



Spring Greetings to SJC Alumnae!

WE SURVIVED! We were able to work through a pandemic and talk about it at Reunion 2022. A shoutout to the classes of 1970 and 1971 who were unable to celebrate their 50th Reunion in 2020 and 2021 but came back in numbers to celebrate jointly with the class of 1972. These were three unique classes who shared years together as students and came to the Wyndham to celebrate their milestone in a way no other classes have, and all had a great time! My class felt we were back on campus, catching up and having fun with all our classmates, and with the two previous years. It was great! Tom Lesser, our photographer, was able to take a group photo of the 3 classes. With 80 plus people in the photo, it was a challenge, but he did it!

Here are some comments from a few Class of 1972 alumnae. Ann Brummit O'Brien wrote "it was very special for me to have the opportunity to spend time catching up with dear friends and reminiscing. Reunion was a huge success". Sandy Cardella Speicher wrote "Still thinking of the wonderful weekend back with our classmates – like it was 1972 again!" And Maria Elena Cartegena DeCaire wrote "Thanks to all that made reunion so great. It was wonderful to see everyone".

We have 3 remaining Reunions scheduled; April 13-16, 2023, April 4-7, 2024, and our final celebration as SJC Alumnae will be held April 3-6, 2025. In 2023 the SJCAA Board will begin discussing the events for our 2025 Reunion. We will keep you updated on that Reunion as plans develop.

During our annual meeting, Kraig Sheetz, Executive Vice President at Mount St. Mary's University, updated us on the progress of The School of Health Professions (SoHP), to be housed in one wing of the former Provincial House (E Wing). Kraig said the new school is scheduled to open in August 2024 beginning with a Physician Assistant program. The next program very well may be a master's in nursing. The Mount is looking to fill voids in health care education in the region. Knowing that nursing was a core program of SJC, the Mount would like that tradition to continue. The Mount is also working to develop programs where students come to the school for their medical degree, and then work in areas of need as part of Care for America. There are opportunities for SJCAA to be a part of supporting the School of Health Professions effort. I have appointed a Board sub-committee to investigate those possibilities and will report to the full Board at our September meeting. Following that, we will update the Association on how we may be a part of it.



Our Finance Chair, Claire Maurer, updated us on the financial state of the Association. We are in good financial shape, and if we continue to receive our budgeted amount of \$50,000 dues annually through 2025, will have no problem keeping the Association going through that year. Any remaining monies we have left when we begin our association with the Mount St. Mary's National Alumni Association will be donated to charity.

As of now, we have \$40,000 of our budget of \$50,000 for 2022. For those of you who have already paid dues, THANK YOU! There is no need to send more dues. Anyone not current paying dues is receiving a dues envelope along with this letter. We ask that you think about contributing to the Association – there are only a few more years to go.

Again, thank you for your continued support through all of these years. We expected to be losing money for many years, but thanks to the generosity of the Association, we have not been in the red at all. The support has been overwhelming to us and shown us how much the members appreciate all the work we do, as volunteers, to 'stay alive to 2025'. Thank you for your generosity and to the members who are not current with their dues, thank you for paying them now.

Have a good Spring and we will update you as we have more news.

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