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# UPON REFLECTION

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Last month I was standing in the checkout line at the grocery store pretending not to read the tabloid headlines when I came across this one on the cover of a popular women's magazine: "Erase the Lines." Next to it was supermodel and physical anomaly Cindy Crawford all glammed up and clear-skinned.

I couldn't help it. I thought of the lines under my own eyes and felt despairing. But then I remembered that I'm an intelligent, confident, loving person, a mother, and a decent writer (so they tell me) who's made a general success of my life. And those lines are there because they support that story—the laughter, the stress, and, OK, yes, the lack of sunscreen that make up my life's journey.

One of the best bits of wisdom I've heard about aging comes from author Madeleine L'Engle: "The great thing about getting older is that you don't lose all the other ages you've been." I'm only in my thirties but as I advance steadily into adulthood that becomes truer for me.

I feel more and more that I am the sum of all my experiences. I feel that the life stage I'm in is a compilation of memories, positive and negative, created by the me of the past for the benefit of me, now. Because the older I get the more I rely on past experience to inform me. And the less I care about worry or laugh lines because—as fellow Saint Mary's women, I'm sure you'll agree—we have more important things to think about.

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*Shannon E. Brewer Rooney '03 is editor of The Courier and will never forget the day Max Westler (English department) told her she was reading too much Sylvia Plath. He told her to go back to Le Mans and read some Billy Collins for a while. She's glad she listened.*



## Dance Marathon raises record amount



Dance Marathon Vice Presidents Alyssa Vinluan '13 and Kate Kellogg '13 and President Amy Tiberi '13 (from left to right)

Dance Marathon came to the College in 2006, students have raised more than \$610,000 for Riley. The hospital treats children from all over Indiana regardless of a family's ability to pay for medical expenses.

"Seeing that number revealed at the end of the night was absolutely amazing," says Amy Tiberi '13, Dance Marathon president. "Seeing the passion and dedication from college students for a cause bigger than this campus, and even the South Bend community, is such a humbling experience. Like I told them that night, 'A lot more miracles will be made at Riley because of that number.'"

Dance Marathon is the culmination of a year of fundraisers that ends with the spring Marathon where dancers raise funds by pledging to stand on their feet for 12 hours. Students from Saint Mary's, Holy Cross, and the University of Notre Dame participate in the event.

## Belles guard Shanlynn Bias '14 earns All-MIAA honors



Saint Mary's guard Shanlynn Bias, junior, was one of only twelve Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) women's basketball players to earn All-MIAA honors. The honors award is voted on by coaches from the MIAA league.

She led all conference players in both minutes played and steals, averaging 2.5 a game. Bias was third in free throw percentage in conference play, making 81.3 percent of her attempts. She also finished fourth in scoring among MIAA players, with an average of 14.0 points per game, giving her 224 total points for the season.

The All-MIAA Second Team honor is the first of Bias' collegiate career. This was also the 13th consecutive year that at least one member of the Saint Mary's basketball team has earned either All-MIAA First or Second Team honors.

## Math + Baked Goods



Olivia McIntee '13, left, and Samantha Brady '13 share a perfectly baked brownie and a laugh.

This spring a team of mathematics students finished in the top 15 percent of the nearly 7,000 teams that competed in the Consortium for Mathematics and Its Applications (COMAP) international competition called Mathematical Contest in Modeling (MCM). Samantha Brady '13 of South Bend and Olivia McIntee '13 of Sylvania, Ohio, made up the team that was named among the Meritorious Winners. They solved the eternal question: How can you produce brownies without burnt edges? Their solution: a hexagonal pan.

It is the fourth time a Saint Mary's team has had a Meritorious finish in the decades the College has competed. It is the first time Saint Mary's fielded more than two teams, with three competing this year. The other two teams received Successful Participant ratings. One of those teams included Jessica Kinnick '13 of Youngstown, Ohio, and Margaret Brown '13 of Corpus Christi, Tex., and the other team was made up of Brianne Michaels '14 of Valparaiso, Ind., Gina Deom '13 of Evansville, Ind., and Brigid Lally '13 of Cleveland, Ohio.

"I am very proud of all of them," says Steven Broad, assistant professor of mathematics. "They all presented interesting solutions with plenty of technical merit."

Brady says the MCM was a great real-life experience. "One major takeaway from this problem is that almost any situation can be modeled mathematically. As a math major the problems we deal with become very theoretical as you advance through the required curriculum, so being reminded that simple real-life problems can be solved mathematically is helpful," she says.

## It's been a busy spring semester!

For more College news, including stories about this year's Diverse Students' Leadership Conference and Love Your Body Week, visit [saintmarys.edu/news-events](http://saintmarys.edu/news-events).

# Leap of Faith

By Shannon E. Brewer Rooney '03

Alumna and College Trustee Paula Dawning '71 made a midlife career change that allowed her the opportunity to give back.

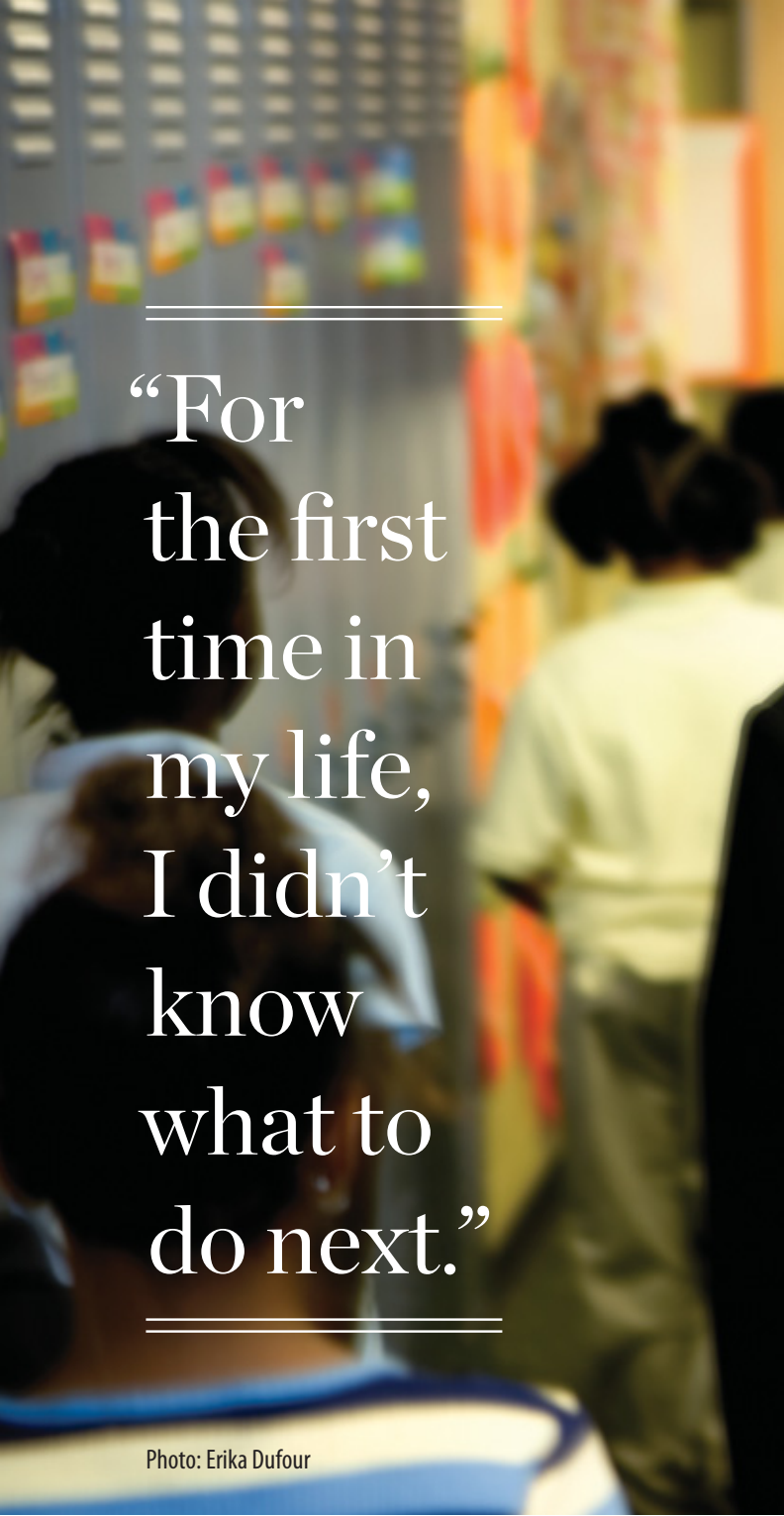
Sometimes it's a feeling we've only begun to acknowledge, or an "aha" moment, that inspires us to make major changes in our lives. And sometimes it's that nagging little voice inside of us that forms the foundation for our leaps of faith.

Paula Dawning '71 refers to that little voice, that calling, as her "Abraham moment." After 23 years in corporate leadership with communication giant AT&T, Dawning's spirit became restless. "You're done here," she heard God clearly saying. Feeling like Abraham moving his people out of his homeland with no clear destination, Dawning answered the call. She took advantage of an early retirement package from AT&T and posed one question in response to God's call, "I hear you, Lord. Where is it you want me?"

It was scary. "I'm a planner and for the first time in my life, I didn't know what to do next," says Dawning.

She knew only that she had led a blessed life so far. She had traveled the globe for AT&T, setting foot on almost every continent. She had received a good education and had met interesting people who taught her a lot about the world and about herself. She wanted to use her gifts to make the world a better place.

In retiring early, Dawning had taken a big leap and, thankfully, the soft landing appeared—in the form of an email from a good friend. This friend put her in touch with the Eli Broad Foundation, a philanthropic organization in Los Angeles that funds programs and policies to benefit students in public schools. They also educate non-career superintendents. She read about their mission and her interest was piqued. Dawning called the program director who happened to answer his own phone. He encouraged Dawning to apply.



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Photo: Erika Dufour

When asked why she gravitated toward education, rather than, say, feeding the hungry or disaster relief, Dawning points to two things. First, she has always loved children and most of her volunteer activities involved working with children and at schools. Second, she is the fifth of thirteen children and her family experience provided her with an understanding of children's needs, educational and otherwise.

In 2002, Dawning graduated with the inaugural class of superintendents from the Broad Foundation. Concurrent with completing the program she took on an interview for superin-





tendent of the Benton Harbor Areas Schools district in Benton Harbor, Michigan. “It was supposed to be a practice interview,” she says, emphasis on *practice*. She seized the opportunity, which turned out to be the gateway to her new career. She was hired.

For the next five years Dawning worked to improve Benton Harbor schools. She applied her executive and organizational skills to her task, overseeing twelve financially struggling schools with 4,700 students. One of her proudest achievements was working with staff to raise the reading proficiency—and she did, from 38 percent to 78 percent.

Her passion for the work never waned. “How could I look at those children, at those hopeful faces, and not do my very best work for them every day?” she says.

The job was demanding but rewarding. Eventually Dawning retired for health reasons. She left feeling that as superintendent of Benton Harbor schools, she had done the most important work of her life. Her big career change was a decision she will never regret. “I’ve always felt that God has ordered my steps. My only job was to listen and obey.” c

# Debunking The Ideal-Beauty Myth

By Adrienne Latson



Terri Russ

As women, we talk to one another and tell stories about our bodies, what we like, what we wish we could change. Using these narratives—the stories that women tell about themselves and their lives—Terri Russ, assistant professor of communication studies, explores the ideas of female beauty in our society. “In an ideal world, we wouldn’t need a narrative of female beauty because it wouldn’t matter,” says Russ. In order to debunk the false ideal-beauty myth, we first need to understand what it is and why it’s such a part of our culture, Russ says.

In her research Russ uses what she calls “body shape discourse,” defined as, “female talk, often within the context of friendship, focused on the perceived adequacies and inadequacies of the individual females’ bodies.” This includes chit-chatting with friends about weight, shape, hairstyle, etc. In the stories told by

the post-menopausal women Russ interviewed, women often expressed feelings of inadequacy over being unable to attain the feminine ideal—tall, thin, tan, blonde, and blue eyed.

For all its significance, it’s probably surprising to learn that while we can describe the feminine ideal, that person doesn’t seem to actually exist. Each semester, Russ asks her students to name someone who fits this mold of ideal beauty. Believe it or not, they can’t. Students offer up a variety of names—Cameron Diaz, Charlize Theron, and Gwyneth Paltrow, for example—but no one completely fits. “It’s like a unicorn. We can all describe a unicorn, even though we’ve never actually seen one,” says Russ. She says society tells women we’re supposed to fit into a specific box. Those who don’t fit—even though that includes everyone—can internalize those judgments about their perceived inadequacies and spend their lives and money attempting to attain the unattainable. Russ questions not only the beauty myth itself, but also why women tend to blame themselves for not living up to this ideal. Why not place the blame on society’s unrealistic expectations?

Little research on women and body identity exists, and of that research, the majority of it deals with young women.





Danielle Haydell '13

Post-menopausal women are virtually forgotten as research subjects. To collect the stories women tell about themselves and their ideas of beauty, Russ interviewed women aged 48-85 who live in a Green Valley, Arizona, retirement community. She asked about femininity, appearance, and aging.

For many of the interviewees, the answer was difficult to articulate. They often couldn't express what they thought they should look like, but they could easily describe how they didn't want to look: frumpy. Russ heard this adjective over and over again. Russ didn't expect her research to include what not to look like, but when she heard women using "frumpy" as a benchmark for how not to look, she was compelled to explore the term and what it meant to the women she was interviewing. "They didn't want to look like grandma, with grandma hair in a housedress and underarm flab," says Russ.

This research is an expansion of Russ' earlier work, which also involved studying the ways various cultural, media, and interpersonal discourses influence women's daily lives. Her previous research focused on women ages 18-24, and the "beauty mandates that dictate that a woman must be thin in order to be considered beautiful and feminine." Russ published a book

on this research in 2008 titled *Bitchin' Bodies: young women talk about body dissatisfaction*.

In the summer of 2012, Terri and Danielle Haydell '13 were awarded a Maryjeanne R. Burke and Daughters Pretenure Faculty Student Independent Study and Research (SISTAR) Grant to explore what feminism and beauty mean to women at different points in their lives. Haydell interviewed women ages 18-25 about feminism and Russ analyzed those interviews for themes of female empowerment. The women's stories all included tales of strength, empowerment, and activism. The team presented their final research, "Uncovering Truths about Female Empowerment," on campus this spring, as did the other 2012 SISTAR teams. Russ' research is ongoing, and she plans to present her material at conferences and possibly even write another book.

Russ and Haydell's research begins to debunk the unrealistic standard of the feminine ideal, placing the blame on society and not with women. Empowerment begins when we take control of the narrative and begin to question the ideal-beauty myth. When we do that, the stories we tell about ourselves and our bodies will become positive, appreciative, and supportive, not focused on the things we want to change. c

# Caring *for* Mom

By Teresa Sisson Rijks '73



## Mom had been acting strangely for a while.

For three years she'd wanted to buy shelving for her garage and couldn't make a decision. On the way to my niece's graduation, Mom refused to take a couple of steps from the wheelchair to the taxi at the airport. She thought she'd be arrested for fraudulently using the airport wheelchair service because she could walk. Her thinking got stranger until, in July 2006, at the height of our art gallery's busy season, I received a phone call. It was Mom and she needed help.

Within an hour I departed Crested Butte, Colorado, with enough clothes for a three-day visit to Albuquerque, New Mexico. The visit turned into the better part of six weeks.

My mother was undergoing a psychotic episode, a condition my siblings and I knew nothing about. We hired a psychiatrist and took care of her at home until her condition worsened and paranoia set in. She believed that I was wearing a mask and was impersonating her daughter. She feared I was poisoning her. She became hypervigilant and only ate or drank

from prepackaged items that were opened in front of her. Her weight dropped and she became dehydrated. Eventually, her physical health deteriorated and we had to hospitalize her.

When she had improved physically, Mom was moved to a psych ward. I remember sitting on my mother's bed, after answering all of the psychiatric nurse's questions, trying to assure her she'd be okay, and wondering if she would. Would Mom be safe? How could I convince her when I wasn't sure myself? The other patients frightened me. Some mingled in the lounge, speaking to invisible companions, screaming, crying, demanding to be released.

Mom had suffered a previous psychotic episode in the 1950s and was treated with electroshock therapy. An acquaintance undergoing treatment at the same time died on the table. My mother recovered fully and led a productive life. Now, she begged me to protect her from shock therapy.

My intelligent, confident mother had been betrayed by her own deteriorating mind and needed me to take care of her. She was scared and I was ill equipped.

In the midst of fulfilling my role as daughter, I was missing out as a mother and a businesswoman. One of my daughters graduated with her master's while I was at my parents' and I was unable to attend. Our gallery is in a resort area in Colorado and we depend upon our summer sales to get us through the year. I was doing the bookwork from afar and my husband and children, who are also my business partners, managed without me and offered their support from Colorado.

As my siblings and I debated about what was best for both of my parents, I struggled to understand who needed me most, where my responsibilities lay. My husband could hear the strain in my voice during our long distance phone calls.

For my own health, I tried to remember the second half of "Love others as you love yourself." I couldn't possibly be everything to everyone. And I had a good support system. My husband and children were my rocks. My siblings were right there helping Mom and Dad as we worked out solutions together, from Mom's medical care to Dad's move to an independent living facility.

Dad passed away last year. Mom just passed away in April. Five years ago, we moved them to Gunnison, the nearest facility to Crested Butte, so they'd be closer to my sister, Donna Sisson Rozman '76, and me.

As stressful as it has been, I know I have been blessed to be able to share these final years with my parents, to grow closer to my siblings and learn to share the responsibilities with them, to deepen my faith, and to grow as a person. Although I continue to sort through my various roles each day, I accept the fact that I am just doing the best I can in my circumstances. I have gotten better at setting parameters as well. Some people will understand. Some won't. And that's okay. **c**

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*Teresa Sisson Rijks '73, owns Rijks Family Gallery ([rijksgallery.com](http://rijksgallery.com)) with her husband in Crested Butte, Colorado.*



# Revering Wisdom

By Sharon Zint Marts '92

Aging in America means different things to different people. For some, it conjures the old adage about fine wines, bringing improvement with age. For others, growing old is marked by a decline in physical or mental health. As a society we tend to see aging as a reduction in vitality. Nurse educator and author Margaret Coberly writes that “the prevailing Western medical paradigm...[has a] preoccupation with speed, youth, beauty, and endurance.” Additionally, Americans tend to attribute a higher value to those in society who are contributing financially, which undermines our view of elders’ worth or “usefulness.”

And for most Americans charged with caring for an elderly loved one, feelings range from burdened to personally rewarded, and sometimes a confusing mixture of both.

At a time when 2011 census trends tell us we will soon have the largest population of older Americans, our ideas about aging may require a new perspective, one that recognizes the contributions of elders in our society.

Other cultures within American society may provide us with a different lens through which to view the last stages of life. For example, Asian Americans, Hispanic Americans, and Native Americans tend to revere their elderly, for whom they provide valuable roles and respectful end-of-life care, usually at home.

Native American cultures, especially, are known to give reverential care to the oldest of their tribes as a way of showing respect. Native American cultures have traditionally placed elders in prominent social roles. As leaders, shamans, healers, and seers, they are revered for wisdom acquired over a lifetime. In some Native American communities, elders are called “wisdomkeepers.” They are thought to have a close connection to the spiritual and natural worlds, which makes them capable advisors and leaders within their communities.

Traditionally, as Native Americans become grandparents, they are tasked with preserving their culture. They accomplish this by teaching their grandchildren cultural traditions that provide them with a sense of their identity as Native Americans. These include dances, stories, powwows, and ceremonial activities. While the dominant American culture often prescribes a role for grandparents that is indulgent, playful, and distinctly hands-off, Native American grandparents are given a primary role. They



provide necessary childcare and, as caregivers, are partially responsible for the upbringing of their grandchildren.

Because people are living longer, multiple generations within families are becoming more closely linked as each generation provides end-of-life care for the previous one. Researchers study older adults’ ability to integrate life experiences and gain powerful insights to them, which they pass on to their children and grandchildren. Their wisdom becomes a legacy for their descendants.

Our elders can play vital roles in our society. By acknowledging their past roles as mothers, fathers, and workers, and providing them with valued positions in our communities, we can begin to integrate their wisdom into our lives. And the lives of generations to come. Perhaps such changes will bring forth a renewed perspective on aging and give esteem to *every* stage of life. **c**

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*Sharon Zint Marts '92 recently received her doctorate at the University of San Francisco where she researched Sandwich Generation Caregiving and is currently writing and speaking on this topic in Dublin, California.*



# The Cost of Aging:

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## INCREASING SERVICES FOR A BOOMING 65-AND-OVER POPULATION

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By Shannon E. Brewer Rooney '03

**AGEISM IS EVERYWHERE.** In the U.S. we tend to stereotype people with wrinkles and white hair as slow, infirm, and even worse, useless. The truth is, because of developments in medical science and our aging population's own attention to health and wellness, people are living longer. They are eating healthier, exercising more, leading active social lives, and therefore, additional years of retirement span before them. As a country, we are faced with the challenge of providing health services to a large, thriving 65-and-over population.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) project that by 2030 the number of people over 65 will grow to 72.1 million, compared to 40.2 million in 2010. That's the highest number in our country's history. CMS is working to make sure their budget can keep up.

In her position with Real Services, an agency on aging based in South Bend, Brandyn Long Blosser '03 addresses a recent CMS policy to reduce stress on their system. The Hospital Readmissions Reduction Program requires CMS to reduce payments to Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) hospitals with excess readmissions, effective October 2012.

In laymen's terms, CMS refuses to pay for patients that are readmitted to hospitals within 30 days. They also fine hospitals for readmissions within 30 days. Since the average hospital stay poses an estimated cost of \$9,000-\$9,800, that policy hit hospitals hard right on their bottom line.

So, hospitals turned to elderly care experts in their communities to help educate their patients on self-care during and after their hospital stays in an effort to reduce hospital admissions. In South Bend, the expert is Real Services and, specifically Blosser, who coordinates the Real Care Program.

"Our focus is on empowering our clients to take charge of their own care," says Blosser. She and her staff work with people after their discharge to educate them on their illness, identify contributing factors, and help them maintain a healthy lifestyle. So far, it's working. Out of 90 participants, 85 were not readmitted to the hospital within 30 days.

Programs like Blosser's are few, but growing steadily in number. To her, increasing services is essential if we are to manage the potential health care costs of the burgeoning 65-and-over population. "Our society in general is so focused on the young. We have to be glamorous, perfect, pristine. If we would just embrace the reality, we could make real change for our older population," she says. The reality is that aging is not necessarily glamorous or pristine. It's a process that poses challenges—whether physical, emotional, relational, or financial—we all must face.

To shift our focus to the needs of that population, we need to look at ageism and our own prejudices against the elderly. Part of that is overcoming our own fear of aging. Social work professor JoAnn Burke, who is also director of the gerontology minor at Saint Mary's, says she refers to her students as "potential centenarians." You can bet that gets their attention. "It gets them to think about how they think about aging," she says.

The gerontology minor is a 15-credit, multidisciplinary program designed to prepare students for a number of careers. They learn about ageism, age-related diseases, elder law, art therapy for older adults, and even marketing to "boomers."

Students are taught everything they need to know about providing services to an aging population. They are taught how to relate to elders other than their grandparents, and to do that, they face their own fears about aging. "Our whole culture is youth oriented," says Burke. So our students learn how people's concerns change as they age. "It's more than just financial planning. It's not just about deciding where you want to retire. It's about managing a lifestyle," says Burke.

Despite being the youth upon which our culture is so centered, our students understand the stress a growing population of elders will create on our government systems. And they worry, "Will there be anything left for us?" Burke tells her students, "Not if you don't get involved now." The key for us now, Blosser and Burke agree, is to embrace aging for ourselves and others, to work against ageism, and to promote living life to the fullest. **c**

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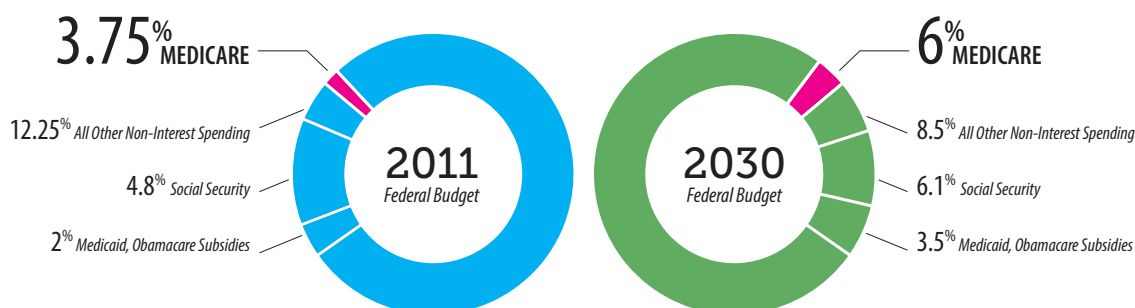
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– PROFESSOR JOANN BURKE  
on teaching her students to relate to  
the concerns of an older generation

# The Girl IN THE Mirror

A reflection on overcoming anorexia

By Christina Grasso '11



Photo by Julia Roven



At a very young age, I fell deep into the mirror and it has been ever so difficult to find my way out again. At just seven years old, I developed a very poor body image, and by age 12 had begun struggling with disordered eating. By the time I entered college, anorexia had fully taken over every aspect of my life.

Even at the depths of my illness, I could not admit to myself or those around me that I, a young woman who was smart, sharp, and loved by many, had been sidelined in the prime of my life by a debilitating fear of eating, of taking up space. I had so much going for myself. This belief was planted in my childhood as a small seed and grew.

Over the years I developed an ornate credo that had begun to rule my life in a powerful and destructive way. I based my self worth on my ability to survive without sustenance, and my day-to-day existence revolved around numbers and rituals. For instance, if the treadmill shut off in the middle of a run, I would have to start all over again so I knew I had met my caloric goal. Intellectually, I knew this was completely illogical, but it made perfect sense in the moment. The more I submitted to these disordered thoughts, the more dangerous my behavior became until even the very real threat of heart failure, a common risk for anorexics, couldn't penetrate the fog in which I had been merely existing.

Eating disorders are, of course, the extreme of the complex pathology so many women in Western culture face today. I think, at our core, many of us, as American women, are chasing the same thing. We want to be loved, accepted, and special; and in order to be so, we are convinced we must be thin. For far too many, that leads to crippling insecurities and an unyielding sense of dissatisfaction. For some 25 million in the United States, it leads to an eating disorder. But what are we trying to prove, and to whom? Why does being physically attractive hold so much power?

Those were questions with which I would wrestle in the years to follow, and I've spent enough time in treatment centers and hospitals to find answers. So far, I have learned that one is far better off channeling her time and energy into accepting herself as she is than chastising, maybe even destroying, herself to fit some ridiculous ideal of beauty. Beauty comes in any number of shapes and sizes. "Real" women don't just have curves, no. A real woman

lives in harmony with her natural state, whatever that might be.

I now reside in New York City and work in the fashion industry. I am surrounded by many women on a relentless crusade toward perfection, and have been thrust into the epicenter of the very population society insists is the most beautiful, and therefore, happiest. But as consumers, we only see the beauty, and not always the pain behind it. It's a challenging environment to work in but I choose to forge ahead with the career of my dreams. I am fully cognizant of the potentially treacherous waters, but in being able to navigate them successfully, in good health, I am getting the ultimate revenge against my illness.

Half of my lifetime has been spent in the shadows of an eating disorder. I cannot get those years back, only learn from them. To this day, I do not know all of the reasons anorexia invaded and nearly destroyed my life, but I do know I have come to

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appreciate the person I am because of it. I consider myself lucky for having gone through something that has made me a better and more insightful person, and I am so thankful it has given me a platform upon which I am able to help others. I want my future children to grow up with a mother whose attitudes and habits surrounding eating and body image are positive. And I certainly don't want to be an 86-year-old, in assisted living, whose day is ruined because she missed water aerobics. Instead, I want to be a strong and confident woman who isn't paralyzed by her fear of a cupcake. So I continue to fight the good fight with resilience, humor, and the love and support of my family and friends.

Tucked into the corner of my mirror is an image of a smiley four-year-old wearing head-to-toe leopard with wild, crimped hair. She was just a little girl; she had no idea of the storm that was brewing. I would never hurt that child, insult her, starve her, make her run until she collapsed—all things I did while in the throes of anorexia. I would, out of love, do all that I could to keep her happy and healthy.

That little girl is me, and I am learning to share my big heart with her, a heart that is now beating faster and stronger. **C**

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*Christina Grasso graduated from Saint Mary's College in 2011. While a student, she helped launch Saint Mary's Love Your Body Week program. Grasso has gone on to found the NYC Chapter of Project HEAL, through which she speaks nationally about her battle with an eating disorder to raise funds for others who suffer. Originally from Sharon, Penn., she now resides in New York, N.Y., where she works as an editorial assistant in the fashion industry.*

# Congratulations, CLASS OF 2013!

On May 18th, Saint Mary's held our 166th commencement on the Le Mans green. The Class of 2013 is made up of 374 women from 33 states and one other country (Korea).



“Remember what today is all about. We are graduating from college today. Stop second-guessing that pair of high heels that you decided to wear that might trip you up as you walk across this stage. Forget about where you will be living after tomorrow. This is your time to reflect on all the hard work you have done and to acknowledge the accomplishments that have brought you to your seat today.”

— ALLISON SHERMAN '13, *Valedictorian*,  
computational mathematics major

Maéva Alexander '13  
and Gina Althoff '13 in  
the graduation procession



Kara Quillard '13 steps  
off the stage with a  
celebratory cheer.



Take what you have learned here  
into a world that needs you.  
—President Carol Ann Mooney '72





"As a little girl, she would always ask to try on my Saint Mary's ring. Seeing her wear her very own makes me extremely proud," says Sally Herder '78. Her daughter, Julie Herder '13, graduated from Saint Mary's with a BA in communication studies. College graduation is an important milestone, but sharing an alma mater with her daughter adds special meaning to the occasion. "The long-standing traditions at Saint Mary's are very, very special, and being able to share that with a daughter is something that I wish every mother could experience," says Herder.

**Ambreen Jessica Ahmad**, Jasmine Neelam Ahmad '09  
**Maéva Margaret Alexander**, *Mary Elizabeth Gayle-Alexander* '76  
**Gina Kaylene Althoff**, Ann-Marie Roche Powers '99, Catherine Margaret Roche '03, Allison Leigh Roche '05  
**Lauren Maureen Anastasi**, *Maureen Martin Anastasi* '84, Ann Hurley Martin '60, Mary Jo O'Callaghan Martin '60, Megan Martin Galgano '87, Ann Martin Flynn '92  
**Corinne Elizabeth Anderson**, *Patricia Nolan Anderson* '85, Kathleen Nolan Robinson '75, Elizabeth A. Nolan '76, Maureen Nolan Brown '89, Meghann Robinson Kirzeder '03, Sarah Maureen Robinson '08  
**Megan Elizabeth Archer**, Ashley Archer Ford '05  
**Kathleen Teresa Arens**, *Ellen Connolly Arens* '75, Joan Connolly Harte '78  
**Arielle Bahena**, Mandi Beth Bahena '05  
**Margaret Mary Baker**, *Corinne McBride Baker* '82, Mary C. McBride '80  
**Jillian Serena Barwick**, Jean Weigand Morrissey '86  
**Alyssa Erin Baz**, *Paulette Raczkowski Baz* '96  
**Margaret Sue Becker**, Jennifer Ann Becker '10  
**Morgan Elizabeth Bedan**, Ann Leonard Molenda '58, Mary Catherine Willson Voelker '81, Ellen Willson Hoover '90  
**Lauren Elizabeth Berry**, *Mary Beth Beauchamp Berry* '87, Megan Marie Beauchamp '05  
**Lindsey Cecilia-Marie Bisch**, Trisha Suzanne Jones '03  
**Julie Anne Blaharski**, Shannon Mary Veit '02  
**Anna Marie Boarini**, Carol Anne Conaghan '11  
**Stephanie Ann Bodien**, *Patricia A. Bodien* '87, Annette Fontana Saylor '59, Anne Day Falvey '84, Teresa Carolyn Day '01  
**Kaley Brea Braunsdorf**, Anne Y. Fox '66  
**Megan Marie Byorth**, *Beth Kreber Byorth* '86  
**Emily Anne Caltrider**, Karen Ann McKenna Sullivan '77  
**Megan Ashley Carey**, Rosemary Nye Carey '25, Patricia Carey Mysak '77  
**Nichole Christine Clayton**, Maria Jean Spyhalski '12  
**Shelby Molieri Cornett**, Taylor Blair Cornett '11  
**Cailin Ann Crowe**, Jann Monaghan Reardon '76  
**Megan Kathleen Daly**, Cynthia Daly Cooney '80

**Meaghan Victoria Daly**, Mary Ann Daly '77  
**Nicole Christine DeRoche**, *Mary Biermann DeRoche* '81  
**Meghan Katherine Dillon**, Mary Dillon Burke '73  
**Anne Maureen Doyle**, *Mary Elizabeth Blaha Doyle* '85, Maureen Doyle Toner '84, Sheila Doyle Tully '87, Lisa Cellini Doyle '90  
**Tara Katherine Doyle**, Jane Bates Doyle '70  
**Emily Susan Fairchild**, Paige Catherine Fairchild '11  
**Meghan Kathryn Feasel**, *Julie Wagner Feasel* '89  
**Sarah Malone Feeley**, *Susan Malone Feeley* '82, Kathleen Malone Beeler '69  
**Bridgett Marie Fey**, *Cynthia Friedheim Fey* '88, Jeanette Friedheim Burdell '87, Denae Christine Friedheim '05  
**Amie Lorraine Fleming**, Colleen Day James '04  
**Julia Ann Fletcher**, Mary Frances O'Keefe Mulholland '39, Bette Breit O'Keefe '39, Patricia Daley O'Keefe '45, Mary Beth O'Keefe Buescher '71, Mary Mulholland Upjohn '77  
**Kathleen Ann Frechette**, Mary Julie Michelotti Pearl '83, Patricia Sheehan Pearl '83, Margaret Pearl Mundy '90, Laura Katherine Frechette '07, Christine Pearl Rastello '07, Margaret Theresa Frechette '09, Lynda Marie Pearl '09  
**Gina Marie Fredericka**, Caitlin Rose Fredericka '09  
**Margaret Ann Galvin**, Anne Catherine Galvin '11  
**Kristyn Nicole Gerbeth**, Patricia Nienaber Koellner '67, Kathleen Koellner Bentler '83, Kerri Sipes Koellner '93, Melissa K. Gerbeth '09  
**Francesca Maureen Gifford**, Nicole Marie Gifford Lowe '06  
**Megan Rose Gildner**, *Beth Wagner Gildner* '83, Rose Donovan Witous '53, Theresa Gildner Mosser '76, Laura Gildner Phipps '85  
**Kelsey Elizabeth Goslee**, *Julia Gibboney Goslee* '86, Kathleen Gibboney '73  
**Tressa Elizabeth Graehling**, Genevieve Baisley Atwood '92  
**Devon Meredith Graham**, Miranda Graham Lieburn '03  
**Katherine Ann Griffin**, Megan Elizabeth Griffin '11  
**Ashley Elizabeth Hannapel**, Kristin Hannapel Cutter '91, Jamie Barnes Hannapel '01  
**Molly Ann Harmon**, Janna Lyn Rogers '11  
**Julie Alexandra Herder**, *Sally Hoffman Herder* '78  
**Katherine Ann Hester**, Megan Kelly Hester '12

# 2013 LEGACIES

Thirty-three percent of the Class of 2013 have a mother, daughter, sister, aunt, or grandmother who graduated from Saint Mary's. (Mothers are listed in italics.)

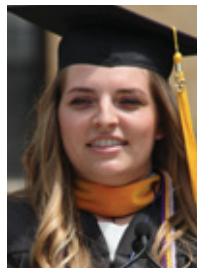
**Megan Anne Hogan**, Carol Collins Hogan '72, Erin Hogan Liebenauer '08, Colleen Mary Hogan '10  
**Caitlyn Patricia Holman**, *Michelle Taylor Holman* '81, Mary Taylor Spalding '57, Emmy Lou Keapock O'Connor '64, Moira Taylor Castro '84  
**Brittani Hradsky**, Kelly Hradsky '05  
**Elizabeth Anne Hudson**, *Maureen Rowley Hudson* '87, Allison Louise Rider '09  
**Marian Theresa Hunckler**, Abigail Nicole PeGan '06, Natalie Hunckler Fitzgerald '07, Trishia Lynn PeGan '10  
**Bridgid Erin Hurley**, Caitlin Ann Hurley '05, Jillian Margaret Hurley '11  
**Jenna Elizabeth Iberle**, *Mary Laue Iberle* '83  
**Courtney Rose Iversen**, *Dawn Parker Santamaria* '81, Brynn Iversen Vollmer '06, Chelsea Rhea Iversen '08  
**Megan Ann Johlle**, Mary Johlle Harrison '92  
**Mary Frances Kearney**, *Elizabeth Kloska Kearney* '83, Virginia Kearney Darche '79, Kathleen Kearney Siegert '81, Kathleen Kloska Diltz '81, Christine Virginia Darche '08  
**Kari Ann Keller**, Alisha Kay Keller Hoag '03  
**Julia Catherine Kenney**, Claire Patricia Kenney '10, Kathryn Korhumel Dise '75, Karen Korhumel Crotte '77, Ann Korhumel Filipiak '83, Maureen McCarthy Kenney '83, Joyce B. Murtagh Stengle '86, Colleen Kenney Vedra '94  
**Caroline Jeanne Kieilty**, Colleen Kieilty Lintz '08  
**Megan Margaret Kloc**, *Cynthia Ann Janus Kloc* '86, Nancy Kloc Genovese '88, Carol Kloc Browning '92  
**Elizabeth Anne Kraig**, *Mary Clare Calacci Kraig* '84, Margaret Schwertley Nolan '25, Elizabeth A. Nolan '50, Barbara Nolan Wagner '52, Katherine Nolan Calacci '55, Mary Frances Nolan Kensinger '69, Ann Marie Calacci '79, Frances Nolan '85, Mary Helen Calacci Ascher '85, Mary Margaret Calacci Edwards '87, Patricia Mary Nolan '89, Margaret Kensinger-Klopfert '99, Kirsten L. Kensinger '07  
**Kathleen Rose Kyler**, *Kathleen Gorman Kyler* '81, Rosanna Gorman Carney '33, Colleen Gorman Maloney '93  
**Brigid P. Lally**, Anne Patricia Lally '12  
**Mary Kathleen Lamp**, Brianna Noel Lamp '11, Lea Margaret Esposito '03  
**Megan Marie Lord**, Robyn Lord Fean '02  
**Megan Lynch**, Tracy E. Arnold Lynch '82, Marguerite Lynch Puma '91, Grace Margaret Lynch '08  
**Mary Madigan**, *Sarah Clarke Madigan* '83, Suzanne Allemon Clarke '78  
**Elizabeth Majewski**, Lucy Ann Hostetler '90  
**Erin Marks**, *Eileen Copeland Marks* '85, Kathleen Copeland Swanson '87, Sarah Jane Copeland '06  
**Meghan McAlpine**, *Patricia Helgesen McAlpine* '73, Pamela Helgesen Fitzgerald '79  
**Kari McClowry**, Michelle Silkowski Hackett '88, Erin Louise McClowry '09, Megan Elizabeth McClowry '10  
**Lindsay McDonald**, Ellen Margaret McDonald '00  
**Jacqueline McGushin**, Therese Finske McDonough '47, M. Jeanne Finske '53  
**Rosaleen McSorley**, Katherine Ann McSorley '07, Margaret Helen McSorley '09  
**Alison Meagher**, *Diane Demasi Meagher* '82  
**Madeline Meckes**, Alexandra Catherine Meckes '09  
**Ashley Morfin**, Shannon Katelyn Morfin '06  
**Molly Moskwinski**, Kelsey Jean Moskwinski '11

**Monica Murphy**, Barbara Neroni Murphy '84, Cheryl Kloska Murphy '86  
**Mari Nozykowski**, Eleanor Barany Gilroy '44, Anne Barany Monserez '48  
**Theresa Nucciarone**, Jennifer Mary Nucciarone '04  
**Cara O'Connor-Combee**, Shanna Kathleen O'Connor '04  
**Meghan O'Rourke**, *Kathleen Marie O'Rourke* '96, Kate Kanaley Miller '59, Sara Eck O'Rourke '63, Molly Marie O'Rourke '98, Kari Marie O'Rourke '99  
**Jean Osberger**, Alice Flynn Osberger '50, Judith Egan Donohue '60, Julie A. Osberger '73, Kathleen Osberger '75, Megan Kathleen Osberger '07  
**Maureen Parsons**, Virginia Jansen Parsons '59, Rita Jansen Field '72, Mary Kathleen Parsons '11  
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**Rachel Reed**, Joan Falvey Farr '66, Laura Farr Ping '85, Mary Rodovich Falvey '00  
**Kathryn Replogle**, Carol McCreary Peters '48  
**Courtney Reuvers**, Kay Reuvers Overstreet '90  
**Kristen Rice**, Jade Chanel Rice '11  
**Elizabeth Robbins**, Angela Louise Siler '10  
**Kelly Roepke**, A. Anastasia Zylka '08  
**Taylor Romens**, Allison Gordon Clements '06  
**Molly Ryall**, *Erin O'Neil Ryall* '79  
**Emily Ryniak**, Sarah Elizabeth Ryniak '10  
**Gabrielle Sabatini**, Marie Vanessa Sabatini '04  
**Angela Schott**, Susan Eileen Salazar '03  
**Stefanie Schwab**, Olivia Barzyldo Critchlow '05  
**Mara Scott**, Erin Leigh Scott '09  
**Maria Sheehan**, Jessica Ann Sheehan '09  
**Andrea Sherlag**, Whitney Camille Fron '09  
**Patrice Smetana**, Therese Kathleen Cullen '05, Kelly Marie Smetana '12  
**Whitney Soldo**, Nadine Leigh Vujevic '10  
**Kristina Sorensen**, Judy Mardoian Gavor '76, Debra Mardoian Haroian '82, Armene Gavor Kapamajian '07  
**Genevieve Spittler**, Teresa Cosiano Spittler '79, Mary Lynn Spittler Silvestro '80  
**Laura Stevenson**, Caitlin Marie Stevenson '09  
**Sarah Swiderski**, Katherine Susan Hoolsema '11  
**Farah Tahmassebi**, Dorie Wilkey Hoody '96, Laela Tahmassebi Benton '07  
**Allison Tatay**, Christina Tatay Brecht '02  
**Amy Tiberi**, Linda Tiberi Foley '92  
**Carolyn Till**, Christine Bugala Kicks '89  
**Katherine Trainor**, Patricia M. Horwath '67  
**Eileen Veihmeyer**, *Beth Lichtenfels Veihmeyer* '77, Claire Catherine Easby-Smith '11, Briana Mary Coyne '12  
**Alyssa Vinluan**, Charlotte Amanda French '07  
**Meghan Vismara**, Mary Ann Tavary '69, Nancy Tavary Cummings '70, Suzanne T. Brennan '71  
**Brittany Wise**, Margaret Ridgely Dalby '35, Mary Ridgely Root '37, Helen Ridgely Laueran '41, Barbara Pollak Laueran '69, Patricia Laueran Nobbe '75



# Commencement HONOREES

## Valedictorian



Valedictorian **Allison Sherman '13** is a computational mathematics graduate from Batavia, Illinois. Sherman plans to be a high school math teacher after completing a teacher certification program. As a student she was president of the Saint Mary's chapter of Pi Mu Epsilon, an honorary national mathematics society. She has also worked as a teaching assistant in the Department of Mathematics for the past three years.

## Commencement Speaker



Commencement speaker Kyle Zimmer and President Mooney pose before the ceremony.

Commencement speaker **Kyle Zimmer** is president and CEO of First Book, a non-profit that provides new books to children in need. The organization is an example of Zimmer's vision that social change can occur when the policy, business, and social sectors come together. She currently serves as a member of the Board of Directors for Ashoka. She also serves on the Youth Venture Board of Directors, and as a member of the board for James Patterson's ReadKiddoRead. The College presented her with an honorary doctor of humanities degree.

## Outstanding Senior Award



**Sylvia Cuevas '13** received this year's Outstanding Senior Award from the Alumnae Association. A business administration major with concentrations in finance and international business, Cuevas was active on campus as a peer minister, as senior class president, and serving the Student Government Association and Mission Council of the College. Cuevas represented students on the 2013 Commencement Committee and helped plan Heritage Week. She often read at Mass and said prayers to open College events. Cuevas graduated with her Certificate in Intercultural Leadership. She moves on to a job at Target Corporation headquarters.

## Honorary Degree Recipient



Honorary degree recipient Jennifer Mathile Prikket '95 with Holy Cross Sisters and College Trustees Sister Rose Anne Schultz '66, CSC, and Sister Agnes Anne Roberts '51, CSC

Alumna **Jennifer Mathile Prikket '95** was awarded an honorary doctor of humanities degree. Prikket is a philanthropist, mentor, advocate, and entrepreneur whose list of priorities includes women's access to quality education and fulfilling employment. Prikket is a former member of the Saint Mary's College Board of Trustees. She founded the Spes Unica Award for women from her Dayton, Ohio, high school who attend Saint Mary's. She is a partner of the Mathile Family Enterprise and serves on the Board of Trustees for the Mathile Family Foundation, which was established to transform lives of children and families in need. She is also founder and president of Bridging Hope Farms in Dayton, Ohio.

### Spes Unica Award



Chemistry professor **Toni Lee Owen Barstis** received the 2013 Spes Unica Award for teaching, scholarship, and service. While she has engaged in wide-ranging service on College committees, Barstis' signature contribution is her revitalization of the College's dual degree engineering program. Barstis has worked tirelessly with multiple departments on two campuses, Saint Mary's and Notre Dame, to integrate course requirements and modify program parameters for the benefit of Saint Mary's students. She provides the thoughtful counseling and encouragement that supports the increasing number of students who choose this demanding sequence, extending a tradition that is as old as Saint Mary's—offering women the option of non-traditional careers.

### Maria Pieta Award



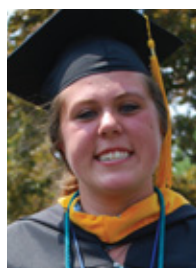
This year's Maria Pieta Award honors Assistant Professor of Humanistic Studies **Laura Williamson Ambrose**. While employing such modern tools as wikis, blogs, and e-Portfolios in her teaching, Ambrose then invites students to "unplug" in order to savor the old-fashioned pleasures of face-to-face communication. The result is lively intellectual conversation as students study an assortment of texts—literary, historical, and visual. Her department chair uses the word "fearless" to describe her pursuit of any new opportunity to engage with students. She was first in line to design a Critical Thinking Seminar, to be a First-Year Adviser, and to teach an online course.

### Saint Catherine's Medal



Social work major **Kelly Gutrich '15** was awarded the 2013 Saint Catherine's Medal for scholarship and service to the church, College, and civic organizations. Gutrich has been on the Dean's list each semester and has received the Moreau Presidential Scholarship. Gutrich has volunteered in the South Bend community as an algebra tutor, an aide at El Campito children's center, Saint Mary's Early Childhood Development Center, and the Center for the Homeless. She is a coordinator at a preschool day camp during the summer. Gutrich serves as the Class of 2015 treasurer, Five Star Club treasurer and coach, Campus Ministry intern, Love Your Body program committee chair, and the Social Concerns Committee co-chair.

### Lumen Christi Award



**Elizabeth "Liz" Palmer '13** received the Lumen Christi Award in recognition of her excellent leadership and loyalty to Saint Mary's. An excellent student and an outstanding athlete, Palmer graduated with majors in biology and psychology and a minor in religious studies. She completed both the Intercultural Leadership program and the Lay Ministry Program. She served as the Mass coordinator in Campus Ministry and as a lector, altar server, and extraordinary minister of Holy Communion. Palmer was a student ambassador for the Admission Office, a member of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee, worked with the College Academy of Tutoring, and studied abroad in Ireland. She was a member of the Belles varsity swim team. The Lumen Christi Award is the highest award the College confers upon a student.



### Making Their Mark

During Senior Week the Class of 2013 left their handprints and initials in the Le Mans tunnel to commemorate their graduation. It's a sort of "I was here" tradition, Belles-style. They follow in the footsteps (handprints?) of the Class of 2012, which started the tradition.

# 2013 REUNION

## A W A R D S



### OUTSTANDING YOUNG ALUMNA:

Kristen Matha '03

The Outstanding Young Alumna Award honors an alumna who, within 15 years of graduation, exhibits leadership not only in her personal and professional accomplishments, but also in her involvement with the Alumnae Association or the College directly.

As a Saint Mary's student, Kristen Matha '03 was a four-year letter winner in basketball, a student-athlete representative to the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association and served as student trustee. She parlayed her athleticism and leadership skills into a career, joining the National Collegiate Athletic Association in 2006 as a member of the NCAA post-graduate internship program. Currently, Matha leads the department's information management group.

Matha is a devoted Saint Mary's alumna. She stays involved with College athletics and never misses an alumna basketball game. She acts as an NCAA resource to the athletic department, answering questions regarding legislation. She regularly participates in political science networking events on campus, serving on discussion panels and attending department lunches. In addition, she is part of the Alumnae Resource Network, as well as co-chair of her class Reunion gift campaign for 2013. Matha also lends her knowledge and experience to the task of mentoring current students. She has devoted her time and enthusiasm to helping fellow former basketball teammate Anne Blair Payne '02, who was diagnosed with lymphoma last summer.



### HUMANITAS AWARD:

Mary Rainey '63

The Humanitas Award honors an alumna whose dedication and compassion have helped make the world a better place. This year we recognize Mary Rainey '63 for her lifelong service in literacy, education for women and families, and disaster relief, and her unwavering commitment to people in need around the world.

Led by her faith, Rainey has lived a life of service since high school, when she joined the Young Christian Students group. At Saint Mary's, Rainey obtained bachelor's degrees in Christian Culture and history, with a minor in philosophy. Rainey was inspired to join the Peace Corps after graduation and was stationed in the Republic of the Philippines on the Island of Mindoro, where she taught grade school to children who often lived in poverty and became school dropouts after grade two.

In 1980 Rainey began a twenty-year tenure at the University of Akron in Ohio, where she was a professor in the Child and Family Studies Department and director of the School of Family and Consumer Science. Her service work continued. She chaired the Board of Directors of the Good Samaritan Hunger Center in Akron and served as Chair of the Board of the Newman Foundation of the Cleveland Diocese, which supported Catholic campus ministries at seven Ohio universities and worked to engage Christian men and women.

Rainey now serves as a lead volunteer with the American Red Cross Southwest Chapter in Sarasota, Florida, where she has taught and helped organize more than 1,500 volunteers for disaster relief. She has received the Red Cross National Disaster Response and Preparedness Volunteer Award and was featured in an article in *Better Living Magazine* titled, "A Life Spent Helping Others."





#### ALUMNA ACHIEVEMENT AWARD:

### Hollye Harrington Jacobs '93

The Alumna Achievement Award, given annually by the Alumnae Association of Saint Mary's College, honors an alumna who is outstanding in her personal and professional accomplishments and is a recognized leader in her field of endeavor. The honoree exemplifies the standards, ideals, and mission of the College in its commitment to the value of a Christian liberal arts education. This year's recipient is Hollye Harrington Jacobs, Class of 1993. Jacobs is esteemed for her work in pediatric palliative care, as well as her efforts to educate healthcare professionals in this important field.

Jacobs graduated from Saint Mary's *cum laude* with bachelor's degrees in political science and history. She worked in communications and public relations at Polo Ralph Lauren in Chicago and two years into that job she completed an accelerated nursing program at Loyola University. She found her niche in pediatric hospice care and has since become an advocate in the field of end-of-life care for children.

Jacobs's education includes the University of Chicago MacLean Fellowship in 2002, serving as a faculty scholar in Harvard Medical School's Program in Palliative Care Education and Practice in 2002, and earning a master's degree in child development at the Erikson Institute in 2004 and a master's degree in social work from Loyola University in 2005. Jacobs currently serves as Project Coordinator for the Pediatric End-of-Life Nursing Education Consortium (PELNEC).

Jacobs began a personal blog detailing her battle with breast cancer for friends and family. Eventually, the blog evolved into The Silver Pen, where Jacobs posts on a variety of health-related topics. Her book based on The Silver Pen's content will be published in 2013.

In addition, Jacobs is a respected philanthropist, has served on a number of non-profit boards, and remains active in the Saint Mary's community.



#### DISTINGUISHED ALUMNA AWARD:

### Nora Barry Fischer '73

The Distinguished Alumna Award honors an alumna who exemplifies the standards, ideals, and mission of Saint Mary's College, and has distinguished herself through consistent support of Saint Mary's and ongoing work for the Alumnae Association.

Appointed as a United States District Court Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania in 2007 by a unanimous Senate vote, Nora Barry Fischer '73 works for the advancement of women in the legal professions. Fischer graduated *magna cum laude* from Saint Mary's with bachelor's degrees in history and humanistic studies. She obtained her Juris Doctor in 1976 from the University of Notre Dame.

Fischer served as a member of the Saint Mary's College Alumnae Association Board of Directors from 2006–2012. She serves on the board of the College's Pittsburgh-area alumnae club. In both of these roles she has acted as a liaison between the College and Pittsburgh alumnae, keeping her vibrant local club informed of campus news and connected with the College community. Nora has also returned to campus as a Shannon Executive Scholar. Fischer's involvement with the College extends to ongoing work with College Admissions. She is part of the Alumnae Resource Network and often hires Saint Mary's graduates as clerks. She also partners with the Career Crossings Office to mentor pre-law students.

This year, Fischer and her husband established The Donald R. (ND '73) and Nora Barry Fischer '73 Faculty Award for Teaching Excellence. This award recognizes excellences in discipline-specific teaching by a faculty member in upper-division courses in a major.

In addition, the Fischers are active in their community and in charitable causes in Pittsburgh. They are members of Sacred Heart Parish, Pittsburgh, and are well known for their generosity in organizations related to health and disease, as well as their involvement in the local arts community.

# 2013 REUNION



1) Members of the Class of 1978 gathered out of the Student Center to dedicate a bench to classmate Angela Andrews Ryan. 2) Members of the Class of 1978 pose in the Le Mans elevator, recreating a familiar request. 3) Members of the Class of 2008 pose with President Mooney at the Champagne Brunch. Left to Right: Caitlin Morgan, Erin Hartman, Margaret Lindley, President Mooney, and Margaret Clark

## CONGRATULATIONS

To the 2013 Award-Winning Classes!

**1943** received the Highest Class Gift to the College Award, raising over \$2,206,000 for Saint Mary's.

**1978** received the Highest Class Gift to the Annual Fund Award, raising \$84,801 for the Annual Fund.

**1988** received the Mother Pauline Legacy Award, documenting the largest number of new Mother Pauline Society members.

**1963** received the Class Participation Award, with 48 percent of the class making a gift to the College.

**2008** received the Young Alumnae Participation Award, with 35 percent of the class making a gift to the College.

Will your class be a winner next year?

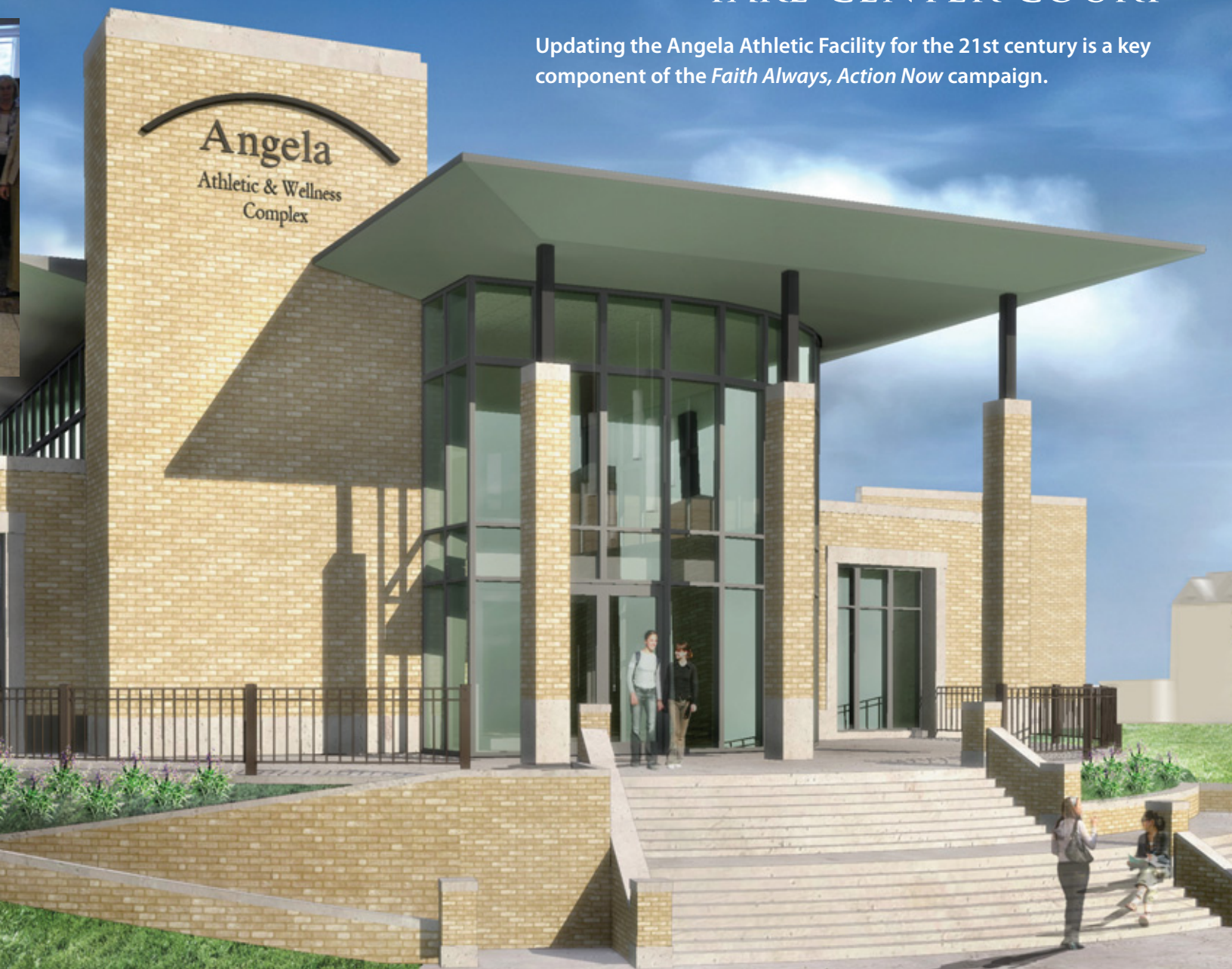
### Reunion 2013 Class Standings

Class of	Total Class Members	Annual Fund Gifts	Total Gifts & Pledges	% Participation
1943	24	\$100	\$2,206,900	8%
1948	84	\$8,235	\$8,740	32%
1953	136	\$19,100	\$81,568	35%
1958	192	\$38,705	\$71,725	44%
1963	229	\$13,277	\$791,307	48%
1968	310	\$72,398	\$165,153	43%
1973	422	\$66,114	\$178,827	36%
1978	464	\$84,801	\$182,291	38%
1983	445	\$52,970	\$146,482	36%
1988	433	\$30,384	\$42,532	37%
1993	405	\$45,792	\$138,102	35%
1998	315	\$16,090	\$23,706	31%
2003	378	\$8,585	\$14,115	21%
2008	343	\$7,605	\$8,460	35%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,180</b>	<b>\$464,156</b>	<b>\$4,059,921</b>	<b>34%</b>



## ANGELA RENOVATIONS TAKE CENTER COURT

Updating the Angela Athletic Facility for the 21st century is a key component of the *Faith Always, Action Now* campaign.



Architectural concept of south entry of Angela Athletic & Wellness Complex





## A GENEROUS CHALLENGE GIFT

Sarah Belanger Earley '71 and Tony Earley ND '71 invite alumnae and friends of Saint Mary's College to join them as donors to the expansion and renovation of the new Angela Athletic & Wellness Complex. The Earleys will match \$1 for every \$2 pledged up to \$1 million.

The match will include all gifts and pledges to the complex until the expected conclusion of the campaign on December 31, 2014. Pledges can be fulfilled over five years.

The Earleys are longtime supporters of Saint Mary's and dedicated leaders of the *Faith Always, Action Now* campaign. Sarah is a campaign tri-chair and Tony is a member of the campaign steering committee.

"Tony and I are eager to see the new Angela Athletic & Wellness Complex become a reality," Sarah says. "The current facility is woefully inadequate. We hope that our challenge will encourage others to join us in bringing this new facility to fruition, thereby enhancing our students' experiences—body, mind, and spirit."

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*\$2 million* from donors  
 + *\$1 million* from the Earleys  


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**\$3 million**  
 for Angela Athletic & Wellness Complex

## ANGELA ATHLETIC & WELLNESS COMPLEX

Few projects have the power to enrich and transform a campus community the way an athletic and wellness complex can. The new Angela Athletic & Wellness Complex will be a central gathering spot that provides space for intramurals, club and varsity teams, classes, fitness, and Women's Health.

The *Faith Always, Action Now* campaign for Saint Mary's College is securing funding to bring the new complex into reality.

**TODAY:** The current Angela Athletic Facility was built in 1977, when Saint Mary's offered limited varsity sports. The facility has never been updated and strains to support the needs of students, teams, and staff. While one locker room was adequate in 1977, today visiting teams, multiple athletic events, and the large number of facility visitors call for additional locker rooms within an expanded and upgraded facility.

**TOMORROW:** With \$14.8 million allocated for the expansion of the Angela Athletic & Wellness Complex, the College plans to:

- Build a new field house for varsity practice and intramural competition
- Add locker rooms for teams, coaches/referees, and personal fitness
- Relocate Women's Health
- Create dedicated spaces for fitness classes
- Relocate the soccer field and install bleachers
- Renovate the softball field and add new bleachers and a press box
- Add a track and a lacrosse field

### CAMPAIGN UPDATE

<p><b>\$80 million</b>  <small>TOTAL</small>  <i>campaign goal</i></p>	<p><b>\$65 million</b>  <small>RAISED TO DATE</small>  <i>82% of goal</i></p>
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To support the campaign for Saint Mary's College, please go to [campaign.saintmarys.edu](http://campaign.saintmarys.edu).

# THE CAMPAIGN *for* SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE

**1: Existing tennis courts**

**2: Training room**

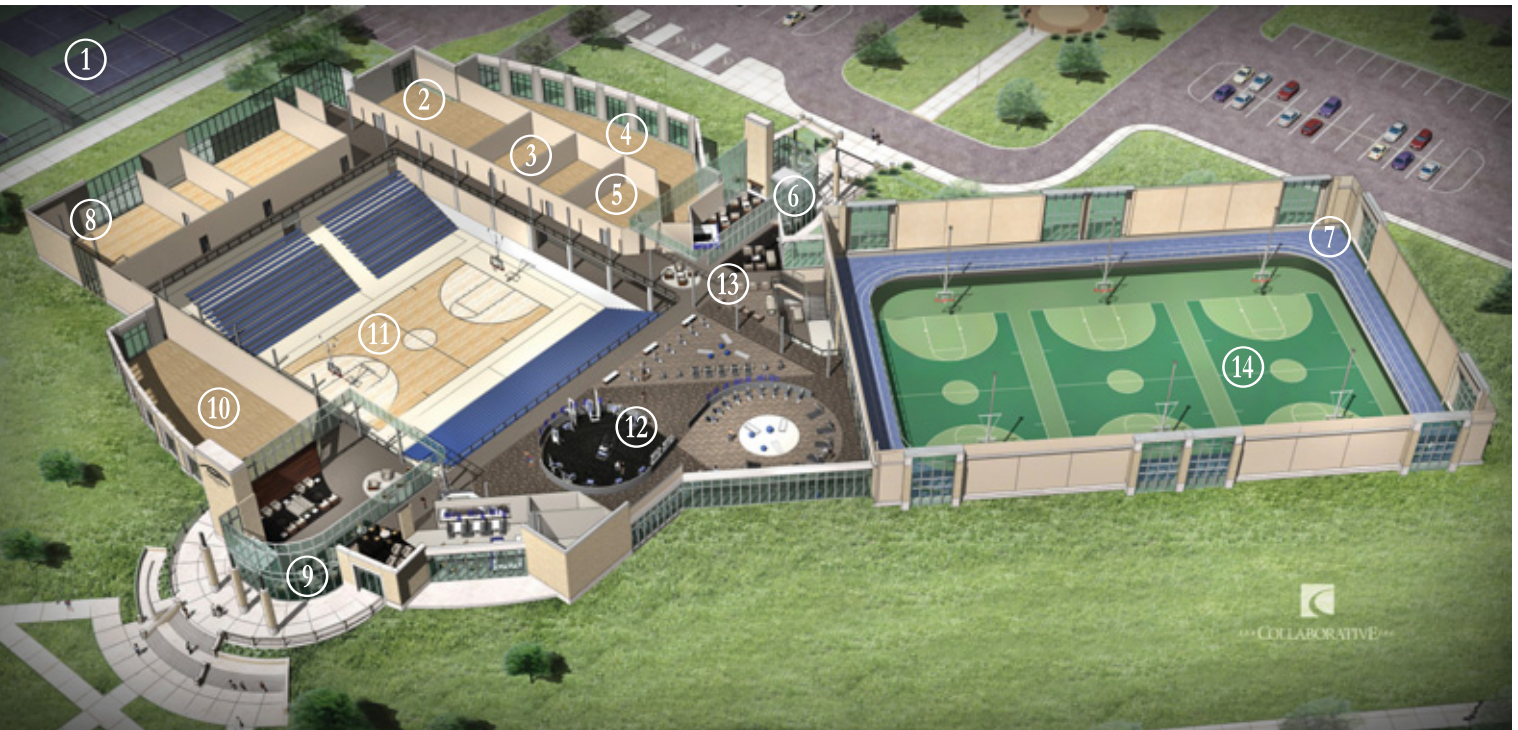
**3: Visitors locker room**

**4: Coaches' offices**

**5: Public locker rooms**

**6: North entry and lounge**

**7: Suspended track**



**8: Group exercise rooms**

**9: South entry and lounge**

**10: Women's Health**

**11: Existing competition court**

**12: Fitness area**

**13: Cafe**

**14: New field house**



## COMPLETE CARE

Relocating Women's Health to the new Angela Athletic & Wellness Complex will integrate health and wellness for Saint Mary's students.

Currently Women's Health operates in the basement of Holy Cross Hall, a tight space that, among other challenges, makes private conversations difficult. "A space built with privacy in mind—instead of continually making an effort to create a private atmosphere—will be a real blessing for us," says director Elizabeth Fourman, a board-certified women's health nurse practitioner. Students made 4,972 visits to Women's Health in 2012–13 for injuries, injections, counseling, lab work, and other needs.

## TRANSFORMING ANGELA ATHLETIC FACILITY



Dear Alumnae and Friends,

The *Faith Always, Action Now* campaign for Saint Mary's College is in full swing. The campaign has affirmed our love for Saint Mary's, sharpened our focus, and strengthened our dedication to transforming women's lives.

I am especially thrilled with the plans for Angela Athletic & Wellness Complex. This project will do more than simply update the facility. It will help with recruitment of talented young women as well as foster lifelong healthy habits in our students. The artistic renderings (some of which are featured in this insert) are generating great excitement as is a \$1 million matching gift by Sarah Belanger Earley '71 and Tony Earley ND '71. We are grateful for their outstanding commitment.

I hope you agree this important project is worthy of support. I invite you to consider a gift to the Angela Athletic & Wellness Complex and, as always, I thank you for the many ways you support Saint Mary's.

With gratitude,

Carol Ann Mooney '72  
President

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### Faith Always, Action Now Steering Committee

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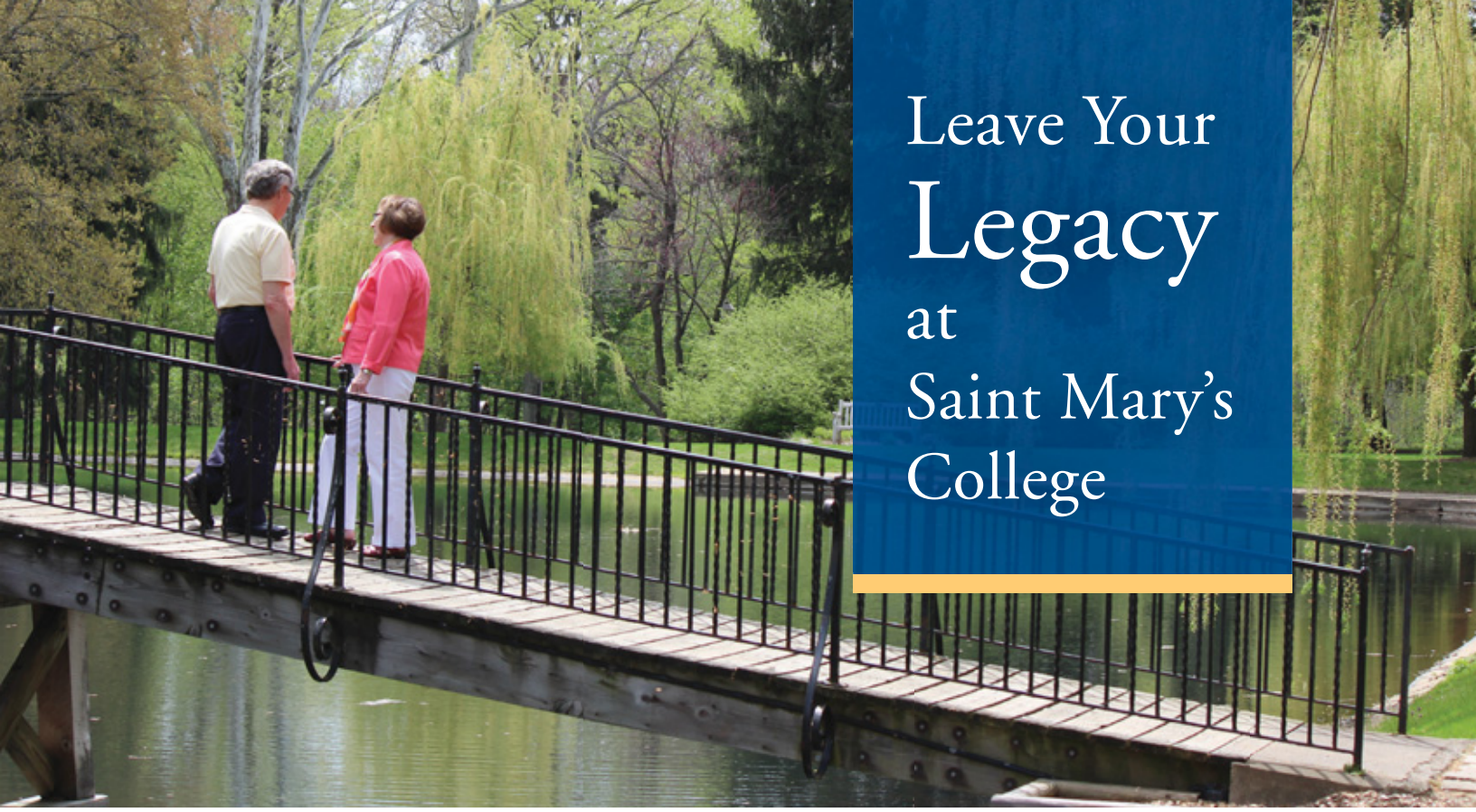
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# Leave Your Legacy at Saint Mary's College

## Use a Charitable IRA Rollover to Make Your Gift

Congress has reinstated the Charitable IRA Rollover for taxpayers in 2013, but time is running out. You may benefit from this limited time opportunity if:

- You are required to take a Required Minimum Distribution from an IRA in 2013
- You are concerned that your Adjusted Gross Income in 2013 may be high enough to force the phase-out of other tax deductions to which you would otherwise be entitled
- You would like to make a significant gift to Saint Mary's but are not comfortable depleting your cash reserves.

Under this new law, you have the opportunity to donate up to \$100,000 of your IRA assets to Saint Mary's, but you must act before December 31, 2013 to take advantage of this provision.



### Have a question?

Contact the director of gift planning.  
**Jennifer Winnett Denniston, Esq. '98**  
(574) 284-4600  
[jdennist@saintmarys.edu](mailto:jdennist@saintmarys.edu)



*Please consult your tax adviser to determine the propriety of a Charitable IRA Rollover in your specific circumstances.*

## Marriages

Helen Snyder-Gauthier '91 and Gwendal, December 8, 2012.

Teresa Lynch Nichols '92 and Donald, March 25, 2011.

Colleen Condon Huston '93 and Sean, February 18, 2012.

Amy O'Loughlin Courtney '97 and Mark, June 29, 2012.

Julie McGill Bartels '98 and Douglas, June 26, 2010.

Julie Gannon Psurny '98 and Shane, November 24, 2012.

Helen Yearwood Dever '00 and James, July 28, 2012.

Erica Burket Jackson '02 and Robert, November 24, 2012.

Anne Klinkhammer Dobie '03 and Ryan, August 4, 2012.

Erika Brito Estrada '03 and Jesse, July 23, 2012.

Jennifer Hackbush Monroe '03 and Thomas, August 28, 2010.

Gina Rowe Ness '03 and Bill, September 29, 2012.

Keri Luzik Cronin '05 and John, December 17, 2011.

Kelsey Schatz Kasper '05 and Michael, December 18, 2010.

Kristy Zaininger Lehner '05 and Ahren, February 26, 2011.

Lora Wilcomb Martinez '05 and Adrian, June 8, 2012.

Lindsey Lozmack Nelson '06 and Robert, February 16, 2013.

Sarah Mikrut Aker '07 and Timuchin, August 18, 2012.

Kim LaVigne Bialek '07 and Mario, October 26, 2012.

Jamie Treash Davidson '07 and Michael, December 8, 2012.

Amy Parker Dawson '07 and James, October 15, 2011.

Kate Wallach Schmiede '07 and Michael, September 25, 2010.

Hannah Starner '07 and Jason Jenkins, July 31, 2012.

Meghan Honerlaw Tooman '07 and Adam, October 13, 2012.

Katie Hallenback Wallace '07 and Steven, December 29, 2012.

Vesela Yondova Gilmer '08 and Robert, June 2, 2012.

Amanda Fritsch Miesionczek '08 and Matthew, October 6, 2012.

Giuliangela Rosato '08 and Joseph Mulherin, November 10, 2012.

Emily Arnold Schmidt '08 and Isaac, July 30, 2011.

Vanessa Trujillo Vega '08 and J.J., September 29, 2012.

Emma Moore Wendt '08 and Steven, January 19, 2013.

Molly Lamping Fleck '09 and Adam, September 29, 2012.

Jessica Huang Neary '09 and Kyle, May 21, 2011.

Ona Madonia Pappas '09 and Aris, November 3, 2012.

Jennifer Mahlke Wood '09 and Jonathan, May 19, 2012.

Ali Bender Quartironi '09 and John, November 23, 2012.

Anna Kammrath Derksen '10 and Andrew, August 4, 2012.

Ellen Boudette Flanigan '99 and John: John "Jack" Louis, August 25, 2011.

Courtney Wagner Kelly '99 and John: Patrick Terrence, March 30, 2013.

Colleen Borkowski Fontaine '01 and Eric: Caitlyn Mary, June 30, 2011.

Julie Norman Kimmons '01 and Rob: Benjamin Norman, March 3, 2013.

Emily Patterson Salamon '01 and Andrew: Kohler Andrew, August 2, 2011.

Noreen Gillespie Connolly '02 and Mike: Amelia Joan, November 9, 2012.

Sarah Alter Darling '02 and Chad: Mary Rita, December 3, 2012.

Brooke Wagner DeSapio '02 and Vince: Teresa Isabelle, October 19, 2012.

Caroline Eckert Marks '02 and Ed: Charlotte Dianne and Claire Margaret, December 12, 2012.

Carolyn Solomon Wujek '02 and Edward: Jane Frances, October 15, 2012.

Allie Higgins '03 and Michael Rittenour: Reece Taylor, January 19, 2013.

Jennifer Hackbush Monroe '03 and Thomas: Cecily Rose, August 20, 2012.

Keri Luzik Cronin '05 and John: Jacob Steven, December 29, 2012.

Kate Wallach Schmiede '07 and Michael: Caroline Jane, December 6, 2012.

Andrea Moon Verteramo '08 and Francesco: Domenico Armando, April 16, 2012.

Heather Wasikowski Howard '09 and Jason: Preston William and Killian Darryl, May 9, 2012.

Jessica Veen Mitchell '09 and Steve: Sophie Ann, January 6, 2013.

Erin Haines Vu '09 and Phong: Patrick Toan, December 13, 2012.

## Alumnae Deaths

Dorothy Reed Spalding '38, mother of Marianne Spalding Schiavone '65, sister of Betty Reed Argus '40, aunt of Susan Argus McNamara '68, February 22, 2013.

Elizabeth Hoffman Dunipace '39, mother of Karen Dunipace Meese '70, February 2, 2013.

Marjorie Mack Carr '42, sister of Mary Jo Mack Blaney '49 and Kathleen Mack Nolan '52, April 13, 2013.

Mardianne Benedict Wilson '42, February 6, 2013.

Mary Alice Massaro Martin '45, December 16, 2012.

Kathleen Abel Curry McAndrews '46, aunt of Alicia Purcell '74 and Andrea Purcell Katz '82, February 22, 2013.

Eleanor Kyne Meltzer '46, aunt of Maureen Kyne Przybylowski '82, January 2, 2013.

Clare Slattery Good '47, May 28, 2012.

Elizabeth Atkins Malone '47, October 14, 2009.

Jeanne Bailey Benson '48, February 7, 2013.

## In Memoriam

**EDWARD JAMES HUSSEY, 95**, passed away February 7, 2013 from complications of Parkinson's disease. Born Sept. 14, 1917, in Detroit, Mich., Hussey graduated from the University of Detroit with a degree in accounting. He served in the U.S. Army (1942–1946) during World War II, achieving the rank of Major, and was awarded the Bronze Star. He married Mariana Chase McCue on Dec. 1, 1945, in Hudson, Mich. They had nine children. After working as a partner in a national accounting firm, Hussey purchased Liberty Homes, Inc., one of the nation's leading manufacturers of homes, and moved his family to Indiana.

He served on Saint Mary's College's Board of Regents from 1978–1984, and in 1985 was awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws. "His gentle good counsel and care for Saint Mary's has affected all members of the Board, and made us all more aware that Saint Mary's College is founded on tradition, but nurtured by individuals," a fellow board member said of Hussey.

Hussey and his wife gave generously to Saint Mary's College, totaling more than \$2.2 million. The primary areas of support were Angela Athletic Facility, Cushwa-Leighton Library, and the Science Hall. Hussey's generosity was recognized with the naming of the original tennis court (as noted on a plaque in Angela), the naming of the second floor of the Science Hall, and the naming of the first floor reference area of the Library.

Hussey had several Saint Mary's alumnae and students in his immediate family, including two daughters, Maureen Hussey Key '76 and Mariana Hussey O'Rear '85; his daughter-in-law, Kathleen Vilona Hussey '80; and granddaughters Kerriane Key '12, Mary Kate Hussey '15, Kelsey Key '15, Bridget O'Rear '16, and Molly O'Rear '16.

Hussey was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Mariana; both of his parents; a brother, Martin; three sisters, Marian Lutz, Virginia Schueren, and Genevieve Hussey; and son-in-law, Robert Key. He is survived by his nine children, 40 grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren.

## Adoptions & Births

Colette Sheerin Condon '92 and Joe: Katherine Grace, August 21, 2012.

Alison Spohn Kavulich '93 and Larry: Caroline Marie, February 28, 2013.

Mary Sanford Dodd '97 and Alexander: James Richard, December 12, 2012.

Martha Sanford Ellsworth '97 and Todd: Owen Michael, March 27, 2013.

Molly Kilmer Flood '97 and Brian: Brendan Lyons and Kathleen Mairead, November 2, 2012.



Mary Amberg De Trempe '49, mother of Frances De Trempe Solomon '77, grandmother of Renee Gruber Walker '04, aunt of Jamie Mahan-Linder '02, February 19, 2013.

Cheryl Paul Ricketts '49, May 3, 2013.

Nancy Quinn Zoellner '51, sister of Margaret Quinn Jones '61, cousin of Judith Quinn '57, January 10, 2013.

Patricia Merwick McEniff '52, April 6, 2013.

Rosemary Mundi Nicastro '52, February 10, 2013.

Dolores Sheeran Scherrer '52, February 9, 2013.

Patricia McCarthy Bush '53, grandmother of Maureen Adele Bush '05, April 27, 2013.

Mary Margaret Hazel '53, January 12, 2013.

Joan O'Brien Holland '53, January 20, 2013.

Mary Gallagher Sullivan '55, April 9, 2013.

Susanne Vollmar Wood '56, April 9, 2013.

Mary Louise Young Yeager '56, March 29, 2013.

Sister M. Gladys Dombek, CSC '57, April 19, 2013.

Sister M. Imelda Martin, OP '63, October 18, 2012.

Mary Ann Meyers '63, January 18, 2013.

Barbara Evans Carlsson '65, sister of Joan Evans Clippinger '67 and Carolyn Evans Wanner '75, January 20, 2013.

Candace McKinnon Wolf '74, April 8, 2013.

Susan Sweet Howarth '77, sister of Mary Sweet Palladino '75, April 19, 2013.

Jo Frances Laverty Raynor '82, December 21, 2012.

Mary Alice Riedle Firth '90, sister of Christina Riedle O'Gorman '78, sister-in-law of Donna Speth Riedle '83, cousin of Michelle DeLee-Hamilton '91, April 3, 2013.

Gwen Cole '91, February 24, 2013.

## Family Deaths

Philip Allen, father of Maura Allen Maloney '84, April 3, 2013.

Thomas Armstrong, father of Ann Armstrong Berenato '81 and Beth Armstrong Perron '82, January 22, 2013.

Robert B. Baal, father of Kathryn Baal '94, March 9, 2013.

Lloyd Bickel, father of Lori Bickel Rachell '91, March 1, 2013.

William Brandt, father of Susan Brandt Dorst '85, January 21, 2013.

Charles Calhoun, Jr., father of Margaret Calhoun Appleby '78, April 3, 2013.

R. Harvey Chappell, Jr., husband of Joan Farley Midkiff Chappell '49, December 1, 2012.

Elaine Cotherman, mother of Laura Pfeil Elliott '84, April 30, 2013.

Michael A. DeCicco, husband of Pauline Romeo DeCicco '51, father of Della DeCicco Dewald '83, March 29, 2013.

L. David De Trempe, father of Frances De Trempe Solomon '77, grandfather of Renee Gruber Walker '04, uncle of Jamie Mahan-Linder '02, October 30, 2012.

June Fahey, mother of Jill Fahey Birkett '74, Colleen Fahey '79, Moira Fahey-Ullrich '80, March 16, 2013.

Joseph Garlock, husband of Patricia Christy Garlock '47, June 26, 2010.

Fred Gezich, father of Mary Susan Gezich '76, July 4, 2011.

Ernest Gilman, father of Jane Gilman Miller '71, March 26, 2013.

Robert Green, father of Mary Green Schwall '84 and Michael Green '86, April 12, 2013.

Veronica Henry, mother of Veronica Henry Kessenich '70 and Rebecca Henry '74, grandmother of Veronica Kessenich '01, February 25, 2013.

John Hickey, father-in-law of Kathleen Larkin Hickey '71, February 24, 2013.

Jack Hill, husband of Madelon Burcham Hill '40, January 15, 2013.

John Hodapp, husband of Nancy Cole Hodapp '55, April 26, 2013.

Edward J. Hussey, father of Maureen Hussey Key '76 and Mariana Hussey O'Rear '85, father-in-law of Kathleen Vilona Hussey '80, grandfather of Kerianne Key '12, Mary Kate Hussey '15, Kelsey Key '15, Bridget O'Rear '16, Molly O'Rear '16, February 7, 2013.

Russ Karpick, father of Kelli Karpick Doby '92, March 1, 2013.

Soren Klanderud, son of Helen Kalin Klanderud '59, March 29, 2013.

Richard Larsen, father of Mary Kathryn Larsen Moscardelli '92, Maureen Virginia Larsen '96, Kathleen Anne Larsen '05, Meghan Larsen-Reidy '09, April 22, 2013.

Thomas McBride, husband of Margaret Reynolds McBride '64, January 13, 2013.

Marianne McGarry, mother of Erin McGarry Hardison '02, aunt of Christine Wolfe '89, February 4, 2013.

Patrick McShane, father of Molly McShane Kelly '88 and Katie McShane '89, October 25, 2012.

Robert E. Melvin, father of Julie Melvin Ulliman '82, April 1, 2013.

Roland J. Meyer, father of Jan Meyer Benjamin '83, April 3, 2013.

Diane Molitor, mother of Tanya Molitor Zubryd '92, April 9, 2013.

Lawrence Monaco, father of Mary Monaco Morgan '79, March 5, 2013.

Richard L. Moore, father of Sharon Moore Cardona '81, December 19, 2012.

George Murphy, father of Moira Murphy Dargis '92, March 3, 2013.

James F. O'Donnell, husband of Elaine Bruck O'Donnell '48, February 3, 2013.

Thomas Ostrowski, Jr., father of Lisa Ostrowski Michaels '96, April 2, 2013.

Sandra Patrick, mother of Seanne Patrick Buckwalter '95 and Colleen Patrick-Lenart '99, grandmother of Ashley Breen DiGiannantonio '10, sister-in-law of Barbara Patrick O'Toole '59, November 12, 2012.

Robert V. Remini, father of Joan Remini Costello '75, March 28, 2013.

Kristen Riebenack, daughter of Mary Ann Smith Riebenack '62, April 7, 2013.

Maurice Rinella, father of Rosemarie Rinella Stocky '70 and Marilou Rinella McGirr '75, February 21, 2013.

Donald Rollheiser, husband of Patricia Baker Dekker '61, September 14, 2012.

Anthony Rowland, father of Rachel Rowland Davies '80, February 27, 2013.

Alice Stayer, mother of Launa Stayer-Maloney '62, February 23, 2013.

Daniel Sullivan, father of Maura Sullivan '95 and Kearney Sullivan '98, September 29, 2012.

Val Trinkley, father of Rachel Trinkley '06, brother of Joy Trinkley Heffernan '74, May 9, 2013.

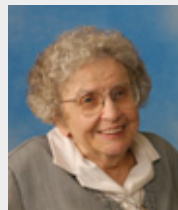
William Trunck, Jr., son of Priscilla Holland Trunck '60, January 22, 2013.

Marjorie FitzSimons Wade, mother of Leslie Anne Wade '85, March 2, 2013.

Karen Wroblewski, mother of Julie Wroblewski Tourtillotte '82, March 15, 2013.

Rick Zache, father of Amie Zache Kinkade '01, February 12, 2013.

## In Memoriam



**SISTER MARY BARNARD, CSC**, former chemistry and physics professor, died April 4th in her residence at Saint Mary's Convent on campus. Barnard's ministry called her to teach in primary grade schools for 33 years. She obtained her PhD in science in 1955 from The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC, and for 15 years she taught chemistry, biology, and physics at the high-school level. She also taught chemistry and physics at Dunbarton College in Washington, DC, and at Saint Mary's.

In 1969 Barnard returned to teach at the elementary-school level. Eventually she transitioned from full-time teaching to tutoring and took on other support roles at Holy Cross School in Garrett Park, Maryland. In 1994, after almost 55 years of teaching, Sister Mary retired to Saint Angela Hall, Kensington, Maryland, and then to Saint Mary's Convent, where she embraced her new ministry of praying for the needs of the congregation and its benefactors. In her retirement Barnard was an avid reader. She spent time visiting with fellow sisters and her rosary was her constant companion.

The essence of Barnard's character and personality can be summed up in the unique title the caregivers on her floor in Saint Mary's Convent gave her, "Oh most gracious one!" Her caregivers and fellow sisters remember fondly her calm, nurturing, and loving nature.



## Buffalo

It has been such a pleasure to serve as the president of the Buffalo club for the last two years. I will be transitioning over to the new club president, Mary Maloney '84, over the next few months. We will be in touch when we know if there will be a freshman send-off based on local attendance for the fall semester. We will also let you know the dates for future club events shortly. Enjoy your summer! Mary Ellen Kreuz contact info: mekreuz@aol.com or 716-634-4831.

## Chicago East

The Chicago East Club will be welcoming new executive board and committee members for the 2013–2014 season. This is the perfect time to attend a meeting or happy hour and learn how you can get involved! Please contact the President Emeritus, Kate Treder '07, for more information SMCChicagoPresident@gmail.com.

On June 19th, 2013 we held our annual Scholarship Tea Fundraiser at the Union League Club of Chicago. Our committee organized a fabulous silent auction and raffle to benefit our Chicago Endowed Scholarship. A big thank you to Barbara Patrick O'Toole '59 for hosting this event!

Happy summer to all of our Chicago Belles! We hope you are enjoying the warmer weather in the city!

## Chicago West

The Chicago West Alumnae Club continues to draw an active book club crowd each month – please join us the last Thursday of each month, through October when we'll look for book suggestions & hostesses for 2014.

In June the club gathered to spend a day at the park. Club members & their families met at Cantigny Park in Wheaton for a picnic and to tour the gardens and museum areas. What a great time – many thanks to Joanne Tracy Marsh '69 for coordinating the event.

The student sendoff will be hosted by Shannon Maloney Giovino '04 at her home in Aurora. It is always an enjoyable evening as we welcome freshmen and their parents to visit and ask questions of current students, recent grads and the rest of us! We look forward to meeting our future Belle sisters.

Plans are underway for a wine tasting event to celebrate Founders' Day in the fall. Show us your interest on our Facebook page: Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame Chicago West Alumnae Club.

As always, if you'd like to get more involved or host an event, please contact one of our board members.

## Cleveland

The home of Katie McVoy '03 was the sight for the Club's annual meeting on Thursday, May 2. The meeting was very well attended and the response was overwhelming for the seeking of alumnae to chair events for the coming year.

Events for the coming year will include a Saturday lunch in June, the student send-off in August, Founders' Day in October at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, preparation of exam care packages in November, the Pittsburgh Steelers v. Cleveland Browns Football game on November 24, Christmas Social & Cookie Exchange in December, a service project in January, and a visit to the Cleveland Museum of Art for the winter event. We hope many alumnae will participate.

The Club extends a warm welcome to all 2013 graduates. We congratulate you on your

achievements and hope that many of you will get involved with the Club.

The Club's primary method of communication is through email. If you do not have an e-mail address and wish to receive information about the Club through the mail, please call 440-526-8966. For further information about upcoming events, please contact Cheri Petride Miller '79 at smcosu@earthlink.net

## Des Moines

The Des Moines Club will hold two events this summer, including a service project chaired by Sarah Sullivan Bigelow '96 and a planning meeting. For details, contact Aimee Beckmann-Collier '75 at aimee.beckmann-collier@drake.edu.

## Detroit



In honor of celebrating the month of March to service, the Saint Mary's Detroit Alumnae Club conducted a service event in memory of Bridget Smith, a very special girl! Bridget, the 12-year-old daughter to Brian (ND alum) and Louise Foley Smith '88, and sister of Catherine (SMC '16) of Plymouth, MI, passed away this past fall at The University of Michigan Hospital after a brave battle with cancer. Known as "Bridget the Brave," she rallied against the odds to live three years longer than the hand-full of months the doctors originally predicted.

A dozen area alumnae shopped for items at a local Target to donate to The University of Michigan Mott Children's Hospital. Along with individual contributions, the Detroit Alumnae Club also made a donation for every alumna who attended this event.

After a successful shopping adventure, Bridget's mother, Louise Foley Smith '88 and alumnae gathered at Panera Bread for lunch.

## Houston

The Houston Alumnae Club had a wonderful turn out for the Founders' Day event where we raised money for the scholarship fund. For the April Service Project we worked with Urban Harvest weeding the flower beds, building new flower beds and planting herbs and vegetables in their community garden. Urban Harvest leader Noah Brenner was quoted in saying that this was the most productive volunteer day they have had. We would like to continue to do work with this wonderful organization. Please email us at houston-smc@gmail.com if you have any questions about this organization or have any ideas of other ways for our club to get involved with the community.

Congratulations to all of the new graduates!



We send well wishes and prayers to you as you embark on this next chapter of your life! We would like to encourage any of the 2013 graduates who are moving to or returning to the Houston area to get involved in the Houston Alumnae Club, you can email us at houston-smc@gmail.com, find us on Facebook at "Saint Mary's College Houston Alumnae Club", and follow us on twitter @HoustonSMC.

## Knoxville

The Knoxville club has a small but committed group of members. We meet 3 to 4 times a year. We had a great Christmas dinner party with spouses/ guests and had our second annual St. Patrick's Day get together. We will have a luncheon to welcome new freshmen and returning students in late July. We communicate by email. If you are not hearing from us, the address is knoxsmc@gmail.com, or give Maggie Slankas a call at 865-483-7896.

## Los Angeles



Mary Hustead Bottum '58 invited southern California alumnae and Shari Rodriguez, Vice President of College Relations, to her home for a reception celebrating the Los Angeles Alumnae Club's selection as the Alumnae Association Club of the Year 2011–12. Alumnae and their guests were treated to a lovely buffet of hors d'oeuvres, white wine, and sparkling water. Shari Rodriguez presented the Club with the Club of the Year award and shared exciting updates from the College: including highlights from the Campaign event in February, speakers on campus: Rebecca Skloot, Sonny Lacks, and Audra McDonald. Everyone enjoyed the opportunity to be connected with the pulse of campus. Afterwards, Mary Bottum '58, an accomplished pianist, led everyone in a sing-along of "The Belles of Saint Mary's." The group took advantage of the unique opportunity to capture the moment that brought together southern California alumnae from the 30s, 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s, 90s, 00s, and 10s with a photo.

## Milwaukee

The Milwaukee Club has a lot of great events planned for the second half of 2013! Here's a list of upcoming events.

June 25, 2013, our annual Milwaukee Brewers Baseball game and tailgate! Join us on Tuesday evening, June 25, 2013, as our Milwaukee Brewers host the Chicago Cubs for an interdivisional rivalry game. The event kicks off at 5 p.m. with a delicious catered tailgate dinner complete with food and beverages and a game ticket in the 200 sections along either first or third base. First pitch is at 7:10 p.m. Cost is \$60 per person and all Saint Mary's and Notre Dame alums, adult children, guests, current students and parents are invited.

August 4, 2013, is our annual student send-off luncheon. This year's send-off party is being hosted by Molly Schleeter Bell '97 who has graciously offered to open her Wauwatosa home to new and current students and their parents on Sunday, August 4 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. with a light luncheon, short program and parting gifts for our newest students. All alumnae interested in helping Molly with this year's luncheon, please send an email to Club President, Mary Rukavina Kuhnmuensch '78.

September 7, 2013, is our annual Habitat for Humanity Service Project event. The event runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, September 7 and details of the location of the Habitat site will be forwarded to all interested alumnae and their adult children as we get closer to this event. This is a great project that Club Vice-President, Kelly O'Connor Dancy '06, has organized and managed for the past two years. It's a fun day and a great way of letting our Milwaukee Community know about Saint Mary's College and our very giving and generous alumnae!

October 22, 2013, is our very successful and well attended Founders' Day Cocktail Reception at the Milwaukee Athletic Club. This event grows bigger every year and last year over 23 area alumnae signed up and attended. Our continued thanks to alums, Kathy Sheedy '78, and her sister Annie Sheedy Seidel '84, who have organized and sponsored this event for the past two years. The event is held on a Tuesday evening from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and all alums, current students and their parents are invited. The cost of this event is usually \$25 per person and this year we plan to ask for an additional \$5 to \$10 donation that will be used to purchase small gift bags of snacks to send to our current students to help them weather first semester finals week!

As always, if there are other types of activities or events that any of you would like to suggest or help organize, we are very interested in hearing from you.

## Pittsburgh

Greetings Belles of Pittsburgh! If you are interested in becoming a member of the Saint Mary's College Pittsburgh Alumnae Club, or becoming more involved with the Board of Directors, please contact Colleen Miles, '03 at colleenbmiles@gmail.com for more information.

## San Diego

As we welcome our beautiful sunny summer days, the San Diego Club continues to sponsor activities to get all our local Belles together for fun and celebration.

Our monthly Book Group, coordinated by Lynn Dargis Ambrose '52, is a stalwart of the Club. *Olive Kitteredge* by Elizabeth Stout is the most recent selection. Martha Hartwich '01, moderated a lively discussion of this very popular literary best seller. ALL alums are welcome to join the group—even if you haven't read the book! Lynn sends out monthly email updates with next month's selection and the location of the meeting. Our Book Group meets every month, even during the summer, and you are encouraged to join at any time.

Our Annual Meeting was held June 8th at the Clubhouse of President Sandy Parry Kesser's '07 condominium complex. Many San Diego Belles met to discuss officer elections and plans for new activities. We discussed the upcoming Notre Dame Club of San Diego's Golf Tournament, to be held July 21-22, always a fun event with a good mixture of ND and Saint Mary's participants. We also put August 3, 2013, on our calendars for the Annual ND/SMC Student Send-Off, held at Spreckles Park in lovely Coronado.

We discussed several upcoming events for Fall and Winter, including our Annual Founders' Day celebration; our 6th Annual Christmas Cookie Exchange; and plans for an upcoming Fund Raiser. And of course, the Notre Dame Football Game Watches are not to be missed!

The Annual Meeting was an important event to form committees and make plans for our upcoming Club events, but it was also a wonderful chance for us to catch up with our fellow Belles, sharing hugs, smiles and laughter. It's always fun when we get together! Please look for our email updates, or feel free to contact Sandy or Barb with questions. And have a wonderful and blessed sunny San Diego Summer.

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All newcomers to San Diego, or ladies who have yet to join us, please know you are always welcome to join our warm group of amazing women.

## South Bend

Happy summer fellow Belles! The South Bend Club has been extremely busy! Our first ever trivia night was a success! We were able to raise over \$3400 for the South Bend Scholarship! We had such a positive response from the trivia night – we are considering making it an annual event! On April 27, our community service chair, Meagan Temple '10, spearheaded the Community Carnival. It was a fun-filled afternoon for the local school children to play games and participate in various sports clinics put on by current Saint Mary's athletes! Hannah and Friends was generous enough to donate their large campus to host the Community Carnival. All proceeds benefited Hannah and Friends and Special Olympics.

And just this past Friday, May 17, we had a wine and canvas event at the UCanPaint2 location by the Ironwood Martin's. A record 42 Alumnae showed up to paint a picture similar to Saint Mary's campus, socialize and drink wine! We want to thank everyone for their recent participation in our new events! We still had our standard events: assembling candy-filled bags for the juniors for spring finals. Thank you so much for your candy donations! We also had our summer picnic at Potawatomi Park on Saturday, May 11. We enjoyed Martin's chicken, and everyone brought a dish to pass. It was a family-fun event where our children

were able to play at the park, and some families went to the zoo after lunch! If there are other events you would like to see, let Jennifer Urgonski Keck '04 know, and she will try to add them to the 2013-2014 list of activities.

If you are interested in serving on the South Bend Alumnae Board for the 2013-2014 year, let President Jennifer Urgonski Keck '04 [jennifermkeck@hotmail.com](mailto:jennifermkeck@hotmail.com) know your interests.

## Twin Cities

Twin Cities Alumnae Club made a donation to the Saint Mary's General Scholarship Fund in honor of Dr. Marilou Eldred's (former Saint Mary's President) retirement from the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. In addition, on June 1st, members of the club joined the TC Notre Dame Club and Hearts & Hammers to provide exterior painting and home improvement assistance for senior and physically disabled homeowners in the Twin Cities. The annual Student Send Off is planned for August. If you would like more information or have an idea for a club event, please contact: [kellyroles@comcast.net](mailto:kellyroles@comcast.net)

## Washington, DC



With summer fast approaching, the Washington, D.C., Alumnae Club has been busy planning new ways to engage alumnae of all years. We welcome the recent graduates in the area and look forward to seeing them at our future events!

We hope to see our next happy hour be as successful as the one we held in April. Many thanks to all those who attended! The D.C. club is now looking forward to the student send-off in August to welcome the Class of 2017. This event is open to all Alumnae; therefore, please watch your email for the details in our next newsletter. Additionally, the D.C. club is happy to announce that it will be launching a book club this fall. More details are to come!

As always, we encourage each of you to join us at our planned events and activities. The club's success ultimately depends on our members' participation. The club is always looking for volunteers to help coordinate activities and host events.

To be added to our mailing list, please contact [saintmarysdc@gmail.com](mailto:saintmarysdc@gmail.com) to receive daily emails about upcoming events. For more information on the Washington, D.C., Alumnae Club, please contact Sophie Benitz '10 at [sophiebenitz@gmail.com](mailto:sophiebenitz@gmail.com). We also encourage you to check out our club's website and to connect with us on Facebook!



'48

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Really looking forward to our next Reunion in May 2013 and catching up on the news of our "glorious girls of '48"

I am still traveling—to Australia and New Zealand over the 2012-2013 holidays. Being in a catamaran next to the bridge in Sydney Harbor watching 6.9 million dollars in fireworks go off on New Year's Eve was a bit heady for an Indiana housewife.

A "dream" note from **Carrie Powers Powell** was a super updating of several of our classmates, including **Elaine Bruck O'Donnell's** daughter who was evacuated from Belle Harbor to Elaine's during the Sandy Hurricane.

Carrie is also in touch with **Regina Milligan Sweeney**—the two of them visited **Petrina Mitchell Simpson** when she was in a nursing home. Now Regina is in a nursing home.

At least once a year, Carrie and **Harriet Enneking Myster** also get together. An e-mail to Carrie from Barney Terstegge informs her of **Laura Ronald Harpring's** death early in 2012—it was in Laura's parent's kitchen that Bob Powell proposed to Carrie one Derby Day weekend—How romantic is that for someone in the "class of 1948 glorious girls" See you at SMC!

It is a good thing that **Harriet Enneking Myster** and I have broad shoulders as we were the only two representing our class of 1948 at the Reunion in May.

A "reporters dream" note from **Carrie Powers Powell** was a great updating of several of our classmates. Carrie told of **Elaine Bruck O'Donnell's** daughter who was evacuated from Belle Harbors to Elaine's during the Sandy Hurricane.

Carrie is also in touch with **Regina Milligan Sweeney**, when the two of them visited **Petrina Mitchell** in a nursing home. Regina is now in a similar facility.

Our very special class pianist **Mary "Barney" Terstegge Means** continues to play for several churches and various special events. Several of her children live nearby, much to her joy.

An email to Carrie from Barney informed her of **Laura Ronald Harpring's** death early in 2012. It was in Laura's parents kitchen that Bob proposed to Carrie one Derby Day weekend – how romantic is that!

A trick knee has prevented Harriet from continuing as a volunteer educator at the Cincinnati Zoo. So now she drives people to places they cannot get on their own. Fortunately, she can still indulge her passion for travel.

This New Year's Eve I was in Sidney, Australia, being in a catamaran watching 6.9 million dollars of fireworks go off – pretty heady for an Indiana housewife. I have collected a few extra Reunion golden plastic glasses – and will be willing to serve a drink of choice to anyone coming to Marion, Indiana.

'49

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If anyone wishes to take over the future April column, please let me know. I volunteered for two columns per year, but we are now informed there

are to be three columns per year. I would love to have someone do one column.

A few current exceptions to our usually silent majority are gratefully acknowledged: the Billingsley family Christmas letter from Englewood Fl. can always be counted on. Bob writes that he and **Sally Tiedebohl Billingsley** are "aging gracefully" as they travel around the country visiting children and grandchildren. "Sally is golfing and bridging a couple times per week" while Bob is taking a temporary holiday from tennis.

What a surprise to receive a note in January from **Jay Retterer Theile**. I used to call her for news but gave up years ago. I do remember how Jay and her Lutheran Minister husband spent twenty four years as missionaries in New Guinea. Retired, Jay is living in Cincinnati.

I was delighted to receive a note in March from **Ruth Rychnovsky Sweeney**. She attended Saint Mary's for only one year but still recognizes a lot of our names in the '49 columns. Ruth is in Twinsburg, Ohio and is very active in church and senior volunteer groups. She has recently retired from years in service with "Meals on Wheels." Ruth would love to hear from "anyone" using her words. Her phone is 330-425-2439. How about that? Out of the blue sixty seven years later! We should all feel uplifted and, hopefully, someone will be motivated to call Ruth.

**Jean Murphy Westland** tells me that **Sister Mary Eileen Scully, OP** has moved to the Dominican motherhouse from Rosary's convent in River Forest, IL. **Sister Marcella Connolly, OP** has already retired there. Their address is 585 County Rd Z Sinsinawa, WI 53824-970.

Jean's daughter came from CA to spend Christmas with her in Holy Cross Village and to take a cruise to Honduras.

I spent my usual Christmas in Darien, CT. with daughter Liz and my 7<sup>th</sup> grade granddaughter. I do miss my own church of 54 years with its traditional deacon and beautiful music when I am away at Christmas. We are fortunate to have extra priests all year from St. Mary of the Lake seminary close by. Perhaps you saw the PBS story of Catholicism filmed and narrated by Father Robert Barron—who is now head of the seminary, and one of our favorite "subs." He seems to be the most successful evangelists in the American Church today and is a riveting speaker—only in his forties. We need dozens more like him. I feel renewed by the unexpected notes that came to me from "out of the past" classmates. Thank you!

'50

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With the Courier issue deadline of Dec. 1, Christmas letters arrived too late to be included in our class news. We'll do better next time.

**Mary Ruth McGee Dorsher** wrote that she keeps in touch by phone with "snow bird" **Frances Hanson Thale** and also with **Peg Gardner Haas-er** who keeps family close in Connecticut. **Rita Moliski Goth** corresponds with **Sister Geneal Kramer** wintering in Albuquerque, N.M.

**Alice Flynn Osberger** completed a family history of the Flynn's in Missouri for publication, and said the task was surprisingly fun.

**Terry Kelty Strudeman's** spring plans included traveling by herself to Paris, France. Did

anyone get an April postcard?

The house where my family lived more than 70 years was sold in late December and I am now at a new address. I also have a new hip acquired as a result of unpacking the move. This has curtailed travel plans but I expect to get to Saint Mary's in late spring and hope to see some of you there.

Next class news deadline is August 1. Have a happy summer.

'51

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Spring has come and the days are getting lighter and longer. Dick and I are moving to Fox Run, a Senior residential development in Novi, Michigan. We have been downsizing, packing, etc. for three months. On April 15th we will be actually moving. My address will be 41150 Fox Run Road, No. 407, Novi, MI 48377.

Our classmate, **Terri Randall Herzog**, enjoyed celebrating Christmas and New Year's Eve with her children in CA. Later she took a wonderful trip to Turks and Capps (SP) in the Caribbean. Her children and grandchildren keep her busy. She is longing for the snow to stop so she can go to her cottage.

Walt and **Carol Huebner Collins** flew to Philadelphia for their Granddaughter's wedding in late March. The bride graduated from ND about 10 years ago.

**Rosemary Stapleton Findlay** and I had a delightful phone chat just before Easter. They live in a mountainous area and can see the Blue Ridge Parkway from their windows. She is in the process of decorating a third of their home and enjoys it very much. She hears from **Chris Gubbins Durkin** who lives up near Boston.

**Charlene Unger Canny** and her husband have lived in a Senior development for eight years and she has enjoyed working in the library and being on the Helping Hands committee which assists other residents.

**Pat Ramsey Beckman** lives in Cleveland. She and I both have six great-grandchildren. She wrote a number of children's books, but has cut down her activities in that field and now helps in a new writers club and reviews books on line.

**Clare DeCrane Walsh** started living in a lovely retirement home in Southern California five years ago. She is only 45 minutes from Los Angeles and has been Chairman of the Association and traveled with the person who is Travel Coordinator for the Association several times.

**Patricia McDermott Kammerer** called from her condo in Fort Lauderdale FL. on April 5th with several news items about our class. Pat is feeling well and enjoys the South. She sees **Mary C. O'Malley** often. Katie is looking great and plays bridge and golf frequently. Slipping back to last year when **Judy Hogan McGah** was recuperating from a broken leg. Pat enjoyed the luncheon that **Joan Fanning Wade**, and **Therese Murphy Jones** brought to cheer Judy up. In the present Pat's daughter visited her from California. Her son is coming soon to take her home to Lake Forest, IL. On their way North Pat is planning to visit **Joan Stack Ferris** in Big Canoe, Georgia. She lives in a lovely home in the mountains. As Pat sees the Chicago area girls more frequently I have asked her to assist me with the news from her world.

No other news from our class. Happy Easter to all.



'53

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Dear Classmates,

Another day, another column. Courier eliminated one issue a year, but added a column a year. And I have less to say each time! I did have a nice long phone call with **Jackie Harle Etling**, but the news wasn't so great. Jackie can't make it to reunion because she has scheduled some surgeries for the same time, and they, plus family graduations, are filling her calendar. Jackie told me that at Saint Mary's graduation she had 3 generations of Saint Mary's grads, as well as one at ND. Since I didn't put a date on the note, I think that was last year!

Jack and I are slowing down, too. Jack has recovered from esophageal cancer which started about a year ago now, and we are both having trouble finding energy after these serious illnesses. We hope to make it to reunion.

God bless **Muriel Flanagan Cullen**—her latest note was a St. Patrick's Day card on the computer. She wrote at one time that **Marge Fiehrer Hellinghausen** is thinking of coming to reunion. Muriel and Ralph are putting their plans in order to visit Texas and spend the summer in at Ralph's home in Buffalo.

**Mary Maher Stablein** said that after 40 years in their home in Fairfield, CT she and Bill moved into a condo. Bill has Parkinson's but is doing well. They have two great grandchildren—a total of ten kids, 25 grandchildren and the two greats.

**Mary Jane McKeon Gray's** sister **Marge McKeon Digan '50** died this past year. Sometimes when Mary Jane was visiting her sister, who lived on Long Island, I used to get to see MJ. We all do have a history of 60 year of connecting!

I talked with **Ellen Sheehan Berek** who keeps in touch with **Ann Haskins Kelly**. Muriel says that Ellen will be at reunion, but she doubts that Margo (who is receiving care at a resident care home) will be. Muriel also said that Ann has moved into a Catholic Senior residence and is very happy to have security and service. Ann is still on her feet, but does use a cane. Ann and Muriel talked old times—what else? Muriel and Betty Moore visit via Facebook. Betty just celebrated a birthday, and is very happy. Muriel says that she understands Betty has a Gentleman Caller, but who am I to pass on gossip?

I have two more pages of notes here, and then you will get your news from reunion.

**Linda Duffy Hensel** wrote just after the Courier was published. After her husband died she moved to McKinney. She has adjusted to a new place, and she is close enough to Dallas to see some old friends there. They had two weddings last September. Linda has 28 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren, with two more on the way—who are surely born by now! Linda reminded me that I fixed her up with a blind date when she met her first husband who was my brother's roommate. Both those men are gone now.

I have a lovely long letter from **Mary Brennan Schilling**. The Schillings have seven children and 17 grandchildren, who all sound wonderful. The Courier put limits on how much we can write about wonderful—or even not wonderful (not possible!) grands. Mary sees **Mary Jane Gray**, **Barbara Norton Powers**, and **Pat Kerper Moriarty** who live in the same condo, and **Anne Foley**

**Klimek** and Tom Klimek. **Ginny Birsic Ellis**, who still lives in the family home in Lincoln, Nebraska, still remembers Mary's birthday. Mary recently had a call from **Mary Fritch Quetsch**, who lives in Falls Church, VA in a retirement center. With no worries about a house and a yard!

More to come after Reunion!

'54

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First I'd like to thank those who you who answered my email by return mail. I don't think I'll mention the percentage! Maybe next time?

In his Christmas letter Jim reports **Liz Kiley Wilson** is doing pretty well. He commented that the upside of growing old is their 12 grandchildren and their parents who are so good to Liz and him.

It took **Sue Whalen Heyer** a month for to recover from her big 80<sup>th</sup>! She had a serious fall a while back and was in the hospital for a month plus. About the same time her son while biking was hit by a truck breaking multi bones.

**Barbara DiSalle Lindskold** has reconnected with **Mary Wieland Scheetz**, enjoying opera and ballet. Barb also sees sister **Toni DiSalle Watkins '52** whenever they can get together.

Two of **Jane Flynn Carroll's** granddaughters and their father were in Rome for Pope Francis' coronation. Good timing!

**Peg Tiernan Sheehan** says she likes hearing from **Ann McCullough** who is always joyous. Ann doesn't remember we had so many blondes in our class as she saw at our last reunion. Peg now refers to her age as "four score"—it sounds so presidential and historical. **Lois Langford Berry** and Bill spent January in Brazil with Bill's Franciscan sister. She and Lois both celebrated the same birthday.

**Marlene Gaubinger McGinn** has moved into a retirement home in Pompano Beach. New info: 451 Heritage Drive, 33060 (954)586-4866.

**Bernice Boucher Hopp** and Jim have settled into their Marquette cottage in Indianapolis, glad the downsizing is over. This fall they took a driving trip though New York and Pennsylvania.

**Bev Bierbusse Campbell** and Paul will be traveling to family celebrations after spending February in Arizona. She says to use this email: beverlybierbusse@gmail.com. **Lorraine Nigro Cervanyk** was in South Bend in November for her sister's (**Kitty Nigro Yuhás '52**) husband's funeral.

Traveling suits **Rose Marie Murphy Foley** and Ben: six weeks in Bonita Springs and then northern Italy in June, a lobster cruise in Maine and the Shaw Festival in Over Labor Day where they'll see **Joan Rossi** and **Janell Wenzel O'Barski**.

Last year was a year of health issues for **Mary Schmitz Bartley** and Ed but they're hoping for a healthier 2013. They're still traveling but with much less frequency.

**Sister Jo Lucker** reports she's happy to be back in the west with the chance to visit with family members. Great Christmas letter from her—she is busy! Jo, **Mary Carolyn Shane Helfrey** and **Maureen Bennett Brady** had planned to meet at a religious education conference. This didn't work though they visited by phone.

A welcome note from **Cathy Wilson Oppen**

who says the idea that you don't end a sentence with a preposition is leftover from Latin and doesn't apply to English. Thank you!

If you have changed your mail address, will you let me or the alumnae office know. Quite a bit come back unknown.

'55

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For many years **Joan Kershaw Putnam** was our clearing center for classmates requesting prayers and incidentally picking up news. An email from her family announced that "Joanie died on January 30, 2013. She became ill in December but had recovered and was rehabilitating...and she had returned to her regular self. However, the cancer progressed and she slipped into an unresponsive state. She spent her final hours at Mercy Hospital surrounded by her family." I had spoken to Joanie a few times during the fall and she was always her upbeat feisty self. Our prayers are with her family. **Jane McCormick Nilles** has agreed to be the go to person for prayer requests. Email her at jmkzn33@att.net.

On December 16, 2012 **Loretta Considine Murray** died. Loretta had suffered from dementia and had been in a nursing home for several years. Jane Nilles and I attended her funeral in Wheaton, IL—same church as Kitty. **Frances Clohessy Spillane** called just after Joanie died to say that Jay Rose husband of **Florie Senger Rose** died on January 31<sup>st</sup>. Jay and Florie were in Florida when he became ill. All seven of their children were able to go to Florida to see Jay before he died. The funeral was back in Cleveland. Florie's granddaughter was married later in February so she returned for that and will now stay in Florida for the season. Many of you know Jay as he had become a regular at our last few reunions. We all mourn with the Murray children and Florie's family. Remember them in your prayers.

A note from **Nancy Cole Hodapp** reports that **Mary Crowell Laurence** had moved to Georgia to be near her daughter.

Our 2012-2013 scholarship recipient is Kelly Marie Lyden, a freshman from Granbury, TX. In her thank you note, Kelly says she is majoring in Social Work and was an active volunteer in high school amassing over 600 hours of service. She hopes to continue doing so in South Bend. Our fund continues to grow, ably managed by the College. Thanks to all of you who make this possible.

'57

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I was excited to begin this column, knowing that between Christmas cards and more Reunion surveys, I would have a plethora of material. My joy is tempered however by the need to address the sad news in our Class.

Our own **Nancy Brozovich Lucey** died on November 14<sup>th</sup>. Those of us lucky enough to visit with Nancy at Reunions (her delightful daughter, Josephine, accompanied her to the 50<sup>th</sup> and 55<sup>th</sup>) know that she was fun and upbeat despite health problems. Nancy met John, her husband of 55 years, on a blind date while he was a student at N.D. **Virginia Vighi Carson** tells me that "she had a hand in setting that up." A

Professor of Engineering at Notre Dame, John also taught in the program in London, allowing the Luceys to enjoy London and European travel for 15 summers. Nancy herself continued her musical education, getting her Masters at IUSB and teaching elementary school music for 17 years. Our sympathy goes to John, their four children and seven grandchildren.

Christmas week brought news of the death of John (Jack) Ahern, husband of **Marilyn Stupek Ahern**. Jack was the owner of his family tire business, prominent in the Chicago area for nearly 100 years and was the brother of the late Hugh Ahern, husband of our late classmate, **Mary Kay Starshak Ahern**. We send our sympathy to Marilyn, their six children and 13 grandchildren.

Condolences also go to **Pat Bauervic Leonard**, whose husband, Jim, died in January after a long illness. Jim is also survived by their five children, including **Beverly Leonard Sewell '81**, and ten grandchildren. The Leonards remodeled a 100 year old Michigan farm house in the 90s which they enjoyed especially after Jim's retirement from G.M.

We suffered another blow to the Class, when **Mary Alice (Mimi) Scanlon Ryan** died on January 1<sup>st</sup>. Mimi had planned to be at Reunion this past June but ill health forced her to cancel. **Dee Kiley LeFevour**, **Josie Murphy Vorda**, **Peggy Kearin Carey**, **Janet O'Connell McCue** and I were able to be present at her beautiful funeral Mass. That and the local papers gave testimony to her years of public service, with 12 years as an elected official in Wilmette, IL. One paper called her a "tireless advocate for affordable housing" while another headlined her "a passionate local voice".

We just knew her as having a great smile, fun sense of humor and being a caring friend. We send our prayers to her husband John, their four children and 11 grandchildren. Mimi is also survived by her sister in law, **Maryjeanne Ryan Burke '56** and her niece **Mary Burke '85**.

Christmas cards did bring their usual delight. Dan and **Pat Peterson Huber's** wonderful letter featured a photo of Dan holding Teresa, their 13<sup>th</sup> grandchild, who was born last September to son, John and his wife, Margie. While Hilton Head is still their base, they certainly travel lots, often to Chicago for family events as well as maintaining and enjoying homes in Wisc., Steamboat Springs and Redfield, S.D.

**Jody Donohoe McGoldrick's** wonderful letter told of Bob's diagnosis with Mesothelioma, his illness and his death last March. This sad story was balanced by a terrific picture of 23 McGoldrick family members at Notre Dame on the week end of the Stanford game. The occasion was the dedication of the Bob McGoldrick ND Scholarship and began with Mass at the Log Chapel, continued with lots of family togetherness and culminated with a Notre Dame victory.

John and **Jacque Buckley Hobbs** got to see N.D. play in Dublin and again near home in Oklahoma. I wonder who noticed their picture (not identified by name) last December in a Saint Mary's communication about the Charitable Gift Annuity. Speaking of reading the fine print, did you spot **Ellen Boyle Benish's** name in the Legacy list when her granddaughter, **Madeline O'Sullivan '12** graduated from Saint Mary's last June? **Ruth Keefe Herman's** note mentioned a family reunion on Christmas to celebrate son, Bill's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday. As our offspring scatter, we all know what a treat it is to get everyone together. **Rosemary Knope Trippe's** letter shared that after their return from our 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion, Sam, who we all got to know

and enjoy there, had a mild heart attack and valve replacement surgery. Thankfully he has recuperated well and they were headed to Santa Fe for their grandson, Michael Brand's December wedding. The groom is the son of **Patricia Trippe Brand '80**. **Josie Murphy Vorda's** card included a family picture taken at the May wedding of her daughter, Ann. John and **Peggy Maher Engler's** card was a woodland scene (perhaps North Carolina?), painted by Peggy herself.

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**Joan Renehan Thompson** sent a Christmas card featuring a smiling husband Frank surrounded by six beautiful, happy grandchildren, but with the sad news of Frank's death on September 18, 2012. Joan writes she is surrounded by close family and friends which helps a great and looks forward to seeing everyone at Reunion.

**Teddi Reid Murray** wrote news of a mixed bag – guess that could be said of all of us. Teddi stays active in the Phoenix Christ Child Chapter. This year she is the Grants chair and has been successful receiving grants from the Thunderbirds (Phoenix Open) and the Diamondbacks baseball team. Phoenix is not nearly as successful at raising money as the South bend chapter, although Phoenix is so much larger. Health problems plagued Teddi this past year, but hopefully that's under control.

The Lexington Minuteman reported **Pat Costello** has been named Lexington's Unsung Heroine by the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women. After full-time paid employment with Honeywell and the American Cancer Society, Pat has dedicated years of volunteer service to her adopted home town. Currently she is co-chair of the Selectman's Tax Exemption and Deferral Advisory Committee, a group that works on issues regarding local property tax relief for seniors and other qualifying groups. Pat had originally thought involvement would teach her to do her own taxes, but she and her fellow tax preparer have "become a one-stop source of help to seniors about health insurance, the property tax circuit breaker and fuel assistance."

She is now a Guide on the Green and is enjoying talking history to visitors from all over the world. "Before being a guide in Lexington, Pat led tours at Castle Hill, a National Historic Landmark, owned originally by John Winthrop, Jr., son of the first governor of Massachusetts. In 1910 Philip T. Crane, Jr. of Chicago, bought the property and built a magnificent summer home with gardens designed by the sons of Frederick Law Olmsted. Pat remembers passing the grand home of the Crane family in Chicago.

November brought a rare treat. **Betty Drey Woodward** has moved to Chicago and **Joan Drymalski Heuel**, **Patti Rogan Beckman**, **Sistie Doherty McEnery** and I had lunch at Grand Luxe and reconnected. Betty and Ken sold their house on Long Island just before "Sandy" hit and severely damaged the house. We missed **Kay Duffy O'Leary** whose husband George had a doctor's appointment.

Patti called me in February to tell me **Mary Mulflur Blake's** husband George passed away after a long illness. We send sympathy Mary and hope you will be at Reunion.

**Mary Husted Bottum** called and we chatted - good news and bad news. Mary enjoyed dinner

with **Honey Hurley Gfroerer** and her husband George when they were in Los Angeles, but also told me her breast cancer has returned – blast. She is upbeat and irrepressible as always.

**Paula Lawton Bevington** has once again been recognized for her many achievements. In May, 2012, La Grange College in Las Grange, Georgia awarded Paula a Doctor of Humanities, *honoris causa*. The college was founded in 1831 as a women's college and is the oldest private college in Georgia. Congratulations Paula. Both Paula and **Jody Vetter Olson** cite Bruno Schlessinger as an extraordinary teacher and Paula also mentioned Sr. Miriam Joseph and "her deeply incised lessons in Language." I will agree the two teachers were extraordinary.

**Bert Massey Platten** cherishes her friendships with the nurses who still get together each year at different places. Last August, **Barbara Shimanski Leahy** hosted the nurses in New Hampshire and Maine. Bert and her husband purchased a cottage 45 years ago on Lake Huron opposite Mackinaw Island and still spend every summer there. Bert was planning her twelfth trip to Australia to visit her daughter Patti and her Australian husband who raise race horses on an 800 acre farm two hours north of Melbourne.

**Sue Corcoran Griffin** mentions Sister Amadeo as her most esteemed teacher and continues to be grateful "for all my blessings" Sue worked until the age of 74, which is a laudable record. But I am glad she has some time now for Sue.

**Jean Heidt Quinn** and **Sally Hultkrans Callahan** were in each other's weddings and all these years later still keep in touch. In addition to marriage to Brown University graduate Richard Quinn and rearing their three children Jean has been active in many community boards: President of the Indianapolis Orchestra Women's Committee. Jean did mention Dick had been in a serious auto accident and thankfully she was able to help him recover.

Sally wishes she had studied harder, especially since she had such a great teacher in Bruno Schlessinger. But that ND law student Jack Callahan distracted her. In a twist of fate, Sally who was an only child reared five children and is the proud grandmother of 13 grandchildren. She urges the Class of 2013 to travel, enjoy your friends and family and "Stop procrastinating."

**Sophie Danielou Bassouls** writes from Paris that she is a widow with two children Elie and Julien, and lists her occupation as a Photographer. Sophie advises herself to keep working and travelling. Sounds good to me.

**Hannah Grasberger Storen-Kreps** writes from Houston she considers her greatest accomplishment since leaving St. Mary's "keeping my ship afloat," and intends to exercise more and possibly, retire in the coming year.

**Ana Livia Casanova-Otano** lives in Puerto Rico and replicates that rearing three children – one child died – and being a wife and grandmother are her greatest accomplishments since leaving Saint Mary's. She remembers Sister Maria Luisa, Sister Mary Alma, Sister Sophia, Miss Cavanaugh and Dr. John Brademus as important teachers. Ana Livia was voted Volunteer of the Year for the American Heart Association of Puerto Rico and founded a cultural association for women and presided for ten years. The book club she started in 1969 is still going strong.

**Sally Teppert** loves to cook for friends and family and exercise frequently and works on a sense of humor and her advise is to remember to pray.

**Angie Fazio Murphy** is a still working as a real estate broker in Palm Springs and in her spare time competes in horse shows. She also is a survivor of breast cancer and counts rearing three children and enduring the death of her spouse as her greatest accomplishments since leaving St. Marys.

**Kay O'Meara Walper** writes from Tecumseh, Michigan that she treasures the friends from St. Mary's years and lists "raising my three children to be loving, respectful and productive members of society" as her greatest achievement since leaving St. Marys.

"Always be positive and always believe God loves you," writes **Jewel Reitz England** from Palm Desert, CA. Jewel was very close to Sr. Margaretta and remembers going to 5:00 p.m. Mass at Loretto, as well as "often going to St. Mary's Chapel. Jewel's faith has been tested by tumor surgery following a hysterectomy, two heart attacks during surgery which caused all her organs to shut down, followed by pneumonia and open heart surgery. Her advice: always persevere.

**Pat O'Shea Dorfmeister** lists herself as a Retired Homemaker, and "thanks God I have been able to react quickly to each crisis in my life." Pat's goals are to be there for mac, pray, exercise, read and volunteer. Pat loved the Christmas traditions at St. Mary's and as all of us do remembers singing around the piano "throughout our four years."

**Babs Hilger Hanahan** and Mike, who has Parkinson's, plan to move to Chicago to be nearer children when they sell their house at Walloon Lake, Michigan. Babs continues to paint, and Northern Michigan's "Crooked Tree Art Center" accepted one of her paintings for their juried show in 2012.

See you at Reunion. .

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I am saddened to report the following deaths.

**Elaine Freitas DiGiulio** passed away June 23, 2012, and **Mary Wiita Warden** on May 27, 2012. I spoke to Mary's daughter (her only child) and she told me that Mary succumbed to Hemolytic, a blood disease that plagued her for the last few years of her life. Mary's husband, Matthew, is in a Tallahassee nursing home suffering from dementia. **Barbara Borkowsky Smith** left us on February 13, 2012 after a two year battle with cancer. Barbara was a long time English teacher in Haddon Heights, NJ and is survived by two daughters, one son and twelve grandchildren. William Dahme, husband of **Anne Lindstrom Dahme**, passed away on July, 15, 2012. Please remember our classmates and their families in your prayers.

Gerry and I traveled to Palm Desert in January to rendezvous with **Carol Podesta Foley**, husband Brian, and her two sisters, **Mary Ellen Podesta Burke '61** and **Kathy Podesta Mehigan '64** at their Marriott time-share. We look forward to seeing them again in September at the ND-Michigan State game.

**Colleen Taffee Goldkamp Harmon** enjoyed a family reunion (all 22) at Myrtle Beach which included an encounter with an 8ft shark. Check out "Myrtle Beach Shark" on YouTube. **Jackie Baumer Berg** also hosted her large family for a reunion in Panama City, FL. She and Tom moved to smaller quarters in an area called Hampton Cove in Alabama, after many years in their family home. She is enjoying working in the

museum docent program. When **Mary Kay Moran Gaudet** and husband Bob vacationed in Hilton Head last spring they spent a few days with **Peg Stratton Burleigh** and her husband Chuck. They planned another visit with the Gaudets when they traveled to Colorado to see their daughter over Christmas.

**Pat Wilson Fastiggi** and Dick enjoy spending their winters in sunny Texas and their summers on the lake in Vermont. Sounds good to me. They are busy with golf, cards and choir. Aaron and **Marty Gillis Esrig** spend a lot of time playing golf and bridge - when they're not cruising. They try to see their grandchildren as often as possible, but only one lives nearby. Bob and **Marge Liebrich O'Connor** are happy to announce *their* baby and 9th child, Patrick, will be married in Raleigh, NC, in September with the whole family (36) making the road-trip. **Marilyn Manion Thies** joined her four siblings in South Bend last summer to visit the park where their house used to be. "We walked along the river and the fields following our own footsteps."

**Mary Moran Smith** enjoyed traveling with her oldest daughter, Kathy, to the Notre Dame-Navy game in Dublin. She also took a trip with another daughter, Susie Smith Turner '89, to Barcelona to see a granddaughter who is studying there. **Sue Brown Bapst** writes that she and Bill continue to feel so fortunate to have retired in the community of Bent Tree in northern GA. "We have made such good friends and the activities available to us keep us as busy as we want to be." She reports that Bill's health problems continue to improve. **Rosie Mudd Nickodemus** spent her first Christmas away from home visiting her son John and family in MA and at their cabin in Maine. She will travel with her choir group to Croatia in March and then to Seville, Spain, with her son Paul and his family. **Connie Roller Curtin's** Christmas card read, "2012 brought me a new knee and a new daughter-in-law." **Jayne Colgan Sullivan** and I have discovered that we have grandsons in the same class at Bellarmine Prep. in San Jose, CA, and they happen to be friends!

Life is good here in San Clemente! Gerry and I will travel to Florida for Mother's Day to visit our youngest daughter who has moved to Cape Coral with her family. We've never had any of our children live out of state and we miss them terribly. They have been living on a 54' sailboat since Nov., having traveled from North Carolina to Ft. Meyers with three kids, a dog and parrot. They have now rented a house and will be busy nesting. I will visit my sister, **Betty Benford Belfiore**, as well. Our new great-grandbaby, due in July, is a BOY!

Next deadline is July 31.

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for a "ketchup" session. Elaine has had an interesting winter learning to become left-handed because of her broken right arm. She is truly ready for a spring shower and maybe even a little driving. Peggy was in John's Island with **Marilynn Morrissey Sparacino**. They shared a great afternoon with **Kathleen McKeever Catanzaro** and **Angie Palombit Kennedy**.

**Larry and Mary Jo O'Callaghan Martin** are busy with 26 grandchildren and their combined family of 9 who are spread across the country from Philadelphia to Pasadena. They are planning a reunion this summer with all present - a major accomplishment! Their daughter **Maureen Martin Anastasi '84's** son is on the Harvard basketball team which you saw play during March Madness.

**Karen Wilke Galvin** is grandmother of twelve (seven boys and five girls) with her eldest grandson a freshman at ND. Her eldest daughter **Elizabeth Galvin Mann '85** has a daughter Becca Mann who, a champion swimmer, who hopes to be an Olympian in 2016 having already made finals in four events in 2012 as a high school freshman. **Diane Zaranonello Sullivan** and Karen attended a conference presented by Richard Rohr and Laurence Freeman for the World's Community for Christian Meditation. They also will be part of a group led by Diane's brother Joe Zaranonello ND '71 at his retreat center to prepare for the Dalai Lama's teachings in Louisville in May. **Diane's** niece, Elizabeth Zaranonello, a junior at ND, says she spends much time at Saint Mary's because she has so many friends there. Bob and **Maureen Hogan Lang** had an especially delightful time in Florida this year as a family wedding in the Keys brought their Colorado kids and grandsons for a week.

Our sympathy both to **Carol Cavanaugh Ryan** and her husband Joe Ryan ND '60 for the passing of their son Joseph Ryan, Jr. and to **Cilla Holland Trunk** for the passing of her son William Trunk, Jr. You are in our prayers.

We hope your winter has been safe and happy. We will keep you in our prayers...please, keep us in yours. Keep smiling, M and M.

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Greetings from north central Minnesota. I truly hope the wonderful members of the Class of '61 are doing well and enjoying life, regardless of what comes our way.

**B.J. Sitzberger Gorman** wrote from Clarendon Hills, IL, that she and husband, Earl, enjoyed a month last winter in Key Largo. While they were there, she literally bumped into **Patty Crotty Misrach** at a local fitness center. Also **Marylee Zahner Foley** and her husband, Howard, spent a weekend with B.J. and Earl, enjoying the sun and catching up. B.J. continues to enjoy sharing Feng Shui to anyone who is open to the experience.

Sad news from **Pat Baker Dekker** in Monticello, IN, told of the sudden but peaceful death of her husband, Don Rollheiser in September 2012. She went on to say the "peaceful" aspect enabled her to see the gift and grace of it and move forward, blessed with faith, family, and friends.

From Green Bay, WI, came more sad news from **Peg Quinn Jones**. Her loving hero sister, **Nancy Quinn Zoellner '51**, passed in January 2013. Now



the good news is that son Michael Quinn Jones and wife Abby are looking forward to a brother or sister for big sister, Erin Marie. Peg continues to have fond memories of our fiftieth Reunion.

**Susan Fitzgerald Rice** wrote from California that she and **Julie Armstrong Zwart** have been able to connect periodically. When Julie visits Los Angeles, they get together, and when Susan visits Monterey, Julie drives from her home in Santa Cruz, to Moss Landing, which is on the coast half way between the two cities. Susan also has found **Diane Paczesny Holman** on Facebook. In April, she will get together with **Peggy Hill** in Charleston and with **Liddy Nash Schwartz** and **Helenmarie Anderson Corcoran** in Washington, D.C.

The big news from **Peggy Hill** in New York City is she will be attending a European Royal Wedding in June 2013. She has been invited by the King and Queen of Sweden to attend the wedding of their daughter, Princess Madeleine. Also invited are Peg's daughter, Stephanie, her husband, and also Peg's son, Nicholas. The groom, Christopher O'Neill, is the son of her very close friend.

I truly appreciate hearing from those who answered my request for news. My next deadline is August 1, 2013. 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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Greetings and looking for Spring after a very snowy Feb./Mar. in Wisconsin.

Here is a continuation of our fiftieth reunion updates: We remembered these deceased classmates at our Memorial Service at Reunion '12: **Mary Margaret Boesen, Beverly Bonalanza-Ford, Anne Casey Slone, Kathy Carney Flynn, Mary Condon Carey, Laura Connor, Suzanne Dana Seidel, Paula Dunlay Gregory, Joyce Hoelscher West, Janet Isherwood Cronin, Edwarda (Bunny) Jachim Keough, Gloria Knight Orlando '63, Donna Komlyn Glenn, Suzanne Krajci Dillon, Sheila LeJeune McGee, Susan McDaniel Evces, Jean Mortimer Brannigan, Eileen O'Brien '63, Mary O'Rourke Nichols, Jane Sazama Birtwistle, Lynda Scheer Burke, Susan Shanley Cooke, Nancy Snyder Cohn, Cathryn Weidler and Lois Zehnle Gilgan.** May they rest in peace, in the arms of our Blessed Mother Mary. Does anyone know of someone we missed in this list?

In the "small world department" I received an e-mail from **Jocelyn Hahn Johnson** after she read our last Courier report, asking for **Mmi Schubert Maury's** e-mail/ contact information. Seems they may have crossed paths in earlier years. I gave her the info and hope they were able to reconnect. Jocelyn added that after our Reunion, **Peggy Rewer Cowdrill** and husband spent a few days in MO with Jocelyn sharing photos, news and info from Reunion, and hoped to meet again soon. It's nice to make these re-connections.

News Flash: **Barb Hipp Fiore** moved in Jan. 2013 from Madison, WI to Missoula, MT—new address is 1101 West Greenough Dr. #C1, Missoula, MT 59802; e-mail <babioi40@gmail.com>. She is beginning a new chapter of her life—near her sister Nancy in Mis-

soula, and her two children, Karen in CA. and Michael in NV, and her five beautiful grandchildren. She has worn many "hats" since graduation. She married Jim (Skip) Fiore in 1962. She has spent time as community volunteer crafting products given to prison women who are re-entering society. After divorce in '82, she worked in newspaper sales, eventually in graphics, camera/photo and layout. Then she acquired and operated a screen print business for twenty years. She's semi-retired, working part time at the "Edgerton (WI) Reporter" newspaper until her move to MT. She says, "I love to spend time with family, friends, books, my camera, our cabin in the 'north woods' of WI, and volunteer work." I'm sure she will find "something to do" with art, graphics, photography in her new life in MT. She was influenced to come to Saint Mary's when visiting her brother at ND ('61), when she "met Saint Mary's, and fell in love with the campus." "This was her first time away from home and she gained so much confidence in her potential art skills, which she is still using today— as a graphic artist and photographer," she wrote on my Update Survey for Courier News. She showed her skills and expertise in our "Then and Now" book she produced for Reunion. Many thanks, Barb.

**Rolliana Binder Scheckler** married Bill Scheckler, have four children, a son-in-law and four grandchildren, who live in Madison, Philadelphia & Atlanta. She took voice lessons, then enrolled in U-Wis School of Music and earned a B-Music in voice. She sang in regional operas, oratorio, theatre pieces, reviews & recitals and received a small harp for graduation. She took harp lessons, became a skilled harper (not "harpist", because she does not play orchestral harp), became a harpsinger—doing performances all over the region. She taught voice, harp; gave wildflower hikes in Door County, WI—where they have vacation home. Now she makes wire-sculptured jewelry using fused glass; gem stones and/or natural stones. She has her website: www.harpsinger.com. Daughter Maia died Jan.22 2012.

**Marilyn Cacciatore O'Leary** lists herself as wife, mother, teacher, lawyer, grandmother, caregiver, life coach—most of it in New Mexico. She and husband Jim love the beautiful landscape and being outdoors, in her "Then and Now" brief view of life since graduation. **Sheila Connors Grove** (Sharon, MA), was working as a Staff Student at Saint Mary's, finished college in January 1963, but her heart remained with the class of '62. While trying to decide what was next, she taught high school math for a year or so. Then in '64 she joined the IBM Corp. and started what was a wonderful ride for thirty-eight years. She worked with clients of all sorts of business & technical projects which meant frequent and always interesting changes in daily routine. Along the way she met a handsome and eligible customer whom she dated for four years, married for thirty-one. He died of a brain tumor in 2003. They had no children, just German shepherds over the years. She has had some major health issues since retiring but refuses to let them get her down. She is very active in "Voice of the Faithful" and other volunteer works.

**Sheila Devine** writes, after spending a combined forty-four years working for the State of CT (Dept. of Mental Retardation & Dept. of Correction), and the CT Air National Guard, she retired from the nursing profession in 2005. She then relocated from sparsely populated Lebanon, CT back to Waterford, built a house on family property between brother and niece and enjoys being close to family and friends. She is a cancer survivor, an avid UCONN women basketball and Boston College football fan, and absolutely adores her Bischo puppy, Maggie. Her recent photo in our "Then and

Now" book showed her with nieces Cheryl and Kelley on a hillside in Kerry on a recent trip to Ireland.

**Carolyn Dunlay Hamilton** left Saint Mary's after sophomore year. After years of continued education and work, she is now in LA. where husband Bernie (ND'61) and she live. They enjoy their three children and spouses/partner and grandchildren 9-4 years. Three of the four are special needs—Asperger's syndrome, ADHD, and diabetics. All of them are happy, healthy with different personalities and talents, to say the least. She and Bernie love St. Agatha's Catholic Church, an inner city church with a diverse, very welcoming congregation and enthusiastic gospel music. They also go to Sunday Mass at the LA County Men's Jail, where they are in a choir that sings & prays with the inmates.

**Ann Baumann Kirchmeier** married Bill (ND '62 BSME) Aug. '62 and moved to Sandusky, OH. She taught sixth grade for one year, had three children, a daughter and two sons by '67, all baptized at ND. They moved to MI in '74. She earned MBA (accounting & finance) in '81 from MSU, taught at Community College, worked for an International Trade Assoc., a venture capital firm and retired from MSU after fifteen years, the last ten as administrator & education outreach coordinator for an NSF Materials Research Center. She is certified as a master gardener ('06) and has been digging ever since. She writes "I have been blessed with eight fantastic grandchildren (grade 1 through college freshman), great spouse, good health, interesting friends and travels and the sense to know how truly fortunate I am."

**Mary Jean Ciruli Marcello** was a teacher in South Bend, got her Masters at Notre Dame, had children, moved to Texas and stayed home with children. She received a doctorate in education, was an adjunct teacher in college, taught high school, and was an instructional facilitator. She retired and is now enjoying her grandchildren, visiting ministry at church, and traveling and hiking with her husband Ron. **Jane Hughes Carlson** (Alexandria, VA) completed a Master's degree in Special Ed., taught and then married, and has three children: Drew, Reid, and Anne and two grandchildren. She returned to teaching - ESL for twenty-one years. She takes time to garden, walk, read and spend time with family and friends. She also practices yoga, Tai Chi and meditation.

**Joan Fiscella** writes after leaving Saint Mary's and then Notre Dame, she taught high school religion, then college philosophy and interdisciplinary studies. She returned to school in her forties to become an academic librarian, working in Denver, Houston and finally at the U. of Illinois at Chicago, retired in mid-2010 and has been exploring things that Chicago area has to offer, doing a little traveling, and tutoring an adult learner as a literacy volunteer.

**Margaret Huemmer Kluszynski** did not finish with us but was at Reunion. She is married to Joseph, has five children, daughter **Jeannine Kluszynski Victor '98** graduated Cum Laude and is married to Doug (ND grad). Six grandchildren keep her busy as well as Queen of Peace Parish (as prayer group leader, Eucharistic ministries), Good Shepherd Pre-school volunteer, St. Joseph County Homemakers Extension (charitable projects), PHJC Associates and volunteering as cleric at polls. She has raised five successful children, audited classes at Saint Mary's and served as officer in Saint Mary's South Bend Alumnae Club.

**Pat Gallagher** states in her "Then/Now" life summary: "In 1958, I could not have imagined a life that included stacking firewood in the Italian countryside on a chilly Oct. morning on my seventy-first birthday." She envisioned herself as an interpreter in the UN, living in N.Y.—so she majored in French. But two

husbands (one ex and one current), three grown children, two grandchildren and a long career later—she is happy after tumultuous early years, and is writing for her Italian grandchildren, a “family history—the story of all that came before they arrived, before she became ‘NONNA Pat’.”

**Mary Griffin Burns** entered the Sisters of the Holy Cross in fall ’62 after graduation and left the community in 1971. After graduate school and then law school, she worked as an attorney at the Cook County Public Divorce Court. She married Bob Burns, a law professor at Northwestern U. Law School and has 2 children, Matthew 33 and Betsy 29. She is now teaching a Family Law course at Loyola Law School in Chicago and directing Community Projects for Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention at Loyola’s Child Law Center.

**Mary Griffith Hollingsworth** is the mother of five, four daughters and a son. With suffocating grief, she lost a daughter and son as young adults. She is enjoying nine grandchildren. Business career included Kansas State U., Warner-Lambert/Pfizer, Chicago based Abbott Laboratories. Retired in 2006; married Jim in 2007; moved to the Villages, Florida in 2008; Active in her parish, many friends, golf, pickleball, tennis and travel.

**Barbara (Babs) Herbstritt Ward** married John Ward (for forty-eight years) and they have four children, John, Mimi, Andrew and Sara, and seven grandchildren. Congratulations to **Sister Eva Mary Hooker, CSC**, Professor of English at Saint Mary’s College, Notre Dame, IN on her Golden Jubilee of her profession to the Sisters of the Holy Cross in 1963. Sister Eva led a poetry reading session at our Reunion and assisted in planning our Class Liturgy on Friday evening. **FROM ME:** life is busy with husband Jean Beaudoin (ND- BS Chem. E’60, and MS Chem. E’65). Married in ’64, we have four married children, nine grandchildren (six girls, three boys, age 2-19 years. - 3K through 2nd year at U. of Minnesota.), I taught kindergarten for three years, pre-school for two years, and was our parish grade school (part time) librarian for thirteen years, retiring in 1999. Two of our grandsons (our son’s children) have “special needs” — developmentally delayed 12 year old and very physical/developmentally delayed— 2 year old. But their smiles each bring us JOY! We just attended granddaughter Becca’s Confirmation in Madison, and in May will have grandson Casey’s eighth grade graduation at our parish, and granddaughter Meghan’s kindergarten graduation in IL. We enjoy parish ministries, bible study, “grands” activities, and travel. I spend time gardening, sewing, and crafting when I can.

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Reunion was a splendid experience for all who attended. Seventy-four people returned to the campus for festivities that began with dinner in the Clubhouse on Thursday evening. Hugging, kissing, squeals of delight punctuated each person’s arrival and conversations extended into the night. The days that followed were filled with structured and unstructured events ranging from workshops and tours of the campus to simple, joyous “catch up” conversations. Our special dinner on Friday evening involved assigned seats and most people were thrilled to connect with people they often hadn’t known very well; that feature made it especially enriching.

An opportunity to review how our lives had changed over time and share in the accrued wisdom of

classmates was organized by **Joan Mousaw McGuire** and **Mary Clemens Becker** on Saturday afternoon. They had selected a particularly appealing quote from Sister Madeleva as the organizing framework for small-group discussions: “We will not promise you happiness. We will not promise you security. . . and we know that you can be secure only when you can stand everything that can happen to you. If your school has prepared you for this, it has been a good school. We promise you discovery, the discovery of yourselves, the discovery of the universe and your place in it (*Conversations with Cassandra*).” Certainly the conversations in and around all of the events of the week-end confirmed that we had attended a “good school.” Hearing of all that **Isabelle Pogue Brienza** has handled and **Peggy Woodin Green** is still handling with the decline of their husbands was poignant. Many of us knew and loved Mike and Marty early on. Both of these dear friends spoke movingly of the generous, ongoing support of their children as they have negotiated huge, unanticipated challenges. But so many others also reflected comparable courage, steadfastness and integrity in the face of taxing responsibilities or calamities with spouses, children, or work.

Conversations were jumpstarted by a *Then and Now* book—assembled by **Betty Rompf Gallick** and **Eileen Holtmeier Cash**—that captured in text and photos how we were and where we are today. When we celebrated Mass on Friday evening, selected members of our class came forward and placed single roses in two vases as each name of a deceased classmate was intoned. **Barb Bernhard** presented “Reflections” that were mostly hilarious, sometimes sobering, at the end of the liturgy; later after dinner, we all gathered around the piano in Stapleton as **Myrna Walker Hall** played all the rousing songs we used to love. At dinner on Saturday evening, **Mary Rainey** was presented with the Humanitas Award for her lifelong service contributions as a Peace Corps Volunteer, professor and college administrator, and Red Cross disaster volunteer.

**Jo Welder Miller** who was with us for freshman year before transferring to the University of Texas emerged as the raconteur at Reunion and kept us regaled with her tales of crucial votes and political pressures from “the ol’ boys”—including clergy—when she served as an elected county judge in San Patricio County and later a member of the State Jail Standards Commission and director of the San Patricio Economic Development Corporation which secured a billion dollar private investment from China for a steel mill that makes oil field pipe. It was great to have her back with us again. Ann Richards lives on in Jo!

**Margaret Kelly Davenport** emerged as the most travelled member of our class. Two of Margaret’s five children are Foreign Service officers and over the years Margaret has followed them to Viet Nam, Cambodia, China, Mongolia, The Philippines, Central America, and Hungary. In recent years, **Margie Nutting Ralph** enjoyed four trips to China while her daughter and her family were based in Suzhou. Margie’s travels will probably be centered in the United States in the next year as her calendar is filling up with speaking engagements prompted by publication of her newest book, *Why the Catholic Church Must Change: A Necessary Conversation* (Rowman and Littlefield). Margie shared highlights of the issues discussed in the book in an impromptu conversation added to the week-end’s schedule. We were all inspired and encouraged by the clarity of her thinking and her command of what Christ really said as opposed to so much that has been shaped by tradition, ritual, and a single-minded political perspective. Many of us predict an eventual best seller in Catholic circles.

Folks such as **Mary Jo Lehnis Gotham**, **Nancy Armel Maddox**, and **Ruth Schnaus Smith** are widely traveled here in the States because their children live all over the country. **Julie Walsh Riester** is based in Columbus (IN), but spends part of the year in North Carolina. Others divide the year as well—**Mary Jo Pauli Landry** between Carlsbad (CA) and the Olympic Peninsula, **Sally O’Connor Fallon** between Marion (MA) and Florida, **Norah Kennedy Amschler** between Chicago and Arizona, **Eileen Holtmeier Cash** between Cincinnati and Florida, and **Irene Canny Lange** between Avon (OH) and Fort Myers (FL).

The *Then and Now* book fortunately included submissions from people—sorely missed—who were not able to attend Reunion. Not a few of us have been excited to discover that some of these former classmates are living in the same vicinity and plan to be in touch. **Janet Kissel Dwight** spent her children’s growing up years in Italy while she and her husband were teaching in the US Department of Defense Schools. They have now settled in Alamo (CA) where she reports they are “content to be homebodies” since their children have settled in nearby and grandchildren are close. **Kay Kelly Lindbergs** is farthest away in Australia, **Roxanne Malone** is in Santa Fe, **Gretchen Seidensticker Hildebrand** is in Pinehurst (NC), **Pat Seider Tyler** is in Nacomis (FL), **Julie Hutchins Stackpoole** is in Bloomfield Hills (MI), **Carolyn Jones Wasaff** is in Great Falls (VA), **Fran Keller Capasso** is in Treasure Island (FL), **Margie Laux George** is in Charlotte (NC), **Bobbie Hankins Douyon** is in Yuba City (CA), **Ann Purcell Perini** is in San Rafael (CA), and **Sue Sullivan Lane** is in Denver.

The degree of expertise reflected in the group is stunning to realize—law, health professions, interior design, management, medicine, dental research, real estate, investments, scripture study, counseling, library administration and research, nutrition and dietetics, statistics, horticulture, social work, publishing, campus ministry, vocational rehabilitation, book design, journalism, financial planning and management, development, technical editing, city and county government, accounting and taxation, computer programming, software development, landscaping and native plant design, university teaching and administration, education (ranging from the teaching of English language learners, reading, speech pathology, special education, supervision of Cooperative Education or Adult Education divisions, policy planning and program evaluation, district superintendencies) and service on the Boards of prominent foundations, museums, charities, organizations and associations as well as school districts.

Several of our classmates have excelled on a competitive level in swimming, tennis, music, golf, and quilting. Volunteer work seemed to focus in widely divergent arenas—Hospice, soup kitchens, Junior Great Books, refugees, Voice of the Faithful, supporting young women involved in local politics, water therapy classes with disabled adults and children, adult literacy, church work, local children’s hospitals and theatres, tutoring of inner-city children, transitional housing and employment for homeless women, opera, ballet, AARP tax work with senior citizens, and community organizing.

By the time you read this column, an email network will have been launched now that we have an updated address list and that will supplement the *Courier* column where issues have been reduced to three annually. We want to keep the conversations started at Reunion alive and ongoing. Please keep me posted on your whereabouts and what you are up to at the email address above.

Finally, at last tally our class had raised \$791,307



in total gifts and pledges –of which \$204,183 was designated for a needs-based scholarship—by the time we gathered on campus. I'll close off this account with **Joanie Dorgan's** dinner tribute to our Reunion chairs—**Margaret Mary Scanlan Shuff**, **Barry Troxler O'Grady** and **Dona Duncan Hotopp** for fund raising; **Kathy Wiedl Mettler** and **Mary Jo Pauli Landry** for the program. Many people requested Joanie's doggerel: "This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was asked to do it. Everybody was sure Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done. What a fabulous time everybody had. Wow, one high after another."

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SPRING is coming!!! **Jean Canizaro Enochs** was visiting **Sis Reynolds McBride** (whose husband, Tom, has passed away) and **Ellen Brown McBride** down in Naples. Jean and **Sue Badaluco Gerhard** are planning on visiting Jean's daughter and Sue's goddaughter (Elaine) in Italy next spring and exploring their family roots in Sicily (that is after Jean picks up all the walnuts on her farm.)

**Nancy Drew Sheehan** invited **Susan Schauer Ozdaglar** to Naples for a month. **Karen Mortimer Williams** and **Roberta Limarzi Weinshemer** were also vacationing in Naples.

**Becky Laird Ryan** wrote that her grandson is a sophomore at ND, a trainer for the football team in premed, s granddaughter at TCU in Nursing and another one in International Relations at St. Andrew's in Scotland. **Suellen Trumbour-Cheney** left the Holy Cross Sisters in 1981, is a registered nurse and Polarity Practitioner and Educator plus she is teacher for The AZ School of Integrative Studies in Flagstaff, AZ, is married and has moved to Sedona, AZ.

**Laurie Susfalk Andrews** plans on attending our reunion! **Kathy Cullinan Seggerson** and **Jeanne Kozmer Marszalek** are signed up for a St. Mary's tour of Lombardi in September - anyone interested in joining them? Kathy shared that Kathy Fitzgerald left Saint Mary's her sophomore year for Loyola, Chicago, and died of a massive stroke in 2011. **Barb Koch Dumit** is on Whidbey Island in WA, loves traveling around for all the grandchildren's events and invites her whole family in August to boat and crab.

**Kay Christenson Janiszewski** and **Janet Walton Gisleson** went to a Road Scholar Program in up-state NY, visited the Finger Lakes, the local vineyards, Senneca Falls, birthplace of the women's movement, walked the Gorge at Watkins Glen, saw Mark Twain's summer home of Elmira and the Corning Museum of Glass. They lunched with **Marianne Elliott Morin** and her husband in Watkins Glen and when they reached Washington, D.C., **Denny Cavanaugh** entertained them with a SMC luncheon.

**Fran Bardello Craig** entertained **Eileen Bleeg Cavanagh**, **Pat Ralicki McGowan** and their husbands for a St. Patrick's Day dinner. Fran

and Eileen are touring Greece and Istanbul in September with ND. Just from these snippets, it sounds like you ladies are "on the move" and hopefully moving toward St. Mary's for our 50th reunion! May 29th-June 1st.2014!!!! See you there. Peace, **Mary Ann Curnes Fuller**

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I recently emailed our class about Courier's new plans to have 3 issues a year with 400 words per column. **Betty Ann Rice Kaminsky** commented, "Well, I figure we each get 4 or 5 words! All is well here." And, **Junie Miller Smith** said, "This could be *COURIER'S* version of Twitter!" Much of my news gets cut for the following issue. Don't know if we'll ever really catch up.

Dave and I attended the 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday party for **Anne Harvey Lewis** in Rockford, IL was really spectacular- all 5 of her children hosted. Candles, champagne, roses, and her 5 amazing children and 11 grandchildren. Just beautiful.

From **Teffy Lyons Brosnan**: "On March 3 we celebrated my mother's 102 birthday with family (including my sister, **Nora Lyons Burke**, '58, now living in CA) at my house. Then on March 4, I left for Greece on a pilgrimage with the same nuns that led the pilgrimage to Israel in Oct. 2011. We followed the footsteps of St. Paul in Greece and learned about the many women in the early church who were leaders of 'home churches' before any basilicas were built."

Wonderful, happy news from **Janine Renaud Campbell**. "Hi Sheila! I remarried on 10/20/12. My husband is RJ. Campbell (Notre Dame 1961) He was my brother Ed's roommate at ND and later at Harvard Law. His wife of almost 50 years passed away in 2011. At their ND reunion he heard I had moved to CO where he has had a vacation condo for many years, and that I was living just an hour from him. His daughter, **Nancy Campbell Tjaden '90**, is in the same reunion cycle so we will travel to her 25th and my 50th reunion together!"

**Judy Piers Locher** and husband Bob did some overseas travel to Scotland, France and capped it off in Marrakesh. Her picture looked beautiful and exotic.

**Rosann Gorman Conroy** sent news that, "one of our sons was married recently, and our daughter had identical twin girls at the end of October. She already has a daughter that is 3 1/2 and a son who is 2. She will have a busy home. We are all excited."

**Sara Johnson Walz** emailed that Dick and **Sue Casey D'Amico** will be staying with Sara and Nick in October and they are going to the Stanford game with USC! I turned 70 on a trip to Panama Canal and Costa Rica. Before leaving, we had a visit from **Dee Dee Hayes Spalla** and Denny and they stayed in our house to continue their visit with their California daughter and family. It's fun having old friends out in Palm Desert. See you back in the Midwest after Easter."

"We are in the process of moving which will probably take another few weeks", writes **Terry Miltich Murphy**. "Our old house is on the market, so praying for a speedy sale. Had dinner with Larry and **Maureen O'Brien Doyle '67** who will be our new neighbors and have been super-nice."

Dave and I had a wonderful visit with **Sheila Flynn Boone** and husband Michael this past September. They were in the Dixon area for Michael's 50th high school reunion in nearby Rockford, IL.

They spent the night and we had a great little reunion of our own. Then these travelers had a wonderful river cruise down the Danube, and then a very fun family reunion in Vail. They hope to be at the ND/Michigan game, and then back to Illinois – Great Lakes, IL where they will see their grand-daughter graduate from Navy basic training.

**Eileen Fitzgerald Harris** and her husband are both retired and getting around more slowly but are ok. They volunteer at church. She has 8 grandchildren but none right nearby them in Miami.

**Colleen Leahy** has news! Some great, some not so good. "Beginning with a fall, in which I broke my shoulder and wrist in May, to an 8-day stay in the hospital in Limerick, Ireland, in September, this has not been my best year. However, all is well now. Daughter Brie is engaged! Looking forward to a Sept. wedding."

"**Betty Ann Rice Kaminsky** and I are already making plans for our travel to Saint Mary's two and a half years hence for the Golden Reunion of our Class of '65!" writes **Regina Parks**. "By then I will surely be moved and settled into my new life in Tucson."

**Kathy Walsh Harty** writes of their good news. "John and I learned at Christmas that our youngest is expecting." Meg Harty Tennant, ND 2005!"

A reflection from **Marilyn Petroff Connor**. "A quiet moment on this Christmas Eve to reflect on so many wonderful memories of the class of 65. One year ago tonight I fell 16 steps backwards and can only talk about it now. God saved my life and I suffered only a broken arm. God gives us gifts and challenges and joy and pain. To all of you my love and respect for all you have dreamed and accomplished. Merry Christmas."

Cameron and I are so-o enjoying being grandparents", writes **Beverly Senda DeFoe**. "We have a 15 month old, all boy, and a smile that makes our day. Except he (and Mom/Dad) live in Seattle !!"

A bit of Florida news from **Pat Hoben Daniels**. "Courtney, Tim and children are here and we're having a very technical Christmas with a generation who has some idea about how to use all of this stuff! It's been great fun, and a remarkable learning experience. I hate to see them leave. It's been fun having live-in experts!" Pat's daughter-in-law, Courtney, and my own daughter Kelly, are Chicago friends. Love the small world.

**Marianne Spalding Schiavone** wrote of the loss of her mother, **Dorothy Reed Spalding '38**. "Only news here is mom's death 2/22/2013. She had 1 year at Saint Mary's as did her sister **Eliza-beth Reed Argus '40** who was the mother of my cousin, **Susan Argus McNamara '68**, who graduated a few years behind us."

**Lil Chard Beshel** sent me a note from from **Jan Hambach Adams**. "On a sad note, in case you have not heard, **Bobbi (Barbara Jean) Evans Carlsson** passed away on January 20th. Bobbi struggled with ovarian cancer for ten years." Our sincere sympathy to Jan's family from our class of 1965.

From **Sheila Flynn Boone**. "Had lunch with **Valerie Maracz Perrone** yesterday. So fun to get together with a fellow "Belle" – we talked for hours! In April, we're going on a cruise from Dubai to Venice, by way of Egypt, Greece, Turkey, and Jordan. We're very excited to go to the Holy Land and Petra.

Do you know that it's only 26 months until our 50th reunion? We're hoping this will be the best one ever! To that end, **Terry Miltich Murphy** and I would love to hear any suggestions our classmates have for the event. And, please let us know if there were things that you liked or disliked from past

reunions, so we can take that into account.

Lil also sent news that she had just been in touch with Saint Mary's and our Class of 1965 Memorial Scholarship, as of 7/31/12, has a value of \$143,316.00. There have been 6 Saint Mary's recipients to date. The latest is Lauren Paige Anderson, class of 2015.

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**From Gloria:** My dear fellow classmates: Email has certainly simplified our job. I sent out a short note to my portion of the class list and received the wonderful letters I am including. Please don't wait for Maureen and me to contact you. If you get to see each other during various parts of the year please do send us pictures and updates. All I hear is how much everyone loves staying in touch. My email is still gmcgiveran@aol.com

Jay and I are still in Bonita Springs, FL most of the year with a few months in Glenview during the summer. One of the blessings of living in these two areas is that they seem to be major corridors thru which many dear friends pass and I so look forward to the calls and letters that say "Will you be home. ....?" Our son, Jim, is engaged to be married in San Jose, CA, July of 2014. He lived in NYC for ten years and then left his job at Citigroup to earn a Master's in Finance at Columbia. He was offered a job in San Francisco and has not looked to the East since. But the good part is he met a lovely woman, Chrissie, whom we love. Hopefully this means that finally we will be enjoying some grandchildren (no pressure, right...) It's about time since I have already filled two big boxes of baby clothes knitted by moi over the last years. Anyway, here are some warm wishes from the ladies who replied to my email. Enjoy!

**From CeCe Ruppert Barkley:** I enjoyed your email regarding the newsletter. I'm very envious that you are living in Florida. I spent many years there, in Central Florida and the east coast. My heart will always be in Florida! This summer I celebrated a friend's birthday with her in Key West. Also reunited with some friends and old haunts in Orlando, Winter Park and New Smyrna Beach. I wasn't able to attend Reunion, although the reports have been great. In early July we had a family gathering in Mexico City to celebrate my sister's **Grace Anne Ruppert de Casillas '62** and husband's fiftieth wedding anniversary. They met one summer when Grace Anne was a student at Saint Mary's taking summer school classes at U of I and Juan was completing his PhD at U of I. Her daughter, **Ana Casillas Sandersen '89** and family also attended. They are living in Oslo, but visit Mexico frequently. Ana and Erik met at Stanford and have two beautiful daughters ~ more candidates for Saint Mary's? In August I visited my son Matthew Barkley ND '99, his wife, **Becky Oliva Barkley '99** and their three sons, ages 3-6. They are living in Naperville, IL. We have some memorable photos of the boys with the ND band at the game in Miami; tailgating good, post-tailgating, not so good. Red Bluff, CA is a bit remote, but all visitors are welcome! We have lots of room, and I have

enjoyed visits from classmates (the last time we saw **Jill Murphy Hall**, who was ill at the time) in summer 2006, and from John and **Jane Nagle Hargrove** when their travels have included the far north-west. Remember, the big red welcome carpet is always out! No recent news, but thank you so much for helping us all keep in touch with your newsletters! Best wishes for a Happy Easter to you and your loved ones!

**From Mary Janice Lord DiCello:** I am still teaching English to adult immigrants at a wonderful school in Washington, DC, where all 300 weekly teachers and tutors are volunteers. The rest of my days are full of grandchildren and all the usual "retirement" activities, such as book club, movies and travel with Frank, ND '63. So sorry to have missed our reunion last year. I promise to come for our fiftieth. Hugs to all my classmates.

**From Joan Evans Clippinger:** I lost my older sister, **Bobbie Evans Carlsson '65**, to cancer on January 20. She had suffered for ten years in pain from the radiation treatment for ovarian cancer. It has been very hard on our family which includes my 99 year old father who still lives on his own. My husband, David, and I split our time between Cincinnati and Florida. He is having memory issues so I do not know how long we will continue this. He has three children and six grandchildren in Cincy so we may want to start simplifying things and just stay there. The only negative is the weather—we love playing tennis outdoors all year long. I also enjoy fishing and have been eating a lot of sea trout that I caught this winter. Getting ready for my fiftieth high school reunion, as all of you probably are, and renewing many friendships. Love hearing from the SMC group! Thanks for doing this, Gloria.

**From Mary Jane Bull:** I received a Biotechnology certificate from Madison Area Technical College in 2006. I was computer illiterate, so took some classes, and the job market tanked. I ended up getting a master's degree from South University Online in Information Technology with an emphasis in security. Now I'm so busy I can't find a day to myself. Two days would be a REAL treat. I still didn't find the magic job, but am too busy to work. I've been doing volunteer work for our local Catholic Multicultural Center, where I make breakfast for mass attendees on Saturday morning, set up adoration Wednesday PM, and do the laundry. We serve about 80 or 90 meals a day, and offer a laundry with showers. The priest who comes to the adoration is 87 and is blind and deaf, so I take him shopping, help with his house cleaning, and do his laundry. He is just adorable – a real little munchkin. I've been involved with American Turners. We have a Turner club here in Madison, and I've been on the Board of Directors for twenty-eight of the last thirty years. Our emphasis is on gymnastics education for all who are interested. We have vibrant volleyball and pickleball groups as well. We also have a banquet hall. I am the President of the Wisconsin Turner District, more a public relations group to promote Wisconsin Turner activities. Son David is the secretary of that group. I also participate with the National Turner Council in their annual meetings and promote their events. I love gardening, and have a beautiful herb garden. I still haven't mastered starting rosemary from scratch, but always have a plant somewhere. After studying cell culture, I know how to start lots of plants, and the house looks like a jungle. Our local Herb Society does decent work for the local botanical garden, Olbrich. We are going to have a Shakespeare tea in April. I don't have to be concerned about gardening any too soon, as we still have six inches of snow on the ground. There are a few green grass blades where

the snow melted near the garage. David, family friend Maria, and I took the circle tour of Lake Erie last summer. We stayed out of the large cities, except for Niagara Falls. The small towns and beaches were wonderful, and we went swimming every day. We were there when they set up for the Nick Walenda walk across the Falls, so we had to leave before the crowd hit. Upon leaving Lake Erie, we stopped briefly at SMC and in Chicago to see Maria's cousin. It was just wonderful, and such a treat to get away for a while.

**From Penny Haller Hyman:** I missed the forty-fifth reunion because we went to Alaska in June to see **Lois Felker Wenstrup's** son, Michael, marry a lovely girl named Annie in Fairbanks. It was great fun to see Lois and her husband Joe ND '67 celebrating with all Michael and Annie's friends and families. We rented a car and drove around for ten days before the wedding and saw great scenery and met wonderful people, from Fairbanks, to Anchorage, to Seward and Homer, Talkeetna and Denali. One of the highlights of our trip was an air taxi tour around Mt. McKinley (now called Denali) out of Talkeetna with a glacier landing on a plane equipped with skis. Highly recommended if anyone is planning a trip to Alaska!

**From Lynn DePhillip Cullen:** After thirty-five years in NJ, I made a retirement move to Meadville, PA, where I went to high school, to be closer to family in western PA and Ohio, and to my summer cottage on Lake Erie.

**Maureen O'Brien Doyle**, retired from NJ and happily resettled in VA, was kind enough to refer me to one of her former real estate associates in NJ, and my house sold quickly despite the depressed real estate market.

Now, happily resettled in a condo, I volunteer with our local hospice and enjoy small town college life for three seasons, and spend most of the summer in Westfield, NY.

I continue to see **Denise Stack McNaughton** (Cleveland area) frequently and, for the past few years, we have traded seasonal visits with **Mary Carol Madden McCracken**. Denise and I enjoyed a week visiting Mary Carol in Boca Raton last October and now look forward to seeing Mary Carol when she heads North this summer.

Hope to make it to the fiftieth reunion in 2017 and to see everyone there.

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Greetings, classmates!

I am delighted to begin this column's news with a p.s. from our last update. At that time **Mary Lou Goyette Folts** wrote that she and her husband Dave (ND '66 and '71) were looking forward to the birth of their first grandchild in March. I recently checked with Mary Lou to see if she had the happy news yet to share, and indeed "a sweet little boy named William Joseph Folts arrived on March 19. We've spent time with our son, daughter-in-law and the baby and hope to be with them as much as possible in the future. We're fine here in sunny GA." Mary Lou also mentioned that William and Joseph are family names, and the birth on the Feast of St. Joseph was a bonus.

**Margaret Roberts Richards** continues to make progress in Columbus, OH. We spoke on Easter Sunday, and Margaret told me it is both so



sweet and funny when one of her grandchildren asks her by phone, "Grandmother Margaret, how is your brain?" Margaret said the speaking and reading are improving while the writing remains her biggest challenge. She is very excited to be planning a trip to NJ in May for a double celebration – the First Eucharist for one grandson and the first birthday for one granddaughter. She will see her four children and six grandchildren during that visit. Please keep up your prayers for her and send a note if you're on Facebook! Margaret loves being on her computer!

**Lynn Foss Jones** and husband Bob doubled their number of grandchildren in 2012 from four to eight. Lynn wrote that Bob semi-retired in Colorado Springs, and they are spending a lot of time now in Chicago with their children and grandchildren.

**Sheila Dwyer Robusto** included adorable photos in her Christmas card, one of grandson Sam at age 1 ½ in VA and one of grandson Linus, just born in November 2012 in PA. She promises to write an update for a future issue, but right now is busy with husband Dan inbetween their homes in NH and FL and inbetween their sons and their families in VA and PA!

**Kathleen Davidson** shared her news via Facebook: "After 44 years of silence, except for attending one reunion, I'll offer the basics which I would not have believed if we had looked into a crystal ball in 1969. After two marriages and divorces, too many degrees, raising two kids, and living in seven states, I'm grateful to be alive (especially after a bout with a rare and nasty cancer) to continue working as director of admission of Carolina Friends School (knowing the names of 500 kids and their parents is good for the aging brain and terrific for the soul), to be an active member of Durham Friends Meeting (Quaker), and to be committed to my dear partner Doug for the rest of our days. (This time I know that's true, and not just because he's an exquisite chef.) My two adult kids (from Paraguay and Korea) have their own interesting lives, and I'm grateful for them too. Sometimes life has seemed unbelievably easy, and sometimes not easy at all (How do we write about that in COURIER?) but what a blessing it has been to be able to continue walking forward. For me a major goal has been to maintain (sometimes retrieve) the capacity for joy, no matter what. Gratitude helps! I've always stayed in touch (never enough) with **Jo Ann Grima MacKenzie** and **Eileen Hayes Sutter**, and thanks to Facebook I'm reconnecting with other friends from Saint Mary's. Would be happy to connect with others. See you online!"

**Donna Siss Gleason** wrote that she and her husband Marty are still living in Washington, DC. Their daughter Debbie graduated from Loyola of Chicago last May and is working for Americorp in Chicago. Their daughter Mary is a junior at John Carroll.

And finally, the update from my corner of NC regarding the **Joyce O'Donnell Bussewitz** family ... Roy and I were thrilled to have our daughter and son-in-law, Katie and Kelly, here for several days recently. They cheered me on as I marched with my Hibernian sisters in the local St. Patrick's Day parade, a day early, March 16, in downtown Wilmington, and then Roy and I shouted and cheered for them as they ran a ½ marathon race on the seventeenth in Wrightsville Beach/Wilmington. We also celebrated Roy's birthday on the nineteenth. We are now looking forward to connecting with our daughter Christine who will be in High Point, NC, for Market Days with her Boston company in mid-April.

Take good care and God bless!

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I personally love "Christmas card" news as well as day to day updates and here is some shared by my former SMC roommates...

**Edi Hill Gibney** and her husband Richard (ND '68) attended his fortieth reunion from Creighton Medical School, celebrated his Dad's ninety-fourth birthday in Palm Desert in November with all of the family (their daughter Martha is the spitting image of her Mom – when I first saw the celebration picture I thought it was Ed!) and continue to enjoy their three grandchildren Wiley, Walker and Levi who live in Boulder CO with their mom Ellen (ND grad) and dad Eric. Ed also bravely took on the daunting task of accompanying their 90 year old Monsignor to Ireland to visit his family. She had a great time but in her own words might have needed "alcohol rehab" after visiting all those pubs had the visit gone beyond two weeks – GO Girl!

**Ann Toffanetti Schumacher** and her husband Gil were looking forward to his retirement on March 31 but expect he will keep busy with his curling, sailing and photography. Their daughter Christie and her husband Todd are also into curling and their son Andy and his wife Laurie into sailing. Ann is still playing bridge and has become an NBA fanatic (those are Gil's words) and seems to really enjoy being a Grandma to Christie's step children who are 10 and 16!

**Mary Lou Wylie** and her husband are now "semi-officially" known as Mimi and Poppi (who would have thought) and continue to adore being grandparents.

As for **Pat O'Hara Gable** and Steve (ND '70), Steve is as irreverent as ever and maintains that their granddaughter Gigi (3) is now the cutest girl in all Chicago (having recently relocated from NYC – with her parents of course) and their other granddaughter Abby (18 months) holds the same title in Dallas. I have no doubt some of our classmates have grandchildren they will want to throw in this ring for those titles!!!

**Bridget Mooney Phillips** proudly reports that her husband Wayne (ND Class of 1968) has been giving talks on the Shroud of Turin and was recently interviewed on the show "Women of Grace" on EWTN. The Shroud has recently been "restored" and put back on display and under the new papacy of St Francis I, appears to be being brought back into the limelight.

**Louanne Scanlon Mauro** has delightedly shared the news of welcoming a new granddaughter – Nina Marie Stricker arrived on January 14! She has a hint of red in her hair and a mellow disposition like her Papa and loves to snuggle! Her big brother Emmett is doing great and is taking her under his wing.

And finally - because a number of us are hitting the momentous age of 65 this year and qualifying for Medicare (oh - be still my heart – I still have not recovered from that one), I have asked everyone to share their thoughts and what they had planned to celebrate this milestone in our lives. The responses I have received to date include:

**Elaine Zimpleman Maimone** - My husband took me to Charleston SC (one of our favorite places) to a wonderful B&B and put a lovely pair of earrings and ring in my travel jewelry case. "Not flashy, but perfect!"

**Dee Martin Huie** - You're right time does fly and seems to fly faster each year. Since I have a daughter getting married and another daughter

and a daughter-in-law expecting (grandchildren numbers 9 and 10) between now and the end of the year when I turn sixty-five, it will be a while before I even have time to think about it!

**Barbara Morrin Cook** - Because I won't reach that momentous Medicare moment until November, I'm firmly in a state of denial and must admit to a smirk or two as my classmates' birthdays arrive and they pass onto the "senior side."

**Rosemarie Rinella Stocky** - I am going to take my daughter and her family to Disney World! She has four children, ages 5-9, and this has been something I have wanted to do for several years now, but we had to wait until the twins grew up a little. I don't feel 65, more like a teenager, and I want to make sure my three granddaughters and grandson experience the magic of Disney. My father just passed away on February 21 – many of my SMC friends will remember his delivery of cases of apples and oranges to the dorm through the years. My parents used to tell me "dreams really can come true" and going to SMC was one of my first dreams. I want my grandchildren "to dream."

As for me, my birthday wish came true when my daughter Megan agreed to take a week to spend celebrating my sixty-fifth in Hawaii – just the two of us. We had a wonderful time – most especially on my birthday when we hiked to the top of Diamond Head and then celebrated with mai tais followed by a special dinner at the Azure Restaurant in the Royal Hawaiian as we are both real foodies!

Please remember I am always looking for news updates from our class – so please share and keep us posted on what is going on in your life!

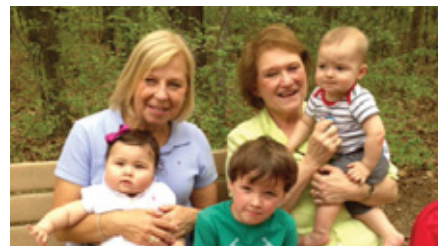
'72

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Spring is finally here - and for many of you, it cannot happen too soon. It has been a nasty winter. Even our temps here in Florida were cooler than normal - although still 30 degrees warmer than Chicago!

Speaking of escaping the cold, several classmates, and my dear friends, traveled to New Orleans in early March. The weather was not quite balmy, but for **Martha Ann Coyne** from Chicago, **Kate Berney Werring** from Kansas and **Chris Newland Ketterhagen** from Denver - it was just fine! Also joining the group were **Maura**



Melissa Underman Noyes '72 and Chris Newland Ketterhagen '72 met at a park in Cary, North Carolina, with their grandchildren. Missy Underman Noyes on left with Granddaughter Adeline Noyes. Chris Ketterhagen with grandsons Michael and Matt - her Granddaughter was on the swings! Chris & husband Mike were visiting daughter Jessica who moved to Cary last November. Missy was visiting her son, Rip, who lives in Cary. What were the chances they would both be there for the same weekend?



Several 1972 classmates gathered in New Orleans for lunch and ended up sitting next to Sr. M. Madeleva Wolff '09's niece! Seated left to right: Kate Berney Werring (left) and Frances Spinks Caver Left to right Chris Newland Ketterhagen, Heather Tripucka Carr, Mary Harding Green '61, niece of Sr. Madeleva, Claire Mignelli Hughes, Martha Coyne and Maura Carroll.

**Carroll, Claire Mignelli Hughes and Heather Tripucka Carr.** Unfortunately, I was working and unable to go, and **Janet Teichen McHugh** was just returning from a cruise so she also had to pass. Here is where the "small Saint Mary's world" kicks in. According to Kate, they were having lunch at Commander's Palace and being the usual "quiet, sedate selves"! A woman at the next table started talking to them. One thing led to another, and she asked what college they had attended. When they told her Saint Mary's, she said that her friend, who was also having lunch, was a Saint Mary's graduate. And she certainly was! Her name is **Mary Harding Green '61** and she is the niece of **Sr. M. Madeleva Wolff '09**. After chatting awhile, a group photo was taken. They asked the brass band to play the Notre Dame Victory March and all clapped and sang. Kate ended this amazing tale by saying "we left and the staff breathed a sigh of relief!"

I still have a few remaining Reunion surveys (hard to believe it was a year ago!) **Eileen Beehan** lives in Nashville and is the manager of Catholic Charities of Tennessee. For fun or recreation, she does aerobics and spends time with her grandchildren. Her funniest memory of Saint Mary's was finding out what snow fences were! Email her at [ETBeehan@aol.com](mailto:ETBeehan@aol.com). **Carole McRedmond Nadler** and husband, Robert, also live in Nashville. Her email is [Carole3620@gmail.com](mailto:Carole3620@gmail.com).

Joining the growing list of retirees is **Lisa Uelk Smith** (retired attorney) living in Madison ([wredes23@aol.com](mailto:wredes23@aol.com)) and **Terrie McLaughlin Patterson** (retired teacher). One of Terry's best memories from Saint Mary's is the Angers Program and the friends from that experience. She can be reached at [pattersonballard@gmail.com](mailto:pattersonballard@gmail.com).

Embarking on a second career after retiring from teaching is **Leslye Thiemann Alvey** who lives in Louisville. She is a CPA Assistant in Alvey CPA. She mentions that she visited **Susan Roesch McDowell** last year and met her daughter, Liesle. One of her best memories is the sense of camaraderie and sisterhood that she developed. She also says some of the funniest memories cannot be written down! [lesalvey@att.net](mailto:lesalvey@att.net)

**Cheryl Kunberger Taylor** is the President/CEO of the Foelinger Foundation in Ft. Wayne. Working keeps her very busy since she writes that she doesn't have time for fun or recreation! Her email is [cheryl@foelinger.org](mailto:cheryl@foelinger.org)

That's all folks ... at least for now. Sending you love and best wishes.

'74

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I enjoyed a great November reunion with many of my closest buddies, **Jan Gabler Cranfield, Mary Ellen Raphael, Bobbi Kuhn Riconosciuto, Julia Griffin Murphy, Dede Lohle Simon, Carol Longo Kaupp, Natalie Dwyer-Haller, Jeannelle Naquin Brady and Judie Moore Green** in St Augustine, Florida, celebrating our "year of 60" together. However, I am sworn to secrecy as to all conversations and activities. Suffice it to say we went boating, drinking, swimming, boating, walking, drinking, eating, drinking, shopping, drinking and had a great time.

My friend and our classmate **Jacqueline Leskovec** presented recently at the Saint Mary's Diverse Student Leadership Conference, organized by the Student Diversity Board. Their mission is "to cultivate respect and awareness for diversity, as well as an active engagement with diversity as the foundation of our education experience at Saint Mary's". Jacqueline has spoken there previously, and I believe this was the eighth year the event was held. Jacqueline keeps in touch with me on Facebook (feel free to search me out at Jill Birkett) and I enjoy her enduring sense of humor.

Many of you know that my beloved Mom, June Fahey, passed away last week. She loved Saint Mary's and had thoroughly enjoyed receiving the letters from the many scholarship recipients of my sister's scholarship fund at Saint Mary's: **Janice Fahey Cavanaugh** Scholarship Fund. We hope to continue offering this opportunity to many future students.

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**From Mary: Sharon McKernan Gottlieb** and her husband retired at the end of last year and have started to travel more. They just returned from a two-week trip that took them through the Panama Canal and on into the cloud forests and the rain forests of Costa Rica. They have another trip planned to Croatia in May, this time with their entire family, and then they will go on to Italy in the fall where their youngest daughter will be studying in Florence for a semester. In the meantime, their oldest son is currently on an 11-month missionary journey around the world. He has been doing construction at schools and orphanages as well as teaching English, music, and Bible studies. His squad is finishing up their work in Malawi before moving onto Swaziland in Africa.

In mid-January, Jim Walsh (ND'75), arranged a surprise sixtieth birthday gift for his wife, **Pat Valdenaire Walsh**. He flew **Pat Ward** and **Liz Megnin Neil** in to Charlotte, NC (from Florida and Michigan, respectively), timing his return from a business trip with their arrivals. He told his wife she'd have to wait for his call to pick

him up, as her birthday gift "was too big for the overhead compartment" and he had to wait to pick it up. It was a wonderful weekend of exquisite gourmet cuisine prepared by Chef Jim, complemented by California wines from the Gordian Knot Winery of **Anne Giere '79** and Tim Meinken (ND'75). Liz writes that this delightful weekend was filled with much laughter and late night phone calls to **Anne Green Browne** (in Kansas), **Jaynie Kowieski Dunne** (Illinois), **Shelley McArdle Larson** (Wisconsin), Mary Ann McCarthy McArdle (ND'75) (Massachusetts), and **Deb Fettes McLane** (Arizona), as well as to Frank Keres (ND'75) (Illinois) and Bill Walsh (ND'77) (Michigan). The celebration of sixtieth birthdays won't end until January 2014 when Liz joins everyone with her entry to the seventh decade of life.

SMC '75 roommates **Colleen Conole Fitzsimmons, Pablo Vaughn Maternowski, and Mary Keane Kacher** spent Easter week in Ireland this year to celebrate their sixtieth birthdays! According to Colleen, they have always tried over the years to have a girl weekend at least once a year but this was their first venture out of the country. (Lucky Ireland!)

**Mary Short Dennis** writes, "Recently, I spent a month at Kripalu, which is near Stockbridge, MA. It was once a Jesuit monastery but is now a large Yoga and health center. My month was spent becoming certified as Yoga teacher, something I have practiced since my days at Saint Mary's. It was a transformative experience and although I don't anticipate teaching Yoga in a studio, I hope to offer more of it to those in special needs situations. I have worked with those undergoing mastectomy, chemo, auto-immune diseases, and stroke. I also greatly enjoy bringing it to alternative school students as it can foster an element of confidence and compassion to youth who have so little of it in their lives. The local soup kitchen is also on my schedule." Mary added that, "Two of my daughters and I have decided to try our hand at a small business. A beautiful leather bag I purchased in Italy last year is the object of our efforts, and we hope to have it made in the states, and available online in the very near future. It is a lovely way to be engaged with my daughters, and hopefully we will get to share a unique success together!"

**Mamie Anthoine Ney** informs us, "A year ago I took a job as a consultant with the Maine State Library. I work with all kinds of libraries throughout Southern Maine. It's challenging and no two days are ever alike. It's a dream job! Despite what many say, libraries are not going the way of the dinosaur but are connecting with their communities in new and exciting ways. They're about a lot more than books these days. In November," Mamie continues, "my job took me to Chicago for advocacy training and I was able to have dinner with my former (not "old") roommates, **Chris Gocke Rusin** (ND'75) and **Marianne Rinella Fotopoulos**. It was a great, though short, visit. Chris is keeping busy with her two brand new grandsons, born within a few weeks of each other, who are just adorable. Marianne has been keeping busy with her two sons who married within five weeks of each other, including one who got married in England. It was so much fun to see them. There were a lot of "do you remember the time..." moments. I live on Facebook, where I'm in touch almost daily with **Trish O'Loughlin Erickson**. Trish lives in Atlanta and spends a lot of time cheering for daughter Devon who is a great high school swimmer. I also hear from **Paula Martin Roveda, Peg Tallet-Myks, and Caron Cronin Green** on a regular basis. It's such an easy way to keep in touch with people."

As for me, I celebrated my new decade with a



cabaret show in New York at the Laurie Beechman Theater on West 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, singing the songs of Tom Lehrer to an appreciative crowd. Nothing like applause, laughter, and good friends.

Keep in touch, everyone, as best you can!

'76

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**From Leslie:** As of early March I am settled into my new home in Baghdad, which will be my base for work with Iraqi communities country wide and Syrian refugees settled in west central Iraq. In general, conditions seem bleak and chaotic, but the 100+ Iraqis who comprise Save the Children's team here are great -- capable and committed to our mission -- and they are sure reason for hope for Iraq. Likewise, the women and youth with whom we work in livelihood development initiatives are great. Of course we work with unbearably vulnerable families, many of whom are internally displaced from decades of war, and other of whom are just poor, who make hope seem more elusive. So, keep us all in your thoughts and prayers, please.

**From Marianne: Mary Jane Van Dyke Herdman** lives in her home state of Kansas and is assistant director of a company that provides meeting services for businesses. Her responsibilities include providing operator assisted conference calling for a few to thousands of participants. She's a big reader and enjoys attending lots of her extended family's sporting events!

**Anne O'Connell Meyer** lives in McLean, Va. with her husband Rich (ND '77). Annie works in Washington DC. Anne majored in sociology and humanistic studies and reports that in her job she employs her education, focusing on human interaction and how we as a nation deal with international challenges.

I, **Marianne McCabe Brehl**, work at Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson, helping Girl Scouts—and the council—maximize product sales. I still love to shoot photos and use lots of my shots in the newsletters that I put together.

My reporting for this issue found me calling a few alum who were surprised to hear from me. I was delighted to learn that both Annie and Mary Jane are *each* proud mothers of two Saint Mary's graduates! Anne's daughters are **Meghan Meyer '02** and **Kathleen Meyer '04**. Mary Jane reports that after Saint Mary's both **Jennifer Herdman '05** and **Christina Herdman '08** pursued PhDs in chemistry. M.J. said that Saint Mary's empowered her daughters, giving them a wonderful education and fostering their independence. Those are some of the reasons that our daughter (class of 2015) chose to attend our alma mater! And while attending sophomore parents weekend 2013, I bumped into **Molly McKenna Sliney** who was on campus for the Parents Advisory Council, as she has a daughter in the 2014 class.

'77

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Hello, friends! Beth and I both have news to share this time around. Thank you to those who answered our pleas for updates. Everyone likes reading about what friends and former classmates are doing, but it can be tough to convince individuals that their news is important enough to share, whether they've traveled the world or simply found something they love doing, whether it's a hobby or a job, volunteering, or playing "grandma." All news is worth sharing!

That being said, Beth and I have decided that it's time to turn the column over to one or two other classmates, as we've been doing the sharing of news for quite a long time. Please consider stepping up, and contact **Jessica Stuijbergen '99** (jstuijbe@saintmarys.edu) to ask any questions you might have. We thank you for giving us the opportunity to serve as co-reporters all these years, and we know that our successors will do a great job. Don't be shy. Go for it!

A little personal news from Deb... 2012 was packed with Reale milestones. Last March I was told that the high school where I was human resources director would have to cut some positions—mine being one of them. I enjoyed my five years there, but they would be ending on June 30. Between the ripples that announcement caused and the very happy event of our son Joe's graduation from Notre Dame in May, and more, I was unable to attend our thirty-fifth class reunion in June. **Maura Nugent Bardsley** and I had been privileged to work with a wonderful group of classmates to encourage folks to attend Reunion, and consider making a donation to our alma mater as well, and then neither she nor I were able to get there for it. I heard it was great fun, and I'm glad for that. In this column, I'll be sharing some class news from the returned update forms **Beth Campanale Daugherty** and I sent out prior to Reunion last spring. Back to my update... another Reale 2012 milestone was the July 14 marriage of our daughter, Jeanna. Such a wonderful day— one to treasure! Jeanna's husband has ten siblings (and he's the youngest), so there were many little ones in tow as well. It couldn't have been any better! In October I accepted a job offer with Aspire Indiana, a non-profit behavioral health system serving parts of Indiana. It's my first position outside of education since graduation, but I myself am learning a lot! I'm a member of their human resources team, and every day is interesting and very busy. God is good!

My former roomie, **Maura Nugent Bardsley**, was in Indianapolis for a conference in late October, and we enjoyed a delicious dinner and many laughs outside on a gorgeous night, just a few blocks from her hotel. That served as our own mini-reunion, and it was great.

As promised, here is some news from the pre-Reunion update forms that were returned.

**Theresa Rafferty Grom** and her husband, Terrence, have 5 grown kids (4 boys, 1 girl),

and celebrated their thirtieth anniversary this past August. Their children are enjoying careers in business, law, pharmacy, forensic science, and education. Theresa is a third grade teacher at St. Francis de Sales School. She said she'll never forget Dr. Eugene Campanale's guidance and his advice to Education majors. (Yes, Dr. C. is our classmate Beth's dad.)

**Arlene Gatmaitan Dunbar** is married to Lawrence (ND '75), and they live in Sugarland, TX. They have three sons. Their youngest son, Ryan, will graduate from Notre Dame this spring with an engineering degree. Go, Ryan!

**Patsy Jones Mullin** and husband, Peter, have two sons (Ryan and Connor) and live in Stow, MA. Patsy was disappointed that she was unable to join her classmates for Reunion 2012... maybe next time!

**Sister Mary Joan MacNeill** is a retired high school art teacher, lives in Canada, and shared the following memories of Saint Mary's. She really liked the teaching staff, especially in the art department. She felt she was well prepared to teach art and art history when she graduated. She wrote that she was fortunate to be able to stay with the sisters of Holy Cross. She was also able to spend a semester in Rome, an experience she has always cherished. She is still painting, and six of her paintings were purchased by the government for the Prince Edward Island Art Bank. In her retirement, she enjoys teaching some courses for senior citizens and helping in schools.

**Mary Lanois Kastelic** (known to some of us as Harvey) lives in Wisconsin. She and her husband have two daughters: **Anna Kastelic '11** and Sarah Kastelic '15. When Mary wrote her note (spring 2012) Sarah was living in Holy Cross, 2 doors down from Mary's freshman year dorm room! Mary commented on how much she learned at Saint Mary's, and how wonderful the Rome experience was. She wrote, "I have made sure both my girls get the 'Rome with PORTIA' treatment as well! Ha!!"

**Donna Anania-Reich** and her husband Chuck (ND '77) live in Iowa. Donna taught English at Pittsburgh Central Catholic High School for 30 years, and is retired. Donna wrote: "The highlight of my years at Saint Mary's was sophomore year abroad in Rome. Not only did I forge life-long friendships, but I also met Chuck there. I also have fond memories of my professors/mentors in the English department. While all made an impression, I credit Sister Eva Hooker as the main influence on my career choice. During my thirty year tenure as a high school English teacher, I modeled my teaching style and techniques after her example."

**From Beth: Patty Carey Mysak** attended the thirty-fifth year reunion last June. She hasn't been to a reunion since her tenth. Her room mates, **Mary Hellinghausen Schlecht** and **Joan Callahan Carey** made for such a fantastic time, that plans are in the making for going back for the fortieth! Patty has been married to husband, Michael, for twenty-three years. They have three children. Heather is a junior at Saint Mary's, and her twin, Shannon, is a junior at the University of Alabama. Their youngest, Paul, is a sophomore engineering student at Purdue. All three are very happy at their schools, but still love to come back home to Florida. The girls went together to the BCS championship game over Christmas break and had a wonderful time.

Heather Mysak spent her second sophomore semester in Rome. One of her roommates was Caitlin George, who is **Kathy Feehan George's** daughter and they have become fast friends. Although this event will be over at publishing time, everyone is

looking forward to Junior Mom's weekend (in April). Heather is Biology major and spent her spring break in Nicaragua on a research trip for her Marine Biology class. Per Patty, "I loved Saint Mary's, but I am not sure I had as much fun as Heather is!"

'78

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**From Susan:** Where does the time go? I am reporting just after the wonderful reunion enjoyed by all. We had a spectacular showing at reunion with 91 attendees. Our class raised the most money for the Annual Fund for Saint Mary's. We were all very proud to be the class of 1978. We had 2 memorial dedications at reunion, a bench outside of the Cushman-Leighton library for **Sue Rohn Groden** and her husband Louis (ND). Sue's mother, brother and their 3 children attended and thanked us all for remembering them with such a thoughtful gift. There were many attendees from ND at the dedication which made it special for the family and close friends.

A tree was dedicated in **Maria-Lisa Mignanelli Brown's** memory just opposite **Angela Andrews Ryan's** bench at the student center entrance. All who attended were overflowing with emotion and memories of lives well lived.

The Rome reunion was perfect as always. Three cheers for **Janet Israel Borst** for keeping us connected and always planning a great party.

The following are the alumnae updates that arrived in advance of reunion. **Nancy Allred** is a senior center director in Maryland and a master gardener as well. She is the lead volunteer of a project to maintain a demonstration kitchen and yard gardens for a Historic Middling Plantation Home built in 1784-85. Nancy is busy serving on the board of Downs Park, a county park on the Chesapeake Bay. She and husband Will enjoy hiking and spending time on the water.

**Annette Jenkins Hayden** is living in Plano, TX and works as an RN. She and husband Daniel (ND '77) have 2 children Conor and **Deirdre Hayden Fuerst '09**. **Catherine Lawless Gaudreau** and Bill live in Annapolis, MD and have 2 daughters



Four Class of 79 friends and one from the Class of 78 gathered at Shaw's Crab House in Chicago at Christmastime to reminisce and enjoy each others' company. Pictured: (left to right) Kim Davis Van Fossan '79, Lynne Ewald Gerding '79, Mary Beth Vieha '78, Anne Davey McKenna '79, Eileen Lynch Fahey '79.

and one son. All 3 children attended ND so they have been frequent visitors to South Bend.

Our reunion chair, **Jan Dunkin Brengel** lives in Lake Forest, IL. Jan has a son, Thomas. **Judy Byrnes Leduc** lives in Warren, MI with husband Dennis. They have one daughter, Michelle and 3 sons, Scott, Kevin and David. They have been a host family for International HS students for the past 4 years and have enjoyed that experience. Judy has enjoyed the On-Line book discussion that Saint Mary's set up and is looking forward to participating in future discussions. She expects many changes in the near future as her husband contemplates retiring.

Please promise that you will send Michelle and me your news for future Courier issues. I did receive a number of updates days before reunion that I will report in upcoming issues. Do not allow your cameras and phones to hold your pictures hostage, share the joy!

Well, what happens in South Bend usually should stay in South Bend. But, this time, it's okay to stay with us for some time to come. Wonderful memories made, we are still smiling.

'81

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I finally sold my soap making business, Soapourri, in February and so that left me free to enjoy my new full time job working in accounting for Life Care Services in down-town Des Moines. I'm enjoying the people and the work and consider myself very lucky!

**Dawn Parker Santamaria** writes: In celebration of the bicentennial of the War of 1812, my tall ship, Unicorn, and her Sisters Under Sail program will be sailing the Great Lakes again this summer with the tall ship fleet! Sailing as the only all-women crewed tall ship in the world, we're very popular and will be making festival stops in Cleveland, Bay City, Chicago, Green Bay and Erie, PA. I'm hoping that any of our classmates in and around these port cities will come down to the boat to say "hi" when we're in town.

From **Jane Kopec Bentkowski: Cathy Sweeney Dunn, Martha Maggio Merizon** and I met in Miami for the National Championship Bowl Game. A great time was had by all.

**Michelle Taylor Holman** writes: We are very excited that our daughter Caitlyn Holman will be graduating from Saint Mary's on May 18. The four years have really flown by, and she will leave with degrees in Sociology and French as well as great friends for a lifetime.

'83

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Dear Classmates, I hope everyone who attended had a fantastic time at our 30th reunion! Please send me any news or notes from your time on campus and I will share in the next issue!

**Susie Lanman Downey** relocated to Phoenix a few years back and is grandmother to Fiona, 6!

**Karen Bossy Feller** writes that she lost her sister earlier this year to cancer. Karen and her husband are raising her sister's two teenagers, Mackenzie and Jimmy. Karen's son, Kyle, a medical student at Boston

University, got married in June. Daughter **Kaitlin Feller '11** works and lives in Munich, Germany. Daughter Emma is in middle school. Additionally, Karen writes that **Ellen Sroka** is CEO of Karen's husband's company, Desert Medical Imaging, and that it's a blessing to have her in their daily lives.

**Liz Kentra Gorey** writes that she enjoyed a weekend this spring in Boston with **Kathleen Peartree Moon** and family. This spring, Liz went on a medical mission to Honduras with her 17-year old son, Aidan.

**Mary Loeser Shawhan** has two kids at Notre Dame. Daughter Molly is a senior and plays Varsity lacrosse. Son Danny is a freshman and a member of NROTC.

And finally, news from your class reporter: the Harrison household relocated to Saint Louis earlier this year. With all of our kids out of the house it was a quiet move! I was sadly unable to attend the reunion, but in July I had a mini-reunion in Chicago with my Saint Mary's roommates, **Jill Daley-Gibson** and **Mary Laue Iberle**. The three of us don't get together as often as we'd like, but when we do it's as though time stood still. We had so much fun! Jill was in town to move her oldest son, Michael, to Chicago as he started law school at Loyola in the fall. Her youngest son, Peter, is a sophomore at the University of Vermont. As for Mary, earlier this year she was at Saint Mary's for the graduation of her middle child, **Jenna Iberle '13**. In the fall Jenna will start graduate school in physical therapy at Creighton. Mary's son Tim is a personal trainer in Chicago and daughter Margot is a senior at the University of Iowa.

'85

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Greetings classmates! A few check ins from a couple of Colleens in response to an email from me: **Colleen Flynn Roohan** wrote from sunny California and noted that the Los Angeles alumnae club recently received "club of the year," with attendance from SMC women representing class's all the way from the 1950's to 2010. **Colleen King Kuhn** sent a quick email and was on her way out into the not so sunny Pittsburgh cold. Her 15 year old daughter was about to play her first lacrosse game, with flurries for a companion.

**Annie Gallagher Connors** wrote as well. She shared that about four years ago she got a dream job as the medical tutor for a school district. She works with kids grades K-12 who have been out of school for more than two weeks and need to get back into the classroom. She shared that she has every kind of student, and teaches every kind of subject. The job really puts to use that broad Saint Mary's education! Both she and husband Jeff put over 70 thousand miles on their cars driving (mostly kids) to and fro. Their oldest, Margaret, 19, is a freshman at Creighton in Omaha, and loves it. Her second daughter, Tessie, 18, graduates this year, and will probably head to Syracuse University. Brendan, 16, is a sophomore at Wellesley high, and just won the state championship in diving. And a play on words from our friend: (I won the state championship in driving, didn't you hear? :) Son Jimmy, 15, is a freshman in high school and son Jack, 11, is in 6th grade, and Juliette is in fourth grade.

**Kathy Conley Taidet** also shared some updates. Sons David and Jack are both at ND and both live in Knott Hall, which is great fun for them. Some of the family went to the ND Bowl game in Miami and you'll prob-



ably relate to her noting that "it was so much fun until the game began!" She ran into Brian and **Peggy Pecjak Golden** and family. Peggy has published a book on praying the rosary. Kathy and **Ann Goldkamp Lamb** are trying to meet for lunch to catch up, and **Katie Lunzer Conneely** told Kathy that her daughter, Norah, was in Rome during the Papal conclave. **Colleen King Kuhn's** son, Andrew, and Kathy's son David ended up as competing quarterbacks in dorm football this year. She says that the boys used to play together as toddlers when Kathy and Colleen lived in Minnesota. Kathy and Dave recently took daughter Dorie to visit Saint Mary's and ND since she is a Junior in high school, and had a great visit with **Mary Burke** who is the President of the Board of Trustees for Saint Mary's. Mary is doing great, and was able to bring her Mom with her to the kick off dinner. That's all for now. [Laineys@cinci.rr.com](mailto:Laineys@cinci.rr.com) when you can take a few moments to update us on how you're doing. Take care!

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**From Katherine:** Please send updates to my email [Kathi@mimitz.com](mailto:Kathi@mimitz.com). I would love to share any news in the Courier.

**Colleen O'Brien Benjamin** is in Kalamazoo, MI still working at Borgess as an RN, but is now the Bariatric Surgery Coordinator. Her oldest is a freshman at Hackett Catholic Central. Her son John is in seventh grade and Michael is a fifth grader at their parish school.

Colleen spent time with **Michelle Devlin** while in Chicago in October. **Michelle Devlin, Judy Gibbons Riordon, Patty O'Connell** and Colleen all met on Saint Mary's campus Spring 2011 while Judy was home with her family from Japan. Judy had been living there for several years, but she took a mandated break after the earthquake. Judy and her family have since moved back to the US. Both Judy and **Maureen Blanchfield Pierret** have sons at Notre Dame.

**Mary Kay Leary** is in St. Louis working the finance support for risk management at Ascension Health, the largest non-profit and Catholic health-care system in the US. She assists in managing the self-insurance of their medical malpractice and workers' compensation programs. Mary Kay's mom passed away December 2012. Keep her and her family in your prayers.

Sheila Smiggen relocated to Columbia, South Carolina where she is a business strategy manager

at Allied Air Enterprises.

**Mary Frances Wilkin** lost her father in January 2013. He is reunited in Heaven with his wife of 59 years. Prayers for Mary Fran.

**Therese Ryan Rooney** writes "**Mary Beth Lavezzorio** has a blog. It's called Lavslounge. She is a great writer and now everyone can read her blog." Mary Beth's oldest daughter, Marisa, is in High school. Her son Anthony is in eighth grade and Natalie in fifth grade.

**Joanie McKenna Dowdle** went to the Olympics to watch her nephew, Conor Dwyer, win the gold on the Freestyle relay team. They had a great time and loved being there for Conor.

Therese went to Canada last summer with the whole Ryan crew for her Dad's 80th birthday! Always fun to get families together to celebrate with all the generations!

'88

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**From Mary Kay:** I have been so enjoying my interactions with classmates through the Los Angeles Alumnae Club activities. In December, I enjoyed a lovely brunch with **Anne Borgman** and **Moir Michiels** at the Getty Museum. In January, **Katy Kronenberg Penna** coordinated a trip to the Mission Inn in Riverside. Katy's daughter finished her freshman year at Saint Mary's in May; my son spent the spring semester in Spain. It's both gratifying and terrifying to watch as our children go off, as we did 25 years ago.

From **Sherry Green Antonetti**: I wanted to let you know a bit of alumnae news. I am third generation alumnae of Saint Mary's (my grandmother, **Jean Shinnners Woodin '38**, attended but did not graduate owing to health issues, and my mother is **Peggy Woodin Green '63**). My first book, *The Book of Helen*, is due to launch May 30th of this year.

As an English major, I credit Saint Mary's College and Sr. Jeanne, Jeanne Rodes, Liz Noel, Tom Bonnell, Max Westler, Paula Carlson and Lynn Vacca with cumulatively forcing my brain to think and to craft and to wrestle with words until they were something beautiful.

I will be at Saint Mary's for the reunion, hopefully along with my husband (ND 88). We have ten children ranging in age from 20 to 2 and we met the third day of school freshman year (1984) and have dated ever since.

**From Mary Kay Scheid:** Our 25<sup>th</sup> reunion was a blast! I am sure everyone in attendance would agree. It was colder than many of us expected it to be. It reminded me of fall in South Bend, and driving down The Avenue in autumn was always about new beginnings. I think our reunion was indeed a chance for new beginnings for all of us.

I was thrilled to find that my roommate in beautiful Opus Hall was my friend **Karen Walker**. With the multiple moves that accompany workers in the early part of their careers, I had lost touch. But clearly we hadn't forgotten one another; her first question was, "Do you still dip your French fries in mayonnaise?" I informed her that I had moved up in the world to Ranch Dressing. I then remembered

spending an afternoon with her on her uncle's boat. She shared that she now owns a flight school in Florida. It seems she is moving up in the world too!

For several classmates, this was their first reunion. Given how much fun they had, I am sure it won't be their last. I bumped into first-time attendee **Rachel Durkin-Drga** at the 1988 banquet on Friday night. We spoke for hours, and the years just slipped away. We managed to calculate that we have known each other for 33 years (we attended the same high school). Still working at the Performing Arts Center at UT-Austin, she may have an opportunity to travel to China in the fall to evaluate performances she might want to book. Speaking of books, another first-time attendee, **Sherry Green Antonetti** has just written a book entitled *The Book of Helen*. She managed to do so while caring for her 10 children, ranging in age from 2 – 20. Check it out on Facebook and give it a "like."

**Anne Borgman** was notably absent from the Friday night banquet. But she had a very good excuse –she gave birth that day to twins! I look forward to meeting Sebastian and Julia in June.

A multitude of activities were planned for our class –department open houses, a class mass, a class photo, and a beautiful tree dedication in memory of **Ann Ruth Peterson**. But we also were nourished by informal gatherings on the Opus Sunroof, happy hours in the lobby (lasting until the wee morning hours), and shopping at the bookstore (don't forget to get a St. Mary's tube top, all middle-aged women should have one!).

Because we had so much fun socializing, **Louise Foley Smith**, started a Facebook page for our class. The invitation reads: "St. Mary's College (Notre Dame, IN) Class of 1988 group was created as a result of the gathering of our class in celebration of our 25th Reunion. Many of us decided we would like to keep in touch with old and new friends. Feel free to add members of the class of 1988. Let's continue to nourish our friendships as St. Mary's alumnae through this page. Welcome Belles of '88! Please join us. As reunion proves again and again, we are all connected."

**From Jamie:** After departing Saint Mary's, **Colleen Harty Taricani** put it this way, "Loved reunion! Only wish it had been longer!" And I think many of us agree. The Class of 1988 Jubilee reunion was only days ago, and it truly was a celebration. It goes without saying that we've come a long way since graduation 25 years ago... For some of us even the last five years have been a journey. In the ever familiar setting of our alma mater, the rockin' women of SMC '88 who returned to campus reminisced and made new memories; hugged old friends and new ones; prayed over the loss of classmates and family members; raised glasses to the new moms in our class and to the tiny babies born over the weekend and those due in coming months; shared heart-to-hearts in the dorm rooms; cried tears of joy at the Grotto; cocktailled in Madeleva, Opus, LeMans, Mishawaka, and the swampy ND '88 beer tent; talked careers and kids; and cocktailled some more. To quote **Nancy Fazio Finn**, "BEST D\*\*\* TIME EVER"

For unofficial news feeds (and photos!) from the weekend, be sure to check out the "Saint Mary's College Class of 1988" Facebook page that Mary Kay mentions. (Thanks, again, **Louise Foley Smith**!) Also, to make contributing your latest news to the Courier easier, feel free to directly message **Mary Kay Scheid** or me on Facebook; we are happy to forward your news to the Courier office when the deadlines approach.

**Louise Foley Smith** shares this message—I am still on the high from seeing so many of our classmates

at the 25th Reunion! If you were not there, you were indeed missed. I currently live in Plymouth MI with my husband Brian (ND '87). We have 7 children. Our oldest daughter, Catherine, finished her freshman year and loves being a student at Saint Mary's College. It is wonderful being back on campus regularly.

As some of you know, our 12 year old daughter, Bridget the Brave, passed away on Oct. 5, 2013 after a 3 year battle with a brain tumor. The funeral liturgy was packed with over 1300 people as our pastor told the parish if they wanted to be at the funeral of a saint that they should come. Our family motto was Every Day with Joy and Bridget lived it. She was a normal kid, yet her sanctity was obvious to those that met her. Our alma mater was amazing to our family reaching out to us and making sure Catherine had a successful year in spite of all the difficulties at home. We were blessed by the many SMC classmates that attended the wake and funeral. **Kathleen Spellacy Leonard, Elizabeth Stockhus, Kelly Ryan Hillery, Mary Hogan Bouhall, Amy O'Brien Mundt, Suzanne Ridenour Coulter, Celeste Thompson Hummel, and Francesca Trigiani Noone.** Thank you for all the prayers offered for our family.

'89

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A reminder that June 2014 will find us back on campus for our twenty-fifth reunion! If you are interested in helping out, please let me know. Also, keep in mind that the "giving year" runs from June -May 31, so all reunion or campaign donations you make after June 1 count toward our reunion giving total—we're aiming for 100% participation!

After nearly 20 months, **Anne Palamaro Wynne** and James officially adopted Brendan and Kathleen in May—bringing their fabulous family to seven kids. Congratulations! And last October, the Wynne's took six of the children to Washington, D.C. for vacation. While there, they met up for a wonderful dinner with **Kayko Davis Nakamura** and her son Conrad.

In February, **Kelly Glavin Zeh** traveled from Allison Park, PA to the Columbus, OH area for her daughter's gymnastics meet, which gave her the chance to catch up with her college roommate, **Julie Wagner Feasel**. Julie has been spending a lot of time at Saint Mary's lately! She was back on campus in May for her oldest daughter's graduation. Meghan graduated with a degree in elementary education. Then in August, Julie's youngest daughter, Brigid, will start her freshman year at Saint Mary's.

**Cara Calzolano-Ross** is the founder and owner of Diamond Athletics, an all-star cheer and tumble center in Southern New Jersey. Her daughter, Megan, will be a junior at Saint Mary's and is loving every minute of her time there.

**Theresa Kress Marks** shared exciting news that her husband Gary's third album, "Thoughts of Why," sold out and was re-released in Japan by Stella Records. Less than a year ago his second album, "Upon Oanda's Wing" was re-released by the same record company. He is currently working on a new album of great songs, titled "No Turning Back." Watch for it!

'91

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Dear Classmates: It's always difficult to write the sad news, especially when one of our own has died. We really need to think about the pleasure that knowing them gave to all of us. **Gwen Cole** passed away on February 24, 2013 from complications arising from her life-long heart issues. She earned her masters of public administration from Seattle University and married Dana Guppy in 2002. Please keep her family in your prayers.

**Helen Snyder Gauthier** was married on December 8, 2012 in Saint Lunaire, France to Gwen-dal Gauthier. They have a three year old daughter, Madeleine Grace. Helen is in her eleventh year of teaching art. She is currently teaching at St. Mark's in Ft. Lauderdale, FL for grades K-8.

**Kristen Gill** is an independent travel writer and photojournalist. She was in Switzerland where she documented the Adventure Travel World Summit. Her photographic series entitled "Bulgaria: Images of the Past Made Present" was selected to be presented in Washington DC as part of the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual FotoWeek DC.

**Maureen Fitzgerald MacMullan** is living in Spartanburg, SC. She teaches eighth grade history part-time at the Spartanburg Day School, which is where her children Maisie, 12, Ellie, 8, and Patrick, 5, all attend.

**Marcie Gaus Berry** lives in Pittsburgh, PA. with her husband, Dan, and 6 year old twin boys, Ryan and Conor. Marcie works at the Benedum Foundation and volunteers at her boys' school.

**Karen McNamara Weaver** lives in Bettendorf, IA, in her renovated childhood home with her husband, David and children, Hallie, 10 and Jennifer, 5. She works for IBM. She is also currently serving as the President of the Saint Mary's College Alumnae Association Board of Directors and is serving on the Board of Trustees at Saint Mary's.

**Ann Patzke Gray** lives in Alexandria, VA. and has started in the MBA program at U of V Darden School of Business. She gets lots of homework help from her 15 year old son, Avery. Ann reports that **Kelly Krauser Knott** lives close to her in Alexandria, as well. She and her husband, Stewart, have three children, Carson, 7, Halle, 4, and Kendall, 4. Kelly is a senior director, federal government relations, at the National Retail Federation in Washington DC. Ann also reports that **Holly Munz Anastas** and Jeff (ND '91) live in San Diego, CA with their children, Katie and Lauren. Ann and Holly decided to swap houses and cars over Easter break, 2011. The Anastas family loved sightseeing in DC and the Grays enjoyed exploring Southern California.

**Jeannie Sabin Barry** is teaching the first grade at an IB curriculum and Title 1 school. She lives in Marietta, GA with her husband, Chris, and kids, Patrick, 13 and Kevin, 10.

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**From Patsy:** Congratulations to **Tess Lynch Nichols** and Donald, who celebrated their second marriage anniversary on March 25. Tess recently accepted the job as assistant manager of The Castle of Muskogee ([www.okcastle.com](http://www.okcastle.com)) and relocated to Muskogee, OK in February.

**Lori Corirossi Hazen** ran into **Amy Carlisle Keating, Maria Alvarez Ruiz, and Frannie Cappelleri Besztery** at the ND/Miami game at Soldier Field. Lori also ran into **Annie Lopez Kiperman** at a dance convention where both of their daughters were dancing. **Maureen Lowry-Fritz** also passed along the news that she and Lori had sons on the same basketball team over the past winter. Ike Fritz and Brennan Hazen were the two tiniest guys on the team and they alternated as point guard.

**Karen Derksen Weber** became a grandmother to Wyatt on March 26, 2012. Karen has two daughters, Heather, 18, and Cassandra, 20. Karen left her job working for the Court system in different capacities for over fifteen years in order to stay home with him. Even though my daughters have chosen different schools for their higher education, Cassandra has accepted a position as a Fine Arts Camp counselor at Saint Mary's this summer so she is SMC, one way or the other! Karen is still living in the South Bend area, so anyone visiting who would like to get together, or that need recommendations for housing and/or places to eat, feel free to contact her.

Please keep your reunion updates coming and check out our class page on Facebook. We now have 176 members!

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Hello Class of 1995! Our next class news update is due on **December 1, 2013.**

**Seanne Patrick Buckwalter** writes, "My mother passed away November 12, 2012 after a long and difficult road following her stage five brain aneurysm in February 2001. My mother was a loving, strong, independent woman who fought her battle with much dignity and integrity. Despite the sad occasion, **Alexis Dunbar Beckwith, Kristina Berg Borger, Elizabeth Kernan, Jean Powers, and Jennifer Puplava** were all able to join my family and me in celebrating my mother's life. I am grateful for their support as well as many other Belles who have provided support to me and my family over the last eleven years."

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Greetings from Arizona!

My big news ... **Lisa Coury Heroux** married Matthew Heroux on February 16, 2013 at Brophy Chapel in Phoenix, AZ. It was an unforgettable day surrounded by the love of many Belles: **Mary Jones Dalzell, Rebecca Jacobs Dempsey, Kate Votruba Frey, Meg Winkler Kniskern, Lori Allen Remington and Karen Damaso '96.**

**Erin Shelley Scordo** and husband, Vincent

Scordo, along with big brother Tommaso welcomed Amelia Joy to their family on October 20, 2012. They are all in love!

**Catherine Bohan Opel** and husband, Jonathan, welcomed son, Zachary Francis, on January 11, 2013 at 12:30 at night. He joins brothers Nathan and Maxwell and sister Caitlin. They are very busy, but very happy!

Great 2012 for **Kim Michalik Bayless** ... she married Ryan Bayless, and also they welcomed their baby girl, Blakely Ann Bayless.

**Bridget Thomas Muckle** and husband, Tim, had their fourth child in June 2012 -- a girl! -- Abigail Hyacinth. Big brothers are John, Gabriel, and Luke. They are all in love!

**Angela Olsen Grauer** and husband, Walter Grauer, welcomed baby girl, Lillian Grace Grauer, on February 8th, 2013.

**Jennifer Nelson Bojarski** and husband, Ted, welcomed a little boy on March 8, 2013. Theodore Vincent Bojarski arrived a month early and was 7lbs, 12 oz, and 20 1/2 inches long!

**Anne Marie Joseph Irey** and husband, John, welcomed baby boy Mark Nelson Irey on October 27, 2012, at 11:22 pm. He weighed 6 lbs. 10 oz. and was 19 inches long. He is so much fun and truly the love of Anne Marie and John's lives!

**Sarah Bandera Pellico** has been teaching at St. Matthew Cathedral for the past seven years. (Five years teaching second grade and in her second year teaching sixth grade.). She was teaching in the Elkhart Community School Corporation for 8 years before that. In July, Sarah and her husband, Matthew (Bubba), have four children: Preston Matthew (9), Sheridan Rose (7), Evelyn Joy (5), and Sorin John (23 months).

**Carrie Kootz Gaines** and husband, Aaron, welcomed their second little girl in two years. Anna Francis was born on June 20, 2012. She is an amazingly good baby.

**Anna Antes Patterson** and her husband, Tommy, welcomed a son, John Vincent, in July of 2012. Big sibs, Siena and Luke, are completely smitten with baby Jack. They are all well and thrilled with the addition to a noisy, happy home.

'99

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**From Jennifer: Meg Fischer Spartz** had her fourth boy, George Thomas, on February 24, 2013, with her husband Jerry Spartz ND '97.

**Ellen Boudette Flanigan** and her husband John had their fourth child, John "Jack" Louis, on August 25, 2011. In October 2012, her husband took a new job and their family moved from upstate New York to San Antonio, TX. It's been a big adjustment but they do like the shorter winter.

On December 4, 2012, **Sarah Gallagher Dvorak** and her husband, Todd ND '99, had a daughter, Eleanor Anne. She joins brother, Oliver, 6.

**Colleen Patrick-Lenart** wrote, "My mother passed away November 12, 2012, after a long and difficult

illness. I would like to thank my fellow classmates that have helped me along this long journey. A special thanks for those that joined my family to help celebrate the life of a beautiful woman that touched the lives of so many: **Kelly Curtis, Maire Dempsey, Lisa Zacharias Fennessy, and Carolyn Sarnecki Parente.**

**Dana Larvick Bennett** wrote, "In August of 2011, my very dear friend Jackie Bayley ND Law '02 passed away after a two and a half year battle with ovarian cancer. Along with two other close friends, I have founded the Jacqueline E. Bayley Foundation for Ovarian Cancer Research and Awareness. We are currently still awaiting our 501(c)(3) status; however, we have already begun significant fundraising and are forging a partnership with Karmanos Cancer Institute in Detroit. Although our foundation is still in its infancy, we have high expectations to impact the landscape of ovarian cancer research. There is currently no early detection test for ovarian cancer like there is for breast cancer. That is why the disease has been given the moniker "the silent killer." We intend to change that. Individuals who would like to learn more about the JEBF can find us online at jebf-foundation.org."

**From Moira: News from Christina Kouri Brunner:** My husband, Keith, and I welcomed our third on January 28. Jane Catherine Brunner was born 6lbs 13 oz. and 20 inches long. Her big brothers, Keith (7), and Jake (4 1/2), are great helpers and are crazy about their new sister.

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**From Alyson:** Happy Courier time to all 2001 Belles! Hope you all are well!

Growing families continue to bless our homes and so congratulations are in order. **Julie Norman Kimmons** wrote, "Life is good in Indianapolis, IN. I just hit my one-year mark at the NCAA and then, welcomed our baby boy, Benjamin Norman Kimmons on March 3. Big brother Andrew turned two just 11 days later and absolutely loves his baby Ben!" **Emily Patterson Salamon** added, "My husband, Andrew, big brother, Kohler, and I welcomed our daughter, Violet Ann, on January 25, 2013." And I heard from **Colleen Borkowski Fontaine**, "Things in Milwaukee, WI are good. We received a delayed Christmas gift in the form of Evan Michael who arrived on December 28. I continue to stay at home with Caitlyn (21 months) and Evan (3 months). They keep me on my toes!" **Annie Rolles Atkinson** shared, "On February 15, my husband, Aaron, and I welcomed our second child, Lillian Celestine Atkinson. Big brother Carter is excited and Mom and Dad are tired!"

And **Melissa Grabek Boltz** checked in, "My husband, Matt, and I just had our second child, Theodore Matthew, on November 4, 2012. Our three year old, Emma Lucille, is adjusting well to our new addition and is thriving at her nearby Reggio Amelia school. We are still living in Portage Park in Chicago. I am working as a speech language pathologist in Early Intervention and Matt as a Radio Engineer/Producer for WGN radio with the Chicago Cubs and Northwestern Wildcats."

**Cassie Carrigan Kelleher** also wrote, "On August 21, 2012, Matt and I welcomed our second child, Frederick Michael. My son, Charlie, loves being a big brother. I was recently promoted to Communications Manager, focusing on internal communications, for Pepper Construction." And **Julie Scheib Martin** added, "On January 23, 2013, Scott and I welcomed our third son, Cullen Joseph. He joins big brothers, Griff and Tanner. I am still teaching high school social studies and enjoying my students very much."

In wedding Belle news, **Shelly Ambroziak Overgaard** wrote, "I married Joshua Overgaard on January 19, 2013. We took a long honeymoon and didn't want to come back to the snow and cold in South Bend! I'm still running a program for teen moms and am active in community theater having recently played 'Truvy' in South Bend Civic's production of *Steel Magnolias*."

Several classmates also wrote about new adventures and good news! **Molly Gast Holzrichter** noted, "First, if possible, I want to thank all my Saint Mary's friends for their love and support when our little boy, Everett James, was still born last year. The cards, thoughts and prayers meant so much to me and my family. In April, I will be starting with a new company, Manitowoc Co., as the manager for learning and development. It is a really amazing opportunity and I am really excited for the move! Nothing much else to report except my upcoming tenth wedding anniversary to my husband, Rob!" And **Molly Strzelecki** added, "I started a new job at the American Society for Clinical Pathology as a managing and senior editor for two of their journals."

**Christine Draper** checked in to say, "I've been busy! I moved in February 2012 to Monterey, CA for an externship to complete an occupational therapy assistant degree and I liked it so much that when I graduated in June, I relocated to Monterey permanently. I am enjoying the Bay area weather and loving seeing the beach every day. I work in a pediatric facility with kids with developmental challenges and I also work with geriatrics in a rehab setting. It's a fun career and I look forward to seeing where it takes me."

And **Brigid Phelan Smith** wrote, "I have moved to Los Angeles, CA with my husband and two young girls. Although we are enjoying the area and all the fun things to do here, we miss our family and friends back on the East Coast."

And lastly, I continue to love my little corner of the world. I've begun training with my students for the sixth year of my after-school half marathon training program and am looking forward to running Hood to Coast for the third time this summer. I also just returned from a fabulous spring break wine country trip to Walla Walla, WA and am already plotting my return. Until next time, my best.

'03

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**From Meganne: Emily Blaha** reports that she met **Lindsay Mollan, Molly Lee, and Bridget Yearwood** in Washington, DC in December for a tour of the White House Christmas decorations. This year's Christmas theme, "Joy to All," was especially meaningful as it honored members of our Armed Forces and those who have served our country proudly. Both **Bridget Yearwood** and **Molly Lee** have served our country through multiple deployments, while Lindsay Mollan serves as a lawyer for the Department of Veteran's Affairs.

**Regina Andaloro** works at NIKE as a Brand Specialist in Chicago.

**Allie Higgins** writes that Reece Taylor Rittenour-Orwick was born on January 19, 2013: "He joins big brother, Cole Austin, who can't wait to play trucks with the new little guy!"

**Emily Hemberger Dennison** is finishing up her third year of pathology residency at University of Louisville and has signed a contract for a forensic pathology fellowship in Miami for 2014-2015.

**Jessica Saxton Fraser**, her husband Michael, and their son Alistair welcomed daughter and sister Emery Claire on January 17, 2013.

**Elizabeth Bailey Stocker** and her husband Patrick welcomed their baby boy, William 'Liam' Oliver Stocker, on January 8th, 2013.

**Monica Cannon-Meeker** writes that Camilla Frances Meeker was born on October 11, 2012. Her husband Giacomo is finishing up year three of five for his general surgery residency in Cincinnati, OH; Monica is also a co-chair of a church group and keeping busy with Annabelle in preschool three days a week.

**Heather Goodrich Schrider** is the proud mother of Owen Joseph, born August 21, 2012, weighing in at 9 lbs 15 oz. Heather works at CACI as a software tester.

**Evelyn Gonzales Avila** gave birth to a baby boy, Oscar Moises Avila, on January 27, 2013. Her other children, Oscar & Olivia Noemi, are 1 year and 2 months apart almost to the day. (Olivia was born November 28, 2011.)

Congratulations are in order for **Suzie Dolemba** who was named a top-three finalist for the 2012 Indiana Teacher of the Year award.

**Jill Clark Colpitts** married Joseph Colpitts in Las Vegas in August of 2008. They welcomed their son Evan in February of 2009. Jill also graduated with her Accelerated BSN in Nursing from IUSB in December of 2007, then graduated with her MSN as a Family Nurse Practitioner in December of 2012, and then became board certified this past March of 2013. She is currently working at HealtheACCESS (sic) Clinics in Valparaiso, IN while living in South Bend, IN.

**Lauren Hofer** married Rich Damron June 23, 2012 at the Excellence Riviera Cancun in Riviera Maya, Mexico with their families present. The following month, they had a reception in LaPorte, IN. Belles in attendance were **Emily Miller Klump** and Maggie Vanes'15. In August of 2012, they moved to Austin, TX (with both dogs in tow) where Lauren works as a pharmacist with Sam's Club and Rich works with APS/Omnicare. In September, they took possession of their first owned home in South Austin.

**Gina Rowe Ness** married Bill Ness (ND '03) on September 29, 2012 in Chicago, IL. **Katie Murphy Corcoran** and **Michelle Lawton Recendez** served as bridesmaids. Jason Beckstrom (ND '03) served as best man and Kyle Dolder (ND '04) was a groomsman.

**Nina Ready Sina** is in private practice as a Licensed Mental Health Counselor and also audits clinical charts for Behavioral Health of the Palm

Beaches, Inc. Her son, Henry, will be two years old on June 9th, and he started at a Montessori school in April. Nina and her family are planning a trip to Germany and Italy in June.

**Rebecca Stumpf** has launched her own editorial and commercial photography business. Check out her website at ([www.rebeccastumpf.com](http://www.rebeccastumpf.com)) Becca shoots for both local and national publications and companies. She is also leading two High School Education Outreach programs at the Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art.

**Katie Moorman Rahrig** and her husband Chris are keeping busy with their two little girls, Ella, 2 1/2 and Delaney, 16 months. They live in Cincinnati, OH and Katie recently went back to work part-time as a nurse at Cincinnati Children's Hospital.

**Christine LaVigne Osburn** and her husband Matt (ND'03) had baby #3, Nathaniel Terence, on

December 7th. Christine writes, "I am blessed to be able to stay home with them during the day and teach dance in the evenings and weekends." The Osburns caught up with **Janelle Koop Keller, Stephanie Redwanski Belschner, and Amy Greene Smith** and their families for an ND game watch in Cincinnati back in October. Janelle and Christine also had a mini-reunion recently with **Megs McGinty Anderson**.

**Katy Disinger** went back to nursing school and earned her BSN in July 2012 from the University of Missouri Sinclair School of Nursing. Katy passed the NCLEX in October and became a true RN.

**Gabrielle Campo Neal** and her husband Roger welcomed their son Daniel into the world on March 29, 2013. Congratulations!

What a fantastic Reunion Weekend! There is nothing more restorative than spending time on our beautiful campus with fellow Belles. Thank you to all



**Welcome Home Alumnae**

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

**Saturday, November 2nd**  
Notre Dame vs Navy  
Dalloway's Clubhouse\*  
10am - 12:noon

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

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

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

**Remember,  
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who sent in updates prior to Reunion and for those who updated us during the memorable weekend!

**Colleen Conaty Bowen** gave birth to Gavin Patrick Bowen on April 23, 2013 in Kansas City, MO. Colleen is working as a stay at home mother to him and her older son Griffin. Congrats, Colleen!

**Lane Herrington Mohr** is working internationally in Abu Dhabi, UAE for Abu Dhabi Investment Authority in Risk Management. She hasn't seen any Saint Mary's alumnae visiting yet – but she is looking forward to having visitors.

It was great to see **Katie Vincer Sears** at Reunion. Katie has opened up her own dental practice, Confident Expressions, in Columbus, OH and is the proud mama of Scott Sears, Jr., who was born in August of 2012.

**Dorothy Sue Carder** is also living in Columbus, OH as the Radio Operator for the City of Whitehall Police Department in Whitehall.

**Merideth Pierce Sullivan** is living in Thousand

Oaks, CA as a "play-at-home" mom with her son, Pierce Patrick Sullivan. Merideth writes, "After 10 years of creating and implementing programming at children's museums, I've retired to be home with our son and continue to serve on the board of our local Ventura County's Children's Museum writing grants."

**Jillian Kamaski Buck** is currently living in Valparaiso, IN with her husband Sean and son, Collin.

**Katie Sandford Gaebel** is working as an Assistant Professor of Education at Central College in Pella, IA. She completed her Ph.D. in Education in June 2012 at The Ohio State University. Congrats, Katie!

**Evelyn Marie Gonzales Avila** is living in McAllen, TX with her husband Ricardo and children Olivia (born November 2011) and Oscar (born January 2013.) Evelyn is working as an English teacher at Edinburg High School in Edinburg, TX.

**Concetta Siciliano Johnson** is living in Peoria, IL and is enjoying life with her husband Michael and daughter Olivia (born May 2011.)

**Lauren Brown** is working as a Physician/Psychiatrist at Community Mental Health in Lansing, MI.

**Lauren Dasso Statler** is living in Upper Arlington, OH with her family of four.

**Laura Kathleen Bost-Jeselnick** is working as an independent dance instructor in Carmel, CA and is married to Adam Edward Jeselnick. She achieved her M.A. in English Literature from Arizona State University in May of 2006.

**Marianne Jennings Rehfield** is teaching fourth grade in Oak Park, IL. She and her husband Christopher welcomed a baby girl, Madeline Mary Rehfield, on April 26, 2012. Marianne writes, "I continue to teach Irish dancing classes and over fifty dancers take class in my after school program."

It was wonderful to see so many of you at Reunion – our class had over 55 participants! The happy hour at Corby's was well attended and it was so special to see classmates walking across campus during the weekend. It sure doesn't feel like ten years have passed! Campus looked beautiful and the weather held so that we could celebrate our time together during the picnic and other on-campus affairs. It would take pages to write everyone's updates here, so please continue to send them to me, Amanda, or Amy so that we can include you in the next edition. We are already looking forward to our 15<sup>th</sup> Reunion in 2018 – hope to see many more of you there!

## Excelsior

**LINDA ROEDER TORTORELLI '84** was recently selected as one of six academic professionals honored at the University of Illinois 2013 Chancellor's Academic Professional Excellence awards in April. The program honors the accomplishments and contribution of academic professionals, who perform a range of vital functions for the campus community. Recipients are selected for work, personal, and professional contributions. Tortorelli is the program coordinator for The Autism Program, providing consultation to families and professionals, and implementing educational programs for children, parents, and professionals

**LUCIA "PIA" TRIGIANI, '80** a principal with MercerTrigiani law firm, has been inducted as a member of the 2013 Class of Fellows of the Virginia Law Foundation. Trigiani, 2011 president of the Virginia Bar Association, joined 16 other distinguished attorneys from across the Commonwealth in an induction ceremony held during the 124th annual meeting of the Virginia Bar Association.

Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum operation's director, **KENDRA KLINK '01**, has been chosen as a member of the "40 Under 40" class of 2013. She received the award from *Fort Wayne Business Weekly* and was nominated by readers.

**KRISTEN D'ARCY '02**, Senior Vice President of E-Commerce at Oscar de la Renta, was named in *Retail Online Integration's* third annual list of the leading female executives in the cross-channel retail industry. Having joined the brand in 2011, D'Arcy is responsible for building its e-commerce business, overseeing the operations, planning, buying and merchandising for *OscardelaRenta.com*, in addition to teams leading online acquisition and loyalty efforts. Prior to her current role, D'Arcy was responsible for Ralph Lauren's U.S. digital marketing activities, including search, email and affiliate marketing teams.

**ANNA BAX '11** was recently awarded the Heart of the Schools award, from the Archdiocese of Chicago. Awarded to 16 out of 3,600 teachers each year, Bax won in the category of The Arts.

**TRICIA BURKE '81** was awarded The 2013 Alumna of the Year at Sacred Heart Academy in Louisville, Kentucky. Burke served on the board of her alma mater from 2002-2005 and twice chaired the Alumnae Awards Celebration. Her leadership skills helped drive alumnae board members participation in events and aided in the growth of overall attendance.

**MARY ACKER KLINGENBERGER '79** was named President of Chicago's Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School and assumed her role on March 4, 2013. An alumna, Klingenberg will focus on strategic planning, alumnae relations, advancement, enrollment, and financial issues for the entire campus. Previously, she served as Director of Gift Planning at Hinsdale Hospital, and was regional president of Harris Bank of Hinsdale.

On June 1, 2013, music **SHEILA M. CRONIN '71** wrote for the song "Beautiful Girl (Myra's Song)" was debuted by Ballet Chicago, a school of classical dance. A faculty member wrote the choreography and the dance was performed by eight students en pointe, accompanied on flute by the school's director. The song was written in memory of her cousin, Myra Cronin Staudt ('67).

'05

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**Tabitha Rand Potok** has been busy! She married her husband Chris in a beautiful Charleston, SC wedding, moved to Brookfield CT, transferred to the Air Force Reserves in NJ, and gave birth to their first child Michael. While she misses the warm weather and good food from SC, she's thrilled with her life changes.

**Emily Noem Herrera** and her husband, Jesse had their second child, Manuel Gabriel Herrera, on January 22nd. She has chosen to stay home with him and their first child, Cecilia.

**Stephanie Heyl Grasso**, "We gave birth to David our second on June 5 and we are having our third baby this September." Stephanie runs a home childcare business going on its third year.

**Lora Wilcomb Martinez** writes, "I was married this past June 8, 2012 to Adrian Martinez in Scottsdale, Arizona. **Katie Schultz** and **Melissa Montoya Glorioso** were in attendance, as well as my aunts **Cris Lill Valdes '73** and **Mary Eichen-seiher Fishbaugh '69**. My husband and I will be moving from Scottsdale to Denver this spring."

**Holly Eckert Belzowski** reports, "Our second son Jonah Thomas Belzowski was born June 7, 2012. He joins our first born, Jude Rex who will be 4 on July 7, 2013."

**Kristy Zaininger Lehner** was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis in September 2011. 2011 & the beginning of 2012 were rough but she is now feeling better than ever. She attributes it to Shaklee Natural Remedies. She is now active as a Shaklee distributor, local theatre, & attending graduate school at Northern Illinois University. She is studying Neuroscience & Behavior. Love to all SMC'ers!

**Michelle Stanforth Smith** says, "I'm working in the Navy Reserves working with the Special Operations Command in Tampa, Florida, teaching high school math (from Algebra to Calculus) and art at

Saddlebrook Preparatory Golf and Tennis Academy, and teaching skincare and makeup artistry with Mary Kay. Work has been pretty consuming lately, but I did get to catch up with fellow SMC graduate, **Donna Ingles**, within the past couple of weeks."

**Madelyn Pilcher** writes, "I graduate with my Doctorate in Nursing Practice from the University of Iowa, College of Nursing on May 17. I will then be working as a Family Nurse Practitioner in Eastern Iowa.

**Carolyn Gass Hunt** says, "I married my best friend, Brady Kenyon Hunt on January 5, 2013 in Grand Rapids, MI (my hometown). It was a beautiful day (32 and sunny) which is rare in the Midwest in January." **Karen Godfrey, Deirdre Mangan, Rebecca Bosack Kaufmann, Carolyn Gass Hunt, Emily Sterritt Johnson, Lauren Connolly, and Annemarie Kennedy** were in attendance.

Madison Elizabeth Ford was born on Saturday, January 5, 2013 to **Ashley Archer Ford** and Kyle Ford in Houston, Texas weighing 7lb 0.8oz and 19 1/4 inches long. Everyone is doing well and aunt Megan Archer '13 was present for the birth!

Charles Joseph Kasper was born on November 6, 2012 to **Kelsey Schatz Kasper** and Michael Kasper at Northwestern Lake, Forest, IL. Weighing 8 lbs. 3 oz. and was 20 inches tall.

Jacob Steven Cronin was born on December 9, 2012 to **Keri Luzik Cronin** Jack Cronin in Pittsburgh, PA weighing 6 lbs. 14 oz. and 19 1/2 inches long.

On August 4, 2012, **Sr. Kathryn Press**, ASCJ professed her first vows as an Apostle of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in Hamden, CT. Being surrounded by family, friends, and her religious sisters added to the joy of the occasion. Among the guests were fellow RLST majors **Molly T. Burns '06** and **Sarah Harward Haywood '05**, her husband and their two children.

Sr. Katie moved to St. Louis, MO in August where she began teaching elementary school religion using Catechesis of the Good Shepherd at St. Ambrose Elementary School.

**Meghan Flick Schmelzer** and her husband Stefan and I had a baby girl on January 31, 2012 named Tessa Anne.

'07

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**Amy Parker Dawson** writes: "I married Jim Dawson on October 15, 2011 at the Ritz Charles in Carmel, IN. **Amber Steury Messick, Kate Shaffer, and Sarah Miesle** were in attendance. We are currently residing in Zionsville, IN."

**Bridget Gorman Owens** began work as a Staff Attorney with Prairie State Legal Services, a nonprofit law office serving the poor, the elderly, and persons with disabilities in northern and central Illinois.

**Allison Frane** writes: "I'm living in downtown Chicago and am currently the marketing production supervisor for Entertainment Cruises, which is located in nine cities throughout the U.S."

**Christina Latty** gave birth to Eva Lucia Mallen Latty on October 29, 2012. Her sister Lilia is excited to be a big sister. Currently she and her family are living in El Puerto de Santa Maria, Spain.

On August 18, 2012, **Sarah Mikrut Aker** married Timo Aker. Maid of honor was **Chelsea Chalk Johnnie Quigley** and **Emily Zandstra** were

bridesmaids. In attendance were **Shannon Casey '91, Rebecca Boydston '06, Julia Slotnick, Monica Mastracco '08, and Carole Deeter '08**. Timo and Sarah are now living in Champaign-Urbana, IL where she is working for the University of Illinois.

**McKenna Keenan** writes: I just recently purchased my first home in Denver, CO! My daughter Macy Michell had the honor of being the flower girl in **Jamie Treash Davidson's** wedding. We had fun celebrating at Jamie's wedding with **Bridget Gorman Owens, Kate Deitle Kitchen, Audra Maxbauer Kirby, Cathy Theiss Virtue, Jenaca Forquer Hobson, Jess Jordan, Heather Eich, and Justin Rice (ND '07)**."

**Sarah Mullin Scheuer** and her husband Matt welcomed sons Ronan in 2010 and Brogan in 2012.

**Kim La Vigne Bialek** was married on October 26, 2012, to Mario Bialek in Palatine, Ill. **Christine La Vigne Osburn '03**, was matron of honor, **Jennifer La Vigne '09**, was maid of honor, and **Sara Metts** was a bridesmaid in the wedding. In attendance were **Rachel Stroude Kennedy, Katie Hallenback Wallace, Jessica Stoller Conrad, and Maura Hoyt**. Kim has been working for the past 2 years as a physician assistant in family practice with Alexian Brother's Medical Group in Hoffman Estates, IL.

**Meghan Honerlaw Tooman** married Adam Tooman on October 12, 2012, in Indianapolis, IN.

**Claire Mazza Rothmeier** and husband, Jarrett (ND '06) welcomed their son, Michael Jarrett Rothmeier III on May 17, 2012 in Miami, FL.

**Kate Wallach Schmiede** writes: my husband, Michael Schmiede, and I welcomed our first baby, Caroline Jane Schmiede, into the world on December 6, 2012.

'08

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**From Natalie: Maria Balata** has completed her Masters and has joined the staff at Rape Victim Advocates, the largest rape crisis center in Chicago. Through her role as medical advocate and crisis counselor, she helps survivors of sexual assault and abuse navigate the medical system and ensures that their rights are met under the law. Recently, she also had a reflection piece published in *An Irrepressible Hope*, an anthology of the Catholic Church in Chicago.

**Erin Hogan Liebenauer** married Karl Liebenauer (ND '08) on June 16, 2012 in Chicago. They currently reside in Cleveland, OH. Bridesmaids included **Elizabeth Bush, Natalie Grasso, Kate Holloway, Colleen Hogan '10, Megan Hogan '13, and Bridget Hogan '17**.

**Caitlin McGee Lakdawala** married Jeff Lakdawala on July 27, 2012 in Chicago. They currently reside in Dunlap, IL. Bridesmaids included **Mackenzie McGee '03, Meagan Walerko Cloninger and Keelin McGee '12**.

**Christine Haurert Dalton** married Daniel Dalton (ND MSA '09) on June 9, 2012 at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. The couple met while studying at Notre Dame's graduate accounting program. Parents of the

bride are Anna and Thomas Haurert (ND '76). Parents of the groom are Ray (ND '74, '79) and **Kathy Lapelle Dalton '78**. The wedding party included Teresa Haurert '15, Sarah Kurtzman (ND '08, '09), **Giuliangela Rosato, Kate Fenlon**, Thomas Haurert Jr. (ND '10), and Braden Turner (ND '10). They currently reside in Chicago, where Christine is an international tax senior at Deloitte and Touche, and Daniel is an audit and assurance services senior at Ernst and Young.

**Caitlyn Flanagan Buttaci** and Jon Buttaci (ND '09) had their first baby, Michael Lawrence, on August 31, 2012. He is the grandson of **Beverly Lawrence Buttaci '83**.

**Kelly Higgins** is finishing her first year in the MBA program at the University of Manchester, England and is pursuing an internship this summer with an international nonprofit. She has already completed her MSW and is a licensed social worker.

**Samantha Leonard** started a new job in the fall as the Development Administrator and Social Media Manager at the National Headquarters of Paws With A Cause in Grand Rapids, MI. The organization trains Assistance Dogs for people with disabilities.

**From Cate: Sarah McConnell** married Maxwell Hand (ND '09) on August 6, 2011 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. **Therese Martersteck** and **Amanda Fritsch Miesionczek** were bridesmaids. Sarah and Max now reside in Washington, DC. Sarah is a research associate specializing in hedge funds for Cambridge Associates.

**Vesela Yondova** married Robert Gilmer (ND '08) on June 2, 2012 in Plovdiv, Bulgaria. **Amanda Fritsch Miesionczek** served as maid of honor. **Lauren Goodwin** and numerous Notre Dame alum traveled to Bulgaria for the wedding. Vesela and Rob now reside in New York, NY. Vesela is a tax manager at KPMG.

**Amanda Fritsch Miesionczek** married **Matthew Miesionczek** on October 6, 2012 in Lexington, Kentucky. **Vesela Yondova Gilmer, Ona Madonia Pappas '09, and Alli Grimmer** were bridesmaids. **Sarah McConnell Hand, Therese Martersteck, Amy Mahoney, Bridget Green '07, and Professor Pat Pierce** made the trip to Lexington for the nuptials. Amanda and Matt reside in Arlington, VA. Amanda is a contract specialist for the Naval Sea Systems Command.

In February, **Allison Fleece** returned from the roof of Africa, as she climbed to the top of Mt. Kilimanjaro! She has started a women's adventure travel organization called WHOA: Women High On Adventure (whoatravel.com) and is planning an all female trek of Mt. Kilimanjaro to take place March 2014! Contact allison@whoatravel.com if interested in joining!

Great seeing everyone that attended Reunion weekend in June! Class of 2008 had an excellent turn out, and more than a third of you contributed to the Reunion giving campaign. It was fun to catch up. See you in 5 years!

'09

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2013 has been quite a year, already and it's only going to get more exciting as we get closer to our five year reunion next summer! I won't have to travel very far to return to campus as I recently accepted the position of Social Media Program Manager at Notre Dame and moved back to the Bend.

Also in the new job category: **Emma Farrell's** new



position sounds amazing. She moved to Port Douglas, Queensland Australia and works at the Sheraton Mirage Port Douglas Resort in Sales. She says it's "quite an experience living in a place where the rainforest meets the reef!"

**Sarah Barnes** wrapped up her third year as a teacher in New Orleans and accepted a position on Teach for America's Regional Staff in the city as operations coordinator.

**Andrea Ortiz** is also part of Teach for America. She was accepted for the 2013-2015 corps and will be teaching in San Antonio after graduating with her Masters of Education from Texas State University in December.

**Ashley Clark** is teaching fifth grade at Sunflower Elementary in Paola, KS. She was selected to receive a 2013 Horizon Award. The Horizon Award is given to first-year teachers who perform in a way that distinguishes them as outstanding. Ashley's boyfriend and her parents, who flew in from Ohio, were on hand to help celebrate at a surprise assembly.

**Audrey Anweiler** and **Stephanie Kornexl** report that they live in Louisville, KY at a Catholic Worker community dedicated to serving immigrant Latino women and children and advocating the principles of CW hospitality.

I'm happy to report that **Mackenzie Sheets** married Chris Meyer on January 18 in St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands.

We've had quite a few future Belles and some handsome little men joining us the past few months. **Jessica Huang Neary** and husband Kyle welcomed a baby girl.

**Renee Gonzalez Schutze** had a baby boy named Hunter with her husband Derek on October 19.

**Erin Haines Vu** and her husband Phong welcomed Patrick Toan Vu into the world on December 13, 2012. He weighed 7 pounds 8 ounces.

**Meghan Larsen-Reidy** gave birth to Ruth Margaret on December 26, 2012. She's already being recruited as a Belle with a visit from **Alicen Miller Teitgen**, **Sarah Voss**, and **Caitlin Brodmerkel Krouse**.

**Jessica Mitchell** and husband Steve welcomed baby girl Sophie Ann on January 6.

And finally, **Rachel Rattay Freyenberger** and her husband Craig had a baby boy on January 11. They named him Luke Douglas.

Please keep the updates coming, ladies!

'10

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Hello, Class of 2010. I hope everyone had a great year! I was so excited to hear from some of you. I know you all have lots going on. I would love to hear from more of you so we can all share in your life's joys. I am currently a sixth-grade math teacher in Michigan City, Indiana. -**Penelope Trethewey Mattice**

**Kendra Fallet Greenmyer** was married to Micah Greenmyer, at Holy Ghost Catholic Church in Denver, Colorado on July 2, 2011. This was where her parents were married 29 years ago. Bridesmaids included fellow Belles **Suzanne Swygart Stanzel '08**, **Anney Brandt '08**, and **Afton Caterina. Clare Albright** was a reader. Also in attendance was **Lina Jarasius '11**. Kendra says "One of the most precious aspects of our marriage celebration was having so many of my dearest 'sisters' from Saint Mary's College present to share in our joy. Our friendships have become even richer, if possible, since leaving Saint Mary's a couple of years ago, and their travel to Colorado to be with us was beyond incredible."

**Megan Meade Tennant** married Patrick Tennant ND'08 in Lindenhurst, New York on June 23, 2012. Belles who attended the wedding included **Allie Greene**, **Alyssa Pinon**, **Claire Kenney**, **Christina Smotherman**, **Jenny Hoffman**, and **Megan Hooper**.

**Casie Hamman** was married on July 6, 2012 to Jordan Bucci ND'10.

**Anna Kammrath Derksen** married Andrew Derksen ND'10 on August 4, 2012 at St. Mary's Church in Otis, IN. Attendants included **Allison Bandeen**, **Jane Fleming**, **Ali Cronin Donahue**, Patrick Dollard ND'10, Tommy Clarke ND'10, Steven Cumberworth ND'10, Laura Burdick ND'10, Colleen Derksen HC'01, and Patrick Derksen HC'13.

**Brianna Acosta's** grandmother Marcella Kathryn Wonderly passed away October 17, 2012.

**Courtney Parry '09** hosted an event at her home in the Silver Lake area of Los Angeles in November. This was a chance for young alumnae in the area to gather and meet before the holiday season.

**Caitlin Barrett** writes: I graduated summa cum laude from Saint Mary's in 2010 and am completing my second year in the Ph.D. Clinical Psychology Training Program at the University of Wyoming in Laramie, WY. I have a full-time graduate assistantship in the telehealth-counseling program. I provide psychological counseling to women in rural communities who are victims of domestic violence and abuse.

'12

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**Noelle Doundoulakis** accepted a new position as a legislative correspondent for Congressman Jeff Miller FL-1, in Washington D.C.

**Katharine Curtis** was accepted in to the graduate history program at Marquette University starting in the fall.

**Alicia Smith Albertson** writes: I got married to Nathan Albertson, ND'12 on July 14, 2012. We then moved to Indianapolis, IN. He is currently in medical school at IU School of Medicine, and I am a law student at IU Robert H. McKinney School of Law. We both started last fall. We got a puppy named Toby in November. I also started working for the Association of Indiana Counties in May. My position is the administrative/public relations assistant. I work there part-time while I attend school.

**Symone Pompey** writes: On May 22, 2013 I will graduate from California State University, Long Beach with my Master of Social Work degree.

**Alexandra Mirandola Mullen** writes: I have a new job that I started on January 7, 2013 and I am now an Assistant Strategist at OMD for the Gatorade team in Chicago, IL.

**Kimberly Jordan** writes: I am moving to Germany for work until September - Bahnhofstrasse 51 - 53; Apt 27 65185 Wiesbaden Germany

**Stacey Dickson** writes: I just accepted a new position as a constituent liaison for Congresswoman Jackie Walorski (U.S. House of Representatives).

**Debbie Neal** writes: I accepted a position with Quality Dining in Mishawaka, IN as a help desk analyst.

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## POPE OF THE HEART:

## A REFLECTION ON POPE EMERITUS BENEDICT XVI

By Melanie Burke Cameron '03

I met Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI on April 25, 2007, as a *Sposi Novella*, a “newlywed,” on honeymoon. St. Peter’s was full of sunshine, and my husband, Mark, and I were blessed to sit within 100 yards of the Pope during his Wednesday audience. I recall that the students from Saint Mary’s were acknowledged. Needless to say, I cheered rather loudly, joining my sisters in the square.

After his audience, the Pope greeted many of the *Sposi Novella*, but we were not in the front aisle, so it seemed that we would not meet him. He moved past the *Sposi Novella* and acknowledged the many beautiful gifts he’d received that day: wine, artwork, fruit, and so many colorful items. He blessed them, turned around, smiled, and then greeted the lingering newlywed couples—one of which was Mark and me. Heart racing, tears streaming down my cheeks, I held his hand. I realized he was a bit shorter than I had envisioned. I said, “thank you.” He looked straight into my eyes, and I felt loved in the presence of a very humble, very holy, man.

From this moment on, I followed the writings, the philosophy, and even the tweets of the Pope because his words resonated with me. In fact, I have personally termed him, “Pope of the Heart.” I wrote many Facebook posts regarding my Pope of the Heart; they all contained a theme of love and inspiring, deep thought.

Pope Benedict XVI shared his deep love through social and media outlets. The Vatican Information Service began a blog in April of 2010. I jumped on that RSS feed in June 2010. And I continued to follow my “Pope of the Heart” online and through the media.

In April 2011, the Pope held a Bloggers Conference, bringing together 150 bloggers from around the world to encourage them in their online witness of faith. I didn’t make it there, but later attended a talk given by two American women bloggers who did. Weeks after, I was moved to tears several times during the Pope’s TV address on Mother’s Day 2011.

The first papal tweet came December 12, 2012: “Dear friends, I am pleased to get in touch with you through Twitter. Thank you for your generous response. I bless all of you from my heart.” Like I said—Pope of the Heart. I still can’t believe he only tweeted for a few months. His Twitter influence was so inspirational, those few months seemed longer to me.

Pope Benedict continued to inspire. I applauded his addition of Arabic to the languages spoken in the weekly General Audience, an important statement of inclusion in these times.

My greatest inspiration from Pope Benedict, however, originated years before, in August 2007. The Vatican Council published a 200-plus-page document titled, “Guidelines for the Pastoral Care of the Road.” In it, the Pope suggested “Ten Commandments for Drivers,” which hit home as I so often experienced busy Washington, D.C.-area traffic. I changed my driving habits and my thinking towards others on the road. Eventually, I wrote “Christ, Your Backseat Driver,” a workbook and quick car reference brochure that outline a Christian approach to driving.

At the same time, news outlets gravitated to the Pope’s “Ten Commandments for Drivers.” The news paid less attention to its serious address on prostitution, human trafficking, and Scripture related both to driving and these very serious moral issues. I read the whole document, and I realized and came to appreciate the Church’s deep awareness of human trafficking and prostitution.

Through his writings and speeches, even in his final tweet, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI shared his gratitude for the love he felt from his followers around the globe: “Thank you for your love and support. May you always experience the joy that comes from putting Christ at the centre of your lives.”

So, Papa del Cuore, thank you for your love. I love you. **C**



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