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**The Mission**

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

# UPON REFLECTION

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As a little girl I read *My Side of the Mountain* by Jean Craighead-George. If you don't know it, the book is about a 12-year-old boy, Sam Gribbley, who runs away from home — a crowded New York City apartment with eight brothers and sisters — to live alone in New York's Catskill Mountains. I didn't care much about the running away part. It was the grandeur of nature that grabbed me. I marveled at the idea that someone like me — with two parents who loved me and plenty of food, a nice house, and a toy box full of Barbies — could just strike out into the wilderness. "Wild" being the key part of that word.

There is a sign up at Tahquamenon Falls in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan warning visitors that the Falls are "beautiful but treacherous." The sign stuck out to me when I visited as a teenager and again on a family trip a few years ago. That's how I felt about nature as a little girl reading *My Side of the Mountain*, and that's how I feel about it now.

The natural world is both threatening (I'm thinking of tropical storms and melting icebergs) and life-giving. It is what sustains us, provides us with food and electricity, space to live, and medicine that cures our illnesses. Both beautiful and treacherous, Mother Earth demands respect. This issue of *Courier* features those of us in the Saint Mary's community who are working to give the earth that respect.

As a community that embraces ecological justice, our mission is to raise awareness of human impact on the environment that sustains us and to reduce the negative impact and further the positive. President Carol Ann Mooney '72 feels so strongly about our ability to make a difference in this arena that she made a commitment to campus sustainability in the fifth principal of her strategic plan "Boldly Forward." She says that our efforts "must include not only preservation of natural resources, which is essential to the well-being of the planet, but also preservation of social norms that value human dignity and the just distribution of goods."

The people and programs in this issue are working toward these goals. They are healing old ecological wounds and graduating students who will go on to make sustainability the most talked about topic of the new millennium.

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*Shannon Brewer Rooney '03 is the editor of Courier.*

# We asked

## YOU ANSWERED

The Holy Cross Sisters take on issues of “Ecological Integrity” as part of their ministry. Is caring for the earth a spiritual calling for you?

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—NAN NADER KOOB '66

Caring for the earth is at the core of our call as people of faith. Living sustainably protects the common good of our society and the right of all people to live a dignified life. The earth’s resources are finite, and protecting and being good stewards of creation is an essential part of justice.

—JAN PILARSKI, PROFESSOR, JUSTICE EDUCATION

*In doing right by the earth and creation, I believe that it shows an appreciation for life and God’s great work. It is sometimes difficult to recognize just how much the earth provides for us, but for that we owe it care and protection.*

—KELLEY WRIGHT '15

## Yes.

I am very passionate about nurturing the connection humans have with the rest of the beings on this planet (including plants, animals, land, air, and water). Humans are one member in the cycle, and each member has a unique role. The earth provides for me, and I feel called to love and care for her in return. I think this connection is beautiful, and recognizing it re-centers my spirit.

—COLETTE CURTIS '14

## Yes, it is.

My view is part of a long Catholic tradition, going back to Christ, continuing through Julian of Norwich and St. Francis, and including modern theologians like Thomas Berry and our own Pope Francis. Gardening, caring for public lands — there are many ways of expressing this calling.

—EILEEN HAYES SUTTER '69

I was blessed to be raised on the bays of Lake Michigan — its four-season splendor demonstrating the magnificence of God’s creation. My supportive professors allowed me to pursue my passions and craft coursework in both religious studies and (then newly-formed) environmental biology minor. These interests continued through my involvement with the American Museum of Natural History, Circle of Blue, and Ross Institute.

—KATIE MAXBAUER MCNULTY '97

## Gift of the Generations: Sisters, Students Share Faith and Friendship



Maddie Cushing '16 and Sister Charles Allen Reynolds, CSC; Photo provided by Sisters of the Holy Cross.

Communications studies professor Marne Austin encourages her students to engage directly with their communities. This year she found a way to connect them with the Sisters of the Holy Cross. Austin decided on an oral history project for the 40 students in her Introduction to Communication Studies course. Students were paired with a Sister, collected oral histories of the sisters' faith experiences, and created a video archive for the College and the congregation.

This class project evolved into eye-opening experiences of faith sharing and friendship.

Kathryn Mathews, a first-year student, discovered that Sister Maura Brannick, CSC, opened a clinic in an impoverished neighborhood in South Bend. Mathews relayed that an alliance with a neighborhood motorcycle gang helped to establish the clinic. "She still goes to the clinic once a week. She wants to help the community as long as she lives," says Mathews.

Lauren Wells, a sophomore, says Sister Mary Elizabeth Loughran, CSC, "dropped a bombshell," and told her she spent 28 years doing mission work in poverty-stricken areas of Brazil. She shared with Wells a faith-filled story about a teenage boy who asked the Sister if she could bring the Eucharist to his dying grandmother and her long, winding journey to reach her.

Maddie Cushing, a sophomore, learned that Sister Charles Allen Reynolds' birth name was also Madeline and that they shared a love of literature, taking photographs, and candy (they both keep candy jars within arm's reach).

Future students may compile their completed videos into a documentary. Austin says of the experience, "I was so fortunate to have this group of young women take this leap with me. It has truly been a blessing to witness their personal, scholarly, and spiritual growth through this process. We are forever grateful to our Sisters."

## Moreau Galleries spring exhibits welcome two artists

The art galleries' spring exhibition, which ran through mid-March, featured the work of two artists: Matthew Kluber, professor of art at Grinnell College, and Megan Vossler, professor of art at Macalester College. Kluber's work included drawings and paintings on aluminum with digital projection. His focus is on the intersection of traditional media with digital technology. Vlosser, praised for her natural landscapes and attention to detail, exhibited large drawings, some smaller drawings from a recent series, and two video works. Learn more about College arts events at [MoreauCenter.com](http://MoreauCenter.com).

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## Oral historian Rosalie Riegler talks about "doing time" for peace

"I listen to learn." Rosalie Riegler '59, PhD, opened her recent presentation on campus with these words. Riegler, an oral historian and retired English professor who taught at Saginaw Valley State University in Michigan, gave a talk titled "Crossing Lines and Doing Time: Faith-based Responses to War." It was co-sponsored by the Cushwa-Leighton Library, Justice Education, and the Center for Spirituality. She read excerpts from two of



Photo by Shawn T. Storer, Catholic Peace Fellowship

her books, followed by a question and answer session. Riegler is passionate about peace work and the teachings of Dorothy Day. Her first book projects discussed the "Houses of Hospitality" initiative founded by the Catholic Worker Movement, providing housing for those in need and a chance to rebuild their lives after economic loss. In Riegler's new collection of oral histories, *Doing Time for Peace: Resistance, Family, and Community*, she examines why people risk everything — community, family, freedom — to engage in civil disobedience.



## Five nights of foreign films

The College hosted its Annual World Cinema Festival in February, which featured five films over five nights from other countries in their original language with English subtitles.

Mana Derakhshani, associate director of the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership (CWIL), director of the Intercultural Studies Program, and a professor in the Department of Modern Languages, says the festival complements the College's efforts to expose the community to the global context. This year's films came from Argentina, Canada, Iran, Malaysia, and China.

"Saint Mary's World Cinema Festival continues to support the ongoing internationalization of the curriculum and the College community," says Derakhshani. "In addition, the festival brings to light the rich cinematic body of work that is being produced outside of the United States." She noted that as a women's college, Saint Mary's strives to showcase films directed by women or films with strong female characters.

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## New Members for Athletics Hall of Fame



The 1976 Belles basketball team

This year at Reunion, the Department of Athletics will induct several new members to its Hall of Fame. The 1975–76 and 1976–77 basketball teams, Janet Libbing Prendergast '92, Michelle Limb '96, and Andrea Arena Wade '98 will join 29 individuals and two teams already in the Hall of Fame.

Pioneers in competitive Saint Mary's Athletics, the 1975–76 and 1976–77 basketball teams helped start the transition from club teams to varsity programs at a time when the College was without a home for athletics and recreation. These two teams overcame many obstacles and were highly successful on the hardwood.

Prendergast was a three-sport student-athlete and particularly excelled on the basketball court. She was voted student-athlete of the year by her peers as a junior after setting the College's single season scoring record. Limb and Wade were a tough one-two punch on the softball field for the two years they competed together. The duo combined to set several school records, some of which still stand.

## Winter Colloquium brings the Saint Mary's experience to Naples, Florida



Pictured left to right: Pam Carey Batz '70, Rome Program director Portia Prebys, and Judy Mahoney Doerr '74

Saint Mary's alumnae and friends gathered in Naples, Fla., in February for the College's first Winter Colloquium. The two-day event featured faculty presentations by history professor and department chair Bill Svelmoe, communicative sciences and disorders professor Susan Latham '91, English professor Dionne Bremyer, Director of Nursing and Majorie A. Neuhoff Chair Linda Paskiewicz, and Portia Prebys '66, professor and director of the Saint Mary's Rome Program.

Guests attended such sessions as "Angel of Mercy or Master of Data: The Nurse of the Future," "Writing the Time of Your Life: Approaches to Memoir and Life Writing," and "Gods and Guns: How Some Followers of Jesus Became the Most Vocal Supporters of Gun Rights."

For alumnae, the sessions were a reminder of the classroom experiences that shaped their education, and for non-alumnae, they provided a firsthand experience of Saint Mary's "distinctive approach to education," as President Carol A. Mooney '72 wrote in her program welcome letter. The Colloquium was presented with an important tenet of the College mission in mind: to "promot[e] a life of intellectual vigor."



In February, the Department of Communication Studies, Dance, and Theatre welcomed Oscar and Emmy Award-winning actress Dianne Wiest to campus. Wiest is this year's Margaret M. Hill Endowed Visiting Artist. While here Wiest conducted a master class for theatre students. Here, she poses with two students from the class, junior theatre minor Lauren Anderson and sophomore theatre major Maria Welser.

*Avenue News was compiled with the assistance of Elizabeth Kenney '15.*

# Every Day *Responsibility* to the Earth and to Each Other

By Adrienne Latson

They say there's more than corn in Indiana, but when the Sisters of the Holy Cross arrived to establish Saint Mary's College, they were surrounded by corn-less Indiana fields. The 607 cultivated acres provided the food for the Sisters and students. Crops grew on a rotation: alfalfa and sweet clover, then corn and soybeans. Farmhands were hired to perform the labor, but many of the Sisters, plus home economics majors and other students, also tended the gardens. On ten acres they grew vegetables, a strawberry patch, and an orchard. Two acres were used to cultivate nursery stock to beautify the campus. In this age of 24-hour super stores, it requires a conscious effort to buy from local farmers and butchers. But in the beginning the homegrown crops and livestock were essential to survival and the growth of the College—there was no other option.

Continued growth and the building of the Toll Road in 1956 soon meant it was no longer feasible to farm. Supplies were outsourced, and, until recently, gardening on campus was merely a hobby, with one plot of land available for farming by faculty and staff throughout the 1970s and '80s. A student-led initiative resulted in Saint Mary's becoming the first college to sign a Real Food Challenge commitment in 2011.

The Real Food Challenge is an organization that works with colleges and universities to develop just and sustainable food-sourcing practices. The organization has specific eco-conscious definitions for "real food," with guidelines on ingredients, farming practices, and supplier distances. For example, the guidelines stipulate that foods must be sourced within a 250-mile radius, so Barry Bowles, general manager for Sodexo, the food and facilities management company that provides Saint Mary's



**"It's about saving the planet, sure, but it's also about social justice."**

SISTER JOAN MAIRE STEADMAN, CSC



dining services, finds local and sustainable sources that match the Real Food criteria. From bulk milk to yogurt to specialty cheeses, dairy food is purchased from a local dairy, about 75 miles away. Large bins of apples and pears are from farms less than 50 miles from campus. One of the Father Moreau Meals, a large bone-in sirloin roast, came from a local rancher who butchers his own meats. Shipments of items that simply cannot be grown in or near Indiana, like bananas and coffee, are coordinated with a local grocery store to reduce extra shipments.

"Environmentally, the less we have shipped to our location, the more greenhouse gasses we can cut, the more fuel we can save, and the less destructive influences we have on our transportation infrastructure that would need to be repaired," Bowles explains. The College pledged to have 20 percent real food by 2020. Saint Mary's stands at 18.2 percent as of February 2013. "My expectation is to exceed the 20 percent by 2015 and by 2020 be upwards of 30 percent," says Bowles. "There are many benefits to purchasing locally, and/or complying with the Real Food Challenge, not withstanding, that it is the right thing to do."





Barry Bowles, general manager, Sodexo

The Sisters' focus on ecological integrity as part of their mission. And this work takes many forms:

- providing resources for prayer, reflection and study on the relationship between faith, spirituality, and an ecologically sustainable lifestyle;
- educating ourselves and others on the specific causes of environmental deterioration, particularly over-consumption of resources in the U.S. and the Global North;
- promoting lifestyle changes that are respectful of all life on Earth; and
- engaging in advocacy in support of U.S. legislation and international treaties/protocols promoting environmental protection and sustainability.

In addition, the Sisters are ecologically mindful in their day-to-day lives, using everyday items made from recycled materials and purchasing fuel-efficient cars, to name just two. "In these and many other ways we express not only our sense of gratitude for the gift of creation, but our awareness of how ecological degradation affects the lives of those people who are poor and marginalized in society," says Steadman.

The Holy Cross values guide ecological integrity at the College, where a dedicated community continues to make ecological issues a priority, whether in the dining hall or the classroom and beyond. **C**

It is the right thing to do and being conscientious of our food sources is one part of living the College's mission of social responsibility, which requires adapting to the needs and challenges of today's world, however different than they were in 1844. "We have a duty to protect, love, and care for the other pieces of our planet so that we may live harmoniously as well as promote a harmonious life for future generations," says Colette Curtis, a senior and president of the Saint Mary's Environmental Action Coalition (SMEAC). The SMEAC is a student-led group that takes on projects like making sleeping bags out of recycled items for donation, raising public awareness of endangered species through film screenings, promoting the purchase of locally grown products through trips to the farmers' market, and coordinating the annual Weigh Your Waste program at the dining hall.

For the College's founding Sisters, growing their own food was pure survival. Now we recognize caring for the earth in this way is a broader issue with local and global ramifications. It's about saving the planet, sure, but it's also about social justice, explains Sister Joan Marie Steadman '67, CSC, president of the Sisters of the Holy Cross.



## Food Security

By Adrienne Latson

“If for some reason the roads were closed or impassable, the average city would run out of food for its people in two days,” says Stephanie Snyder Seliga ’06. And she should know. As founder of the Just Garden Project and Seattle’s annual Spring into Bed event, Seliga has dedicated her professional life to spreading awareness and seeds for the community garden initiative. After graduating from Saint Mary’s with a philosophy degree, Seliga began as kitchen garden project coordinator with the Americorps program in Washington, coordinating the building of more than 100 backyard gardens for low-income families. While there, she created a garden-build celebration called Day of the Bed to raise project awareness and funds totaling nearly \$4,000. Upon moving to Seattle, Seliga was surprised there weren’t any similar programs, so she started her own.

Seliga’s passionate interest in the connection between food and community began at Saint Mary’s. She was listening to food activist Frances Moore Lappe speak at the Wellsprings of Wisdom conference organized by Saint Mary’s Center for Women’s Intercultural Leadership. “When Frankie talked about food’s connection to deep democracy, it felt like all of the doors on building the ‘beautiful community’ opened up and creating a thriving local food system was the answer,” says Seliga. Growing our own food is less expensive, allows low-income community members access to healthy foods, and increases the health and vitality of consumers. Plus, gardens are often most abundant when children are out of school for the summer, when those that need assistance lose the opportunity to eat through a school’s meal programs.

*“In the beginning, they simply built gardens. Now we have learned that we are building community capacity.”*



Stephanie Snyder Seliga '06 creates community gardens in Seattle.

When she began her foundation in 2010, she was performing all duties, “from fundraising to interviewing gardeners and building the gardens.” In 2013, Seattle Tilth, a nonprofit organization dedicated to teaching organic farming, adopted the Just Garden Project. Seliga now manages volunteers and budgets, coordinates events, recruits interns and volunteers, and leads gardening classes. “We are working on developing a model that can be replicated throughout the United States,” she says. Seliga was honored with the 2011 Humanitas Award by the Alumnae Association of Saint Mary’s College. This award is given annually to an alumna who is outstanding in her personal and volunteer accomplishments and is recognized for her concern for the interests and welfare of her fellow human beings. And Seliga’s work exemplifies these traits, because it’s more than just gardens.

In the beginning, Seliga says, they simply built gardens. “Now we have learned that we are building community capacity. This includes educating and connecting gardeners,” she explains. The Just Garden Project offers classes with each garden build and monthly gatherings that include free education and a meal. “Cooking and sharing food in community provides connection, shared purpose, nourishment, celebration, and more,” says Seliga. In addition to the physical health benefits of eating fresh, seasonal produce, gardening gets people outside, gets them active, and gets them interacting with neighbors. “The garden is a great equalizer,” says Seliga. “The soil does not care if you make six figures or if you are depressed. It is there for you.” **C**

## Sustainable Textiles

By Shannon E. Brewer Rooney '03



Top: Eco-dyed textiles by Sustainable Textiles students. Bottom: Albatross artwork installation by Ashley Hamilton '15

Where do our clothes come from? From cotton field to distribution warehouse, this is one of the issues that comes up in the Sustainable Textiles course, taught by art professor Julie Tourtillotte '82. But this course is about more than the life cycle of a blouse. It's an examination of materials used in art, architecture, and design—where they come from, how they are used, and where they end up when people are done with them.

Tourtillotte wants her students, and art students especially, to become more aware of the materials they are using. "I want them to question the health risks of their materials and the impact those materials have on the environment," she says. She also teaches students how to handle materials and dispose of them properly. "Even more important, I want them to ask if there are safer and more sustainable choices they can make as artists and designers," she says.

That is the central theme of the course, in which, among other requirements, students must take on an environmental issue that intrigues them and translate that issue into art. Ashley Hamilton '15,

a studio art major with a fibers and textiles concentration, signed up for the course because she was interested in learning about sustainable methods used in the making of paper and various textiles. Her project focused on what has become known as "the gyre," thanks to media attention in the Pacific Ocean. "I chose to focus on how the trash, more specifically plastic [considered a textile], that has accumulated in and around the Pacific gyre affects various wildlife of the area," says Hamilton. Among the most adversely affected animals in the area was the albatross.

Basically, the albatross near the Pacific gyre are swooping in to pick up fish and ingesting plastic—discarded trash—along with it. The effect is that the birds in the area are dying off. Hamilton was struck by this injustice after viewing a video by photographer and filmmaker Chris Jordan called *Midway*. The video shows, among other things, albatross bones and feathers mixed with plastic bottle caps and a stretch of nesting ground littered with trash.

Hamilton translated the issue into an installation piece made from empty plastic water bottles turned into birds to resemble the albatross. Earlier in the course, students had produced handmade paper from various plant resources, Hamilton used it to create the wing structures for each bird. After assembling the birds, she added the finishing touches with feathers and ink.

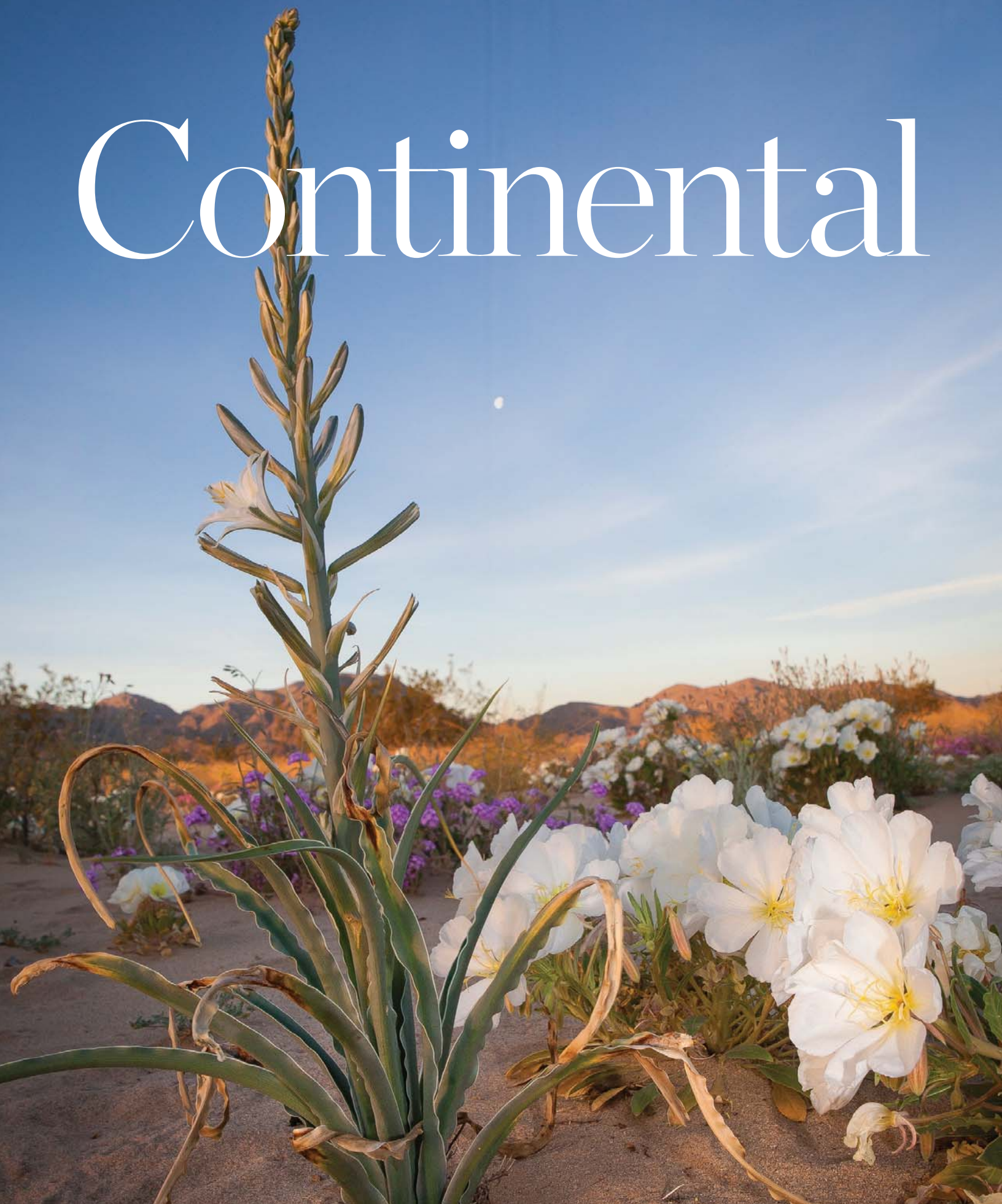
"The most surprising thing that I learned through this process was the sheer amount of plastics and trash that end up in the oceans, and the time that it takes to degrade is astounding. I learned that most of the plastics that a person throws away will not degrade in the lifetimes of their grandchildren," says Hamilton.

Other projects in the Sustainable Textiles course include papermaking, eco-dying and printing, and "upcycling," creating new surfaces and objects using salvaged and surplus materials. Students also worked together on a portable architecture project, designing a wearable item or shelter that uses salvaged or surplus materials.

The projects, along with the course reading and videos, introduce students to concepts of sustainable fashion, green design, and environmental art. Tourtillotte wants to encourage and inspire students to move toward sustainability in their work, "and know they can make a product that makes a positive difference or deliver a message through their artwork that influences others to be more engaged with environmental issues." The take-away, says Tourtillotte, is that our students, as artists, designers, and consumers, can make a difference when it comes to sustainability and the environment. They can be leaders in these arenas like the textile industry, moving them forward into a more sustainable future. **C**



# Continental



# Divide

By Krista Schlyer '93

At the southern hem of the United States, a 2,000-mile stretch of land from the Gulf of Mexico to the Pacific Ocean marks the end of the US and the northern border of Mexico. Most US citizens are conscious of this geopolitical boundary as an arid land steeped in the turmoil typical of a national border between countries with divergent economies and cultures. But very few are aware of much else about the US-Mexico border.

Very few know that this region is home to five of North America's six wild cat species, more than any other place in the United States—or that three of those five cat species are critically endangered within US borders due to habitat loss. Very few know that the iconic saguaro cactus is an endemic species of the Sonoran Desert that grows no place else in the world beside the borderlands, or that it provides food and shelter for a whole community of desert creatures. Few people know that the US-Mexico borderlands harbor one of the last great grasslands in North America, a habitat type that has been almost completely erased from the continent by human development. Or that one of the last remaining herds of wild, free roaming plains bison migrates across this border. Few people know. I didn't know and still wouldn't if it wasn't for those bison.

Eight years ago, while on assignment for *Wildlife Conservation* magazine, I spotted the bison crossing the US-Mexico border, which at the time was a three-string barbed wire fence the bison had broken down in order to travel from their main water resource in Mexico to their main food resource in the US. The scientist I was with at the time, a wildlife biologist named Rurik List from Mexico City, informed me that plans for a border wall that had recently passed the US Congress could put a barrier between the herd's food and water resources—a grim reality that would be repeated for thousands of other species along this border, from the prairie dogs, pronghorn, and kit fox of the grassland, to the cottontail, tortoise, and bighorn sheep of the desert. And what's more, the environmental laws enacted to protect them and their habitat, as well as our air and water, had been waived due to a provision in Congress Real ID Act\* of 2005, so that any harm that came to wildlife and the environment as a result of wall construction could be ignored.

Life can pivot on a very fine point sometimes and we all have moments when our lives take a sharp turn. I had them at Saint Mary's when I decided to go to India on the Semester Around the World program, and when I decided to major in religious studies rather than biology. Seeing those bison and the threat they faced as a result of the Secure Fence Act and Real ID Act became a new pivot point for me. I began to photograph and research the borderlands extensively. I went to the International League of Conservation Photographers, a group I had recently joined, and asked if I could organize a team of photographers to spend a month on the border with me. We would catalog the beauty and biodiversity of the borderlands as well as the growing wounds gouged in the land as the government brought earth movers, concrete and steel to the national parks,

\* The Real ID Act is a law enacted in 2005 on the recommendation of the 9/11 Commission to verify the authenticity of every driver's license applicant. Under it, states must require that documents, such as a birth certificate or passport, submitted to get the Real ID card are legitimate and that the applicant is in the United States legally.



*“I had some vague sense that the motivations we have as humans to make the world a better place and to be better citizens of the world are closely tied to the heart of religions and spiritual beliefs the world over.”*







Top: Cholla cactus in the Sonoran Desert, Arizona

Middle (left to right): Bison in Chihuahua, Mexico; Saguaro cactus in Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument; desert tortoise

Bottom (left to right): Cabeza Prieta Mountains in Southwestern Arizona; desert bighorn sheep in the Tinajas Altas Mountains in Southern Arizona; prairie dog in the Chihuahuan grasslands, Mexico

wilderness and wildlife refuges of the borderlands. From that expedition our group of 13 photographers gathered thousands of images from which I created an exhibit to show in the House and Senate and all over the country over the past four years. The Borderlands Project has been ongoing ever since, in collaboration with Defenders of Wildlife, the Sierra Club, and many other conservation organizations.

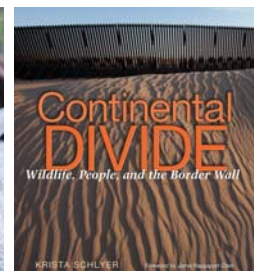
In October 2012 I published a book with Texas A&M University Press called *Continental Divide: Wildlife, People and the Border Wall*. The book is a collection of my photos and text about the beauty of the border and the impact of United States immigration and border policy. Also in 2012, Congress began discussing measures to reform our broken immigration system. Such reform is essential, but the legislation ultimately passed by the massive spending on wall and expansion of environmental waivers.

Over the past six months I have delivered 200 copies of my book to members of Congress, in hopes of helping to regain protection for the endangered species, wilderness, and people of the borderlands. I will deliver many dozen more. A project that I imagined would last a year is now eight years and counting, and I imagine it will continue for the foreseeable future.

This stubborn determination is rooted in the past.

When I made the decision to focus on religious studies at Saint Mary's, it wasn't because I intended to work for the Church—I had no such intention. Instead, it was because I had some vague sense that the motivations we have as humans to make the world a better place and to be better citizens of the world are closely tied to the heart of religions and spiritual beliefs the world over. And I wanted to understand this better, this need to be better, do better, destroy less, care more.

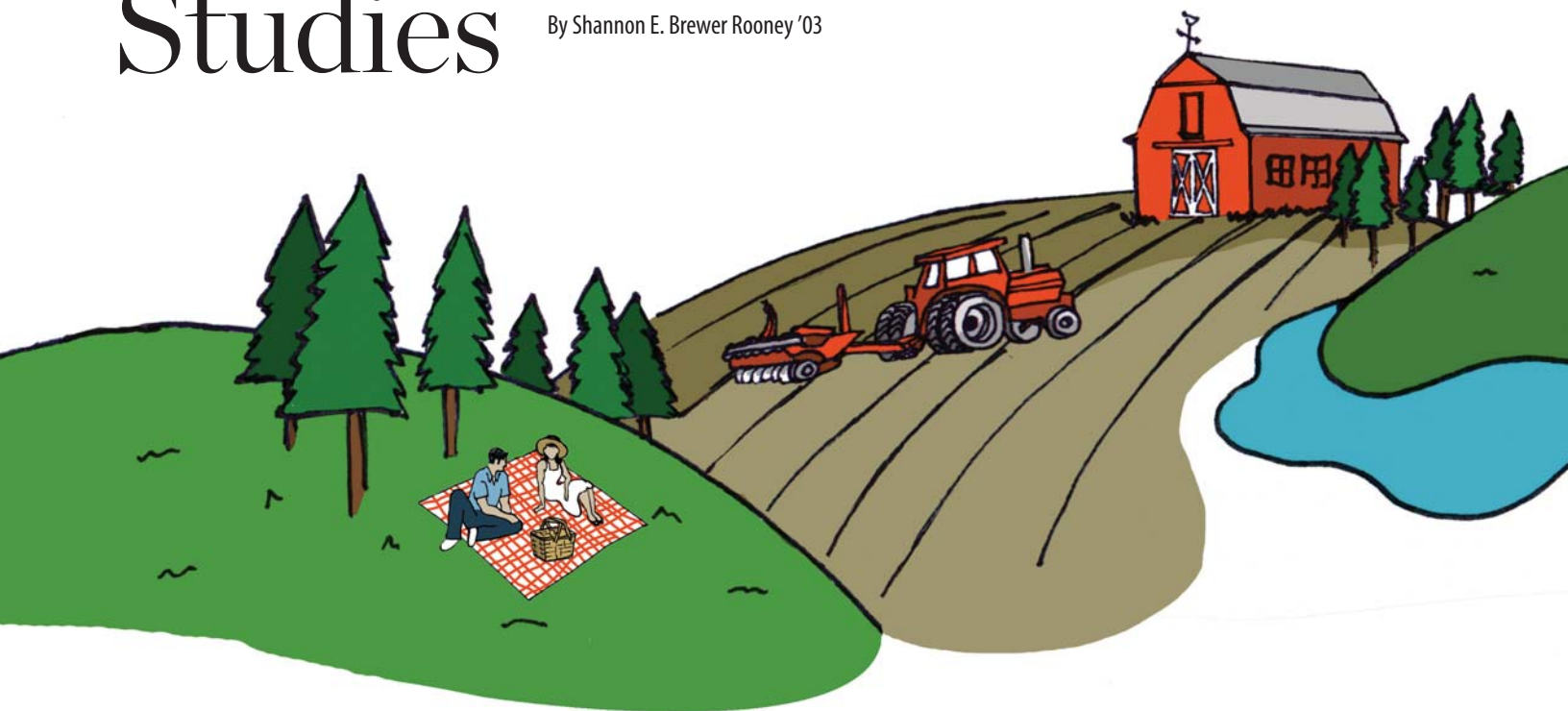
When I was in grade school at St. Joseph's in Mishawaka, Indiana, my principal, Sister Diane, left her job at St. Joseph's and went to the US-Mexico border to help refugees fleeing El Salvador find safe passage to the US. She and many others were arrested for their work providing sanctuary to people fleeing violence. Sister Diane was a role model to me, though I did not know it as a seventh grader, and my time at Saint Mary's lent fuel to this fire. The voiceless individuals who motivate my work often have four legs or wings or roots that extend deep into the desert ground. But without question that motivation was seeded long ago by the same desire that drove Sister Diane, a desire that dwells in some deep mysterious place in heart, mind, and soul. **C**



Left: Krista Schlyer '93 at work. Photo courtesy of Chris Linder  
Right: Schlyer's book *Continental Divide: Wildlife, People, and the Border Wall*

# Environmental Studies

By Shannon E. Brewer Rooney '03



In Professor Chris Cobb's Introduction to Environmental Studies course, students take an online survey that calculates their ecological footprint. And they're always surprised by the results. The calculator measures how many planets it would take to sustain the human population if everyone lived like that one student. The students find out just how many Earths we would need to support everyone at their standard of living by measuring things like how much meat they eat, whether their food is packaged and where it comes from, and how much they drive and fly.

This is students' introduction to the environmental studies minor, which, Cobb says, has three fundamental goals. The courses, which span a number of disciplines and departments, aim to teach students to recognize and understand the connection between human life and culture and the natural systems that sustain them. Second, Cobb says, "We ask questions about how human activity affects the environment." Students look at how waste is disposed of, how food is produced, and how people make decisions about these and other issues that impact the earth.

Understanding the issues leads directly to students' desire to take action. "It's not easy for students to understand why we are where we are with regard to the huge impact our decisions are having on the environment given that sustainable living is common sense," says Cobb. "Our economy is set up so that the impact isn't readily visible." So once students see the political and economic systems that have helped cause damage to the environment, they learn, through the environmental studies program, how to become "agents of change."

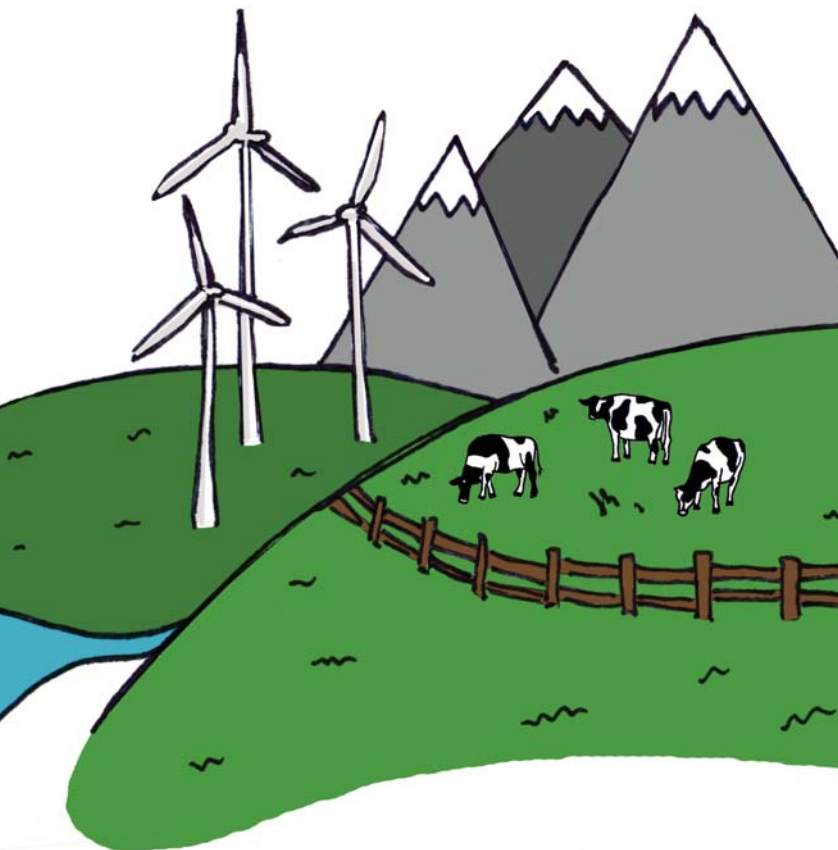
Students learn how to make personal choices that impact that environment for the better—encouraged by their scores on the ecological footprint calculator—and also how to work "within the system to create change," says Cobb. This means teaching students about political and economic policy.

In addition, the minor has an integral social justice component. This is what makes Saint Mary's environmental studies program different from similar programs at other schools. "We want students to understand the extent to which power differentials impact people. It's the poor that suffer the greatest impact," says Cobb.

That's why the environmental studies minor includes courses in a variety of College programs: art, biology, English, gender and women's studies, humanistic studies, justice education, nursing, philosophy, physics, political science, and sociology.

In fact, with the goal of raising awareness of sustainability issues, Cobb and seven other faculty members have made it easier for students to learn about them, whether or not they are enrolled





in the environmental studies minor. The group of professors has designed a course called Sustainable Living. They take turns leading class sessions, which meet once a week, offering content connected to their area of expertise. It's an opportunity for students to engage with the issues and meet the faculty who teach courses in the minor.

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Overall, students learn that sustainability has been around as a movement since the early Civil Rights era, but that “it’s not just a hobby,” says Cobb. And students that graduate from this program will leave Saint Mary’s with the ability to cultivate ecological integrity—a mission passed on from the Sisters of the Holy Cross—and to address what Cobb calls, “the most important subject for humanity in the 21st century.” **C**



## What’s your impact?

How big is your ecological footprint?  
Professor Cobb recommends this online calculator:

[footprintnetwork.org/en/index.php/GFN/page/calculators](http://footprintnetwork.org/en/index.php/GFN/page/calculators)

## Environmental Action Coalition

“Our mission is to create an environmentally conscious campus,” says Colette Curtis, senior and president of the Saint Mary’s Environmental Action Coalition (SMEAC). To do that, the club plans eco-awareness projects and events. The SMEAC’s latest project is creating stickers to put on light switches, paper towel dispensers, and in bathrooms all over campus. For example, the stickers under the light switch in the computer lab might say, “Please remember to turn off the light when not using this room.” Stickers on the paper towel dispensers may say, “These are from trees.”

Drawing attention to the everyday ways we can preserve our natural resources will hopefully prompt others to make changes. “This club allows me to help open others’ eyes to the beauty of our planet in addition to teaching me how to live a more environmentally conscious lifestyle,” says Curtis.

Other SMEAC events include teaching students how to reduce, reuse, and recycle by demonstrating how to create plastic floor mats out of plastic grocery bags. And for Earth Week, starting April 22, they plan a Weigh Your Waste event in the dining hall, education sessions, an environmental movie night, and a field trip to the Sarett Nature Center.

“This cause is close to my heart because I am a piece of this earth. Simple as that. My being, along with all the other beings and creatures and natural forms all share a connection within this universe. Each of these pieces has a duty to one another,” says Curtis.

## Going Green

Sustainability is a community effort. The Going Green Group consists of Saint Mary’s faculty and staff who are concerned about the environment. The group is an outgrowth of the Collaborative Leadership Team (CoLT), which was created in response to Saint Mary’s signing the Earth Charter in 2002. The group meets once a month during the academic year to brainstorm ways to move forward the Earth Charter and share environmental best practices. They support the efforts of many college constituents, including dining services, Student Government, and the Environmental Studies faculty, address issues of sustainability.

As the vice president for Mission, Sister Veronique Wiedower ’70, CSC, leads the group. “My faith and spirituality have instilled in me the importance of caring for all of God’s creation. This includes ecological concerns, but also, caring for the ‘gifts’ of this time in order that future generations might benefit from them,” she says. “I believe Saint Mary’s is one of the gifts that we must steward and sustain economically, culturally and socially to benefit future generations.” Wiedower also says that Saint Mary’s is, and will continue to be, a catalyst in helping to sustain the broader civic and Church community as we value the human dignity of all persons.

This year the Going Green Group is focusing on Recommendation 23 of President Mooney’s Strategic Plan, “Boldly Forward,” which identifies a need to reduce the College’s carbon footprint. The group is drafting a proposal on how best to move this recommendation forward.



**Laura Williamson Ambrose**, assistant professor of humanistic studies; article, "Travel in Time: Local Travel Writing and Seventeenth-Century English Almanacs," *Journal of Medieval and Early Modern Studies*, Spring 2013.

Paper, "Moved to Travel: Dislocation and Domestic Mobility in Anna Trapnel's Report and Plea," The Cultural History of Cartography Conference, University of Michigan, October 26, 2012.

**Kurt Buhring**, associate professor of religious studies; article, "The Spirit of Resistance: Dwight N. Hopkins's Trinitarian Framework," *Black Theology: An International Journal*, Vol. 10, No. 2 2012.

**Mana Derakhshani**, associate director of the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership, **Julie Storme**, chair of modern languages, and **Jennifer Zachman**, associate professor of Spanish; presentation, "Bridging International and Intercultural Learning: The Story of Transformation at Saint Mary's College," SIETAR-USA, Navigating Complexity in an Intercultural World, Minneapolis, MN, October 17-20, 2012.

**Kathleen Dolphin**, PBVM, director of the Center for Spirituality; co-edited book, with Rosemary Carbine, Whittier College, *Women, Wisdom, and Witness: Engaging Contexts in Conversation*, Liturgical Press, 2012.

**Kathryn Haas**, assistant professor of chemistry, poster presentation, with Dennis J. Thiele and Katherine J. Franz, "Model Peptides Provide New Insights into the Role of Histidine in Human Cellular Copper Acquisition via Ctr1," Metals in Biology Gordon Research Conference, Ventura, CA, January 20-24, 2013.

Poster presentation, with **Stefanie Schwab '13** and Katherine J. Franz, "Reduction of Cu(II) bound to Ctr1 model peptides depends on sequence proximity of the Cu(II) binding ATCUN site to downstream His and Met ligands," Metals in Biology Gordon Research Conference, Ventura, CA, January 24-27.

**Suzanne Hinnefeld**, collection development librarian; presentation, "Budget Friendly Strategies for Improving the Use of Library Resources" with **Nora Belzowski '00**, research services librarian, Valparaiso University, Indiana Library Federation 2012 Conference, Indianapolis, November 13, 2012.

**Helen K. Ho**, assistant professor of communication studies; presentation, "Embodying Difference: Talking Back and New Media Resistance: Asian Americans and S\*\*\* Asian Moms/Dads Say," Annual Meeting of the National Communication Association, Orlando, FL, November 17, 2012.

**Jeffrey Jacob**, professor of music; performance, solo piano recitals of contemporary American piano music at Pomona College, Loyola Marymount University, and California State University, Davis, October 2012.

Presentation, master class for pianists and composers, Pomona College, October 2012.

Performance, solo piano recital, Music Teachers' National Association Convention, Jacksonville University, March 2013.

Performance, accompanied opera singer **Lindsey Anderson '07** at the public launch event in O'Laughlin Auditorium for the *Faith Always*, *Action Now* campaign for Saint Mary's College, February 22, 2013.

**Phyllis Kaminski**, professor of religious studies; presentation, "Faith Talks: Feminine Models of Spirituality in Catholicism and Islam." Kaminski spoke about the spirituality of Thérèse of Lisieux with Jean Donovan, Franciscan Center, Lourdes University, Sylvania, Ohio, February 10, 2013.

**Frances Bernard Kominkiewicz**, professor, program director, and chair of the Department of Social Work; paper, "It's About Time: Tying Research Competence to the Field Practicum," Annual Conference of the Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors, Portland, Oregon, March 15, 2012.

Paper, "Reducing Childhood Trauma: An Analysis of Child Abuse Laws in the United States and Territories on Reporting Maltreatment," European Society of Trauma and Dissociation International Conference, Berlin, Germany, March 31, 2012.

Paper, co-authored with **Lauren Kominkiewicz '10**, "Online Education and the Critical Thinking Competency: Learning Beyond the Classroom," Annual Conference of Association of the Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, March 7, 2013.

Paper, co-authored with Elizabeth Blue, "All Faculty Need Mentors," at the Annual Conference of Association of the Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, March 8, 2013.

Paper, "Child Maltreatment Reporting Policies: A Review of United States and European Findings," at the National Organization of Forensic Social Work Annual Conference in Seattle, Washington, April 16, 2013.

Elected Member at Large, Association of Social Work Baccalaureate Program Directors, 2012.

## New Book Honors Life of Bruno Schlesinger



A new book pays tribute to one of Saint Mary's most beloved professors, Dr. Bruno P. Schlesinger, who died in 2010 at the age of 99. *Bruno Schlesinger: A Life in Learning & Letters*, edited by Rick Regan, was published in August and is available at Amazon.com.

Schlesinger founded the Program for Christian Culture in 1956 and served as the long-time chair of the department, later renamed Humanistic Studies. In 1957, he inaugurated a lecture series that eventually brought over one hundred distinguished scholars to campus, and in 2006 the series was revived in his honor as the Christian Culture Lecture. During his 60-year teaching career, he received many honors, including an honorary doctorate from Saint Mary's in 1994.

"This little book is a delightful, moving remembrance of Bruno," says Professor Philip Hicks, department chair of Humanistic Studies. "It belongs on the bookshelf of every Christian Culture/Humanistic Studies graduate—anyone interested in Saint Mary's, for that matter."

The nucleus of the book is a chapter by Notre Dame historian Philip Gleason, "From Vienna to South Bend: A Refugee Professor's Story." Based on new interviews and research in the Saint Mary's archives, Gleason's essay provides the fullest account yet of Schlesinger's public and private life, including his harrowing flight from Nazism, interrogation by the Gestapo, and month spent in a French jail.

Other contributors to the volume include Schlesinger's son, Tom, his former colleague, Professor Gail Porter Mandell (Bruno P. Schlesinger Chair in Humanistic Studies Emerita), his friend Father Marvin R. O'Connell (another Notre Dame historian), and alumnae Patricia Ferris McGinn '60 and Mary Griffin Burns '62. Also featured is a letter to Schlesinger written by the noted spiritual writer Thomas Merton.

The book is illustrated with several black and white photographs, including childhood and wedding photos. Schlesinger was married for 70 years to Alice Teweles, a book illustrator and portrait artist who died in 2012. Several of Mrs. Schlesinger's paintings are displayed on Saint Mary's campus. Her portrait of former Saint Mary's president Sister M. Madeleva Wolff, CSC, is now showcased on the ground floor of Madeleva Hall. It was Sister Madeleva who gave final approval for the Program for Christian Culture after months of lobbying by Bruno Schlesinger for this experimental curriculum. Copies of the book are available in the Saint Mary's bookstore: [saintmarys.edu/bookstore](http://saintmarys.edu/bookstore).

**Michael Kramer**, associate professor and chair of Department of Communication Studies, Dance, and Theatre; article, "Strict Father or Nurturant Parent? President Jimmy Carter's Rhetoric of Morality in Support of the Panama Canal Treaties," *Carolinas Communication Annual*, 2012.

Paper presented, "Public Memory and Material Rhetorics: The Placement of Women in the Historical Exhibits at Cooper Union's Great Hall," Annual Meeting of the National Communication Association, Orlando, FL, November 17, 2012.

Paper presented, "Soft News Narratives and Hard News Apologia: Diane Sawyer's Interview with Mel Gibson about His 2006 DUI Arrest and Anti-Semitic Remarks," Annual Meeting of the National Communication Association, Orlando, FL, November 17, 2012.

**Jerome L. McElroy**, professor of economics; article, co-authored with **Courtney E. Parry '09**, "The Long-Term Propensity for Political Affiliation in Island Microstates," *Commonwealth & Comparative Politics*, Vol. 50, No. 4: 403-421, November 2012.

Article, co-authored with **Kimberly Medek '12**, "Small Island Economies: Caribbean versus Pacific," *Bank of Valletta Review*, No. 46: 17-32, Fall 2012.

Chapbook, "Flashes of Paradise," *Finishing Line Press*, Georgetown, Kentucky, December 2012.

Poem, "The Widow," *The Shepherd*: 16, Fall 2012.

Poem, "Joseph," "Visitation," and "The Centurion," *The Poet's Pen*, Vol. 25, No. 2: 6-7, December 2012.

**Nancy Menk**, professor of music, director of choral activities, and the Mary Lou and Judd Leighton Chair in Music; Carnegie Hall premiere of American composer Carol Barnett's "The World Beloved, A Bluegrass Mass." The concert featured an international choir of 290 singers and the Minnesota-based bluegrass band, Monroe Crossing. The composer, librettist Marisha Chamberlain, and commissioners, Mike and Kay McCarthy, attended the event, Carnegie Hall, New York City, February 18, 2013.

**Elaine Meyer-Lee**, director of the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership; workshop, "Improving Undergraduate Education through Experimental Approaches to Teaching and Learning," Academic Leadership Center, Ministry of Higher Education, Saudi Arabia, November, 2012.

**Annette Peacock-Johnson**, associate professor of nursing, and **Mary Kay Welle**, assistant professor of nursing; presentation, "The Clinical Seminar for Baccalaureate Nursing Students: Perceived Effects on Student Learning," Annual Elsevier Faculty Development Conference, Las Vegas, NV, January 2013.

**Portia Prebys**, director of Rome program; presented paper, "Strategic Choices in Fifty Years of Growth in Study Abroad in Italy: 10 Models Leading to Continuing Success in 'Educating in Paradise,'" Forum for Education Abroad European Conference, University College, Dublin, Ireland, December 2012.

Co-edited with F. Capoferri, volume: *Moravia e l'America* (Edisai, Ferrara, 2011, 433pp) Ferrara, Italy, November 2012.

Presented paper, "Alberto Moravia a Rio de Janeiro nel 1960," International Conference sponsored by the Association of American College & University Programs in Italy, Fondo Alberto Moravia, John Cabot University, Rome, Italy, May 21, 2011.

Article, "Spring 1972: Three Important New York Articles in English – 'I hate today, I say yesterday or tomorrow...,' Giorgio Bassani," in two-volume book: *La Parola e L'Immagine* (Leo S. Olschki Editore, Firenze, 2011, pp. 691-701) Florence, Italy, June 2011.

Edited book, *Early Modern Rome 1341–1667*, proceedings of a conference by the same name held in Rome. May 13-15, 2010, Edisai Srl, Ferrara, 2011, 753pp.

**Sean J. Savage**, professor of political science; paper, "TR's Influence on FDR: Is a Roosevelt by any other First Name Still a Roosevelt?" International Conference on Theodore Roosevelt at Louisiana State University at Shreveport, October 18, 2012.

**Bettina Spencer**, assistant professor of psychology and communicative disorders; presentation, with **Carla Leal '13** and **Abida Coric '13**, "Sexism and 'sister-schools': Differences in perceived warmth and competence," Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, January 18, 2013.

**Sue Wiegand**, periodicals librarian; book review of *Scientific writing = thinking in words*, by David Lindsay, (CSIRO Publishing, 2011), in *Choice* 49:1 (Chicago: American Library Association, Association of College and Research Libraries, September 2011), Chicago, IL. May 9, 2012. The book received a Choice Outstanding Title designation and Wiegand's review has been reprinted in the book *Choice's Outstanding Titles, 2007-2011: Reviews of Scholarly Titles that Every Library Should Own*, May 9, 2012.

Article, "The New Digital Normal: The Continuing Dilemma of Defining Databases," *Against the Grain*, November 21, 2012.

Op-Ed blog, "Multigrain Discussion: The 12 Planets and the Unidentified Flying Elephant," *Against the Grain*, September 17, 2012.

Book review of *Cyberscience 2.0: Research in the Age of Digital Social Networks*, by Michael Lentwich, (Campus Verlag, 2012), in *Choice* 50:5 (Chicago: American Library Association, Association of College and Research Libraries), January 15, 2013.

Book review of *Environmental Justice: Concepts, Evidence and Politics*, by Gordon Walker, (Routledge, 2012), in *Choice* 50:1 (Chicago: American Library Association, Association of College and Research Libraries), September 15, 2012.

**Robert L. Williams, Jr.**, assistant professor of marketing; co-authored, with Maktoba Omar and **Ujvala Rajadhyaksha**, textbook chapter "The Value Flame at the Base of the Pyramid (VFBO); Identifying and creating a valuable market," Chapter 13, *Interdisciplinary Approaches to Product Design, Innovation, & Branding in International Marketing*, in *Advances in International Marketing*, Emerald, 2012.

Co-authored, with Maktoba Omar, Collins Osei, and Helena Williams, textbook chapter "Product Brand Strategies: The Product as a Point of Value," Chapter 6, *Marketing: Basic Principles and Practice*, Oxfordshire, Routledge, 2013.

Presentation, with Maktoba Omar and Helena Williams, "The Marketing Impact of the Principles of Renaming within a Higher Education Services Organization," American Marketing Association Winter Educator's Conference, Las Vegas, NV, February 2013.

Presentation, co-authored with Maktoba Omar, "Applying Brand Management to Higher Education through the use of the Brand Flux™ Model – The Case of Arcadia University," American Marketing Association Winter Educator's Conference, Las Vegas, NV, February 2013.

Session chair, "Partners in Higher Education," and conference attendance at annual American Marketing Association Winter Educator's Conference, Las Vegas, NV, February 2013.

Session discussant, with Department of Business Administration and Economics faculty **Jill Vihtelic**, professor, **Joyce Hicks**, associate professor, **John Cergnul**, assistant professor, and **Abrar Mohammad**, assistant professor; "BBA Senior Comprehensive Exam," MBAA International Conference, Chicago, IL, March 2013.

Session chair, *Marketing of Higher Education; International Marketing; Branding, Identity and Corporate Reputation*, and track reviewer for *Branding at the Academy of Marketing Conference*, Southampton, UK, 2012.

Journal reviewer, three articles in the *Journal of Marketing for Higher Education*, 2013.

Article, co-authored with Maktoba Omar and Helena Williams, "Gastro-Tourism as Destination Branding in Emerging Markets," *International Journal of Leisure and Tourism Marketing*, 2013.

Article, co-authored with Nathalia Tijandra, Maktoba Omar, and John Ensor, "Runway logic: 'Y' Generation Y prefers fashion brand over country-of-origin," revision; *Journal of Fashion Marketing and Management*, 2013.

Track reviewer, Innovation & New Product Development, annual American Marketing Association Winter Educator's Conference, Las Vegas, NV.

Track reviewer, United States Association for Small Business and Entrepreneurship (USASBE) annual conference, San Francisco, CA.



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—President Mooney

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## INVESTING IN OUTSTANDING FACULTY

Saint Mary's professors are passionate about teaching and deeply committed to their students. Even while maintaining demanding course loads, they constantly seek new ways to stimulate discussion and creative thinking and enrich their students' intellectual lives.

**The campaign seeks to raise \$6 million for endowed professorships and new faculty awards.**

### DEDICATION BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Through the *Faith Always, Action Now* campaign, four faculty awards will be granted to outstanding faculty to recognize exceptional teaching, scholarship, service, and mentorship. Last spring, the first two awards were presented to Jayne Kendle, left, associate professor of nursing, who received the Kevin K. and Marijo Rogers Kelly '77 service Award, and Mary Ann Merryman, professor of business administration and economics, who received the Donald R. and Nora Barry Fischer '73 Faculty Award for Teaching Excellence.



### NEW CLINIC AND PROGRAM WILL INCREASE SERVICE AND LEARNING



The expanding Department of Communicative Sciences and Disorders has received significant gifts through the campaign. A \$1 million grant from The Judd Leighton Foundation Inc. funded a new clinic in Madeleva Hall and will help establish a graduate program in speech-language pathology expected to launch in 2015. Major gifts from Russell and Elisa Blackwell and Richard and Maryjeanne Ryan Burke '56 support undergraduate and graduate programming. Here, Susan Latham '91, associate professor of communicative sciences and disorders, works with a client in the new clinic.



## FACULTY SUPPORT BOLSTERS SOCIOLOGY SUCCESS



Saint Mary's students have won the North Central Sociological Association Student Paper Competition more times than students at any other institution. Belles, who present original research, have recorded six first place awards, five 2nd place, and three 3rd place since the competition began in 2004. This record reflects the outstanding guidance of the sociology faculty, including Associate Professor Leslie Wang, shown here.

## STEINWAY PIANO WILL BENEFIT GENERATIONS

In October the Department of Music received a Steinway & Sons Model D concert grand piano from Louise E. Addicott and Yatish J. Joshi in memory of their daughter, Georgina. Jeffrey Jacob, music professor and renowned concert pianist, performed a dedicatory recital in November. He emphasizes it is rare for colleges the size of Saint Mary's to own a piano of this prestige, and that the benefit to students is significant. "It's important that they have the opportunity to play on or be accompanied by such a great instrument," Jacob says. "To see and hear the expressive possibility of an outstanding piano will benefit them beyond measure."



## ELEVATING *our faculty*

One important way the *Faith Always, Action Now* campaign has elevated faculty is through the establishment of an endowed professorship, the Marjorie A. Neuhoff Chair in Nursing. The inaugural chair holder is Linda A. Paskiewicz, PhD, CNM, RN, who has researched and published extensively in the areas of obesity, pregnancy, perinatal loss, and mothering.



Professor Paskiewicz, left, is shown with President Carol Ann Mooney.

**The Marjorie A. Neuhoff Chair in Nursing not only honors the excellence in the Department of Nursing, but the entire College.**



## Marriages

Amy Scholer Pattison '89 and Edward, June 23, 2013.

Erin Connor Stroka '90 and Eric, July 7, 2013.

Karey Welde Circosta '98 and Nic, July 25, 2009.

Melissa Gerbeth VanOrt '99 and Kaleb, July 6, 2013.

Heather Podraza Connor '00 and Timmo, December 20, 2009.

Genevieve Yavello Boyle '01 and Jamie, August 16, 2013.

Kyle Veltri Demeter '01 and Kyle, July 6, 2013.

Elizabeth Zack Peterson '01 and David, August 13, 2011.

Jennifer Chulski Rood '01 and Don, May 25, 2013.

Meganne Hoffman Brezina '03 and Charles, September 1, 2013.

Amy Virzi Schaul '03 and Derek, October 12, 2013.

Erin Schultz Sherer '03 and Daniel, September 14, 2013.

Meaghan Fitzgerald Walls '04 and Peter, September 9, 2011.

Carolyn Gass Hunt '05 and Brady, January 5, 2013.

Stefanie Simmerman McGinnis '05 and Seann, March 23, 2013.

Madelyn Pilcher Rader '05 and Ryan, July 20, 2013.

Heather Mosny Diaz '06 and Donny, August 24, 2013.

Elizabeth Palasky DiPoalo '06 and Rocco, October 18, 2013.

Jamie Smith Missant '06 and James, May 12, 2012.

Megan Ubinger Shelton '06 and Gavin, March 23, 2013.

Katherine Bricker Tessaro '06 and Jordan, November 2, 2013.

Stephanie Lutz Witt '06 and Branden, November 8, 2013.

Kelly Meehan Doig '07 and Michael, June 1, 2013.

Caroline Dunne Erhardt '07 and Benjamin, October 12, 2013.

Kayla Rogers Klein '07 and Joel, June 29, 2013.

Kelilyn Phillips Nowicki '07 and Joseph, June 22, 2013.

Sharyl Zarnowski Syring '07 and Brian, August 3, 2013.

Erin Nolan Young '07 and John, May 17, 2013.

Christina Perkins Kidd '08 and Brandon, October 12, 2013.

Kelly Tighe Montee '08 and Mark, July 27, 2013.

Susie Skirtich Schmitt '08 and Michael, August 10, 2013.

Alexandra Hathaway Schwegler '08 and David, September 28, 2013.

Erin Heck Shambaugh '08 and Matthew, May 25, 2013.

Kathleen Kohler Dalhoff '09 and John, June 29, 2013.

Alexandra Tulisiak Harvan '09 and John, July 27, 2013.

Emily Tarnacki Nardozi '09 and Ryan, July 5, 2013.

Alyssa Lewanski Peterson '09 and Braxton, May 26, 2013.

Kelley Jeske Deeth '10 and Kevin, August 10, 2013.

Amber Hilton Gamache '10 and Steve, May 10, 2013.

Meagan Temple Hartman '10 and Michael, August 9, 2013.

Camille Gebert Hoover '10 and Steve, June 15, 2013.

Megan Carroll Kucala '10 and Matt, June 15, 2012.

Margaret Burke Martell '10 and John, April 28, 2012.

Emily Young Wallace '10 and Bradley, December 27, 2013.

Megan Elizabeth Aldrup-MacDonald '11 and John, August 17, 2013.

Mary Castle Auber '11 and Benjamin, July 6, 2013.

Marianne Jones Bollman '11 and Andrew, October 4, 2013.

Anna Kastelic Florencki '11 and Tim, October 26, 2013.

Teresa Wolfenson Gandolfi '11 and Joe, July 4, 2013.

Kristen Figari Clark '12 and Steven, June 1, 2013.

## Adoptions and Births

Elizabeth Whelpley Bennett '88 and Anthony: William James, November 7, 2013.

Mary Kim Koch '88: Daniel Scott Koch, November 10, 2013.

Amy Zetmeir Taylor '93 and Darren: Natalie Catherine, April 17, 2012.

Megan Morrison Komenda '94 and Jason: Thomas John, August 9, 2013.

Daniela Lalor Lohse '94 and Sven: Axel Robert, June 1, 2013.

Allison Gagliana Cherry '96 and Mike: Maeve Katherine, November 24, 2013.

Anastacia Stornetta Morabito '96 and Scott: Juniper Ellisia, April 22, 2013.

Diann Garlanger Payne '96 and John: Jack Warren, September 19, 2013.

Stacey Polito Sperow '96 and William: Gabriel Light, September 19, 2013.

Gayla Spenny Jensen '97 and Per: Alexander Riff, May 6, 2013.

Rachel Torres Bell '98 and Dave: Fiona Beatrice, September 5, 2013.

Karey Welde Circosta '98 and Nic: Dominic Xavier, September 8, 2013.

Kate Votruba Frey '98 and Charlie: Jane Greenwood, July 3, 2013.

Jill Switzer Wolf '98 and Juan: Joaquin (Quino) Ignacio, March 1, 2013.

Lisa Maxbauer Price '99 and Matthew: Xavier Hudson, October 16, 2013.

Carla Dominello Schlieske '99 and Tom: Olive Mae, November 8, 2012.

Andrien Sandven Schwartz '99 and Richard: Karl Kristian Osborne, September 21, 2013.

Ellen O'Tool Tregear '99 and Steve: Gavin O'Tool, April 9, 2013.

Jalie Mowry Lipa '00 and John: John Paul James, November 17, 2013.

Kathy Giel Alessi '01 and Tom: Evan Robert, December 9, 2012.

Casey Russell Bechtel '01 and Andrew: Andrew Conor, February 15, 2013.

Kate Bowling Bushey '01 and Andrew: Luke Daniel and Ella Katherine, August 2, 2013.

Lori Renee Fournier-Norem '01 and Paul: Jensen Rayne Rene, October 29, 2012.

Stephanie Shevik Lee '01 and David: Dane Mackale, August 16, 2013.

Laura Paulen '01 and Stephen O'Connor: Maeve Violet, August 20, 2013.

Siobhan Murphy Watson '02 and Matthew: Owen Patrick, December 11, 2013.

Meghan McGinty Anderson '03 and Ben: Mark Stephen, June 13, 2013.

Meganne Hoffman Brezina '03 and Charles: Henry Thomas Keller, January 6, 2014.

Lyndsey Brubaker Callan '03 and Tim: Madelyn Claire, May 24, 2013.

Emily Jane Hemberger Dennison '03 and Aaron: Annie Sue, May 17, 2013.

Sara Pendley Gillespie '03 and Joe: Norah Kelly, November 16, 2013.

Megan Cavanaugh Kranz '03 and Thomas: Charlie, October 11, 2013.

Carol Yee Lee '03 and Andrew: Shelby Alexis, November 26, 2012.

Nicole Gorowski Mahjoory '03 and Payman: Maxine Colette, June 7, 2013.

Becky Lindemann Miedema '03 and Marc: Henry David, August 20, 2013.

Amber Taylor O'Rourke '03 and Howard: Molly Taylor, September 11, 2013.

Elaine Porter Perez '03 and Tom: Anna Maureen, April 19, 2013.

Katie Vincer Sears '03 and Scott: Stella Marie, September 19, 2013.

Lauren Dasso Stalter '03 and Rob: Juliana Rose, July 8, 2013.

Anne Bernardin Wenderoth '03 and Brad: Miriam Hope, May 22, 2013.

Anne Cashore Borjas '04 and Henry: Adaline Sofia, January 20, 2014.

Annie Basinski Dubsy '04 and Chad: Emily Elizabeth, November 20, 2013.

Vanessa Hetrick Friedman '04 and Matthew: Sloane, August 9, 2012.

Nicole Laubacher '04 and Thomas: Cameron Crawford and Claire Elizabeth, August 28, 2013.

Meaghan Fitzgerald Walls '04 and Peter: Avery Macchietto, November 17, 2013.

Molly Welton Boyle '05 and Kevin: Hazel Jane, April 5, 2013.

Erin Carsele Fiorini '05 and Julian: Julianna Lynn, September 26, 2013.

Erin Krombach Groves '05 and Jonathan: Jack Henry, October 22, 2013.

Michelle Powell Jadcak '05 and Jeremy: John Paul, May 24, 2013.

Megan Beauchamp Matakovic '05 and Filip: Natalie Marie, November 3, 2013.

Carolyn Batz McGee '05 and Kyle: Matthew Kristy, April 24, 2013.

Amy Nicholson Pruchnicki '05 and Michael: Ava Marie, July 2, 2012.

Kassy Kriegel Reiff '05 and Tobin: Paul Timothy, June 24, 2013.

Taryn Posthuma Schneider '05 and Josh: Soleia, November 2, 2013.

Rebecca Davies Sterusky '05 and Justin: Jackson, February 2, 2013.

Julie Breen Wilson '05 and Nate: Madeleine (Maddie) Elizabeth, March 12, 2013.

Stephanie Hile Allen '06 and Daniel: Mark Francis, July 16, 2013.

Anne Drolet Edwards '06 and Matthew: Margaret Mary, August 14, 2013.

Molly Acker Galbo '06 and Anthony: Amelia Jean, August 22, 2013.

Angela Rizzo Gay '06 and Matthew: Katherine Helene, November 3, 2012.

Kathryn Karr Jones '06 and Ryan: Amelia Margaret, August 24, 2013.

Nicole Marie Gifford Lowe '06 and Daniel: Madeleine Grace, August 29, 2013.

Stephanie Marie Mason '06 and Daymon Gorman: Aliyah Marie, October 12, 2012.

Cindy Wahlman Reilly '06 and Chas: Charlotte Vera, April 30, 2013.

Megan McDiffet Vannoy '06 and Matthew: Grayson Scott, June 11, 2013.

Christine Cooper Williams '06 and Jarrett: Mary Michael, March 28, 2013.

Audra Maxbauer Kirby '07 and James: Noah Walter, August 9, 2013.

Mary Beth Pavela Matenaer '07 and James: Brigid Pamela, May 12, 2013.

Courtney Rusnak Patrick '07 and Adam: George Walter, October 4, 2013.

Rachael Katherine Stowe '07 and Jeffery Show: Molly Grace, April 30, 2013.

Stephanie Apostoluk Titas '07 and Paul: Jeremiah Vidmantas, August 19, 2013.

Melissa Chandler Wright '07 and Craig Matilda Elizabeth, May 8, 2013.

Juliana Fisher Chervanick '08 and Daniel: Colton Daniel, October 7, 2013.

Christine Ashby Dorsuleski '09 and Pere: Liliana Marie, April 22, 2013.

Alicen Miller Teitgen '09 and Jake: Julia Kay, June 6, 2013.

Paige Olney Zars '09 and Joshua: Grayson William, May 26, 2013

## Alumnae Deaths

Rosalie Hoeffler Hasley '29, mother of Rita Hasley Voors '56 and Virginia Hasley Connell '68, grandmother of Mary Hasley Bosch '86, September 16, 2013.

Patrice Schaub Reilly '40, sister-in-law of Jacqueline McMahon Schaub '53, December 5, 2012.

Leona Kulka Jarabek '42, mother of M. Christine Jarabek Evers '68, twin sister of Louise Kulka Merkel '42, December 1, 2013.

Sister Benita Reavy '42, August 20, 2013.

Mary Kennedy Ryan '43, February 1, 2013.

Phyllis Tack Adams '45, May 31, 2007.

Kathleen "Bobbe" Phalen Valenta '45, mother of Elizabeth Valenta White '78 and Frances Valenta Dwyer '79, grandmother of Erin Kathleen Babington '11, December 16, 2013.

Ann Shaughnessy '47, sister of Marguerite Shaughnessy Wittebort '44 and Catherine Shaughnessy Nessinger '56, aunt of Mary S. Nessinger '86, December 27, 2013.

Marjorie Kuppe Hayden '49, September 20, 2013.

Mary Terry Bader '51, cousin of Jill Terry Martin '90, June 27, 2013.

Ann Patrice Seeler '52, sister of Mary Schwertley Prebys '49, August 19, 2013.

Anita Krebs Zimmerman '53, December 23, 2013.

Marianne Thode Matson '55, September 21, 2013.

Marie Gillespie Egan '56, December 29, 2013.

Sheila Riley Grannan '59, February 4, 2012.

Elizabeth Kent Puett '59, September 25, 2013.

Janet Russ Snyder '59, mother of Helen Kiersted Snyder-Gauthier '91, December 29, 2012.

Karen Kirby '60, March 8, 2010.

Patricia Cunningham Murphy '60, October 27, 2013.

Pamela Sue Keller '62, November 30, 2013.

Anne F. O'Melia '63, aunt of Anne Marie O'Melia '84, September 24, 2013.

Kathleen Camblin Hartnett '64, sister of Mary Camblin Crean '57, Sheila Camblin Duffy '60 and Sara Camblin Breault '62, September 3, 2013.

Pamela Herrold Koush '65, June 4, 2013.

Mary Kean Coffey '67, cousin of Ellen McGury Stone '75, October 4, 2013.

Barbara Morrin Cook '70, November 19, 2013.

Joy Buckley Vanes '79, cousin of Julie Buckley Sechser '93, Maureen Buckley Everling '95, Katie Turner Nix '05 and Erin Kristin Turner '07, March 23, 2013.

Kathleen Schuessler Kopitke '85, cousin of Amy Gresens Driscoll '02, September 18, 2013.

Anne O'Connor Bucher '90, cousin of Mary Jo Schramm Howard '82, December 20, 2013.

## Family Deaths

Marianne Biety, mother of Michele Biety Eggert '79 and Sarah Biety Simpson '80, November 3, 2013.

Richard Borg, father of Kathleen Borg Rendahl '05, Bridget Borg '07, Molly Borg '12, June 27, 2013.

James Bozik, father of Cynthia Bozik '88, July 20, 2012.

Thomas Brewster, husband of Camille Grimes Webster '63, February 4, 2013.

Clifford Bright, father of Melinda A. Bright '77, October 28, 2013.

Genevieve Brownlee, mother of Sally Ann Brownlee '89, November 25, 2013.

Donald Bush, father of Eileen Marie Bush '04 and Elizabeth Jane Bush '08, November 20, 2013.

Neil Byrne, father of Cornelia Byrne Bruce '73, October 30, 2013.

Frank Carroll, grandfather of Megan Carroll Kucala '10 and Lauren Elizabeth Carroll '12, December 31, 2013.

Al Cherven, father of Patrice Cherven Lockwood '76, March 19, 2013.

Alan Cocks, husband of Kathleen Reed Cocks '66, April 13, 2011.

Margaret Coffin, mother of Susan M. Coffin '75 and Adrienne M. Coffin '76, December 21, 2013.

John Considine, husband of Benita Guthrie Considine '47, father of Maureen Considine '72, June 2, 2013.

Robert Scott Craig, husband of Frances Bardello Craig '64, December 23, 2013.

Robert B. Cronin, father of Deborah Johnson Schwiebert '74 and Susan Johnson Karlix '80, November 2, 2013.

Robert J. Cronin, Sr., father of Carolin Cronin Mannion '84, Elizabeth Cronin Sutton '88, Christine Cronin Falkenberg '90 and Jennifer Cronin Geiger '93, father-in-law of Beverly Balisteri Cronin '84, October 18, 2013.

Francis DeLucia, father of Marie DeLucia Ternieden '94, January 9, 2014.

Edwin Joseph De Schepper, husband of Eleanor Houin De Schepper '50, November 21, 2013.

Rita Dollard, mother of Vera Dollard Purcell '68 and Bonnie Dollard Griffin '70, October 26, 2013.

Ronald Drury, father of Laura Drury Finn '94, September 28, 2013.

James Ferguson, grandfather of Kathleen Ferguson Stroup '90, December 16, 2013.

Michael Flaherty, father of Marie Flaherty '90, August 5, 2013.

Frank O. Garrett, father of Joanne Garrett '75 and Mary C. Garrett '78, November 2, 2013.

Carol Gaus, mother of Marcie Gaus Berry '91, October 26, 2013.

Henry Grannan, husband of Sheila Riley Grannan '59, December 31, 2013.

Robert Imbur, father of Lesley Imbur Semo '96, July 30, 2013.

Walter Jaworski, husband of Florence Jaworski '63, August 24, 2013.

Anne Joseph, mother of Phyllis Joseph Shamoun '56, June 3, 2013.

Mary Ann Josh, mother of Jennifer Jalovec '92, January 16, 2014.

Emery Keszei, father of Judith Keszei Callahan '78, November 17, 2013.

John Koellner, husband of Patricia Nienaber Koellner '67, grandfather of Melissa Gerbeth '09, uncle of Kathleen Koellner Bentler '83, October 19, 2013.

Ronald Kokot, father of Rhonda Kokot '94 and Dawn Kokot Mullaney '95, August 27, 2013.

Sandra Kucharski, mother of Kristy Kucharski Parker '11, November 27, 2013.

Anthony Larry, father of Nancy Mascotte '64, grandfather of Sara Schoeneman Clark '88, October 15, 2013.

Marybeth Leary, mother of Mary Kay Leary '86, December 13, 2012.

George Little, husband of Trudy Gies Little '68, October 26, 2012.

David Locey, father of Jill Locey Grisdale '89, October 2, 2013.

Michael Maddux, son of Mary Jo Cleary Maddux '57, September 7, 2013.

Elmer Mapes, father of Jill Mapes Milnes '79, May 23, 2013.

Thomas Maus, husband of Judith Hanks Maus '57, father of Catherine A. Maus '81, uncle of Maureen Hearne Powers '87 and Bevin Hearne Desmond '88, brother-in-law of Eleanor Hanks Connor '58, November 9, 2013.

Nick Maviano, brother of Jeanne Mavigliano Conley '59, September 14, 2013.

Edward Mead, Jr., husband of Janet White Mead '52, March 2, 2013.

Janet Meyer, mother of Cynthia Meyer Wargocki '99, April 20, 2013.

Elizabeth M. Miller, mother-in-law of Therese Kachur Miller '57, December 23, 2013.

Edward Loren Mooney, father of Dr. Carol Ann Mooney '72, December 7, 2013.

Robert Moore, husband of Denyse Donovan Moore '54, September 19, 2013.

John Thomas O'Brien, father of Kathleen O'Brien Miller '75, Colleen O'Brien Scheidler '79, Maureen O'Brien Kohler '81, Eileen O'Brien Metzger '84, Christeen O'Brien Paulison '90 and Charleen O'Brien Vierhile '91, brother of Shirley O'Brien Creamer '57, grandfather of Kathleen Miller Kuhn '04, Kathleen Kohler Dalhoff '09, Kristen Marie Metzger '11, Megan Joan Miller '11 and Madeline Rose Kohler '16, December 18, 2013.

George O'Leary, husband of Catherine Duffy O'Leary '58, December 31, 2013.

Raymond Pietryga, father of Mary Pietryga Straka '80, September 26, 2013.

Allen B. Reed, III, husband of Pamela Malone Reed '70, December 19, 2010.

John "Jack" Reynolds, father of Patty Reynolds Walsh '69, October 20, 2013.

Ronald Rolsing, father of Karen Ann Rolsing '94, January 28, 2013.

Joseph Michael Schellinger, father of Catherine Anne Schellinger '10, November 11, 2013.

Martha Schneider, mother of Margaret Schneider Morgan '75, June 11, 2013.

Robert Slota, Jr., husband of Carolyn Curran Slota '85, November 24, 2013.

Carolyn Snyder, mother of Annette Snyder Kurrus '00, October 25, 2013.

Frank Stumpf, father of Mary Ellen Stumpf '74, January 1, 2014.

Anthony Sweeney, husband of Donna Sammet Sweeney '72, October 31, 2013.

Thomas Michael Taylor, Sr., grandfather of Danielle Taylor Spalenka '06, December 27, 2013.

Carl Van Hecke, Jr., husband of Mary Cecilia Grimes Van Hecke '61, father of Clare Van Hecke Korte '88, November 6, 2013.

George Waldeck, husband of Gail Matousek Waldeck '58, September 11, 2013.

Anthony Walsh, husband of Patricia Kinney Walsh '61, January 14, 2013.

Tony Walter, husband of Marianne Bidwell Walter '77, brother-in-law of Kathleen Bidwell Gramke '82, March 10, 2013.

John G. Weithers, husband of Mary Van Etten Weithers '64, father of Mary Florence Weithers '93, November 27, 2013.

Gregory Wolf, son of Mary Louise Pfaff Wolf '44, brother of Mary Wolf Loisel '83, December 10, 2013.

Bill Woodward, husband of Noreen Gallagher Woodward '55, September 13, 2013.

E.F. "Sonny" Zetmeir, father of Amy Zetmeir Taylor '93, September 3, 2013.

Jeanette Zint, mother of Sharon Zint Marts '92, November 23, 2013.



## Cleveland/Akron

The Club was involved with a "Done in a Day" project at Providence House on January 11th. The project involved organizing and sorting through Christmas gifts that Providence House received. Many thanks to chairperson Debbie Stancik Krawczyk '78 for organizing the project. Alumnae had a chance to break away from winter with their tour of the newly remodeled Cleveland Museum of Art on March 1st. The tour was preceded by lunch at Trattoria Roman Garden in Little Italy. Noreen Blakemore Fitch '63 arranged the event. Many thanks, Noreen.

Please keep the Club in mind for future events to host or plan. To become more involved in the Club, please contact Cheri Petride Miller '79 at [smcosu@earthlink.net](mailto:smcosu@earthlink.net).

## Columbus

Our members from Central Ohio have been struggling to keep warm during this record cold winter! But the Belles of the Columbus area have done just that. We all enjoyed a lovely Founders' Day dinner at the home of Kay Moore Gibbons '62 hosted by her daughter Erin Gibbons '86 in November. Keeping it all in the family, Kay's husband Jack (ND '62) gave a short wine lesson to all of us. The evening ended with us all watching the ND/Pitt game. Then about a month later JoAnn Licata Buttler '69 and Kathleen Gibbons '89 organized our annual Christmas Mass and Brunch in tandem with our local ND Alumni Club. Everyone participated in the Mass, wonderful breakfast and enjoyed a visit from Santa Claus. Donations from the offertory went to the Women's Care Center in Columbus and the food and clothing donated went to the St. Stephen's Community Center.

Please watch for notices regarding our Spring Luncheon organized by Dr. Katie Vincer Sears '03. This has traditionally been a beautiful lunch to celebrate the coming of spring and it should really be a joyous celebration this year after this bone chilling winter! Also be sure to send prayer requests to Lisa McConnell Orsinelli '92 at [lorsinelli@yahoo.com](mailto:lorsinelli@yahoo.com) and she will start a prayer chain among our alumnae family. Book Club's dinner meeting is March 4 to discuss *The Good Lord Bird*. Contact Laurie Bracken Flanagan '74 for details through Facebook. You can follow all of our activities on our Facebook page at Saint Mary's College Alumnae Club of Columbus, Ohio (like us and you will receive updated information). Dues (\$30) are from January to January and can be sent to Amy Mundt '88 at 6915 Bay Forest Dr., Westerville, Ohio 43082.

Any alumnae in the Columbus area that has not gotten our communications either by mail or email, please let Marilyn Murphy Messick '69 know your contact information by emailing her at [marilynmessick@gmail.com](mailto:marilynmessick@gmail.com). We really want to keep our alumnae list current. Hope to see all of you soon!

## Detroit

In October, the Saint Mary's Detroit Alumnae Club and the Notre Dame Detroit Alumni Club co-hosted a game watch. This was the first time that the clubs collaborated on such an event.

In honor of Founders' Day and in the spirit of the Holidays, the Detroit Alumnae donated to Volunteers of America – Adopt a Family.

"Ring in the New Year with SMC Belles" was a great success again this year. The party was held at the home of Club President, Caitlin Cunningham '10, on January 4th. Sally Teppert '58, Maureen Sullivan '55, Laura Nicholson '92, Claire Kenney '10, Joan Mette Reddy '56, Caitlin Cunningham '10, and guests



Members of the Detroit Club attended a "Ring in the New Year" event on January 4, 2014. Pictured from L-R are: Sally Teppert '58, Maureen Sullivan '55, Joan Mette Reddy '56, Claire Kenney '10, Caitlin Cunningham '10, Laura Nicholson '92.

enjoyed delicious food and great conversation. It was a wonderful way to start the New Year!

We are honored to be named 2013–2014 Alumnae Club of the Year! Thank you to all the alumnae in the Detroit area that support the Club!

## Fort Wayne



Members of the Fort Wayne Club gathered for tea in November to celebrate Founders' Day.

On November 9th, 18 Fort Wayne alumnae celebrated Founders' Day at Sweet Violets Tea.

In December the Club joined with the Fort Wayne Notre Dame Club and had its annual Christmas Mass at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton. Over 50 people attended. The clubs were able to receive non-perishable items for the Community Harvest Food Bank.

In February we will be celebrating "Month of Love to Love Yourself" featuring two alums, Kathy Roe Fean '93 and Elizabeth Didier Krieg '03. They will be sharing beauty and fashion tips.

## Houston



Members of the Houston Club gathered to prepare care packages for the students from the Houston area to enjoy during Finals Week.

In November, the Houston Alumnae Club attended Mass together and held a reception for the Founders' Day celebration at the home of Emily Pernotto Raley '05. Fourteen alumnae shared in a beautiful afternoon of fellowship and conversation.

Sarah Sult Kurtz '07 hosted a group of young

alumnae on December 2nd to fill finals care packages for current Saint Mary's College women from the Houston and surrounding areas. Several alumnae included gifts they found encouraging during their years at Saint Mary's, and items leftover were donated to the United States military.

The following week, the entire club joined together at the home of Nancy Pearson Silva '71 for the annual Christmas Mass and Dinner. Houston Alumnae, spouses, and one adorable baby participated in Mass with Father Nesti. Everyone heard fantastic updates about Saint Mary's College from Shari Rodriguez, Vice President of College Relations, who graciously stood in for President Mooney when she was not able to make the trip down to Houston. The delicious food and wonderful conversation was enjoyed all evening as the gracious hosts continued to engage in discussion at each table.

On January 30th, 2014, the club hosted the first happy hour of the year, and we look forward to more in the future. If you are in the Houston area, please look for our club page on Facebook for information about events ([facebook.com/HoustonSMC](https://facebook.com/HoustonSMC)) or email us at [HoustonSMC@gmail.com](mailto:HoustonSMC@gmail.com). We are constantly looking for new ideas to bring the club together, as well as volunteers to host and plan events!

## Los Angeles



This picture was taken at the home of Caitlin Buzaid '11, who hosted a game watch for the Young Alumnae (2003–2013) offshoot of the SMCLA club. Pictured are Justine Iacono '03, Christina Rising '11, Jess Stoller-Conrad '07, Olivia Hamilton '10, Frances Broderick '10, Caitlin Buzaid '11, and Courtney Parry '09.

## New Jersey



Alumnae hosted the Belles varsity volleyball team for dinner at La Mela Ristorante in New York City.

To better serve our alumnae, family and friends in the Garden State, as of January 1st, we have split the state into two clubs: North Jersey and South Jersey. Dawn Parker Santamaria '81 will continue to organize North and Central Jersey, and alumna, Elizabeth "Betty" Elmore '68 ([econprofessor@aol.com](mailto:econprofessor@aol.com)), will serve as President for South Jersey—roughly south of Cherry Hill to Barnegat. Ideally, we would like to have three clubs: North Jersey, Central Jersey and South Jersey. If you're interested in stepping up into a leadership role, helping us plan events or have ideas

that will keep us all better connected to each other and the College, please contact Dawn Santamaria (dawn@sistersundersail.org). Most of our club correspondence is delivered via email. So, be sure to send Betty or Dawn your updated email address!

## Philadelphia

The Philadelphia Club hosted a Founders' Day event on November 17, 2013, at The Barnes, a fabulous art museum in the city. Patti Daly Blacker '80 organized the event with the help of Annabelle Logue Curran '74, a fellow alum and docent at The Barnes. We had a great turnout and were so happy to welcome Libby Gray Koulourides '93, Director of Development at Saint Mary's.

## San Diego

Our San Diego Belles have been busy during the last few months. Aside from enjoying the beautiful San Diego sunshine, we have made certain that our Club stays active and offers something for everyone.

The Annual Meeting was held in June, and Sandy Parry Kesser '07, and Jen Wagner '05 were re-elected as President and Treasurer, respectively. Sandy and Jen continue to lead our Club in a good direction, adding more activities every year. Early August found our group included in the Annual ND/SMC Student Send-Off, where we sent five new San Diego Belles off to their exciting new life at Saint Mary's. There was a lovely Mass at Sacred Heart Church in Coronado, followed by a fun picnic in the park nearby.

Fall was our usual fun season with weekly ND game watches at The Prospect Bar and Grill in La Jolla. Many Belles enjoyed cheering the Irish at this fun spot with amazing views of the Pacific. In October Symone Pompey '12 and Alyssa Richards '12, planned a lovely Founders' Day event. Mass was offered at St Theresa of Carmel, followed by a nice reception for all our Belles.

Lynn Ambrose hosted our Annual Cookie Exchange in early December, where many Club members shared delicious cookies and Christmas cheer. They also brought baby items to donate to a local shelter.

Lynn continues to coordinate our monthly Book Group, which rotates hosts and has featured such best sellers as *The Aviator's Wife*. All members are welcome; look for Lynn's monthly update in your email.

Coming up soon is our Scholarship Fund Raiser hosted by Peggy Battle Burns '81 in her lovely Poway home. The theme is "Wines Around The World," and it will be fun! There will be delicious appetizers and a tantalizing assortment of tasty international wines. We also will have the opportunity to bid on many silent auction items, all to raise money for a scholarship to help a local young woman attend Saint Mary's. We will have news and pictures about this wonderful event in the next edition of *Courier*.

In the meantime, please join our group of fun and enthusiastic alums! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Sandy Parry Kesser '07 at sandyparry@yahoo.com or Barb Drossel McKnight '77 at barbmcknight@gmail.com.

## Twin Cities

The Twin Cities Club was busy this fall/winter! On October 27th, we joined together to celebrate Founders' Day. Award winning Nadia Cakes of Maple Grove, MN hosted our group for a cupcake decorating class followed by a little tasting, coffee and fellowship. A couple of weeks later we joined together to give back to our community. The morning of November 16th we helped "Dress for Success" prepare for the upcoming winter. December



The Twin Cities Club gathered to celebrate Founders' Day by attending a cupcake decorating class.

and January found most of us hiding from the cold, but on February 20th we came together again to discuss the book everyone at Saint Mary's is talking about Virginia Woolf's, *Mrs. Dalloway*. If you would like to join the club for future events, please contact: Kellyroles@comcast.net.

## Westchester/Fairfield County

The Westchester/Fairfield Alumnae Club sponsored a Founders' Day of Service to celebrate and honor the pioneering efforts of Fr. Sorin, Mother Angela, and



Alumnae and families of the Westchester/Fairfield County Club celebrated Founders' Day by participating in a Day of Service raking leaves, picking up trash, and planting bulbs on the grounds of the Nehemiah Commission in Bridgeport, Conn.

Fr. Moreau. The day began with a hearty breakfast tailgater (naturally). Working with the Notre Dame Alumni Club of Fairfield County more than 35 alumnae, family, and friends raked leaves, picked up trash, and planted bulbs on the grounds of the Nehemiah Commission in Bridgeport, Connecticut. The event was organized by Groundwork Bridgeport.

On January 18<sup>th</sup> the Club sponsored its annual winter social. The event was hosted by Bill and Rosanne Pecora McManus '78 in their Stamford, Connecticut home. We welcomed nearly twenty alumnae and friends, representing a range of 50 class years (from 1961 to 2011) as well as a parent of a current first-year (and Santa). It was an evening of good times, good food, and great company!

Thanks to financial support — through dues paid by our members — the Club was able to provide monetary assistance in the fall for a Saint Mary's College volleyball team dinner while the team was in NYC for a tournament; and, with the New York and New Jersey Clubs, provide final exam care packages in the winter to 25 students from the tri-state area.

To request information, offer suggestions, volunteer, or just say hello, please contact Sally Georgen Archer '83 at: ctarcher@optonline.net or 203.544.7150.

## Pedal for a Cause: Alumna completes Illini 4000 bike ride



"I wanted to do something fun and meaningful after graduation and make a difference, something totally different," says Sarah Eisenberg '13. Eisenberg works in marketing for a commercial real estate company in Chicago. In the summer of 2013, she took time off to bike from New York to San Francisco to raise money and increase awareness for cancer and patient support services. She recently lost both her grandmothers to cancer and says the ride was an opportunity that "combined my passion for putting an end to cancer

with a physical challenge and a summer adventure that would create a lasting memory." Eisenberg raised \$11,575 for her Illini 4000 ride, and her team donated over \$115,000.

Averaging 75 miles per day for the 70-day ride, Eisenberg biked 8-10 hours a day. Even with prior training, there were some challenges, like cycling through the Appalachian Mountains and the heat and terrain of the Western U.S. She says the most rewarding moment was riding through Grand Teton Pass, from Wyoming into Idaho, which is a nine mile climb up a 12 percent grade incline. Throughout the ride, Eisenberg coped by putting things into perspective. "As much as it hurt, I knew at the top of a mountain came a downhill, a water break, a rest, a spectacular view. But those suffering with cancer do not have that reassurance that their uphill battle will soon plateau and end. That kept me pedaling." Eisenberg will forever carry with her the experience of her ride across the country in honor of her grandmothers.



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The Chicago group had their annual luncheon on October 24, 2013 in Oakland. Those attending were: **Sally Tiedebohl Billingsley**, in from Fla; **Mary Ann Fellingner Ryan**, a recent first time great grandmother; **Sue Wagner Broeren**, another new great grandmother (number seven); **Marian Cannon Clark**; **Bernie Socha Fitzsimmons**, recovering from hand surgery; **Mary Ellen Deibler Gleason**; **Marie Murnane Walsh**; **Gerry Clair Gilboy**; **Claire Daley Archibald**; **Sue Caron Riley** and me.

Thank you, **Sister Mary Grace (Halli) Swift, OSU**, for your letters and obituary enclosed from the internet about **Mary Amberg De Trempe's** and **Cheryl Paul Ricketts'** deaths. Hallie was "amazed by these women and all their children." Mary had eleven and Cheryl had eight. You may remember that Hallie's convent moved to Ky, and merged with another small convent. She is at 8001 Cummings Road, Maple Mount, KY 42356. Hallie is in good health, does a lot of gardening, and "loves Kentucky."

A happy and blessed Christmas to all.

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As I write, there is snow on the ground here and plans for the New Year are just unfolding. Remembering the days we played volleyball on the slanting floor of old St. Angela, I'm excited about the prospect of a new athletics and wellness complex on the Saint Mary's campus. Can it be possible that we might meet there in 2015 for our 65th reunion?

Among legacy students this year is Rachel Elizabeth Brandenberger who spent last summer (between her junior and senior years) in Nepal. She is the granddaughter of **Dorothy Sremp Heberlein**. My great niece Gina Irene Kraig will also be at Saint Mary's College representing our family in the freshman class.

In late fall, I received a letter from **Helen (Honey) Kennedy Ryan** containing both good news and sad. Her daughter Kay was married in 2012 to Ken Lewis and they live in Hyattsville, Md.; so Honey sees them fairly often. She keeps in touch by phone with **Catherine (Kay) Motta Hart**, **Mary Cucchi (Cookie) Depman**, **Joanne McCabe Schmitz**, and also hears occasionally from Sue Shannahan, a successful artist who is the late **Jane Ragen Fahrner's** daughter.

Honey's letter also said her brothers, Dr. James, husband of **Betsy Finneran Kennedy '59**, and Hayes, husband of the late **Ann McCoy Kennedy '52**, both died last summer; and so did Ann and Hayes' daughter **Shannon Kennedy '80**.

Well, that's it for this time. I'm getting around now sans walker or cane, so if I don't hear from some of you before April you may get a personal visit.

'52

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Please remember in your prayers **Joyce Mc-Mahon Hank** and her family. Jerry Hank, Joyce's husband of 60 years, died on June 27, 2013. Jerry was the retired CEO of Montgomery Elevator. A long time trustee of Notre Dame and a friend of Father Heshburgh, he was buried on the Notre Dame campus.

**Marilyn (Lynn) Dargis Ambrose** asks for prayers for her daughter **Debra Ambrose Holsinger '82**, who has cancer, which has spread beyond the lungs. She is having radiation and chemo to be followed by surgery, and the prognosis is good.

**Loretta Jo Brazaitis Ebert** told us at our luncheon after Mass for Thelma and Alabam last May that her daughter has lung cancer and asked for prayers.

**Barb Callahan Johnson** is living with her youngest son and family near Hailey, Idaho. Some time ago her son bought a ranch and spent several years turning it into a beautiful home looking out at the mountains. He and his family then moved there from Calif, and invited (insisted) that Barb come to live with them and his young family. During the fire season in August 2013, they were forced to evacuate, prompting **Mary Berners Kishler** to write asking for our prayers. They are now safe, and Barb visited with Mary and **Julie Skelly Fries** in Detroit in the fall.

**Mary Jean Wallace Paxton**, who lives in Oceanside, north of San Diego, updated us on classmates she's in touch with: "**Mary Jane Belfie Boles** is probably the only member of our class who is still gainfully self-employed. She writes; 'Work is still fun, so I get myself there three days a week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. It's so easy now, and many individuals and couples are much in need.' Mary Jane is speaking about her work at the Serenity Center in Lafayette, La. Her husband Bill not only serves as her office manager, but shops and cooks as well! **Marilyn Schneider Piatti**, a widow for some years, recently reconnected with Bill Howatt, a widower, who was once her boyfriend at Bishop Noll High School. Bill came to 'The Region' from Pa., to visit his old friends. To make a long story short, they married several months ago and moved to Bill's home in Pa. Marilyn gave me a phone number for **Janet White Mead**, who is in assisted living in Iowa. Janet's husband, Edward, recently deceased, was introduced to Janet by Sister Rose Clare, with whom Janet worked in the library while at SMC. The Meads and their five children lived on a farm in Iowa, where Janet worked as a counselor in the local community college. Janet and I attended grade school, high school (Bishop Noll) and SMC. We talked on the phone for over an hour, just trying to catch up. **Janet A. Rowe** has attended all the Notre Dame-USC games for the last 15 years or so. She lives in Los Angeles, and her friend from SMC, **Jane Gember Marz '53**, is still in South Bend with her husband, Paul, an ND grad. Janet goes to South Bend (her brother, Kent, still lives there) on alternate years, and the Marzs come to Janet's home on the others. Janet has informed me that Jane and Paul love to visit graves of the 'old' movie stars when in L.A. If you're interested, Janet can tell you where most of them are buried! I had a birthday phone call from **Patricia Dean Huddleston '53**, who has been my friend for 78 years! We were together for

kindergarten, grade school (St. Victors in Calumet City), Bishop Noll High School, and SMC. Pat, like **Jane Gember Marz**, was '53 because they were in the five year nursing program. Pat reports that she is in good health with good vision and can walk without a cane! She is a doting great-grandmother. I hope Mary Jean continues her reporting!

**Lynn Dargis Ambrose** wanted me to tell you that her dog Caleb was honored for his therapy work by being selected in the first group of "court dogs" in San Diego, accompanying child witnesses in abuse cases into court. She stands proudly aside while Caleb escorts the children up to the witness stands. "They feel he's their dog," she says.

**Joanne (Joey) Bryan MacDonald** wrote that she is still feeling quite well and remains fairly active for someone in her eighties. "Fortunately I have no joint problems so can walk nature trails behind my condo, carry on a conversation thanks to hearing aids, and do limited reading and knitting with the help of a lighted magnifier. My biggest loss is not driving, which has made my world very small. But there is so much to be grateful for and I am ever more aware of the blessings in my life, both past and present. One of those is my connection to Saint Mary's and the many good memories of those four years. I'm also happy to have two Notre Dame grandchildren. Mac and I will again spend the winter months in Englewood, Fla., on the Gulf coast, knowing that traveling there will someday come to an end. But in the meantime, we'll enjoy each day of sunshine and be a part of the many gray heads that leave the North in winter. I hope my fellow classmates are well and active, and like me, are hoping to attend our 65th Reunion. Let's think positively!"

**Marie Galoney** fell chasing an escaping cat on her back steps and fractured vertebrae in her neck in September. She has to wear a neck brace on into 2014 and has been unable to drive or go out to plays and luncheons, which require sitting for long stretches. The doctor told her that she was lucky; she might have been paralyzed.

In early November, **Gloria Gazzara Eppler** wrote "All is well with us. We took a tour of the National Parks this fall. Got home just two days before the government closed them. We were so lucky. We are happy here at the retirement community. Moved just in time. Walt is walking with a cane now and I have more trouble walking. Looking forward to taking our family on a 12-day Caribbean cruise this Christmas."

**Mary Ann Scherger Fairlie** wrote that she has "just came back from a Caribbean cruise with our son Tom and daughter Patty and are going on another cruise in six weeks with still another daughter and granddaughter. Then starts our usual busy winter season of visitors. Seven of our eight children already have plans to spend time down here in the next two months and I'm also squeezing in a five day trip to Ohio where we used to live for an early Christmas party. . . . Drew and I ran into **Gloria Gazzara Eppler** in August when we took the Rocky Mountaineer Train through the Canadian Rockies. I hadn't seen her since our graduation from Saint Mary's which meant we had a lot of news to catch up on."

On a Norwegian fjord cruise in July, I called **Astri Knudsen Hagenes**. She was not feeling well enough to meet me but encouraged me to enjoy the festivities of St. Olaf taking place that week around the beautiful medieval cathedral built over his tomb in downtown Trondheim, Astri's home

town. Of all the towns I visited in Norway, Trondheim seemed the most appealing, with a mild climate, a lovely setting on a fjord, a mountain backdrop, even a Hop-on-Hop-off bus. After the cruise I spent a week in London, enjoying plays, museums, and unusually great weather! I'll go back. I can't resist a cruise. In October I talked **Dorothy (Dor) Murnane McMahon** into accompanying me on a 'Fall Colors' repositioning cruise from Quebec to Fort Lauderdale. Dor had studied in Montreal back in the 60s and had not seen the leaves change since 1965.

**Beverly Miller Skoniecke** wrote that while she had never gone on a cruise, she had managed by plane, boat, bus and air to visit twenty-six European countries, as well as Israel, Australia, Costa Rica, not to mention making 26 trips to Hawaii, her favorite destination. Truly a record!

**Faith Kilburg McNamara** with daughter **Elisabeth McNamara Reed '81** (who married in April 2013) went to the Founders' Day Mass and breakfast in the fall, although most of the alumnae are younger than they. Faith's other daughter Claudia and her husband were coming for Christmas from Washington. Faith still lives in her two-story house (plus basement and attic) in Beverly, and we commiserated about how we could clean out all our life-time accumulations. Any suggestions?

I talked with **Eleanor V. Fails** to see how she was recovering after her surgery and rehab. She is still using a walker, but sounded hale and hearty. After the death of her roommate **Mary F. Stoelckinger '57** last year, she is glad to have the support of many Saint Mary's friends at the Holy Cross Village, including **Pat Kerper Moriarty '53**, who was also a class officer. She joked that she and Eleanor "ran Saint Mary's while they were there," but Eleanor boasted only that they had gotten Sister Madeleva to let students say good night to their dates in the

East Parlors of LeMans instead of outside at the front door (or in the bushes in front of LeMans). After Christmas Faith and I hope to get together a group of Chicagoans to drive to South Bend to have lunch with Eleanor (and her 90-year-old boyfriend Pete) at the renovated Morris Inn.

I'm writing this for the December deadline, so I wish you all Merry Christmas, though by the time you read it, it will probably be April. Now that the *Courier* comes out only three times a year, and we can always be in it, I could get help — maybe someone to report from the East (e.g., Detroit), and someone from the West (e.g., San Diego) to report on the doings in your area, as Mary Jean did in this issue.

Let's keep praying for each other.

'53

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I try to write you faithfully, and it would be nice for all of us if you did the same for me! **Janell Wenzel O'Barski**, who went to school as part of our class but is in the records of the class of '54, sent me a note, a program from the funeral Mass, and a newspaper clipping about **Jackie Harle Etling's** funeral last July. Jackie and Janell were friends long before they went to college together. Jackie came to Mich., to visit me at home for a few days after my mother died in the summer of our junior year. I feel very grateful for those memories of times long ago that still come to the surface.

I also had a note from **Rita Spaulding Quinn** who was traveling in Utah with friends on a long planned trip and couldn't make Reunion. **Linda Duffy Hensel** wrote that she had been thinking

about **Mary Jane Farrell Haas** and found out that she had died on July 24.

I do have some notes from Reunion for you all. **Marge Harrington Ryan** came with **Ann Martin McManus** from Ohio, and was surprised that we were the oldest group there. Marge was heading soon to be with family in Mich.'s Upper Peninsula. **Mary Curley McDougal**, **Jo Disser Barger**, **Joan Hoffman DeCrane**, **Pat Doyle Mulligan**, and **Barb Norton Powers** left messages on my pad about how glad they were to see those who came, and regrets that the rest of you didn't come! **Mary Jane McKeon Gray** is living at Holy Cross Village with her husband Ed and they are doing well. **Pat Kerper Moriarty** lives there, too, and sees Mary Jane every day so they can laugh together about meeting when they were 18 years old, and how great it is to live on a college campus.

**JoAnn Phillips Kostelas** sent her best to say hello to everyone. **Pat Kalish Bachle** and **Ann Haskins Kelly** are both well, and along with **Mimi Wurzer Coyrn** say hi to everyone. **Peggy Curtin Hutchinson** talked to **Madeleva (Madi) Millar Steffens** in Idaho. She feels well and wants to be remembered to everyone. She always says that her years at SMC were the best years of her life. Peggy was hoping that **Jo Ann Lyden Soch** and **Judy Schwartz Reuter** would drive out with her, but no such luck.

Not a lot of news, but there were only about 18 of us there. But I was there, and glad of it.

Jack and I had driven out and left after Mass on Sunday to visit my brother and his wife in Jackson, Miss., for a couple days. (It is a way that I can go home again!) We had one other big event in our summer — we celebrated our 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with every one of our children and grandchildren as well as Jack's sister and brother and wife.

Any one you could light up my life with a note. It would take five minutes. This took me two or three hours. Try it — you'll like it. And I will love it!

## Alumnae return home...or rather, just next door.

Holy Cross Village, on the campus of Holy Cross College, has in recent years become home to a group of alumnae from across the country. We're so glad to have them back!



Front Row, left to right: Eleanor Fails '52, Barbara Berry Saggau '51, Denise Becker Roemer '56, Mary Jane McKeon Gray '53, Pauline Romeo DeCicco '51, Carol Huebner Collins '51; Back Row, left to right: Rosalie Campanale '91, Dolores Dietsch Berry '55, Jo Disser Barger '53, Lenore Tucker Cassady '53, Pat Kerper Moriarty '53, Jean Murphy Westland '49, Fellow alumnae not pictured include: Mary Ann Kramer Campbell '54, Fran Cain Shearer '50

'54

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The '54ers are still into culture and travel! **Joan Rossi** writes that she and **Rose Marie Murphy Foley** had a real weekend: opening night at the Lyric's Verdi's *Otello*, the Art Institute, and the Chicago Symphony with Riccardo Muti conducting Verdi's *Macbeth*. **Rena Bianucci Sereno** invited Joan to Northern Ill., U. where Rena is a very active member of ALPHA (Archaeology, Literature, Philosophy, History and Art of the Ancient World), to a lecture on the ancient Roman civilization and art.

**Bev Bierbusse Campbell** won't be coming to Reunion: three May graduations. She and Paul did go the Shaw Festival (12th trip). In September they took in Grand Rapids ARTFEST. A highlight was a private tour of a restored Frank Lloyd Wright house.

**Lois Langford Berry** and Bill (ND '53) joined a Notre Dame Italian trip this fall. Since then they've been hosting people on football weekends. Fla.'s The Villages and Disney World and the streets of Savannah attracted Jim and **Bernice Boucher Hopp**. In Indianapolis they attended a reception for **Dr. Carol Ann Mooney '72**. Jim was very impressed with her remarks.

**Marlene Gaubinger McGinn** says she's adjust-



ing to life in the "Old Folks Home" — something going on every hour of the day. One of daughter **Shannon McGinn Alfele's '93** boys (nine years old) had a serious hip surgery six months ago, so she's spent a great deal of time helping them. **Mary Ann Kramer Campbell** and **Jean Murphy Westland '49** were featured in a Holy Cross Village brochure citing favorite memories of residents' days at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's. **Mary Schmitz Bartley** hopes that despite Ed's serious illness they'll get to Fla., and maybe a cruise.

Welcome news from **Mary Beth Adler Wilhelmi** who says either her health or Art's has kept her missing in action for a few years but they continue to bounce back. Their 19 grandkids are spread out all over so she's grateful for Skype visits. Truman is a volunteer operator on a crisis hotline for priests and religious.

I had a wonderful conversation with another MIA — **Mary Lou Leim O'Beirne**. (We were high school classmates also.) She sounds just the same, catching me up on her children and grandchildren.

**Pat Byrne Lyren** is now a great grandmother. Her most recent travels include a 17-day retreat in northern Scotland (her third) and a trip through the Panama Canal with her sisters. Next is annual trip in February to ND, for hockey and a large family gathering. Bill and **Lois Langford Berry** and I had lunch with Pat at the Morris Inn just before the first ND game this year. It was a great time of reminiscing.

**Peg Tiernan Sheehan** says **Judy Jones Sullivan** has been corresponding about the "thieving controller" in Judy's hometown. Peg's still playing tennis — one of her opponents has a daughter at SMC.

**Sue Hartmann** has moved into a one-story house and loves it. She's still active in volunteer work: standup comedy with two friends in nursing homes, her parish choir, and bridge. Sue talks to **Mary Fran Koehnemann Nolan** weekly, usually exchanging growing-old jokes. Sue reports lunch and lots of laughs with **Carol O'Brien Scheller** late this summer.

**Sister Terese Fabbri** and **Jean Zimmerer Thomas** are really into email forwarding instead of sending info about themselves. This time I got an explosion — a feature article on Terese in the Mich., City paper calling her an inspiration to many locals. It traces her education, teaching career, and many civic activities up to her most recent dream workshops. (Remember a dream seminar at a Reunion?) The article concludes that Terese "walks the walk and talks the talk." I'll save the article for our May Reunion.

Speaking of Reunion and quoting Mary Beth: "The memories of those 60 years are strong and precious." Plan to come and share them.

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I finally took to the telephone to elicit some news from my silent classmates and was rewarded with more information than I have had in some time.

**Pat O'Leary Ring** has been touring the east coast with her brother. While visiting a niece in Virginia, Pat was treated to her first glimpse of our Nation's Capital. Even at our age, Pat was impressed with the grandeur of Washington. While on her trip she ran into **Mary Beth Bohn Koehlin** who was



Alumnae friends gathered recently for a visit. Pictured left to right: Barbara Butler Henry '85, C.C. Shaughnessy Nessinger '56, Jo Ann Grima MacKenzie '69, Addie Stefanac Cashore '70, and Ann Korb '54

doing some extensive driving and visiting. Mary Beth was in the Chicago area for a reunion with her friends from her junior year in Switzerland. Also at that reunion was **Rita Conley Bourjaily**. Rita proudly reports that she has a granddaughter, Anna Judith Bourjaily, who is a current freshman at Saint Mary's College and loving it! **Barbara Schettig Brennan** has managed to contact **Pat Bushey** who is back in her native Gettysburg, Pa. Barb has also heard from **Pat Centlivre Bonahoom** who is still living in Fort Wayne. Although Barb has retired from her library position, she is kept busy keeping track of her large family — and evidently our 1956 family too. Thank you, Barb.

**Maryjeanne Ryan Burke** and Dick took a beautiful trip to the green mountains of Vermont. They were joined by **Mary Carey Swift** and Joe Swift. Maryjeanne and Dick travel extensively, enjoying Vail, Colo., and Palm Springs in the winter, and their Lake Michigan home and Chicago condo in the summer. Their daughter, **Mary L. Burke '85**, is still serving Saint Mary's College as Chair of the Board of Trustees.

A quick call to **Mary Alice Parsons** told me she is still enjoying life in the Edgewater Beach apartments, and taking her yearly trip to Paris.

**Carolyn Greives Kelley** was in touch with our class valedictorian, **Anne Clifford Petach**. Ann has a daughter who is a Harvard graduate and another who is a student at Harvard. Ann connected with her cousin, **Gwen Gorman Haertling** in Fla., for a mini family reunion. Carolyn seems to stay in touch with quite a number of classmates. She had brunch at Saint Mary's College with **Sister Elena Malits, CSC**. Carolyn still lives in the Boston area, but has roots in Ind., and travels back often to visit family and friends.

Please, my friends, send news of your activities. You may think your life is not interesting, but we are always happy to hear from, and about, you!

I volunteer two days a week in the pet therapy program at our local hospital. My two Great Danes, 140 lbs. and 155 lbs. respectively, bring joy and some fun to patients and visitors. The question is — who is really in charge?! If the next column is signed by a paw print, you will know!

'57

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In July, using our reunion surveys and an updated list from Saint Mary's, I added about 20 new addresses to my email list. It has been fun hearing from some of you due to that. **Carolyn Rooney Connelly** wrote from Manchester Center, Vt, but she and Dick (ND '55) spend their winters in Bonita Springs, Fla. Carolyn keeps up with **Mary Kathryn Carroll Hartigan**. **Sister Madeline Therese Wilhoit, CSC** spent her senior year with us, finishing up her degree. In the fall of 1957 Sister began 17 years on mission in Brazil. With time in between for study in Rome, and work in Thailand and Lebanon, she spent her final 14 years abroad in Ghana, West Africa. Sister is now doing research in the Holy Cross archives and was with us at our last Reunion. What an amazing life! **Normalee Fisher Power** was with us just the second semester of freshman year but thinks kindly of "that beautiful, peaceful campus." Normalee and her husband, Edmond, live in San Mateo, Calif. Their three daughters and two sons all live close enough to visit, along with six grandchildren and two greats.

**Carole Nordengren Suttner** and John had a wonderful Mother's Day celebration. Their son, Jim, who lives in Baltimore, invited his parents and siblings to celebrate his 50<sup>th</sup> birthday with him. (It still shocks me to acknowledge that our offspring are "creeping up there").

This has been the year and season for high school reunions. **Anne White Maysak** told me that **Virginia Vighi Carson** came from N.J. to attend their reunion in Ottawa, Ill, representing Anne and **Mary Comisky Riley** who couldn't join her this time. Virginia planned to combine the reunion with a visit with Mary in Chicago, before Mary leaves for her winter stay in Ariz. Anne and **Linda Kolp Craig** stay in touch. **Mary O'Connor** and **Josie Murphy Vorda** enjoyed their reunion at Chicago's Aquinas High School. Mary came from CA, and also had a good family visit. Our Trinity High School reunion brought together **Dee Kiley LeFevour**, **Janet O'Connell McCue**, **Liz McCorkle Groden**, **Mary Lou Reedy Ahlering**, **Peggy Kearin Carey**, **Katie Adele Perry**, **Ruth Keefe Herman** (from Washington, D.C.) **Pat Smith Parish** (from Ariz.) and myself. **Mary (Chicki) Taylor Spalding** didn't come to the Reunion from her Bluffton, SC home but I spotted her name in the Legacy column of the Summer 2013 *Courier*. In response to my inquiry, Chicki stated that she has two nieces and one grand-niece who now are Saint Mary's graduates.

**Mary O'Connor**, who we know by now, is an experienced traveler (to say the least) had been to Cuba three times in the last few years and made it sound so interesting that **Peg Balfe**, **Dee Kiley LeFevour**, **Jody Donohoe McGoldrick**, **Katie Adele Perry**, **Peggy Kearin Carey**, a friend of Mary's from CA, and myself asked Mary to organize another trip. In October we spent a wonderful week in Cuba on a "legal" trip with a license from the US State Department and experienced the history and culture of old Havana as well as the rural countryside and the natural beauty of the Zapata Peninsula. Some of you heard of the proposed plans last spring and we know that you too would have found the adventure educational, enlightening and great fun. Mary got to test the Cuban medical system first hand when her hip dislocated while we were at a beach resort in the Bay of Pigs area. Happily, Mary is recuperating well at home

and no doubt planning her next adventure.

The arrival of **Josie Murphy Vorda's** third granddaughter, Alayna Marie Johnson, born in October to daughter Ann and Chris, kept Josie from joining the trip. Too much excitement to miss!

Thanks to **Eileen (Bunni) Hennessy Griffin '56** I was able to share via email the sad news of the death of Michael Maddux, 44 year old son of **Mary Jo Cleary Maddux**. Michael died suddenly in September in Ft. Lauderdale. A private burial service was held in Odell, Ill, which you may recall was Mary Jo's home town. A beautiful Memorial Mass was held early in October at the Maddux family's home parish in Chicago's north side and **Janet O'Connell McCue, Josie Murphy Vorda, Dee Kiley LeFevour** and I were able to attend. You may remember that Mary Jo's young son, William D. Jr. died tragically many years ago. Our sympathy to Mary Jo and her daughters, Anne and Meg, son Joe and their families for all their sorrow.

In early November we heard of the death of Tom Maus, husband of our **Judy Hanks Maus**. Tom died in Ft. Lauderdale where he and Judy lived all their married life, having met during high school days there. Many of you recall with a smile Tom (and his friends) from our college days since he was Class of '57 at ND Tom's business life was devoted to his family clothing business, Maus and Hoffman but he was very active in civic affairs and the local ND Alumni. Tom is survived also by their six children, including **Catherine Maus '81** and thirteen grandchildren. Judy, we send you our love and support.

Support of another kind was underscored in a lovely thank you note that was sent to **Eva Haas Dolan** and copied to me. It was from the current recipient of assistance from our Class of 1957

Endowed Scholarship fund, Aspen Sims, a Saint Mary's freshman from Mich. It highlights the importance of our efforts and the continuing need. Let's "keep up the good work."

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**Hannah Storen Kreps** "missed everyone at Reunion, and prays we will be together for the next." This was the first Reunion Hannah has missed. She and husband Bill were on an "exceptional cruise" aboard the Aegan Odyssey. Hannah writes that "shortly before the cruise she was in her hometown of Lynchburg, Va, and saw quite a bit of **Pat Kinney Doyle** and Tom's sister Cele. "Pat continues to amaze me. I think she is really doing well although she certainly misses Tom."

Hannah writes that she was in Houston for the world premiere of the ESPN movie *SWOOPES* on July 24th. Daughter Hannah Storm conceived the idea for the movie and sold it to ESPN as part of the "Nine for IX" series celebrating Title IX and the career of the WNBA star Sheryl Swoopes of the Houston Comets. Hannah Storm directed the movie and I have personally heard rave reviews from my own daughter Fran Willson Bedan and her husband Rick.

Our classmate **Ellen Dooley Cowperthwaite** of Fairfax, Va, died July 20, 2013 after a brief illness. Ellen grew up in South Bend, but lived abroad in Morocco and Italy and briefly in South Bend. She spent her career as a travel agent for AAA. Ellen

leaves three children and eight grandchildren. Ellen loved travel, attending plays and concerts and volunteering at The Lamb Center, Wolf Trap and Ford's Theater and taking classes at George Mason University. **Sue Lipetska Cierznia** attended the August 13, 2013 service at the Church of Our Lady of Loretto.

Someone at reunion left six 3 x 3 1/2" black and white photos in our class meeting room in The Inn at Saint Mary's. Please let me know where I can send them. I think they are from freshman year and are priceless.

Mid October I went to St. Paul, Minn, to visit my son Michael and his wife Marilyn and their two children. **Josephine (Jody) Vetter Olson** picked me up one day and we went to lunch at a favorite restaurant of ours — sat outside in the gorgeous Indian summer weather and laughed and talked. What a great time we had. I told Jody about the new book "*Bruno Schlesinger A Life in Learning & Letters*," edited by Rick Regan.

**Mary Schlesinger '72** had emailed me news of the book publication and both Jody and I got our copies through Lulu.com. The book is delightful and very personal with wonderful pictures of Bruno and Alice. Jody and I ordered our copies through Lulu, but I think Amazon also will have copies. By the time you read this, you may be able to order it through the SMC Bookstore. Don't miss the book.

**Paula Lawton Bevington** sent me a copy of a letter from Pilar Venegas Garcia, who is the recipient of the Sister M. Alma Peter endowed scholarship. "Saint Mary's is my dream school and I could not be happier to be attending this coming fall." Pilar is from Merrillville, Ind, and is majoring in



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education, with a minor in special education.

**Sistie Doherty McEnery** called to say hi and tell me what a wonderful time she and her daughters had on the SMC trip to Italy.

**Sally Louise Teppert** emailed me about the visit of **Carolyn Sidley Martin, Helen Patton** and **Kathryn Kramper Massey** to Sally's home in Bloomfield Hills, Mich. They met on Wednesday at the Toledo Express Airport, and Carolyn drove to Mich, from that point. Sally writes:

On the evening of their arrival we enjoyed a delicious homemade pot roast dinner. It seemed like we had never parted. Kathryn requested a tour of Detroit for Thursday. We were offered a private tour of the Detroit Institute of Art by a friend who is a docent. We jumped at the chance to view these treasures which are so much in the news due to the Detroit City bankruptcy. We hope and pray that the city never sells any of these priceless treasures.

Before the tour of the museum we drove down Woodward Avenue, our main street in Detroit. The girls' eyes were riveted on all the sights — reconditioned shopping centers and neglected neighborhoods. The Detroit bankruptcy has been featured in the media far and wide which, of course, piques interest.

The following day we continued our Woodward excursion through downtown Detroit. Everyone was truly impressed with the lovely old buildings. We continued on to the Grosse Pointes where we drove along beautiful Lake St. Clair shoreline all the way to the Eleanor and Edsel Ford estate. The tearoom welcomed us to a light lunch.

The weekend approached, and they planned to head home, but not until we discussed next year's get-together. Kathryn volunteered to host us in a mystery location 2014. We'll keep you posted on our next rendezvous. Kathryn requested us to keep September free. Stay tuned...

I wish all of you a Blessed Season and good health in the year ahead.

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It is with extreme sadness that I report the passing of Tom Mulcahy (ND '57), husband of **Sarah Sceales Mulcahy**, on August 24, 2013. Tom died in his sleep while Sarah was confined to rehab with a fractured hip following a fall at her son's wedding the week before. We were to have joined the Mulcahys on September 16 to attend the ND-Mich., St. game but instead used our tickets to attend Tom's funeral. We flew to Chicago and drove to Milwaukee with **Betsy Finneran Kennedy** and Brian and **Carol Podesta Foley**. I have never witnessed such a large visitation and funeral Mass in my life. Sarah was a trooper, spending hours in her wheel chair greeting lines and lines of stunned family and friends. By all accounts, Tom enjoyed good health, so this loss was totally unexpected. In addition to Sarah, he leaves four children and 19 grandchildren. Tom was a huge promoter of all things Notre Dame, where he established the Tom and Sarah Mulcahy Family Endowed Collection in Irish Studies.

At the reception following the funeral, Carol, Betsy and I met Phil Wittliff (ND '71), brother of our classmate **Ginny Wittliff**. He told us she is a retired school teacher living in Lakeport, Mich.

I had only been home a few days following the Mulcahy funeral when Carol Foley called to say that our dear classmate, **Barbara Patrick O'Toole**, had also died in her sleep on September 5, 2012. She had suffered a fall a few weeks prior to her death, but seemed to be doing fine and attended ND's first home game against Temple, where she visited briefly with Carol. Barbara's husband Ed, predeceased her last year and she leaves a son and a daughter. Barbara was a specialist in freedom of speech issues as an attorney with the ACLU of Ill, where she took part in several significant cases over the last 40 years. She was also a beloved benefactor of our alma mater.

Other sad news to report is the death of **Helen Kalin Klanderud's** son, Soren Klanderud, on March 29, 2013 and **Jeanne Mavigliano Conley's** brother, Nic Maviano, (ND '56) on September 14, 2013. Nic was the owner of Farm City Supermarket in Berwyn, Ill, for 33 years. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

I do have some good news to report. Received an email from Dick Fastiggi telling me that **Pat Wilson Fastiggi** had undergone her yearly Breast Care Center physical (she is a breast cancer survivor) where they discovered a heart murmur. Following tests and visit with a cardiologist it was determined that she had a bad aortic valve which needed replacing. She has since had the surgery and is doing fine. I spoke with her last week and she has gotten the go ahead to travel to Texas from Vt, where she and Dick spend their winters.

Although Gerry and I did not attend the ND-Mich, St. game as planned, Bob and **Katie Hall Kilcullen**, Tom and **Carol Lucas Dunne** and **Gerry Dunn Leinenweber** joined **Betsy Kennedy** and **Carol Podesta Foley** and Brian at their homes in Lake Mich, for a melancholy reunion and raised a glass to Tom and Jim, their absence sorely felt. This ND football weekend was a happy tradition which Tom and Sarah and Gerry and I enjoyed for many years and sadly, as traditions often do, this one has taken its final bow... but Betsy, keep the martini glasses chilled, ya never know!

Heard from **Mary Sue Sheets Klinkose** in August. She was attending a mini-reunion with classmates **Mary Kay Moran Gaudet, Louise Schulte Johnson, Cathleen (Kit-c) Clyne Fitzgerald, Meg Stratton Burleigh** and **Mary (Meg) Stone Longtine** at a cabin in Breckenridge, Colo, (sounded like they were having a great time) and called to ask about our 55th Reunion. Mark your calendars ladies, Reunion Weekend is May 29-June 1, 2014.

Lastly, I received copies of letters of appreciation from our three scholarship recipients: Vichina Denise Austin '17, Kathleen (Kay) Taylor Cobb '16 and Erika Maria Herman '16, thanking us for the gift of our 1959 Endowed Scholarship.

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Can you believe it is the year of our 75th birthdays? No, not us...that's for older grads...earlier classes. Luckily we still have a sense of humor — because the joke is on us... and we can still laugh about it! Oh well, here we are...3/4 of a century young...hopefully wiser... but just as good friends. Let's let laughter abound!

Summer brought that Chicago luncheon group together: **Marilynn Morrissey Sparacino, Mary Jo O'Callaghan Martin, Diane Zaran-tonello Sullivan, Peg Hock Cahill, Karen Wilke Galvin, Jane Simpson Kiep, Nancy Prawdzik Kidder, Nancy O'Toole Doppke, Maureen C. Madigan** and **Maureen Hogan Lang**. You must have heard us laughing — wherever you are.

A "never too old to..." story: Marilyn and Julius Sparacino (ND '59) are building a brand new house in Elmhurst. Julius is in 7th heaven — not just to be the builder of their dream house, but it will be in walking distance of all their children and grandchildren! Now what more could anyone ask? In the midst of all this, they took a jaunt to Sicily, which they treasure and highly recommend. However, there is always the other side of the coin: Barrett Gleixner ND '59 passed this summer — not only a good friend to Marilyn and Julius, but to so many of us.

Mary Jo and Larry Martin (ND '60) celebrated their 75th birthdays together in September not only with their nine children and spouses and 26 grandchildren, but with the late **Ann Hurley Martin's** sisters **Honey Hurley Gfroerer '58** and Molly and Ann's mother Mary Ruth Hurley, who at 102 ruled supreme!

Diane and Jim Sullivan spent a wonderful summer vacation in Door County, Wis, which is a must if you ever have the chance. Their oldest grandson is at Kalamazoo College, so Diane is the Cookie Queen of the freshman class. Diane's niece Elizabeth Zarananello is a senior at Notre Dame and represents the 3rd generation of domers.

Don't forget to keep your eye on Becca Mann, **Karen Gavin's** granddaughter who swam the 10-kilometer open water in Barcelona and came in 8th on the World USA Team.

In September Maureen and Bob Lang had a wonderful time with their grandsons (five and two) who live in Steamboat Springs, Colo, and got caught up on their babysitting duties. They even enjoyed their son, daughter and son-in-law who also live there.

I guess at our age we cannot help but end on a sad note. **Maureen Madigan** just had a call from Bob Murphy (ND '59) to learn that his wife **Trish Cunningham Murphy** passed suddenly on October 27, 2013 in Philadelphia. I can already hear the sound of the new piano in the heavenly chorus.

One last sad note is from **Nancy O'Toole Doppke** who learned of the passing of Cincinnati-born **Karen A. Kirby** on March 10, 2010, in Alas, which had become her home. Her life of service as an attorney with youth, legal aid, volunteering and becoming a naturalist is amazing.

Our prayers and best wishes to all of you. Please send news, M and M.

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**Elizabeth Nash Schwartz** sent word of the sudden death of **Mary Cecilia (Cee Cee) Grimes**

**Van Hecke's** husband, Buzz, on November 6, 2013. Cee Cee and Buzz had been married 52 years, had seven children and 16 grandchildren. Liddy and her husband, Joe, attended the funeral in Orland Park, Ill, along with **Nancy Grimes Rudge**, her husband, Walt, and **Marilyn Mayworm McKeown**.

An update from **Beth Mackin Baxter** relayed her current situation in her battle with lung cancer. Following prophylactic brain radiation, her previously grown-out ½-inch long hair fell out again. As of this writing, she is looking forward to having hair again by Christmas and gaining weight. On the brighter side, her book, *A Detoured Life*, has been published and is available from Amazon.

Kudos to **Mary Ellen "Straw" Berry Malone** who was awarded the 2012 Citizen of the Year in her second home, Edom, Tex. Straw was cited for "...her leadership and untiring efforts to move the community forward." She is the owner of The Shed Café, Mary Ellen's Boutique, and a large farm just outside of Edom.

I truly appreciate hearing from those who answered my request for news. My next deadline is April 1, 2014. Please keep me updated on any changes in your email address. Also let me know of email addresses or changes in email addresses of classmates of which I may not be aware.

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As I write this at Thanksgiving time, let us all be thankful for all our blessings and gifts we share with others. And in November the month of All Souls, a prayer for those we love and classmates who have died. I am continuing our class news taken from our Reunion '12 "Then and Now" book, as well as my '62 Update Sheets you returned to me.

After departing Saint Mary's **Maureen McCafferty**, (New York, N.Y.) did volunteer teaching in Texas for a year. Wanting business experience, she worked in a Detroit ad agency, transferred to New York City, where she met her future husband Paul the first week. They married a few years later and had a son Chris. Fifteen years later Paul died. She then had two rewarding careers; directed a Montessori School (10 years) and for 22 years was among the first women in insurance sales at Equitable Life. Career number three is in real estate sales. Says she "has much to be grateful for — good health, many friends, fine son, interesting work, living in a city she loves, some travel and lots'a fun!" **Mary McCarthy Brooks** (Chicago, Ill.) is "lucky to have a great life"... wonderful husband Stephen for 44 years, three adult children, two daughters, **Jane Brooks Osterman '94** and **Bridget Brooks Massing '00**, a son, and six grandchildren. She worked 28 years for the Sisters of Notre Dame DeNamur, teaching English at Notre Dame High School for Girls (Chicago) and taught part time for Wright and Triton Jr. Colleges. Mary and Steve both were involved in education, Mary, teaching, and Steve, college administration. She traveled with groups to Europe several times, to Morocco, Tahiti and in US. She loves being retired... to read, play bridge, swim, bike, travel and watch grandchildren. She came to Saint Mary's be-

cause of its good reputation. **Eileen McDermott** moved to Portland, Ore, after September marriage; Maura, and Michael White were born (1963-68). She earned MBA at Portland University in 1975; worked in bank marketing and management for US Bank; retired from AT&T in 2003; has been tax consultant for 20+ yrs. Her 4 grandsons keep her company. She never would have imagined, "standing on the shore of St. Joseph Lake, that Ore, would be her home!" **Maureen Meade Hayes** (Longboat Keys, Florida) has six kids, both daughters are SMC grads, **Kelly Hayes Sadler '87** and **M. Tracey Hayes Uruba '90**, and two youngest sons are ND grads. All children are married and she has 14 grandchildren.

**Peggy Meyer Soule** (Newland, NC) married Bill Soule, (ND '61), in June 1962 (celebrated 50th anniversary in 2012) live in Linville NC where she is back to snow skiing in winter. They have 5 children including Bill (ND '85), Bobby (Iowa State '88).

**Kathleen (K.C.) Soule Gles '90**, and Danny (University of Georgia '06). They have 11 grandchildren (seven girls, 4 boys), are enjoying retirement — after 30 teaching high school religion for Peggy and 40 years of construction for Bill. They are very involved in parish in Linville — Peggy teaches Faith Formation (Confirmation classes), both are lay ministers, lectors and are in charge of "counters" for weekly offertory collections. **Kathleen (Kay) Moore Gibbons** (Powell, Ohio) worked in Open Heart Surgery at Cleveland Ohio Clinic Hospital; married ND college sweetheart; 3 sons are ND grads ('85, '95, '98) and 3 daughters are SMC grads, **Erin E. Gibbons '86**, **Sheila Gibbons '88**, **Kathleen Marie Gibbons '89**; they have 10 grandchildren. She lists accomplishments of 50 years: founded Christ Child Society (National Advisor) in Columbus, Ohio and Sarasota, Fla, Chapters; Chairman of Columbus Women's Care Center. Active at parishes: St. Brigid of Kildare, Dublin, Ohio and St. Mary Star of the Sea, Longboat, Florida. Notable awards: Pro-Ecclesia Award from Pope Paul II; Jefferson Award for Community Service (Columbus), Dame of Malta Federation, Lady of Holy Sepulcher. Lots of travel, volunteering for children, charitable boards and God's blessings. Kay "fell in love with SMC when she first drove up the Avenue and everything she experienced there, strengthened her Faith, her self-esteem, and development of the 'whole woman' as a mother of six and celebrating 50th wedding anniversary in 2012." She gave news that **Dottie Schnaus Hart** (Scottsdale, Arizona) had 2 sons married in 2002!

**Barb Mouch Hamilton** (Scotch Plains, New Jersey and Sandusky, Ohio) retired in 2010 as Guidance Counselor at Colonia Middle School — Woodbridge Township, N.J. She completed her MA in Counseling at Manhattan College. She has four children: Sarah (ND grad), Brian, Christine and Patrick, and 12 grandchildren. Oldest grandson Michael Magill (ND '12) is a fourth generation ND grad!! **Patricia Murphy Sweeney** (Cincinnati, Ohio) has five children; 11 grandchildren. She became an attorney in 1997, retired in 2005. She is now active as volunteer, golfer, bridge player, reader, and traveler.

**Mary Ann Nabicht Bowman** (Louisville, KY) has lived and worked in Louisville, since graduation. She has four children, three girls, one boy; two daughters are married, and she has one granddaughter. She has worked as an art teacher and as a web designer/graphic designer working

mainly with non-profits and educational institutions. She did video graphics and related print for AGS Media, producing multi-media materials for education. **Pat Nancrede Mehaffey** (lives on Comet Lane, in Santa Claus, Ind!), is busy even though retired. She is married to Tom, has three daughters, six grandchildren and one great granddaughter, born (10/10/11) — Her "now" photo showed proud great grandmother Pat and Elise Dawn! Three of her six grandchildren are college grads, one was a college senior, two in middle and high school when she wrote in 2012. Pat earned her MA Ed degree at University of Evansville, Ind, (1975); was office manager for Mehaffey and Ireland LLP, retired in 2002. They are active at St. Nicholas Parish (what else in Santa Claus, Ind!) choir, Optimist Club and K of C. Academic excellence influenced her to come to Saint Mary's and it helped her become the woman she is today — to become a fantastic mother, grand and great grandmother! **Sister Jeanne (Beverly) Niswonger** (Mishawaka, Ind.) has been a Sister of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration since 1965; received her MS/Chemistry at ND 1971; completed 25 years as high school teacher of math and science; eight years at Business Office of University of St. Francis, Fort Wayne, Ind; 11 years Admission Office of St. Francis Hospital, Indianapolis; five years in Health Care Assistance at Our Lady of Angels Convert/Retirement Home. Thank you for information about two med. tech classmates: **Carol Futterknecht Anastasio** is retired in Florida and **Maribel Kelter Early '63** is retired in South Bend. Sister Jeanne's association with Holy Cross sisters, as a student at St. Joseph H. S., South Bend brought her to Saint Mary's, where she became the woman she is TODAY because of "her thorough and stretching education." **Kathy O'Boyle Kearney** (Fla.) worked two years at local hospital after graduation, married Pat Kearney (ND '61) in fall of 1964. They have three children: Patrick, **Katie Kearney Devereux '88**, Kevin, and four grandchildren. They moved from Winnetka, Ill, and now reside in Fla. **Sallie O'Neil Hoch** (La Jolla, Calif) left Saint Mary's and graduated from St. Bonaventure University in 1964; earned a PhD in Microbiology in 1966 from University of Ill, and married James Hoch, a fellow scientist. They have two sons, Fred and Patrick, three grandchildren. For 30 years she had a career in basic medical research with her own laboratory. Now retired, she enjoys her family, travel, volunteer work and needlepoint projects. **Sister Martin Ostafinski, CSC**, (Notre Dame, Ind.) earned an M/Ed (Administration/Supervision) at Loyola University Chicago (1969) and is retired in Rosary Hall. **Betsy Patterson Sentowski** (Glen Ellyn, Ill.) has buried two husbands, born three sons, has three daughters-in-law, and nine grandchildren. She is a tourist at heart and has toured 50 state capital buildings, historical museums and governor mansions where available; has been to seven continents and in New Zealand, she bungee jumped at age 65! In November 2011, she and **Patty Potenziana Vick** cruised from St. Petersburg to Moscow, and in July 2012 she took her 15 Pavinelli children to Alaska. She has joined a theatrical troupe "in hopes of removing 50 years of rust off her degree." Saint Mary's gave her a rich foundation in life which helped her become the woman she is today. **Marcia Pawl Ries** (Edina, Minn.) taught French for three years in Rochester, N.Y. She was



introduced to her husband Tom Ries by **Lorene Janoski Rathnau**, married him in 1966, moved to Minn, had three children: Erick, Maura and **Nicole Lynn Ries '95**. Marcia substitute taught a few years, but was mostly a homemaker; Church and community volunteer. She is proud grandma to twins Rose and Ruby.

**Genie Pedersen Lyons** (Loudon, Tenn.), says Saint Mary's, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and De Paul prepared her for 43-year career teaching and administration of schools. Over the years she has worked at all levels of education: Preschool through University. Her NY husband Ed Lyons was also an educator. They met while working at the Archdiocese of Chicago Schools Office, were married for 31 years when Ed died in 2008, after their move to Tennessee. They had no children, but their siblings have provided them with a wonderful and large family (37 nieces/nephews, 96 great nieces/nephews and four great, greats!) as well as many travel venues. Genie's brother-in-law, John Lyons (ND grad) married SMC grad **Joanne Clair Lyons '49**, and two of their granddaughters from son Michael's family have made SMC their college, **Kelly Rose Lyons '11** and **Bridget Ann Lyons '15**. They have strong ND/SMC family ties!! Volunteer work with her Catholic Church and community agencies keep her challenged, and recreation with a large organization of singles keeps her entertained. She loves her location — she says, "Come on down." She keeps in contact with many classmates: She sees **Carole Madden Ortman** (Northville, Mich.) on her way to visit Atlanta daughter, or when Genie is at Carole's home in Mich; **Marg Burns DeMartini** (Pullman, Wash.) by e-mail, sees **Sheila Burke Vollman** (New Orleans, La.) at Milwaukee, Wis, high school reunions, etc. and is in phone contact with **Myrna Ziter Hannan** (Kirkland/Seattle, Wash.).

**Pat Potenziani Vick** (Albuquerque, N. Mex.) was a high school teacher 20 years, director of day care program for the Tinker Air Force Base for 7 years — honored as top employee 1999. She was married to a good man Lloyd H. Vick Jr. for 32 years, has three lovable sons, three sweet daughters-in-law and one spectacular grandson. She was surprised and blessed to have a granddaughter in January 2002 and, after raising three sons, having a grandson. It was great fun to buy pink and ruffles! Pat's Then and Now photo showed her with her mother Martha (age 93) and grandson, Roston. She was widowed sadly, in 2000, when Lloyd died. Retired since 2002, she is currently having fun with family, volunteers at church and is board director for Family Charity Foundation; travels abroad. (Went with **Betsy Patterson Sentowski** to Russia.) Her father (ND '40) influenced her decision to attend SMC and she is the woman she is today, because her education there, "made her aware that there is a wealth of knowledge to be learned." **Debbie Peeney Hickey** (Stroudsburg, Pa), is married, has three grown sons and seven grandchildren. She was a stay-at-home mom for 17 years then taught Latin and English at her local Catholic school for 25 years. She is enjoying retirement. **Barbara (Bonnie) Piedmo Barnes** (lives in my former hometown, Mansfield, Ohio). After getting her bachelor of music degree at Saint Mary's, she went to the Cleveland Institute of Music for graduate credits. She married her high school sweetheart

Dave Barnes and they raised six children, and now horses during their 49 years of marriage. They have eight grandchildren. As a professional musician, she taught high school and grade school music, conducted choirs at both schools, and was music director of several churches. She was privileged to sing and play thousands of Masses, including weddings/ funerals. She has been blessed with a rich, full life, for which she thanks God every day.

**Sheila Priester Hughes** moved to Providence, RI, after the death of her husband in 2001, having spent their married life in Indianapolis, Ind, except for two years in Cambridge, Mass. They had three children (1966-72): Meghan, Jim and Kathleen (now spouses: Kim, Holly and Tim, and seven grandchildren). In 1964 she received her MAT from Northwestern University, then taught for six years. In 2006 she retired after 20 years in Development/Philanthropy with The Nature Conservancy.

**Mary Puchenski Wolter** (Beverly Shores, Ind) married Dennis Wolter (ND '61) in 1968. They have three children: Lisa, Bill and Meg and lived in Wilmette, Ill, for 30 years. Having maintained her interest in the Spanish language and culture since SMC, she pursued her passion and received her master's certification in Spanish. She taught at St. Mary's School in Lake Forest, Ill, grades six through eight for 10 years; after retirement she and Denny moved to Beverly Shores, Ind, surrounded by the beauty of the Indiana Dunes Natural Lake Shore Park. She is living a blessed life being involved with their church, community, watercolor painting, piano, travel and two Shih Tzus: Gig and Hansi. Most importantly they enjoy being with their children and grandchildren, Lily, seven, and Henry, four. **Catherine (Kitty) Quinn** (St. Louis, Miss.) is retired from various positions as: Diabetes Educator, Cardiology Dietician, Professional Representative, Research Nutritionist, University Professor, Public Health Nutritionist — for companies: Wash, University School of Medicine, Merck, St. Louis University, and State of N.Y.; completed grad school degree in Dietetics, St. Louis University (1966). Personal: marriage, 2 children Michael and Nancy Oliver, 4 grandchildren. Her entire family traveled to NY (2008) for the Diocese of Brooklyn's initiation proceedings for the canonization (sainthood) of her great uncle Msgr. Bernard J. Quinn — for his devotion to the African American community. Pivotal events: Guatemala mission, sainthood of Msgr. Quinn; diabetes education for MD's and RN's as medical faculty member for conference on diabetes in Palestine (Holy Land); Professional: pres. of Missouri Dietetic Association, media spokesperson-Nutritional issues/Lipid Research, WUMS and BJC Hospital; She volunteers at church, choir, health ministry, St. Vincent de Paul; tutors GED and ESL, is small community organizer, on Aroid Research team at Missouri Botanical Garden.

My husband Jean and I spent 6 weeks driving West on US 2 and on highways/byways from Wis, through (six states) to Wash, (with visit to Glacier National Park, Montana), then down to Lake Tahoe, Calif./Nev, condo (two weeks), drove up to Vancouver, B.C Canada for 5 rainy days, before returning home to Wis, in mid-October. We enjoyed the beautiful fall color, encountered early snow in September at high elevations (8,000 feet) in mountains. We were snowed out (12 inches), road closed in Crater Lake National Park, Ore, on September 25 — by snow, not by government shut down!

Thought about many of you classmates as we traveled through your areas. (**Barb Hipp Fiore**, Mont; **Fran Wood Flor** and **Marg Burns DeMartini**, Wash.) America is truly a beautiful country. Stay tuned for more in 2014 — next deadline is April 1. Send news anytime.

Thanks for all you do for Saint Mary's Jessica — We'll miss you and your timely reminders! Good luck and Blessings in your marriage and new job. And Happy Thanksgiving to you all at Saint Mary's College.

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An elaborate plan of operations preceded a second round of reunion festivities for our class on the week-end of February 7-9, 2014, in Fla. Invitations were extended to all and the turnout was impressive. There are truly ties that bind and transcend reunions on campus at five-year intervals!

Organizers of the event were classmates who live in and around the Sarasota/Venice region:

**Helen Cahill Zavodnyik**, **Eileen Holtmeier Cash**, **Mary C. Rainey**, **Judy Ann Reardon**, **Betty Rompf Gallick**, and **Pat Seider Tyler**.

The designated base of operations was Bentley's Boutique Hotel in Osprey where late-hour conversations and merry making kept all abuzz after full days of boating, museum going, and other explorations. Highlights included Welcome Librations at **Mary Rainey's** Osprey home on Thursday evening, brunch in Venice on Friday hosted by **Betty Rompf Gallick**, a dinner cruise that evening, and dinner Saturday night at **Pat Seider Tyler's** home in Nokemis. The weekend came to a close on Sunday with Mass followed by brunch at **Judy Reardon's** home in Sarasota.

**Joann Vanek** was honored as the 2013

Shannon Scholar at the college in the early winter and presented on her Gates Foundation-funded work on women and the informal economy in Third World nations as well as her past career involvements at the United Nations. Joann was thrilled with the response of students and faculty, especially those involved in anthropology, sociology, mathematics, statistics, gender and women's studies, labor economics, global students, and the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership. She noted that 52 percent of SMC students now study abroad at some point in the four years.

On a sad note: **Camille Grimes Brewster** wrote of the death of her husband some months before our 50th reunion; they had been vacationing for three months in Florida at the time and his death was unexpected. **Beverly Troxler O'Grady's** husband, **Robert E. O'Grady**, passed away very unexpectedly several weeks after our fiftieth reunion. Many of us knew Robert during our college years as the brother of **Mary O'Grady Den Dooven**.

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What a great response! Remember to contact anyone who matriculated in our class and encour-

age them to come — what an opportunity to celebrate who we have become and the fabric of our lives.

**Patsy Wellman Bove** and her husband were in Marbella, Spain, and met up with **Joan Bicknell Poveda** and her husband, Vincente, in Denia at their beach house for five days. **Kathy Cullinan Seggerson** and **Jeanne Kozmer Marszalek** had a marvelous time on the SMC tour to Italy. Jeanne wrote that **Eleanor (Lea) Kollman Carroll** and her husband, Stu, visited them in Miss., and invites all of us to come visit and tour the Ulysses S. Grant Presidential Library, of which her husband, John, is the director.

**Jean Canizaro Enochs** and **Sue Badaluco Gerhard** traveled with Jeanne's daughter, Elaine, to visit their roots in Sicily. **Aldona Winskunas Rompala** legally changed her name to "Dute" and married "Rompala." After 10 years of surgeries: knees, feet, thumbs, toes, cataracts, she is a "bionic woman" ready for her first grandson and our reunion.

**Mary Vertin O'Neill** felt that if she had to be 70, she and Dave might as well celebrate. So they took their whole family to Paris and the Dordogne Valley. **Jinx Hack Ring** is in Calif., now but will go to Paris in May, then will fly back for Reunion. **Martha (Marty) Thompson Coe** wrote that Heidi, her daughter, passed away in July. She suffered from cerebral palsy and a bipolar disorder. Charlie and Marty thank all of you who prayed and supported them. Jinx, her sister, **Mardi Hack '62**, were present at a celebratory tree planting which Jinx, **Mary (Molly) Follis Tuton**, and **Mary Ann Curnes Fuller** arranged.

**Eileen Bleeg Cavanagh** and **Fran Bardello Craig** joined the ND trip to the Greek Isles.

All names mentioned above intend to make our Reunion as well as **Robin Keyworth** and **Anne Heidrich Diebel-Lane** with her daughter, **Chris Diebel Hempsted '87**.

Enjoy! See you at the Saint Mary's Inn — Hospitality Room — Class of '64!

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I will start and finish this *Courier* column with paragraphs that are little trips down memory lane. I think they will make you smile, and the years just might slip away.

"Deciding to go to SMC was one of my best decisions. Coming from a large (4000) public school and being the only one from my high school hoping to attend didn't seem to bother me in the least. It was a bit of a struggle with my parents who wanted me to stay home. I convinced my dad we needed to see the college when I was a junior in high school. He visited with Sister Maria Renata while I toured the campus with a student. It was rainy and grey, the girls were gone on break, and I still loved it. Dad was so impressed with Sister and the 'rules' that he said if I got accepted, I could attend. I received my acceptance letter on my 17th birthday and replied immediately. All of you made it the reality I hoped it would be. So a big thank you to my SMC sisters...the best sorority ever! God Bless. Be happy, **Cecilia (Cille) Sorrentino Bucolo**."

**Mary Harris Russell's** advice, after helping to open more than, "50 boxes of her husband's mother's estate, which had been languishing in their basement for 20 years (call it 'reverse nesting,') is, be careful what you collect, dear ladies. Grandchildren in pursuit of '50's, and 'funky' or 'techy, are not charmed by cut glass or hand-worked linens. (Nor am I, She-Who-Irons-Not.) Concentrate on collecting experiences shared with grandchildren, time spent, books read on comfy laps, sights seen. And, if I didn't already push this book before, read John Green's *The Fault in Our Stars*, and don't let anyone tell you it's just for teenagers."

I'm enjoying a discussion class on New Yorker articles, downtown at a program for seniors run by Northwestern, and **Katherine Zeller Nicklin** is one of the class coordinators, along with **Mary Jo Kircher Huck '64**, from SMC a year earlier than us."

From **Paulette Crouere Gamard**: "I am in my 37th year of teaching in New Orleans, and have been in second grade most of that time. It is very rewarding teaching this age group because they are being prepared to receive their First Holy Communion in the spring. My family got together for our annual trip to Gulf Shores, Alabama (year 17), and it was the first time in eight years that all 10 of my grandchildren were able to be there. My oldest, Ellie, is now a sophomore at LSU, so I will pull for the Tigers as well as the Irish. **Terry Failla Raymond** and I got together for lunch and it was great catching up on all of her news."

**Judy Piers Locher** will be in the Chicago area for four months beginning in mid-December to help care for her grandson. Little Jonah has had a stem cell transplant to hopefully prevent a very serious illness from becoming more so. (Judy Locher: jlocher@sonic.net) We hope to get together a number of times.

"Update on us..." writes **Janine Renaud Burns**. "My extended family is very close — husband, children, grandchildren, 96-year-old mom, three married sisters, nieces, nephews and all their special folks. There are multiple 'everyone' occasions. This summer nearly 60 of us — including mom — stayed in various houses for a week in Bethany Beach, Del. Our youngest son Jim and his family moved from Huntington Beach, Calif., to Pittsburgh last weekend (job transfer). Trevor and his family are in Marietta, Ga. Our two oldest live in Colorado. Everyone experiences real life....downs as well as ups....but we do it together and seem to be on the road a lot!"

A great, newsy note from **Betty Ann Rice Kaminsky**: "All is well in the desert. We have had some glorious rain and will have another week of high temps as summer gives her last hurrah, but then comes blessed October and cooler temps. I have seen **Regina Parks** a few times and speak by phone more often. She is still trying to get settled in her new home. She has a cute little town house. Matt and I are busy...am not always sure why. We joined an exercise class and are trying to trim down and stay flexible. Easier said than done, I fear! The big A keeps trying to creep into joints we did not even know we had! I am getting tired of working in the kitchen to try and turn out slimming meals that always take at least three times the prep time listed! We just returned from a three week jaunt to points east to visit children and grands. We saw four of our cherubs and nine grands. Spent a week in Mich, one in Va., and one

in St Louis. We are exhausted! The recovery time becomes very long as we approach these golden years! Matt says, "No more marathon trips!" We did get to see beautiful fall colors everywhere and left before any serious cold weather."

"Jim and I are looking forward to the birth of our fifth grandchild at the end of November or early December. Jim is battling some health issues, and may need to have another shoulder replacement," writes **Pat Farrell Wareham**. "The first replacement was a success. We are keeping busy with family, volunteering, and friends."

**Beverly Senda DeFoe** sends news that they are both fine. They are going to Seattle for Thanksgiving to celebrate baby Cameron's second birthday. Dean and Carolyn will join them. They are home for Christmas this year and I look forward to decorating and celebrating with neighbors and friends.

A new grandbaby was the joyous news from **Marianne Spalding Schiavone**. "Dave and I are thrilled with the arrival of Vincent Reed Schiavone, born to our younger son Paul and his wife Katie in Chicago on 10/24/13, 8 lbs., 2oz. All are healthy and happy. Dave and I were in Rochester, Minnesota, with friends from Phoenix to play golf at a lovely club up there. While there we went to **Helen Reichert Restovich's** lovely home for drinks and then we took her out to dinner. What a nice evening of catching up on family news it was for Dave and me and Helen. Doesn't it seem like yesterday that we were hiding our Bermudas beneath trench coats, sneaking through the tunnels at night, learning to do the Twist, falling in and out of like on weekends, singing weird songs at the massive sacred music class, struggling through Logic 101, living in fear of certain nuns, and working hard to learn because there was so very much to learn? How fortunate we all were then and today to have lived the lives we have. Hugs to you all. Love, Marianne."

"Talk about a glorious time at Saint Mary's!" writes **Mary (Junie) Miller Smith**, "I especially remember running around in raincoats, but with me, it was petit pants I was hiding underneath. Remember petit pants? I remember hours of dancing in the Rathskeller, and the absolute horrors of Logic. I would love to go back in time. I remember one morning in Le Mans, when I went to early Mass. Betty Ann Rice noticed that I was wearing one red knee sock and one black knee sock. And, just imagine if the candles at the Grotto could talk? Please, just one more day!"

Our winner of this year's **Class of 1965 Memorial Scholarship** is Lauren Paige Anderson '15 of Jenison, Mich. Total amount distributed is \$3,700.00. Lauren is an elementary education major and resides in Holy Cross Hall. We wish her well in all future endeavors.

'68

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I want to begin with my sincere apologies to **Kathy Huisking Sullivan** for not including the message she sent to me in December 2012. I just missed the deadline for the prior *Courier* so had



planned to include her message in the next report. I had gotten into a rhythm of submitting a report in January during my break when I am with mom and then again in June after the end of my term. But the *Courier* changed its schedule when it cut back to only three issues a year. I am now creating a folder with all the messages sent for our class news.

Kathy's message of December 12, 2012: Steve and I thoroughly enjoyed our six-day Loire Valley bike tour in June. We rode about 25-30 miles a day and went with friends we have known for over 40 years. Our group included four Canadians, the four of us, two from South Africa, two from Brazil, and two guides. We rode to various chateaux and wineries, plus had picnic lunches almost every day.

Steve and I trained rigorously, and were so glad we did, as it was more difficult than we imagined. It was a fabulous experience and we were thrilled to be able to say we did it! Steve and I toured the Normandy area the week preceding the bike ride.

**Mary (Zip) Largey Basile** writes: Not lots of new news, just want to put in a plug for our next (50th!) Reunion. The gathering last June was so satisfying. Word that describes all the meaningful hugs and conversations shared. I am blessed to maintain close ties with **Janet Nienberg Swift** (resides in Calif.), **Doralil (Dee) Sauer Pugliese** (resides in Ill.), and **Maureen Hunter Bone** (resides in NYC), thru the gift of email. Returning for Reunions reminds me of the friendships formed with other classmates that have added so much to my life. My world includes one married daughter who lives in Charlotte, N.C., with her children (Mary-15 and David-11), one engaged son, and one other single son, both in D.C. So far Vince and I are in good health and enjoying life in Va's Shenandoah Valley. Love the Belles '68 Facebook connection also. Hope to see many classmates in 2018!

**Sara (Sally) Blackley Clemmer** reports that she really missed the annual Notre Dame football weekend get together with **Betty Elmore** and Richard. The fall just didn't seem the same, it's been such a nice ritual. Next year will be back on track. Sorry more of our classmates didn't make the 45th reunion, but **Sherrill (Sherry) Knight Ferree** and **Donna de Manbey Boynton** and I gave reunion a good run for the money. "Alive in Five" will be the mantra, so get ready, everyone, for the big "50" in 2018. Maybe Donna will do another trivia, and we can do our "Beep, Beep" — loved the trivia game. Dayne and I continue to travel, having gone to Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, Italy, Turkey, and Greece this year, and packing our bags for South America over Christmas and the New Year. Have already planned for 2014. Start getting ready for 2018, everyone.

**Francie S. Russell** writes: I am now in Ark., and enjoying the autumn color and seasonal weather. The last month in Houston was quite an ordeal with packing and selling my folks house. I am enjoying the peacefulness of the Ozarks and slowly unpacking.

**Kathy Bradley O'Bryan** writes: I am still working as a director of religious education in a parish in Kansas. I like the chance to work with families. I also love the chance to work with people who are coming into the Catholic Church. They all inspire me and keep me from wanting to retire. On the home front, we are expecting our ninth grandchild

in May. We are very blessed.

**Sister Catherine Osimo, CSC**, writes her first news for our class report since I began serving as our class reporter: I have been chair of the Religion Department at Villanova Preparatory School, Ojai, Calif., since fall 2003 and have taught courses in ethics/morality, social justice, adolescent faith, and world religions to 11th and 12th graders. We have a strong day and resident program for international students from the Pacific Rim countries and students from Ventura County north of Los Angeles. Catholic education is always a challenge and expectations high as we prepare our youth for college and their calling in the 21st century.

Since our class was so small and most of us knew each other, I wrote back to Sister Catherine, thinking she was a classmate who had joined who had taken her vows after our graduation but learned that she was among the religious at Saint Mary's who were discouraged from interaction with the laywomen on campus.

This reminded me of the Halloween that **Celeste Renaud Sweeney** dressed as a nun. Those of us who remember this story may be smiling now. I will say no more for *Courier*.

**Karen O'Donnell Thorpe** did not reply to the call for class news but has been posting on Facebook about her new entrepreneurial venture with Amen Boutiqu (amenboutique.com).

**Donna de Manbey Boynton** did not reply to the call for class news but did send a message asking if any of our Reunion Committee was interested in joining her in a spring 2014 trip sponsored by the University of Notre Dame. It sounded to be a wonderful opportunity. Perhaps Donna will write about her experiences for the next class report.

Please continue to send news for the next class report. I will continue to save all messages into a special folder for ready access when preparing the next class in the spring. And anyone who wants to join the Belles '68 Facebook group needs only to let me know with a message to the same email address: econprofesor@aol.com.

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Although I am writing this column just after Thanksgiving weekend, I realize it won't print until our spring issue. However, I want to begin with heartfelt thanks to each of you for all the news you continue to share in our class column — your generosity of spirit in taking time to talk with me by phone, email, Facebook, snail mail. I hope we will be able to connect as well in person at our 45th reunion in late May back on campus! I am so grateful for you.

On a trip back to Alexandria, Va., a couple of years ago I got together with **Cathy Coates** who lives there with her daughter Diana. We recently spoke by phone. What a beautiful tribute Cathy paid our alma mater. She shared that while she only attended Saint Mary's College for freshman year, she always felt like that was where her heart was, and she has held fond memories of it all these years. Cathy's parents retired to Ariz., after Cathy's freshman year, and because she wanted to be able to see them more than once a year, she transferred

to the University of Ariz., receiving both her bachelor's and master's degrees from there. Cathy's roommate was **Faith Hartney Cano**. They lost touch over the years, but hopefully will reconnect!

**Georgia Florin Gasner** wrote from San Rafael, CA. "The big news of the year was the arrival of my first grandchild, Francis Thomas D'Amico, last December 21. I take care of him during the day, and in the evening, lead groups at a nonprofit and see my private practice clients. (I'm a therapist.) I love Calif., and have been here now 12 years, about 20 minutes north of San Francisco. This year I spent a few lovely days here with **Nan M. Raaf** and also had a visit from **Katherine (Kit) Kammer Brown** and her husband. Two years ago I saw **Alexis Mack Penzell** in NYC while visiting my daughter Anna. The year before that I had a visit from **Lynn Champion Schmitt** and her husband Charlie (ND '69) who were en route to Australia for the birth of a grandchild. At Thanksgiving I will be with my Calif.-SMC family. My daughter's in-laws, **Susan Casey D'Amico '65** and Dick, are SMC and ND grads and host us all at their home in Tujunga (LA) every Thanksgiving. Other SMCers at the gathering will be Sue's sister **Liz J. Casey '70**, cousin **Irene M. Monaghan '73**, and until recently, her now deceased mother **Marion Vodicka Casey '39** and Aunt **Irene Vodicka Monaghan '65**. See you at Reunion 2014!"

Although **Susie Janney Ballard** will be unable to attend Reunion in South Bend, she has mini-reunions on a fairly regular basis with **Ellen Foy Stroope, Virginia (Ginna) Thieme Jordan** and **Lynn (Lee) Paterson Bodkin**. Susie emailed, "Ellen's daughter lives in Raleigh, so we definitely meet when she's visiting ... we've been here in NC since 1986. I'm a retired teacher, and my husband is also retired, so many trips are planned. Probably my sophomore year in Angers, France, was the highlight of my college career. Then I went on to be a French teacher and taught a little Spanish, too. I took many high school student groups to France during summers. We have an actor son in Fla., an educator daughter in Gia., and a Navy Lt. Cmdr. son, deployed "over there" so prayers are appreciated. We also have four precious grandchildren!"

From Cincinnati **Mary Alice Herod Lajoie** sent this news. "We have been blessed with good health and happy events this year. In July, Dick (ND '69) and I headed to Columbus to celebrate birthdays with **Margaret Roberts Richards** (we share the date) and Steve and **Cathy Kearney Buser**, whose b-day is a week earlier. Last year Margaret was in a coma following surgery for a brain tumor so this year we celebrated twice as much and with thankful hearts. In August my son Rich was married in Morrison, Colo., and we were thrilled to have Sarah join our family. Margaret attended the wedding in dancing shoes and proved to all she has not lost the beat! On our way home we spent a weekend at Spirit Lake with Jon and **Ann Hollander Sedlacek**. The weather was perfect for boating on the lake and in my case, a very short swim. We managed to get in a bit of shopping and Ann, ever the gracious hostess, served delicious food. She makes it look so easy! In October Dick and I went to Dallas for the ND-ASU game. My daughter Molly Plutnicki and her husband Ryan (both ND '96) met us there with Ryan's parents and many

Lajoie cousins. We topped it off celebrating the Irish win. We managed to run into **Roslyn (Roz) Castrogiovanni Hill**, her sons Tony and Jeff (ND '97) and some of her grandchildren at Mass the next morning! We also made the ND-MSU game and visited all of half time with **Sheila Dwyer Robusto** and Danny (ND '70.) It's amazing how much information you can pack into those 15 minutes. Sheila and Dan were heading to Pittsburgh to visit their son and his family (but really to see their grandson!) They are now in Fla., for the winter, but they have a beautiful home in NH We visited them last year while on our first 'leafing' trip east. What a joy it is to visit SMC friends over the years. I hope everyone is able to attend Reunion in May. It's always fun to share memories without having to keep a football time schedule!" Mary Alice added a p.s. - saying that her daughter Molly who minored in dance at SMC is teaching a dance class at ASU and choreographed a recent musical there. "She also teaches musical theater classes at Child's Play. She learned much while working at SMC's Fine Arts Camp under the excellent direction of **Pat Moran Fagan** and **Mabel C. Benjamin.**"

Thank you, one and all, for sharing your news. Hope to see you in May! God bless!

'70

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It is with deep sadness that I am beginning this column by reporting the loss of one of our beloved classmates and the sudden passing of the husbands of two other classmates. **Barbara Morrin Cook** passed from cancer on November 19th in Chicago. This was such a shock as she participated in our October 2012 mini-reunion in Chicago and she was the picture of health and her always effervescent self! All of us who shared time with her that weekend are so glad we have those special memories.

**Nancy Roberts Dobson's** husband Arthur Frederick Dobson, Jr. (ND '69) passed away on June 11, 2013 suddenly following an accident on a biking trip with friends in Croatia, Slovenia, and Italy. He experienced no pain and died doing what he loved: riding his bike in an extremely beautiful part of the world, surrounded by friends.

**Mary Bruegge Flood's** husband Timothy Michael Flood (ND '70) of Chadds Ford, Pa., passed away on Wednesday, July 10, 2013. I know that our hearts go out to all three families with the sudden loss of their loved ones at the very beginning of what should be our golden years.

On a more upbeat note, I have received the following updates from some of our other classmates...

**Mary Berndt Lovett** reports: I turned 65 this year, as most of us did; however, I'm waiting until the month of my 66th birthday, in February of 2014, to retire from my "day job." My employment is with the Indiana Resource Center for Families with Special Needs; for 23 years I've assisted families who have students in Special Education, to navigate the process. I did this myself when my son, Greg, who had Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, was alive.

Our day jobs are not always the ones that keep us the busiest. Being wives, mothers, active volun-

teers at church and in the community, have kept all of us very busy at one time or another.

I'm lucky to already have a part-time, paid position. About ten and a half years ago, I had the opportunity to be trained as an Orton-Gillingham tutor for students with dyslexia. I get to work with students one on one and watch them grow as readers. I'll be continuing to do this until I can't anymore — it is so gratifying. I am hoping to find more time to read myself; I never realized how much I love words until I started working with these great kids — who have so much going for them — especially when they become more confident in their reading ability!

In retirement, I'll have more time, but unfortunately fewer funds, to support my travel habit. I'll definitely do some traveling though. And I'll continue to give back through volunteering — it's a good habit to have — one I learned from my parents, and participated in while at Saint Mary's. It usually doesn't require much money — just some of that!

**Kathleen Carbine Fullin** is serving this year as the co-president of the League of Women Voters — Dane County, Wis. The League's current projects include voter registration and outreach about health care Marketplace enrollment at Farmers Markets and food pantries.

**Pat O'Hara Gable** reports that their youngest John married his lovely girlfriend Catalina (who we were able to meet at our October 2012 mini reunion) this past June at Centennial Fountain by the Chicago River a short walk from Pat and Steve's (ND '70) condo. Our classmate, **Mary R. Minella**, a judge in Chicago, performed the ceremony.

**Mary Lou Wylie** shared that last year, her grandson, James, had his picture taken at a local photography studio a little before Christmas, and they are using his picture in their website ad this year. He is adorable!

As for me, I continue to be busy with my job at Juniper Networks — best news is I am now working full time from home so I have the best of all worlds — my cat Hero has a full time "stay at home Mom" and I continue to do work that I love. I also get to visit my daughter up in St. Helena on a regular basis for what we refer to as long "market research" weekends where we try out new wineries and restaurants on each trip. On my last visit, we also did a hot air balloon ride which I adored and will gladly do again!

A group of us are also starting plans for a mini reunion in 2014 so please let me know if you are interested! And finally, please share your news and any changes to your email address...life is too short and we need to stay connected.

'75

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I have some news for myself:

A staged reading of my play, *The Gospel of Martha*, was presented by Chelsea Community Church in New York City. This reading was accompanied by composer Robert Perretti's specially composed music provided by a chamber orchestra. Ten actors portrayed characters including Martha of Bethany, Mary Magdalene, and other women mentioned in the New Testament (Joanna, Susanna, Salome, and

Mary of Nazareth), as well Jesus (named Joshua in the play) and other characters, including a few male apostles and Pontius Pilate. And it received a standing ovation from the audience, I'm happy to say!

**Donna Cavi Sussman '76** came to Manhattan on the Friday after Thanksgiving, and we had a feast at the Rock Center Cafe in Rockefeller Center, talking for hours and watching the skaters, then walking down Fifth Avenue.

'76

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In January 2013 **Donna Sisson Rozman**, an accomplished potter, volunteered for the Apparent Project, a nonprofit artisan guild empowering and employing Haitian parents whose poverty puts them at risk of relinquishing their children to orphanages. She spent two weeks with three other potters teaching women skills that could help them sustain their families. She plans to return to Haiti in early 2014 to continue the project, as the women have already been successful in selling the pottery they learned to create. It was a very rewarding experience — Donna was amazed that sharing her expertise in ceramics could help someone so profoundly.

Donna's sister **Teresa Sisson Rjiks '73** also lives in Crested Butte, Colorado, where she owns a gallery that Donna displays her work. Donna is in touch with **Laurie Peeler Brice '75**, who lives in Annapolis and is enjoying her new-found interest in photography.

When I called **Eileen Klee Sweeney**, she had recently returned from a Viking cruise down the Rhine. The trip celebrated her sister **Mary Beth Klee's '75** birthday, and all the Klee siblings and their spouses were onboard! Eileen welcomed her first grandchild, Zachary, this summer. Currently Zachary lives with his mom in Japan while his dad is serving as an Air Force pilot in Afghanistan. Eileen continues her love of quilting and is happily accepting quilts that she completes in her new long arm quilting machine.

**Bernadette Baldy McGee** writes that her oldest was recently married. She has kids at the Coast Guard Academy and Texas A&M, and is homeschooling her last.

**Kathy Carrigan Collins** lost her brother to ALS last summer, and works to help fund research on the disease. She and her husband Bill travel from Seattle to Chicago annually to participate in fundraising walks there. Kathy and Bill served for one year in Bolivia in a Maryknoll outreach to the poor.

**Mary Quinlan**, along with about 20 others, traveled to France this year to mark 40 years since their year in Angers Notre Dame study abroad program. The group visited with students currently in the program and with their host families.

My daughter, Julia Marie Brehl, is currently a junior in SMC's nursing program. Because she is at



SMC I have had the pleasure of spending one or two weekends a year on campus! Most of the time though, I am in suburban NY where I spend part of my week creating quilts for fun.

From **Leslie Wilson**: Back in the fall when I was in Pittsburgh for my annual home leave from Iraq, **Chris Burton** joined me and a group of H.S. friends at my home for a get-together, and it was great to catch up with her the latest in her life, including plans to close out her Hawaii home and business and live full-time in Pittsburgh. The only other news I have, besides occasional e-updates from **Mari-anne McCabe Brehl** is that I have decided to wrap up 15 years with Save the Children and, at least for a while, return to the States to decide on my next adventure. Watch this column for updates!

'78

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It is wonderful to know that so many of us strengthened our bonds with one another by attending reunion and now we are in touch more often, I know that I am grateful for that. **Sandra Cipriano McAndrew, Katie Cinnamon Doyle, Lisa Maglio Brown** and I attended the ND-Stanford game. Katie's daughters, Bailey and Kelly, hosted a tail gate party. Sandra's sons Mark and David attended, as well as Lisa's daughter, Caroline (Callie) Rose Brown '15, who is currently attending SMC. It was great to see how our kids are now in the fold and have a connection with SMC/ND.

My daughter Lesley recently turned 30 and I have no idea how that can be since I am only 36! She now lives in Chagrin Falls, Ohio, in the subdivision that I grew up in. She bought a lovely home. I am happy that she is close to my family in NE Ohio since I am so very far away in the bay area. I look forward to holidays to get home for a long visit.

Our class president, **Nancy Mogab** participated in a United States Department of State outreach program to women lawyers and judges in Northern Iraq prior to the U. S. withdrawal of armed forces. The trip was a once in a lifetime experience and brought to the forefront the importance of women's education and equal rights. These made Nancy realize how lucky she has been to know and have the support of her beloved friends from Saint Mary's.



Members of the Class of 1978 gathered at the ND-Stanford Game. Pictured (left to right): Katie Cinnamon Doyle '78, Lisa Maglio Brown '78, Susan Margiotta Salem '78, and Sandra Cipriano McAndrew '78

**Joan (Jody) Obiala McFadden** is an RN and lives in Glenview, Ill., with her husband Patrick. She has four children, eldest son Michael, triplets Maureen, Bridget and Patrick.

**Mary Rost Gorecki** writes that she is enjoying raising three beautiful girls with husband Dennis. Currently Therese (Tess) Frances Gorecki is a sophomore at SMC. Mary lives in Naperville, Ill., and works as a general manager at Money Mailer. She is in close touch with **Nancy Mogab, Pat Caserio Clark, Shelagh Crook Merenius, Mary Pat (Pitty) Wilson Russell, Maureen Morris Bowman, Francine Gidel Sellinger and Judy Eckelkamp Tobben.**

**Victoria M. Ball** is living in Indianapolis and is an OB/GYN physician; she graduated from University of Cincinnati with her MSN and then MD in 1992.

**Michelle Lyon King** is an RN supervisor on a busy cardiac floor in Duluth, GA. She has been married for 32 wonderful years and she writes that her husband is the best gift in her life. She has two grown children, Chris married for 2 years. Her daughter Mary Elizabeth attends FSU on a swimming scholarship. Michelle feels that Saint Mary's gave her an excellent nursing education and helped her grow in her faith. She feels her greatest accomplishment is passing along her Catholic faith to her children. She keeps in touch with **Cathy Gunn Kleinschmidt, Karen L. Mahakian, Mary (Marmi) E. Lawler, Mary Helen Browne, Sharon Quakenbush Couture and Mary Kay Maloney Bader.**

**Maureen Morris Bowman** lives in Rochester, Mich, with husband James. She has two step children, James and Jennefer, and four grandchildren. She is an RN, vice president and chief nursing officer at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, Mich., one of the largest hospitals in the US. She received the 2012 Nightingale award for leadership from Oakland University School of Nursing and was runner up for the administration category. Maureen is a member of the Saint Mary's College Detroit Club.

Please continue to send me updates, photos, stories to keep this column fresh. **Michelle Roberge** and the late **Maria-Lisa Mignanelli Brown** did such a fine job all these years. I want to keep up the great work.

'81

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We went to Italy this year for our anniversary (27 years) and also to see our son, Robbie, who was studying in the Marche region as part of his Luther College studies. I was happy that he went, as I have such fond memories of my Ireland days, and of the lifelong friends that I made on that program.

**Liz Hackl Brainard** writes: Jim and I have four children. This spring we will celebrate four graduations — Jack from Indiana University Medical School, Will from Indiana University Law School, Bloomington, Marie from Elon University, and Martha from Park Tudor High School in Indianapolis. Jim has been the mayor of Carmel, Ind., since 1996 and I am trying to figure out what to do when my youngest leaves the nest. Any suggestions?

From **Mo O'Brien Kohler**: Our daughter, **Katie Kohler Dalhoff '09**, was married to John

Dalhoff (ND '09) in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on June 29th! It was a spectacular day for all and we couldn't be happier to finally have a son in our family. Saint Mary's was well represented with the presence of **Kathleen O'Brien Miller '75, Colleen O'Brien Scheidler '79, Eileen O'Brien Metzger '84, Christeen O'Brien Paulison '90, Charleen O'Brien Vierhile '91, Kathleen Miller Kuhn '04, Megan Joan Miller '11, Kristen Marie Metzger '11, Kristen Emily Anderson '09, Clare Heintz '09, Allison Louise Rider '09, Jayde Ashley Kennedy '09, Jameson Lousky '09** and Madeline Rose Kohler '16. Father Joseph Carey, CSC presided over the mass at 1:30 pm and then we all headed to the Century Center for the reception. It was a day we will never forget!



Barbe Zuest Fogarty '82, Emmie Lopez Gardner '82, and Betsy Werthmann '82 got together in Crofton, Md., on August 2, 2013. Emmie was in Baltimore from Bountiful, Utah, for a meeting and Barbe drove down from Pittsburgh, Pa., where they visited Betsy and reminisced about their time at Saint Mary's and as Associates of the Sisters of the Holy Cross from 1982-1983. Emmie and Barbe served in Salt Lake City, Utah and Betsy served in Idaho Falls, Idaho.

'83

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**Angie Casey Kennedy** writes, "I have never sent in any news before because I was too busy to take the time, but I always love to read about our classmates and the school news. So here is my 'update'. Married to Tony Kennedy (ND '83) (old news!) and we just celebrated our 25th anniversary! We have been blessed with six kids. Tom (ND '12), is working for Cummins in Minneapolis. Mike (ND '13) getting his masters in accountancy and will start with Deloitte next summer. Betsy is a sophomore at Notre Dame. Mary is a junior in high school, Ryan is in 8th grade, and Matt is in sixth grade. I work as a pediatric nurse practitioner at St. Louis Children's Hospital, and in private practice. I don't have much free time but what I have is usually spent going to kids' sports games! As my life gets a little less hectic I am looking forward to reconnecting with all my Saint Mary's friends."

'84

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Hello Everyone! This is the spring issue which will be out just before we head back to campus for our 30th Reunion! Hope many of you are able to join everyone back in South Bend for a great week-

end! Come for the weekend or come for the day!

Here are a few notes from Facebook:

From January 16 - Feb 1, 2014, **Diana Butler Buxton** will have an eye opening experience as she joins her husband, Dr. Douglas Buxton on a two week medical mission to the Zimba Eye Clinic in Zambia, Africa. Via a social media photographic journal, she will chronicle this mission of a lifetime to raise awareness for the need for ophthalmologist care in this region. Follow her on Facebook!

**Amy Louise Murray** in the San Fran Bay Area writes, "I am still running my two businesses that focus on local, organic food. Venus and Revival Bar+Kitchen. Like us on FB, people! I did not get married or have children yet/still. Haha. I still work too much but I love what I do and biz is good. Come visit when in the Bay Area!

**Ann von Wahle Fink** is in the Saint Louis area and is an accomplished artist! She writes, "It was an exciting and fulfilling year for me as a decorative artist, culminating in a 24-page article on me and my home in Studio3magazine.com, November Issue/Artist in Residence-Ann Fink, page 111." Check it out online! It is Fabulous!

**Moir Taylor Castro**, Houston, TX, writes, "My daughter is a freshman at the University of Texas so I got to spend the day with **Sharon Connerly McMillan**! We attended the football game and had a blast visiting Austin."

**Karen Wagner Lewis**, **Mary Rymarquis Stiglmeier**, and **Janice Dwyer Wiggins** continued the tradition of returning to ND for the last home game of the season. **Anne Archibald Deutsch** and two of her children joined them for the game. Wrapped in blankets and sipping hot chocolate, they watched the Irish bring home a victory between bands of lake effect snow! On Sunday, they walked around both campuses, enjoying the beauty of the fresh snow. They spent the night in Chicago and met **Angie Sleeper Helmstetter** for dinner.

In addition to her role as global technology communications manager at Deloitte, **Janice Dwyer Wiggins** is also an active member of Lions Clubs International. She is currently serving her third year as president of the Cook County (Ill.) Lions Club, serves as a zone chair (providing support and counsel for four clubs in her region and acting as their conduit to the district governor), and serves on the District 1A Cabinet as the marketing, communications, and public relations chair.

Love all the Facebook posts! Please friend me to join in! facebook.com/ladydi84!

Hope to see all of you in June!

'85

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Greetings classmates! Starting out with apologies to two Kathleens who sent messages that were lying deep inside the mass of personal emails. **Kathleen Ferrari Redmond** shared some painful and sad news. Her mother passed away in May of 2012. Kathleen shared that her mom supported her dad (ND '49) all through Notre Dame, and survived him by 15 years. She also shared that her brother Dino Ferrari passed away in May of 2012, just before her mother. Kathleen is in Batavia Ill., and works part-time at the library there. Two of

her four kids are in college, and her only daughter, Emily, is newly 14 and hopes to attend SMC. She is in touch with classmate **Laura Banas-Abing** who recently traveled to Italy with husband Kevin. Laura works at Marquette University.

Kathleen number two is **Kathleen Nicholson Webber**. Kathleen spent time adjuncting at two different colleges, and was offered a tenure track position teaching journalism at The College of New Jersey in Ewing, NJ. At the time of her writing, she was teaching three courses a semester, and was preparing to do research and writing to keep current and explore new topics to use in the classroom. The teaching has been a great surprise and second career for her! Sons Sullivan and Rory and daughter Nell are all soccer players, so she's often on the sidelines cheering them on.

Please share your news soon!

'86

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Greetings! Our family moved from the Chicago area to Granger, Ind., last August. Mike (ND '85) is in his second year teaching at Notre Dame in the College of Engineering. We are enjoying our new home and proximity to Saint Mary's and Notre Dame. Megan, our youngest, is a junior in the recently built St. Joe's HS in South Bend, and she likes her classmates and running cross-country. Catherine is a freshman at Catholic University of America in Washington D.C. and is studying engineering and running on the cross-country team. Brendan stayed back in Chicago and is working and taking classes at College of DuPage. The South Bend area is very welcoming and I am finding new tennis and book clubs to join.

Before she left town in August, **Marci Woods Kilpatrick** and I got together with **Corinne Flores DeTrempe** for a visit. Marci and Kevin (ND '86) are living in the Philippines with their high school aged sons, Aidan and Liam. Daughter Eileen is studying engineering at Purdue, son Quinn graduated in 2013 from Notre Dame, and back in May 2012, son Connor graduated from West Point and married fellow West Point grad, Casey, a day later. Connor and Casey are stationed in Hawaii for the time being so they are enjoying that assignment! Marci is as highly energetic as ever, and continues to travel and host family visitors.

Corinne and Chris (ND '86) are a busy family. Surprisingly similar to the Kilpatrick's story, the DeTrempe's oldest son, Ben, also graduated from West Point in May 2012, and married fellow West Point grad, Meg, two days later. They are stationed in Ft Rucker, Ala. Daughter Molly is a junior at Notre Dame, and three sons, Sam, Lou and Will, are all at St. Joe HS in South Bend. Chris works for ND in development; Corinne teaches pre-K at Christ the King school. Corinne, who is always effervescent, and I enjoyed attending a couple SMC Alumnae Club events in the area and are delighted by our renewed friendship.

**Jeanne T. Grammens** now has two daughters at Saint Mary's College! Gabrielle Therese Hidalgo, who had a grand time during her sophomore year on the Rome Program, is now a junior, and Madelaine Grace Hidalgo, is a freshman. Son Tomas is at Cathedral High in Indy, and oldest son Nicolas is a first year at Harvard Law School. Jeanne works in Campus Ministry at Marian College. We enjoyed a visit when she was moving her girls into their dorms and it brought back lots of memories for us both.

**Jackie Kinney Monte** and husband Tony also have two daughters at Saint Mary's! Sarah Paige Monte is a senior with a history major and business minor, and Hannah Marie Monte is a freshman. Jackie and Tony, who live in St Joe, Mich., serve on the Parents Council for the College, and she says they "enjoy working with other Saint Mary's parents." Jackie said she had a wonderful time at the Junior/Mom's weekend last year, and she remembers her mom visiting her years ago. That has to be special. I got to see Jackie and Tony earlier in the year as we all attended the Down the Avenue fund raiser kickoff at Saint Mary's. It was a great evening and we were so proud of our college!

Jackie said, in July she "travelled out to NH to **Kris Anderson Trustey's** home for a long weekend with other classmates." **Francie White Quigley**, **Mary Sauer Willrodt**, **Julie Harmon Ferrucci**, **Anne Cushing La Valle**, and **Mary Gorenz Kavanagh** all enjoyed the gathering. Jackie says that Kris was a gracious hostess, and often comes back for the Notre Dame games and tailgates.

**Janice Bradley Gislason** is doing well in Flossmore, Ill., with husband Jim and their three sons. Their oldest, Kevin, is a first year student at University of Chicago, Michael is a sophomore in high school, and Mark is in fifth grade.

**Susie Miller Schilling** was in town from Kansas City to attend the wake and funeral of dear friend Father John Dunne, a beloved ND professor, who passed away in Nov 2012. Her daughter Katherine (ND '10) also flew into town from Boston, and son Nicholas (ND '13) also attended. Susie said that husband Nick (ND '86) and daughter Megan (ND '16), and son Patrick, an '11 grad of University of Kansas, are all doing well. Susie is now working as a life coach and finds her line of work very rewarding. It was great to catch up with her.

**Cindy Janus Kloc** and husband, Dan Kloc (ND '87), celebrated a very busy spring. Their daughter, **Megan Margaret Kloc '13**, graduated from Saint Mary's College with a bachelor of science in chemistry and is in the Masters of Applied Cognition and Neuroscience Program at the University of Texas-Dallas. Their son, Collin, graduated from high school (on the same weekend!) and is a freshman at Notre Dame. Cindy, who works for St. Vincent Health in Indy writes, "We are looking forward to seeing many friends on the ND campus this football season!" Great update, Cindy, thanks!

That's it for now. I'd love to hear from you, so email an update. God bless.

'88

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The Class of '88 continues to connect across the miles, due in part to our Class of '88 Face-



book page (thanks again **Louise Foley Smith!**). Through our Facebook connection, **Lisa Ting Yee** shared: "I just was promoted to assistant regional counsel with US Department of Veterans Affairs." Lots of us "liked" that news. On Facebook, we have also been able to share strategies for parking at ND football games, support our classmates in their artistic endeavors, and reminisce about the good ol' days. It's worth joining the group simply to see **Karen Marie Walker's** picture of her University of Notre Dame Alumni — Senior Club Membership Card. Does anyone else still have one?

In July, **Andrea Thomas Barnes** hosted a SMC get-together at her home in Atlanta. **Regina Rudser Hoyt** and **Jamie Smith Taradash** and their kids flew in from Boston and Chicago respectively and had a great time catching up with **Catherine (Kate) Premo Shrum** and **Ann Rucker O'Connor**.

In November, Andrea flew to Chicago to join Jamie for the ND vs. Navy game. A highlight of the weekend was dinner and cocktails with **Clare Van Hecke Korte** and **Debora Lee Van Ooteghem** at Angelina's.

Via email, I heard from **Mary Kim Koch**. Her news was exceptionally exciting: "On Nov 10, 2013, my son, Daniel Scott Koch, was born. I am a single Mom by choice." She currently lives in northern Calif., where she is active with the local alumnae association. She told me she was visited in the hospital and received gift baskets and meals from a number of her Saint Mary's sisters.

Through the Los Angeles Alumnae Club, I have had multiple opportunities to visit with **Katy Kronenberg Penna**. Most recently, she hosted a game watch during which about a dozen of us (including **Moir Marie Michiels**) prepared 37 fabulous holiday survival kits for the Saint Mary's students from Calif., students suffering through both the cold winter AND finals.

Every opportunity I have to connect with Saint Mary's women both brings me back and moves me forward. I encourage you all to join our Facebook page.

'89

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Welcome 2014: Mark your calendars... our 25th Reunion is May 29-June 1! Please be sure Saint Mary's has your updated email and postal address so you'll receive all the details.

First, belated congratulations go out to **Amy Scholer Pattison** on her June 23, 2012 marriage to Edward. Amy and Edward live in Carmel, Ind.

**Pam Renee DeLuco** sent news from San Francisco... Pam is the co-owner of Shotwell Paper Mill (shotwellpapermill.com) and recently completed a book of short stories with female US military service members titled: *Paper Dolls stories from women who served*. The paper for each book was handcrafted from donated military uniforms that were transformed from cloth into pulp and then into individual sheets of paper. Each woman's story relates to her uniform and includes a drawing of the uniform that is meant to be cut out and put on the included paper doll. The collaborative project has been featured on the local Bay Area ABC7 news, *The Huffington Post*, and *The New York Times*. Congratulations Pam!

The Jungenburg family is having a wonderful time at their latest Foreign Service assignment with the US Embassy in Kathmandu, Nepal. **Martha Flick Jungenberg**, Todd, Sophie (10th grade) Grace (6th grade) and Emmalee (4th grade) will make Nepal their home until June 2015! So while she won't make it back to campus for our reunion this summer, Martha is sure to be keeping up with what is going on over here.

**Roberta (Rozel) Gatmaitan Moore**, Dave, 6th grader Maggie, 11, and 3rd grader Ethan, nine, welcomed Rozel's sisters **Arlene Gatmaitan Dunbar '77** and **Ann Gatmaitan McSorley '79** and their families to their home Keller, Tex. (just outside of Dallas) for the Notre Dame vs. Arizona State game at Cowboys Stadium. They enjoyed lots of fun and yummy tailgating before watching the Irish win! Rozel was also able to catch up with **Patrice M. Jordan** and some of her family at the pep rally and before the game.

**Barbara Bolla Kopko** was able to catch up with many Saint Mary's friends in 2013. **Karen Marie Walker '88** stopped by the Kopko's house after attending her 25th Reunion. Karen's words of wisdom were "Don't miss your 25th Reunion and stay at Opus." Odgen Dunes Beach on Lake Michigan on 4th of July weekend was the place for a mini reunion for Barb, **Deanne Wachel Sabatino**, **Peggy Halloran**, and **Holly Loux Christopher**. The cool July weather did not stop all the kids from jumping in the lake as the "girls" caught up on current news and reminisced about their SMC days. Another mini reunion, also in July, took place with Barb, **Katie Rose Gogle**, **Sheila Feeley Dodds**, and **Lynne Lauer Kasperan** in South Bend when Katie dropped her daughter off at Saint Mary's for camp. The group enjoyed walking around both campuses and showing Katie's daughter all of their favorite places. Finally, Barb was able to meet up with **Suzy Bare Snyder '88** and family at the ND-Navy football game. Suzy's daughter, Melissa Marie Snyder, is a freshman at Saint Mary's and Barb had fun hearing about her first semester.

In June, **Karen Crespy** was back in South Bend to celebrate Robert Sedlack's (ND '89) birthday with a bar crawl that included 100+ family and friends, including Tom Schlegel (ND '90), Matt Hofstedt (ND '89), Paul Waguespack (ND '89), Bill Dunn (ND '89), Jim Barrett (ND '89), Pat Cooke (ND '89), and many others. She was back on campus in September with family for the ND-Michigan State game where she met up with **Barb Moorhead Vedders**, Joel, Abby, 15, and Jack, 12, as well as many of the ND friends listed above, for Pat Cook's tailgate. Then in October, the ND-USC game had her out in Chicago catching up with **Catherine (Katy) Marie Burns** before heading to South Bend for another great day with all the ND friends back on campus. She and **Jackie Brody Tavitas '91** had a great time watching the Irish win and then Karen was able to spend time at Jackie's Valparaiso, Ind, home with Adam and 1-year-old Patrick, and take in a Notre Dame hockey game at the Compton Ice Arena, before heading home to Md.

**Maria Koch Pogwist** hosted Thanksgiving dinner for her family — her father, husband Adam, and daughter Lily, six; as well as **Katy Burns**, who lives in downtown Chicago and works for the American Dental Association; and **Stephanie Burke Brcik** and her two kids: Michael, 14, and Morgan, 12 who came into town from St. Louis. A

fabulous meal was followed by coupon clipping and then walking off dinner during a full day of Black Friday shopping. A few bargains were snagged by all.

'90

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**Erin Connor Stroka** has some happy news. She and husband, Eric Stroka, were married July 7, 2013. Her daughters, Lauren (age 16) and Lindsay (age 14) from a previous marriage, served as bridesmaids in our wedding. Eric is from N.Y. and is an aerospace engineer who works with defense satellites. Erin continues to enjoy her career as a High School Counselor in Albuquerque, N.M.

**Maureen Abood** is releasing a cookbook! The book will be released via Running Press and will feature Lebanese recipes, beautiful photos and stories. Look for *Rose Water & Orange Blossoms: Fresh and Classic Recipes from My Lebanese Kitchen* sometime in Spring of 2015.

**Lisa Christina Amore** wrote to let me know that she and her wonderful Saint Mary's friends gathered in Chicago on a beautiful weekend in mid-August. Lisa, **Amy Blong Hives**, **Theresa (Tracey) Bosten Goldthwaite**, **Anne Broderick Farnum** and **Elizabeth Ehret Bardwell** gathered from across the country (which they try to do annually!) for a Girls Weekend and spent a relaxing weekend together, full of great conversation, great food & drink, and even a sunset cruise on the architectural boat tour to see the city's beautiful buildings.

Condolences to **Katherine (Kim) Mahoney Barrio** and her family on the loss of her beloved father, Jack Mahoney, a Purple Heart and Silver Star recipient from World War II. Our thoughts are with you, Kim.

**Laura Ann Jacob** paid a visit to Chicago on the weekend of her first wedding anniversary. Laura and her husband, Kevin, recently bought their first home together in Lancaster, Pa., and she is spending her days in full-on renovation mode. One of her first visitors was **Linda Enright Riva**, who also lives in Lancaster with her family.



Lisa Christina Amore '90 and her Saint Mary's friends gathered in Chicago on a beautiful weekend in mid-August. Pictured: Lisa Christina Amore '90, Amy Blong Hives '90, Theresa (Tracey) Bosten Goldthwaite '90, Anne Broderick Farnum '90, and Elizabeth Ehret Bardwell '90

As for me, **Sue O'Connor**, the days I don't spend dreaming or planning travel are often spent being an aunt to my nephew and three nieces. I've just celebrated 19 years with Tribune Company, where I'm the director of compensation and benefits. Please keep updates coming... I love hearing from all of you and if you haven't already, please join our Facebook group, SMC 90 — now 137 classmates strong!

'91

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I have really enjoyed connecting with so many of you. Please keep the news coming!

**Kelly Townsend Fitzgerald** lives in Grayslake, Ill., with her husband, Jim (ND '91), and their 4 children. She recently received her CNA and is excited to become a nurse.

**Debbie Olszewski Spegele** has been married for 22 years to Chris (ND '90). I am happy to say that I was at that wedding and I can't believe it's been that long, Deb! Chris is the VP of audit at Owens Corning in Toledo. They have 2 boys, Adam, 19 and Matthew, 18. Adam is a sophomore at Xavier University in Cincinnati, majoring in biology and minoring in chemistry. Matthew is a senior at St. Francis de Sales high school, where Debbie has also been job sharing for six years as a school nurse.

**Mary Allen Olivier** lives in Annapolis, Md., with her husband, Jose, and two daughters, Anna, seven and Danielle, two. She has been teaching elementary education since graduation and currently teaches the 4th grade at Crofton Meadows in Anne Arundel county. She has also earned her master's in curriculum and taught gifted education for three years.

**Beth Pollak Meleski** lives in Ridgewood, N.J. She met up last summer with **Kimberly Shannon Doran** and **Nora Melchert Smith** and they all traveled to Washington DC to visit with **Katherine (Kelly) Krauser Knott**. It was a weekend of eating, shopping, and staying up way too late. Beth has also been busy back home in N.J. She and two of her friends started a lifestyle website targeted toward tween girls. The content-based site, betwixtgirls.com, covers topics ranging from health, wellness, and fitness to pop culture, book reviews, social etiquette, crafts, and hobbies. New stories are posted each week with opportunities for the girls to test their social media wings in a safe environment. Beth's former SMC roommate, **Jen Artz Contrucci**, was instrumental in the launch and early direction of the site. If any of you have tween girls, I really encourage you to look at it. It's a wonderful site.

'92

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**Alicia Higgins Kinane's** son, Henry, recently became engaged and is planning a wedding in May 2015. Tom and Alicia were married the week before our graduation and their son will be married a week after his graduation. Henry has published and presented research with two co-authors at the American Mechanical Engineer Conference in Lake

Tahoe. Their daughter, Cecelia, played the mayor's wife in her high school musical *Bye Bye Birdie* and is the manager of the high school basketball team. Alicia had an art show in October and sold some paintings, drawings, and cards. Alicia was also asked to loan a piece of work she created in a workshop last summer at the Art Institute. The Art Institute of Chicago is creating an exhibition with the workshop pieces but the exhibition opening date has not released. Stay tuned for more details!

**Beth Caponigro Buckley** and Neil celebrated their ten-year anniversary in January 2013 visiting **Tasha Tight Wallace** and Chris (ND '92) in Hong Kong and **Sarah Burke Man** and Gabe (ND '93) in Hawaii, proving that neither time nor distance matters when you have such great friendships. Being able to spend time with them and their families was priceless. In the beginning of November, Beth joined **Missy Palm Capobianco**, **Nancy Jones Fallon**, **Katy Sullivan Ahern**, and Meg Dalition Bakich (ND '92) for a girls' weekend in Naples, Fla. Though the group had seen each other over the years, this was the first time they were all together in 10 years! Beth also sees **Stephanie Tight Maddock '91** religiously when she comes to NYC on business. They always make time for coffee, lunch, dinner or sleepover — or all of the above!

Hope everyone is doing well — please keep the updates coming and join us on Facebook.

'94

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**Mary Cosgrove Moran** is working tirelessly on our SMC reunion (May 29 - June 1, 2014) as the reunion gift campaign chair. Please contact Mary if you would like to help with our class donation. Mary and her husband Matt live in Chicago, Ill., and have two girls Angelina (two) and Caitlin (one).

**Megan Morrison Komenda** and husband Jason welcomed Thomas John into their family, August 9, 2013. Megan and family live in Chicago. Megan visited with some other Belles (**Julie Geisler Burns**, **Kristi Monaghan Byrd**, **Tamara Lukes Fehrman**, **Jane Murphy Fitzgerald**, **Erin Wachter Holzgen**, and **Merideth Kamradt Kre-**



Megan Morrison Komenda '94 visited with some fellow Belles at Fripp Island, S.C., in October 2012. Pictured: Julie Geisler Burns '94, Kristi Monaghan Byrd '94, Tamara Lukes Fehrman '94, Jane Murphy Fitzgerald '94, Erin Wachter Holzgen '94, and Meri Kamradt Krevosky '94

vosky) at Fripp Island, SC, in October 2012.

**Daniela Lalor Lohse** and husband Sven welcomed their second child, Axel Robert, June 1, 2013. Big Brother Gunnar (three) is helping his little brother settle into the family.

'95

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Hello Class of 1995! Thanks to everyone who contributed updates for this issue.

We have a couple blessed events to report for the class of '95! On May 17, 2013, **Jennifer Mary Abbate** and Max Huffer welcomed Vivienne June Huffer in Wilmington, N.C. Just ten days prior, **Julianne Lenzo Bellettini** and husband Paul welcomed Lily Marie Bellettini on May 7, 2013. They reside in Woodridge, Ill.



Belles from the Class of 1995 met up recently for a "girls weekend." Pictured left to right: Molly O'Brien Adduci '95, Felicia Coleman Brabec '95, Tina Wilschke Stoval '95, Lara Mattison Bauman '95, Meredith Dodge Melinder '95, Colleen Morrissey Ralph '95, Christine Graham Gams '95, and Nancy Mulcare Zgutowicz '95

**Jennifer Susan O'Dell** writes, "Last summer, **Ginny Margaret Trainor**, **Erin Kopfer**, **Tara Belden Bell**, **Nicole Lynn Ries**, and I met in Sonoma, Calif., for a long weekend. We did several wine tastings and ate some fabulous meals. We are trying to make it an annual SMC-Chick weekend event."

In August 2013, another group of us from the class of '95 got together in downtown Chicago for a long weekend to celebrate our fortieth birthdays. **Meredith Dodge Melinder** came in from Swansea, Ill., **Lara Mattison Bauman** traveled from the Harrisburg, Pa. area, and **Felicia Coleman Brabec** joined us from Ann Arbor, Mich. **Nancy Mulcare Zgutowicz**, **Molly O'Brien Adduci**, **Christine Graham Gams**, **Tina Wilschke Stoval** and I are local to the area, so we all congregated downtown. The weekend was filled with fun memories, laughs, good meals, theatre and sightseeing. We



were thrilled that all eight of our schedules came together and are hoping to do it again soon.

'96

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Hello again! I hope this update finds everyone doing well. Several classmates are doing well with many happy events to report.

To begin, my former roomie **Anastacia Stornetta Morabito** and husband Scott welcomed their adorable first child, Juniper Ellisia on April 22, 2013 in Boston. Little Juna is the cutest thing and the now family of three is very happy. I was able to catch up with more former roommates from our days at SMC last November. **Beth Luedtke Petrie** and I joined **Simone Barber Vecchio** and **Madeline Ann Wahl '97** in Pittsburgh to cheer on the Irish and enjoy some much needed catch up time during Belle-A-Palooza '13. Simone and Maddie continue to live in Pittsburgh and Beth recently completed her second master's degree. As for me, I continue to chug away at my dissertation and am enjoying teaching in the graduate program for Industrial/Organizational Psychology at Northern Kentucky University. I also had a way-too-brief conversation with **Ann Rose Pilger '95**, who, as usual, is doing fabulous!

**Mary Udovich Baginsky** and husband Steve are enjoying life in their new home in northwest Washington, DC. The past year has been wonderful for Mary who is now board certified in nutrition support, adding to the list of ingredients for alphabet soup that now follow her name: MS, RD, LD, and CNSC! Mary loves working at The George Washington University Hospital as a clinical registered dietitian in the Intensive Care Units and Surgery floors and is without a doubt doing a wonderful job! **Jennifer Hardebeck Luce** recently finished her master of education degree in curriculum and instruction. **Maureen Elizabeth Davis '97** also finished school recently and earned dual master's degrees in financial fraud examination management as well as project management. **Betsy Ann Killian** relocated to St. Louis to build a forensic practice for KPMG last winter. She wrote that **Christine Marie Feller** recently bought an adorable historic home after relocating to Springfield, Ill. Congratulations ladies!

**Megan Bruchas Brunson** finished her masters in nursing (leadership) this past May. Megan reports that **Kelly Kilmer Mullagh** and her husband built a home in Colorado Springs, he retired from the Canadian Military. Kelly continues to work for Pepsi. Megan also passed on great news that **Claire Gibson Ragen** had baby #3, a girl, in June.

**Laura Richter Martino** and husband CDR Chris Martino (ND '94) recently relocated to Monterey, CA where Chris is working on a PhD in electrical engineering at the Naval Post Graduate School. Laura and Chris also welcomed Francesca Catherine into their family in February 2012. Big brother Gus was very happy to welcome her home! **Diann Garlanger Payne** and husband, John, welcomed Jack Warren Payne born September 19, 2013. Jack joins older siblings Caleb, Rob, Caitlin, James, Isla, Berlynn, Shafer and John. Diann is now working as a mutual fund wholesaler for The American Funds. The family resides in Indianapolis. **Stacey Polito Sperow** is happy to report

that Gabriel Light Sperow was born on September 19 at a healthy 6 lbs 9 oz. He joins big brother and sister, Tyler and Rose, who are 3.5 years old.

In more happy news, **Sarah Sullivan Bigelow** gave birth to her fourth daughter, Siobhan Murphy on August 10, 2012. Sarah writes that little Siobhan is "a joy and a bit of a doll to her older sisters." **Katie Rose Hulett** and family welcomed Ava Rose on April 26, 2012 and everyone just loves the new addition! **Jennifer Holuj Rediger** had baby boy number two, Jackson Conrad, on April 10, 2012. He weighed in at 6 pounds and 12 ounces and big brother Alex, Mommy, and Daddy couldn't be more excited!

**Shane Kaniecki Palumbo** gave birth to her third daughter, Filomena Mary, in Pittsburgh last March. Shane's sister, **Jennifer Kaniecki MacNeil '93**, is again the godmother. Shane also has a new career that affords her the ability to spend a good amount of time with all three daughters. She is the admissions director of her Pittsburgh high school, Saint Joseph High School. Needless to say, the Palumbo family is an extremely busy household but loving all of it!

**Ellen Sanders Reed** has lots of good news to report. Last June she began a new job with M&I Bank (formally Southwest Bank and soon to be BMO Harris) and loves the five minute commute from home. And on December 4th, 2012 she gave birth to Audrey Ellen. Baby Audrey was 19.5 inches long and 8 pounds, 9 ounces. Both mom and daughter are wonderful, as is the rest of the family.

**Barbara Howells Boukater**, **Beth Urban Cody**, **Jeanne Susanne Maruna-Backhaus**, **Jennifer Owens Passini**, **Gwynne Katherine Davis**, **Christy Lynn Land**, and **Michelle Dawn Limb** had a Belles' weekend in August, around the time that marked a year since suddenly losing Barb's mom, **Pat Harvey Howells '66**. I'm sure I speak for all of us when I express deepest sympathies to Barb. Anyone who ever met her mom would agree she was a wonderful woman who was the epitome of a true Belle. During the weekend on Hilton Head Island the ladies had some silly shirts made and had a great weekend (if the picture doesn't make it into *Courier* be sure to check out the '96 Facebook page!).

The weekend included a lot of laughing, remembering, relaxing and enjoying the fact that 15+ years later they are able to pick up as if May of 1996 was yesterday!

It really does seem like our Saint Mary's experience was just yesterday and a big thanks to everyone who wrote in to help share the memories! Until next time, keep those rings shiny!

'98

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**Kate Votruba Frey** and husband, Charlie, welcomed daughter, Jane Greenwood, on July 3, 2013. Janie joins big brother Ben, two.

**Jill Switzer Wolf** and husband, Juan Eduardo Wolf (ND '93) welcomed a beautiful baby boy, Joaquin (Quino) Ignacio, on March 1. Juan also received a job offer the very same day! They are now living in lovely Eugene, Ore. After eight years of being a church music director, Jill is thoroughly enjoying being a "home executive" with Quino and Cecilia, age six.

**Sarah Bandera Pellico** and husband wel-

comed baby number five, Eden Elizabeth, on July 7, 2013. She was 6 lbs. 14 oz. and 19.5 inches long!

**Genevieve Clare Morrill** and husband, Nathan, spent two weeks honeymooning in Southeast Asia — they explored Angkor Wat, rode elephants through the jungle, and ate their way through the Chiang Mai night market. They also enjoyed a trip to Marco Island and a country wedding in the Lake District.

**Rachel Torres Bell** and husband, Dave, welcomed Baby Fiona Beatrice Bell on September 5. Big sister Madeline is beyond proud and loves her baby sister to pieces. Fiona is proving to be an easy baby, and they looking forward to enjoying some quiet family time (more sleep?) over the holidays.

**Ann Hermes Tudor** left her position as director of social services with Little Sisters of the Poor after 8.5 years. She is now at Rush University Medical Center providing clinical therapy in the Department of Psychiatry. She is also the outreach director for Rush's new Autism Assessment, Research, Treatment and Services (AARTS) center. Ann and husband, Jeff, also sold their place in the Bucktown neighborhood and moved to the Old Irving Park neighborhood. Their three kids are well and they continue to count their blessings!

'99

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**Carla Dominello Schlieske** and her husband, Tom, had their first baby! They had a completely natural childbirth on November 8, 2012, on her true due date! Olive Mae just celebrated her first birthday and they all had a great time celebrating. She is such a sweet, happy baby girl and the parents feel so blessed. Olive is her grandparent's 18th grand baby and Tom's parents' FIRST. It's a very exciting time for them. They are still living in Oak Lawn, Ill. on the south side of Chicago. They had fun dressing Olive up in her ND/SMC gear during the ND football season.

**Andrien Sandven Schwartz** and her family welcomed a little boy, Karl Kristian Osborne Schwartz on September 21, 2013. He joins big brother Porter. They continue to love living and working in Germany.

**Lisa Maxbauer Price** and her husband Matt welcomed their third son on October 16th. His name is Xavier Hudson Price. Big brothers Jackson and Dashiell are very excited.

**Ellen O'Tool Tregear** and Steve Tregear welcomed their second child Gavin O'Tool Tregear on April 9, 2013, weighing 8.2 oz. 20.5 inches. Big brother Logan, 3, loves being a big brother! Ellen is a national account executive for Kellogg's and lives in Plymouth, Mass.

'01

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Hello Class of 2001! Hope you are well and excited to read everyone's updates!

**Kyle Veltri Demeter** wrote with joyous news, "I am currently still coaching at Notre Dame and this summer, on July 6th, I married Kyle Joseph Demeter of South Bend, Ind. Yes, his first name is Kyle! Our ceremony was in the Church of Loretto with the reception held at South Dining Hall. We are currently residing in Granger, Ind." And **Genny Yavello Boyle** added, "Little did I know when I moved to SMC in 1997, that one of my freshman roommates would one day be my sister-in-law! On August 16, 2013, I married Jamie Boyle, brother of **Jenelle Marie Boyle**, at St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Chicago. It was an incredible day! Jenelle stood up in the wedding and many more Belles came to celebrate with us including **Katie Hummer, Victoria Marie Butcko, Julie Glud Hilbrenner, Mary (Katie) Paccione Icasuriaga, Betsy Zack Peterson, Megan Marie Shea, Page Warstler Steadman, Sharis Long Cooley '00, Katie Claussen Bell, Colleen Marie Dolphin, Megan Elizabeth Jardina, Abby Sullivan Zureich '02, and Jessica Jean Eaton '06.**"

And **Jen Chulski Rood** also checked in with an exciting update, "In June, I earned my masters of science from Medill's Integrated Marketing Communications program at Northwestern. I was honored to be selected by my classmates and professors as the student speaker at our commencement. Over the Labor Day weekend, I married Don Rood in my hometown of Grand Rapids, Mich. We had an amazing celebration with family and friends, which included many Belles, among whom my cousin and bridesmaid, **Mary Elizabeth Campione '02** and my sister and maid of honor, **Renee Marie Chulski '99.** In September, I left my job of six years for a new opportunity to manage marketing and communications for Doblin, a boutique innovation consultancy that is now part of Deloitte Consulting. With so much happening, Don and I thoroughly enjoyed our honeymoon in Thailand. We are looking forward to finally settling into our place in Roscoe Village and enjoying a bit more free time in 2014."

**Casey Russell Bechtel** shared blessed news, "On February 15, 2013, we welcomed Andrew Connor to our family. He is quite the bruiser and adores his big sister, Finley. Last spring we moved out of our tiny shoe box in Beacon Hill to a condo in Charlestown, just around the corner from the Bunker Hill Monument and absolutely love it (and the extra space)!" And **Kathy Giel Alessi** added, "Tom and I welcomed our second son, Evan Robert Alessi, on December 9, 2012. Our family moved to Hong Kong in September 2012 — Walmart's Regional Asia office is located in Hong Kong and we moved for Tom's job. We are enjoying our time over here! Patrick and Evan are keeping me busy. I enjoyed seeing some SMC friends when I was home over the summer including **Katie Willkom Stopczynski, Erin Martin Williams, Heather Podraza Connor '00, Betsy Zack Peterson and Julie Glud Hilbrenner.** I hope to come home again in July to see friends/family and visit the SMC campus!"

**Stephanie Shevik Lee** also wrote, "My husband, David Lee, and I recently had our first child this past summer on August 16th. He is a healthy little boy named Dane Mackale." And **Laura Paulen** wrote, "My husband and I welcomed our first child, daughter Maeve Violet O'Connor, to the world on August 20, 2013. Earlier in the summer, we also moved from Seattle, Wash., to Bowling Green, Ky., for my husband's new job at Western

Kentucky University. Meanwhile, I am taking some time off work to get the hang of and enjoy being a new mom."

And **Mary (Kate) Bowling Bushey** wrote with exciting changes, "We had a busy 2013! In the summer, my husband, Andrew (ND '02), finished his oral surgery residency and started practicing with his dad in Boardman, Ohio which required a half way move between our two jobs to Twinsburg. Ironically, on August 2nd, big brother Andrew's (age five) prayers were answered as we welcomed healthy full term twins — Luke Daniel and Ella Katherine. I continue to work as an attorney in downtown Cleveland, and was excited to make partner in the firm at the end of 2013."

**Angela Finke Pingel** also shared some great news, "After living for five years in New Orleans to help the city recover post-Katrina, we are now back in South Bend. Mike and I are blessed with one miracle daughter, Caitlyn, who is a feisty four year old. I'm putting my math degree from Saint Mary's along with my interior design degree from Ivy Tech to good work and have just written a book on quilting. *A Quilter's Mixology* is available in spring 2014 and can be found on Amazon, Barnes and Noble, and other book sellers."

**Lori Renee Fournier-Norem** earned a master's degree in French from Middlebury College, Vermont. She is continuing to teach French in South Bend at Saint Joseph's High School and also teaches adjunct at Ivy Tech Community College in South Bend.

And lastly, all is well in my corner of the world. My parents have officially relocated from South Bend to a small town in Wash., just a short drive from Portland. I'm very excited to have them close and am looking forward to spending time with them. Until next time, my best.

'03

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Hello Class of 2003! Hopefully the New Year is off to a great start for you. We have lots of wonderful news to share about our classmates.

Our very own class reporter, **Meganne Hoffman Brezina**, married Charles Brezina on September 1, 2013 in Indianapolis. Bridesmaids included: **Jenny Elise Hoffman '10, Cathy Canetti Ginter, and Maria Barbara Conticelli.** Other Belles in attendance were: **Bridget Myers Mullins, Bethany Lynne Schmidt, Gabrielle Nicole Campo, Erin Schultz Sherer, Tara Blanchard Sabo, Nancy K. Weber-Curth '73, Val Joy Gillis, Shaye Brianne O'Donnell, Erin Moran Crill, Mary Anne Madden Hoffman '73, and Mary Friedman Slattery '73.** **Meganne writes,** "It was fun to go to **Erin Schultz Sherer's** wedding a quick two weeks after our wedding and have an opportunity to visit

with more Belles there."

**Katie McNeill Rand** shared the exciting news that **Amy Virzi Schaul** married Derek Schaul in October in Fontana, Wisc. Amy's sister, **Katie Virzi O'Donovan '04**, was the maid of honor, and **Kerry O'Reilly Hurley** was a bridesmaid. **Christina Reitano Sutter, Linda Padilla Bowie, Sarah Nestor Babcock, Mary Courtney Shay Campe, Constance (Casey) Shay Campe '06,** and Katie were all in attendance.

Several Belles also welcomed new additions to their families recently. **Carol Yee Lee** and husband, Andrew, had their second daughter, Shelby Alexis Lee, on November 26, 2012. Carol writes, "Daughter, Emma, loves having a little sister to play with and to boss around!" Carol is still working at Southwestern Michigan College. This past summer she was promoted to the position of director of records/registrar.

On April 19, 2013, **Elaine Porter Perez** and husband Tom (ND '02, '03), had their third child, Anna Maureen Perez. Anna was 20 inches long and weighed 7 lbs. 9 oz. Big sisters Claire (seven) and Emily (four) love to play with Anna and make her laugh. In September, a charter was approved to bring American Heritage Girls Troop #IL3126 to Elaine's church, St. Irene Church, in Warrenville, Ill. As the troop coordinator, Elaine is very excited to bring this fun, faith-filled program to the girls in her parish.

**Emily Jane Hemberger Dennison's** second daughter, Annie Sue Dennison, was born on May 17, 2013. From Emily: "She and Nola (who turns 3 in December) are joys and are keeping us busy! I accepted a year-long forensic pathology fellowship with Miami-Dade County Medical Examiner's Office. We will be Miami bound in June after I finish my residency training!"

**Anne Bernardin Wenderoth** and husband, Brad, along with their two sons, Gavin and Ian, welcomed Miriam Hope Wenderoth to the world on May 22, 2013. Anne is busy with her three little ones while she continues to work for the American Cancer Society.

**Lyndsey Brubaker Callan** and husband, Tim, had their third daughter, Madelyn Claire, on May 24, 2013. Madelyn Claire joins big sisters, Emily (age six) and Ally (age three). Lyndsey stays at home with her girls and Tim teaches junior high. Lyndsey writes, "I also enjoyed a reunion in Mich., over the summer with **Kellie Mark Duncan, Sarah Blundy Morgan, and Katie Zigler Anderson.** This annual lake trip for us is a tradition and we enjoy it each year."

**Nicole Gorowski Mahjoory** is happy to announce the birth of her daughter, Maxine Colette Mahjoory, born June 7, 2013.

**Meghan McGinty Anderson** and husband, Ben Anderson (ND '03), welcomed their fourth child, Mark Stephen Anderson, on June 13, 2013. Shortly after Mark's birth, the Andersons moved from Virginia Beach to Montgomery, Ala., while Ben attends Air Force grad school.

**Lauren Dasso Stalter** and husband, Rob (ND '03), had their second child, Juliana Rose, on July 8, 2013. Lauren writes, "We had a busy fall and enjoyed meeting up with **Amy Greene Smith** for a weekend in Cincinnati, and **Katie Marie McVoy** and **Kendall Reidlinger Ymalay** at some ND football games."

**Amber Taylor O'Rourke** welcomed Molly Taylor O'Rourke to the world on September 11, 2013. Weighing in at a tiny 6.8 lbs, she made a grand entrance in to the world after a very speedy delivery! Amber shares, "Just a few hours earlier, I



was pushing a full cart around Costco! Big brother Howie is off to a great start in kindergarten and big sister Caroline is keeping us all on our toes while she teaches us the latest moves from her dance class! We've been in Iowa for a little over a year now, and we absolutely love it here!"

**Becky Lindemann Miedema** and husband, Marc, are happy to announce the birth of their son, Henry David Miedema, born on August 20, 2013.

**Katie Vincer Sears** is excited to share the news that daughter Stella Marie was born on September 19, 2013. Big brother Scotty enjoys hugging and kissing his sister, who's also his Irish twin! Professionally, Katie purchased her second general dental practice in Central Ohio.

**Megan Cavanaugh Kranz** and husband, Thomas Kranz (ND '03), welcomed Charlie Kranz into their lives on October 11, 2013.

**Beth Didier Krieg** and husband, David, made a big move back to Fort Wayne, Ind., after living for four years in Charleston, S.C. Beth writes, "With two toddlers we just needed to be by family and have a support network. We've been home for a month now and it has been wonderful. David is traveling a lot with his new job. This month he's in Wales, last month was Mexico. He likes the travel and the new job. We're hoping that we'll be able to take the kids with us soon. Emmaline and David both already have their passports!"

**Izabela Cezar Teixeira** moved back to Chicago in October from upstate N.Y. and is looking forward to reconnecting with some Belles in the Chicago area!

**Margaret Kathryn (Katy) Disinger, Suzie Marie Dolemba**, Anne Liddy Saracino (ND '03) and Beth Fruzynski Beam (ND '03) got together for the ND-Navy game this year. From Katie: "We have been trying to see each other once a year for a girls' weekend. It was awesome reminiscing about our year spent studying in Angers, France. We decided that for our 40th birthdays, we're taking our girls trip on the road to Paris."

**Melanie Burke Cameron** was going strong as a home-based floral designer when she was approached by Conklyn's Florist, a 75-year old company in Alexandria, Va. and at the Pentagon, to become a part of their family as the marketing director. She says is now "up to her nose in flowers" and creative content across the media outlets. Melanie is promoting both the retail florist, Conklyn's, and Middle Atlantic Wholesale Florist, a public wholesaler in Alexandria, Va.

**Alaina Indriolo Moran** wrote in with several updates. **Katie Moorman Rahrig** has started back at work part-time in the NICU in Cincinnati where she resides with her husband and two beautiful children, Ella (three) and Delaney (two).

**Nina Ready Sina** is in West Palm Beach with her husband and son Henry (two) working part-time as well. **Kim Corsentino Keyworth** recently moved to Park Ridge, Ill., (just a few miles from Alaina) and is busy in grad school while raising two daughters Claire (four) and Avery (two). Alaina's daughter and Avery are in mom/tot school so Alaina and Kim get to see each other every week. Alaina is living in Park Ridge, Ill., and keeping busy chasing Brinley (two) and Johnny (one) while working part-time as a nurse at the new Lurie Children's Hospital in downtown Chicago. Alaina also shares, "I still keep in touch with **Katie DeMent Pohlmeier** who recently moved into a new home and has two girls, and **Amanda (Amy)**

**Beale Johnson** who is busy with her speech pathologist job and two kids. We all were able to catch up at the reunion with a few other people and had a blast visiting old stomping grounds and staying in Le Mans."

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Greetings Class of 2005! Thank you for writing to share your news! We love hearing from you and it sounds like we have a lot to celebrate:

In September **Meghan Molyneaux Hargrave** began a job as staff developer for The Teachers College Reading and Writing Project at Columbia University in New York City. In her new position she works alongside of Lucy Calkins and other leaders in the field to write curriculum and support literacy instruction in classrooms across the world.

**Tabitha Hart Rand Potok** has been busy! She married her husband Chris in a beautiful Charleston, S.C. 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.

**Carolyn Gass Hunt** writes, "I married my best friend, Brady Kenyon Hunt, on January 5, 2013 in my hometown of Grand Rapids, Mich. It was a beautiful day (32 and sunny) which is rare in the Midwest in January". Fellow alums in attendance included **Karen Marie Godfrey, Deirdre Grady Mangan, Rebecca Bosack Kauffman, Emily Sterritt Johnson, Lauren Elizabeth Connolly, and Annemarie Alice Kennedy.**

**Becky Davies Sterusky** and her husband, Justin (ND '05) welcomed their first child, Jackson, on February 2, 2013.

**Michelle Powell Jadcak** and her husband Jeremy welcomed their first child, John Paul, on May 24, 2013 in Washington D.C.

**Lisa Credo Wilensky** and husband Josh celebrated their son's first birthday on April 12th.

**Julie Breen Wilson** and husband Nate had a baby girl on March 12th weighing 7 lbs 7 oz. Madeleine Eliza-

beth (Maddie) is a huge blessing to her parents.

**Katie Schultz Vogel** writes, "I got married last month — June 22, 2013 — to Nick Vogel (ND '05) in South Bend. I had my reception at SMC, and it was great! My sister, **Erin Adele Schultz '03**, was my maid of honor. Other alums in attendance were **Jenny Farnbauch Lamont, Jill Elizabeth Roberts, Melissa Montoya Glorioso, Lora Wilcomb Martinez, Sara Elizabeth Robinson, Katie Turner Nix, Maria Barbara Conticelli '03, Jessica Stuijbergen Piser '99**, and of course my mom, **Maureen McCarthy Schultz '68.**"

**Amy Nicholson Pruchnicki** reports, "I'm working at Everest academy in Clarkston, Mich, as the elementary academic coordinator. My husband and I have two children, Vincent Michael was born February 26, 2011 and Ava Marie on July 2, 2012. We currently are living in Grand Blanc, Mich.

**Lisa Walton Roelle** and her family have relocated to Hudson, Ohio and are expecting their second child, a son, on Christmas Day.

**Stefanie Simmerman McGinnis** writes, "It's been a busy year! I got married in March in Scottsdale, Ariz., to Seann McGinnis, who unfortunately is a Mich., fan, but we'll work on that! We concluded the ceremony by walking under a 'Marry Like a Champion' sign, despite my husband's allegiance to Mich! We had plenty of ND and SMC family and friends in attendance. **Sarah Beth Schwartz '06** served as matron of honor & fellow golfer **Nicole Marie Bel-lino '06** served as a bridesmaid. Other SMC ladies in attendance were my mother, **Sheila Spiel Simmerman '80**, aunt **Susan Spiel Habenicht '78, Aimee Rittenhouse Kelly '80, Cathy Murray Van Tornhout '80, Cindy Daly Cooney '80, Christina Dunham Openlander.** We're settling into our house in Phoenix and welcome visitors this winter! This fall I started a new job with QuinStreet, an internet marketing company based out of San Francisco, as a senior marketing manager in their education department responsible for clients like Kaplan University and The Art Institutes.

**Carolyn Batz McGee** writes, "My husband Kyle and I welcomed a baby boy to our family on April 24, 2013. Matthew Kristy McGee weighed in at 9 pounds 12 oz. and 22 inches long. He is happy and healthy. My mom, **Pam Carey Batz '70** and sister **Catherine**



## Meet Shay Jolly '05, Our New Assistant Director of Alumnae Relations

After graduating from Saint Mary's with a bachelor of arts in communication in 2005, Shay Jolly stayed at Saint Mary's and worked as hall director in McCandless Hall. During her time in Residence Life, Jolly developed a passion for working in higher education and student development. In 2009 Jolly obtained a master's in higher education with a focus on college student development from Appalachian State University. She then returned to working at a small, Catholic, liberal arts college as an area coordinator at Marymount University outside of Washington, D.C. Being at Marymount helped Jolly understand how much her Saint Mary's education meant to her, and in 2012, this southern girl from Spartanburg, S.C., packed her bags and returned to South Bend, where she worked as the assistant director of Phonathon. Through this position she developed a love for working with alumnae and she is excited to get started in her new role as assistant director of alumnae relations.

**Ardath Batz '12** we were with us to welcome Matthew. Also, I recently celebrated **Meg Beauchamp Matakovic's** baby girl's birth on November 3, 2013 in Chicago with Meg, **Kate Ann Lohmuller, Elisabeth (EJ) Baldwin Merrill, Ashley Rose Thornburg, Margie Schaffner Hancock, Rachel Casciari Kirsh, and Kim Holly Maher.**

**Kim Holly Maher** reports, "I was an elementary education major and will start a new position as principal of Wilson Creek Elementary School in Manhattan, Ill., in the 2014-2015 school year."

**Erin Carsele Fiorini** writes, "My husband Julian and I had a baby girl on September 26, 2013. Her name is Julianna Lynn Fiorini."

**Erin Krombach Groves** writes, "My husband, Jonathan and I celebrated our fifth wedding anniversary in February. We also just welcomed a second little one to our family. Jack Henry was born on October 22, 2013 weighing 8 lbs., 11 oz. and 21 1/4 inches. He joins big sister Matty Belle who just turned 2 in August. Our family is incredibly blessed and I feel so fortunate to be at home each day with our kids."

**Kassy Kriegel Reiff** writes, "We welcomed our third son (Austin, four) (Robby, two), Paul Timothy Reiff on June 24, 2013. Also, we relocated to Houston."

**Madelyn Pilcher Rader** reports that she graduated with her doctorate in nursing practice in May. She married Ryan Rader on July 20, 2013 and is currently working as an orthopedic nurse practitioner at Mercy Hospital in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

**Taryn Posthuma Schneider** writes that she and husband Josh Schneider welcomed their second daughter, Soleia, on November 2nd. Big sister Quistis is excited to be a helper!

'06

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Greetings, Class of 2006! I hope you all enjoyed the holiday season and are ready for spring! Our class is busy, as always, with lots of fun adventures. Please feel free to contact me with any news or updates.

**Nicole Marie Gifford Lowe** welcomed daughter Madeleine Grace on August 29, 2013. Little Madeleine joins big brother Benjamin Daniel, who was born on February 18, 2012.

**Stephanie Marie Mason** is currently working for the Courtyard/Springhill Suites by Marriott in downtown Indianapolis. She was promoted to the position of housekeeping supervisor in June 2013. Stephanie and fiancé Daymon Gorman have a daughter, Aliyah Marie, who turned one year old on October 12, 2013.

**Cindy Wahlman Reilly** and her husband, Chas, welcomed daughter Charlotte Vera Reilly on April 30, 2013.

**Megan Ubinger Shelton** married Gavin Shelton of St. Louis on March 23, 2013 in St. Louis. **Jillian Roth Gill** was a bridesmaid. Megan and Gavin continue to live in St. Louis where Megan works as a licensed pediatric psychologist at SSM Cardinal Glennon Children's Medical Center.

**Heather Mosny Diaz** was married August 24th 2013 to Donny Diaz. **Kate Keating Larkin,**

**Erin Michelle Jones** and **Kate Grace Huffman** participated in the ceremony. Other SMC ladies to attend from the Class of 2006 include: **Elizabeth Voss Curtis, Kirsten Elizabeth Fantom, Cindy Wahlman Reilly, and Lane Cooper Hepp. Monica Marie Lindblom '07** was also in attendance.

**Christine Cooper Williams** welcomed daughter Mary Michael Williams on March 28th, 2013. Christine also wrote that **(Mary) Leeann Godfrey, Anne Drolet Edwards, Shannon McManus Dvorsky, Jackie Christine Huelbig, Jennifer Mayer Titkemeier, and Ellen Louise Riley** all got together at USC game this year.

**Elizabeth Eufemi Burkavage** married Andrew Burkavage (ND '06) at the Basilica on May 11, 2013. Elizabeth's maid of honor was **Maura Elizabeth Schoen** and bridesmaids included **Shannon Culbertson Thompson, Jillian Roth Gill, and Carrie Elizabeth Orr.**

**Maricarol Williams Phipps** welcomed daughter Madeleine Marie Phipps on December 13, 2012.

**Capt. Stephanie Lutz Witt** married Capt. Branden Mowery Witt, USAF, on November 8, 2013. SMC Alumnae in attendance included: **Natalie Lutz Brown '02, Tabitha Hart Rand Potok '05, Stephanie Roth Kleinbub, Colleen Patricia Bruen, and Lauren Rose Lydon.** Stephanie and Branden are excited to spend the next three years living in Ixworth, England where Branden is stationed nearby at RAF Mildenhall flying CV-22 Ospreys.

**Anne Drolet Edwards** and Matt Edwards (ND '06) recently welcomed their second daughter, Margaret Mary, on August 14, 2013.

**Katherine Bricker Tessaro** married Jordan Tessaro on November 2, 2013, at the Cathedral of Christ the King in Atlanta, Ga. Katie started her own architectural photography business based in Atlanta this year.

**Angela Rizzo Gay** and her husband Matt welcomed their daughter, Katherine Helene, into the world on November 3, 2012. Ang and her family relocated to Whiteman Air Force Base in Knob Noster, Mo: Home of our Nation's B-2 Spirit Stealth Bombers. Captain Gay continues to serve on active duty and is currently working as a pediatric clinic registered nurse.

**Lynn Margaret Sikora** is still living in Hamburg, Germany, and plans to stay for a while yet! She and **Erica Diana Rangel** met for a long



Graduates from the Class of 2006 gathered at a tailgate for the ND-USC game. Pictured left to right (with some of their little ones): Christine Cooper Williams '06, Shannon McManus Dvorsky '06, Jackie Huelbig '06, Leeann Godfrey Galvin '06, Anne Drolet Edwards '06, and Jennifer Mayer Titkemeier '06.

weekend rendezvous in Paris last March. It was a very spontaneous, but wonderful, trip. They have now seen three of the world's Eiffel Towers together: Las Vegas, Prague, and Paris! **Angela Marie Saoud '05** visited during Easter week in Hamburg, Germany, on her first European tour. They had a lovely time together despite the rain and cold temperatures.

**Katy Karr Jones** and her family welcomed a second child, Amelia Margaret Jones, born August 24, 2013 in Charlotte, N.C. Her mommy and her aunt **Erin Michelle Jones** are so thrilled to have a future SMC student in the family!

On October 18, 2013, **Elizabeth Palasky DiPoalo '06** married Rocco DiPoalo. The ceremony was in the Grand Floridian Chapel at Disney World followed by a cocktail hour on the Terrace of the Yacht Club and the dinner in the Ariel Room of the Beach Club. Among the nearly 80 guests were several Belles: **Nicole Elizabeth Kusack '06** and **Danielle Renee Lerner '06** (bridesmaids), **Dr. Jill Patricia Funnell '06, Kristen Vokaty Thomas '06** and her sister, **Lauren Melissa Vokaty '08,** and **Elizabeth Christopher Elmore '68,** aunt and godmother of the bride. The couple had an extended stay at the Grand Floridian but postponed their Aruba honeymoon until May 2014.

'07

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An update from me: At the end of May I left my job of four years with Medtech College to return to my true passion, which is floral design. I am now happily working for a weddings and events florist in Indianapolis, Ind. I also purchased my first home in October 2012.

**Allison Mae Beyer** is currently living in Cochabamba, Bolivia.

**Sharyl Zarnowski Syring** was married on August 3, 2013 in Tinley Park, Ill., to Brian Syring. Bridesmaids included **Maura Bridget Hoyt** and **Gina Gonnella Ensell.** In attendance were **Clare Marie Hoyt '06, Barb O'Connell Hoyt '81,** and **Erin Nolan Young.**

**Courtney Rusnak Patrick** and her husband, Adam, welcomed their first son George Walter Patrick on October 4, 2013. She writes: "We are so in love with him!"

**Stephanie Apostoluk Titas** and her husband, Vidi, celebrated the arrival of Jeremiah Vidmantas on August 19. The happy family of three is living in Willoughby, Ohio.

**Caroline Dunne Erhardt** married Ben Erhardt (ND '05) at the Sacred Heart Basilica on October 12, 2013. In attendance were **Erin Elizabeth Anhut, Brooke Sheldon Smeckert, Kerry Alana Butz, Sarah Molnar McKay '06, Cathy Heisler Anhut '78,** Jeff McIntosh (ND), Javier Hernandez (ND), Paul Ullrich (ND), Paul Sifuentes (ND '05), Karl Wahoske (ND '05), Adam Istvan (ND '05), Bill Rinner (ND '05), Noelle Thorne Rinner (ND '05), Charles Anhut (ND '78), Jay Dunne (Holy Cross), and Nichole Molnar Dunne (Holy Cross '09).

**Katie Elizabeth Marr** writes: "I moved to the Chicago area in July from Sacramento, Calif. I'm working for Baker Tilly in their Oak Brook office doing government audits. **Alyssa Laurel Court '08**



is my roommate as well. It's good to be back in the Midwest, though I'm going to freeze this winter!"

**Kayla Rogers Klein** married Joel Klein at Saint Luke's Catholic Church in Charlotte, N.C., on June 29, 2013. In attendance was bridesmaid, **Meggie Catherine Wehmer**. They reside in Boston, where Joel is completing his masters in administration, and Kayla teaches 8th grade science and serves in the capacity as team leader.

**Kelilyn Phillips Nowicki** married Joseph Nowicki on June 22, 2013, in South Bend, Ind. Belles in attendance were **Alison Golubski Bauer**, **Caile Meghan Mulcahy**, **Joanna Marie Mackiewicz**, **Justine Marie Petcoff**, **Anne Marie Gavett '10**, and **Shannon Ruth Schalk '16**. The bride and groom live in Chicago, where Kelilyn works as an associate media director at Starcom MediaVest Group and Joseph is pursuing his master's degree in computer science from DePaul University.

**Rachael Katherine Stowe** and her husband, Jeffery Show, welcomed their daughter, Molly Grace Stowe Show, on April 30, 2013.

**Sarah Sult Kurtz** and her husband, David, purchased their first home in July. They reside in Houston, Tex., with their new puppy. Sarah is a technical specialist, selling capital equipment for Roka Bioscience.

**Mary Beth Pavela Matenaer** and her husband, James, welcomed daughter Brigid Pamela Matenaer on May 12, 2013.

**Audra Maxbauer Kirby** and her husband, Jim, welcomed Noah Walter, who was born August 9th. She writes: "My husband's job in the Army will be taking us to South Korea. We are moving this December and we'll be there for two years."

**Melissa Chandler Wright** and her husband, Craig welcomed their first child, Matilda Elizabeth, on May 8, 2013.

**Kelly Meehan Doig** married Michael Doig on June 1, 2013, in New York City. Her maid of honor was **Claire Marie Anderberg**, and bridesmaids were **Kathryn Ann Nussbaum**, **Rose Zeidler Brock**, and **Sarah Marie Wieber**. Guests also included **Adriana Maria Trigiani '81**, **Natalie Anne Bailey '05**, **Rebecca Meehan Adkins '91**, **Etienne Margot Melcher**, **Allison Marie Frane**, **Mary Grace Guebert Foxwell**, **Rosemary Teresa Walsh**, **Erin Jean Bergman**, and **Christin Marie Molnar**.

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**Kelly Tighe Montee** married Mark Montee on July 27, 2013 in Columbus, Ohio. Belles at the wedding included bridesmaids **Melissa Gerbeth VanOrt** and **Kellie Blaise Anderson '09**, as well as **Mary (Maggie) Siefert Cann**, **Susie Skirtich Schmitt**, **Tracy Kosmala Mundell**, and **Shannon Hansen Brokenshire '09**. They honeymooned in Ireland.

**Susie Skirtich Schmitt** married **Michael**

**Schmitt** of Pittsburgh on August 10, 2013. Belles in the wedding included **Mary (Maggie) Siefert Cann** and **Shannon Hansen Brokenshire '09**, and **Tracy Kosmala Mundell** and **Kelly Tighe Montee** were in attendance. Susie works as a speech language pathologist at the DePaul School for Hearing and Speech in Pittsburgh.

**Alexandra Hathaway Schwegler** married **David M. Schwegler** on September 28, 2013 in Zurich, Switzerland, at St. Anton's Church. They met in spring 2006 while Alexandra was studying in the SMC Rome Program and David was working at the Vatican. Their marriage was blessed by Pope Francis on October 2, 2013 as Sposi Novelli after the General Audience.

**Cassandra Quaglia** graduated from Ave Marie School of Law in Naples, Fla., in 2011. With fourteen trials to her name, she works as an assistant state attorney for the Twentieth Judicial Circuit. Cassie lives in Naples, Fla.

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After a brief hiatus, the Class of 2009 updates are back. I hope you're all planning on attending Reunion in May as I can't wait to catch up with everyone in person.

In wedding news, **Alyssa Lewanski Peterson** wed Braxton Peterson on May 26 in Salt Lake City. She recently began her second year teaching at The Madeleine Choir School, the only co-ed choir school in North America.

**Emily Tarnacki Nardozi** married Ryan Nardozi on July 5. The two met in St. Petersburg, Fla., where Emily participated in Notre Dame's ACE program.

**Alex Tulisiak Harvan** married John Harvan (ND '09) on July 27. Her sister, **Samantha Rose Tulisiak '12**, was her maid of honor.

**Katie Kohler Dalhoff** married John Dalhoff (ND '09) on June 29 at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. **Allison Louise Rider**, **Kristen Emily Anderson**, and **Clare Elizabeth Heintz** were bridesmaids. Her sister, Maddie Rose Kohler '16, was in the wedding.

**Christine Ashby Dorsuleski** and husband Pere welcomed baby Liliana Marie on April 22. Joining Christine's hopefully future Belle, **Alicen Miller Teitgen** and husband Jake (ND '08) welcomed daughter Julia Kay on June 6. And, **Paige Olney Zars** and her husband had their first baby, Grayson William Zars, on May 26.

A number of Belles graduated this past spring and started new careers! **Kellie Blaise Anderson** received her law degree at St. Mary's University School of Law in San Antonio in May and took the Texas Bar Exam in July. **Sarah King Politano** graduated with a master of divinity from Harvard Divinity School in May. She and husband Tim moved to Madison, Wis., where she'll be doing a yearlong chaplaincy residence. **Allison Louise Rider** graduated with a doctorate of pharmacy this May from Ohio State. She's currently practicing in her PGY-1 Pharmacy Residence at Borgess Medical Center in Kalamazoo, Mich., for the next year. **Caitlin Marie Stevenson** graduated from med

school at Indiana University at May. She matched with an anesthesiology residency program in Miami, Fla.

Still others went back to the classroom: **Bryn Kathleen Cartmill** started physician assistant school this fall at Western Michigan University, and **Francesca Marie Johnson** began studying at Harvard University's Graduate School of Education.

**Martha Elizabeth Smid** moved to Dubuque, Iowa where she was promoted from an assistant manager to the store manager of the Buckle. Her store has been up since she took over as manager and is only getting better. **Elizabeth Alexis Fernandez** was hired as an RN in the ICU at Lower Keys Medical Center in Key West. **Emily Marie Croft** started teaching junior high social studies at St. Philomena's School in Peoria, Ill. And, **Amanda Marie Blackwell** is spending a year volunteering as a speech language pathologist at the Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos orphanage in Guatemala.

Please keep the updates coming, ladies!

'10

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Hello everyone! Hope things are going great for you. Things are wonderful for me. I am working as an interventionist in Elkhart, Ind. It is so wonderful getting to work with many students and service them in the way that best fits them. I heard from a few of you and even spent some time with two classmates, **Kara Elyse Rusnak** and **Meagan Temple Hartman**! Hope to hear from all of you soon!

**Meagan Temple Hartman** and Michael Hartman (ND '11) bought their first home and currently reside in Mishawaka. Michael is working towards his PhD in civil engineering at Notre Dame. Meagan teaches in the Penn-Harris-Madison School Corporation, and will be graduating with her masters in educational psychology in December 2014.

**Emily Young Wallace** and Bradley Wallace were married in their home town of Wheaton, Ill., on December 27, 2013. Bradley is a 2009 graduate of the University of Missouri. They now reside in San Francisco, Calif. The wedding party included **Kelley Jeske Deeth**, **Karlee Elizabeth Jeske**, **Caitlin Elizabeth Sullivan**, and **Caitlin O'Brien**. Other grads who attended were **Camille Gebert Hoover**, **Megan Carroll Kucala**, **Deirdre Lynn Robinett**, **Sarah Elizabeth Ryniak**, **Mary Christine Sponseller**, **Becky Jane Meade**, and **Megan Marie Beckman**.

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Happy Spring to my fellow 2011 Belles! Thank you to everyone who submitted their news. I love reading what everyone has done since graduation.

**Anna Kastelic Florencki** married her Domer, Tim Florencki (ND '11) at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on October 26, 2013. The newlyweds reside

in Cleveland, Ohio. Belle bridesmaids included Sarah Kastelic '15, **Colette Anne Bradley**, **Christina Marie Rising**, **Maura Elizabeth Sommers**, and **Marie Gill Naylor '13**.

**Colleen Rebecca Lowry** is currently working in Washington, D.C., at The Brookings Institution.

**Mary Castle Auber** married Benjamin Auber in his hometown of St. Martin de Boscherville, France, on July 6th, 2013. The couple met during her study abroad in Ireland, where he was spending his Erasmus year, and they have been together ever since! Currently, Mary is in nursing school, and Benjamin received his master's degree in International Trade in France. The newlyweds are now living in Chicago, Ill.

**Anne Maureen Maguire** is currently living with the Sisters of the Holy Cross in Kyarusazi, Uganda. Anne is there with **Megan Elizabeth McClowry '10** and both are registered nurses working in the Sister's clinic called Kyembogo Holy Cross Health Centre. They arrived in Uganda in

September, and will be there until next summer.

**Megan Aldrup-MacDonald** married John Smith-MacDonald (now John Aldrup-MacDonald) on August 17th in Durham, N.C., where the happy couple resides.

**Tess Wolfenson Gandolfi**, married Joe Gandolfi (ND '09) on July 4, 2013 at Starved Rock State Park, Ill. The newlyweds are currently finishing up graduate school and are excited to see where they end up next!

**Paige Catherine Fairchild** married Darrin Rosenthal in South Bend in June 2013. Paige's sisters, **Emily Susan Fairchild '13** and Samantha Joan Fairchild '16 were bridesmaids. In attendance were **Ali Cronin Donahue '10**, **Jane Fleming '10**, **Emily Stillson High '09**, **Amelia Clare McGannon** and **Ann Manning Oates**. Paige and Darrin are both working at the University of Chicago and living in the Hyde Park neighborhood.

**Kaitlyn Elise Sahd** is currently working in the Pediatric Intermediate Intensive Care Unit at Penn

State Hershey Children's Hospital. She has been an instrumental member of the move team which helped to orchestrate the move of the hospital into a brand new state of the art hospital. Kaitlyn also has passed the certification exam to be a Certified Pediatric Nurse.

'12

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From the Courier office: **Danae Rashelle Jimenez** wrote: I am currently working for Defiance College (Defiance, Ohio) as the director for theatre productions. Next semester, spring 2014, I will be producing an original work written by another Saint Mary's woman. I will be producing a full-length play by **Kara Amelia Quillard '13**, *The Final Round*, at Defiance College with the DC Players. A play about friends who are in college, and all of the ups, downs, and turning points in friendships, as well as the reunions that come with time. A play that encourages all to reflect on the relationships of our lives. The production ran February 20–February 23 in Defiance, Ohio at Defiance College.

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Hello all! Amy and I have tried to get everyone to update us with class news; we know that there is news, so share it! Here is what we have heard:

**Gina Kaylene Althoff** is leaving for Malawi in March to serve in the Peace Corps. **Brittani Hradsky** is also leaving for her Peace Corps placement in Morocco. While there, she will be working the next two years in the youth and community development sector running programs at either a youth development center or a women's center. Good luck, Ladies!

**Cara Briana O'Connor-Combee** is working for Nestle in Calif. Yum!

**Hanna Murdoch** is now **Hanna Thomson**.

She married Joe Thomson September 1st. Congratulations Hanna and Joe! This is everything we have for this time around.

Make sure you look out for the emails from Amy and me so we can get the news of your lives out to our fellow Belles.

All the best!

## Excelsior

**KATHRYN M. SCHWILLE '74** has been awarded a 2013–14 literature fellowship from the North Carolina Arts Council. The \$10,000 grant supports development of her new work, a cycle of short stories set against the backdrop of the Columbia shuttle disaster in East Texas. Her previous work has been published in literary magazines around the country and she's been a finalist for the Pushcart Prize, among other awards.

**MICHELE MALLOY '71** was named Woman on the Move for 2013 by the Texas Executive Women for her service to the Houston community. She has served on the Board of the University of St. Thomas for 11 years and is beginning her fourth year as its chair. She is a Lady of the Grand Cross in the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem and serves as the Mistress of Pilgrimages for the Southwestern Lieutenantcy. She is a Dame of Malta and a trustee of the Cullen Trust for Higher Education and Houston Grand Opera. She volunteers for the Catholic Chaplain Corps at St. Luke's Hospital and is a Volunteer Patient Advocate at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center. She practices estate planning, probate, and business law at Fishman Jackson Stewart Wiley.

**DR. CHRISTINE DZIWURA MARTINEZ '78** and her husband received the Humanitarian Award from the Catholic Charities of Eastern Virginia on November 20, 2013. The award is bestowed upon individuals whose service inspires others to the ideal that society is worth improving and that sharing and caring are part of a well-lived life. Martinez has been a member of St. Matthew Catholic Church in Virginia Beach for 15 years. She serves as the chair of the Parish Pastoral Council, the St. Matthew's Respect Life Committee, serves on the diocese's Respect Life Commission, and is active with 40 Days for Life.

**KAREN PEELER MOYNAHAN '79** was named, effective, January 1, 2014, the executive director of the National Association of Schools of Art and Design, the National Association of Schools of Dance, the National Association of Schools of Music, the National Association of Schools of Theatre, and the Accrediting Commission for Community and Precollegiate Arts Schools. These organizations provide the service of specialized accreditation to institutions offering programs in fine, performing, and visual arts and design at the collegiate and precollegiate levels.

**MARY LU BILEK '77**, Dean of University of Massachusetts School of Law at Dartmouth (UMass Law), was honored at the sixth annual Top Women of Law in Boston sponsored by Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly. This annual event recognizes the accomplishments of women lawyers in the areas of private practice, the corporate arena, and social advocacy. Bilek was recognized for her commitment to social advocacy and access to justice through her performance in the area of public legal education. Bilek serves regularly as an accreditation Site Visit Team member for the ABA. She is a 2007 Fellow of the National Institute for Teaching Ethics and Professionalism and serves on the Board of Directors of the National Center for Law and Economic Justice and FairTest. She Chaired the ABA Section on Legal Education and Diversity Committee in 2010–2011 and is a member of its Special Committee on the Professional Education Continuum. She also serves on the Society of American Law Teachers Committee on (RE) Visioning Legal Education.



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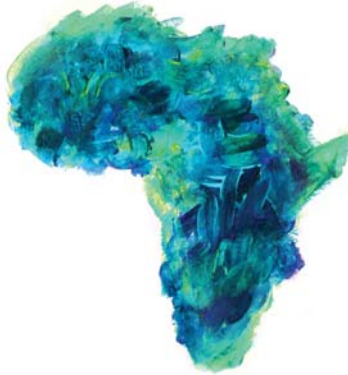
This past October, I had a wonderful opportunity to go on a mission trip to Kenya. Hands down, it was one of the most remarkable experiences of my life, behind my wedding day and giving birth to my two-year old daughter. (Graduating from Saint Mary's was also near the top!) Getting on that plane took a lot of soul searching beforehand. Deep down, I felt my roles as a mother and wife conflicted with my career goals as a nurse. I realized how hard it is for the working mother to pursue her dreams both in the household and in the workforce.

The mission trip that I went on was through a nonprofit organization called the Pediatric Universal Life Saving Effort (PULSE). PULSE was created by pediatric intensive care physicians and nurses who share an interest in international medicine and global outreach. The goals of this program are to increase access to pediatric intensive care and raise awareness of the education needed for international pediatricians and nurses. The organization focuses primarily on Kenya, Haiti, and Nepal.

As soon as I heard about the mission, I felt a calling. It just so happened that October was the perfect time to go. I had just finished my degree for Pediatric Nurse Practitioner at Rush University and needed a refresher on why I had entered the nursing field in the first place. Additionally, my daughter was at an age where she might not remember her mother being gone for a long trip, but was still quite manageable for my dear husband, Aaron. (In all honesty, I would never have made the trip if it was not for him. I am quite blessed with a husband who supports me in all that I do.)

As I started to make plans, save money, and plan my vaccines, I spoke to family and friends about my trip. My mother was nervous about the idea of sending her daughter into unknown territory. (This worsened after the mall shootings in Nairobi in September). Many of the other mothers I encountered on a daily basis were supportive—my mom (though she was concerned), my mother-in-law, and other nurses with whom I worked. But some questioned why I would want to leave my family. I heard the phrase, "Once a mother, always a mother," implying that a mother should always put her child's needs first.

This made a huge impact on me. I feel that I am not the average mom due to working full time and being in school part time for the past three years. My daughter was born in the midst of grad school chaos, but I kept going with hopes of supporting my family better in the future. Working and grad school were to help improve my family, but what or who was Africa for? Was it me being selfish?



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Now that I look back on it, I don't think I was selfish. God gave me a gift and a passion for helping others and I do it through my work as well as at home. I have an opportunity through nursing to help improve children's lives and educate others. I took that chance to explore a new country to be able to touch other's lives, but to let them touch mine too. I learned so much on my trip—visiting clinics that have very little support and seeing how intensive care units function in a developing country. I came back with a renewed passion for my career, appreciated my blessing of being a mother to a healthy child, and I was struck by how much I had missed my husband and how happy he really makes me.

I can't wait to someday show my daughter the joy of giving back. Yes, I was pulled away from my duties as her mother for 10 days, but I hope she can learn from my experience as she grows older. I want to teach her to follow her passions and find a career that she truly enjoys. And I want her to appreciate the joy of giving back to others and seeing life through other people's eyes. Deep down, I want her to not be too sheltered and to experience how other people live, understand their hardships, and be able to reflect on these. I think this helps build compassion and understanding. In the coming years, I hope to stay involved with PULSE and return to Kenya again and hopefully someday my daughter can come and see her mother do what she loves.

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**A peek inside the greenhouse:** This photo was taken in the Saint Mary's greenhouse, where, in the past, some faculty and biology students have conducted their projects and research. The College grounds crew also uses the space to overwinter plants. It is soon to get an upgrade—plans are in the works for an entirely new greenhouse to be built in its place during the upcoming Science Hall renovation (funded by *Faith Always, Action Now: The Campaign for Saint Mary's College*). The new greenhouse will be dedicated to teaching and research.

