by our own **Lynn Dargis Ambrose**, who shared her experiences as a volunteer in the Peace Corps, Habitat for Humanity, and Love on a Leash (her pet therapy). Some of these programs were held in the beautiful new "green" Spes Unica Hall, a classroom and office building for the humanities. It's very close to the Hilton Garden Inn and the Inn at Saint Mary's. Really, the campus is quite impressive and the students get a lot of exercise just walking from building to building!

Friday after the Mass we were treated to an "Older than Golden" dinner in the Haggard Center (the library in our days). The highlight was **Lynn Dargis Ambrose's** reminiscence "A Walk Down Memory Lane:"

Recalling our 5th, 10th, 25th reunions when we saw Older than Golden's and wondered how they ever got there... All of you will perhaps remember many of these happenings during our four years at Saint Mary's. So, in no particular order, walk along with me, remembering... Tea dances... White gloves and hats whenever we left campus, and how fast they came off, especially when we entered "Rosies" in town... Big sisters from the junior class who cared for us in special ways... Random room inspection... Being "campused" for minor infractions... Lights out at 10 p.m. and ways we tried to avoid it with flashlights under blankets... Saying our good nights after victory dances while the nuns made sure bright lights were on the porch... Rosary beads noisily dangling—a warning that Sister was coming down the hall...

*Sit-down dinners, family style, where manners were carefully watched. The highlight of senior year was dinner with **Sister M. Madeleva Wolff, CSC '09** at the head table, where we realized how gracious she actually was as we ate our peeled bananas with a fork... Beef tongue sliced lengthwise and everyone refusing even to try it...*

War-weather uniforms of pastel golfers, welcomed after itchy wool suits for cold months... Heated tunnels between Holy Cross and Le Mans... Elevator rules: ride up, walk down. You better have a broken or sprained ankle if you rode down...

*The dreaded **Sister Miriam Joseph Rauh, CSC '23** Tridium class, which wasn't so bad after all, except for having to defend our logic at 8 a.m. She told us, "The reason so much knowledge is in college is because the freshmen bring so much in and the seniors take so little out"... Deferred exams for those missing the last day or the first day of holiday breaks... Bringing guests home to Chicago via the South Shore or being invited to the Kentucky Derby by our Louisville classmates...*

Three-day silent retreats... A "bank" for short term loans run by the nuns on the first floor of Holy Cross... One-room bookstore in the basement of Holy Cross... Angela Hall's wood floor slightly tilting while we played rigorous volleyball... Ice skating on frozen Lake Marian...

Many blind dates just perhaps leading to marriage after graduation—and now celebrating their 60 year

anniversaries... Singing on "ring day" from the tower at Le Mans for soon-to-be-graduates gathered below...

*Teasing about the "Chicago" accents and Southern drawls of classmates... watching classmates walking down The Avenue with Sister Sophia and saying "There goes another one into the convent!"... Penny banks for a Martin de Porres charity... Irresistible glazed donuts, a no-no for dietetics majors, available near the basement rec room... Rosary after dinner with **Sister M. Madeleva Wolff, CSC '09** in the Great Hall under the picture of Our Lady... The silent sounds and natural beauty of campus in all seasons...*

Getting our Courier news and moving from the last pages to very near the first... Reunions where talk varied depending on which years we returned: At 5th and 10th, it was babies and new families and burping and bottles vs. nursing. At 25th, our young adult children going to college and getting married, finally getting to travel; at 50th, our aches and pains and knee/hip replacements; at 55th and 60th, 65th, deaths of classmates and spouses and bittersweet memories flashing before us even now... Friends, faculty, experiences, and an education that prepared us for life—These are but a few memories we shall long remember and hold dear.

A highlight of Saturday was the President's Address.

Dr. Carol Ann Mooney '72 was in high spirits to see so many of her 1972 classmates had returned for their 40th reunion. She had a lot of good news to tell them and us. Confirmed enrollment by new students for this fall is already over 400, and overall enrollment is over 1500. 75% of seniors live on campus; 50% of students study abroad. The average class size is 16. The most popular major is biology. Over 50% of majors are in the arts or sciences. Saint Mary's has prospered where other women's-only colleges have failed: only 52 are still in existence from the 200+ in 1972. A residence hall that allows pets already has a wait list. Graduate programs are being introduced in professional areas where there's a demand, e.g., speech pathology will begin in fall 2014. Online classes (only in summer) for enrolled students are in their third year, and the number of classes is increasing each year; alumnae may register for credit or audit. There is a joint engineering program with Notre Dame; students take basic sciences at Saint Mary's and engineering classes at Notre Dame. Things are really changing! Pets!!!!

Winding up the weekend was the Saturday-night banquet. Awards were given to outstanding alumnae classes, and our class won (again) the award for the class who raised the most money overall for the College. **Patricia Cain Murray** and her committee did a great job, and she received a trophy.

Thanks to the availability of golf carts, shuttle buses and cars, our remote lodgings at the Inn at Saint Mary's were perfect. We congregated there for breakfast each morning, afternoons after events and before dinners, and met later in the hospitality suite (shared with the other Older than Golden's Lynn finally got the DVD player there going to show a thrilling movie full of wild animals that she and her daughter made about her safari in Kenya.

Sunday Mass in the overflowing Chapel of Loreto was followed by a champagne brunch, where we said our goodbyes and headed back home. We are already thinking of coming down for another reunion before our 65th. Now that we're Older than Golden's, we can come anytime and we get a big welcome and good seats!

In future columns, I'll write some of the info that you sent in on those Reunion surveys. The *Courier* is going to come out less frequently but with all the classes reporting, in whatever issues they want.

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August 1, 2012: This date really impresses me. Do you remember **Marion McCandless '00** walking around school reminding all of us that she was the class of "ought three"? That I can remember a woman who was at my college over a hundred years ago but can't remember what I bought for dinner tonight is daunting.

I have very little news. Through some mishap in the *Courier* office, my email address had an error in it, and I didn't learn about the new deadline in time to do anything about it.

I'll start with a spot of my own news. Jack has spent the summer dealing with esophagus cancer and finished his treatment yesterday. He missed only two days in the office, and the doctors are encouraging. We are a family of 30 ranging from Jack and me (ageless) to 16 grandchildren, ending with two little girl cousins born in the fall of 2003. As to all our well-being, my answer is, "We're all great, and anyone who wants a job has one." In the hard times that are described every night on the news, that feels like bragging.

March brought mail from **Wilma Snyder Stahl's** son, Pete ND '84. Wilma died about 45 years ago from leukemia, and Pete is looking for anybody who knew her to share any memories with him. I think you could write to the *Courier* in care of the Class of '53, and they will have his address.

I talked to **Mary Jane McKeon Gray** yesterday. She and Ed spent six weeks in Florida this past winter. (I am trying to find the names of the rest of you who go south for the winter. Mary Jane didn't know!) Mary Jane told me that she walks the Saint Mary's campus daily.

I talked to **Pat Kerper Moriarty** a couple of days ago, and she told me that **Sue Seidensticker Cannata** died recently. She didn't tell me (Mary Jane did) that Pat traveled to Paris this spring with her daughter, Ann, another daughter, and a granddaughter to visit Ann's son.

Mary Brennan Schilling wrote me a wonderful long letter about her seven children and 17 "grands," as Muriel calls them. I can't do it justice in the space allotted, but here are bits of it. Ed Gray and George Schilling have lunch together a couple times a week—what fun for them! Of course, Mary sees **Mary Jane McKeon Gray**. **Barbara Norton Powers** is still in her home, and Mary lives in the same parish as Tom and **Anne Foley Klimek**. Mary always has a birthday card from **Ginny Birsic Ellis**, who continues to live in the family home in Lincoln, NE. Mary recently had a nice phone visit with **Mary Fritch Quetsch**, who lives in Falls Church, VA. Some years ago, she made the move from her big home to a retirement center, where she has no worries of a house and yard.

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Mary Carolyn Shane Helfrey writes, I had lunch with **Sister Josephine Lucker, MM!** I saw Jo's picture in the Archdiocesan paper and found that we had adjacent workshops at the Religious Education Congress. It had been 58 years since we

talked. We made up for that somewhat, but there is much more to say. Later, Jo gave me a tour of their lovely grounds and gardens at the base of the San Gabriel Mountains. It is a place where one could be quite content, and Jo indicated that she certainly is—although I question whether it's possible to turn a Texan into a Californian, we may try!"

Another voice not often heard from is **Gloria Kennedy Hermann**, who sounds like a volunteer *par excellence*. She's a Eucharistic Minister at the hospital, her church, and to the homebound; works at the hospital gift shop; and knits prayer shawls for hospital patients. Not surprisingly, she is president-elect of the volunteers. Gloria lives with her daughter, and in her spare time does house and pet sitting. She's been back to South Dakota several times: "My heart is still there," she says.

Ben and **Rose Marie Murphy Foley** just returned from a cruise on the Elba River. After a family vacation (only 14 this year with their eldest grandson in Kuwait) at Lake Michigan in July, they will attend the Shaw Festival in Canada with **Janell Wenzel O'Barski** and **Joan Rossi**.

A brief line from **Sister Terese Fabbri** says her nephew will study in Italy next semester, and she thinks she ought to take him to Tuscany to meet his relatives.

Jane Flynn Carroll was happy to have her son, John, with her for Mother's Day. She had talked to **Peg Tiernan Sheehan**, who said that she and Jerry had loved *Showboat* in Chicago. Peg was headed to Milwaukee for a granddaughter's wedding. Jane also reported that **Sue Whalen Heyer's** children hosted a birthday party for her in May.

Celebrating their 44th anniversary with friends on a Caribbean cruise were Dick and **Judy Jones Sullivan**. Judy reminded me that she and Dick walked the Golden Gate Bridge 25 years ago—no walkers this year! The Sullivans will spend some time in Puerto Vallarta with their daughter and family.

Still a reporter at heart, Judy told of meeting a couple whose son's teacher was **Ann McCullough**. They spoke very highly of Ann. More from Judy: **Meg Griffith Howe's** sister asks for prayers for Meg, who has a blood cancer; **Alice Elizabeth O'Hanlon Ruden** has moved to a senior residence in northern California near where her son and one of her daughters live; **Christa Czeydner Pichler**, with whom Judy corresponds, sent her a book on Benedict XVI. Judy and **Nancy Gibbon Ross** both mentioned the death of **Marianna Marcucci Hassett's** husband, Jim. **Betty Stark Kelsch's** sister died in May. Please remember them in your prayers.

Tom ND '54 and **Mary Ann Kramer Campbell** are still extremely happy with their choice of Holy Cross Village. Mary Ann had a severe vertigo attack in May. It's much better now, and she would be happy to pass on tips to anyone experiencing it.

A joyous new experience for Vince and **Carol O'Brien Scheller** was the wedding of a granddaughter in June. Vince is still doing therapy in hopes of walking again. Mary Ann reports that Carol is a loving caregiver.

Paul and **Bev Bierbusse Campbell** have moved to a continuing care community "before putting our children in the position of having to take care of their parents." Their email server is now gmail.com instead of cox.net and their phone is (330) 528-6115 (cell is the same).

Ed and **Mary Schmitz Bartley** will be taking a group on the Queen Mary from New York to New England in October and will celebrate both their birthdays. Mary is keeping busy: still teaching tennis, volunteering part time at a re-sale book shop, serving as VP of a golf group, and is a soon-to-be a

member of the local hospital board. She is continuing to love her travel work—working from home!

Patt Gannon Scully makes me envious by sending pictures. This time, one was of a ceramic fountain she made and another was of a cactus blooming in her yard. Patt says she's now on a baby watch for only the third granddaughter of her 14.

The rest of the news is courtesy of **Joan Rossi**: She and **Janell Wenzel O'Barski** attended a Chicago Symphony concert to hear cellist Yo Yo Ma. "Delightful," she says. **Mary 'Midge' Myler Russo** wrote that she had just returned from a vacation in Ireland with her brother and his wife. Joan said **Mary Agnes Majewski Kinnucan's** grandchildren are wondering if Grandmere was a nun—they've seen so many pictures of Aggie dressed as **Sister M. Madeleva Wolff, CSC '09**. Joan is going to send the grandkids yearbook pictures of Aggie so they can see that their grandmother had another life.

Joan thought the young alums did a fabulous job at the Saint Mary's College Scholarship Tea at the Chicago Club in May. No other '54ers, but she saw **Maryjeanne Ryan Burke '56** (and her daughter, **Mary Burke '85**), **Faith Kilburg McNamara '52** (and her daughter), **Pat McDermott Kammerer '51**, and several others. Joan even won a raffle prize!

Joan promises that she will take the South Shore to Michigan City, Terese will pick her up there, and they'll come to South Bend to have lunch with me.

Jumping ahead, I'll be happy to get your Christmas greetings.

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Jane McCormick Nilles forwarded an email from **Mary Ryan Darling**. Mary and Dave, after many moves, are settled in Albuquerque, NM, where they have been for many years. Their five children are scattered all over the West. Mary and Dave were married at the Log Chapel at Notre Dame in our sophomore year. I remember attending the ceremony.

Joanie Kershaw Putnam, my great news source, reported that **Mary Gallagher Sullivan's** husband died on June 1. Mary fell soon afterward, and is now in assisted-living in San Diego.

Joan also passed on that **Pat Qualia Hanna** and her husband live in Colorado Springs. Their two children live in the Denver area.

Ed and **Lora Pagliari Mraz** have a condo at Lake Geneva, WI. Fortunately, Ed and Lora were at their farm in February when the four-unit complex burned to the ground, a total loss. Lora had to buy all new clothes and all her jewelry was lost. The only surviving items were pots and pans and other kitchen equipment. Where's the justice there?

I'll be reporting three times a year under the new system, but I'm space limited. I still hope to hear from you.

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Sad news from two class members: **Peggy Brennan McNamara** and **Julia Gibbons Revane** both lost sons recently. Please keep these young men and their families in your prayers.

I have been trying to reach classmates by phone to provide news for our column. It has been a frustrating effort—I guess most of our class vacations in the summer; however, I was able to contact a few of our ladies.

Gayle Baumer Foy belongs to a group that tap dances and entertains at senior residences. The Foyes managed to gather most of their ten children and their families for a family reunion on the shores of Lake Michigan. Gayle, where do you get your energy?

Several phone calls provided me with pleasant conversations but little information. **Loret Coverley Miller** is still in Bethesda, Maryland, and is often in contact with **Mary Carey Swift** in Washington, D.C.

Jo Ann Grima MacKenzie '69 asks that I include this: "**Loret Coverley Miller** told me of the time in freshman year that she and **Nancy Reidy Richards** were traveling home at Thanksgiving and landed at the Cleveland airport. Both girls were wearing their hats (as we were required to do), so Nancy took her empty hat box and stuffed her underwear in it. As Loret, Nancy, and many Notre Dame students departed the plane, the box slipped from Nancy's hands and out spilled the contents, much to the intense embarrassment of the girls."

Pat O'Leary Ring and **Barb Schettig Brennan** are in good health and enjoying life. **Mary Alice Parsons** is looking forward to another trip to France in the fall—she and a friend are frequent visitors to Paris.

Throughout the winter I would hear from **Lucy Connolly Ohlrich**, who had a lunch reunion with John and **Jean Wargin Schloegel** in Florida. I'm sure the Ohlrichs are back in Oshkosh for the summer months.

Dick and **Maryjeanne Ryan Burke** are home from Palm Springs and enjoying their weekends at their home on Lake Michigan. I see **Rita Conley Bourjaily** fairly often, and we have lunch with **Mary Kay Shanahan Cesarone** when we can. I had hip replacement surgery in April, joining the ranks of so many of us with artificial joints—the Golden Years!

Please remember the Class of '56 Scholarship Fund—a wonderful way to honor deceased classmates and family members. And please call or email me with any news—big or small!

'57

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Thirty of our class trekked to Saint Mary's for our wonderful 55th reunion. While not exactly the fresh-faced freshmen of the fall of 1953, we made it and were thrilled to do so. To say that we carried all who couldn't be there in our thoughts and hearts is an understatement.

Most of us arrived on Friday afternoon, which meant that we were not able to be present for the Thursday commitment service for **Marie Lyman Meagher's** remains at the mausoleum at the Notre Dame cemetery. Marie's husband, Jim, had made the arrangements and informed us, but most could not change their plans. **Maureen Butler O'Malley** was able to be present and shared the moving details with us later.

We prayed together on Friday evening as we shared Mass in the Le Mans chapel with the 50-year class and at Sunday's beautiful liturgy at the Church of our Lady of Loretto. We were "wined and dined" Friday at Haggard Parlor (the beautiful old library) at a delicious dinner for the "More than Golden" classes at which our **Dee Kiley LeFevour** gave the benediction; enjoyed the traditional picnic lunch before smiling for the group photo; and happily feasted at Saturday evening's banquet and again at the champagne brunch Sunday morning. We accepted cheerfully our rank—or perhaps age has its

privileges—and most enjoyed the comforts of the Inn at Saint Mary's. We even worked in a great sing-along after the picnic when **Peggy Maher Engler** played some wonderful old songs in the Haggard Parlor, and we passed around great vintage pictures and programs that **Shirley O'Brien Creamer** brought. We all appreciated getting to know **Rosemary Knope Trippe's** husband, Sam, and **Patsy Moore Payne's** husband, Bill, who shared in the fun.

In addition to those already mentioned, the following classmates represented the Class of 1957: **Peg Balfe, Kay Howard Boyle, Peggy Kearin Carey, Jan Feldpausch Cavanaugh, Mary Lou Ahern Colfer, Mary Baker Culhane, Barbara "Bobbie" Barker Dooley, M.G. Turner Enderle, Charlotte Lepetit Jacobs, Pat Bauervic Leonard, Nancy Brozovich Lucey, Mary Jo Cleary Maddux, Ann Schultheis Massey, Elizabeth "Bane" Eichelberger McCormick, Janet O'Connell McCue, Mary O'Connor, Katherine "Katie" Perry, Jeannie Haenn Rainey, Julie Dittoe Schmidlin, Mary Ann O'Loughlin Szydlowski, Irene O'Leary Van Beckum, Josie Murphy Vorda, Sister Madeline Therese Wilhoit, CSC, and Joanne "Jody" Donohoe McGoldrick.** Our sympathy to Jody, whose dear husband, Bob, lost his battle with mesothelioma in March.

The planning for Reunion brought to my attention the death of **Carol Braunsdorf** on Feb. 8, 2012, in Walkerton, IN, where she had been living for many years.

Immediately after Reunion, we were faced with the deaths of two more classmates. **Pat Hoag Ziperski** died suddenly on June 5, 2012. Dee, Josie, and I were able to attend Pat's funeral in Brookfield, WI, where we were joined by **Irene O'Leary Van Beckum, Margi McCarthy Rice,** and John and **Carole Nordengren Suttner.** Irene, who spoke at the luncheon following, had stopped on Reunion Sunday to see Pat and tell her all the news—which was so fitting since the two friends had left Saint Mary's after sophomore year and transferred to Marquette, where they met their husbands. The transplanted Chicagoans then became involved Wisconsinites. Pat is survived by her husband, Jim, their three children, and five grandchildren.

Helen Werner Toth died on June 7, 2012, in Pittsburgh after battling ovarian cancer for nearly eight years. Helen is survived by her husband, Roger, five children and 13 grandchildren. You may recall that Helen came to Saint Mary's from Grand Island, NE, but the Toths were long-time Pittsburgh residents. Helen, a fifth-grade teacher for over 30 years, was the family breadwinner since Roger was wheel-chair-bound for decades due to multiple sclerosis. Her inspiring obituary in the *Pittsburgh Post Gazette* was brought to my attention by **Ann Schultheis Massey**, who was unable to attend the funeral due to a family trip to Ireland. **Kay Howard Boyle** was able to be present and to carry our prayers.

Many of you who couldn't attend Reunion returned wonderful surveys and pictures. These were available for reading in our hospitality room. Then, my email notification of the deaths of Pat and Helen brought great responses. With our new *Courier* format, the allocated space is more limited, but the good news is we can be in each issue. I'm excited that I can begin work on my *next* column using these sources.

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In my last column, I asked if anyone in the class remembers Physical Education/Sports at Saint Mary's

College. I received two wonderful replies.

First, **Joan Renehan Thompson:** "Always a must-read article, Ann. Thank you." I remember archery!!! I was a bust. The arrow would only go one or two feet. I also remember the bloomers. Too funny! Did we have something in Angela Hall? Were we supposed to climb a rope or was that high school? There, too, I was a bust. My non-athleticism continued throughout life. Oh well, no knee or hip replacement from overuse!!! Love, **Joan Renehan Thompson."**

Then **Pat Kennedy Flock** emailed. "Ann, you sent me to my *Blue Mantle* with your *Courier* Spring 2012 challenge. I vaguely remembered St. Angela's Hall located close to where the Church now stands over near the river, although we somehow didn't know it was there because it was so far below. The yearbooks gave the Women's Recreational Association (WRA) a full-page spread with each issue, and students were pictured playing at sports and in charming poses. I believe that the gym suits were a cobalt blue and had full, short-type bloomers. I remember playing basketball on Saturdays at St. Angela Hall. We probably played half-court. The building that housed the court (19th-century construction) had windows with wire mesh over them. The court was pretty much the only indoor space for activities, small, and had no room for bleachers. I remember playing tennis and field hockey. I was the sports chairman senior year, and I remember that as a kind of a joke since I had no duties, no committee. Thanks for the memories, Pat.

How times have changed from our era! Today, most Saint Mary's students have had years of sports and physical fitness experience and expect to continue in college. All the best to all of you "sports." Remember to write or email your news.

Tommy Doyle, husband of **Pat Kinney Doyle**, died very unexpectedly of a massive coronary on August 6th. After his heart attack, he was taken to the hospital where he died peacefully with his family by his side. Pat and Tommy were truly happily married for fifty-four years and have four living children (Chuckie died when he was four) and nine grandchildren, all of whom live in Virginia. She and Tommy moved several years ago to a beautiful senior living spot in Lynchburg and Pat has been really active in many of the activities there. Pat's life changed in an instant with absolutely no preparation when Tommy died. It is devastating for our dear friend and yet she is holding up well, surrounded by family and long-time friends who all love her dearly and hate to see her have to go through this terrible time.

Memorial Contributions may be sent to: Holy Cross Catholic Church, 2125 Langhorne Road Lynchburg, VA 2450, where Tommy was on the Building Committee and helping raise funds for a new roof or, of course, University of Notre Dame.

George and I had dinner with our intrepid friend **Paula Lawton Bevington**, and **Pat LaCour Pinado** and husband Alan a few weeks ago. Paula has such an indomitable spirit and is, as we all know, one amazing lady. She continues to help Atlanta Legal Aid raise funds and enjoys being with her three young grandchildren who live in Atlanta as well as her two grands on the west coast. Of course, she has zillions of other activities that I don't even know about, but I know these two rank high on her priority list.

Pat and Alan moved to an independent senior living spot in Buckhead, not too far from Paula and us. They, like Pat Doyle, love the multitude of activities available to them there and the joy of going to a dining room for meals instead of having to prepare them.

What a great idea!

My mother will celebrate her 101st birthday on Friday. She lives in her River Forest condo of forty plus years with a caretaker, is still our matriarch and refuses to move to Atlanta, is amazingly sharp, knits for the disabled and homeless in Chicago, talks to **Sistie Doherty McEnery** frequently, and continues to go to daily mass (by television). I cannot imagine my life without her!

My fondest best wishes to each of you, honey.

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NEWS FLASH! Henceforth, you will receive the *Courier* three times a year with news from every class in every issue.

I received a call from **Rosie Mudd Nickodemus** two days ago sharing news that **Mary Ann Chaplicki Devoe** succumbed to ovarian cancer on July 17, 2012, sadly predeceased by four months by her husband of nearly 50 years, Dana. Rosie had the opportunity to visit and assist her close friend in her home in Maine a month before her death. Mary Ann leaves six children, including **Therese Devoe '93**, and 10 grandchildren.

I am also sad to report the death of Edward O'Toole, husband of **Barbara Patrick O'Toole**, who died suddenly on July 6, 2012. He leaves his wife and two children. Please remember the O'Toole and Devoe families in your thoughts and prayers.

Gerry and I have just returned from attending his 55th reunion at Notre Dame. We flew into Milwaukee to join Tom and **Sarah Sceales Mulcahy**, but unfortunately, Sarah came down with a nasty case of shingles and was unable to attend. We stayed in one of the new dorms, but the campus is so large now that we had to take a shuttle everywhere. About a hundred of the Class of 1957 returned, many with spouses. We had a nice visit with Jim and **Betsy Finneran Kennedy**, who came for the day on Saturday. We will be returning to campus for the Michigan game in September.

Sue Brown Bapst emailed asking for prayers for her husband, Bill, who has been diagnosed with a small cancerous tumor on his liver. If the doctors find that the tumor has grown after another MRI and blood test in August, he will be treated with chemotherapy. **Colleen Taffee Goldkamp Harmon** is recuperating from a full knee replacement. Surgery was in April.

Gerry and I had a nice visit with my sister, **Betty Benford Belfiore**, in Venice, FL, in mid-April. Following our departure, her husband, Jack, underwent carotid artery surgery followed by full hip-replacement surgery. I am happy to report that he's doing just fine.

Sharon McGee Sittin Bradshaw and husband Murray traveled for three weeks to China and Southeast Asia in February. She is delighted to announce that her second great-grandchild is on the way. **Mary Carpenter Erler** gave us a heads-up that her son, John Erler, who hosts a radio show in Austin, TX, was appearing on *Jeopardy* March 15. He won big time the first night but, unfortunately, lost the following evening.

Betty arrives this week for our annual "Ladies Beach Week" at Newport Beach and will then return to Florida to host all her grandchildren for a week.

Our oldest grandchild, Alexandra, was married on Memorial Day weekend in Mammoth Lakes (the Eastern Sierras) in a beautiful ceremony with a dusting of snow flurries and busloads of loving friends and family.

My next deadline is December 1—I need to hear from you before that date.

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From Maureen Hogan Lang: On the first day of spring, the Chicago group gathered for lunch at Oakbrook. **Nancy O'Toole Doppke** looked terrific and said she is feeling much better—what an ordeal she has been through since that terrible auto accident! She must be feeling better because she was feeling guilty about not helping at Martin de Porres High School, one of her volunteer organizations. Nancy also shared the great time she and **Mary Sheila O'Neill Gibson** and **Rose Marie Nigro Groppe** had at **Judy Haller Stanton's** home in Michigan City. Nancy had also heard from **Kathy O'Hearn Lund**, who is putting life back together after the death of her husband.

Nancy Prawdzik Kidder heard from **Lynne Matthews Sutter**, who has been traveling but is resetting into ordinary times. **Maureen Madigan** has been in contact with **Rita Scuderi Winrow**, who now lives in San Diego. Of course, **Peggy Hock Cahill** continues to commute happily to Atlanta to see her grandchildren there...and then returns to her grandchildren here. **Diane Zarantonello Sullivan** and **Jane Simpson Kiepe** are anxiously awaiting the opening of the golf season. On a more serious note, Diane told us of the death of John O'Hara ND '60 in early summer. And our hearts and prayers go to **Arlene Lagona Feldmeier** and her husband, Michael ND '60, who lost their son, Robert Feldmeier ND '87, to cancer in May.

Maureen Hogan Lang had the honor visiting the hospitality room at The Inn and attending the Friday night Mass celebrating the 50th reunion of the Class of '62. Our little sister class looked just as good as we did when we gathered just two years ago. The death of Maureen's cousin **Mary Margaret Boesen '62**, brought her there with Mary's Saint Mary's scrapbooks to share with her classmates. The joy of sharing the celebrations of the Class of '62 far outweighed the gravity of the situation.

Molly and Maureen are ready, willing and able to receive volumes of news about our classmates. We will keep you in our prayers...please, keep us in yours.

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Greetings from the north woods of Minnesota! It has been an unusual spring and summer. We have had a lot of rain and not enough sunshine. My petunias are leggy and unattractive. At least, the rain is a good thing, and everything is green and growing.

It was good to hear from **Margaret "Hodgie" Shaw Bricke** in Lawrence, KS. She has finally retired from International Programs at the University of Kansas after 25 years. She and her husband, Jack,

celebrated the beginning of the next phase of her life with a three-week jaunt to Stockholm and Helsinki, with side trips to Gotland, Sweden, and St. Petersburg.

Mary Ellen Norris Durbin in Lisle, IL, sent news of her involvement in Upendo Village, a ministry of hope and healing for children and families living with HIV/AIDS, in Naivasha, Kenya. She is on the board of this ministry and strongly supports Sr. Florence Mula, ASN, who founded Upendo Village in 2002. Originally serving 16 people, providing basically nutrition and emotional/spiritual support, the organization is now serving more than 6,000. With the help of critical medical treatment and the creation of avenues for people to sustain themselves and their families financially, people are living productive lives. Micro-enterprises, like jewelry making, raising goats and chickens, shoemaking, tilapia farming, and vegetable production provide opportunities to help feed, clothe, and educate the families in Upendo Village.

Peggy Hill wrote from London to say she is visiting there both for fun and to check whether the London theatre season is showing anything that might be brought to Broadway. Her family, including her three grandsons (four years and younger), are at her home in Southampton waiting for Peggy's return.

I truly appreciate hearing from those who answered my request for news. My next deadline is Dec. 1, 2012. Please keep me updated on any changes in your email address and also let me know of email addresses of classmates I may not have in my listing.

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WOW! What a weekend—I'm still "flying high." Eighty-six members of the Class of '62 gathered from near and far for our "Golden Reunion"—50 years!! They came from Rome—**Joan Lewis**, from France—**Mary "Mimi" Schubert Maury**, from Canada—**Gloria Rogers Chase**, and from many U.S. states from the east to the west, and the north to the south, to laugh, cry, pray, remember, share ideas, feelings, and our lives over the past 50 years. Some returned for the first time since graduation in 1962. It was memorable and enriching for ALL. For those who were unable to attend due to other commitments, WE MISSED YOU, THOUGHT about you, and PRAYED for you—especially those who are unable to travel, are caregivers for a spouse/other family member. May Our Blessed Mother Mary Bless and Keep You Always in her Heart.

THANK YOU to the program committee led by **Ginny Lynch Collins** and **Maureen Sullivan Sheehy**, who planned our many class events for the weekend. In spite of the RAIN Thursday and Friday, we enjoyed the warmth and friendship in the Clubhouse Thursday evening as **Peggy Meyer Soule** welcomed us to our class cook-out/ eat-in picnic. As the 50th-year class, many of us stayed at the Inn of Saint Mary's on campus, a "special treat." Our Hospitality Room was located there, and it was the base for snacks, drinks, and a display of candid photos. Stories were shared, a video (that **Barb Hipp Fiore** put together) played, and BEST of ALL our "awesome"—"Then and NOW" memory book compiled, edited, and printed by Barb was available to those (90 classmates who sent info to Barb), or anyone who wanted a copy to take home. (Thanks to ALL who sent candid college-days, and a recent

photo and life summary to be included.)

On Friday, we had a choice of many activities, from a walk in the Labyrinth to a poetry reading by our own **Sister Eva Mary Hooker, CSC**, to campus tours, etc. Our Class of '62 "Let's Talk! A Celebration of Who We Are Now!" (round table discussion) was led by **Marilyn Cacciatore O'Leary, Maureen Sullivan Sheehy**, and **Ginny Lynch Collins**. Based on a quote from "Conversations with Cassandra" by **Sister M. Madeleva Wolff, CSC '09**, "We will not promise you discovery... of yourselves... the universe and your place in it," this got us talking/sharing what is important to us NOW, as well as our vision and hope for the FUTURE. It WAS a lively and interesting discussion (in small groups/ then shared with the large group) of our thoughts on: education, aging, our spiritual journey, changes in our lives—family, church, law, medicine, women's roles, politics, and our "bucket list" of things for the future.

Our Eucharistic Liturgy honoring our Golden Jubilee Class of '62 and the "More than Golden" alumnae who joined us was beautiful. We remembered our 30 deceased classmates in a memorial service. As each name was read, a classmate placed a rose in a vase at the altar. AND the SUN returned, shining through the windows of Le Mans Holy Spirit Chapel, as if to say, "We are here, with you in spirit, this week-end!" We then shared a reception and dinner with **President Carol Ann Mooney '72** in Stapleton Lounge. More conversations and sharing memories followed in our Hospitality Room.

Many activities, open houses, an alumnae meeting, and the President's address kept us busy on a gorgeous, SUNNY Saturday. The traditional picnic on the green in front of Le Mans and our class photo taken on steps of O'Laughlin Auditorium brought us together again, as did our discussion of our Class of '62 survey (we completed it on line), moderated by **Mary Griffin Burns, Sara Baker Fagan**, and **Maureen Sullivan Sheehy**. Then came the Reunion banquet in a transformed/graciously decorated Noble Dining Hall, where we had "front and center tables" (as 50th year class). We cheered for our Gift Committee chairs, **Joan Roddewig Geary** and **Phyllis Sullivan Van Hersett**, as they accepted an award for our generous \$169,395 donations for our Class of '62 Endowed Scholarship and \$256,285 in total gifts and pledges to the College. Congratulations and THANK YOU to ALL who contributed and made this possible!! Your support was OUTSTANDING!

On Sunday, the Church of Loretto was the setting for the All-Reunion liturgy, followed by a champagne lunch in the dining hall. Then we said our FAREWELLS, gave our final HUGS and took our cherished MEMORIES home with us.

I thank you for returning my *Courier* Survey—Class of '62 Updates." I will use them to share news of our class for many *Couriers* to come. You can still send them to the College or to me ANYTIME to share news in future columns. I have received notice that the *Courier* will be published THREE times per year instead of four AND it will BEGIN featuring news from EVERY CLASS in EVERY ISSUE! So our class will have news published in EVERY issue not every other—more OFTEN and in a MORE TIMELY manner.

Mary Ciruli Marcello had planned to come to Reunion from Denton, TX, but she fell while biking and broke her hip (in four places, I heard). We missed you, and hope and pray that you are healing, and will be back to biking with husband Ron soon!

It was great to see these far away/long-distance classmates return: **Joan Lewis** (sent photo of her with Pope Benedict XVI for her "Now" photo for our

Memory Book). Joan has had a very interesting life. She taught French for five years in the U.S., then moved to Rome and began an extensive journalism career, specializing in the Vatican. In 1990, she was invited to work for the newly-created Vatican Informational Service in the Holy See Press Office, as English language writer/editor. While working for the Holy See delegation, she has attended four UN conferences: as well as other conferences around the globe. She was appointed Rome Bureau Chief of EWTN in fall of 2005. She has a daily blog, "Joan's Rome," records daily radio news links, hosts a week-end radio show, *Vatican Insider*, and makes occasional TV appearances. She has also filmed a number of short TV spots called "Joan's Rome." She has been privileged to follow a number of Pope Benedict's apostolic trips. You may have seen her when Pope Benedict XVI came to the U.S. She said at Reunion she is willing to guide a Class of '62 tour in Rome!!

Mary "Mimi" Schubert Maury came from Gif sur Yvette, France, where she is a retired professor. She wrote for our "Then and Now" Book that after Saint Mary's College she worked for the CIA, traveled around the world, met her French husband in Calcutta, and has been living in France for 45 yrs. She went into teaching ESL (English as a Second Language), obtained a PhD and tenure at the University of Paris XI-Orsay (Universite de Paris) in American History ('78), from which she retired in 2005. She is now a widow with two sons who both live in the states, and a grandson (5) in San Francisco, CA, which translates into frequent trans-Atlantic trips.

Gloria Rogers Chase came from Oakville (Ottawa), Ontario, Canada. In 1962, she moved to New York and worked with the United Nations Statistical Office until 1965. She then returned to (her homeland) Guyana and joined the Statistical Office of the Ministry of Economic Development as a statistician, rising to the position of Chief Statistician. In 1969 she married Dudley Chase. They have two children, Warren and Maia. They moved to St. Lucia in 1978, migrated to Canada in 1981. She worked with a reinsurance company until retirement in 2000. She is currently a volunteer with the Canadian Caribbean Association of Halton as board secretary.

Several classmates who attended Saint Mary's for only a year or so joined us as well. Among those is **Diane Anstett Ward** from Ada, MI, who "has many vivid memories of being with us our freshman year." She graduated from Loyola University in Chicago with a BS in nursing in 1962. She then worked in Algiers, Algeria, and North Africa with an organization founded by Dr. Tom Dooley, CARE/Medico. She married Anthony Ward in 1965, but sadly, her husband passed away in January 2012, after a two-year battle with cancer. (She is one of the many classmates who are now widows.) She has four sons and eight grandchildren. Her mother, **Julia Flinn Anstett '22**, attended Saint Mary's from 1918–20! Diane has visited the sick in hospitals or brought Communion to them, been active in Stephan ministry, and has nurse certification in Illinois. She hoped to see **Brenda Bosco Bertnolli** and **Joan Schmid Sebastian** at a Loyola Reunion in June also. They all transferred there after one year at Saint Mary's and graduated in 1962.

Mary Armbruster Brannen has an interesting list of current/past occupations and volunteer opportunities: high school English teacher, 20 years; instrument and multi-engine flight instructor, 12 years; and Repertory Theatre Development. She retired to Amelia Island, FL, where she is active in community leadership, and a program that provides college scholarships and long-term mentoring for at-risk children. She and husband Ron have one son, Wayne, and four grandchildren: Ben,

22; Bailey, 19; Alex, 15; and Ally, 12.

Mary Anne Balles Bland came from Berkeley, CA. She was a teacher/counselor for San Francisco United School District for 27 years. She has an MA in counseling and an MS in administration from San Francisco University and is married to Hadley Bland, no children. She is a recent breast cancer survivor and has had two total hip replacements.

Sister Angeline Benz is a retired math teacher in Long Beach, IN. She completed a master's degree at Purdue University in 1966. She is involved in discussion groups (Science of the Mind, Joel Goldsmith Women's Circle), and a local musical group. She could not make Reunion.

Rita Bucolo Heary, a retired principal of a Catholic elementary school in Fredonia, NY, is a widow (since 1993), has four children (one daughter is a doctor) and 15 "delightful grandchildren, all in Catholic schools/ colleges." She is a lector at her parish. She was influenced to attend Saint Mary's by the size of the school, its Catholic character, and the fact that it is next to Notre Dame! Saint Mary's has helped her become the woman she is today because it strengthened her Catholic faith, which has assisted her at different times during her life. It gave her the confidence to attempt any challenge, and taught her to share with her community.

Sheila Burke Vollman, also widowed, has three children, one deceased son (January 2006), and three granddaughters (ages 2–11.) She moved from Milwaukee, WI, to New Orleans, LA, to be near her son and works in sales at the World War II Museum. She was influenced to come to Saint Mary's by her parents and aunts who attended the College, Saint Mary's, and Notre Dame.

Margaret Burns DeMartini lives in Pullman, WA, and was a teacher from 1962 to 1969. She has a master's from the University of Illinois (1964), did Fulbright study in four African countries, married in 1968 (her husband died in 1993), has two children, and is "Grandma" to two girls. From 1988–2000 she was a paraprofessional educator for Pullman High School at-risk students; is a Hospice volunteer; and won Volunteer of the Year and Spirit of Hospice awards. She was not able to attend Reunion.

Sara Camblin Breault was not able to be with us for Reunion. She married husband Guy in 1974 and lives in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. She received a MA in applied criminology from the University of Ottawa in 1977. Her employment focused on the justice system and international development, with postings with the Canadian government and NGOs in Nigeria, Cameroon, and Bangladesh, India.

Catherine Carter Petzak, lives in Boise, ID, is married to William Petzak, had seven children (five girls, two boys—one daughter, Susan, is deceased), and she has 14 grandchildren. She is very involved with her church. Husband Bill is an ordained deacon. Their ministries include marriage and baptismal preparation and the food bank.

I'll stop here for this installment but stay tuned for many more news items in future *Couriers*. I have much to share about news thanks to the *Courier* survey.

As **Maureen Sullivan Sheehy** commented in her closing remarks in our small group discussion: "We are Saint Mary's. We have the survey as a picture of ourselves at this time. We are poets and writers, actors, teachers of all kinds, lawyers, healers, mothers, wives, widows, passionate pursuers of dreams. We are retired. We are still working. We are grandmothers, aunts, sisters, sales women, financial decision makers, church leaders, researchers, volunteers, and friends. We are Saint Mary's. We are unfinished..."

becoming who we are meant to be."

We realize that we are blessed indeed as we continue to seek to create a better world. Let's continue to enjoy ourselves. Thank you for coming to our Reunion. I might add: We are a "tough bunch" with many ills, aches and pains; we are cancer survivors and fighters. Many of us have foreign replacement body parts and repairs... But we are "Who We Are"... for better or worse. We ARE SAINT MARY'S.... And I think WE ARE PROUD OF IT!

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It's clear that our classmates are revving up for the June 2013 reunion. As phone calls and emails summon people, both happy and sad news is surfacing.

In making calls to classmates, **Joan Mousaw McGuire** discovered that **Joan Beck Bitonti** had died in Harrisburg during the spring. Joan had been widowed for some time; we are not sure if there were any children. Joan is trying to find a family contact, and we will circulate that information if she is successful. News that **Kathy Kiefer Keil** had died from a massive heart attack in early August was especially heartbreaking for those of us who had been with her for Reunion planning meetings at the College in late April. Kathy left husband Stan and three sons (address: 2910 West Ashland Avenue, Muncie IN 47304).

There is gratifying news that more and more folks are coming to Reunion, even if they did not graduate. Please spread the news, and tell those who were with us for only part of the time that we want them with us for this milestone event in June 2013. They are remembered dearly!

Our Seattle friends have been in touch. **Mary Jo Connelly Martin** sent happy news about the engagement of her younger son, Dan, and her eagerness for the couple to set a wedding date. Further news involved husband Paul and their recent meals with friends—dinner at home with **Dona Duncan Hotopp** and Tom, who were en route home from Alaska; and dinner out on the town with **Mary Jo Pauli Landry** and John as well as **Mary Beth Miller Gemperle** and Dick. A master cook since her days of living in France shortly after graduation, Mary Jo has developed a new rule for entertaining: "If it's four, I cook; if it's six or more, it's out we go." A rule crafted at an earlier point in time was "no more than three" ingredients; it had a shorter life.

Mary Beth Miller Gemperle and Dick, a Notre Dame '62-trained architect, enjoyed a busy travel schedule in the U.S. over the past year: Family and friends as well as opera lured them to Hawaii, Los Angeles, Phoenix, New York, Houston, and various parts of Oregon. Dick serves on the Board of the Seattle Opera. Mary Beth is equally involved in the Seattle community and busy serving on the board of the Jubilee Women's Center, which serves women who have been homeless—providing them with transitional housing and other services as needed, including job training, money management, development of interpersonal relations skills, and the like. Both of them are very enthusiastic about these community involvements. They also enjoy spending quality time with grandchildren—five live in Seattle and three in Los Angeles.

Joann Vanek enjoyed meeting in New York City with international students participating in the Saint Mary's College Global Women's Leadership Institute. Funded by the U.S. State Department, the Institute is directed by the College's Center for Women's

Intercultural Leadership. Twenty young women from Egypt, Libya, Mongolia, Myanmar, and Tunisia examined the history and participation of women in public life at Saint Mary's before traveling to places of interest in the United States. Seminars and discussion at the College were organized around women's historical domestic progress toward equality in the United States, current domestic successes and obstacles to women in a variety of fields here, and pressing challenges to women's issues globally. Joann was absolutely charmed by their energy, their enthusiasm for their experiences at Saint Mary's, and their hope for change in their countries.

I just wrapped up a summer of training aspiring principals who will take over failing schools in Massachusetts after they have a year's residency experience under the supervision of mentor principals with special expertise in school turnaround work. Together with my team, I moved onto the campus of Worcester State University and even lived in a dorm for six weeks. What we do for the change process here! It was thrilling to work with emerging young leaders who have a real yen to improve the conditions in schools located in impoverished areas of the state, including urban areas that are sometimes failing across the board, e.g., Lawrence, Springfield. The program was organized around problem-based learning; no lectures or direct instruction that fail to produce any skill set for doing the hard work of transforming failing institutions. In preparation for the summer intensive, which represented the first phase of the initiative, we worked from January onwards with the team at the New York City Leadership Academy. It has established a 12-year track record for the formative training of principals who know how to make a difference. I'm funded with Race to the Top funds for two more cohorts in the coming years, and then the challenge will be to sustain the training effort in other ways.

All for now! I try to track down folks for news through email and phone conversations. Please send your news to me! I look forward to seeing you in June.

From **Pat Greeley Lechman**: Since our last reunion I have become a grandmother with a grandson Kevin 3 ½ years and a granddaughter River Isabella 16 months.

My daughter, **Laura Lechman Rodriguez '97** and granddaughter attended Reunion 2012. Laura gave a presentation titled A Devine Plan for Childbirth Rediscovered. It was given with Linda Paskiewicz, Professor and Director, Department of Nursing. It was received very positively.

At the reunion I saw **Noreen Blakemore Fitch** and made plans for the 2013 reunion. Noreen's husband Jim ND '62, had many ND friends and Noreen came to South Bend for a big party one was giving.

My husband Don has just had his first book published by History Press, entitled *Los Angeles Dodgers Pitchers*, a seven decade dominance. I myself went on a painting trip to Italy with my husband and have been to 21 ball parks and have 9 to go. Besides going to ball games we see lots of movies, plays, and musicals. I baby sit my grandchildren 2-3 times a week. I am a big supporter of the L.A. Saint Mary's alumnae club. There seems to be never a dull moment.

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While most of the ladies of '64 are turning 70 this year, we have had quite a number of deaths recently.

"Don't save your time outs!" Enjoy today. Do what you have been putting off.

Judy Grabski Miner passed away on July 15, 2012, at her home in New Hampshire following a courageous battle with abdominal cancer. After Judy graduated from Saint Mary's, she joined a girls' secondary school, St. Francis de Sales in Powhatan, VA. There she met her future husband, Bill Miner, a mathematics teacher at the nearby boys' school, St. Emma Military Academy. Judy had two children, Beth and Kevin, and five grandchildren. She earned a master's degree in theology from St. Michael's College in Colchester, VT. A service for family and friends to honor Judy's life was organized by family in late October.

Maria Mazza Kompore has been appointed to the New Mexico Arts Commission, which supports non-profit art organizations and individuals from New Mexico.

Pat Malone Nathe is thankful for prayers answered for her 14-year old grandson, who had open-heart surgery.

Martha Thompson Coe is feeling much better and celebrated her birthday in California with **Jinx Hack Ring**, **Kathie Menzie Lesko**, and **Molly Follis Tuton**.

Keep in touch. Peace, **Mary Ann Curnes Fuller**

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I, your trusty reporter of many years, was delighted to visit **Judy Piers Locher** in Grants Pass, OR, in May. Judy and Bob live on top of a mountain with views that go on forever. We had the best time for an entire week. Judy and I can always pick right back up where we left off. Such a great gift, this friendship. And, speaking of gifts, I had lunch once again with **Anne Harvey Lewis** in Rockford, IL. She is preparing for the September wedding of her youngest child. And, Dave and I had a beautiful luncheon with **Sue Sheridan Joyce** and husband Joe in Florida in March. We continued our conversation from our time together two years ago in Vero. Finally, I had a wonderful visit with **E. J. Caluwaert McFadden** at her lovely home. We must continue our prayers for E. J.'s health. Saint Mary's College has afforded us lifetime friends, and I am most grateful.

"I am heading up to Raleigh tomorrow and looking forward to a luncheon Friday with **Ann Pindar**," writes **Carolyn Clark Foster**. "She and Dave will be in Pinehurst visiting Dave's son and his family, so Paul and I going to meet them in Chapel Hill for a leisurely lunch. It will be delightful to see Ann again, and I'm sure we'll have a lot of catching up to do since our last luncheon about a year ago."

Theresa "Teffy" Lyons Brosnan celebrated her mother's 101st birthday this past March! She has moved in to be with her and assist. "My friends and people from church have been so helpful to me," writes Teffy. "I just received a book by Henry Nouwen about spirituality for the caregiver. It's helping."

Lil sent news of **Kate Della Maria Weidner**. "Thank you, Lil, for all of the birthday greetings from our classmates! We will be in Michigan for the weekend and then at Notre Dame for Steve's 50th reunion this June! Can't believe we're that old!!! Hope all is well with you and hope to see you for our next big reunion."

Mary "Junie" Miller Smith is so proud of her

grandson. "Spencer is a first-degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do. Amazing!!!! I wonder what I should get him? I already offered to get a cabinet to put all his belts in. So we shall see!! His form is incredible."

Lil sent news from **Terry Miltich Murphy**. "We bought a lot six years ago in a golf community (not age-restricted) called Fords Colony. Lots of New Jersey folks there! We designed the house ourselves and have been building since October. One of our new neighbors is **Maureen O'Brien Doyle '67**—we're everywhere!"

And from **Jan McCale O'Neill**, who will be living near Terry. "Pat and I moved around for years until he retired from the navy in 1988. We never really accumulated a lot, even with the three boys, until we settled here in Virginia Beach in 1984. We are now in the process of going through and trying to decide what to keep and what to take to our new retirement home in Williamsburg. It's a single-family house condo. We just sold our present house last week—in less than 48 hours."

My request for news came back long distance from **Sheila Flynn Boone** and husband Michael. "I'm writing you from Budapest, where we have just set sail for a trip down the Danube River to celebrate our 46th anniversary. Our first river cruise, and we love it! We'll stop in Croatia, Serbia, Bulgaria, and Romania. We'll end with a trip to Transylvania, and the infamous Dracula's castle. We're in Bulgaria now. It is terrible to see the sadness and hopelessness in the people's eyes. Being in these eastern European countries is such a strong reminder of how lucky we are to live in America."

From Larry Mulligan, husband of our late friend **Paula Dale Mulligan**. "Paula entered the new phase of her life in Christ" late this past March. "She was the spouse, mother, and friend of my dreams—and will always be so." No finer tribute. Paula will be remembered as one of the sweetest gals in our class.

I received a lovely, newsy e-note from **Jane Cook Barnes**. "I just finished my term of office as president of the League of Women Voters in Naperville, IL. I've been doing some writing—poems and commentary—and keeping as cool as possible in this crazy summer heat. I also anticipate some fun with my three grandsons: Justin, 17, and Jack, 11, who are my daughter's (**Katherine Barnes Kubal '93**) sons and almost-2-year-old Charlie, my son Joe's little boy. We've had a long-standing tradition of Grandma Camp in the summer, and they keep me on my toes looking for new and interesting things to do. I always look forward to reading about what others are doing. Thanks for putting the class news together."

"Hi Sheila," writes **Marilyn Petroff Connor**, "I just returned from New York, where I spent two weeks helping my daughter, Katie, with her record release. A review is attached. <http://www.out.com/entertainment/music/2012/07/03/kat-solar-flares-snake-eyes-release-party>

It was an amazing, awesome performance. Enjoying my retirement... reinvention happening every day! Next trip is Ireland watching the Irish play Navy on September 1."

Terry Failla Raymond and Leon are also planning on the ND game in Ireland, as is **Kathleen McAnaney Glaser**.

Marianne Spalding Schiavone told me that, on August 26, their family will celebrate **Dorothy Reed Spalding's '38** (Marianne's mother and a Saint Mary's woman) 97th birthday at a friend's Lake Michigan home near Saugatuck. Husband Dave will attend a mini reunion of ND '65 guys at the ND-Oklahoma game in October.

Cathy Haenn Shannon sends her news from Pennsylvania. "The community where we live, Eagles Mere, is primarily a summer community. Fewer than 150 people live here year-round, but in the summer, the number soars to over 3,000. So right now it is

a happy, busy time in which we catch up with all those friends, some of whom I've known over 65 years. Our adult children and grandchildren have been here for a couple of weeks. Our son-in-law has not been able to come up here because, three months ago, he was riding his bike and was hit by an attached truck trailer. He received a major concussion and is recovering slowly. The altitude of 2000 feet puts too much pressure on his brain. We hope that by August he will be able to come up. Tom and I celebrate our 40th anniversary this August. I know some of my classmates are well beyond that. Aren't we lucky and blessed? I hope that all of my classmates are in good personal places."

Our Class of 1965 Memorial Scholarship endowment for 2012/2013 has \$3,400 to date. And, as always, great thanks to our wonderful president **Lil Chard Beshel**. She truly goes above and beyond for all of us. Her birthday remembrances have re-connected so many gals in our class.

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In a note from **Anne Sheehan Garbarino**, Anne recommended *In the Time of the Butterflies* by Julia Alvarez. This historical novel tells the story of the Mirabal sisters during the time of Trujillo regime in the Dominican Republic.

Anne and her husband, Louis, actively participate in a group that volunteers in the Dominican Republic. Anne traveled there in February. She is on the board of a child care center in a very poor barrio. Through the Elizabeth Seton Foundation, the board also supports a group called Las Artesanas Mariposas. A group of women associated with the center make crafts to sell. According to Anne, they make sock monkeys with unique outfits. Anyone interested in sock monkeys or, more importantly, in Anne's philanthropy, contact her at avsgarbo@yahoo.com.

Anne spends her time in the winter skiing. In the summer, she runs a cottage rental business in New York's Adirondacks.

Carolyn Hart Irvine wrote of her fabulous trip to the Far East with dear friends from the East Coast, Bob ND '61 and **Mimi Clark Bradley '61**. At our last reunion, I was asked by a friend of mine to locate Mimi...one popular lady. Carolyn said it was amazing to see how the Vietnamese are thriving with their entrepreneurial skills.

Several Midwesterners traveled to California to enjoy the sun and family. Carolyn lives in San Mateo with all three children and their families in the area.

Sharon Priester Lewert flew to Los Angeles with her husband, Adam, to visit their son, Chris. After graduating from Carnegie Mellon, Chris has worked for Paramount Studios.

The Lewerts, who wear their Cubbie Blue proudly, stopped in Arizona to watch some pre-season games. Here in Chicago, we live and mostly die with the Cubs.

E.J. ND '66 and **Mary Dunn Finneran** spent a few months this winter around Newport Beach. They hoped to escape the chill of Lake Michigan. Normally, Mary and E.J. live in downtown Chicago, blocks from Lake Michigan.

Dede Cotter Delaney with her husband, Dan, also rented a unit on the West coast for the winter. Dede's daughter, **Anne Delaney '95**, works there. During

Mary and Dede's stay, they met **Amy Bertorelli** in Laguna Beach. Several weeks later, Amy entertained the Lewerts and Finnerans for dinner. Amy is now an empty nester, as her twin sons have flown to college.

Kathie Donovan Dur also visited Amy. Kathy's son and family live in the San Francisco area. Kathie lunched with **Mary O'Grady Leonhardt** and her husband, Dick ND '65. The Leonhardts recently moved from Concord, MA, to Bethlehem, PA, to be close to their daughter, Julie. Julie is the assistant head of athletics at Lehigh University. Mary has a married daughter in Denver who is a professional photographer and a son in Los Angeles who works for Viking Cruises.

Melinda "Mindy" Rohrmann Lorenzen wrote that she has seven grandchildren ranging in age from eight years to three months. Her greatest joy is that she is home schooling her two oldest grandchildren. Mindy, the true teacher, is enjoying every minute. To fill any possible void, the Lorenzens had two weddings this year, one in January and one in December.

Judith Spinner Johns spends her daylight hours working with the Sister of the Holy Cross. During her off hours, Judith devotes her time to Pilates teaching. Judith is certified in Pilates and yoga. As a recent devotee of Pilates, I envy Judith's students.

Liz Bermingham Lacy wrote that she and **Carol Smither Mansfield** met for lunch in Fredricksburg, a half-way spot for both. In true Saint Mary's code, they lunched and talked for over two and half hours. Liz said that she has sadly resigned from teaching law classes, but she will continue her mediation and court work.

Marge Diamond Gaberino wrote Liz that her husband recently retired. They are now spending time visiting grandchildren and children throughout the United States. Marge hopes to join us for our reunion in 2016.

Liz mentioned her need to improve her golf this year. I had the pleasure of making a hole-in-one on our golf course in Barrington Hills. As an average player, I drove over the water on our par-three Fifteenth, and the good ball rolled into the hole.... quite a thrill! Several weeks afterwards, I met **Margie Carroll Flynn '64** at a Lake Geneva house and garden walk. In competition, Margie made a hole-in-one on the Butterfield Course, only to be followed several holes later by her partner. The statistics of this happening would take too many numbers. Margie kindly invited me to join her on Guest Day at Naperville Country Club... We had a blast!

In another small-world situation, **Jeanne Konzen Rowe** in an email asked me if I knew some people in her study group at Holy Family Church in Inverness. I answered immediately that they were super-close friends. Jeanne's son, Paul, is a monk at Our Lady of Guadalupe Abbey in Portland, OR.. He recently received his master's in Sacred Scripture.

In closing, we hope everyone makes time to attend our Golden Reunion in 2016....no excuses!

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From Gloria: We had a wonderful time at Reunion. The College did a terrific job of organizing and planning

the entire weekend. It's amazing how much the campus has grown with new dormitories, new classrooms, and two hotels located at the edge of the campus. Please, please plan on returning for our 50th Reunion in 2017. Along with some photos from the weekend, I am including some news and funny stories written on the updates mailed to all of you a few months ago.

Sue Rogers Schenkelberg received her MAT in Education from John Carroll University. She writes: "Charlie and I have eight grandchildren ages 11 to 1 year old. Four of them live in Shaker Heights five minutes away. I retired from teaching high school English at a local Jesuit school a few years ago, and I care for grandchildren two days a week, sometimes substitute, and also play golf and tennis." Funniest memory: "Sister Immaculata caught me ironing in our room in Holy Cross and I was grounded (1964). **Sister M. Basil Anthony O'Flynn, CSC '46** caught me riding the elevator after 11 p.m. and I was grounded (1965). I was caught riding on the back of a motorcycle (1966) in pants without a trench coat and got in trouble AGAIN! Funny rules!" **Sharon Boldt Tiedge** is a volunteer grief counselor who, after 20 years of widowhood, "married Brian Redding, a wonderful man with whom I attended elementary school from second through eighth grade. We reconnected at our 50th eighth-grade reunion three years ago." She also writes that she remembered one of us sneaking a boyfriend (dressed as a girl) up to her floor! **Jane Nagle Hargrove** remembers that during the panic of a "panty raid," "I ran up the back stairs of Le Mans and burst into my room – only I missed by a floor—and burst into Sr. Maria Rentata, who was sitting on a sofa reading a book (without her habit!) Bang!! I was off and running upstairs QUICKLY!"

Kathleen Cooney Lisa is a retired clinical social worker who has five children and six grandchildren. **Sue Stout Redmond** is an adjunct professor at Sinclair Community College in Ohio. She tells that she was "...drying my hair under one of those huge bonnets, rollers and all. I received a phone call from the downstairs office of Holy Cross. Because I couldn't understand (or hear) the hysterical voice on the other end, I ignored the message. Bad Move! My caller was an enraged Sister Immaculata who had called to remind me I had not signed in. Ignoring her phone call resulted in a tongue lashing in her office—with my guilty hair bonnet/dryer still covering my ears!" **Rosie Zimmerer Richard** is a retired clinical social worker who was employed by the Family Service Association in Kokomo, IN. She received a masters in social work from Indiana University and has four children, five grandchildren (and one on the way!). Her funniest memory is of running into Sr. Rebecca's bedroom by mistake when she ran out in the hall to take a phone call from her future husband, Arnie. She said "Sr. Rebecca was as surprised as I was!"

Nancy Williams Olesen, PhD is a clinical and forensic psychologist who is a private child custody evaluator in California. She also conducts trainings and workshops throughout the US and abroad. **Claudia Kent Dixon, PhD** received her graduate degree from Johns Hopkins University. Her daughter, Sarah, is a resident in pediatrics at Seattle Children's Hospital and son Jesse is an MD-PhD student at the University of California, San Diego. She and her husband, Jack, spend three weeks a month in Washington, DC, and one week a month in San Diego. **Mary Mortimer Meany** has two children. Son John is married and has three children; daughter Nora is marrying in July. Mary and John (who is retired) spend the winter in Florida. And she says her funniest memory is watching **Marty Tower Rebeck** try to untangle her hair from the chicken skeleton during the biology lab final! "Picture semi-hysterical classmates trying to convince Dr. Bick to call a temporary halt

while Marty and I were doing a Saint Mary's version of a chicken dance!"

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Mary Behrens McCarthy responded with news that Savannah, GA, was the gathering site for a wonderful reunion for eight classmates. **Karen Huisking Coffey, Susan Deddish Mazilauskas, Mary Behrens McCarthy, Gwynne Morgan, Susan Dickey Smith, Penny Wingeier Sullivan, Barbara Gibson South, and Kathy Huisking Sullivan** spent five laughter-filled days walking around the beautiful streets, sharing delicious meals, and planning when to get together again. Get in touch if you would like recommendations. All had a great time touring the grand old homes and returning to the guest house, built in 1871. Dorm living was never like this!

In a related email exchange, **Kathy Huisking Sullivan** provided a current email address for **Mary Bartlett Wolf**, obtained from an April exchange about an upcoming Baltic Cruise. Perhaps Mary will write to me with details for inclusion in our next *Courier* class report.

Kathy also reported that her sister had retired from teaching when their mom moved in with her, as the caregiving was a full-time job. Those of us who attended the pre-reunion event of 2008 know that **Gwynne Morgan** can also attest to the work involved with caregiving. Gwynne did write separately to let me know that her book has been published. **Mary Behrens McCarthy** retired from teaching in 2011 to help with childcare for her daughter. She helped her son at times this past year with childcare as well.

Sue Deddish Mazilauskas retired in January of this year.

Kathy reported also that the wonderful mini-reunion in Savannah was complemented with their stay at a beautiful inn with seven bedrooms and baths which the Belles had all to themselves. It was very convenient for walking around the city. After Kathy's return home, she and Steve spent a week in Cabo San Lucas with other friends.

Their next trip was a week-long bike tour with friends in June in the Loire Valley. She and Steve have been training rigorously. I look forward to Kathy's next class news on this great adventure of their bike tour and the week prior that they were going to spend in France.

Sally Blackley Clemmer and Dayne came to our condo in South Bend for what has been their yearly football weekend since our 2003 Reunion. They have to plan around the hurricane season while keeping in mind the unpredictability of the weather. Sally and Dayne have been continuing to enjoy their retirement with other travel to Australia, Tahiti, Hawaii, the Mediterranean, New England, Canada, and Iceland. Sally writes that everyone must travel while they can; don't put it off. The presidential election means more work for them at their local polling places, so this will be a factor in their choice of games for fall 2008. Sally writes that it is "Hard to believe our 40th is on the horizon. Hope we have a high percentage turnout. See you all there."

Angela Maynard Sewall who continues to work full time as the Dean of the School of Education of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock wrote in March with news of her election by this year's annual vote

of Board of Directors of the American Association of Colleges of Teacher Education as an at large member of the Executive Committee of this organization.

Angie will join Dr. Rick Ginsberg, Education Dean at the University of Kansas and the new Chair of AACTE's Board of Directors, Donna Wiseman of the University of Maryland, Faynees Miller of the University of Vermont, Julie Underwood at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and Jane Bray of Millersville University. Angie and I enjoyed an email exchange about or mutual commitment to higher education and its vital role in teacher preparation.

She suggested I report some of my own activities in the class news but given the difficulty I had completing this much of the report, I will defer this to the next Class News. I was able to obtain what the *Courier* office considers an updated email listing but do let me know if you think you have more current information.

The only other reply was from **Maggie Sullivan Slankas** who had nothing to report but that she is looking forward to Reunion 2013.

I did not get an email reply from **Karen O'Donnell Thorpe** but have really enjoyed learning about her travels—with and without other Belles—from all her wonderful postings on our Facebook page. (Belles '68). If I have overlooked the request for inclusion in this from any of our classmates, please let me know.

As our class reporter, I will be glad to assist with the planning of a pre-reunion event. I was able to get to campus for the night before our last event and really enjoyed the very well-attended session. Regrettably, the exertion left me exhausted and I did not make it to any of the other events. But, I was able to stay on for another week before the return drive to New Jersey. This year I will try better to pace myself better so I can experience more of the reunion weekend with all of classmates.

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Hello, friends! I begin our class column with a prayer request for complete healing for **Margaret Roberts Richards**. She recently underwent surgery to remove a brain tumor. **Cathy Kearney Buser** and **Mary Alice Herod Lajoie** have been visiting Margaret and keeping me up to date on her progress. I know you will all add Margaret to your prayer lists.

In May, my husband, Roy, and I flew out to Ann Arbor, MI, to celebrate the wedding of Connor Reid and Leah French. Connor is the son of **Bev Pagorski Reid** and Don Reid. It was such a happy weekend, made longer by Bev and Don's kind invitation to stay with them a couple of extra days. On one of those



K.T. Cannon-Eger '69 and her husband Bill traveled from Hawaii to the continental United States for a family graduation and were able to catch up with classmate Mabel Benjamin '69 at Commander's Palace, in New Orleans, Louisiana.

days, we four took a day trip from their home in Grand Blanc up to Frankenmuth for some shopping and beer tasting. On another day, Roy and I drove up to Bay City, where I re-connected with my first principal, Sister Maria Goretti, a dynamic Dominican nun. It was hard to believe that I started my teaching career there back in September of 1969!

Katharine "K.T." Cannon-Eger and her husband, Bill, have had a fabulous trip, which I will let her describe in part. Better yet, access her blog, as we have very limited space here!

KT: "We traveled by plane to the continental U.S. for our eldest granddaughter's graduation from high school near Atlanta. Wanting to 'make our moves count,' we chose to return by train, stopping many times along the way to visit long-time friends, seldom-seen family, and every Japanese garden we could find. Our railroad odyssey is online at <http://us-japanesegardens.com>.

"While planning the trip, **Patricia Moran Fagan** suggested we contact classmate **Mabel Benjamin**. Mabel's life experience in New Orleans guided so many of our choices. We were absolutely delighted with all of her suggestions and even more joyful at a dinner with her at her favorite restaurant in the Garden District, Commander's Palace.

"In New Orleans we stayed at Place d'Armes in Vieux Carre (French Quarter) on quiet St. Ann Street near Jackson Square. The first person to greet us was the belperson/concierge Kore. She offered several suggestions, from a local's point of view, and we found her to be most helpful. Every day she would ask, 'What are you doing today?' and I would reply something like, 'My friend said we should' and list the item Embie had recommended. On our next-to-the-last day, there was Kore with her normal smile and daily question. When I replied, 'and this evening we are having dinner with my friend **Mabel Benjamin**...' her jaw dropped, and her face had a stunned expression. 'Are you talking about a woman about this high, very stylish, involved with theatrical productions?' she asked. 'Sounds like Mabel to me.' I replied, 'She was my favorite teacher. I had her for ninth grade.' So I insisted she write a note to Embie, which we delivered.

"We had hoped to visit with Tom Wishing, the widower of classmate **Kathy Cecil '70**, in San Francisco and catch up on news of the scholarship established in her name at Mission High School, but a minor fall toward the end of the trip put me in a walking cast with crutches. Maybe next time."

Take good care, and God bless!

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Reflections: From a note from Katie Swartz, daughter of **Billie Sink Hudson**. "I am writing to let you know that my mom, **Billie Sink Hudson**, passed away on Nov. 20, 2011, in Charlotte, NC. She had struggled with various auto-immune problems for nearly 18 years. She was never diagnosed officially by any of the various doctors that she saw over the years, but they thought she may have had Sjögren's syndrome and polymyositis. She is survived by her four children: Mark Swartz, Amanda Swartz Utz ND '99, Gregg Swartz, and myself, Katie Swartz ND '05."

Karen Grabowski Dowd wrote: "Even in these days of Facebook and LinkedIn, it's always nice to re-connect personally and to 'check in' with each other.

The older I get, the more I truly appreciate friends. My husband, Tom, and I were very fortunate to have another good year. At this point in my life, I'm trying to take a 'Zen' approach and appreciate just being alive and feeling very grateful. When things start to get to me, I remind ourselves that our lives are 'rich and textured' (trying to avoid terms like 'stressed' or 'chaotic'). In 2011, Tom's work for the Daniels College of Business at the University of Denver (DU) took him to Germany, Korea, Japan, Israel, and Palestine. In 2012, we traveled together to Singapore and Malaysia. What we are really enjoying is being at home here in Denver, CO. We both work at DU. With 300+ sunny days per year, there's no shortage of outdoor things to do. We are thriving here. Please look us up when any of you are near this area."

Books: Do you have a book to recommend? Perhaps you'd like to share "why." I enjoyed Nora Ephron's books this year. They made me laugh.

Other: This is an invitation to write something. Share your stories, your reflections, your wisdom, your work, your whatever. I'm sure that others would love to hear from you. Let's be creative in our efforts to keep our class news going and to stay connected with our classmates. Ideas welcome!

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I am not sure I have the words to describe our reunion this past weekend. Our fortieth was fabulous and fun. It gave us a time to renew and catch up with each other. Despite the rain and cool temperatures, we explored the ever-changing campus marveling at the new buildings and refurbished old. We took a walk down Memory Lane via an electronic montage of photos of our class taken by Joe Cottrell ND '72 for the *Blue Mantle* and featuring our Sophomore Parents' Weekend Play. We have aged—very subtly, of course, and with grace and dignity—but we can hoot and holler with the best of them.

We almost pulled off winning the Reunion Gift Campaign Award for raising the largest amount of money. We were beat out in the final hour by a younger class. We applauded our classmate and College President, **Carol Ann Mooney** during her annual Presidential Address. Her accomplishments are impressive. **Susan Combs Dampeer** is executive assistant to the President. It is exciting to walk down the beautiful wood paneled halls of Le Mans and see two classmates in the executive offices.

We were thrilled that classmate **Peggy Perkinson** was honored with the Alumna Achievement

Award. Peggy is a respected anthropologist and gerontologist who serves as an associate professor at the Doisy College of Health Sciences at St. Louis University. She has authored dozens of articles and book chapters and has served as a consultant or investigator for research projects and programs that improve the lives of older adults. She is involved in several projects for older adults in Guatemala. She 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. The award was presented to Peggy with "admiration and respect." Well done, Peggy!

Back to the Reunion Gift - **Anne Pryser Leary** and I chaired our Reunion Gift Campaign Committee of 14 classmates. 183 women out of our class of 368 made a gift to the College—which is over 52% participation. Our class raised \$135,711 for the Annual Fund and an amazing \$388,339 in gifts and pledges. WOW! Many thanks to all of you. The total Reunion Gift to the college was \$632,128.

I have a lot of news to share with you—enough for several class columns! I had lunch with Joe and **Linda Greene Welte**, who live in Pueblo, CO. They have six children and eight grandchildren. Contrary to most of us who are downsizing, Linda and Joe have a big home to accommodate the big family. Linda teaches eighth-grade geometry and math. (strega56@hotmail.com)

Some classmates have retired, and some are still employed. **Carolyn Vonesh Andree** is a flight attendant with American Airlines out of O'Hare Airport. She lists her greatest accomplishment as raising three beautiful and successful children. One son is an Air Force captain and flight instructor in Florida. His plane was taken out of Afghanistan, so he will not have another deployment there. (AAflightgirl1@gmail.com)

Jane Sheehy Kramer is a pediatrician at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago. She and husband Paul Giblin have a 29-year old son who is an attorney in Chicago. Jane's busy schedule does not allow much time for fun or recreation—a complaint echoed by many! (jnkrmr@comcast.net)

Many of you were missed—and that includes Phil and **Susan Scherer Calandra**. Their son, John, graduated from high school during Reunion Week-end. This was the first reunion Susan has missed! Susan has been at Stanford University for 18 years. She is the senior associate vice-president for finance. In addition, she has served on the Saint Mary's Board of Trustees for six years. (calandrafamily@gmail.com)

From Diane Botly and Ann Fraser McFaden:

"Incredible as it seems, 44 years have indeed passed since Diane and I first met in Le Mans Hall, (on the Annex, no less!), and began a fabulous friendship that continues today. Over the decades, we have managed



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to share all of life's experiences—first through snail mail and phone calls and now by email and the Internet. We have worked and lived in the same city, worked and lived miles and oceans apart, and now find ourselves once again living in the same city!

"Diane and her husband, John, have just retired from Carnival Cruise Lines after a long and successful career as entertainers, traveling the world bringing music and joy to thousands of cruisers. Now they are getting to enjoy their beautiful home in North Port, FL.

"My husband, Captain Pat, and I have just recently retired from our marine electronics business in the Bahamas and are looking forward to some island cruising aboard our 42-foot trawler, the Next Gig. We have made it a priority to visit Diane and John during the holidays and this year purchased our own condo close to them. Looks like many reunions on the horizon! We feel truly blessed that our friendship has survived life's struggles and pleasures and look forward to many more years of laughter, tears, and love. Unfortunately, we will not be able to attend this year's Reunion. But we are sending this along to let our classmates know that we are still alive and kickin'! Our best to everyone this year!"

I am running out of space and the hour is late. More next issue of *Courier*, I promise. Until then, I am sending my best love to all of you.

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I haven't had any emails or letters from anyone in the class, so just a short update on my part. Feel free to write to me with your news, classmates. Are you retiring, moving, starting a second phase of life? Let us know!

My good buddy **Jan Gabler Cranfield** is once a grandmother and will be again with daughter Bree expecting her second child later this year.

Dede Lohle, who has already celebrated the birth of her first grandchild, Nicholas, born to daughter Michelle, keeps in touch with regular phone calls and emails. I am looking forward to seeing both Jan and Dede, as well as **Julia Griffin Murphy**, **Carol Longo Kaupp**, **Mary Ellen Raphael**, **Roberta "Bobbi" Kuhn Riconosciuto**, **Jeannelle Naquin Brady**, **Natalie Dwyer-Haller**, and **Judie Moore Green** in St. Augustine, FL, in November, when we will all get together to celebrate our 60th birthdays, even though a few of this crew are still babies at 59. We are all looking forward to a getaway together.

Prior to that, I'll be at the Notre Dame-Purdue game—perhaps I will cross paths with some classmates. I'm taking my 22-year-old son David, as well as my sister, **Colleen Fahey '79**.

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From Mary: I spent a lovely vacation in Maine and have been working on a couple of plays in various stages of completeness, and so I almost missed our new *Courier* deadline! Fortunately, several classmates were ready with lots of good news!

Mary Kate Burke has embarked on a new ministry, New Lectio Divina, offering sacred Scripture immersion sessions to groups, using speaking voice techniques pioneered at the Royal Shakespeare Company. As one participant said, by the end of the session the words are no longer written on paper, but "on the heart." Kate has worked with clergy, believers, and seekers of many denominations, and she hopes to expand this ministry widely, so do check it out at www.newlectiodivina.com.

And check out **Sharon McKernan Gottlieb's** travel itinerary in her note: "My husband, Mark, and I are about to retire by the end of this year. We sold our business in December 2011 and our last child enters college in a few weeks. In the meantime, we have started to travel to all those locations we have yearned to visit. We started this year off by going to Argentina, then on to Antarctica with Mark's sister and her husband. Just an incredible trip! We are looking forward to many more adventures over the next several years."

In January, **Kathleen Clapp** left her position as a psychologist at the Second Judicial District Court in Albuquerque, NM, and is now a psychologist for the University of New Mexico in the counseling and referral services program for faculty and staff. She loves the change and the opportunity to be in a college setting. Her daughter, Emma, heads off to college in August—at the University of Redlands in California ("I couldn't convince her to go a 'cold' climate," Kathleen noted)—and is thrilled and nervous about her new adventure, says Kathleen. "I would love to hear from my Saint Mary's College friends with whom I have lost touch," she added.

As of April 27, 2012, **Sara Morrison Cusick** has a new grandson, Jack Richard Cusick. He joins his big brother Jimmy Cusick, 2. Sara writes, "We now have six adorable grandchildren! The three kids and six grandkids spent a week 'staycation' with us in June, and we had a wonderful time!"

Mary Keenan Richardson contributed a few news items: "Our son, Andrew, graduated from the University of Rochester (NY) last year with a triple degree in computer science, linguistics, and brain and cognitive science. He now has a job near us in the Northern Virginia area. Our daughter, Julie, will attend Smith College in Northampton, MA, where she plans to study neuroscience. I am still teaching and am now the elementary coordinator for The New School of Northern Virginia.

Paula Martin Roveda brings us up to date: "My husband, Ron, and I have raised two boys. Paul just turned 21 and will be a senior this fall at Allegheny College. He's interning this summer in New Jersey Governor Chris Christie's office. Kevin, 19, is entering his sophomore year at Gettysburg College. He really enjoyed a short internship at NBC Universal Digital Sports Media in New York City. In addition to these two, my husband has four other children, ranging in age from 33 to 45. Six kids have kept—and continue to keep—us hopping!"

As she wanders the halls of the Circuit Court of Cook County (Illinois), **Coleen Hogan** has bumped into several Saint Mary's graduates, recognizing them mostly because of their school rings. Coleen is the only one in the county working in the Office of the Chief Judge as an interpreter; in fact, she has a special certificate in legal interpreting, one of five in Illinois.

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From Beth: Katie Henderson Kresse '76

reports that she and her husband, Jim Kresse ND '76, and son Josh are living in Gilbert, AZ (a suburb of Phoenix). She is a tutor with WyzAnt and tutors students from first grade through adult learners in math, English, writing, and history. She also tutors the ASVAB (armed services test). Katie writes a blog: <http://BelieveAnyway.wordpress.com> and is thoroughly enjoying the southwest after years of living in the Midwest and East.

Mary "Cris" Mueller Luetzow said that Class Reunion 35 was wonderful and that reuniting with fellow classmates was so much fun!! Despite the years lost between friends, the few days together felt as though they had never been apart. Everybody has had their share of good times, fast-paced lives, and some sorrow over the years, but it felt as though we all seemed to be experiencing similar events.

Cindy Kulik Knutson attended her first-ever class reunion and had a wonderful time meeting up with classmates and roommates she hadn't seen in years. After a chance meeting at a training seminar last year, she connects regularly with **Debra Fahey**, who lives close to her. They had a wonderful time enjoying both mutual and new friends. Last year, Cindy chaired a black-tie fundraiser for a large trauma hospital near her home. It was a wonderful opportunity to give back to a hospital that helped her and her late husband during his illness.

After a two-year hiatus in her career, Cindy began as a leadership development consultant in one of the largest hospital systems in the northern suburbs of Chicago. The position is part-time—which allows her to continue board work and volunteering with local non-profit organizations as well as time to downsize and sell her current home. Earlier this year, her 92-year-old dad passed away. He will be missed dearly.

Sheila Bourke writes that she had a fabulous time at our recent reunion as well. She said 35 years have passed since graduation, and it is like time stood still. She met up with "the gang" and felt everyone looked fantastic. It was difficult making the decision to attend...coming all the way from LaQuinta, CA (near Palm Springs) to the Midwest. She experienced that we graduates are all challenged—but surviving. Sheila has lived with Jordi Reed for the past 12 years. He is a finish carpenter and remodels homes. Their dog's name is Darby. Her closing words are: "For those who are skeptical about attending reunion... DO IT". Her fears of the "Real Housewives of Saint Mary's College" did not happen. She had a SUPER time and thanks everyone who did come. Hopes to see even more of our wonderful women at our 40th in five years.

Cheryl Klein Fischer has found the love of her life, Jeffrey, whom she married in September of 2011. She has two step-daughters: Heather, 25, and Ashley, 23. She works for Midwest Office Interiors, Inc., in Woodridge, IL, as a senior account manager. Cheryl manages design and sales of furnishings for the interiors of commercial office space. She works

closely with architects and designers in the Chicago area. She's done this for 26 years and LOVES IT!! She and Jeff live in Oakbrook, IL, and keeps in touch with other alumnae. She said that the 35th class reunion "brought all of us together again, as if we had just been hanging out in Holy Cross and August Halls".

Ann Moriarty graduated with a sociology major but has ended up working in a variety of exciting positions. She started out in the cosmetics department at Sears, then moved to Moore Business Forms and then MCI (where she was global services manager and achieved the top sales honor of the Chairman's Inner Circle for two consecutive years). She's also earned a Virginia real estate license and helped CALLA, a Washington, DC, nonprofit organization with audience development and Encore Players. Ann has rounded out her career as a regional sales director for Starvision (technology developer) while at the same time volunteering with abused and neglected children. In 2007, Ann worked for KITCO Fiber Optics as well as earning an MBA. Three years later, she left her job to care for her 103-year-old grandmother, who lived with her. Caring for Nanny was one of her most fulfilling roles. She died at the age of 104 and 4 months. Nanny was a special lady. She was descended from German immigrants. Her father was only seven when he arrived at the Port of New York with his parents and six siblings.

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From Susan: Class of '78, please send me updates to prepare for our 35th reunion next summer!

It was wonderful to have many visits to the west coast this spring/summer—beginning with **Katie Cinnamon Dolye** who, with husband Michael ND '78, visited their daughter, Bailey, living in San Francisco. Joined by **Lisa Maglio Brown**, we had a lovely lunch in Sausalito.

This was followed the next week by a dinner date with John Street and Tim Martin, who studied in Rome with us! We had a fabulous evening and drove to see the sunset over the bay. San Francisco di notte anyone??? A couple of weeks later **Sandra Cipriano McAndrew** visited for a weekend. Her middle son, Mark, took a job with Salesforce in the city, and we spent quality time with him as well. So nice to meet the wonderful children of our friends—they should be very proud.

Kathleen Groskopf was also in town to visit her sister and family, and we had dinner with her. It was so great to catch up after so many years. Kathleen is doing very well and is the proud mom of two children: son Colin, working and attending college in Florida, and daughter Emma, still in high school.

Suzy Plavak Heidkamp said that her youngest daughter, Genna, is going to Notre Dame and will be swimming in the fall. She also was acknowledged as a Reilly Scholar, an honor given to the top 150 enrolling students. Erin, Suzy's eldest daughter, and family moved home from Australia for good. Suzy loves babysitting Lia, 10 months, two evenings a week, as Erin is back swim coaching. Lisa is in Argentina since January and is adjusting to her new life. George is busy with ESPN and just finished covering the 100th anniversary of Fenway Park.

This past April, **Elizabeth Hassert**, representing

Maersk, traveled to Hong Kong for an awards event. While there, one of her largest international customers surprised all of their air and ocean logistics service providers by honoring Elizabeth with a Personal Achievement Award—never before awarded. "The Power of One" was created to honor one person in an organization who made a significant contribution through their proactive work. Needless to say, the award was earned and very well deserved. There were 150 people in attendance, among them, Elizabeth's competition. We all congratulate Elizabeth for this well-deserved honor, particularly because the shipping industry is so dominated by men!

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From the Courier: Peggy Dorsher Kasimatis

writes: "I am from the Class of 1979 and am happy to be renewing some Saint Mary's ties in the Milwaukee area through our alumnae club—most recently at a book signing by **Adriana Trigiani '81**, who was on a book tour last month to promote her newest novel, *The Shoemaker's Wife*. I hadn't seen Adri since graduation, but she remembered me from some writing classes we took together back in the day. She gave a hilarious presentation before a packed crowd—it was fun to see how far she has come.

"As for me, I am still a professor at Carroll University, teaching psychology for undergraduate and graduate students. But I have my first novel being read by agents and hope to follow in Adri's steps down the road."

'80

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I hope this finds all of you well and enjoying life. The summer of 2012 has been a hot one for all of us. Thank you for all the responses. I know everyone enjoys catching up with our classmates. Keep them coming, as we will be in all three issues from now on.

Moir Fahey-Ullrich lives in Winnetka, IL, with husband Gene and Patrick, 10. She works for a wealth management firm. Moira has seen **Ann Bridget Clarke Murphy**, **Cecelia Mitchell Daspit**, and **Debbie Brucker Kelly**. She also keeps in touch with **Shannon Kennedy** in North Carolina.

Kathy Van Bauer wrote that she married her high school sweetheart and had two sons. She graduated from Iowa State College of Veterinary Medicine and has practiced as a small and exotic veterinarian and now owns her own practice. Kathy works for the Niabi Zoo and works with giraffe, lions, bears and anything that comes in the door. WOW!!

Laura Masini Berrafato writes that she lives in the Chicago area and has been married to her husband, Matt, for almost 31 years. They have three grown daughters. Laura is an executive assistant at Walgreens' corporate headquarters.

Roseanne Wallace Horne reports that she still lives in Grosse Pointe Woods, MI. "The last of my five children will graduate from college this spring. I have three married children and one granddaughter." This past spring, she graduated with her masters from Concordia University and works for Entertainment Publications as a sales rep in fundraising. She stays in touch with **Margaret O'Keefe Hogan** and **Molly M. Janesky**.

Diane Bogest Luceri is living in central New Jersey with husband Tom ND '79. They have three children. Their oldest son graduated from Penn State, their second son is a junior at Notre Dame, and their daughter is a sophomore in high school. After a career in marketing and obtaining her MBA, Diane stayed at home with her kids. She is now the director of RCIA and adult faith formation at her parish.

Ann Dumas-Swanson lives in Pelham, NY, with her husband, Steve, and their son, Owen. Ann has been marketing the design services of architectural firms. She writes: "In a way, it's not so far from theatre, communication, stage management, and design for the state: I have always been a design junkie."

Denise Perez Heskamp wrote that she has been married to her husband, Tom, for 25 years. They are the proud parents of Paige and Grant. Paige works for the Discovery Chanel and Grant is at UNC Chapel Hill. Denise is still teaching but has recently become the music teacher after a long time at fourth grade. She loves seeing all 500+ students putting together Masses and grade-level programs.

From **Mary Moore LoCasto**: "I had a great time at the 2010 reunion. How time flies! It was fun seeing old classmates. I have been teaching Italian and Spanish at a high school in the suburbs of Chicago since 2006. Prior to that, I lived in Italy with my family for three years. I do miss it! My kids keep me busy. My daughter will be in her senior year at the University of Dayton, and my son will be a senior in high school this year. I have the chance to get together with classmates **Mary Clare Brady** and **Sister Virginia Jung, OSB** every so often. We have lots of good times reminiscing. I would love to get together with my Rome buddies (1981) in Chicago some time soon."

On a personal note, I want to thank all of you for your prayers for **Carol Laughlin Nocek** after her accident. An amazing woman, Carol not only went back to teaching after four months, she is now running! Three miles was the last update, and in the fall, she will be back teaching full time. Thank the Lord!

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Lisa Hoerstman Seufert reports: "The news from the Seufert house is that Kevin ND '81 and I are celebrating our 30th wedding anniversary in style this year as we cheer on the Irish in Dublin! We are expecting our second grandchild in October."

Beth McPherson writes: "Each February, I travel to Guatemala through Houston and have a brief visit with **Kathy Kane Kegg** and **Kathy Keegan**. I also see and speak with **Elizabeth McCabe '84**, as we both work in Catholic healthcare in mission integration and formation."

From **Molly Woulfe**: "I have joined the staff of University of Chicago Medicine (the medical center for the University of Chicago). My title is senior communications specialist, and I serve as editor of a management newsletter and a patient newspaper."

Patty Sheehan Charhut writes: "My oldest, Nick, just turned 21 and is a junior at Miami of Ohio majoring in accounting. Chris, 18, will be attending the University of Illinois and majoring in mechanical engineering. I'm looking forward to traveling and consulting in marketing communications for nonprofits."

From **Barb O'Connell Hoyt**: "My daughter, **Clare Hoyt '06**, was sworn into the Illinois Bar in May. I am still working as an enrichment teacher at a local public school."

Mary Ann Feldhaus Sanders writes: "My husband,

Chris, and I were both offered jobs to teach at an international school near Turin, Italy. We will be in Italy for at least two years. Steven graduates from Texas A&M in December, and Jennifer will be a freshman at Iowa State this fall."

From **Sharon Moore Cardona**: "Our son, Dragon, has been accepted into the aerospace engineering program at the University of Arizona."

Ann Nancy Riley Gazzero writes: "I went to Salt Lake City last week and had the good fortune to visit with **Amy Kronenwetter Gruis**."

Dorothy "Dot" Spollen Johnston moved to Charlotte, NC, from Dallas, TX, in February to take a new position with Belk Stores in their IT department. Her husband, Randy, stayed until the summer to allow the kids to finish school.

Cindy Reiling Krebsbach writes: "My oldest son, Michael Krebsbach, Jr., graduated from the University of Denver in real estate and construction management. My younger son, Billy, will be a sophomore at Colgate University."

From **Mary Ryan Buddig**: "The whole Ryan gang, including **Eileen Ryan Seyfarth '84**, **Therese Ryan Rooney '86**, and **Donna Ryan Coffey '90**, are headed to Banff and Lake Louise to celebrate our father's birthday. There will be 45 of us on the trip."

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From **Anne**: I have kept up with **Beth Armstrong Perron**, who lives in Denver with her husband, Neil, and their ancient Burmese Mountain dog. They both look great! They can't believe that they are empty nesters. Their two boys, Matt ND '11, and Joe, Concordia University '12, are doing well. Matt is in Chicago with Accenture. He was roommates with my son, Brian ND '11, and **Maria Valdivia Morgan's '83** son, Rob ND '11, for three years. Joe is an opera singer. He performed in Alaska this summer and will continue his training at graduate school. Beth's daughter, Rachel ND '13, and **Patti Brandy Connor's** son, Joe ND '13, a member of the Irish Guard, are classmates! Patti and Frank Connor ND '82 are busy with their three sons and daughter Liza, who will be a senior in high school this fall. Their son, Tim, is studying in Boston, and Brian is a sophomore at



To celebrate our 30th reunion, we all gathered this summer at the home of **Diane Fitzmyer Murphy '82** in Lakeville, CT. Back row from left to right: **Diane Fitzmyer Murphy '82**, **Ann McAuliffe Martin '82**, **Tricia Bull Hurst '82**. Front row from left to right: **Tracy Muraro Payton '82**, **Peggy Bender Bernard '82**, **Patty Gallagher '82**, **Michelle Duda Ondis '82**, **Sally White Carr '82**

ND. **Noel Morahan Verducci** and our son, Tim, are football teammates at Princeton University. It was fun to run into Noel, who was looking forward to Reunion. **Sue Metallo** and **Joan Fallon Callahan** will be at Notre Dame first-year-student orientation this year with their son and daughter, respectively. Do you detect a theme? Most of us are sending kids to college, and our schedules and the paths we cross are connected to that huge investment and milestone.

From **Susan**: We had a very nice turnout for our 30th Reunion in June... everyone looked GREAT... the same... if not even better than we looked 30 years ago! I only made it over for Friday because, as many of you probably did, I had a high school graduation that same weekend. The quick trip was well worth it, and it really did seem like "yesterday" when we last saw each other... even if it had been all of 30 years for some. Other than it taking a few more breaths and a little more sweat walking up and down the Le Mans Hall staircases than it did 30 years ago... (and not wanting to admit it wasn't the lack of air conditioning... but the various stages of menopause we are all experiencing), it still was hard to tell we were celebrating our 30th reunion and not our... 20th! Some of us made it over to the Notre Dame reunion... and found our way into the Reunion Tents... just like the old days. Funny how some things never change!

There is a Facebook group that has been created for the Class of 1982 Saint Mary's College Alumnae. If you are not yet on Facebook, it really has been a great way to reconnect with Saint Mary's friends. Go on Facebook and "friend me," **Susan Metallo Cogan**, and I will add you to the group.

This past fall, some of us met at a ND tailgater through a posting on Facebook. We found out that there are five of us with freshmen attending Notre Dame or Saint Mary's and are meeting at Orientation with our sons/daughters. **Susan Metallo** and **Nancy Sheft Schafer**: sons at Notre Dame; **Mary Ellen Shanley Whelan** and **Cheryl Prosek Kennedy**: daughters at Notre Dame; and **Sandy Carpenter Mazza**: daughter at Saint Mary's. We may never have known without Facebook!

Courier will be publishing our class news EVERY issue now. If you have anything you would like me to include, please send me a message on Facebook or email me at susanmetallo@remax.net. I look forward to being a new *Courier* rep for the class of 1982.

Quote for the fall: "Surround yourself with people who make you laugh. Forget the bad, and focus on the good. Love the people who treat you right; pray for the ones who don't. Life is too short to be anything but happy. Falling down is a part of life, getting back up is living."

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This summer, **Maureen Toepp Damer** attended her older sister's 25th Jubilee at Saint Mary's. Sister Michelle Toepp is a Holy Cross Sister who has been a missionary in Mexico for about 10 years. As for Maureen, she is still in the Indianapolis area with her husband, Scott, and their three children. She is a financial advisor for Wells Fargo Advisor.

Ann Simonaitis LeRose lives in Elmhurst, IL, where she works in human resources. Ann writes that this past year she has had some health issues that she hopes have been resolved, and she has moved from a home to a condo where life is more manageable. Both of her children are in graduate school (at the University of Michigan and the University of Pittsburgh) after having graduated with science degrees from Notre Dame.

Patty Sullivan Thomas and her husband, Rick ND '82, are still living in Medfield, MA, and spending summers in Chatham, on Cape Cod. Patty opened an estate planning and elder law practice a few years ago, and Rick continues to practice dentistry. Their son, Garrett, graduated this year from Providence College. Their daughter, Caroline, is in her junior year at Notre Dame, living in Howard Hall. With Caroline at Notre Dame, Patty and Rick go to South Bend for a few football games a year. "It has been so nice to see friends from college on our visits and to spend time on the beautiful campuses of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's. Last fall, I met up with my roommates, **Maureen "Moe" McCarthy Kenney** and her husband, Patrick, **Jeanne Reynolds** and her husband, "Tex" Fallon ND '83, along with **Barb Harding Cooney**, **Ann Korhumel Filipiak**, and Mike Joyce ND '83. Hope all is well with everyone!"

As for my news, I'm happy to report that the second of our three children has graduated from college. This May, John graduated from Tufts. For me and Brad, that means two college educations down, one to go! WooHoo!

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From **Diane**: Hello, classmates. Please keep **Katie Keenan Chelsky** and her family in your prayers. Her husband, Mark Chelsky, M.D., ND '84, lost his nine-year battle with multiple myeloma on July 24, 2012, in Appleton, WI. Katie and Mark celebrated 25 years of marriage on June 27, 2012. They are the parents of four children: Christi, Conner, Riley, and Jack. Mark and Katie were at many of our Reunions over the years, always smiling and walking around campus together. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Katie and her family during this difficult time. Thank you.

'85

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Greetings, Class of '85!

Please be aware that the *Courier* is introducing a publishing change. They will be printing three times a year now, instead of four. That means you have an increased opportunity to share your news now three times instead of just two. You can still email me at laineyis@cinci.rr.com, or find me on Facebook and share in that space.

I heard from **Kathleen Ferrari Redmond**, with some sad news. She writes: "It is with deep sadness that I write to tell you of the death of my mother, Helen Ferrari, on May 31, 2012. She supported my dad (ND '49) all through Notre Dame and survived him by 15 years. It has been a sad summer. Unfortunately, I also lost my brother, Dino Ferrari, on May 19 to cancer, just before my mom."

"I continue to work part-time at the Batavia Pub-

lic Library and have two of our four kids in college. My only daughter, Emily, 12, hopes to attend Saint Mary's. We shall see."

As for my own news, I have just a short update this time around, and it concerns a near collision with a safe and fun outcome.

I was in New York City for a conference, and upon walking out of my hotel to go to the airport, I almost literally bumped into **Kathy Conley Taiclet** and her husband, Dave. How's that for big-city living? She and Dave are doing well, and it was great to visit with her, even for such a short time!

When have you met with your fellow '85'ers, planned or unplanned? Let us know, and have a great day!

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From Katherine: Bill and **Maureen "Mollie" O'Sullivan Grojean** are just back from a two-week trip to Venice and the Greek islands to celebrate their 25th anniversary. They had a blast—no kids on this trip! Ryan is a senior at Notre Dame and Kendall a sophomore at Boston College. Enjoying a little family rivalry! Emma is a senior and Isabel a sophomore in high school near their home in Mission Hills, KS.

Anne Marie Kollman Kaes reports from Cincinnati, OH, that Emily will be a junior at Notre Dame, with Katie a freshman there. Kelly will be a senior in high school and is not excited to be the only one home! Anne Marie is six years out on her breast cancer diagnosis and excited about that.

Jim and **Mary "Joanie" McKenna Dowdle** live in Glenview, IL. Her daughter, Erin, is a senior at the University of Dayton, Charlie is heading up to the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, MN, and will play football there. Colin is a senior and Ryan a freshman in high school.

Margo Mischler-Philbin sent a note: "We all remain well in Duluth, MN. Jim still works with the Land Trust, helping to provide homes for low- to moderate-income folks. After 14 years of homeschooling, both of the girls will be in traditional school in the fall! They will attend the same school—Rose in the fourth grade and Lucy in the ninth. With a little more time on my hands, I have begun helping out at an adult foster care home and love it. And last but certainly not least, Jim was just officially accepted into the diaconate formation program for our diocese! Please pray for us!"

Sheila Beary Quinn writes: "I am busy with my kids Katie, 12, Colleen, 10, and Connor, 9. We live in Chicago. I work part-time as a lawyer for myself. The kids' activities and school/church volunteering keep me busy. I do get to see **Beth Kallmyer** quite often. This

year she was promoted to Vice President, Constituent Services at the Alzheimer's Association. She is traveling all the time (nationally and internationally) while representing the national association, so the job keeps her busy. I also see **Celia Gallagher Kilpatrick**. She is busy with her own law practice and her three daughters. Claire is in college at Marquette, and Norah and Grace are in high school. Celia also lives in Chicago."

Kathy McCarthy Miller has been principal for the past 16 years at St. Bartholomew's grade school in Maryland. It was named a National Blue Ribbon School last year! She writes: "My son Jake, 16, attends Gonzaga College High School and will be a junior this year. He would love to attend Notre Dame when he graduates. Of course, I am training my daughter Samantha, 12, to follow in her mother's footsteps and head across the street to Saint Mary's. I would love for my kids to have the same great experience that I did. My husband, Frank is teaching phys ed and having the time of his life coaching Samantha in basketball and soccer."

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From Elisa: Thank you to Saint Mary's College for the incredible "Welcome Home" they provided Reunion weekend! It was great to see so many at our 25th Reunion!! I'm hoping I can interpret all my shorthand notes accurately! Celebrating our Silver Jubilee, we had extra perks such as staying in Opus, the apartment-style residence hall. WOW—no wonder that record-breaking numbers of students are staying on campus!

Susan Smith Newell is in Alexandria, VA. She is a stay-home mom who found a niche teaching people life skills. She has created the "ONE" Method. "It is a method that isolates your everyday 'ordinaries' (those things you want and have to accomplish in life) and combines them into something more 'extraordinary.' Thus, your Ordinaries **Net** the Extraordinary, or simply **"ONE"** (www.theONE-method). Susan studied government at Saint Mary's and then went to law school. Her creative strategic planning experience combined with being a parent made for the perfect skill set to develop this program!

Karen Potocki (Clarendon Hills, IL) is a nurse practitioner at Loyola Medical Center. Karen remembers all the great people she met at Saint Mary's. They were, and still are, her best friends.

Kathy Bolotin Heniff (Lombard, IL) and her husband have three daughters. Since graduation, she has been a nurse at the Loyola Hospital outpatient surgery center. Kathy loves the feeling that although time has passed, everyone reconnected as if we

were just here a short while ago.

Heidi Cerneka has spent the past 15 years in Brazil, working with women in prison through the Maryknoll Volunteers. She gave a great presentation on women's rights issues during Reunion.

Tracie Williams Kerper (Anniston, AL) has three daughters. One just finished her first year at Saint Mary's; at the time of Reunion, she was on a trip to Ecuador with Dr. Fogle. Tracie was a math major who worked on a trading desk at an investment firm right out of college. She chose to stay home after her third child was born.

'88

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I am thinking about milestones. My son finished high school in June and is weighing his options for the fall. When I shared that news with **Rachel Durkin Orga** (with whom I attended high school), she responded: "Congrats—high school—WOW!!! Our daughter just finished fifth grade, so around here, that means she's off to middle school. Eek! She's also celebrating her seventh year cancer free (today is National Cancer Survivor's Day!). As for me, I'm now the associate director for programming and production at the Texas Performing Arts at the University of Texas-Austin. The biggest news is that we went to Paris for spring break this year—a belated 45th birthday present for me! It was an absolutely wonderful trip, and now we're plotting when we can go back!"

Another theatre professional, **Meghan Farley Astrachan**, was the conference director for the 2012 NYSTEA NYC Student Theatre Conference held in Greenwich Village this past month. Seventh- through twelfth-grade students from all over New York City participated in the event, presented by Meghan's theatre company, Reaching Andromeda Theatre, and the New York State Theatre Education Association, of which she is the NYC chair. Meghan continues to teach drama at Elisabeth Irwin High School/LREI. She is looking forward to her summer vacation and spending some quality time in the south of France with her architect husband Isaac-Daniel and soccer-playing son, Aidhan.

Rachel Bir Stroop relayed "an unfortunate milestone: My dad, Philip A. Bir ND '54, passed away Jan. 31, 2012. He had been fighting pulmonary fibrosis, but lost the battle. I had wonderful support from family and friends. My roommate, **Donna Wolf Winter**, was able to be here with me."

Speaking of being there for each other, **Jamie Smith Taradash** asked us to keep up with *Courier* regularly: "It's always fun to read what classmates are up to these days. And help kick-start the excitement about our upcoming 25th YEAR REUNION. There are only one or two more issues of *Courier* between now and then, so start making plans!"

'89

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From Karen: Happy holidays! Last June, Columbus, Ohio residents **Julie Wagner Feasel**, her daughter Meghan '13—a senior education major, and **Kathleen Gibbons** enjoyed catching up over dinner; and on July 29, the Feasels hosted the Alumnae Club's Freshman Send-Off. Last February, **Karen MacLennan Tierney** and her daughter, Mary Kate, received a campus tour from Meghan, and Karen credits Meghan's enthusiasm with helping Mary Kate become part of Saint Mary's 2016 class! A third-generation Saint Mary's student, she lives in McCandless.

Last year, **Anne Bader** hosted a German exchange student, Moneth Tausendteufel. Moneth attended Avon Lake High School (Ohio) as a senior and especially liked prom and graduation. She also enjoys ballet and was excited to see *Swan Lake* in Detroit, where they stayed with **Jenny MacDougall Bero**. In August, Anne participated in the Susan G. Komen 3-Day in Cleveland to help those affected by cancer. She thanks **Sara Maurer Quadrini** and Jenny for their support.

In Louisville, KY, John and **Barb Tull Dwyer** celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary! Barb is the director over physician billing at Norton Healthcare—overseeing operations for the billing and claims process for more than 600 physicians. John is a partner in his law firm; and their children are growing up fast... Colleen, 16, is driving, and Jack, 12, is in middle school.

Classmates on the move... **Beth McCormick Kenny**, husband Bill ND '86, Nora, 8, and Billy, 6, moved from Urbandale, IA, to Novato, CA. While Beth misses her visits with **Sue Brush DeMouth** and **Stephanie Brick**, she is getting used to the sun shining all the time!

July found **Patrice Jordan** transferring from Fort Wayne, IN, to the Campbell, NY area, where she is Kraft's plant manager. While the transition is keeping her busy, Patrice is making time to see Notre Dame play Navy in Ireland, Michigan at home, Miami in Chicago, and USC in Los Angeles! All while training for the New York City Marathon in November!

After two years in Trinidad and Tobago, **Martha Flick Jungenberg's** family will be headed to Kathmandu, Nepal for two years starting in June 2013! Martha hopes to work at the U.S. Embassy in Nepal. Following a cross-country vacation, the family settled in Falls Church, VA, for nine months where they are learning Nepali at the Foreign Service Institute and their girls are in school: Sophie, ninth grade, Grace, fifth grade, and Emmalee, third grade.

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From Sue: Thanks to all of you who are so great about sending in updates. It's great to hear from you, and I'm sure our classmates are thrilled to hear about your lives as well. Keep the updates coming!

I heard from **Susanne Wilmot Faber**. She is a very busy lady trying to keep up with her two teen-aged daughters—Lauren is 17, and Anna is 14. Both attend Joliet Catholic Academy in Joliet, IL. Sue is currently a reading specialist at Plainfield East High School, where she teaches reading intervention classes and freshman English. Sue was also looking forward to a nice, long summer vacation visiting her brother in Idaho. Sue keeps in regular contact with **Anita Knebel Ehmsen**; they try to find time each week to check in on kids, life, jobs, etc. I mentioned in the last update that Anita's daughter, Haleigh Ehmsen, will be a member of the Saint Mary's Class of 2016. It seems that Haleigh will not be the sole daughter of the Class of 1990 in the Class of 2016. **Mary Kay Gaido Werner's** daughter, Jackie, will also be there. Mary Kay and her husband are thrilled with her choice to attend Saint Mary's, and Jackie, for her part, hopes to follow in her mom's footsteps by trying out for the Notre Dame Marching Band. Jackie plans to study nursing at Saint Mary's. Mary Kay and Anita connected at an admissions event at Saint Mary's and were excited to introduce their daughters to each other. Mary Kay and her husband, Bob ND '88, live in Edina, MN. They have two children in addition to Jackie: Patrick, 15, and Bridget, 11. **Melissa Morin Hutchison** also has a daughter, Maureen, who will be a member of the Class of 2016. **Tonya Sheets Sexton's** daughter, Kayle, is already at Saint Mary's—in the Class of 2015.

Congratulations to **Laura Jacob**, who will wed Kevin Wozniak in a Chicago wedding in October 2012. Laura and Kevin will relocate to Lancaster, PA, Kevin's hometown, after their wedding. On a recent house-hunting trip to Lancaster, Laura was able to catch up with **Linda Enright Riva**, who lives in Lancaster with her husband, Rich ND '91, and their three children, Richard, William, and Sheridan. Laura's engagement party in Chicago contained quite a surprise... Laura's roommate throughout her time at Saint Mary's: **Sarah Hughes Smith**. Sarah was able to fly to Chicago to surprise Laura at the engagement party. As you can imagine, there were lots of laughs over the surprise and throughout the weekend. Sarah and her husband, Dan ND '89, live in Hamden, CT, with their children: Kerry, Tim, and Madelyn. Sarah works as a literacy assistant in the school system in Hamden. **Chrissy Fleming Giesinger** was also at Laura's engagement party. Chrissy was promoted to be the chief scientific officer at Advanced Clinical in May of 2012. After celebrating her promotion on a Disney Cruise with her husband, Dave, and their son, Nick, Chrissy was headed to Washington, DC, to see Dave appointed to practice cases in front of the Supreme Court of the United States.

Maureen Abood left her corporate job in Chicago, went to culinary school in 2011 at Tante Marie's in San Francisco, and now lives in Harbor Springs, MI, where she is a food writer, photographer, and blogger—writing about Lebanese cuisine. You can read her wonderful blog, Rose Water & Orange Blossoms, at www.maureenaabood.com. In May 2012, she, her mother, Maryalice Abood, and sister, **Mary Margaret Abood '92**, visited Lebanon—the trip was a dream come true for Maureen.

I received a note from **Lisa Amore**, who was excitedly preparing for a weekend in Fort Myers, FL, with five of her closest Saint Mary's friends. In addition to Lisa, the "six-pack" converging in Florida included **Pat-tie Bigelow O'Sullivan**, **Amy Blong Hives**, **Tracey Bosten Goldthwaite**, **Anne Broderick Farnum**, and **Elizabeth Ehret Bardwell**. Lisa was also threat-

ening to bring down the "Dogbook" from freshman year to really bring back funny memories! Lisa is the founder and principal of Amore Marketing and Public Relations in Washington, DC, a firm specializing in marketing and PR for consumer technology, digital media, and consumer lifestyle products and services.

Eileen Gallagher is the assistant director for governance, liaison, and legal affairs at the American Bar Foundation in Chicago. She's also very active in the Irish music community here in Chicago, serving as Midwest Region Chair Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann and a board member at the Irish Music School of Chicago.

Patti Weed Bennett keeps in touch. Patti and her husband, Mike, live in Fayetteville, AR, with their children, Brayden and Jenna. Patti is a senior manager of health and wellness at WalMart, where she has worked since 2000.

Carol Mindock Wilkins received her Ph.D. in biochemistry from Michigan State University back in 1998 and is an instructor in the biochemistry and molecular biology department at Michigan State. Carol lives in Holt, MI, with her husband, Dave, and three-year-old son, Brett.

I also heard from **Kim Mahoney Barrio**, who still enjoys her job as a nurse case manager at Good Shepherd Hospital in Barrington, IL, chasing around her five-year-old daughter, Meaghan, and her two beagles. She was looking forward to some R&R in Wisconsin over the summer.

On a sadder note, please extend your prayers and deepest sympathies to **Toni Fontana Galassini**, who lost her brother, Rich, to colon cancer over the holidays. Similarly, please keep **Tricia Reilly Bracken** in your prayers as she mourns the loss of her sister, Cathy, also to cancer.

Thanks again for all of your updates. Please be sure to join the Saint Mary's College 90 group on Facebook—now at over 120 alumnae strong!

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From Patsy: It's so hard to believe that our 20th reunion has passed. It was a terrific weekend, and people are already getting excited for the 25th!

Congratulations to **Tasha Tight Wallace** and Chris ND '92, who welcomed their sixth child, Angela Joy, on July 22, 2012. The Wallace family lives in Hong Kong.

Two weeks after graduating from Saint Mary's College, **Sabina Russo Fritzgerald** started working



From left: Mary Margaret Abood '92, Maryalice Abood and Maureen Abood '90 at the Roman ruins in Baalbek, Lebanon

at Printing Industry of Illinois/Indiana Association (PII) as an accounting clerk. In June 2011, after 19 years and a few title changes, she left PII to become the office manager/accountant at In-Print Graphics, Inc. She now works 15 minutes from home and does not miss the daily commute to downtown Chicago.

Sharon Zint Marts is at the graduate level called ABD (all but doctorate) as she completes her last class and has only her dissertation writing left (finish will be in May 2013 at the University of San Francisco School of Education, with a specialization in organizations and leadership). Her dissertation is about sandwich-generation caregivers and how they pass their ethical legacy through the generations. Sharon is planning workshops in the fall at three churches and senior-living facilities about how to write an ethical will, which is appropriate for any stage in life. If anyone wants to know more, email her at szmarts@yahoo.com. Sharon recently relocated her parents to a facility near her, as both are disabled and struggling with daily living. It was a hard time but her dissertation provided an unexpected solace. Sharon's kids are 11, 7, and 3.

Brigid Brooks Zvirbulis passed along the news that she and John welcomed twin boys, Ronan Jacob John and Liam Robert John, to their family on Jan. 26, 2012.

Also adding to their family is **Susan Donalds O'Brian**. Susan and Gerry welcomed their second son, Connor James, on Jan. 15, 2012. He joins big brother Dylan, 4. The O'Brian family lives in Chester, NJ, and Susan teaches second grade.

In the summer of 2011, **Molly Weiland Schmidt** and Dave relocated "indefinitely" to Prangins, a village outside of Geneva, Switzerland, with their three children, Stephanie, 15, Julia 13, and Nicholas, 10. Although she missed the reunion, Molly is hoping to make it to our 25th!

Alicia Higgins Kinane had a great mini-reunion on July 27, 2012, when **Louise Vuono Schrage**, **Alese Broz Sortino**, and Kevin Rooney ND '92 met for lunch. Louise was in Chicago for a karate tournament. At Reunion, Alese and Alicia met up with **Chris Bacon**, who had flown in from New York. They also enjoyed visiting with **Heidi Finniff** and **Karen Derksen Weber**. They dined at Bruno's with **Sandy Lopke Haydock**, **Ellen McQuillan Drake**, **Susanne Largura Benedict**, **Marge DeBlasio Hoffmann**, and several others. Ellen and her husband, Scott, live in Dallas, TX, with their daughters, Sophie, 8, and Lila, 6. Alicia and Tom celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary at ND—played golf and enjoyed great weather. Alicia says that, "Tom even had our wedding cake top remade by Macri's Bakery!" Their son, Henry, lives in the Twin Cities, is going to school and working at 3M as a technical aide in a nanotechnology lab. He has also been working with his fluid dynamics professor doing research. Their daughter, Cecelia, is learning to drive and looking forward to swim and then baseball season for her sophomore year.

Celynn Krueger McClarrinon is a social worker and certified grief recovery specialist for the local hospice. She and Scott live in Avon, CO, with their daughter Mary, 4.

Peggy Schmid Dunham graduated in 1998 from the University of Minnesota with a master's of art in industrial relations. Peggy and Patrick have three sons: Jake, 10, Peder, 9, and Jimmy, 6.

Carrie Herber Genovese graduated with her MBA from St. Louis University in 1994. She is a financial advisor for Merrill Lynch in Clayton, MO. Carrie and Tim live in Webster Grove, MO, with their son, Peter, 5.

Jennifer Smith and her sister, Alice, recently opened a new flooring design business in Benton

Harbor, MI, called Floor Art. The week before it opened, Jennifer and **Mary Failor Kennard** enjoyed a girls' spa weekend. For a separate reunion, Jennifer, **Sharon Zint Marts**, and **Gisela Rust Clark '91** went on a California Napa Valley adventure in April 2012.

Debbie James Rosmarin is a physical therapist with Cora Rehabilitation Services. She graduated in 1995 from Northwestern University with a master's in physical therapy. Debbie and Doug ND '92 live in Lake Mary, FL, with their sons: Andrew, 12, and Nathan, 9.

Julie Scully Tucek is the marketing director for Legacy Professional LLP. Julie and Jack ND '92 live in Riverside, IL, with their daughters: Grace, 13, and Emma, 10.

Laura Proto Campise is a grants coordinator with Mount Carmel Foundation in Columbus, OH. Laura graduated in 1994 with her MA in women's studies from the University of Cincinnati. She and Vincent live in Upper Arlington with their children: Jack, 15, and Anna, 12.

Kelly Smedley Giacolo is a reading specialist in Wheaton, IL. Kelly graduated from National Louis University in 2006 with her graduate degree. Kelly and Robert live in Naperville with their children, Abby, 15, Tessa, 6, and Grace, 3.

Jennifer Otto Harbaugh and Matthew live in Chesterfield, MO, with their children: Patrick, 7, Katie, 3, and Sarah, 1.

Brenda Oaks Craft is an underwriter with Alerus Financial. Brenda and David live in Fargo, ND, with their daughters, Mary and Kiley.

Please keep your Reunion updates coming and check out our class page on Facebook. We now have 174 members!

'95

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Hello, Class of 1995! The class news publication schedule has changed since the *Courier* is now published three times a year. Our new class news due dates are November 27, March 27, and July 27. Thanks to everyone who submitted updates.

Anne Grimm Bartish writes, "I am working part-time as a pro se law clerk for the United States District Courts in Grand Rapids, MI. I have been married for 12 years and have three children Jack, 7, Alexander, 4, and Samantha, 2. We are a busy household but are loving it!"

Jennifer Abbate reports that after spending a few years back in Chicago after living out West, she and her boyfriend, Max Huffer, made a big move to coastal North Carolina. Jen returned to school in August 2012 to work toward a master's degree in occupational therapy.

Hilary Humm Beatty, her husband, Bill, and children (Mary, Paul, and John) relocated with the United States Air Force to Offutt Air Force Base in Omaha, NE, in June, 2012. Hilary writes, "We loved my husband's four-year assignment in Ottawa, Canada. We made lots of great friends and really enjoyed one of the world's most wonderful cities. Not to mention bringing back our two Canadian sons! We are thrilled to be closer to some good friends and family in Omaha and looking forward to this next adventure. I have decided to continue my extended maternity leave from the practice of veterinary medicine while we get our family settled in our new home and get the kids adjusted to our new life with Daddy away a lot. I am hoping to connect with

other alumnae in Omaha if possible!"

Christine Graham Gambs' father, Harold P. Graham, passed away on April 7, 2012. H.P. was a strong supporter of Saint Mary's by being a member of the Parent Board as well as a member of the Saint Mary's Board of Trustees. In addition to Chris, H.P. is survived by his wife of 44 years, Patricia, and his daughter, **Mary Colleen Graham Dow '91**.

'96

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Hi, everyone! Welcome back for another update on the Class of '96!

I am very happy to report that **Karla Oselka Walsworth** moved to the Dayton, OH, area and we've managed to get together a few times. It's wonderful having a fellow classmate nearby!

Kelly Brocato was married to Kevin Work on Oct. 1, 2011, in Alexandria, VA, which is where the new couple now resides. **Danielle Burton Lish** was one of her attendants. All at the wedding had a great time, and Kelly was able to also celebrate a Notre Dame win that night. Kevin and his friends, on the other hand (being Virginia Tech grads), had to tolerate a loss, complete with condolences from the DJ all night long.

Diann Garlanger Payne recently married John Payne. Their son, John Warren Todd Payne, born Dec. 22, 2011, joins older siblings Robert, James, Isla, Berlynn, and Shafer.

Jennifer Holuj Rediger gave birth to her second son, Jackson Conrad, on April 10, 2012, and reports that he is as healthy and happy as can be. Jennifer writes that big brother Alexander is very proud! Jennifer and her family currently live outside of Chicago.

Christina Orsinelli married Steven Simone on Oct. 22, 2011, in her hometown of Warren, OH. Classmate **Kari Fantasia VanVuren** was a bridesmaid. Christina and Steven now live in Dublin, OH.

JudeAnne Wilson Hastings wrote in with wonderful news: "My husband, Raymond, and I welcomed a little baby girl on Feb. 16, 2012: Rae Anne Marie. We are thrilled to have this precious little girl with us and our family. I have three stepchildren as well: Amanda, 6, Stephanie and RJ, both age 4. We are all adjusting to our newest family member, but all is well!"

Mitzi McAndrews Neighbor is living in Ohio with her husband and four children, ages 3, 5, 6, and 9. She continues to work as a labor and delivery nurse in Columbus. She and her husband also sell AdvoCare vitamin supplements from home. Mitzi loves the amazing and wonderful feeling of helping others get physically and financially fit, not to mention the fact that she's using her business degree again!

Last March, I visited **Simone Barber Vecchio**, **Madeline Wahl '97**, and **Clare Heekin Lynch** in Pittsburgh, where we celebrated Maddie's birthday and enjoyed a little March Madness. Simone is spending her summer in Uganda and Tanzania for an internship that is part of her master's degree program. One of the internship projects is helping to build a much-needed medical clinic for the organization Bright Kids Uganda. Needless to say, Simone is making a tremendous impact on the lives of so many people these days!

I have some exciting news to report as well. My doctorate is almost complete, with just the dissertation remaining. As I work on that, I'm taking on some new

experiences as well. For the summer of 2012, I worked in Houston, Texas at NASA (Johnson Space Center) conducting research to help the behavioral health and performance team of the Space Medicine Division select a new round of Astronauts for 2013. It still blows my mind that I had this opportunity to do something so exciting! I also accepted a position as an annual lecturer at Northern Kentucky University's graduate program in industrial-organizational psychology, which I will start in the fall after returning from my work at NASA. Needless to say, I have a very busy year ahead!

Don't forget to keep me updated with your current news and email address, or find our class on Facebook under "Saint Mary's College '96 (Notre Dame, IN)." Stay well and happy until next time!

'98

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Greetings!

Carrie Koontz Gaines and her husband, Aaron, welcomed their first child, Alison Anne Gaines, to the world on May 6, 2011. She's a peach!

Missy Lind was married on April 21 in Milwaukee, WI, to Brian Egelhoff. Her maid of honor was **Bridget Sullivan**. Also in attendance was **Kristi Butman Brandon '03**. Missy and Brian live in Mequon, WI. Missy works in advancement for Marquette University, and Brian is a tennis pro specializing in adaptive tennis for children and adults with physical disabilities, autism, and Down's syndrome.

Keri Ruscito Clavin gave birth to a little girl, Harper Kathleen Clavin, in November 2011. She joins her big brother Hudson, 5. They have lived in Los Angeles for the past two years for Keri's husband's plastic surgery fellowship, but they will be moving back to New York City in July! They have really liked Los Angeles but have really missed New York City, so are thrilled to be going back. Keri is still doing event planning and has taken on a new partner and relaunched her business, which is Clavin Freylack Events.

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From Jennifer: Sarah Gallagher Dvorak, Todd ND '00, and their son Oliver, 5, have hopped to yet another area of the country. Since June 2010, the Dvoraks have lived in Vienna, VA, just outside Washington, DC. Sarah is the director of undergraduate admissions at George Mason University.

Carrie O'Brien quit her job a couple of years ago in corporate insurance in San Francisco and started grad school in Vermont. She graduated with a master's in international education from the School for International Training, and moved to Savannah, GA, to work at the Savannah College of Art and Design as an international admissions counselor! The last few



Pictured from left to right: Carey O'Neill '99, Kim Nemeth Klimczak '99 and Beth Heck '99 at the Gravity Bar atop the Guinness Storehouse in Dublin, Ireland for the Notre Dame vs. Navy game.

years have been full of transitions for Carrie, and she is excited to stay put in one place (at least for a little while) and begin a career that she is passionate about.

Kate Tournoux and husband, Jeff Massey, welcomed their son, Lucas Austin, on May 9. Kate and Jeff live in Germantown, TN, and are also the proud parents of big brother Alex. Kate works as senior counsel for the International Paper Company, where she focuses on environmental litigation.

From Moira: I am living in the south suburbs of Chicago with my four children: Helen, 7, Micky, 6, Maggie, 5, and Brendan, 3. They keep me extra busy, but I did manage to find the time to do some training for the London Games, and am hoping that by the time you're reading this, I am the proud owner of a gold medal in table tennis.

I recently got to spend time with **Kara Markovich**, **Kelly Van Overbeke Crane**, and **Becky Oliva Barkley** while Kara was in town for a visit. Kara is living in Portland, OR, with husband Greg and 5-year-old-son Oscar, and is an event planner for Ella Events. Becky is living in Naperville with her husband, Matt Barkley ND '99, and their three boys: Joe, 5, Andy, 4, and Jack, 2. Kelly just moved back to the area, living in Downers Grove with husband Matt Crane ND '99, and just celebrated her adorable daughter Juliette's first birthday on June 18. It's always fun to catch up with those girls, and we are hoping to see **Jen Farthing's** new home in the Bend some time during football season.

I get to see **Lisa Zacharias Fennessy** and her family every so often—our kids have so much fun together. Lisa recently had to forgo a mission trip to Guatemala because she has her schedule full with her five children: Maura, 9, Abbey, 7, Teage, 5, and twins Declan and Darcie, 3, with husband Kevin. Another Maynooth buddy, **Margaret Kensinger-Klopfer**, is living in San Luis Obispo, CA, with husband Mike and daughters Anya, 6, and Charlotte, 4, and one-year-old Michael George Klopfer Jr., born July 2, 2011. Margaret is head of youth services at the San Luis Obispo library.

Diane Andrews Fernandez just celebrated her 10th anniversary with husband Mark and has four gorgeous children to show for it: Drew, Sam, Faith, and Jackson O'Rourke, born April 7, 2011. Chauffeur-ing four kids around can be time and energy consuming, but Diane manages to fit in some running and a few glasses of vino along the way.

Becky Deitle McBride is living in Denver with daughter Meara, 4, and has had much success as a rep for Stella & Dot.

Carah Smith Tabar writes, "Our fourth son, Griffin James, was born on May 18th, 2012! Big brothers Alexander, 5, Thatcher, 3, and Holden, 1½, are ecstatic to have another little brother to 'love' on."

Carrie Briscoe Allen is living in San Diego with husband Brett. The couple welcomed their first child, Brogan Jeffrey Allen, on Feb. 10, 2011. She is currently enjoying some time at home with Brogan, having most recently worked as a financial accounting and reporting manager for HSBC.

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From Alyson: Class of 2001, hope you are all doing well! Enjoy the latest and greatest from our classmates!

Many of our classmates have welcomed baby Belles into their homes. One is **Melissa Pennington Bassler**, who wrote, "I am living in Kenosha, WI, and have been happily married to Casey Bassler for five years. I currently work at Abbott Laboratories as a senior marketing manager in our men's health franchise. We welcomed our first child, Nora Rose Bassler, on Feb. 7, 2012." And **Brigid Phelan Smith** shared that she gave birth to her second daughter, Mackenzie Ann Smith, on June 10, 2012.

Courtnee Takata-Lee added, "Grant ND '00 and I welcomed our first child, Ian Russell Young Lee, on April 10, 2012. I'm enjoying being a mom and also working as a web developer at Vail Systems in Deerfield, IL."

Amy Collins Semancik checked in, "My husband, Seth, and I welcomed our second child, Patrick Timothy Semancik, on April 17, 2012. Big sister, Erin, is proud of her baby brother and is a great helper. I finished my master's of education degree in January at Indiana Wesleyan University and continue to teach high school math in Elkhart, IN." And **Mirella Siciliano** wrote from overseas, "I just had a little girl! Mia was born on April 29, 2012. I'm still in Milan and working as a buying manager for cosmetics at La Rinascente."

Julia Peterson Hannan also wrote with news of a growing family, "My husband, Philip, and I are excited to announce the birth of our third son, Andrew Ronald Peterson Hannan, on May 29, 2012!" And **Kristen Wolfe Theisen** added similar news, "Nick and I welcomed a new addition to our family, Beckett James, on Sept. 10, 2011. We also made our national TV debut earlier this year, appearing on HGTV's *House Hunters*! I continue to work full-time as the vice president of development for a non-profit organization in Bradenton, FL." **Mary Ellen McGowan Landry** shared a double bundle of joy, "On October 13, Jim and I welcomed twins. Anna and Colin join their big brother, Jimmy, and are healthy and thriving. We, however, are still adjusting to life with two crawling babies and a four-year-old!"

Emily Koelsch Rebori wrote from out east, "We are all doing well. Some exciting updates include the arrival of our second son, Alexander James "AJ" Rebori, on April 10, 2012. He is so happy and sweet. . .Will is already calling him his best friend! I still love being a pediatrician and recently became a partner at my private practice." And **Anne Senger Perna** wrote, "The biggest update that I have is that Pete and I are parents! Our daughter, Lila Alese, was born on May 15, 2012."

And in other exciting Belle news, **Kristin Frazer** shared, "I went to Africa in March for a two-week mission trip. My mom and I went with 15 other individuals from five different states to work in two orphanages/schools. I worked mostly on a medical team, and we treated children and adults for worms, intestinal parasites, TB, malaria, wounds, and burns. We treated over 1,200 orphans, students, teachers,

and community members in eight days!" And **Molly Banahan Edwards** added, "As of January 2012, I accepted a new position in St. Louis at Monsanto as an assistant general counsel of IP."

Julie Norman Kimmons also wrote, "My husband, Rob, and I welcomed our son, Andrew, on March 14, 2011. I also accepted a new job in February with the NCAA as an associate director in the championships and alliances department. We relocated to Indianapolis and are enjoying time with several Saint Mary's College alumni—and former Saint Mary's basketball teammates: **Kelly Roberts Panzer '02**, **Anne Blair '02**, **Kristen Matha '03**, and **Katie Miller '04**."

And before I wrap it up, I've had a relaxing, fun summer with trips to Napa Valley, Nashville, and central Oregon; several weddings; and lots of bike riding, running, and learning to play tennis. The new school year is just around the corner, and I'm excited to begin my seventh year as a high school counselor. Until next time, my best.

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From Amanda: Keep the updates coming! I hope to see many of you at our 10-year Reunion in May!

Lianne Wojnarowicz Mink and her husband, Brian, ND '00, welcomed their second child, Leighton Elyse, on Dec. 14, 2011. **Janelle Koop Keller** and her husband, Joe, adopted their son Jonah Matthew on March 1, 2012. **Amanda "Amy" Beale Johnson** and husband, Tom, welcomed Violet Joy on Feb. 24, 2012. Big brother Collin, age 3 ½, is a big help. Amy is a speech-language pathologist for a school district in Bloomington, IL. **Nicole Ciminillo Scott** welcomed Gemma Eloise Avalon on April 26, 2012. **Jena Morreale Corsello** had a baby girl, Isabella Marie, June 6, 2012. **Heidi Wilberschied Klosterman** and her husband, Kyle, adopted their son, Bennett Hollins Klosterman, in March 2012. She completed her master's in counseling and family therapy from the University of Missouri-St. Louis in May 2012. **Laura Porto Atkins** welcomed her son, Theodore Grant Atkins, on May 25, 2012. **Kathy Harter Harris '02** hosted the shower and was able to catch up with Cpt. **Sarah Rykowski** before her tour to South Korea. **Melanie Burke Cameron**, Kati Kruger ND '03, Katie Hoppe ND '03, and **Mercera Payne De Silva '06** also attended.

Sarah Nestor Babcock graduated with her Ph.D. from Marquette University in May 2012. Her husband, Brock, completed his master's degree in computing at Marquette. Sarah works at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire as a visiting assistant professor of writing.

Mary Dugan completed her residency in family medicine in June and now practices with the Advantage Health-Saint Mary's medical group in Grand Rapids, MI. She married Andrew Kline on Aug. 11, 2012. **Kelly Dugan Prina '01** was the maid of honor, and **Merideth Pierce Sullivan** was a

bridesmaid. Kelly's brother, Joseph Dugan ND '05, was a groomsman. Great aunts **Helen Cavanaugh Walsh '57** and **Carol Cavanaugh Ryan '60** were in attendance. Andrew and Mary live in Walker, MI.

Michelle Lawton married Joe Recendez ND '01, July 15, 2011, at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Notre Dame. Belles in attendance included bridesmaids **Megan Bennett Weiland**, **Gina Rowe**, Megan Thompson (ND), and **Trisha Jones**. Michelle lives in New York City and received her master's in social work from Loyola Chicago in 2005. She currently works at New York-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center with the kidney transplant program.

From Meganne: In May, **Maria Conticelli** finished her master's in child development from the Erikson Institute in Chicago. She now works as an advocate supervisor for court-appointed special advocates of Cook County, where she does advocacy work for neglected children.

Erin Moran Crill now works part-time for Franciscan Alliance in Dyer, IN, as a pediatrician.

In April 2012, **Amber Adkinson** completed an accelerated master's degree program in management with a concentration in human resources from Indiana Wesleyan University.

Katie-Nell Scanlon O'Connell and family relocated back to Chicago from West Palm Beach, FL, and gave birth to Addison Nell on May 30.

Sarah Stegmaier reports, "**Elizabeth Davis '02** married Edward Marut on Dec. 3, 2011, in Chicago. I was a maid of honor, and **Katy Best '03** and **Leslie Kleczek '03** were also in attendance to celebrate."

Kelly Long Jackson started a new job at DaVita as a change manager in Denver, CO.

Nora Janisch Munro welcomed her little girl, Kennedy Ann, into the world on April 13, 2011, and moved to Sugar Grove outside of Chicago.

Rachel Finley and husband Chuck Doyel welcomed their first child, Gabrielle, on Jan. 6. The family lives in Indianapolis, where Rachel works as a genetic counselor at St. Vincent Women's Hospital.

Bethany Schmidt was promoted to assistant principal at a Catholic grade school in Winter Park, FL, while finishing her master's degree in Catholic educational leadership through the University of Dayton.

Tina Reitano married Jonathan Sutter in Pittsburgh on June 30. Attendees included **Katie Rand**, **Kerry O'Reilly Hurley**, **Linda Padilla Bowie**, **Sarah Nestor Babcock**, **Jennie Buehler**, **Mary Campe**, **Amy Virzi**, and **Jackie Bauters '04**, **Casey Shay Campe '06**, and **Sami Totten Miller '00**.

Katie Rand is now teaching 4th and 5th grade at St. Mary's Academy in Denver.

Meganne Madden Hoffman took a job promotion and transfer to Lexington, KY, in August and works with the National Thoroughbred Racing Association.

Jennifer Lombard Kibbon and her husband, Lucas, welcomed a baby girl, Anna "Annie" Catherine Kibbon, on June 1, 2012.

Erin Moran Crill gave birth to Audrey Elizabeth Crill on April 22, 2012.

Maeeve Margaret Lulich was born May 11 to Tim and **Erin Reichart Lulich**.

Emily Miller Klump gave birth to Lucas Robert, born on April 12, 2012.

From Amy: **Emily James Sandock** and husband Jake's third daughter, Sylvie Rose, was born on Jan. 27, 2012. Emily continues to work as a Montessori preschool teacher in South Bend.

Teresa Cooper O'Grady is living in West Chicago. She and her husband, John, welcomed daughter Sydney Jean on March 26, 2012.

Elizabeth Didier Krieg welcomed daughter Emmaline Anne on April 16, 2012. The Krieg family is

living in Charleston, SC, after relocating from Chicago not long ago. This past summer, Beth met up with **Cindy Cvangros McCutcheon** and her son, Ryan.

Alexandra Schlesinger Sherwood and husband Ryan were blessed with their first son, Rhett Hamilton Sherwood, on July 3, 2012.

Tami Kozlowski continues to work in community mental health and became a fully licensed social worker in May. She is now working on a trauma-focused cognitive-behavioral intervention certification.

Amber Taylor O'Rourke and family relocated to Coralville/Iowa City, IA, in July. Amber's husband has joined the faculty at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in the MSK Radiology Division. Amber is keeping busy as a stay-at-home mom to Howie, 4, and Caroline, 19 months.

Shannon Brewer married Benjamin Rooney on July 28, 2012. **Angela Saoud '05** and **Leslie Morris Dunn '03** were bridesmaids. In attendance were the bride's mother, **Melanie McKnight Brewer '77**, **Kelly Ford Konzel '04**, **Patrice Rooney Basso '76** (the groom's aunt), and **Laura Toth Guentert '82**.

'04

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It's been quite a while since my last update, but that's only because I've been living the good life. My husband, Darin, and I joyfully welcomed our first child, a son, Broderick Brock Joseph, on July 30, 2012. Our baby blessing also led my professional career into everything I've wanted at this stage in my life. In order to accommodate my new mommy lifestyle, I have a flexible work schedule as the communications specialist for the University of Michigan's chief financial officer.

Speaking of another new mommy, **Elizabeth Diehl Newcamp** and her husband, Jeff ND '04, welcomed their first child, also a son, named Henry John, on April 7, 2012! Elizabeth is the godmother to my son, Brock, and I am the godmother to her son. Elizabeth, Jeff, and their handsome bundle of joy now live in Monument, CO.

Daniela Urs is able to announce joyful news from Arizona. She married Casey A. Jones, Jr. on Oct. 14, 2011. **Kimberly Gans**, **Francesca Albright Morgan**, **Maggie Garigliano Busam**, **Cecilia Oleck Street**, and **Jennifer Trachy Hakes** all shared in her special day! Daniela said it was the most beautiful and blessed day, and she was so glad her wonderful Saint Mary's College friends were able to join.

Besides being a newlywed, Daniela works as a financial planner in Phoenix, having earned her Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation, and her Certified Financial Planner™ designation. She owes her love of finance to the Saint Mary's College professors who were so dedicated and passionate about the industry. She said that she hopes to one day inspire young people to join the industry as they inspired her!

Until next time, I wish each of you and your families my very best and hope to hear from you very soon!

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From the Courier: **Courtney Smitham Sturgess** and her husband, Dave Sturgess ND MBA '06, moved to New Jersey this past May to live closer to Dave's family. Courtney is the assistant manager of benefits at Samsung Electronics America in Ridgefield Park, NJ.

'06

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Hello, Belles! It has been a busy time for the Class of 2006! It's hard to believe that we were first-years ten years ago!

I married Brian Carroll on Oct. 1, 2011, at St. Mary Catholic Church in Huntley, IL. Saint Mary's College bridesmaids were **Meghan Cassidy, Emily Fannon, and Sarah Staley**. We also celebrated with **Corrie Brisson, Elizabeth Voss, Kate Huffman, Erin Jones, Paula Yellin Larsen '90, and Ellen Riley**. Please enjoy reading the updates and feel free to send me your news any time.

Courtney Odelson writes that she is working at Accelerated Rehab Centers as a physical therapist in outpatient rehab. Each year since graduation, she has hosted an annual "mini-reunion" at her cottage in Michigan to catch up and relive the good old days. Courtney is usually joined by **Jill Funnell, Audrey Gajor Jones, Erin McQueen Young, Angie Scheumann, Lauren Dinger Wyss, Kathleen Ketchum, Bridget Grall, Mary Ellen Sleva Burns, and Lindsey Lozmack**. This year **Marion K. Sajewich** and **Anne Rueth** will also join the group!

Following the completion of her master's degree, **Holly Anderson** relocated to the Upper East Side of Manhattan. After completing five years of employment at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation as a leukemia nurse, she accepted a position as an oncology nurse practitioner at the NYU Langone Medical Center. She manages the oncologic treatment of patients having primarily GU diagnoses. She plays an active role in the center's clinical trial division, is anxiously awaiting the publication of a scholarly journal article, and is looking forward to beginning a Ph.D. program in nursing in the fall.

Nicole Marie Gifford Lowe and her husband, Daniel G. Lowe, welcomed son Benjamin Daniel Lowe on Feb. 18, 2012.

Sarah Staley married Dr. Brad Gable in Dayton, OH, on May 26, 2012. **Meghan Cassidy** and **Emily Fannon** served as bridesmaids, and **Megan Staley '08** and **Emily Staley '11** were joint maids of honor. **Mary Nelson** played the piano at the wedding ceremony. Also in attendance were **Jennifer Mathile Prikkel '95, Corrie Brisson, Kate Huffman, Erin Jones, Mary Mathile, and Erin Cassidy '15**.

Jennifer Warfel Juszkiewicz is beginning a Ph.D. program in English at Indiana University in Bloomington, IN, after three years of teaching in the Saint Mary's College English Department. She will be in their Composition, Literacy, and Culture program.

Mary Ellen Sleva Burns married Owen Burns on Nov. 5, 2011. Mary Ellen also graduated with a master's of science degree in clinical embryology from Eastern Virginia Medical School in May of 2011.

Alexis Emlong graduated from DePaul University in June 2012 with a master's in education (counseling).

Jennifer Robbins married Zach Rudisill on June 9, 2012, in Marquette, MI. They reside in Washington, DC. **April Thomas '05** was one of the bridesmaids. Jennifer continues to work for the Children's Hospital Association as their assistant director of federal affairs.

Christina Solomon writes that **Kate Bowler** married Jason Moore on July 22, 2011, at the Parish of Christ the King in Mashpee, MA, on Cape Cod.

Emily Fannon moved from Colorado to Boston for graduate school, where she is in the full-time MBA program at Boston College.

Jake and **Becky Feauto La Liberte** moved to

Buenos Aires, Argentina in January 2012. He works at AON, and she is teaching English. Becky would love to know if any Belles have relocated to South America!

Janet Brace has been promoted to senior account manager at Upshot, where she works on the Crown Imports brands.

Trish Brewer writes that **Laura Ficker** married David Salmon ND '05 on Nov. 5, 2011. Trish served as maid of honor.

Lynn Sikora moved to Hamburg, Germany in October 2011 to work in the German branch of her publishing company (Publications International, Ltd.), which publishes primarily children's books. Lynn is the business manager but also gets to work with the creative development. In May 2012, **Erica Rangel** and **Teresa Healy '05** came to visit. After spending some time in Hamburg, they went to Prague for a few days. They had a great time and enjoyed beautiful weather.

'08

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From Natalie: Samantha Peterson finished her master's in management at Indiana Wesleyan in April and is now the production scheduler at DimcoGray in Dayton, OH.

Bridget Gulvas married Kevin Ennis on June 9, 2012, at Saint Mary's. **Samantha Peterson, Molly LaBarge, Anna Saccaggi Keim, Sarina Kopacz, Ellen Rosselit, and Stephanie Crotty Walls '76** were in attendance.

Rachel Boury married James Baxter at Saint Mary's on June 16. They live in Mishawaka, IN. **Jeney Anderson** married Brian Christensen on June 23 in Madison, WI.

Maria Sapucahy Balata finished her master's in theology from the Catholic Theological Union in May. Her thesis abstract was published in a professional journal in June. She will be working in Chicago and living with **Natalie Beck '09**.

Kimberly Harris married Tom Stanton on Aug. 6, 2011. Classmates in attendance were **Honore O'Brien, Justine Higgins, Lyndsey Piehl, and Erica Harmony**.

Lyndsey Piehl married Matthew Parker on Nov. 26, 2011, in Dublin, OH. Belles in attendance were **Patricia Knauss Gogola '01, Melissa Knauss Wood '04, Clara Blatnik Knauss '76, Justine Higgins, Kim Harris, and Kelly Tighe**.

Justine Higgins married Matt Dahl on May 19, 2012. Classmates in attendance were **Kimberly Harris, Erica Harmony, Honore O'Brien, Lyndsey Piehl, and Lauren Hinton '09**.

Ayslinn McGovern married Carmine Picarello in 2012. They have two daughters: Isla Gray, 3, and Sienna Vera, 7 months, and live in New Jersey.

Bernadette Langel married Dr. Christopher Howson ND '08 on June 16 in Kohler, WI. Classmates in attendance were **Erica Rath, Alexandra MacPherson Wright, Learose Pisani, and Sheila McLaughlin '07**. Groomsmen included Brandon Erickson ND '08 and Daniel Martino ND '08. They live in Pittsburgh, where Bernadette works as the planned giving associate at the Medical and Health Sciences Foundation for the University of Pittsburgh and the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center.

Nicole Villano married Greg McRoskey ND '08 on March 17. Belles in attendance were mother of the bride **Kathy Murphy Villano '79**, bridesmaid **Lauren Vokaty**, bridesmaid Mary-Catherine McRoskey '15, **Kelly Fahey, Colleen Ferreira, and Maggie Dunn**. Nicole works in Chicago at Starcom Mediavest Group as a media supervisor.

Jessica Brinker Foster works as a graduate advisor at the University of Akron while pursuing an M.S. in accounting.

Erica Rath married Charles Hamilton on April 30, 2011. **Alexandra MacPherson Wright** was a bridesmaid and **Bernadette Langel** an attendant. Erica and Charles welcomed their first baby, Henry Thomas Hamilton, on April 29, 2012.

From Cate: On July 14, **Ashley Brown** married Brock Sheahan ND '08 in the Le Mans Chapel at Saint Mary's. Bridesmaids included **Connie Walsh, Annie Davis, Sarah Griffin, and Katie Good**. Also in attendance were **Cate Cetta, Nora Casey, Corey Duff, Abby Hinchy, Mary Fearon, Megan Staley, Jenn McLean Morgan, and Kara O'Leary '89**. The Saint Mary's College girls loved reliving our college days and celebrating Ashley's marriage.

Nora Casey lives in Chicago and was recently prompted to digital sales planner at ESPN.

Abby Hinchy started a new job as a reading/literacy coach for the Thea Bowman Leadership Academy in Gary, IN. She is pursuing a master's in educational leadership at Ball State University and last year bought a home in Crown Point, IN.

Allison Fleece is based in New York City and in her second year at Global Learning Semesters. She is organizing a group of women to trek Mt. Kilimanjaro in February 2013. If interested, contact her at afleece@gmail.com.

'09

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Happy Fall/Winter, ladies of 2009! It's hard to believe that summer has once again passed us by and left a whirlwind of newly married classmates in its wake.

I was fortunate enough to attend the wedding of my former roommate, **Lindsey Appelquist Jeffers**, June 9 in Cincinnati. The beautiful bride married Lyle Jeffers with **Shanna Goffinet '10** as her matron of honor.

About 100 miles further north in Westerville, OH, **Maura Clougherty** married Lieutenant Tim Bonham that same day. Maura and Tim met at the wedding of fellow Belle **Sarah Falvey Burkett** in 2010. She shared the day with maid of honor Nora Clougherty '15, **Leah Kuharevicz, Rachel Kalas, Amanda Deja '10, Jessica Claire Gates, Laura Kleinschmidt, Caitlin Morrison, Caitlin Albany, Melissa Gerbeth, Stefanie Wasikowski, Amy Dardinger '07, and Kate Hougendobler '10**. The two are currently living in Kailua, Hawaii, where they will be stationed until 2014 (so everyone start prepping to visit between now and then!).

Katy Morgan married Lee Cummings on June 23 in Houston, TX. The two met at Mississippi State University, where Katy earned her master's in accounting. **Casey Maus** and **Elsa Summerville** served as bridesmaids. Lee and Katy both work at Chevron in Houston.

Kristin Amram married Danny Reilly June 30 in Crown Point, IN. **Ashley Fusaro** was a bridesmaid, while **Katie Rashid, Maribeth Yingling, Ali Bender, Martha Smid, Ashley Peterson '10, and Mary McKenna Corrigan '08** helped the happy couple celebrate.

Christine Ashby also tied the knot in July. She married Pere Dorsuleski alongside bridesmaids **Emily Kempe, Jen La Vigne, Amy Barker,** and **Meghan Corcoran.**

Weddings weren't the only causes for celebration this summer, though. **Kaitlyn Kuns Edwards** graduated from Benedictine University with a master's in public health in May. She and husband Chad welcomed their son, Ronan David, on June 11.

Ashleigh Telman graduated from the Army's perioperative nursing course in February. She's a first lieutenant in the Army and is working in Oregon on orthopedic surgeries as she prepares for deployment next year. Her contract is up in October, but she plans to reenlist for four more years.

Mary Hancock reports that she is working on her master's in curriculum and instruction at Concordia University Chicago. She recently moved to Saint Charles, IL, to be closer to Saint Charles East High School, where she's beginning her second year of teaching.

Meghan Larsen Reidy and husband Tim decided that they had had enough of severe negative temperatures and moved back to the lower 48. They moved to Pittsburgh, PA, where Meghan plans to substitute teach this fall.

'10

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Hello, Class of 2010! I hope that everyone is doing great! I am currently working at the South Bend Career Academy as an aide and will be getting my license to teach middle school English this summer. I hope to hear from more of you soon. —**Penelope Trethewey Mattice**

Kendra Fallet moved back to Colorado and began pursuing her master's degree at the University of Colorado-Boulder. She received her MA in speech-language pathology in May 2012 and is now a certified speech-language pathologist. She says "I am so grateful for the education and experiences I was given prior to beginning the pursuit of my master's degree."

Brooke Druktenis is living in Dayton, OH, with Buzz Deck ND '08. She works at Good Samaritan Hospital as a registered nurse on a progressive care unit. Brooke says: "I am really enjoying my job. I am reminded on a daily basis how thankful I am of my Saint Mary's education. I can't wait until football season starts again... so that I can make a trip down the Avenue again. I love getting the *Courier*, because it makes me feel connected to Saint Mary's College despite the 275-mile gap."

Michele Peterson is at Pep in Cincinnati, OH, on the Procter & Gamble client team. In April of 2012, Michele was promoted to account executive, managing consumer promotions for P&G Health Care brands.

Kara Rusnak is pursuing her master's of human resources at Rollins College in Winter Park, FL. She was also promoted to office manager in January at The Flooring Center.

Alysia Porter graduated recently from Indiana University South Bend in May 2012 with her master's in social work. She is now a clinical social worker at Memorial Hospital.

Sara Rajan founded and serves as editor-in-chief of the online magazine *Literary Juice*, dedicated to publishing both established and emerging writers

Sara writes: "We have published talents from all over the world and delight in reading works of fiction and poetry that are diverse well as bold and inspiring. Multiple submissions are certainly welcome."

'11

From the Alumnae Relations Office

From the Courier: **Christina Kolling** married Adam Carlson ND '10 on July 14 at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at Notre Dame. Belle bridesmaids included **Kristina Marinelli, Christina Losasso,** and **Emily Pavlick.** Other Saint Mary's ladies in attendance were **Mary Hill, Angela Regan Mattingly, Megan Kraft, Meghan Lehr, Corissa Hart, Sarah Schuchman, Becky Johnson, Mary Lynn Carlson '10, Katie McGillis '01,** and **Maria Tondreau Ftergiotis '84.** The newlyweds are living in Lansing, MI.

'12

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Maggie Pinnick married Dexter Cure '11 ND at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on the Notre Dame campus on June 15, 2012.

Riley Pummill married Robert Walbom on July 7, 2012.

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Kathy Malone Beeler '69 was named the recipient of the Colonel Jack Stevens Citizenship award. Past recipients include Ara Parseghian, Joe Donnelly, and Digger Phelps. Beeler has assisted with a multitude of fundraising campaigns locally, including the Logan Capital Campaign, and the Diocese Campaign. Beeler is currently working with the St. Joseph Regional Medical Center Strategic Planning Committee to identify how the new health care law affects people locally.

Maria Mazza Kompare '64 was appointed by the New Mexico governor to serve on the New Mexico Arts Commission. She is known for her colorful collage creations and her work as a mixed media artist. She is a resident artist at the Artifacts Gallery in Farmington, New Mexico.

Andrea Seifer Fuentes '98 has been named director of communications & public relations for Gulliver Schools in Miami, Florida. Fuentes will be responsible for the planning, development and implementation of the five-campus school's marketing strategies, communications, and public relations activities. From 2001 to 2005, Fuentes served in the media and public affairs programs at the White House Office of Global Communications, the U.S. Department of Justice and the Department of Homeland Security's Transportation Security Administration. She came to Miami in 2005, working with the public relations firms of Hill & Knowlton and Thorp & Company in Coral Gables. Most recently, she owned and operated Fuentes Communications, a public relations firm.

Mary Lu Bilek '77, Associate Dean and Professor of Law at CUNY School of Law, has been appointed Dean of the University of Massachusetts School of Law-Dartmouth. A graduate of Harvard Law School, Professor Bilek practiced for five years with the law firm of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton and Garrison before joining the CUNY Law faculty in 1985.

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. She serves on the Selectman's Tax Exemption and Deferral Advisory Committee, is an active member of the League of Women Voters, and volunteers with AARP's tax preparation program.

The Silver Pen blog, written by **Hollye Harrington Jacobs '93**, was named by *Forbes* magazine as one of the top 100 websites for women in 2012.

Mary Ellen Blumreich Krueger '00, director of investment advisory at Aspiriant LLC, was named principal of the firm in downtown Milwaukee.

Jill M. Tiefenthaler '87 PhD was inaugurated September 22 as Colorado College's 13th President.

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