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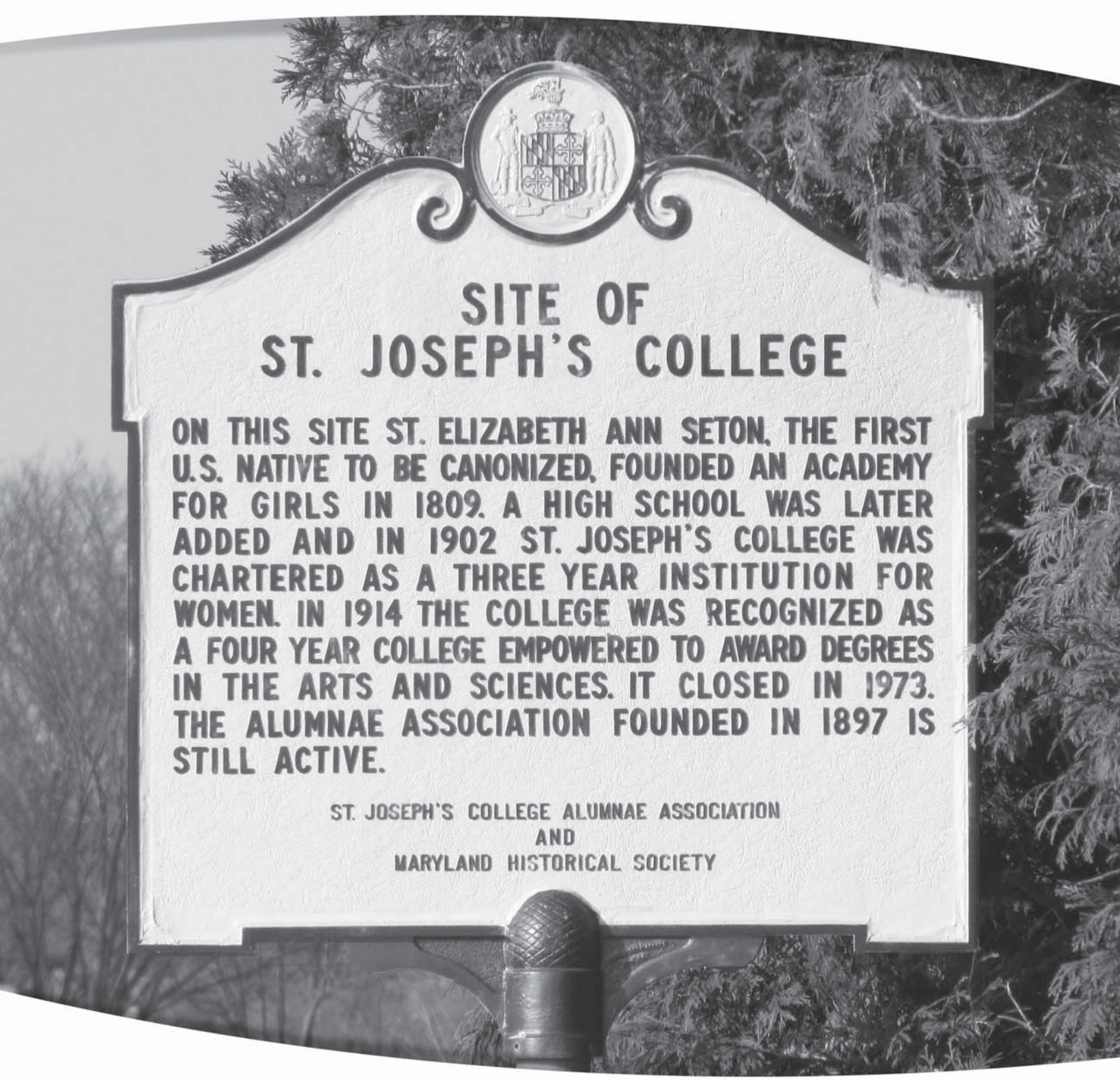

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We are pleased to bring you the Fall 2013 issue of *The Valley Echo*. There are many more alumnae volunteers associated with publishing this issue than with earlier issues of our alumnae magazine.

The SJCAA Board of Trustees has assumed editorial responsibilities for this and future editions of our publication. Kathleen Graham '68, The Valley Echo editor for many years, has retired from the Editor's role after decades of outstanding service to our organization. The names of the Editorial Board and contributors for this issue of The Valley Echo are printed below.

We hope you enjoy our effort!

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Each issue of *The Valley Echo* and its predecessor The Alumnae Quarterly reminds us that our Alumnae Association continues to honor the remarkable gifts of friendship and goodwill shared by our alumnae sisters for many decades. I alluded to this treasury of bonhomie when I wrote about our shared legacies in my last *Valley Echo* message. This issue of *The Valley Echo* brings these special legacies into the spotlight once again.

The SJCAA's print publications and its website (sjcalumnae.org) are tangible ways for SJC alumnae to maintain connections with their classmates and alumnae friends. We know it's important for you to receive current news and we are always glad to share good news with our "best" friends. Likewise, the SJCAA's Annual Reunion provides opportunities to refresh our alumnae networks. Enduring friendships resonate each year when the Golden Class returns to renew and polish the links of friendship begun decades earlier. The column for the class of 1963 in this issue of *The Valley Echo* recalls this Golden Class's joy-filled days at Reunion 2013 and the joyful noise of being "All Together" again. Tobie Gibbons' poignant and humorous recollections contained in her "Memories" speech are included this *Valley Echo*. Tobie began with "Welcome home; welcome back home to a beautiful place that was our home…" Her message reminds us all of the common bonds and experiences we shared in a Valley blessed by the seasons and in the shadow of Mary's Mountain. In another part of *The Valley Echo*, a reflective essay written by Marjorie Roberts Tautkus '63 focuses on an important aspect of our SJC legacy, a Catholic liberal arts education; it truly is our "gift to the world".

Marykay Hughes Clark, class of 1972, writes affectionately about her "Emmitsburg family". The members of this family are friends she met "in a little town in Maryland" in 1968. She compares her experience with that of her mother Kay Fullam Hughes '41from Brooklyn and her mother's SJC classmate Bebe Cohill from Hancock, MD and their long-lasting friendship. In fact, Marykay adds that her mother's friendship network included so many other SJC women Marykay "was convinced my mother had about a dozen sisters." The legacy of friendship was and still is a "treasure to every young woman in every class". As you read Marykay's reminiscences, contrast it with your own recollections ~ then call an SJC friend!

Finally, Karen Mattscheck '72, Vice-president of the Alumnae Association's Board of Trustees, provides a current update about the St. Joseph College Alumnae Scholarship at Mount St. Mary's University. The fund is now established and the first scholarship will be awarded for the 2015-2016 academic year. This fund is a significant milestone in securing our legacy now and in the future. It guarantees that the name and spirit of St. Joseph College will continue to echo in the Mother Seton's Valley.

We hope you will enjoy reading this *Valley Echo* and savor the memories of your own years as an SJC student. For some of us, these memories are treasures and their experiences were gifts. Please remember: Reunion 2014 is March 27 – 30, 2014. Old memories will be shared and new memories will be made. We all agree a very precious legacy is the gift of time and the laughter shared with friends. Save the date!

May the days ahead bring renewed joy as you prepare for seasons of peace and plenty.

Warm regards,

Maureen

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General information about SJCAA Annual Dues:

Active membership in the St. Joseph College Alumnae Association (SJCAA) guarantees an alumna will receive all Association mailings, including a paper copy of *The Valley Echo*, the Association's annual publication. Dues also support office administration, the SJCAA website and our philanthropic efforts in the Emmitsburg area.

The SJCAA sends bills or invoices for Annual Dues to all alumnae in October of each calendar year to provide operating funds for the coming year.

The invoice indicates

a. The year for which dues are being collected; and

b. The date that the dues are to be received in the SJCAA office

An example to explain the SJCAA's dues procedure:

In October 2013, the Association will send **invoices** or bills to all alumnae for their **2014 ANNUAL DUES.** Annual Dues for 2014 are **due at the time the 2014 dues invoice is received** by an alumna. **2014 Dues sent to the office as late as June 30, 2014 will also maintain active membership in the Association.**

When you send a dues payment in December for the dues year beginning January 1, please note the following information:

In order to accommodate end-of-year tax rules, all donations written and postmarked on or before December 31 but received in the SJCAA office in January will be processed and receipted according to the *date on the postmark or the date of the electronic transaction.* The receipt date complies with best practices in accounting procedures for donations and/or dues received toward the end of the year.

July 1st, 2013 Dues Analysis

Solicitable base: 1,828 alumnae

(This figure excludes alumnae whose status reflect: no mailings, invalid addresses and Daughters of Charity)

Alumnae with 2013 Dues Paid: 750

Percentage of dues paying, active alumnae: 41%
Total dues paid for the 2013 campaign so far (since October 2012 until June 30, 2013): $52,846.00

2013 Dues By Classes

Year	Valid Addresses	2013 Dues Paid	Active
1928 Total	1	0	0.0%
1931 Total	2	0	0.0%
1932 Total	3	0	0.0%
1933 Total	1	0	0.0%
1935 Total	1	0	0.0%
1936 Total	5	1	20.0%
1938 Total	3	1	33.3%
1939 Total	9	2	22.2%
1940 Total	3	1	33.3%
1941 Total	9	5	55.6%
1942 Total	8	2	25.0%
1943 Total	15	1	6.7%
1944 Total	15	4	26.7%
1945 Total	11	6	54.5%
1946 Total	12	4	33.3%
1947 Total	19	10	52.6%
1948 Total	27	15	55.6%
1949 Total	22	12	54.5%
1950 Total	24	13	54.2%
1951 Total	27	11	40.7%
1952 Total	30	11	36.7%
1953 Total	19	8	42.1%
1954 Total	34	15	44.1%
1955 Total	24	14	58.3%
1956 Total	24	15	62.5%
1957 Total	42	15	35.7%
1958 Total	48	23	47.9%
1959 Total	43	21	48.8%
1960 Total	1	19	46.3%
1961 Total	64	35	54.7%
1962 Total	59	22	37.3%
1963 Total	83	51	61.4%
1964 Total	103	58	56.3%
1965 Total	97	45	46.4%
1966 Total	77	26	33.8%
1967 Total	102	33	32.4%
1968 Total	137	59	43.1%
1969 Total	128	44	34.4%
1970 Total	107	42	39.3%
1971 Total	87	21	24.1%
1972 Total	96	42	43.8%
1973 Total	104	31	29.8%
1974 Total	42	10	23.8%
1975 Total	20	2	10.0%
TOTALS	**1828**	**750**	**41.0%**

St. Joseph Alumnae Scholarship at Mount St. Mary's University: Update

The St. Joseph College Alumnae Scholarship fund is a reality! Through the generosity of many alumnae, bequests from two alumnae and a starting donation from the Association's funds, we have raised $50,000 to endow a scholarship at Mount St. Mary's University. The first scholarship will be awarded for the academic year beginning in the fall of 2015. The scholarship will help keep the SJCAA name alive long after the organization ceases its operations.

An initial generous bequest came from the estate of Marie Slyker Schmidt '40. Marie stated in her trust document: "When I was most in need of guidance when I was very young, the Daughters of Charity, who had been a part of my life since infancy, were generous to me, providing me with an education, including a code of ethics which has guided my life." When Marie's daughter notified us of this bequest she wrote, "Our mother was so proud and grateful for her education…thank you for what you meant to our mother." The Association also received a bequest from the estate of Mabel Edwards Fechteler '35; it was also added to the scholarship fund.

In addition, the SJCAA's Baltimore club made a donation to the fund. Several alumnae have also contributed to the scholarship. The classes of '64, '65, '66, '68, '70, '71, '72, '73, and '74 have established separate class funds as part of their future 50th reunion class gift.

The amount of financial aid to be awarded will be approximately 5% of the total amount accumulated in the endowment. With the amount currently in the fund, the initial scholarship award will be about $2500 annually. The amount of the award will increase as the Association receives more donations. The larger the account grows, the higher the amount that can be awarded each year as scholarship aid.

A donation to the St. Joseph College Alumnae Scholarship Fund may be made by enclosing an extra amount of money for this purpose with your annual dues payment. Please make certain you include a note indicating the amount you wish to donate to this fund. You may also send a separate payment to the SJCAA Alumnae Office indicating your check is for this fund or you may choose to go to our website (sjcalumnae.org) and make a donation on-line.

Thank you to all who have helped so far to make the dream of keeping our name alive in Emmitsburg a reality! It is remarkable that we have such a vibrant Alumnae Association 40+ years after the closing of our college. We will continue to make our mark on the Valley for many years to come. The SJCAA is immensely grateful for the support we have received thus far.

Karen Mattscheck '72
Vice President SJCAA

St. Joseph's College ~ More then a Memory *Marykay Hughes Clark SJC 72*

As soon as I cross the Mason Dixon line heading south, it's obvious I'm not from Emmitsburg. Five generations of New Yorkers contributed to my accent and if that isn't enough of a clue, the sheer volume and speed of New York word delivery is a dead giveaway. This is only place I've lived outside of New York. The way I feel about Emmitsburg brings me back year after year. I started at St. Joseph's in the late 1960's, my mother graduated in 1941 along with my aunt; her sisters were there through the 1930's, and their mother was a 1909 centennial graduate. My husband graduated from the Mount in 1970; his father and uncles were Mount Prep grads in the 1930's. The people I most value and hold closest to my heart today are the friends I first met in a little town in Maryland in 1968. St. Joseph College is more than just a memory for me, it's my family.

My arrival in Emmitsburg in 1968 was made possible in part, by Fiorella LaGuardia, the Depression era mayor of New York City. In the late 1930's, my grandfather was an accountant who was working two city jobs to support his family. He was called to the mayor's office to answer a complaint that he should be fired for having what some considered more than his fair share of employment. Back in the day, even in a city as large as New York, being called to the mayor's office meant, in fact, seeing the Mayor - the real Mayor, not some deputy assistant administrative associate mayor. This was a very big deal. Loss of his livelihood was the probable outcome. My grandfather explained to the Mayor that he had always worked two jobs to ensure that his children could receive the highest level of education he could give them. His kids contributed with part time jobs and were scholarship students. He had one son at Fordham law school, another was a Manhattan College undergraduate, and a daughter who was about to begin college at St. Joseph's in Emmitsburg. This was at a time when a college education, while taken for granted by the wealthy, was still a luxury for most men, and almost unheard of for young women. My grandfather, a widower who had raised his children alone, was definitely not wealthy. He told the Mayor his goal in life was to enable his children to have a Catholic education, learn everything they could and work hard to support themselves. If he could give the boys that opportunity, he was going to make sure it was also possible for his daughter.

The Mayor's reaction was quiet - unusual for a volatile Italian with a reputation for a love of talking. LaGuardia's exact words weren't recorded, but my mother recollects it as, "Mr. Fullam, you're doing something remarkable. I wish everybody in New York City valued our children's future as much as you do. We'd all be a lot better off today. God bless you and you can keep your jobs." The family breathed a collective sigh of relief. My mother packed up her trunk and was driven to Emmitsburg and deposited at St. Joseph's by Msgr. James Casey, the pastor of their parish in Brooklyn, who had arranged a scholarship for her. Msgr. Casey, a family friend, was also a Mount graduate and lifelong Mount benefactor whose desire was to share the unique feeling of community he found in Emmitsburg with as many people as he could. So in 1937, Kay Fullam arrived from Brooklyn and met a girl from Hancock, Maryland. Along with the regular curriculum, my mom learned to love the apple orchards that Bebe Cohill called home and Bebe learned to love New York. She moved to Brooklyn to marry my mother's brother and later become my godmother. For fifty years, this friendship that started in Emmitsburg continued to grow and sustain them. It included so many other women from their class that as a kid I was convinced my mother had about a dozen sisters. Watching the love, support and encouragement all these women shared over the years, I've benefitted from the spirit of this college from the day I was born, although it took me decades to realize the extent of my gratitude.

Mary Kay Hughes Clarke '72

I had no idea what to expect in Emmitsburg when I arrived in 1968. I'm from the south shore of Long Island where there's an abundance of beautiful flat beaches but a severe shortage of elevation. Swimming was a big part of my life, hills were an unknown factor. For somebody familiar with the level predictability of the Long Island Expressway, driving over South Mountain was a wilderness experience. Watching fog wreaths float up from the valley knocked me out. I felt safe when I could see the mountains on the horizon and each fall I impatiently waited for them to change into their trix-are-for-kids colors. By the time I had figured out that pigs were not pink and that a herd of dairy cows wouldn't stampede, I was in love with Emmitsburg.

I still can't figure out how the Daughters of Charity had me pegged so fast. The first day I arrived on campus I was put on academic probation. I had majored in art in high school and the admissions department at St. Joseph's wasn't at all convinced that I was a strong enough contender to carry the full 18 credits per semester the college required. I panicked, worried that I would be locked in the library until Christmas. Luckily, the only penalty involved was not being allowed to carry a full academic schedule. During my first semester, I wasn't permitted to take the Ethics course that was mandatory for the rest of my classmates. This probably didn't have the positive effect the administration hoped for; it was 1968, I was a noisy 18-year old and quickly realized that the absence of ethics sure wasn't going to interfere with my social life.

Conduct was prescribed by a rule book of regulations that was nearing the end of an era by 1968. The dress code at St. Joe's mandated that skirts be worn at all times. This resulted in an epidemic of girls wearing knee sox, loafers and trench coats buttoned to the neck, regardless of season or temperature. The coats usually covered cut-off faded blue jeans and tee shirts, except for early morning classes when pajamas were the easiest option. Curfew was at 11:00 p.m. When we left campus, we had to sign out and note our destination. These entries contributed to the development of our ingenuity and resourcefulness and many of us took creativity to new levels; panic ensued each time it was rumored that Sr. Gertrude planned to send these sheets home to our parents. We were sure the rules were designed to discourage every opportunity for romance, but we were inventive, with the result that our class must have at least a dozen SJC-MSM marriages. When I say that the strict no drinking policy didn't slow some of us down much, I am only speaking for myself, not wanting to implicate most of my dearest friends. Attendance at Convocations was mandatory and required wearing full academic attire. Headcounts were taken and there was no way to avoid this cap and gown torture. However, the college provided great storage facilities; if you had no history of claustrophobia and were willing to hide quietly in a roomy closet for an hour, your attendance was never missed. For years my roommate and I had caps and gowns that never left their original boxes. At our 35th reunion we took a FEMA-sponsored tour of the campus; neither of us ever remembered being inside the chapel. It seemed we balked at every regulation, big and small, but we were growing. In addition to academic education, we were learning and discovering the value of friendships that would last a lifetime. The administration at St. Joseph's in the late sixties and early seventies encountered a group of intelligent, and admittedly exasperating, young women on the cusp of an era of sweeping social change. We were impatient and didn't feel the need to have doors opened for us.

My mother and her friends graduated in 1941; social convention dictated that they should expect door holding. However, in 1941, the majority of men in this country had urgent military responsibilities; their absence during the war years provided the opportunity for women to step up, open their own doors and launch their own careers. The women of St. Joseph's responded. The college sent those young women off with an education, a confidence in God and themselves and a deep loyalty, appreciation and spirit of love for each other that has carried them for six decades. For more than 160 years St. Joseph's offered this treasure to every young woman in every class in the academy high school and college. My generation may have plundered the rule book, but we've always protected the treasure. We thought some of the rules seemed irrelevant and of no great concern in the long run, but somehow we knew the spirit and goals of the college would provide empowerment and the stability that would become central in our lives.

When I tried to put it into words, I realized that the Emmitsburg connection is pretty much impossible to explain to anyone who hasn't been here. I call it a treasure, one of my friends calls it magic. Put these together and you've got something so valuable it defies explanation. For me, it encompasses family and forty years of irreplaceable friends who've become family. The treasure and the spirit unique to St. Joseph's is the two hundred years of love and community that Saint Elizabeth Seton created in this valley. It's made us a part of something greater than ourselves and has nurtured, educated, carried and befriended us for generations. Don't ever believe it's just a memory.

The Value of a Liberal Arts Education: Priceless

by Marjorie Roberts Tautkus

During this reunion, someone asked me what was the value of my liberal arts education. I didn't seem to have used it. Wasn't my experience there like going to Finishing School, a very nice experience but pointless unless you are rich and can afford to waste the money? I didn't have a ready answer for her then, but this morning it hit me. We're talking about the duality of human life itself: active and contemplative, body and soul, what we do and why we do it, the one just as important as the other. Activity without thought and long term objective is just busy time. Oh, God will use it to accomplish His own purposes, just as He uses animal and plant life, but we won't have much profit from it or a lasting satisfaction. The reverse is equally true: thought without action is futile: Mary without Martha, prayer without good works, knowing what we should do but then not doing it.

Liberal arts education has to do with values: why you do what you do, what are your objectives, who are you and why are you alive? That is philosophy; that is literature. History is learning from our mistakes and our victories. Visual arts and music are an outpouring of spirit, an expression of self that reminds, teaches and shares with others.

You nurses, you scientists, you scholars, you teachers had the glorious experience of both worlds. You learned both long term and short-term goals, and how to achieve them. We wives and mothers, lawyers and businesswomen, athletes and secretaries have carried the values we learned into everyday life in many other ways. We have educated our families, argued our principles, dealt kindly with the unprincipled, taught by our lives and our example, "fought the good fight", and kept the faith that underlies all of our works. This is how we were taught; this is the example as well as the words; this is what the Daughters of Charity gave us in lives poured out in service. This is our Catholic liberal arts gift to the world.

Our lives, too, have been poured out in service. Now, as we reflect on those lives and prepare to meet the One who sent us into the world, we find we still have something to give: our example, our love, our reflections. Even our suffering and death, when joined with Christ's, are redemptive.

So remember who you are, what you are and why you are, and thank God for St. Joe's!

Reminiscences of the Class of 1963 *by Anne Marie "Tobie" Gibbons '63*

Welcome. Welcome home, welcome back home - to a beautiful place that was our home for four years, more than 50 years ago. A long, long time ago.

In trying to get my mind around 50 years, I thought of when we were in school and jubilarians returned to campus. Those returning for their 50th reunion in 1960, would have graduated from St. Joseph's in 1910. Think of all the changes they saw in those 50 years – two world wars, the depression, the dust bowl, electrification, the automobile, highways, planes, telephone - you name it. And just as the class of 1910 saw and lived through multiple changes and challenges so has the class of 1963.

We entered St. Joseph's at the very end of the 50s. August 1959 to be exact. The decade of suburbia, prosperity -- the decade after the Second World War. For the first time, some of our families owned a home, a car, a television set. Some of us were the first in our families to go to college. We did not come with cell phones or laptops and there was no "google." We did come with trunks - as if we were going on an ocean voyage – filled with clothes, underwear, sheets, towels – all with our names on hand sewn labels. We had one phone on the first floor of Seton. But we had mailboxes, and mail twice a day.

Four years later in June 1963 we graduated – 77 of us. We went on to be nurses, teachers, social workers, religious workers, lawyers, administrators, leaders, wives, and mothers.

When we graduated, we entered the world from a serene campus where there were "some" rules. We could not wear slacks. We were required to wear hose, although some got away with knee socks. We had to be back on campus from Charlie's at 5:30 for dinner. We could not smoke, except in the Pines. We could not drink. We could not go on picnics. We were forbidden to do the Twist. We were bussed over to Mount St. Mary's for dances. Despite our chaperoned meetings with Mount men -- and I don't know how this happened -- several Joe's girls married Mount men.

Life was truly different 50 years ago. For one thing, we were young. The rules and the prohibitions tightened our friendships.

Our memory book has outlined some of our college adventures. None of these adventures would I call "wild." Although Sister Mary Ellen Kelly did say, "There is a rowdy element in this class." Our adventures were: clandestine tours of the convent basement...hiding in closets to avoid cultural events... even mixing Tang with some other substance for "happy hour"... borrowing silver salt and pepper shakers for popcorn which resulted in an emergency convocation... and
of course, the forbidden picnics.

I am sure you have all read the memory book and have relived our adventures. I will not get into specifics now. I am a little afraid that if I do, some of your diplomas are in danger of being revoked. And you know what you did and who you are! I am holding up a 1960 Rule Book that Sister Judy Parkin so thoughtfully gave me when I arrived here on Thursday. Sister Judy seemed to doubt that I had EVER read the Rule Book. In turn, I seriously doubt that many of you have read it. Don't worry. I think the statute of limitations would apply to our high jinks.

So, we are 50 years removed from those days. Fifty years is a long time. Each of us has different perceptions on our four years at St. Joseph's College for Women. We all hold our dedicated teachers in high esteem and credit them for influencing some of our life choices. They are too numerous to name, but we value them as extraordinary teachers and mentors.

I am especially grateful to Fr. Kline, and Sr. Margaret Ann. For me, Sister Margaret Ann left an indelible mark - a red indelible mark, writing, "I stop here!" I so didn't want her to stop there - I wanted her to read on and be awed by my
literary insight.

And then there was Msgr. Kline - he'll always be Fr. Kline to me. Fr. Kline in the Pines – playing bridge. Fr. Kline in the Chapel – his liturgy, his beautiful homilies, his spirituality, his love of St. Joseph's and the Mount. Fr. Kline in the classroom – his brilliant teaching, his clarity, his wonderful humor. He seemed to get a special kick out of honing in on the student with downcast eyes who did not want to be engaged in his Socratic method.

When we graduated, we did not know what turbulence was ahead: the assassination of JFK... the civil rights movement... the assassination of Martin Luther King...the assassination of Robert Kennedy...the Vietnam war... pot...drugs...the pill... free sex... psychedelic music...the Beatles...The Feminine Mystique. We survived the 60s, and went on to the 70s, 80s, 90s, 2000, and 2010s. And now 2013 and we are still here.

In the 50 years since we graduated, we have lived through much happiness and joy, as well as tragedy and heartaches. Twelve of our classmates have died. We remembered them at our Mass on Friday and tonight. Most recently Terri Smith and Jill Myers Audet.

The Class of '63 was privileged - not so much with money. We were privileged because we were able to experience life at St. Joseph College for Women. We were privileged and our privileged life continues because of the exceptional teachers we had to guide us, because of the Daughters of Charity and Mother Seton who imparted spiritual values to us, and because of the splendid young women who entered our class and became our friends.

I left St. Joseph's with a sense of optimism and hope. I would like to quote part of one of my favorite poems that speaks to me of optimism and hope and reminds me of the class of '63.

"Sometimes"
by Sheenagh Pugh

"Sometimes, things don't go, after all, from bad to worse...

A people sometimes will step back from war,
elect an honest man, decide they care
enough, that they can't leave some stranger poor.
Some women become what they were born for..."

So, let's continue our optimism and hope, hold on to our friendships with each other, and hold on to our memories of St. Joseph College. And remember that, "sometimes, thing don't go from bad to worse..."

Thank you for a wonderful Reunion.

Seton Center's Outreach Efforts Bolstered by Sizeable Donation from Class of 1963

"Back in the day" when we were students at SJC, Mother Seton School, a colorful modular facility just across Seton Avenue from the entrance to our campus, was a familiar sight on our walks to and from Emmitsburg. Today, the school, now located in "downtown Emmitsburg," is thriving, and there the educational ministry of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and the Daughters of Charity continues in the Valley.

But those antiquated, deteriorating modular units still stand on Seton Avenue, their outward appearance masking the strength of the work taking place inside. The former elementary school houses Seton Center, a linchpin of the Daughters' community outreach ministry to people in need.

In a recent month, says Director Sr. Salvatrice Murphy, D.C., Seton Center "helped a family keep their home out of foreclosure; accompanied a retired farmer through his struggle with cancer; provided emergency housing to a young mother of three fleeing an abusive spouse; helped a father of five prepare for his GED exam; coordinated a community service day; and supported a drug awareness education campaign."

Thanks to the generosity of our members, the SJC Alumnae Association supports Seton Center's outreach programs with an annual donation from our Philanthropy Fund. But this year, the Class of 1963, our Golden Jubilarians, bolstered the many works emanating from the center. During the Reunion 2013 Saturday evening banquet at the Wyndham Hotel in Gettysburg, Class of 1963 Agent Ellen Krieger Smelas, along with classmate Pat Lieb Mudd, presented Sr. Salvatrice and Seton Center with a check for $18,430.

"We hope that other SJC classes will pick up on the idea to donate to such a worthy endeavor in Emmitsburg," Ellen says. "Supporting a mission of the Daughters of Charity links our own past to the present needs of the people in the area — another circle completed."

Reunion attendees were amazed to learn that as late as November 2012, the Class of 1963 fund totaled $9,530, which is not an insignificant donation by generous class members. "But our choice of Seton Center and the enthusiasm surrounding our 50th anniversary of graduation from SJC, really inspired us," Ellen observes. "Within four months, we doubled that amount."

Support from the Class of 1963 "couldn't have come at a better time," Sr. Salvatrice notes. "Funding cuts have been so severe that other agencies serving the Emmitsburg area have closed." One of Seton Center's greatest challenges was unanticipated, unbudgeted transportation expenses. "We spent a lot of time and money helping people get to and from surrounding towns to access chemotherapy treatments, psychiatric care and other services we could not provide directly," she adds.

"We are absolutely committed to continued service in Emmitsburg and have been working to address unmet needs in the community," Sr. Salvatrice continues. "Due to the stability of our existing programs, the Department of Aging sought us out when they needed help administering a dental grant. In fewer than six months we were able to secure more than $15,000 of oral health care for local seniors."

"The needs of the poor are abundant," she says. "While we continue to meet emergency needs, at Seton Center we are focused on helping people transition out of poverty. We want to help people overcome whatever circumstances are keeping them poor."

Meanwhile, the center director, its board and staff must face the daunting challenge of capital improvements to the facility. "The quality of our service is disguised by the inefficient, temporary modular units in which we work," Sr. Salvatrice notes. "As we address the reality of our deteriorating facility, it is my great hope that the families in need will find, not just a solid foundation of hope, but also a solid structure as they work with Seton Center to build their own futures."

As for the generosity of the Class of 1963, and meeting other Reunion 2013 attendees, Sr. Salvatrice concludes, "It was a great privilege to witness the powerful connection of SJC alumnae during the Reunion banquet. And Seton Center is blessed to provide much-needed services in Emmitsburg through the generosity of SJC women."

SJCAA Philanthropy Fund: Your Donations Count

The SJC Alumnae Association Philanthropy Fund supports the Seton Center outreach programs with an annual donation, and also contributes to other local charities. We are committed to assist those in need and to continue the legacy of charity exemplified by the life and work of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and the Daughters of Charity.

All dues payments in excess of $75 are credited to our Philanthropy Fund. Thank you so much for your generosity.

The Seton Center is accepting applications for its volunteer Board of Directors. Any area SJC alumna who is interested in serving can email Sr. Salvatrice at Salvatrice.Murphy@doc.org or call 301.447.6102 for information.

Reunion 2013 Photo Gallery

Celebrating their 60th Reunion, from left, Joan Billerbeck and Suzanne Kiser Crock represent the Class of ’53 at the Alumnae Mass.

Class of ’63 Golden Jubilarians from left, Anne Marie Gibbons, Sue Garner McNulty, and Julie Rowe lead the procession to begin the SJC Alumnae Memorial Mass at the Basilica on Saturday. Mary Lou Ullrich Jones ’64 was the liturgist for the Mass..

Celebrating their 55th Reunion, some members of the Class of ’58 enjoy morning coffee together.

Looking ahead to their 50th Reunion in 2014, members of the Class of ’64 start some early planning over dinner at the Wyndham: from left, Claire Maurer, Anne McAllister LaBoon, Chrystie Damico Goles and Bobbie Davis Speace.

Reunion 2013 Photo Gallery

Members of the Golden Class of '63 arrive for their celebration reunion: from left, Mary Ellen Gill Purkis, Anne Dondero Prinn, Kathie Daniel Risen and Julie Rowe.

A few of the Reunion Committee workers: from left, Leslie Henze Blackstock (chair), Kathy McNaney Younkin, Maryann Lesso (co-chair), Christine Roos Mehl, Mary Ann Wiberly Shattuck, Sr. Anne Higgins, D.C., all Class of '70 and Maureen Hinke Hahn '73.

Enjoying tea and hospitality of Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Powell, at the Mount St. Mary's President's home.

Ellen Krieger Smelas, right, accepts the Hassell Vase on behalf of her 1963 classmates for the class with the highest percentage of alumnae attending the reunion from Maureen McPartland Smith '65, SJCAA president.

Class News

1938

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Margaret now resides with her son Michael and he sent the following message to our Alumnae Office:

"She [Margaret] is 95 years old now but always spoke so very fondly of her experience at St Joseph's that [though she is no longer capable of interacting as she used to] I am sure [that] she wishes to continue her relationship with her college."

Margaret's son Michael sent her dues for 2013 to acknowledge his mother's affection for her alma mater.

We thank Margaret for her many years of service as class agent and we wish her and her family many blessings.

1944

70th Reunion in 2014!

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Dear class of '44, I have been able to contact only two members of our class by phone, **Marion Anderson "Andi" Russo** and **Mary Margaret O'Donnell**. Andi still lives at 410 Bobby Jones Drive, Apartment 12A in Portsmouth, VA 13701. Her health is frail. She occasionally goes for three-week sessions of special therapy. She is very alert, walks with a cane and has fond memories of our years at SJC. Her son Michael lives with her and sons John and Chris live nearby. Daughter Mary lives in Florida and visits often. Mary Margaret has wonderful health, is very active and still drives her own car.

As for me, a recent heart attack and arthritis in both knees have slowed me down. I like living in Florida. My two great grandchildren are great company. Sadly, another classmate has been called home. **Catherine Carmody Manion**, my very good friend, passed away in her sleep on October 17, 2012. She had moved to Carthage, TN. Her daughter and husband had built a special house for her right beside their own. She really loved it. Let's remember Catherine and all our deceased classmates in our prayers. Best wishes to all the girls of '44. May God bless us everyone. Love and prayers, Rita.

1945

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For the 45ers, the friendship links remain as strong as ever. At Christmas, **Agnes Ratas Gustafson**'s card arrived with the news that she would soon be a great-grandmother. She spent Christmas at the home of daughter Kim and her husband in Moline, which has become an annual occurrence. I chatted by phone with **Mary Catherine Heltzel Pezzano** (Sue) who is in her home in Catonsville. She had fallen and fractured her skull, which left her physically weakened and her memory undependable, but she sounded great. Fred had died in hospice in January at age 91; however, Sue has managed to stay in their home with some outside help as well as help from her four daughters. One daughter died a few years ago, as you recall, leaving three little granddaughters for Sue to dote on, so she has plenty of female companionship.

Other widows still at home are **Marie Flanagan Halstead, Jean Flood Callahan**, and myself, **Eileen Rodgers Seaker**. Bob died in February, more than 65 years after my dear friend Fr. Peter Coad decided that I should have a boyfriend from MSM and introduced me to Bob. I miss the music and dancing, but mostly I miss the visits together to E'burg! I haven't heard lately from **Sr. Hilda Gleason**, but it was a delight to see her picture in the Daughters' publication *Faith Afire*. News from Bridgeport---Flan gets around well with her cane and walker, pride thrown to the winds. We chatted at length about children and grandchildren, of which she has many; her life is a merry-go-round of graduations, Confirmations and birthdays. She cooks her own meals but eats them alone---a big change from the old days. Her sister Agnes is still incapacitated from a stroke, and brother Jimmy is a consolation but not much help.

Jean "Fluffy" and I talked at length, too. Just like Flan, she is busy with graduations, Confirmations, weddings, and many children and grands to keep her on the go. Her latest jaunt is a drive "back home" to Syracuse with daughter Eileen for a family graduation at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) in Troy. Jean enjoys talking about "the old days". Her energy is amazing. According to the In Memoriam news, in 2012 we lost **Kitty Keegan, Jackie Greco Henson**, and **Ada Baez Mascaro**. We are getting smaller in number, but as Jean says—we are still the best class. For those 45ers who I wasn't able to reach this time, please keep in touch with the Alumnae Office, keep in touch with each other, and pay alumnae dues! Love, Eileen

Editor's note: Eileen Rodgers Seaker feels it is time to retire from her position as agent for the class of 1945. News from or about the class of 1945 is very important to us so please keep the Alumnae Office informed about any and all news. Many thanks, Eileen, for your years of service.

1947

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On August 2, 2012 **Betty Woolls Akar**, the youngest member of our Class, was called by God to her eternal reward. Betty was married to Hamdi Akar, M.D. for 60 years and they had three daughters, a son and five grandchildren. Betty was devoted to her family and to the local community of Bath, ME where she spent most of her married life. She was a member of St. Mary's Church in Bath and a volunteer at Bath Memorial Hospital, the Bath Garden Club and several other local organizations. Betty is survived by two sisters, one of whom is Ruth Woolls of Broad Run, VA, also a member of our Class. Please remember Betty and the members of her family in your prayers.

Betty Boggs Cunningham wrote that her granddaughter Kara moved to Michigan as her husband is studying for his PhD at Michigan State. She is only about three hours away so Betty and Kris see her fairly often. They were both with her for Mother's Day. Betty's grandson Kevin is taking Betty to Maui and back to the condo where the family spent so much time for many years and where there are so many happy memories. Betty's grandson Jimmy is also studying for his PhD at the University of California. He is the principal of a middle school in Palm Springs. His wife will get her MBA soon and is a teacher, also. Betty said that all the members of her family are well and she is also. At this point of time, she said she does not need a lot of activity and is happy with books and her family. **Mary Catherine Schneider Hinkey** wrote at Christmas and reported her knee replacement is doing well after much therapy. Her granddaughter was married on December 8, 2012 in a small church on the Eastern Shore outside of Easton with a reception at the Tidewater Inn.

Mary Gardner Shannon wrote a short note that she had been hospitalized several times recently but she is doing better. She continues to be under the care of her doctor. Mary said that on December 6, 2012 the family was blessed with a new member – a boy. This makes six great-grandsons, and one great-granddaughter. Mary asked for prayers for her son Brian (60 years old) who has cancer of the liver. **Molly FitzGerald Lawson** wrote that she recovered well from the bronchitis she had towards the end of last year. However, her doctor found that her left vocal cord was paralyzed and has made talking difficult for any length of time. On September 24, 2012 Molly received a late night phone call from the wife of her eldest son Tim telling her that Tim died unexpectedly at Lake Tahoe, CA where he had spent a week learning how to train Boy Scout Leaders. His funeral was on Molly's birthday and in some ways it was a gift as she realized how many people Tim had touched, influencing and helping them through the years of working with Boy Scouts, Hibernians, rescue services and working in the medical system. Molly said that all her siblings and other family members were there. Her girls took good care of her which was not an easy job as she does not navigate well and uses a wheelchair when out. At present Tim's family seems to be doing well. Tim's daughter Christine graduated from Unity College with a BS in "Large Animals in Captivity." Molly said she is not having luck in finding a job with a zoo. She is working in a national park now so she is doing okay. Tim's son Brendan is doing well in pre-med studies and preparing for a career in sports medicine. He makes the Dean's List consistently. Molly continues to be an enthusiastic NASCAR fan.

Catherine Timmerman Robitaille wrote that her dear husband Leo is greatly missed, especially now as she is able to do less and less. She is still able to go to daily Mass and visit the homebound, bringing the Eucharist to them. Her daughter Joyce from Atlanta visited her at Christmas. She received memorable presents from her grandson's four children including a 2013 photo calendar, a photo snow globe and photo "throw", the last of which she could feel the little one's hugs when she wrapped it around her. Cathy had eye surgery recently with a special lens implanted but it was not successful. She said she still needs glasses for distance and close-up.

Julia (Judy) Morris said that when she thinks of me, she worries I may overdo with my volunteer work in the Emergency Room. She has a good friend who does Emergency Room volunteering and even though she is only doing it once a week, she gets pretty tired emotionally and physically. Although Judy is a nurse, she is now doing salable art work. Judy is apparently doing well and keeping busy

Norma Walker Stec wrote at Christmas that she and Frank had a good year with no major health problems. She said that she and Frank are very blessed as they do not know how to manage to do it, but life is very busy. Norma has been working at the polls since 1980. While at college Norma said she taught herself how to knit, but once she started working, she put it in the background. Several years ago, she took it up again and now makes items for the church bazaar, along with cakes and cookies that bring in a few dollars. She still enjoys being treasurer of her garden club and has been doing it for 30 years. Much development has taken place in the area where they live. What used to be towns and hamlets have expanded. Recently they had 11 deer in their yard as their homes have been taken over by humans. **Irene Campbell Seitz** said she is very happy in her new home in Whitehall where she moved following the death of her husband Ed. Her family has been very thoughtful of her and assists her in any need she may have. She does miss the church she went to for many years while living in Allentown but feels she will get to know the priests and the people in the parish in her new church. Irene said that she is still driving and that keeps her independent to get to church, stores, doctor's appointments and other needs. Irene's new address is: 3207 St. Stephen's Lane, Whitehall, PA 18052-3377. My letter to **Therese (Terry) Conover** requesting news was returned. Please keep Terry in your prayers as she has not been doing well.

During the past year, I have continued to volunteer at the Registration Desk in the Emergency Department of Lourdes Hospital. I enjoy meeting the patients as they arrive and assisting them in any of their special needs. I am no longer driving which has been difficult in losing my independence. I now have to depend on the sisters to drive me to church, the hospital, doctor appointments, the stores and other needs. The sisters have been most generous in getting me to where I have to go. In May, I made a weekend trip to Emmitsburg with one of the sisters. There have been many changes in what was once the Provincial House. The Archives from the four former provinces that merged are now housed there and they have some wonderful historical items, particularly during the Civil War time when the sisters nursed the soldiers on the battlefield. The chapel was not open on the Saturday we were there so I could not view the renovations that were made. I was not able to attend the Alumnae Reunion this year as I think most of my traveling days are over. My sister-in-law Peg died in January after a fairly long illness. Peg and my brother Leo lived in Florida and my brother remains there for the present time. The transition of being alone after 54 years of married life has been difficult so please keep Leo and Peg in your prayers. The Yankees and NASCAR continue to be my interest in sports. I still have a back problem and my knees are arthritic so I am not as active as I would like to be. However, I am thankful that I can do as much as I am able to do. It is good to hear from the members of our class and I appreciate and thank those who responded to my request for news. Let us continue to pray for each other and for classmates whom God has already called to their eternal rewards. Love and prayers, Mary Fran (Sr. De Chantal) La Row.

1948

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Dear classmates,

Are we slowing down or what? Seems like none of us made Reunion except **Sr. Mary Jean Horne D.C.** who is in poor health and asks for our prayers. I myself was sponsoring my grandnephew Mathew Hill in Confirmation that weekend and, the weekend before, his younger brother was making his First Communion.

Pat Hultberg Hyde called to tell me her husband Richard died from cancer. **Mary Ann "Ming" Kenner O'Grady** is recovering from a minor auto accident and doing well. **Celia Doyle** called to say "I'm fine, no news, busy as usual." **Sheila Broderick** is busy and still cruising. **Marion Schueler Werner** is fine and volunteering. **Theresa Dougherty Black** had cataract surgery and doing great. And that, my friends, is all the news. If you want more, then please write or call; Mary Cloonan Houle.

1949 — *65th Reunion in 2014!*

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It doesn't seem possible that it has been a year since I submitted the last copy for *The Valley Echo,* and during that year we have once again suffered the loss of beloved classmates and family members.

Elaine Pavloff Higgins died on July 15, 2012, after being hospitalized for several months with congestive heart failure. **Sister Maria Rosa (Eleanor) Dorr, D.C.,** died on January 9, 2013. She served 65 years in a vocation of Nursing and, in her later years, Pastoral Care. Then, on March 19, 2013, **Helen McAllister Barsanti** succumbed to brain cancer after a long illness. We ladies from St. Joseph's College and Mother Seton's Valley in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Emmitsburg, MD know very well that Helen's death on the Solemnity of St. Joseph holds special meaning for us. On January 23, 2013, **Cecile Begnoche Kelly** and her husband William (Bill) lost their beloved daughter Patricia Ann to cancer after a long and painful illness. On February 6, my only sibling Claire Dragon Hessling died following a stroke. She left behind her husband John, seven married sons and daughters, many grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren. **Rita Fenwick Gough**'s husband John (Jack) died in May after many years of marriage. Prayers of comfort are offered and extended to all who have lost loved ones... both classmates and family members. *"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon them...."*

Rose Bravo's news is like most of us, "nothing exciting to report..." but she is enjoying her Golden Years. They may be a bit "tarnished" due to a much slower pace but Rose says she is enjoying good health by the grace of God; she just was not fully prepared for some of the limitations. She still drives and is able to volunteer at her parish. **Nell Voltaire Davidson** wrote there wasn't much news from "retirement land". She now has a great-granddaughter in California but doesn't get to see her. Nell is enjoying Florida's climate, scenery, and the grandkids' activities but said that she would some day like to move to a place with a nice dining room and a great chef. (Also, she would like to wake up one day with new knees.) Her new address is: 4403 Urbana Dr., Apt. 309, Orlando, FL 32837; Phone: 407.371.0356; Email: nellva@comcast.net. She sends her love and would welcome a visit, a call, or an email. **Jocelyn Gates McGlynn** wrote that she spends a lot of time at the shore as the weather gets better and is able to work in her garden which she enjoys. She is well, enjoys her Kindle, and is knitting and quilting. Cecile is still trying to adjust to losing Helen who was a lifelong friend but she relishes the many unforgettable memories. **Lucy McLaughlin Goedicke** suffered a stroke last year and spent a period of time in rehab at Good Samaritan Nursing Center in Baltimore. Our prayers are with her for a complete recovery.

Sr. Helen (Jo) Sigrist, RSM, is doing well but uses a walker for support and is in therapy for her back. **Ruth Wyatt Sweeney** reports that she is still going strong, thank God, and sends her best wishes to all of you. She had a bout with vertigo and we hope that it has cleared up. **Jean Barry Curran** told me that she has a granddaughter who is a freshman at American University and when she made a trip to Washington, D.C. to see her in January, she also met with some old friends. She is thankful that she has been breast cancer free for many years now. **Doris Roach Jakob** has finally stopped substitute teaching and she really misses it. She visits several "elderly" ladies in a nursing home to whom she brings the Holy Eucharist. One of the ladies is 103 and she told Doris her secret to her long life was always being grateful. Fred is not as active as he used to be but they would like to take the Clipper Ship overseas and visit Spain and Portugal.

Maribee Wittmer Walsh stays busy but at a slower pace like the rest of us. She stays fit by exercising. She uses a cane for support on occasion but she finds that water aerobics at least three times a week is very beneficial. She goes to New Bern, NC to see her son who is a doctor there. She enjoys relaxing in the beautiful area where he lives known as Emerald Isle. **Mary Catherine Whelan Justice** has finally recovered from an extremely painful sciatic nerve problem with worrisome complications that took several months of hospitalization, rehabilitation, and therapy. She is finally on the mend and is able to drive once again. **Regina Bienlein Stein** happily reports she and Dick have settled into their new place and sold their previous home. Now that that detail is resolved, she will be having much-needed cataract surgery. She said there are numerous graduations taking place in her family and she has nine great grandchildren, all of whom are the grandchildren of daughter Teresa and her husband Jonathan.

As for me, I keep busy and, after 23 years of retirement, still don't have enough hours in the day to get everything done. I have to make room for "fun", so I bowl every week, have lunch with friends, visit several who are in nursing homes and I take them out to lunch. I spend most weekends at the Outer Banks of North Carolina. I have eleven grandchildren and two great granddaughters, all of whom are my pride and joy!

Well, my dear 49ers, next year it will be 65 years since we left those hallowed grounds of St. Joe's. I hope you will be able to attend the next Reunion, March 27-30, 2014, at the Wyndham Gettysburg and celebrate the occasion. Details will be published when everything has been finalized. I just want to remind you that the St. Joseph College Alumnae Association (SJCAA) is now located at Mount St. Mary's. Mailing address: PO Box 1149, Emmitsburg, MD 21727-1149. (Phone: 301.447.5075) (Email address: office@sjcalumnae.org) (Website: www.sjcalumnae.org). SJCAA is also on Facebook. I'm sure you are all aware how important our annual dues are to the survival of the Association. While the lowest dues/membership level is $50.00, any amount that you can afford will be welcome. And remember, as an "active" member, you will receive The *Valley Echo* and all mailings of interest.

I close during this month of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus with this prayer: *Jesus...You are my haven, you are my peace, you are my salvation, you are my serenity. In moments of struggle and amidst an ocean of doubt, you are the bright ray that lights up the path of my life...You know our weaknesses and like a good physician, you comfort and heal, sparing us sufferings, expert that you are.* (Diary of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, 247)

1950

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Mary Louise Barstow gave lifetime honor to her language vocation. We would love to have her account of entering new life in Towson, MD on April 29, 2013. A memorial service was held on May 4, 2013, at Sacred Heart Church, Glyndon, MD. Mickey leaves niece Christine Waskewich and other loving nieces and nephews who cared for her in recent years

In March, we felt the loss of **Elizabeth McAllister**'s sister, **Helen McAllister Barsanti '49**, but thought it a blessing that Our Lord called Helen home on the feast of Saint Joseph. **Margaret Patton Dalton** and **Virginia Schneider Kenney** attended Helen's Mass of Christian Burial.

Peg Dalton reports thankfully that her son- in- law Brian is doing very well following his surgery in December 2011 for a malignant brain tumor. She credits prayers and a UVA clinical trial. Peg reports being in good health, except for arthritis, and enjoys having a walking trainer who is a Mount graduate.

Mary Teresa McLaughlin Camarda had podiatric surgery during the winter. She was nonetheless able to make a few phone calls. She talked with **Maryjane McAuliffe** and reminisced about college days as Maryjane faithfully recalled our June 1, 1950 graduation as she does every year. Will some of us plan to attend our 65th reunion in 2015?

Lockie also talked with **Elizabeth Farr Wood**, who was keeping busy with a new puppy named Rosie, who weighed all of 2 lbs 1 oz at the time Betty and Lockie spoke. Lockie discovered that **Lois Smith Weiss** had just moved from her apartment into living quarters where her husband Francis is in care. Lois's phone was not yet connected so Lockie will acquire contact information for us later.

The Camardas celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in Philadelphia with 19 members of their large family. Lockie said they dined, went to Mass, dined again, and ended the day with a visit to the new Barnes Museum. Lockie and Cass later spent four days in Tempe, AZ for the graduation of their youngest granddaughter, Stephanie Stewart, and returned home before recovering from outbound jetlag. The Camardas' third granddaughter, Brooke Camarda, graduated from Brown University in May.

From the Bethlehem, PA newspaper, *The Morning Call*, Lockie sent a copy of a feature article about "Charity Afire," a museum exhibit at the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. The exhibit is part of "Emmitsburg: A Heritage Days Celebration," planned by the shrine to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Civil War.

Anne Prendergast Gibbs asks for prayers for Glenn, who has been in hospice care since December. Their twin sons live in the area and come whenever Penny needs them. On Mother's Day weekend, the three Gibbs daughters came from British Columbia, Oregon and New York to care for their father and do the cooking, while Penny enjoyed down time.

Katharine Joyce Kelly keeps the shelves busy in her Covenant Community library. And she still acts as a docent at the Field Institute in Chicago every Tuesday. Kitty talked briefly during the winter with **Helen Hansen Orlando** in her Cooperstown nursing home. It was difficult for Helen to handle the telephone.

Patricia Smith McArdle is excited about going to Ireland this summer with Smith family members to visit the home of her grandmother, Bridget Murphy. Then Pat will fly to Rome where her oldest son, Joe Kirwin, and his wife have moved from Brussels. Pat was looking forward to staying with them, within walking distance of St. Peter's, and to taking a jaunt to Capri! Pat was on the move throughout the spring. In the Baltimore-Washington area, she had lunch with Peg Dalton, another day with Ginny Kenny, and a third day with Betty McAllister in her beautiful apartment. In May, Pat flew to Columbia, SC, to see her eighth grandchild graduate from college, cum laude in education. She feels blessed to have attended all of her grandchildren's graduations so far.

Harriet White Heffernan retired in October, much too soon as far as she was concerned, but she went along with corporate reorganization. She continued to care at home for her brother-in-law, Pat Heffernan, who died this spring. During the winter, Harriet, **Sr. Mary George**, and **Antoinette Savino** shared a happy weekend together. Harriet's granddaughter Hope finished freshman year at Cornell, grandson David graduated from Siena, and Cordi will be a junior at U. Michigan in September. Cordi was planning an August trip to Africa with 13 girls and one boy!

Marydenise Sullivan White had a happy year highlighted by the June home wedding of her daughter, Elizabeth Ann named for St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. Called Betsy, the bride and her groom John Sylvester were both born on the same date in the same year. John was a widower with two grown sons. Betsy and John were married under a tent in the White garden in a casual New England celebration, with a feast of surf and turf.

The legacy of our dear late **Regina Lenihan Lewis** is especially honored by her niece Eileen and her husband Riley. Several years ago, Eileen and Riley adopted a small boy and girl, siblings from Ethiopia. Last summer, they took the children to Ethiopia for a happy reunion with their family.

Home from California, where I spent another spring-like winter, I was glad to have had another annual visit with our Daughters of Charity of the Province of the West in Santa Barbara. The Daughters converted their historical ranchland into facilities for unwed mothers and beautiful affordable housing. For that and other inspiring photos and information, enjoy the Daughters' marvelous magazine, *Faith Afire*, and their exciting websites.

Lockie , bless her, reminds us to pay our SJC Alumnae dues! She and I send love to all.--**Kel**

1951

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This news is a repeat for some of you, but we like to read about the classes who attended SJC at the time we did, and assume they feel the same about reading our news.

Unfortunately, we lost several classmates during the past year. **Mary Scidone Bustamante** died on May 30, 2012. We had lost contact with her, but received her obituary from the SJC Alumnae Office. In 1952, Mary married Miguel Bustamante, whom she met at Catholic University. He died in 1965. She lived in California, where she taught elementary and high school. She was also vice principal of St. Anne's School and an academic counselor at the University of California, Irvine. Upon retirement, she relocated to Grants Pass, OR to be near her grandchildren. Mary had five children, seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Lois Weninger Forney died on Sept. 26, 2012. Described by a classmate as "a little girl with a big brain," she earned a master's in physiology from Penn State Hershey Medical Center, where she was the first graduate of the College of Medicine. Lois was a research chemist for the Pennsylvania Department of Health, taught nursing chemistry at Harrisburg Hospital and at Harrisburg Area Community College, and wrote a textbook. She was married for 59 years to Edgar Forney, who survives her, along with their three sons, two daughters, and seven grandchildren.

Dolores Maher Savage died on Dec. 5, 2012. Her husband Dave contacted **Margie Feeney O'Brien** with the news. Dolores was so much fun; it is hard to believe she is gone. She and Dave and their daughter Courtney came to our 60th Reunion and she livened up the group, as always.

We received an e-mail from **Rita Szymanski Koch**'s daughter notifying us that Rita passed away on May 15, 2010. It is interesting that we heard of Rita's death so soon after news of Mary Scidone Bustamante. They were inseparable at school. Rita taught in the Pottstown, PA School District until her retirement in 1992. She was named to "Who's Who Among American Teachers." She is survived by two daughters, a son and two grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Henry L. Koch, two brothers and a sister.

In February a note arrived from **Mary Cora Cunningham Velky** with a death notice about **Mary Frances Luckett Keyhoe.** MF died on Jan. 19, 2013. Mary Cora said MF had been sick for a while and was bedridden for five months. The family requested donations in her name to the Retirement Fund for the Daughters of Charity. MF had two sisters in the community and a brother who was a priest. Mary Frances was predeceased by her husband, Joseph G. Keyhoe. One sister and many nieces, nephews and their offspring survive her.

The last death in the class is that of **Mary Augustine Starr**, on May 19, 2013. I spoke to her sister, Eleanor (SJC '53), who said she had been ill with stomach cancer for a few months. She and Eleanor lived together, but Eleanor had to move to a nursing home in January, and Mary eventually had to go to a nursing facility, where she died. Their other sister Margaret died about ten years ago. Eleanor said Mary was active until her last years – first as librarian at the Collegiate School and then as a volunteer at the Howard Steamboat Museum.

We also lost two husbands of classmates. **Carolyn Eckenrode Sandherr** called in January to say her husband Dick had passed away on the 25th. He had been in hospice with lung cancer. They celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in November. Carolyn is now living at an assisted living facility. Her address: Elmcroft, Box 230, 153 Logan Road, Dillsburg, PA 17019. Eugene Karwacki, husband of **Margie Wolski Karwacki**, died on May 4, 2013. He fought cancer for 14 months and, sadly, did not live to see their eldest granddaughter marry on June 8.

Now for some other news! **Barbara McCrystle Miekle** wrote that although she is living in Norcross, GA with her daughter Sally, she is in Michigan for the summer. She had a hip replaced in February. The surgery was a huge success but "shortness of breath" took over, and she is now on oxygen. One of her granddaughters is entering dental school in August and a grandson is taking graduate courses in science, hoping to enter medical school.

Margie has been in touch with **Joanne Downey McManus**, who is enjoying her great-grandchildren. She had a visit from her sister Betty and her husband recently. Once a month, Joanne volunteers at a soup kitchen with a group from her parish.

Margie has also chatted with **Anita Nevy Karwacki**. Anita and Tom enjoy parish activities, including a trip to the Jersey Shore this fall. Their daughter from Illinois visited them with her family at Easter. Two grandchildren graduated from the University of Scranton, another from Kings College, Wilkes-Barre, PA, and one is in dental school.

The O'Briens were spending Fourth of July with their son Tom and his wife Lisa in Kalamazoo, MI. They also will go to the Mohonk Mountain House in New Paltz, NY for a few days. And, of course, they spend a lot of time with their son Edward (and daughter Margaret) at his home in Westhampton, LI. The last we heard from **Marie Cleary Kleber**, all was well with her and the family.

Betty Byrne Parlett wrote that she is happy and doing well. **Judy Villanova** spent the winter in Puerto Rico. **Joan Greytok Lightner** and John now reside in an assisted living facility. And **Rosemary Powers** has her house on the market and plans to stay at Niskayuna, where she has been for the last couple of years.

Kitty Lee Kemp spoke with **Sr. Mary Raphael (Myriam Collazo)**, who celebrated her 60th anniversary as a Daughter of Charity last year. Unfortunately, we had her telephone number wrong on the class list. It is: 301.497.7010.

Kitty says nothing is new with **Carmel Meehan Tekdogan**. They are in Evanston near two of the children, but keep a place in Fort Lauderdale available if they decide to spend time there. As for Kitty, she didn't take any big trip this spring. She has been gardening and trying to downsize the contents of her storeroom (not an easy job).

Peg McGowan Clarke (that's me) called some classmates we haven't heard from. **Kitty Kelly Fitzpatrick** didn't respond to my letter and I couldn't reach her by phone, although it is the right number. If anyone has been in touch with her, please call me. I also wrote to **Nereida Rivera Mendez**, but didn't get a reply. I hope we have her correct address.

Myrtle Sullivan Phelps and I had a good chat. She and Bob have four boys and two girls. Three of them live nearby, one lives in Olympia, WA, another in St. Louis and a third in New Jersey. They had a granddaughter married in June, and also are expecting their 15th grandchild in October. Myrtle retired at age 72. She had been a nutrition consultant for group homes for the developmentally disabled. She now keeps busy with line dancing and swimming. She and her Bob go to the west coast every spring to visit her sister-in-law (Bob is from California) and their son in Washington. Then, each September, they go to Marshfield, near Cape Cod, to visit her sister Mary Denise.

I phoned **Beverly Isaac Turbeville** and we had a great talk. Bev's area code is incorrect on our class list. It should be 843, not 803. She has three children: Glenn in Wilmington, NC (four children); Celeste Heller, who teaches in Jacksonville, FL (two children); and Clint, a professor at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, VA (one child.) Bev is as bubbly as ever.

Margaret Rose Thomas Khoury filled me in on her family. I used to hear a lot about her when **Mary Pfaff Davie** was alive, but Mary has been gone a long time. Margaret Rose's husband died three years ago. She has five girls and one boy, all living in the Columbia, SC area. Her son and one daughter are cardiologists. Another daughter is a nurse practitioner; one owns an engineering company; and one works for their state senator. Her telephone number is 803.799.3288. Note that this is not the number on our class list.

Florida brought some of us back together again, although our number is dwindling. **Mary Carr Shea, Nancy Johnson Koerwer, Veetsie Frick Ryan** and I were about it. Veetsie had her second knee replacement and sailed through it with no difficulty – in fact she went to Budapest two months later. Nancy had her usual visits from family, and I had all of mine at different times. Mary and Wally have two children living in Naples, and their northern ones came for Easter vacation.

Finally – we have donated a brick to the "Leave a Footprint" program in honor of **Ruth Murphy Roche**. It will be placed in the plaza located at the base of the steps leading to our former campus chapel. Ruth was dedicated to our class for so many years, so this will be a lasting memorial to her. I have written to her daughter, and know her family will be pleased.

Keep in touch and don't forget to send in your dues. And remember, our 65th Reunion is only three years away!

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Hi everyone! I hope you are all well and enjoy the news that follows. **Alice McGrath Conway** and Jim are doing well and express that they had a quiet winter. However, they are expecting family to visit during the summer and pick things up a bit. **Dolores Liske Dixon** says that she and Rollie are about the same and that life is "rather humdrum", but she did have a very enjoyable week at the beach with daughter Ann. **Mickey O'Donnell Taylor** and Bill now have two great-grandchildren, and their daughter Jennie's little girl from China spent a second Christmas with them. Bill is still working. Mickey and Bill joined **Loretta Teller Tiers** and Whartie for dinner recently to celebrate Bill and Loretta's mutual birthday.

Claire Nelson Dale had a wonderful trip to Spain, Portugal, and Morocco in the Fall of 2012. Claire proudly announces that she has six grandchildren in college this year. Her daughter Carolyn and Bill moved to Queen Village in the Center City, Philadelphia area, so Claire has been enjoying some big city advantages lately. **Suzi Bousquet Milligan** says she is having some trouble walking because of PAD (Peripheral Artery Disease). Suzi's husband Ed is suffering from dementia but is feeling well. Their four children and five granddaughters are nearby so they consider themselves very lucky to be able to enjoy spending time with family. **Peppie Roohan Smith** stays well and announces that she has a new great-grandson named John Thomas.

Dottie Green Mullen says that husband Paul is still working at the juvenile court, while Dottie volunteers at the Community Food Bank. They spent the holidays in California with the girls and their families. Dottie belongs to a book club which has her reading books she probably wouldn't read otherwise, and that opens up new horizons. Dottie and Paul are staunch believers that keeping busy is the key to good health. **Peggy Huber** continues to enjoy a very active life in her retirement community. **Ann Doyle O'Neill** stays active as well, including playing a lot of Bridge where she lives at Hershey's Mill in Pennsylvania. Anne also keeps busy with family living nearby. She also enjoyed a wonderful trip to Bonita, FL in February.

Mitzi Evans Kilduff said that Bill has had a difficult year health-wise but he is now feeling much better. Sadly, Mitzi's sister died last year. Bill's sister moved nearby and while they had a good time renewing family ties, Bill's sister unfortunately passed away in January. Mitzi and Bill have a daughter who has scleroderma, but she is feeling well at the present time. **Lois Hasenauer Treacy** and Bob's house in Virginia sold quickly. They spent some time with Lois' brother Ray in Canandaigua Lake, NY before moving into their new home at 118 Shalom Road, Waynesboro, VA 22980. They say it was an easy move because Martha and Russ had already moved in the essentials. Lois and Bob are enjoying their new home and they love the grass, farmland, and mountains that surround them, reporting that they have already found a great church and an exercise group nearby.

Betty Scanlan Wellner is well and plans to have fun playing golf this season. Betty is proud to announce that her granddaughter Claire won a scholarship to the Sorbonne in Paris for a summer program. Betty's son Bob lives next door at present but may be moving to Princeton, NJ. Betty says that her daughter Terry and her son have had some health problems recently, so please keep them in your prayers. **Mary Jane Beurket Davis** writes that she has a new address---7116 Moresham Way, Wake Forest, NC 27587.

As for me, **Dolores DiPiante Falco**, Dom and I are doing okay. Dom has more trouble walking but we continue working on improving that every day. I keep very busy with classes at a local college, swimming five times a week, playing cards and caring for my vegetable garden. We are elated to have a new great-grandson. He only weighed three pounds and three ounces when he was born two months prematurely, and although he is still in the hospital, he is now doing well. I send good wishes that all of you stay well. I always keep you in my thoughts and prayers. As ever, Dee.

1953

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We were not one of the largest classes to matriculate at St. Joseph College, and now our number seems to be getting smaller with each passing year. Our beloved **Sr. Florence Edward Kearney, D.C.** passed away on Feb. 19, 2013 at the Daughters of Charity's St. Louise House in Albany, NY. She died peacefully while sitting in her room where she was thought to be quietly reading. We now add another friend and classmate to the members we already have in the heavenly choir.

I still can't believe, and I'm sure you feel the same way, that it's been 60 years since we put on our black "mortar boards" and graduated from St. Joseph College!

At our reunion this year, **Sue Crock** and **Joan Billerbeck** represented the Class of 1953. According to their wonderful report, two representatives from each reuniting class walked down the aisle at the opening of the Memorial Mass in the Basilica and carried roses, which were placed in a vase at Mother Seton's altar. Our class was the oldest reuniting class. Candles were lighted in memory of **Mary Mohr** and Sr. Florence Edward. Msgr. Stuart Swetland from the Mount presided and preached at the beautiful Liturgy and later joined the Alumnae for an excellent dinner at the Gettysburg Wyndham. I so wish I could have joined them, but this year my schedule would not cooperate.

Sue and Joan visited with **Sr. Anne Black** at Villa St. Michael in Emmitsburg. Despite being confined to bed, "Annie B" is doing fine and continues to have many interests, especially keeping up with her beloved Baltimore Orioles baseball team. Sr. Mary Ellen Black, O.S.B., her sister, and their brother are unable to visit Anne as often, as both of them are elderly and driving is difficult. Despite her challenges, Anne is still our happy, upbeat classmate. She could have been a "cheerleader".

Sue Crock further reports that she continues to be busy with activities at Leisure World and, most particularly, her grandchildren. This year, two grandsons graduated; one from high school and another from eighth grade. These children have a way of growing up much too fast! Her eldest granddaughter Haley went to Oklahoma to prepare for a summer internship in Alaska, where she expected to travel all the way up north to the Arctic Ocean. Sounds like a great opportunity. Alaska is a place I have always wanted to visit

Thanks to Joan, I obtained news of additional classmates, most particularly, **Mary Ann Greene**, whose granddaughters are engaged. Julie's daughter Emily, a reading specialist, and Gretchen's daughter Katelyn, a nurse, are planning weddings for next year. Weddings are such busy, crazy but wonderful celebrations.

Liz Lodato had some health issues in the past, but is now doing well. Liz and Joe's granddaughter Allison, will be travelling to Europe and will certainly come home with wonderful stories about her experiences. **Doris Doussan** seems to have fully recovered from her surgery and, according to Liz, is again her energetic self and recently returned from a trip to Las Vegas. Wonderful news! Our prayers were answered.

In April, I received an email from **Dolores Nevy McMullen**, Class of 1955, saying that Robert Bailey, husband of our classmate **Mary McMullen Bailey**, passed away suddenly on April 6 at their home in Hilton Head Island, SC. Other than Christmas cards, I haven't heard from Mary in quite some time and so this news was received with great sadness. I know she will appreciate our prayers.

Geri Becker seems to be as active as ever. The Venice Theatre, of which she is a member, partners each year with The Loveland Follies, a center for developmentally challenged adults, and, of course, Geri was involved with their May/June production. In May, she traveled to New York and saw several shows, including "Book of Mormon", and was looking forward to watching the Tony Awards. In June, she planned to go to Carmel, IN for the "National Theatrefest" of AACT. Her life always seems to have been involved with theatre, so why retire when you're having so much fun?

I haven't spoken directly with **Elinor Starr** lately, but my great "communicator" has most recently been in touch. Joan reports that Elinor is still living at Nazareth Nursing Home, where she's resided since her cancer surgery, and because she wished to be close to her sister, Mary Augustine Starr, SJC Class of 1951, who was also a resident. Sadly, Mary passed away on May 19, 2013. The funeral Mass was in the chapel at Nazareth, and Mary was buried in their hometown of Cortland, NY. Elinor was not able to attend the interment, but relatives handled everything. They told her it was a beautiful service with lovely music and a family member played the bagpipes. Elinor and Mary were very close, and Elinor will certainly miss her sister. I'm sure Elinor would enjoy hearing from some of you at Nazareth Nursing Home, her address: 2000 Newburg Road, Louisville, KY 40205-1854; phone: 502.473.2359.

As for myself, I am still employed at General Electric in Fairfield, CT as a legal assistant. Let's face it, working keeps me out of trouble. My children and grandchildren are doing well, and my grandchildren are marvelous to behold. As someone recently said, "I wish I could have had them first." I thank God every day for good health and a wonderful family. I am indeed blessed.

Here's an FYI for all of you watchers of the Discovery Channel. Joan Billerbeck's cousin's husband, Joe Kenda, is the "Homicide Hunter" on the TV series of the same name. He is a retired homicide detective from Colorado Springs and has written and narrates some of his cases. His new series of 13 shows is almost complete.

In closing, I must say that without the assistance of my friend and classmate Joan Billerbeck all this information would not have been possible. As busy as she is living at Leisure World, volunteering for Meals on Wheels, and club memberships, she still keeps in touch with as many of you as she can, and has passed it all along for this issue of *The Valley Echo*. Thanks, Joan, and thanks to each of you who continue to support our class and our Alma Mater. Keep in touch. Yours--**Louie**

1954 *60th Reunion in 2014!*

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Hello Class of '54! It has been gratifying to hear from so many of you in response to my urgent requests for news. Especially exciting are the messages from you who have been "lost." **Marian "Honey Chile" Christe Calcagni** called from Norfolk to give an update on her life for the last 80 years! We had a wonderful two-hour conversation, noting her upcoming birthday, news about husband Dante, their children, and trips to Italy. Dante still has family there and they visit every year around Christmas.

Marian and I heard from "long-lost" **Ann Chamberlain Tibiletti** from Tyler, TX. Ann said she once lived here in Glen Ellyn, IL, and started school and made her First Communion at St. Petronille, the same church we attend. Ann's father was the golf pro at the Glen Oak Country Club. And to think my husband Jim was riding his bike around Glen Ellyn at the same time and going to the same school as Ann! She is well, and has four children and five granddaughters. Daughter Claire and son Frank are doctors, and daughter Carrie and son Tom are attorneys. The girls live in Tyler and the boys live 40 miles away in Longview. Ann does not have e-mail, but her phone is 903.241.6262.

Roselyn Maguire Crom and her husband Oliver (Ollie) travel and spend winters in Vero Beach, FL. Home is on the north shore of Long Island, where most of their children live. Between them they have 30 grandchildren and feel truly blessed. Roselyn wants you to note that she now includes an "e" in her name. She was off to see her sister Clarebeth in Denver, then on to San Diego for a granddaughter's graduation at USC, then returning to New York for two high school graduations.

Imagine my surprise at hearing from **Juanita Maguire Tryon**, who enclosed a photo from their 50th anniversary party at Lake Placid. It shows a very stylishly dressed Juanita with short, short hair. She and Dennis are now married for 57 years and have lived in Arizona for 20 – ever since Dennis retired from his dental practice in Wilmington, DE. They have two girls, four boys and 11 grandchildren, and enjoy golfing, flying, bridge and helping others. Their children live in Toronto, Maine, Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia. In June, Juanita played in a Maryland golf tournament and visited youngest daughter Juanita, eldest daughter Moira, sons Kevin, Michael and Sean, and son-in-law Michael. What better celebration for an 81st birthday! In July she and Dennis planned to go to Cedar City, UT for a Shakespeare festival. Juanita says she really enjoys hearing about all her wonderful classmates, although she was only at SJC for two years.

Norma Wootton Murphy wrote from Jupiter, FL that she and Doc are enjoying the warm, sunny weather in Palm Beach County. They have moved around a lot, retiring first to the North Carolina mountains, which did not help her allergies. When their three children – now two nurses and a heart surgeon -- were in school, Norma went back to the classroom, first to the U. of Maryland, then to Georgia State. She taught all the elementary grades, rising from reading specialist to assistant principal, then to principal for the last 13 years. The school she helped open was named a School of Excellence, but she credits her hard-working, dedicated staff and community volunteers. She and Doc take pride in their children and in their nine grands and three greats!

Nancy Black Connor admits to being a procrastinator for not writing sooner. But Claire nudged her, and we now know that Nancy and Ray are hanging in there. In fact, when she wrote in May, they were leaving for two weeks in England, Ireland and Scotland. Even though Nancy calls it whining, and her doctor calls it the "new normal," we can all appreciate the joys of a heating pad, exercise therapy and, as she calls it, "glumping along like a car with a flat tire!" She and Ray swim in the summer, do some walking, and she enjoys her "oldest and dearest pleasure," (besides the heating pad) -- reading. With free audits for seniors, Nancy has worked her way through the history department and in the fall plans to take a survey of English literature class at the local community college. Nancy is also into crossword puzzles, stretching and balance classes, and with the help of her oldest grandson Matt, does a lot of gardening. He works for the government in D.C., and his sister (at Tufts) is finishing her junior semester in China, with a double major in Chinese and architecture. Another grandson is a computer science major at Bucks County Community College; another a rising sophomore at Reed College in Portland, OR, and the youngest is entering the University of Delaware.

Jo Tierney Bleimeyer called from Fort Meyers Beach to fill in the gaps. She keeps busy volunteering at the children's hospital and is on her condo board of directors. Yoga and golf keep her fit and agile. She expected to be in New York this summer, and encourages all of us to try to make Reunion 2014. Jo has children in two nearby suburbs here, so there's a chance we might have a mini-reunion at Christmastime when she visits them. Jo said that **Mary Louise Williams Thompson** has a timeshare at Disney, but I have not heard from Mary Lou who had been in close contact with **Beth Carter Gibson.**

My letter to Beth at Christmastime was returned, as was one to **Jeanne Hines Craig**. If anyone has any info on either of them, or on any other "missing" classmates, please let me know.

Marie-Paule Melroy Munkacsy wrote from Ship Bottom, NJ that they were blessed to have no water or wind damage from Hurricane Sandy, but that it will take a long time for the island to recover. Marie and Mike have slowed down some, but are still in choir and help in church when needed. She is finishing quilts for two grandchildren, with two more to do next year before starting on her own, from a collection of antique handkerchiefs.

Sr. Catherine Fitzgerald was typing with one finger, no capitals, as a result of a broken wrist. Any way you can do it, Cathy, is great. **Sr. Louise Sullivan**'s last note indicated that she was living in Bayside, NY, in the same residence as **Sr. Patty Ann O'Brien**. Louise conducts retreats and makes presentations in the U.S. and abroad, and expected to be in Paris in June. If you Google Niagara University, you can read about Louise's extensive honors and authorships.

Joanne Gates Popoff wrote that in October 2012 she sold her home and moved to a complete care community. Her address: 10901 176th Circle N.E., Redmond, WA 98052-7218; phone: 425.836.4294.

Mary Norton Niklaus reports that she and Skip are still OK. Let's hear from you again, Mary.

Marguerite Bourdeau Byrne and Barney are holding their own in Virginia Beach. She still requests prayers for Barney and their daughter Rose, as both have serious health problems. Their son Arthur visited over Memorial Day. Marguerite and Marian Christe Calcagni live within earshot of each other, so Marguerite has been able to have short chats with "Honey."

Claire Kirchner Lawless and Jack had five graduations this year -- one from Holy Cross, two from high school, and two from graduate schools. Their oldest grandson was married in July in Philadelphia -- the first family wedding -- so the whole clan was excited about it. Another grandson Dominic will be going to West Point in the fall. Claire keeps in touch with Nancy Black Connor and **Mary Louise Rippey Egan** and forwards me news about them from time to time. I haven't heard from Mary Louise in a while, so I suppose she is still walking around Rittenhouse Square in Philly and rocking on her porch in Cape May.

As I write this, **Mary McIntyre Gray** and Bill are returning home to West Virginia, after tooling through Oklahoma and Kansas, visiting their son Bob and family in Plano, TX, and their daughter Caroline in Kansas City. They were trying to avoid the tornado areas on their road trip; Mary says it's easier for them to travel than for their Mid-Western children and grandchildren to hop on planes to visit them. Mary and Bill hope to see some of them at Thanksgiving at Tom's in Herndon, VA, including Marianne from Greenwich, CT, and Jim from Hampton, VA. Their oldest grandson is looking at colleges. Bill is still active in the parish council and the Knights of Columbus, and plays a lot of golf. They are busy at church and reading for their book discussion group. Mary makes a lot of prayer shawls for her knitting groups.

Pat Brady Hines is a frequent contributor to this column, and for a retired lady living at St. Leonard's Home in Centerville, OH, she certainly is active. She reads, travels, journals, volunteers, does tribal dances around a bonfire, and goes to her grandchildren's recitals and graduations. Two of her grandchildren graduated recently from college; one, Caroline, will go to Austria on a Fulbright. Pat spends some weeks each year in Spokane, WA, visiting her old haunts.

Eugenia Smith Pluenneke says she is planning to go to Reunion next spring and is looking forward to seeing many of our classmates. She and Hal attended their first grandson Max's graduation from Loyola U in New Orleans, and the eighth-grade graduations of their grandsons Joe and Jordan in Parkville, MO and Wichita, KS. She hoped to call **Wanda Albanese Laborie** while in New Orleans, but the rains interfered.

Pat McGrath Jones in Coronado, CA, wrote in March that she and Ed enjoyed the good along with the bad on their Mexican Riviera cruise. It was therapeutic for Ed, who still had a long way to go in recovering from his stroke. Pat reports that she exchanges Christmas cards with **Edna Ruiz Perez**, whose daughter and her husband live in San Diego, where he is stationed with the Navy. Edna visits them often, but she and Pat have not gotten together yet. Pat thanks us all for all the prayers for Ed.

In January, we lost another member of the class. **Pat Williams O'Grady** died Jan. 3 in Berkeley Springs, W VA, where she and Bill, her husband of 60 years, had retired. She is also survived by their five children, 14 grandchildren and three great-granddaughters. Pat grew up on the Severn River in Maryland, and among the places she and Bill lived was Wheaton IL, right next to Glen Ellyn. I reconnected with Pat years ago through a mutual friend, as their children went to the same high school. Pat was president of the St. Francis High Parents' Club. One of her sons, Bill Jr., still lives in Wheaton.

Like most of you, Jim and I are still hanging in there, visiting our children and grandchildren in Colorado, Utah and Wisconsin, and feeling fortunate that our oldest son and four grandchildren live next door, ready to pick up the pieces if necessary! Our oldest grandson Matt returned home from his first year of college. I thought he would go find a job, but his first words were, "Grandma, will you teach me how to play the banjo?!"

Lest you think this job is all work and no play, let me tell you how much fun it is to report your news. Hearing back from you is even better. Now that we, most of us anyway, are octogenarians (my brother calls me an octopus), we need to reach out to each other to offer prayers, solace, humor and other salves for our aging spirits. It keeps us "All Together." I look forward, God willing, to seeing you in 2014 at Reunion. Please remember to send in your dues to keep the "Circle Unbroken."

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Hi all! **Jackie Hemler Cummings**' sister visited for a week, and a good time was had by all. Ed, Jackie's husband, sometimes hunts for deer and turkey—she used to cook the turkey, but doesn't do it much now. I'd have to look far and wide to find those wild animals around here! Her daughter-in-law has breast cancer, but has a good outlook. Tom and **Miriam Johnson Curnin** both turn 80 years young this year, as we all do. Their children rented a house in Nantucket for the whole family for a week or two. How terrific! Otherwise, they planned to spend the rest of the summer in their Berkshire Mountain home. I was not able to talk to **Clarebeth Maguire Cunningham**, but wish her well in Colorado. I know she is enjoying her grandkids there. Give a call if you come to Port Washington, C.B.

Dottie Stohlman Egan's husband Tom had some medical problems lately—an aneurism, and he also has a pacemaker. He is much better now, but the doctor says no long trips yet. Two of their grandchildren are headed to college, one to the University of Virginia and the other to Vanderbilt University. **Audrey Vogel Emley**'s husband Bill has dementia and is in a nursing facility not too far from Audrey. She visits him several times a week, reads to him, etc. Audrey says Bill seems to be content there. Meanwhile, Audrey is still involved in activities (ceramics and other endeavors) at her senior center. Let's all pray for **Beattie Fey Fitzgerald**, as she has been diagnosed with cancer. Her children live nearby and have been wonderful taking her to the hospital for chemotherapy. She has a good, upbeat attitude, which is great.

Carol Murray Fuchs has a son and his family living in Rhode Island. Her grandson just graduated with an M.S. in social work. Her granddaughter is getting married next year. Weddings are such fun! Carol is meeting **Martie Methot Meadows** this summer to go to the Glimmerglass Opera in Cooperstown, NY. Sounds like fun! **Sr. Mary M. Gardner, IHM** is very busy working full-time in a hospice. She is supposed to be part-time, but they were down several nurses. She is looking forward to a visit with a sister and brother-in-law in Florida. July plans were to share a cottage in the mountains on a lake with several other sisters. **Moppy (Maria del Pilar Irizarry)** works part-time, and also works to keep her weight down! She has two great-grandchildren living in Miami. She says hello to all.

Barbara Henner Keogh's husband Jerry passed away on March 10, 2013 from liver problems. She is going to stay in her house, and she has grandchildren in and out. She has a family wedding and graduation to look forward to. I tried to reach **M.K. Scully LeMense**, but was unsuccessful. All is fine with **Margaret Swett Langley.** She might see us in 2015 at our 60th Reunion. **Betty Barbieri McLellan**'s husband had a spine operation last year. He is going for physical therapy and improving nicely. Betty keeps busy with bridge, her opera group, etc. Last January, she took a trip to South Africa, which she said was great. I hope to see her in New York in April when she comes east for the Metropolitan Opera.

Sonia Ziolkowski McLaughlin is in an "over 55" development with lots of neighbors and activities. Her daughter is nearby, and Sonia says she is her guardian angel. Recently, Sonia attended her high school reunion.

Dee Nevy McMullen sounded great. Except for one son who lives in Philadelphia, Dee's children reside right there in Cumberland. It's so nice to have family close by. She says hello to all. In addition to going to the Glimmerglass Opera this summer, Martie Methot Meadows will spend time at her family cottage, where she will see her sister and other family members. She keeps Wednesdays open for her sewing group, which started years ago. Now it is more of a social and support group. It was so nice to talk to **Jill May O'Donnell**. She sounds great! John just retired, so they will have more time to travel. One of their sons just moved to Washington, D.C., so I'm sure that will be on their agenda. Jill and John are planning a boat trip to Budapest and Amsterdam in the fall. She says hello to all.

Bob and I are just fine. We attended Bob's Cornell University alumni reunion weekend. Such fun! Bob has nine grandchildren and I also have nine, so we are kept quite busy with graduations, etc. My two oldest grandkids are going into their junior year in college. My youngest daughter just moved from Arlington, VA to Princeton, NJ with her family. I was there to unpack with the help of her three-year-old! We are planning a trip to Spain in October. **Pauline Lisella Raftopoulos** has had some medical problems. She has bursitis in her hips and also rheumatoid arthritis. Her husband has some dementia and has to be watched. Her son lives with them and is a big help. Hope to see you at Reunion, Pauline, especially in 2015.

Bill and **Ginny Ohlmuller Rooney** are enjoying their lovely, almost-new home. Their house was badly damaged about one and a half years ago by a tornado, but it looks great now. Their granddaughter stepped-up to seventh grade and their grandson is a college student. In October, they usually go their Marco Island, FL abode to get away from the cold weather here. I was unable to reach **Ileana Soler Torruella**. A Spanish woman answered the phone, and we couldn't communicate too well. Last year, she put Ileana on the phone right away. Sorry, Ileana! **Mona Lee Overdorf Welliver** is a volunteer at the ASPCA in her town, which is a terrific service. Our town has a very active, no-kill animal shelter and adoption program. Her son lives with her, as well as her 10-year-old collie that keeps her company.

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We did not receive any class news for this issue of *The Valley Echo* for the class of 1956.

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Roberta Haley Rico, your class agent, is reporting news from the SJC Class of 1957 through **Lucille Marano**'s computer for this *Valley Echo* column. Lucille received an urgent call from Roberta asking her to email class news to the Alumnae office. "With her southern accent and my Brooklyn hearing, it was an awesome task," Lucille reports. Roberta is now living in Cocoa, FL and she still cooks for herself almost every day and enjoys a glass of red wine while doing so.

Peggy Tyne Stoia and husband Dennis are extremely busy with their two grandsons – ages five and three. Dennis has built a little bridge over a pond in their yard which allows the boys to ride their little tractors back and forth.

Jean Gigliotti Kiernan is into her 19th year with the museum. Jean claims that the job keeps her mentally sharp. John is still working part-time. Their grandson – 11 years old – shows a strong aptitude for math. Takes after his grandma.

Marian McLoughlin Williams spent time with her daughter Sarah who had breast cancer. Sarah is coming along fine. Marian and her sister Kathleen will be attending their nephew's wedding in San Francisco. They hope to visit Seattle and Portland while they are out West.

Mary Alice Kappler Bockman and her sister are visiting a lost-found cousin in North Carolina. They hope to visit Marian McLoughlin Williams on their way back. Mary Alice's granddaughter was married in June. Three generations were married at the same church: Mary Alice, her daughter and granddaughter. I am sure that we all express best wishes to the bride and groom.

Carol Knauer Pastor is back from her trip to Austria and is traveling to Vermont during Summer 2013. In the future, Carol will be working with Roberta to get our class news to us. I am sure that the class of 1957 would like to thank Carol for stepping forward to help.

I, Lucille, had a surprise call from **Helen Mullaney Coyne** who recently hosted a huge party when her nephew, her late sister Marie's son, was in the USA visiting with his family from Hungary. Helen is busy, busy, busy, playing canasta three times a week, taking computer classes, attending meetings, and is always involved in some sort of activity. Her children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and friends visit all the time. So, bored she is not.

That's all the news for now. Lucille

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With love and fanfare, the class of 1958 thanks **Theresa Allen Westover** for her years of service as a class agent and chronicler for *The Valley Echo*. Her enthusiasm, calls, emails, and *Valley Echo* columns connected us in person and spirit into our 55th 2013 Reunion. At the Reunion, Terry announced her well-deserved retirement, and she encouraged the trio of agents above to continue the work.

The class of 1958 was 19 strong at our 55th Reunion. In attendance were **Mary Jane Shaughnessy Beaulieu, Patricia Toner Carr, Katherine Kofron Collins, Sr. Claire Edwards, Dolores Sicilia Fitzgerald, Mary Catherine Sheridan Flynn, Marciana Calhoun Hearn, Carol Holtz, Mary Louise Haidle Kime, Mary Elizabeth Crenshaw Leitch, Patricia Weber McShea, Anne DuVal Quigley, Judy McNally Rea, Carol Lewis Redmond, Angela Rocks Shriver, Annette Defina Strauch, Rebecca Gloyd Walker, Theresa Allen Westover, Helen McHugh White**. On Friday evening, many gathered for dinner at the Shamrock Restaurant. On Saturday afternoon, all enjoyed lunch in the Tack Room of the Carriage House. Many thanks to **Pat Carr** and **Doey Fitzgerald** for making both events happen. We so missed **Bernadette Maucher McKay** who had made reservations to fly in from Texas. Unfortunately, a serious ear infection grounded her at home. Her call to Sr. Claire voiced her disappointment and a request to be remembered to all.

Thirteen of the sixteen attending the 55th Reunion of the Class of '58: Sitting from left to right are : Kitty Kofron Collins, Judy McNally Rea, Terry Allen Westover, Mary Jane Shaughnessy Beaulieu, Mary Lou Haidle Kime. Standing from left to right are: Annette Defina Strauch, Helen McHugh White, Pat Toner Carr, Mary Sheridan Flynn, Dolores Sicilia Fitzgerald, Mary Liz Crenshaw Leitch, Becky Gloyd Walker, Carol Lewis Redmond. Missing are Angela Rocks Shriver, Carol Holtz, and Bunny Weber McShea.

As always, one of the Reunion events is a raffle. Each class filled a large theme basket with donations. We thank Pat Carr for designing our class "Kitchen" basket. Of the 30 some baskets raffled, three "Marys" in our class had lucky numbers: Mary Jane Leitch, Mary Lou Kime, and Mary Catherine Sheridan Flynn.

Following their trip to the SJC April Reunion, Mary Liz Crenshaw Leitch and husband Bill vacationed in Provence, France, enjoying the sights, sun, and sea. Bill had just finished a four-year term as president of the Friends of the Library organization in Schenectady, NY. This group, with a membership of 900, raises an average of $100,000 a year to support the ten Schenectady County Public Libraries. After attending their granddaughter's husband's law school graduation in Portland, ME, they packed in preparation for the summer sojourn at their Galway Lake home near Saratoga, NY, where the door is "open to class of '58ers."

Annette Defina Strauch is glad to have her physician husband John retired and home in Hunt Valley, MD. For now, they plan to stay there, as their children and grandchildren can gather there for celebrations. Annette feels privileged to have traveled much of world and now they can enjoy mini trips without worrying about John's work schedule. After Reunion, they traveled to Blacksburg, VA for grandson Jason's medical school graduation and then to Montana. They have booked a fall trip to the Catskills and a winter Caribbean cruise in 2014. Although retired from church chorus and cantor positions, Annette still sings in the church choir. The Strauches have 28 grandchildren and one great-grandson. Many have graduated college, eight are in college and others attend high school or elementary school. Several have distinguished themselves in art, academics or sports. Jason, a grandson, is in residency at the Hershey Pediatric Hospital, University of Pennsylvania; Hannah, a granddaughter, is with the Cincinnati Ballet; granddaughter Lauren plays soccer for Messiah College, PA, and granddaughter Megan was elected to the "Rookie All American Lacrosse Team". Two grandchildren attend school in VA; Vincent is at Virginia Tech on a track and field scholarship, and Kelly attends University of Virginia.

Barbara Watson Frederick was sorry to miss the 55th Reunion, but sends greetings to all. Her husband Jim is retired and now volunteers in the middle school in Lancaster, PA. Barbara works several days a week in the laboratory at Lancaster Hospital where she has been employed for over 50 years. Her note mentioned their three grandchildren. Grandson Alexander plays lacrosse for Chestnut Hill College, PA and they enjoy visiting Philadelphia to see the games. A grandson, Nicholas, 19, and granddaughter Megan Rose, 16, are nearby.

2012 and 2013 have been good years for Mary Jane Shaughnessy Beaulieu and husband Bill. In summer of 2012 they combined research into Bill's family roots with a trip along the St. Lawrence River and into Canada, Glacier Park, MT and Idaho. In 2013, besides attending the SJC Reunion, they attended Bill's U.S. Navy Reunion in Jacksonville, FL. Their oldest grandson Keith is a 2013 graduate of the University of MD, College Park. On SJC Reunion weekend, he and a friend came to Emmitsburg and met Mary Jane and Bill at the Grotto near MSM for Mass and at the Shamrock Restaurant for lunch.

Returning from a winter stay in Florida to their home in Webster, NY, Mary Lou Haidle Kime stopped to attend the Reunion. She was one of three to win a gift basket which contained a Talbot clutch and a Vera Bradley tote. She shared a picture of two handsome grandsons, both 2013 high school graduates. One is attending Ithaca College, NY and the other Albany University, NY. Another grandson Michael is a physical therapist in Laurel, MD, and his brother Matthew is studying for an MA in environmental science at Shippensburg University in PA. Two granddaughters are in high school. Mary Lou volunteers in her parish office one morning a week, plays golf two mornings a week, tends to the lawn and garden at home, and participates in a book club. At home in NY, Mary Lou received some long delayed mail that went from New York to Florida to New York; it included a Christmas card from **Jill Hemler Charbonneau** with a lovely picture of her family with whom "she feels abundantly blessed." Mary Lou sent Jill a Reunion group picture and received thanks. By snail mail or email, the class of '58 stays connected.

Katherine Kofron Collins resides in Arlington, VA, gets around on the Washington, DC metro, often shops with **Mary Helen Candee Smits**, and looks forward to the annual October visit to DE with "the beach bunch", a small group of '58 classmates. At the Reunion in April, she recounted her adventure in late 2012. She visited her daughter Elizabeth and two granddaughters who live and attend school in Galway, Ireland. Her daughter is in a doctoral program in art. Kitty's itinerary included several days in Dublin, a visit to the Aran Islands, and a grand time with the granddaughters. Who knows but she may cross the sea again as her daughter's PhD studies continue into 2014. Another granddaughter Katie attends Franciscan College in Steubenville, OH and spends holidays with Kitty. Kitty's son Fr. David Collins SJ is a faculty member and freshmen dorm chaplain at Georgetown University, Washington, DC. Kitty supplies him with the ingredients and access to her oven so he can prepare "batches of cookies" for the students attending freshman dorm meetings. One assumes these cookies feed body, mind, and spirit.

Sr. Lawrence Marie Callahan is still on staff as a nurse practitioner at Providence Hospital, Washington, DC. Her primary ministry is working with a population of men and women living with HIV/AIDS. In addition, she works with families living below the poverty line and in need of medical assistance. As of 2013, her workload now includes writing grants and organizing fundraisers to secure monies to provide annual retreats for the HIV/AIDS clients. They are usually held at Loyola-on-the Potomac Retreat House in Faulkner, MD. Unfortunately, previously available retreat funds have dried up and now faith, prayers, and grant writing are her service tools. She requests your prayers and inspiration as she continues her work. She does have members of her own family in the area with whom she joins for gatherings and celebrations. She noted that there were four Callahan family graduations in May and June of 2013.

In 2013, excitement reigned in Patricia Weber McShea and Bill's family in Virginia. Bunny and Bill's oldest granddaughter was married in Salem, OR. All of the McShea aunts and uncles and cousins accompanied Bunny and Bill from Virginia to Oregon for the occasion. The bride graduated with her MA in Education, following her grandmother's steps into a teaching career. Another granddaughter is in college in Salem; two grandchildren attend the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, VA; and one grandchild attends engineering school at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg. The youngest grandchild is ten years old and attends an elementary school with a Spanish immersion component. Personally, the demands of Bunny's medical condition and the IV medicine she must carry with her have deprived her of some of her independence, but she continues to remain as active as possible. Particularly annoying to her is that she cannot drive; however, her husband Bill, "bless him" (she says), chauffeurs her anywhere and everywhere. She maintains a four-day-a-week 30 minute exercise regimen on a stationary bike or treadmill. She participates in monthly dinners with their long time group of friends, and they never fail to get season tickets for the Little Theatre of Alexandria. And, of course, she continues to look forward to time spent with her SJC classmates. Kitty Kofron joined Bunny and Bill for a benefit piano concert at their church in Alexandria.

In May, **Faith Hawkins Welch** traveled north from Silver Spring, MD for lunch with Carol Holtz and Angela Rocks (Shriver) at the Waynesboro Café del Sol. Faith suggested I call Carol for news and when I did, Carol shared a great story. As a Gettysburg resident, she is participating in an oral history program, part of the l50th anniversary of Gettysburg, PA/Civil War events of 1863. She is a member of St. Francis Xavier Church, and in 1863 that church was used as a field hospital and refuge. Every other Wednesday, Carol and three other volunteers present an oral history of that place and time through the journals and letters of four individuals connected to the church/hospital. Interestingly, she reads the writings of Mother Anne Simeon Norris of the St. Joseph Academy and School for Girls in Emmitsburg, MD, who came to work in the hospital with others, including a Fr. Burlando.

Talk of connections! Carol said that youth, adult groups, and individual tourists have been attending these readings, and they expect visitations to continue culminating at the 150th anniversary celebration on November 19, 2013, when there will be a commemorative reading of Abraham Lincoln's "Gettysburg Address". The other three participants read from the journals of a military officer treated there, a military chaplain, Fr. Corby, who later became president of Notre Dame University, and a local nurse, Sally Ann Meyers. I asked Carol if she had to dress the part of Mother Anne; "thankfully no" she replied. Between readings, Carol tends to her vegetable and flower gardens and plans to drive her sister and her sister's granddaughter, a 2014 graduate, around Pennsylvania on college visits.

Dolores Fitzgerald continues to quilt. Her quilting group held an auction of some 40 plus quilts, a yard square in size, and raised $4500 to contribute to a local organization "Starting Point". This organization provides weekly backpacks of food to children in need. The women in Dolores's family are looking forward to the third annual Caribbean "survivor cruise". It is a celebration for her niece Trisha, who has survived breast cancer.

Patricia and Paul Carr may fly to Texas this year on a quest to visit The George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum which opened May, 2013. It is the 13th Presidential Library administered by the National Archives and Records Administration. Over several years, Pat and Paul, who is a collector and historian, have visited the other 12 libraries from New England to California. They are also looking to a future visit to Hawaii, the 50th and only state they have yet to visit.

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Greetings from the Valley! Mary Lou Dingle Castellano and Sister Marian Hamwey, your class agents, have been busy gathering information from telephone conversations, emails, and from book clubs to share and keep the Class of 1959 informed about our classmates.

Sister Marian Hamwey has looked back over the year, expressing that "things have been rather quiet. . .except for 'growing older' with all the accompanying discoveries, such as having to slow the pace a bit and lessen the load of things to do or be involved with." Sister Marian lived with six other Sisters at a Lake House about 35 miles southeast of Albany, NY for 18 months while their former provincial house was being totally remodeled. Sister shares that " it took some time to be readjusted to living in Albany. It is a beautiful home that we found waiting for us last April. You are most welcome to stop by and see for yourselves!" One great advantage now is the ease at getting to work for the Sisters.

The retired Sisters live in Saint Louise House, which is adjacent to their new home but separate so many family and friends come to visit. This April, Sister Marian had a wonderful week in Macon, GA with friends whom she had not seen for over five years. "It was very gratifying to see that the seeds planted while we were there have grown and developed into programs that make a difference in the lives of many women and children." One of the Sisters is the director of Day Break, a day shelter for the homeless. It is a collaborative effort of an interfaith group in the city with volunteers from all walks of life. Sister Marian has several trips planned for the Summer and early Fall: a visit out West to see her brother and family in Montana for early August and a gathering of several hundred Daughters of Charity in St. Louis in early September. "Certainly there will be other surprises between now and then, but hopefully I will be ready to meet the challenge. Yes, really I am trying to cut back and slow down!"

In April 2013, I, **Mary Lou Dingle Castellano**, participated in a book club with **Ann Houlihan Kennedy, Audrey Carr Shields, Mary Fran Kelly Dillon, Lee Groeinger Schatz, Pat Horn O'Brien** at **Marcella Gibbons Wilding**'s house to discuss our most recent book club selection *"Catherine the Great"* which was followed by a delicious lunch. Ann Houlihan Kennedy announced that she is retiring in May 2013 after 55 years in nursing. Ann is grateful to SJC for being a great role model. A recent highlight for Ann was the high school graduation of her grandson Trey who plans to attend college. Audrey Carr Shields keeps busy between aqua-aerobics, book club meetings, and keeping up with the activities of her six young grandchildren, who live nearby. Mary Fran Kelly Dillon is enjoying retirement by keeping busy with volunteer work, traveling, and grandchildren. Four of Mary Fran's grandchildren are in college, one in medical school and other younger ones are still in grammar school. Lee and husband Don are enjoying retirement as well as traveling to see their son in Colorado who teaches Social Psychology courses on Race and Ethnicity at the University of Denver. Pat serves on the Library Board and husband John on the Finance Board in their town of Old Saybrook. Pat Horn O'Brien is busy with a poetry group which she helped to co-found, which goes out into the community for readings that are in conjunction with art exhibits at the local art museum. The poetry group also provides assistance in creative writing to local high school students.

Delia Gautier Slight called from Texas to report that her family is well, but they are recovering from the recent death of a beloved son-in-law. We compared notes about the supporting grandmother role. One of Delia's grandsons is in Veterinary School on the island of St. Kitt. **Joan Mehl Tolle** has moved to a one level house closer to her daughter in Fairfax, VA at 9813 Dansk Court. Recently, she went to New York to see a Yankees game with their grandson. **Joan Bushey Powers** announced that the birth of Ethan Jacob, son of Daniel, one of her twin boys, made her an official grandmother. Joan has retired after 40 years of nursing in the area of home health care and she now volunteers in many church related activities. **Ann Dodd Dooling** and her husband are grandparents of five from ages 10 to 26, with some in college and grad school. Ann helps with the Oblate Priests and the Ladies Society at church weekly.

In a letter from **Betty Meehan Healy**'s husband, he wrote that Betty is under special care in a nursing home. **Helen Lilly Johnson** is our "queen of travel" with her June 2013 two week trip to Costa Rica, with more trips planned to Turkey and India in September 2013. **Mary Howell Fritz** reports that two of her grandchildren are attending Wake Forest University and that two of her children are in the law profession. Mary cares for a lady with dementia on a weekly basis. **Eleanor Barnes O'Connell** is retired and works as a volunteer assistant coordinator in a caretaker program for the elderly. Eleanor hopes to get together with **Cathy Potter Conway** for lunch in July. Eleanor has heard from **Rosemarie Braun Wirth** that damage to her house from Hurricane Sandy resulted in flooding in the basement of her home. This required relocation to a nearby motel for a while. **Ellen Maher** reports that she attended a nephew's wedding in Washington D.C. in May. Ellen and **Virginia Simon Koontz** are both experiencing the aging process as many of us are.

Marcella Gibbons Wilding reports that she and husband Jim enjoyed a trip to Bermuda recently and they have plans to take a river cruise in July 2013. Marcella plans to have the book club on October 18, 2013. "The Calligrapher's Daughter" by Eugenia Kim is the reading selection. Marcella's neighbor will give us a "hands-on" demonstration on calligraphy and other related topics.

Sadly, we have lost two more classmates since our last writing, **Patricia Crowley Bush** and our dear **Sister Margaret Dougherty**. May they rest in peace.

My husband Jim and I will be married eight years in August 2013. He is still adjusting to the whirl of activity in this house. I enjoy the neighborhood activities of bridge, luncheons, cooking club, bunco, and walking, when I'm not typing a report or minutes for some groups to which I belong. I do volunteer counseling work with five women in recovery from addictions. I take continuing education classes to keep up my therapist license. I just visited my son in Texas and my son in Florida in the last few months, in addition to babysitting the three other grandchildren near my home. The end of this month I'm making a Marian pilgrimage to Fatima, Lourdes and Spain. WOW! Remember that the SJC Spring Reunion is March 27 – 30, 2014 and it will be 55 years for us. Hope to see you there.

Liz Phelan Burmaster '60 and husband, Dick with their family in Duck, N.C. to celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary in June, 2012.

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It is with great sadness that I begin this class letter with the announcement that our dear classmate and one of our nurses, **Marion Fries Bailey**, passed away suddenly on Feb. 14, 2013. Marion was an amazing woman, beloved wife of John, and devoted mother of John Jr. Steven, Carol Ann and the late Thomas. We send our deepest sympathies to John and family and also to **Mary Edith (ME) Bailey Hines**, Marion's sister-in-law. Reunions won't be the same. Marion's and John's room was always the gathering place. So glad to hear from ME that many classmates and other SJC alumnae were able to attend Marion's wake and funeral Mass to support John and the family. Classmates attending were **Sue Anderson, Marty Spurlock, Sue Corcoran Bruswitz, Lois Davis, Pat Cannon Quinlan, Gerri Gut Scarpa,** and **Charlotte Duffy Kain**. On our way home from Florida, Dick and I stopped and had breakfast with John. We were glad to see him looking so well. We shared a few memories and promised to keep in touch.

Mary Edith Bailey Hines wrote her son John Gary and his wife Liz live in Louisiana. Liz is a "Southern Belle" and calls Mary Edith, Miss Mary.

While in Baltimore visiting our daughter Kathleen, Dick and I enjoyed a dinner out with Sue Anderson and went back to her lovely home for homemade cherry pie. Sue keeps very busy with her job as a Home Hospice Chaplain at Stella Maris in Baltimore.

Had a nice telephone chat with **Nancy Gill McShea**. Nancy had hip replacement surgery this winter and is doing well after a series of post-op complications. Her grandson Quinn is graduating from high school this year and granddaughter Tatum is the star point guard on her basketball team. (Now who would have thought that?) Jerry is doing very well after his chemo treatments.

Linda Ryan Healy arrived home from Florida on Mother's Day and went to Tom's 55th college reunion at Lehigh the next weekend. Way to go Linda! Their oldest granddaughter Sarah's track relay team came in third for the Connecticut state finals. Sarah is a junior this year and starting to look at colleges. The Burmasters and Healys once again celebrated their anniversaries at a nice dinner in Saratoga and had an enjoyable evening.

Sally Grabe Poux was at home on Saturday when I called. She is waiting for her first grandson to be born any day now. Sal's son Dan and wife Molly are the happy parents to be. Katie and family are doing well. Sally is enjoying receiving "written" letters from her young granddaughters who live in Seattle.

Marty Spurlock and Sue Corcoran Bruswitz keep in close touch and enjoy dinner and movie evenings together. Marty has three grandchildren in college and all three are interested in the theater. When not going to see Ben perform in Lancaster, PA, Marty is helping the younger ones with homework. Sue is working as head of the Religion Department at the Nun Academy. They have a trip planned soon for Long Beach Island.

Mary Alice Langley Umbel and husband Jack were looking forward to a big Umbel family reunion this summer. Their son David and his children are coming from Texas and their daughter Aileen and family are coming from Massachusetts.

Pat and Joe Quinlan's oldest granddaughter Abby graduated from high school this year and is heading to Canada for college in the fall. Pat and Joe are planning a trip to Nova Scotia later this summer.

Mary Crawford Beltran enjoyed a cross-country telephone visit with **Vicki Gomez Scott** and told her she is planning to retire from her own business soon. Mary does lovely paintings on linens and other materials. The linens are beautiful. I have a few of her hand towels. Mary's husband Serge is home from the hospital and is recuperating after a small stroke. He is doing very well with his physical therapy. I'm sure you are his best nurse, Mary.

Nancy Williams Yeager had lots of good traveling news. She, her husband and other family members took a trip to Paris and enjoyed a cruise on the Seine. In August, the Yeagers will be attending their nephew's wedding in Hawaii. Enjoy every minute, Nancy!

Ann McCabe Moran is recuperating nicely from major surgery in Arizona and is staying with her daughter and grandchildren. Glad you are feeling better, Ann. Wouldn't it be nice if you and **Maxine Hansen Olson** could meet half-way for a visit.

Gerri Gut Scarpa still makes me laugh, just like during our Seton days. Gerri and John returned recently from a family wedding in Colorado and later this summer Gerri will be joining a tour group to Portugal. John is doing great; his health problems are resolved. Their eldest granddaughter completed her freshman year at Villanova, and another granddaughter heads to the University of Massachusetts at Amherst this fall.

As for Dick and me, we are back at the lake after a good winter in Florida. Abby's First Communion took us out to Colorado in April, and we were able to squeeze in a couple of soccer games. Our oldest granddaughter Phelan completed her freshman year at the University of Florida and is on track for the nursing program. Hoorah! Her brother Ryan was the starting catcher on his high school team this year and is currently looking at colleges. We saw our grandson John play and win a tennis tournament earlier this summer. He loves the game and enjoys playing on the Junior Tour. He sure is keeping his parents on the road. August will be a busy month with the girls and their families arriving all about the same time.

Enjoyed all our telephone chats, Vicki. I am glad *The Valley Echo* is on our agenda every year. To all our classmates, keep in touch with us during the year. We love hearing from you. We especially want to hear from all of you we were not able to reach for this issue. Remember your dues, remain well, but most of all remember, "To Thine Own Self Be True."

Kathy O'Donnell O'Brien and family at the wedding of their daughter, Kathy. From left: Anne and Family, Courtney and family, parents Kathy and Brendan, newlyweds Kathy and Mike, Erin and husband, Brendan and family, Mannie and family.

Kathy O'Donnell O'Brien continues trips to the east and west coast of Florida in February and March, doing shows featuring her beautiful jackets. We were able to meet for breakfast recently for a nice visit before her day began. Of course, I added another jacket to my wardrobe. For the last two summers, Kathy and Brendan have had two weddings. Last August their daughter Kathy married Mike Thompson. The couple now lives in New York City but they kept Mike's home in Pennsylvania and make frequent trips home on weekends. Daughter Erin was married the summer before to Christian Treiber. Because of their jobs, Christian is in Germany four days a week and Erin is in England.

However they both enjoy traveling together on weekends. The O'Briens were planning a weekend visit with the Quinlans in June.

Vicki Gomez Scott and David will have a busy summer as they plan their 50th wedding anniversary. The children and their families will be heading to the Chetola Resort in Blowing Rock, NC. There will be 15 in all. It will be a week full of wonderful and special memories. We look forward to seeing your family pictures next year, Vicki.

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As I have begun all of my columns since 2005, I'll bring you up to date on the 2013 mini-reunion in Longboat Key, FL. Attending were **Elizabeth Strezeski LaFrance, Joanne Fontana Kini, Maureen Dugan Cocozza, Rosemarie Aellen Dunning**, Bud and **Phyliss Mack Gillespie, Mercedes Suarez Pfeffer, Eileen Keefe Bonhag, Moira Hanlon Little, Judy Sparrow** and Ed Carroll, **Rita Werb Fasano, Barbara Redding**, Brian and **Mary Ann Britt Murphy**, Bern and **Peggy Claudius McCormick**, Gene and **Pat Bianchi Gilroy '59**, Pat and **Joanne McNally Downes**. Should you wonder what we do, just refer to past columns because it is pretty much the same year after year, but the wonderful aspect of our gathering is that we spend so much quality time together. One thing that has changed in the past few years is that some of us have extended our stay beyond the allotted week, either coming early, staying later, or both. From January 25 through February 1, 2014 will be the focus week next year. We'd love to have more of our classmates join us.

I heard from **Millie Gleeson Grady**, whose oldest grandchild Sean is at Southern Methodist University and doing well. Millie told me that **Tina Dickerson Twarog**'s son J.P. ran in the Boston Marathon in April, but stopped before the finish line. That probably was a good choice. We recently had dinner at an Irish Pub with Dan and **Muriel Cuddy Reeves** to celebrate Dan's birthday. Phyllis hosted a group at her lovely home on Shelter Island last summer. Pat and I were there, along with Mercedes, Eileen, Rosie, Ed and **Carol Rogers Beaugard**. Carol had us for dinner one night and **Betty Schwilk Corazzini**'s daughter Lisa and granddaughter joined us. Mercedes and Eileen visited the Beaugards in Italy while they were there for October. Eileen came home to attend the wedding of a grandson. Betty got together with Strez, Mercedes, and Eileen for a Christmas luncheon in the D.C. area.

Alice Bartlett Sencindiver wrote that life is going well in Hagerstown. She enjoys good health so far and stays active and involved with friends and miscellaneous activities. Peggy Claudius McCormick's husband Bern, who owns several magazines in Florida, has authored and published *The Philadelphia Magazine Story*. It presents as a "bookazine" (a book in magazine form) and it is an interesting story about the growth of the area's specific magazines. It is a good read. Barnes & Noble bookstore is carrying it in 13 states. Aside from the bookazine, a highlight of Bern's year was his alma mater LaSalle's advance to the Sweet 16 in the NCAA Basketball Tournament. Their entire family will once again vacation at Cape May, NJ in the summer. They rent two large houses to accommodate everyone. **Anne Sheelen Gerwig** writes that she and John have had a healthy and enjoyable year filled with opportunities to spend time with various members of their families. They are happy to report that all are well and "doing their thing." This year they played golf in Texas instead of Florida.

Lynn Murray reports that she is getting settled in her new place, a senior community in California. Her address is: 5172 Village 5, Camarillo, CA 93012. Phone number is 805.419.4454. She is near both her daughter and her son. **Anne Maum McLaughlin** flew to Virginia at Christmas to visit her son Don and his family. They had a lovely Christmas but the night after Christmas, Don was rushed to the hospital with a gall bladder attack. He had laparoscopic surgery to remove the gall bladder and was home in two days. Anne had to leave the next day, so she only had a week with them; however, it was good she was there to pitch in with childcare and meal preparations. In February, Anne and Joanne Fontana Kini had a visit at Joanne's daughter's home in Sacramento.

Mary Ellen Taft Whitcomb wrote to say that she, **Karen Gantz Warren**, and **Kay Hisle Quinn** went on a 60th St. Ann's Eighth Grade Reunion Cruise from Miami to Key West and to Cozumel, Mexico, and had a grand time. Her grandson Sean Taft Whitcomb is a freshman at the Mount. She picked him up for Easter break and noted driving around Emmitsburg and what she could see of the St. Joe's campus brought back many great memories. She reported she keeps up with **Jeannie Lapura Beall, Marie Farrell Wallace**, and **Toby Karl McManmon**, and all are well. **Annette Krak Salvage** noted she missed coming to Florida this year, but Rosie brought her up-to-date. She looks forward to joining us next year. She mentioned the joy she has in her grandson Lawrence Jacob Salvage, born Sept. 23, 2012. They call him Lorenzo which is Italian for Lawrence. He is a delight. She remembers all the good advice her college classmates gave her but she manages to keep her lips sealed and to refrain from sharing her "wisdom." Lorenzo lives about eight hours from her home, and driving there is easy so she manages to go about every four weeks.

David Salvage, son of Annette Krak Salvage '61, with wife Gabriella and son, Lawrence Jacob.

Ann Leahigh Grau has done a lot of substitute teaching this year and really enjoys it. She is involved in church activities, has a book group, and plays bridge. She commented that she thought she knew all about bridge since she majored in it at SJC, but has benefited from taking lessons. Her grandchildren are well, one in college, one in first grade, and three in between. In May, Pat and Joanne McNally Downes are embarking on a six-week trip across country with a right turn in California, then north to Canada and home via the Canadian route. First stop son Michael's and his family in LA, then several visits with friends and family and national parks in the U.S. and in Canada.

Maureen Dugan Cocozza compiled a great book list and it was sent out to our class. **Mim Murphy Quaid, Mary Ellen Taft Whitcomb**, and **Ann Fallon Lynch** added some books, too. **Barbara DeMott Holland** writes that her husband Ray, although not too happy with time passing so quickly, had a fun filled 80th birthday celebration. Their middle child Lorraine will be 40 in May. Oh, how he would love to be turning 40 again! They are looking forward to their 45th anniversary in July. Barbara continues to enjoy bowling and volunteer activities. She also notes that she will be sharing the SJC book list with her book group.

Christmas brought news from **Maureen Denehy McKenna** and **Margi Weidner Phillips**. Margi and Jim traveled to Texas, the Ozarks, Canada, and plan to put the Florida reunion on next year's agenda. Their greatest entertainment and joy is sharing the lives of their children and grandchildren. Maureen and Joe enjoyed trips to Maine and New Jersey. Maureen also managed three trips to the ER, but no return trip planned on that one. She is in good health now, as is her daughter Colleen who has won her long battle against Lyme Disease. Joe continues to walk an impressive six miles a day.

The highlight of Joanne Fontana Kini's year was being able to join the group in Longboat Key again. Her husband Mohandes, although an invalid, is stable, mentally alert, enjoys the grandchildren and visitors. He has a remarkable quality of life (thanks to blessed caregivers). They have lived in San Francisco for three years now and call it home. They will celebrate their 48th anniversary with a little ceremony this year. They have known each other over 50 years, so they thought they would recognize it. Three of their children are on the West Coast and two are still on the East Coast, and Joanne visits twice a year. During Christmas 2012, the Kini Family were especially entertained by their four-year-old grandson. He is the little gift who arrived at their eldest son's place after 15 years, and he looks exactly like his great-grandfather Fontana.

Elizabeth Strezeski LaFrance writes of kayaking, hiking, concerts, the circus, theater, hunting for antiques, and roving dinner parties – just a few of the activities enjoyed at our annual mini-reunion in LBK. Every bed in Strez's apartment was filled, sometimes with back-to-back guests. Strez reported plans for a trip in August with **Moira Hanlon Little** and **Rosie Aellen Dunning** to visit **Ann Fallon Lynch** in Washington State, where they will travel with Ann to her cabin in Skykomish. From there, they plan to enjoy rafting and water tubing and visits to Mt. Rainier National Park and Yakima.

Carol Rogers Beaugard wrote about her October 2012 stay in Italy with Eileen and Mercedes and other guests. It is becoming a wonderful tradition for the Beaugards to have guests while in Italy. Carol and Ed will be driving cross county to Bozeman, MT to visit her brother and family in May. They see their neighbors Phyllis and Bud often. Their children are all good. Two granddaughters are graduating from high school, one graduating from college, and one finishing law school in June.

Mercedes Suarez Pfeffer shares that she will be spending May in Sardinia and Corsica to see another part of that hemisphere. In April, she attended a memorial service for Bud Gillespie's brother in Occoquan, VA. She hopes we get to repeat our very special January reunion in LBK in 2014. **Mary Kable Stockman** says that she is still playing tennis, volunteering at the zoo and at the Columbus, OH theaters. She tries to do Silver Sneakers, Tai Chi, and Zumba Gold once a week. Chuck is maintaining health-wise, still active in two writing groups and a military roundtable, and goes to a rec center to exercise daily. Brian and Mary Anne Britt Murphy joined us for dinner during the Florida reunion, and Mary Anne is still consulting and as energetic and busy as ever. Rosie once again did a phenomenal job of sending us a photo journal of our Florida mini-reunion. Rosie's daughter Marie and son-in-law joined us for one of our dinners; they now live in Florida.

A rental apartment found Jack and **Ginny Zebrowski Komar** enjoying Paris for two weeks in late October as sort of a pre-50th anniversary present to themselves. They were near the Eiffel Tower in a neighborhood filled with restaurants and bakeries. It was a fabulous and memorable time. Other trips found them in Maui and Seattle for a granddaughter's First Communion. They are planning a family get together for their 50th anniversary in June, and then a trip to Dubai, India, and Singapore in the fall. Judy Sparrow and Ed are planning a cruise to Alaska in the fall. They spend several months in Florida in the winter and divide their time between Westford, MA and visiting both families along the East Coast and in Florida.

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Thanks to all of you who sent updates for the class news. So many of you have amazing energy levels. Some are still working; others are volunteering, traveling, taking classes etc.

Kitty Fulcher Allen reports that she and Paul are in reasonably good health, still active, and that not much has changed with their family. The children and grandchildren carry on with their whirlwind lives and the grandparents come when summoned. They will be in Virginia and Maryland for two weeks for Confirmation and grand-sitting. When they returnto the Florida Panhandle, they'll need a week to recover. Kitty chairs a caring committee in a Woman's Club (self explanatory), and is the editor for the club's monthly newsletter, as well as an annual. Bridge and reading are passions. She recommends *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society*. "What a treat! If you get time to read for pleasure, I recommend it." She still has ties to the Valley and is very proud of her son-in-law Randy Anders who just received an MBA from MSM! Imagine!

Vi Barkauskas is still working part-time for two universities in Michigan. She refers to her employment as a continuing retirement failure! In May, she and friends traveled the periphery of beautiful Ireland. She continues to be involved with international activities through her membership on the Michigan Board of the Fulbright Association and mentoring international Youth For Understanding high school students. **Sr. Martha Beaudoin** and **Vivian Wojcik Kurilla** had lunch together in Burlington, NJ before Martha retired from her job as a clinician in a therapeutic Foster Home program. She moved to the Germantown area of Philadelphia, where she shares a house with five other sisters engaged in diverse ministries, including schools, youth programs for the poor, a residence for trafficked women, and a transitional housing program for men. Martha works in the DePaul Catholic School as a social worker.

This work is less strenuous but quite rewarding. It is the only Catholic school in the Germantown area. She is also Chair of the Board of Seton Center in Emmitsburg, housed in the old Mother Seton School. It is the only social service center north of Frederick County and provides the usual social services, plus a sorely needed financial literacy program in collaboration with the University of Maryland and other groups.

Dianne Belden Brooks can't believe she is so busy in retirement! She and Dell retired in 2001, he from the Social Security Administration, and she from a job she loved as Assistant Children's Librarian at a Special Services School in Cape May, NJ. After retiring, they wanted to spend more time with their grandsons in Boston, so they alternated months living in Boston and Cape May, truly the best of two worlds. Three years ago, they gave up Boston for DeLand, a small town in Central Florida. They visited, loved the area and, within two days, bought a home situated by a nature preserve in an active over-55 community. DeLand is home to Stetson University and offers the educational and cultural opportunities of a college town. They have also discovered an interesting bio-diversity in Florida. There are many rivers, lakes, natural springs, hiking trails, and wonderful new creatures populating the neighborhood, including alligators, Sand Hill Cranes, sundry snakes, geckos, bald eagles, quail, wild turkeys, black bears, and a bobcat that likes to sun bathe under their palm tree. Dell golfs, swims and bikes; Diane is enrolled in Bible Study International and loves the courses. In December, oldest grandson Andrew visited for his 18th birthday. He enjoyed a gift of skydiving and a visit to Universal Studios. Daughter Dawn, her husband, and 15-year-old Michael visited twice this winter. Son Chris and his wife and two little munchkins Elliot, six, and Lucas, three, spent a week. Lego Land and Disney were part of their visit.

Elliot is the family's ornithologist and was thrilled to see several bald eagles while there. Lucas is the family paleontologist and teaches them all about dinosaurs that they didn't even know existed. Son Christopher is a financial analyst for Monotype Imaging in Woburn, MA. He lives with his wife and family in Lexington, MA. Daughter Dawn is a full-time mom. Her son Andrew graduated in June and will be attending Haverford College in Haverford, PA. His parents and grandparents are feeling the typical bittersweet emotions that come when the eldest child leaves home. Their sunshine boy Michael will enter high school in Wellesley, MA in Sept. He enjoys photography, is an excellent swimmer, and likes basketball, but is shy and non-competitive, so prefers not to participate in Special Olympics. He just enjoys mastering challenges in his own way and his own time. He is the heart of their family and brings indescribable joy to all.

Diane is hoping to get together again with **Karen Krieger Kirk** and Thad this summer. They share the same favorite restaurant in Cape May and enjoyed a lovely evening together last summer. They also had a chance to see **Pat Ryan Donovan** and Jim at their lovely 50th anniversary party hosted by their children last August on Cape Cod. Diane is extending an invitation to anyone passing through South Jersey or DeLand to stop by and visit and/or friend her on Facebook.

Speaking of get-togethers, Karen Krieger Kirk, **Jay Lardner Lindes**, and **Kitty Dignan Chrismer** tried for several months to find a date to get together last summer but gave up due to conflicting schedules. It seems we are all ultra busy in retirement. Jay and Jim did have a fun visit with **Abbie Hausmann Love** and Tom while they were all in Florida last April. Abbie and Tom stopped by The Villages for a couple of days on their way home to Virginia from Naples and several other destinations after their winter in Florida with their 43 foot luxurious RV named Buford. Tom referred to The Villages as "a cruise ship that doesn't go anywhere." They go plenty since they sold their house on the Outer Banks, SC. When not traveling, they have an apartment that is part of their son Mark's home in Chesapeake, VA. Abbie and Tom and children and grandchildren spent a week at the Disney attractions, as they do every year. We are never too old to play! Next winter we must all plan a rendezvous with Diane, Abbie, Jay, and **Denise Lamoureux Murtha**, who lives in Sarasota and anyone else who may be in Florida in February.

Having living quarters in one of the children's homes is becoming a popular option. **Mary Kate Dawson** also has an apartment in her daughter's home in Wilmington, NC, where she stays when not visiting one of her other six children and grandchildren. She sent a lovely photo of her daughter, son-in-law, and their three beautiful children. **Janice Jaeger Burns** has had quite an interesting and diverse career in international health working with the World Health Organization (WHO) in the Caribbean and Latin America. She spent eleven years in Pakistan teaching at the Aga Khan University, and lived in Ethiopia and South Africa. She has four children. Janice also reports she gets together every few years with **Kathleen (Kaki) Driscoll Girzone** and **Mathilde Zambaka Bellmer.**

Kathie Seely Davis reports that Southern California is sunny and lovely as ever, although she has been traveling quite a bit. In mid-May, she was in Lexington, KY for her granddaughter's high school graduation. In June, she will be joining **Joanne McNally Downes** (Class of 1961) and her husband in Banff and Lake Louise, Canada. She will be back to New York City during summer and fall.

Susan McGrath, Maureen Monks Fazio and **Mary Homlish Lynch** met for a catch-up lunch last spring. Susan lost her younger brother Patrick, with whom she was very close, last year after a short lung illness. After that, she and her daughter Clare spent some healing time in Puerto Rico. She sold her home and is now volunteering in Siem Reap, Cambodia, the same city that Maureen's daughter Kari visited last January. There is no word on when she will return to the U.S. Mary and Denny spent a week in Guatemala in April with a faith based group of physicians who provide free medical and surgical care to children who would otherwise not be treated for conditions such as cleft lip and palates, burn scars, contractures and more. They are a dedicated group!

Pat Ryan Donovan returned from our 2012 reunion to a very unpleasant situation. Her home was broken into while they were away and the thief made off with more than $20,000 worth of uninsured gold and precious heirlooms, plus electronics and appliances. On a happier note, she and Jim are adapting to their new home on the Cape and new friends. They are having fun with dining-out clubs, hiking and a book club. Pat sights as inspiration her 96-year-old mother, who still drives, attends exercise class and bakes bread! Another inspiration comes from **Cathy Schmid Nestor**, whose dad is 103 and doing fine in an assisted living facility. Wow! Cathy and her husband were in Florida to celebrate grandchildrens' birthdays and a family anniversary. They had a great trip to England and Scotland last June.

Jean Brady Wrona continues to battle Chronic Fatigue Syndrome and to search for the perfect drug which, so far, has eluded her. A new granddaughter arrived in time for Halloween. We all hope for a new miracle drug cure for that devastating illness.

For the past 11 years, **Kathy Keane** has spent three days a week in dialysis from 6:30am to noon. She lives in a lovely nursing home in Rockville, MD. She is free most afternoons and would love to have any of us visit if we are in the area. Letters are also very welcome.

Betsy Hostler McUne reports that she and Roger are enjoying their seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, and retirement in New Mexico without having to travel anymore, since they traveled so much during their professional lives. They are very blessed! **Kathy Carroll Kiefer** sent a Christmas photo with her 18 immediate family members, all healthy and happy. As she stated it, they strive for "an attitude of gratitude" in their lives. **Missy Cullinan Rosson** is also grateful for her new granddaughter Ariana Nicole born to her daughter Eileen. She joins two other grandchildren. Missy takes a class in musical theater at the University of New Mexico, and other classes in the Oasis program for older adults. **Louise LaMonaca Wigglesworth** received very good reviews for her latest production of *Rimers of Eldrich* at the theater she runs in Fort Meyers, FL. This followed her previous stage adaptation, which she wrote, of Camus' T*he Plague*. **Mary Jane Marta Orcutt** is also into artistic endeavors, preparing for an art show in November on the West Coast, volunteering at the Marine Center and participating in a book club.

Anne Diller Welkener writes from Herndon, VA that she lives near her two sisters, two children, and four grandchildren, and there is always something going on to keep her active. She took a break with her husband for a month in Punta Gorda, FL. Vivian Wojcik Kurilla has finally retired from teaching English composition and thinks she would like a mindless break, perhaps selling tickets at a movie theater. She said if your ticket sellers are like those near her home, even smiling is not required!

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The Class of 1963 celebrated our glorious golden reunion "all together" as 45 of us participated with great joy and gratitude. "It was like coming home after a long absence," noted **Jane Metze Freeman**. We enjoyed the SJCAA scheduled events and those added by the enthusiastic planning of the Class Reunion Planning Committee.

Our on-line conversation among classmates started as a response to the query: "What impact did your years at St. Joseph College have on your life?" as a possible column for *The Valley Echo*. This sparked our *Memory Box*, now on the SJC website, a complete rendition of all responses, serious to humorous, reflections and anecdotes. For those who came to reunion, we arrived with fresh reminders of our campus days, laughing and smiling collectively.

So many classmates chimed in as the memories evolved, that we felt their presence there. **Ellen Caulfield White** noted that we missed those who were not there and hope to see them again and share our stories. Reacting to the memories, **Mary Lou Chesley-Cora** remarked that our class is unique and special and urged us to give thanks for all that has been and will be. **Mary Lou, Joan DeGennaro, Judy Dwyer Murphy, Sheila Driscoll Rosenthal** and **Carol Lee Brosenne Story** added much to our collective memories, although they were unable to attend reunion.

Marjorie Roberts Tautkus' insightful essay, printed elsewhere in *The Valley Echo*, captured the essence of our education and our role in life. **Maxine Wallish Gorman** thanks Marjorie "for a reminder of what is truly important in life no matter how we use and share our God-given talents that were expanded and strengthened at SJC."

Back to reunion—donning our emblazoned 50th scarves and admiring our daisy-framed 1963 Allegra photos and write-ups, we started our festivities on Thursday evening, anticipating a full day on Friday. Arrivals included Jerry and **Carol Denier,** despite travel obstacles; **Sheila Degnan McCarron** and **Kaywood Greeve Fuqua**, with her treasured Daisy Quilt for Allegra's Alley; **Anne Dondero Prinn** and **Kathy Daniel Risen**, from Massachusetts and Florida, after meeting at the airport. Reunion Committee members: Franklin and **Maureen Codey Caputo, Joan Codey Durkin,** Earl and **Mary Lou Feeney, Dave and Maryanna Freiberger Keller,** Bill and **Linda Carr Kenny,** Ray and **Mary Ellen Gill Purkis, Julie Rowe, Susan Williamson Swartz,** Jim and **Ellen Krieger Smelas**, chairperson. Reunion Committee members from Pennsylvania included **Cassie Gillis De Bow, Cathy Parrott Kryzanauskas, Mariellen Halberstadt Marchione** and **Mary Ann Krastall Yahn.**

When we entered, Maureen and Joan had decorated our social hub, the Wyndham Presidential Suite. Although unable to attend, Joanie De had provided a generous donation for our snack stash, and other classmates brought along goodies galore. Just as we were trying to remember our class song, Linda whipped out a copy, and we joined hands singing all six verses. Reading through Cathy's meticulous scrapbooks and complete *Valley Echo* collection brought back events and details we'd forgotten.

We all particularly enjoyed our time with **Sr. Judith Parkin, Claire Baril Green** who is still teaching and Texan Ellen Caulfield White. **Tobie Gibbons** drove up from DC with Chicagoans **Sue Garner McNulty** and **Maureen Lynch Gucciard**. Post-reunion, the latter threesome hiked in the Maryland countryside. Sue incorporated beautiful scenery and lunch, too. Then Maureen was off to hug and visit her daughter Katie and two grandchildren.

Others joined us for Friday's activities----**Jeannie Kerwin Allen** and **Joy Wainio Horsley,** with good stories of a shared 21st birthday celebration in Rosary; driving from BWI , **Jane Metze Freeman**; former SJC Alumnae Secretary **Mary Fran Smith Horne; Mary Hannon Kelhart**, still in touch since freshman year; faithful reunioner A**ndy Brophy Marchal; Jean Lentz**, busy with real estate.

Ro Moran Marquette and **Kathy Johnson Raby** traveled together, as did **Susie Molinari**, class secretary *emeritus* and **Pat Lieb Mudd**. Friends **Mary Lou Spurrier** and Marjorie Roberts Tautkus enjoyed a visit. **Ann Knowles Harmon** made the long drive from Ohio with her daughter.

From diverse compass points, Peter and **Nell Gelsinon Carvell** from Austin, TX; Don and **Mary Higgins Haile** from Raleigh, NC; Mike and **Maxine Wallish Gorman,** Matt and **Alanna Higgins McHugh**, Richard and **Sue Boland Southwell**, all from DC area, and from Florida, Mike and **Ann Walsh Tedesco**. Mary and Max graduated from the same high school and had much to reminisce about.

The Friday tour reminded us of the beauty of our beloved campus, respectfully maintained by FEMA. Later that day, our Class Mass in the beautifully restored campus chapel unified us in prayer and song. Sheila and Pat orchestrated a memorable liturgy, the spiritual highlight. Class members participated as lectors, Eucharistic ministers, processors, and daisy-bearers, as we remembered our deceased friends, especially **Jill Myers Audet** and **Terry Smith**, who passed away this year. We each took home our own Mother Seton Prayer Card, composed by Cassie, as we returned to the Wyndham for our class dinner.

For our own time together back in Emmitsburg, Mary Ellen arranged our traditional Saturday class luncheon at the Carriage House. We had lovely floral centerpieces, courtesy of Jane, and laughed playing hilarious SJC Trivia, researched and emceed by Mary Lou. Later that day, our classmates participated in every phase of the Basilica Mass, a unifying liturgy.

The Class of 1963 Fund had grown mightily from our initial donation of $35, collected by Kaywood in 2009 at the Bicentennial Reunion, when we established it. At the Alumnae Reunion Banquet, we donated $18,430 to the Seton Center, which continues the work of Mother Seton and the Daughters of Charity, serving the poor of the Emmitsburg area. By unanimous vote, the Class of 1963 felt this was a meaningful way to link our own past to the current mission of the Daughters and to the heritage of our patroness. Sr. Salvatrice, D.C., accepted the check with tears of joy and thanked us personally as we posed for our golden photo in the foyer. So many classmates contributed generously to our fund throughout the years.

Being together enriched us all, and we cherish every memory of our 50th. By sharing our story, we hope to inspire all future reuning classes to enjoy every moment of reconnecting to each class member.

"In 1963 we were close to some of our classmates. Now we are close and engaged in the lives of all of our classmates. We missed those who were not there and hope to see you again and share our stories," says Ellen Caulfield White.

The get-togethers continue, with promises of more to come. Linda Kenny graciously invited area classmates to lunch at her lovely home post-reunion. Cathy, Maureen, Joan, and Mary Ellen, Metuchenites Susan, Julie, and Ellen all came. From afar, Tobie, Sheila and Margaret drove to New Hope, PA on a lovely May day. Conversation centered on reunion, because we still hadn't tired of talking about it, and now we had the best audience -- each other!

Please see the reunion section for remarks offered at the Saturday banquet by Tobie Gibbons on behalf of our Golden Jubilee class.

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Wow, 2014 is going to be an incredibly fantastic year! Can we possibly be old enough to be celebrating our Golden Jubilee Reunion as SJC "girls"? We are all getting so excited and are making plans to share a wonderful time together. Our special Reunion dates are March 27 to March 30, 2014. Plans have begun for this much anticipated time together.

Class of '64 begin planning 50th Reunion in 2014 From left: Mary Lou Ullrich Jones, Bobbie Davis Speace, Kathie Kennedy Incaprera, Renee Peters Stalter, Bev Jones Wyatt, Anne McAllister LaBoon, Carole Sokolik Bourbonnais, Claire Maurer, Jackie Melroy Shiring. Photo taken by Chrystie Damico Goles.

We launched our preparations by gathering at **Bev Jones Wyatt**'s home on May 20. She is the "hostess with the mostest" and served a gourmet lunch of her famous crab imperial with wonderful accompaniments. There were ten of us around Bev's table: **Carole Sokolik Bourbonnais, Kathie Kennedy Incaprera, Mary Lou Ullrich Jones, Anne McAllister LaBoon, Claire Maurer, Jackie Melroy Shiring, Bobbie Davis Speace, Renee Peters Stalter**, Bev and myself. We decided we would each take a group of classmates' names, then call and speak to each of you. Hope that by now everyone has heard from one of us. Please let me know if you have not been contacted.

At the Saturday evening 2014 Reunion Banquet, we will gather together and present the traditional Golden Class Gift. Hopefully, each of us will contribute a comfortable amount of money to add to the St. Joseph College Alumnae Scholarship, an endowed scholarship fund at Mount St. Mary's University. This special scholarship will be awarded annually to a Mount student with "connections to St. Joseph College." In addition, the student must demonstrate financial need, as well as academic achievement. Please plan to respond generously with your personal "grateful" contribution to our special Class Gift fund. Let's all give something in thanks and in memory of all the wonderful friendships we made while we were in the Valley.

Since our 45th Reunion, SJCAA Reunion events have moved to the Wyndham Hotel in Gettysburg. This is Reunion 2014 headquarters and where most of our activities will take place, including our class dinner on Friday evening. These Friday night gatherings have been a wonderful event for other 50th classes, for it allows lots of time to be together. I have also reserved a hospitality suite that will be used exclusively for our class. We can gather there at any time, day or night. We will be able to keep wine and other goodies in this spacious suite for the entire weekend. It will be a great place to come together and it is reserved just for our Golden Class of 1964.

We will have a special Golden Jubilarian Class Mass on Friday afternoon of Reunion Weekend. It will be held prior to our class dinner and in "our" former college chapel, and celebrated by Fr. Kevin Farmer. Fr. Kevin is known as "Rev Kev" on the Mount campus. He has been the chaplain for the MSM Alumnae Association. The old SJC Chapel has been renovated, but it still has a familiar feel; even the old pews remain. The Golden Class Mass is unique and very meaningful because it will be totally planned by our class. The Saturday Memorial Reunion Mass will involve our class as well. Mary Lou Ullrich Jones and Jackie Melroy Shiring will serve as the liturgy coordinators for this extra special service. Msgr. Stuart Swetland from the Mount will be the celebrant. He has been with us for the past few years at the Reunion Masses and does a wonderful job!

Of course, we are looking for any and all of your ideas for special events and activities. We have time to discuss your ideas, so let me or any other member of the planning committee hear from you. The Class of 1963, headed by **Ellen Krieger Smelas**, did an incredible job with their 50th celebration. Ellen has been kind enough to share these ideas and how they went about coordinating such a wonderful time for their class. Many of their '63 classmates had never attended a Reunion before and were so impressed by the feelings of being "All Together" once again. Hope we are able to make our Reunion as wonderful as theirs! How blessed we are to be able to share this wonderful time together!

It was lovely to hear from some of you during the Christmas season. Carole Sokolik Bourbonnais wrote about a wonderful cruise to Alaska with their whole family to celebrate her and Bob's birthdays. How special to be able to share such a celebration with family. Carole and Bob have six beautiful granddaughters, and enjoy winters in Florida! Don and **Peggy Tofani Corrado** visited with Carole and Bob often and, recently, Carole, Bob, Peggy and Don went to visit **Jackie Jermyn Azzarto**, who moved to Florida, lock, stock and barrel, after her recent years in NYC. I was happy to hear Jackie moved south to a lovely home in Port St. Lucie. It sounds amazing! Jackie had vacationed in Florida for the past several years, visiting many old friends from upstate New York, who begged her to join them in Florida. Her friends found her a lovely home that has many of the amenities Jackie enjoys. Since Jackie grew up in Brooklyn, she never learned to ride a two-wheeler. As a Christmas gift, her children gave her a three-wheeler bike so she can "tool" around her lovely neighborhood. In addition to transportation via the bike, Jackie bought herself a white VW convertible! Lots of luck Jackie, and we hope to come visit soon! New York misses you.

Lola Forns Reilly writes a wonderful letter talking of Bob's and her busy schedule. They usher for the Charleston Symphony, and teach Sunday School and RCIA classes. They traveled to Martha's Vineyard, Pensacola, and then went to Sacramento for Thanksgiving. While they were there, they visited **Linda Bowman Shumate** for a bit. **Joan Finn** and **Ann Miles** came down to South Carolina in November to visit and celebrate **Pat Giblin Wolman's** 70th. **Mary Edna Sullivan** was there, too. Guess it was a joint 70th celebration. How great for all of you! **Carol Hammond Wagner** wrote from deep in the heart of Texas! Carol's son Jay was married in Sebastopol, CA in July. Tim is still in Cambridge, MA. His company participated in a successful clinical trial in Cambridge, and a second trial has begun, which might take as long as four years. Carol and John vacationed in Hawaii after son Jay's wedding. Carol continues to volunteer and works with the Prenatal Clinic and Voices for Children. She and John hope to move to a smaller home within the coming year. Claire Maurer is enjoying time in Ocean City during the warmer weather. I know Jackie Melroy Shiring plans to visit Claire during the summer, and I hope we can all get together to spend some time on the beach. Jackie and her husband vacationed in Hawaii recently, and she came to our meeting in May, very tan! Of course, Jackie will be with us at Reunion.

I received a surprise e-mail from **Ginny Pittman Boschen**. She had received the letter I sent and wanted to make sure to learn all about our mini-reunion, as well as our 50th. **Mary Lou Schreck Blumer** is planning to come to the mini-reunion, and that encouraged Ginny to do the same. **Karen Perry Palmieri** survived "Sandy" fairly well and hopes to come to the mini-reunion, as well as the 50th! Can't wait to see everyone in September and then again in March! Let us know if we can help with travel plans. I spoke to **Betsy Ross**, and she is doing very well in Connecticut. Betsy is coming to our 50th, for sure! Earlier in the spring, **Joan Kludy** took the train from Maryland to visit **Cookie Kaheny Costanzo** in Florida for a lovely vacation. While Kludy was with Cookie, they visited Jackie Jermyn Azzarto in her new Florida home. They made a vow to come to the mini-reunion with Cookie driving, to pick up Jackie, and then drive to Maryland to pick up Kludy. Can't wait to see all three of them. Besides hosting our lovely pre-reunion luncheon, Bev spent a Sunday with Kludy in Kent Island. They both had a wonderful time.

I have been in touch with **Ann Casey Klarich**, who has a new granddaughter in the Midwest. Ann was hoping to visit her family there during the summer. Bobbie Davis Speace came to have dinner with Claire, Mary Lou, Ann and me during Reunion 2013. Bobbie is feeling better each day after some "stomach" issues this past winter. She is grateful for all the prayers sent her way. Bobbie looks great! Anne McAllister LaBoon and I continue to spend time together, either in Bel Air or at the beach. We always have a good time, whatever we do! Anne keeps in touch

with **Betty Meagher McManmon**. Betty and John have moved to Milledgeville, GA, to be closer to family. Their youngest son will be married in Connecticut soon, and Ann plans on going to the wedding to share Betty and John's joy! At our last mini-reunion, Jackie Jermyn Azzarto reported she was in touch with **Roseanne O'Brien Anderson** by phone, and Roseanne was hoping to come to our 50th. Hope so!

One last request: Please make sure that we have your current e-mail address. It is a wonderful way to communicate with all of you. Remember, we need to have as many of our classmates as possible attend Reunion 2014. As the dates get closer, we will work with anyone who needs to share transportation and coordinate travel plans. See you at our 50th!

~ **With love, Chrystie**

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As I began to review a collection of news items from classmates, I realized I had not heard from **Kathy Murphy Clarke** since the fierce tornadoes hit Oklahoma, so I e-mailed her at once. Kathy's daughter Eileen lives in a town next to and south of Moore, OK, where the first group of tornadoes hit. Several families from her school community, All Saints School, lost their homes. She housed three of her friends' children for a week. Their homes had been damaged, and her friends were helping a neighbor who lost their house and a child in the storms. Family and friends from all over the country have been generous, sending Eileen cash, as well as Home Depot, Target, and Wal-Mart gift cards to distribute directly to families from All Saints School. Like other Oklahoma residents, Eileen has decided to put in a storm cellar, since the recent tornadoes hit only two miles away. Kathy adds: "With Mother Nature, all you can do is carry on. Okies are used to it and really are wonderful and help each other."

Didi Bremer Corrigan sent an e-mail after receiving my post-Mothers Day request for class news. Ever on the go, Didi was writing from a villa near Citte di la Pieve, north of Rome. She and Larry were sharing the spacious Villa Podera Baiocco with 11 of their friends, most of whom were school classmates from Panama. **Eugenia McAuliffe Kelly** and other New Jersey residents were looking forward to Memorial Day and the opening of the summer season on the Jersey shore. Genia and a band of cousins enjoy a shore reunion annually, and damage from Hurricane Sandy was heartbreaking. Another summer Jersey shore denizen, **Carole "Fergie" Ferguson Harding-Menges** spent the winter holidays with her daughters and their families in Connecticut and Maryland. However, she headed back to Florida for the remainder of the winter.

Margo Honey Keesler and husband Gene settled into their Glenville, NC home in May. Margo was looking forward to planting a vegetable garden and enjoying the summer activities in Cashiers. She also grows beautiful dahlias. Margo had lunch with **Barbara Merson Tyne** in the spring. Barbara was in Florida looking for a winter residence. Barbara relocated to the southern shore of Long Island in Bay Shore just in time for Hurricane Sandy, but Margo reports Barbara's LI home experienced only minor damage during the storm. Margo is not the only member of our class who has an interest in beautiful flowers. **Mary Ann Dore Carlson** is president of her local garden club. Her Christmas card included a collage of 2012 family events and a picture of Mary Ann in front of a flowering tree. She and her family live in Williamsburg, VA.

Connecticut was hard hit in the last months of 2012. First, Hurricane Sandy was an unwelcome visitor. **Eileen Sekerak Sullivan** lost power for four days and found warmth at a neighbor's home, thanks to a portable generator. When the Sullivan's power came back on, other family members without power descended en masse with sleeping bags. As Connecticut residents were finally recuperating from Sandy's wrath, news of the school shootings in Newtown impacted on everyone's holiday joy. Eileen was with her Bible Study group in Monroe, CT at St. Jude's Catholic School when the school went into lock-down. It was and still is a very traumatic event for all. Newtown is very close to my hometown of Trumbull (Long Hill). Prior to this event, the most newsworthy items from Newtown concerned a long-established flagpole located in the middle of Route 25. Some motorist would always run into it, especially around the holidays.

Late 2012 brought news of happy and not-so-happy events for many of our '65 classmates. There's happy news from **Carolyn Walker (Algiere) Rathman**. In July 2012, she re-married and is now Carolyn Walker Rathman. Her address is 1080 Piney Z Plantation Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32311. **Diane "Dede" Koudelka Rogers**, Carolyn's roommate for four years at SJC, attended the wedding. Dede is hoping to sell her homes in town and at the beach and relocate to Emerald Isle, NC. Her son Bruce will build a house for her and it will be close to him and his family. Son Peter and family are planning to build a house in Mozambique, where he has been working for the past few years. Grandson Evan is still challenged by some health issues, but he had only three hospitalizations during the past year, and that is a major improvement.

Nancy Boemanns Fratini and Al's son Andy is improving after a long winter of treatment for a rare form of cancer. He and his family visited Nancy and Al in mid-June, and they were pleased to see his improvement. Please continue to keep the whole family in your prayers. The New Year brought a very welcome message from **Carol Donohue Miller**. Carol and Ed's daughter Kristine and her family were caught up in the politics and newly mandated policies of Russian adoptions. Our class was praying hard for a softening of the Russian government's restrictive rules affecting adoptions. It looked like Nastia, a 12-year-old girl, would not be permitted to join her American family. But there is good news. Nastia, her American parents, and her younger American brother Matthew arrived in New York ahead of a major snowstorm and spent their first night as a united family with Carol and Ed, her new American grandparents, in New Jersey! We love happy endings!

I saw **Jane Currie Sutton** and **Susan Flanigan Conrad** at Reunion in early April. **Jane Manning Brennan** was unable to attend. Her husband Bob lost a valiant fight against cancer in early March. Another classmate, **Barbara Hogan Sullivan**, lost her husband Dan in September 2012. Jane Sutton sees **Nancy Johnson Bentley** during the summer months. Nancy is living at the beach year-round and Jane's beach house isn't far away. Nancy continues to recuperate and we all hope she will be with us at our 50th. I talked with **Barbara Williams Walsh**'s sister **Mary Lou Williams Feeney** '63 at Reunion. We both reminisced about Barb's wonderful laugh and sense of humor. I had hoped we would all see Barbara at our 50th in 2015. Thanks to Pennsylvania classmates **Maggie Quayle Bellew, Janet Welaj Klaer,** and **Birdie Garvie Hummell**, who were able to attend Barbara's Mass and/or viewing. I also learned that **Maureen O'Flaherty Wylonis** lost her younger brother Terrence this spring.

Birdie Garvie Hummell has been enjoying more opportunities to travel with friends and family. She was planning to join her sister and brother for a tour of Costa Rica in February. **Kay Ehringer Mufalli** and Chuck sent Christmas greetings. The springtime is Kay's busy season. Her Hollyhock Gardener business keeps her active designing, installing and refreshing flower gardens. **Mary Beth Boisseree McDonell** finds inspiration for her oil paintings in her travels. Her 2012 Christmas card "Russian Countryside" was a copy of one of her original oils. She finds time during retirement to perfect her artistic skills by taking painting classes and spending time each day with her paintbrushes and oils.

First-ever grandchildren for **Maggi Mullahy Yates** and husband Bob celebrated their first birthdays this May. Oliver and Hannah are beautiful healthy twins and the ideal pair: a boy and a girl! Maggi's former roomie and Laval amie, **Betsy O'Brien Marron** and husband Michael, paid a visit to the Falmouth Yates' home last summer. The Marrons are enjoying retirement activities that include travel, golf, gardening and reading. Son John works with Georgetown University's Endowment Office and son Tom is in a residency at Mount Sinai.

Hannah and Oliver, twin grandchildren of Maggi Mullahy Yates '65 celebrate their first birthday.

Barbara Gaver called before Christmas and we had a long chat. It takes a bit of time to catch up with Barb's large family and all of Barb's projects. Barbara has always been an amazingly energetic person, and she hasn't changed much through the years. **Missy Steiner Tobia**'s holiday note indicated her husband Dick's retirement in the not-too-distant future might facilitate traveling to our 50th Reunion in 2015. I received an e-mail from **Patricia Sutherland O'Connor**. Pat lives on Long Island; it would be great to see her at our 50th, too.

Anne Sacchet Payne planned to retire in January but she already has another job in marketing to occupy her "free" time. Husband Ron had surgery in 2012 and he recuperated well. **Mary Brandon Rummele** was making good progress after hip replacement surgery at the end of October. She and John planned a trip to Florida during February and March. **Susan Lowe Kayes** went through a round of tests before the holidays but she can truthfully boast she "has the heart of a 50 year old." She presented a program on antique Santas for the Doll Museum during the Christmas season.

A short note from **Cathy Scovitch Walsh** assured me she is doing well but does need a cane when she goes outdoors. **Judy McGrath Brenner** followed her daughter Kerry's advice and enrolled in Kerry's Jazzercise class. The exercise routines have been very helpful in alleviating Judy's chronic problems with sciatica. Judy volunteers with Hospice and spends four hours a week with patients at the local center. All of **Ann Smith Flynn** and Pat's adult children and their families now live within 25 miles of the senior Flynns in Ohio. Oldest grandchild is completing his freshman year at Miami of Ohio and the youngest is almost four years old. John and **Marg Kiel Sottosani** enjoy their California lifestyle, but also enjoy travel. Latest itineraries included the western Mediterranean and Fatima, Portugal.

The Georgia Smiths are fine. Charlie and I are in the Adirondacks in upstate New York for the summer months. For the past two summers, we have experienced floods, hurricanes, and tremors from an earthquake. And I thought our Georgia weather with tornado sirens or two inches of snow and no snow removal equipment was traumatic! We generally have a few projects before the family groups start arriving. This year, we are constructing a fence to keep the deer out of our garden. I will let you know if it works.

Remember, it's not too early to begin some serious planning for our 50th Golden Reunion. First, please save these dates: March 19 – 22, 2015. We will need a core group of classmates to organize some special events for our Class of 1965. I sent everyone a comprehensive summary in my Christmas mailing. I included a listing of the usual events and suggestions for some special opportunities. I would like to send information to every single member of the class of 1965, but I will need your help in finding some of our "lost ladies." If you remember a former roommate or classmate and have not heard from her in a long time, please forward her name to me, along with her last-known address.

Florida classmates, we need to have a few mini-reunions in a number of places beginning in the winter of the 2014. I know we have some snowbirds that travel south for a few weeks or months each winter. This winter would be a perfect time for everyone to rendezvous with SJC friends! I expect a very long caravan from the sunny south to Pennsylvania/Maryland in 2015, so we need to "start our motors now."

Hope summertime brings fun and family time and that autumn and the remainder of the year bring enough of everything you need. Let me hear from you!

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Dear classmates:

The Bethany Babes weekend of 2012 was our best yet. We had 20 repeaters and two newcomers, **Pat Cosgrove Messick** and **Mary Ellen Flinton Sullivan**. The weekend officially kicked off Friday at **Jane Davis Marden**'s home at the Sea Colony, where we greeted one another enthusiastically and enjoyed her delicious buffet. At 4 p.m., we left for Bethany Beach, which is close to **Kathleen Smith Franke's** place. There we set up our blankets and chairs for our first ever "wine and cheese at the beach." Needless to say, our group attracted a lot of attention. Most of us were content to sit and chat or leisurely stroll, but **Carol Kuzmack Bradshaw** and Jane bravely went swimming. We reluctantly left the beach, only because it was getting dark.

Class of '66 at Beach Reunion September 29, 2012 at Judy's beach house.From the top: Back row: Kathleen Smith Franke, Judy Fleck Shahriari and Judy Brittingham Ward; Second row: Pat Lessard Whalen, Sally Dore Fierro, Diane White, Melinda Bloom, Aggie Anderson Fleming; Third Row: Barbara Seiler Byrne, Sally Gwynn Evans, Gail Watkins Crawford, Melissa Hanscom McDivitt, Patty Cosgrove Messick, Carol Sheheen Pappas, Mary Furey Keenan; Fourth row: Karin Fischl Rennert, Jane Davis Marden, Carol Kuzmack Bradshaw, Susan Kaiserski Keller, Maureen Mullin Klein; Front row: Mary Ellen Flinton Sullivan

Next up was **Betty Depenbrock Martin**'s house in Bear Trap. Her recently renovated house is beautiful and perfect for entertaining. We enjoyed a wonderful chicken dinner while waiting for updates from **Maureen Mullin Klein**, who had a harrowing trip down from Long Island, including getting stuck on Route 1 while they cleared a leaking propane truck off the road. She finally arrived toward the end of the evening, tired but laughing about her adventure.

Saturday morning was free time. **Diane White**, **Mary Ellen, Barb Seiler Byrne** and **Susan Kaiserski Keller**, who all stayed at my house, helped me prep for that night's dinner. They were a big help.

At noon, we reported to Smitty's for a pizza lunch and more sharing. We were able to do some Face Time with **Kathy Miller Horning**, who had hoped to come, but just wasn't up to it. At least she got a little taste of the weekend. Later, most of us went to the 4 p.m. Mass at St. Ann's. I know we were praying for all of our classmates.

After Mass, everyone came to my house to party. Fortunately, the weather held so we could be both outside and in. Supper was an old-fashioned southern barbecue. Our southern gal **Carol Sheheen Pappas** mixed martinis to go with it. After dinner we did more sharing. The highlight of the night was Jane's showing off a knitted red bikini that was made by an elderly aunt of her first husband. Crazy Carol K grabbed the thing, put it on, and did a great imitation of an exotic dancer, which brought the house down. Around midnight we reluctantly said our goodbyes, as some of the girls were leaving early the next day. Sunday, as our numbers dwindled, the few remaining classmates finished the plentiful leftovers and agreed that we have the greatest, most caring group of women in the world.

Mary Furey Keenan has four married children and one unmarried daughter. She is in the process of downsizing and will move soon. **Judy Fleck Shahriari** is going later in October to visit her daughter and tour Argentina. Betty Depenbrock Martin went Saturday of our weekend to her 50th high school reunion. She has a new grandson, Archibald Moss Martin.

Karen Fischl Rennert has been spending a lot of time in Philadelphia at the Cancer Centers of America, where her husband Ron is being treated for prostate cancer. He is almost through his treatment. Karen's daughter, a nurse, works there too. **Gail Watkins Crawford** toured India in 2012. She and her friend are touring the faraway places first. They figure they'll do the closer places when they are older and can't get around as easily.

Sally Dore Fierro is enjoying her trailer by the sea with her family. She laughingly described her grandchildren's sleeping arrangements: one on the dog's bed and the other at the bottom of an open closet. The kids love it! **Sally Gwynn Evans** is very busy helping her younger sister, who has ALS, and her elderly mother. (Since our weekend, Sally's mother passed away. Our condolences to you and your family, Sally.)

Susan Kaiserski Keller has us all wanting to go to France. Her wedding anniversary trip was fantastic. Now she and Pat are planning to volunteer in a local school. Mary Ellen Flinton Sullivan is very busy with her family. After Bethany, she was going to DC to help a relative who is recovering from a mugging in which he was left for dead. They caught the muggers, but it will be a long recovery for him, as he suffered brain injuries. Mary Ellen also brought pictures of her gardens, which are very impressive.

Diane White is still counting the church collection, working in the parish school and enjoying her dog. She had news of **Mary Patterson Falchi**. Recently, Mary's daughter was married, and the next day, her daughter-in-law gave birth to Mary's first grandchild. In two days, she went from mother of the bride to a grandmother. Barb Seiler Byrne and husband Bill are thinking of moving permanently to their summer house in Plymouth. Her son, the ER doc, moved back to Boston, where he is closer to friends and family.

Jane Davis Marden has been researching her family history, which she says is like a Damon Runyon story. Her father was a fighter, who owned a bar in DC in the '50s. She brought an old account book that held his patrons' IOUs. She still dog sits, spends time with Davis, her grandson, and with her many friends. Carol Sheheen Pappas's children, Venetia and John Frank, are now 10. Venetia joined the choir at her Catholic school. John Frank, a good student, likes to sample many activities at his public school. Harry, her husband, is retired due to heart problems, and helps with the kids. Carol is doing very well with Avon and rapidly rising in the ranks.

Kathleen Smith Franke says her husband John recently retired, but is working a few days a week for another company. She and her family are planning a big family reunion in Ireland this summer. **Carol Kuzmack Bradshaw** is taking on the duty of watching her two grandsons, the children of each of her daughters. What lucky boys they are to have such a fun grandma!

Aggie Anderson Fleming reports that her daughter is doing well in a group home, her grandchildren are well in Colorado, and she enjoys spending time with her many friends in Connecticut. **Pat Lessard Whalen** is the mother of a girl from her marriage to John Keepnews, and the boy from her marriage to Mr. Whalen. John was the love of her life. She is in a long-term relationship now.

Melinda Bloom is very high on the Roads Scholars group (formerly Elderhostel). She entertained us with stories of a trip to the Indian areas of the Southwest with her husband John. Soon she will be the mother of the bride at her daughter's non-traditional wedding. She gave up her 50th high school reunion to be with us in Bethany. **Melissa Hanscom McDivitt** is thrilled that her daughter's family has been living in Maryland so she can spend more time with them, especially with Summer, her granddaughter. Bandy had serious surgery for melanoma under his fingernail and is now recovering. Maureen Mullin Klein is traveling to Japan soon to stay with a colleague who does decorator show houses, a concept that Maureen introduced her to in the USA. **Pat Cosgrove Messick** is currently working for the Jesuits. She retired from Union Memorial Hospital and has held a series of smaller jobs, which she enjoys. Her daughter, who lives near Bethany, joined us on the beach for our wine and cheese party. **Judy Brittingham Ward** has seven grandchildren ranging in age from 16 years to 14 months and enjoys spending time with family at the beach.

Our class continues to connect in various ways throughout the year. During the winter, Melissa, Diane and Smitty met in Annapolis for lunch. In early spring, Melissa, **Katie Boland White**, Judy F., Barb and I went to Longwood Gardens to see the orchid exhibit and enjoy lunch.

Barb shared the news that she had seen an obituary for **Cathy McFadden Powell** in her hometown paper. Cathy died in Florida in December. Here is a link to her obituary.

http://obits.dignitymemorial.com/dignity-memorial/obituary.aspx?n=Catherine-Powell&lc=4681&pid=161814477&mid=5346993&locale=en-US#

Smitty has sent us the information on our next Bethany weekend, September 27-29. If interested, please e-mail Smitty at Johnkathleen@Atlanticbb.net. Already, 19 girls are planning to attend. She is excited about her upcoming trip to Ireland and a new grandson due this summer. She reports good news about John whose lymphoma is under control. Other good news comes from Carol Pappas, who reports Harry had a successful hip replacement on May 6. Karen Rennert also says her husband Ron finished his treatment and is doing well. Kathy Hornung is expecting her fourth granddaughter this summer.

Rose Serio Sheheen continues to be a very busy lady. She is on the parish council, leading a church effort to build a family life center, helping with Vincent's next run for office, mentoring and enjoying eight grandchildren, and working with Fred doing some online instruction. In her spare time, she knits.

I recently spoke with **Roxanne McCauley**. She is busy being her friend Nate's medical advocate. He is now in a nursing home. Recently she invited **Julie Rupp Hultzen** to stay with her while she was in town for a family reunion. Julie is mourning the death of her father, with whom she was very close. Another busy lady is Maureen Klein. She is chairing the Take a Seat Event for IFDA in New York, which is displaying chairs designed by their members in the windows of the Lillian August store in New York City. They are part of a gala and charity auction in New York, Japan, and San Diego, with proceeds to benefit the Japanese tsunami and Hurricane Sandy victims. This event is timed to be part of the New York City Design Something New, which is similar to Fashion Week. Way to go Maureen!

Jay Moody and Bub are enjoying married life. They split their time between Capon Springs and Falls Church. They took a short trip to Rehoboth, and look forward to a visit with Jay's son's family in Colorado Springs this fall. She also visited the old campus to see the five memorial bricks that were placed recently. **Clara Humphries Salloom, Katie Boland White, Marilou Rosica Dunbar** met **Terry Brown Montgomery** and her sister for a visit to Havre de Grace, MD, where they "laughed ourselves silly." Mary Lou and her companion Don spent time in Florida this winter and are looking forward to a trip to Maine in the fall. **Mary Steigelman Samuels** and husband Mike are snowbirds in Venice, FL since they retired. They traveled to China last year and Scotland in 2013. Her first grandchild is going to college this fall and her mother has just turned 92!

Diane Bernardon Holmes and family are planning a Mediterranean cruise this fall. She is especially looking forward to seeing Venice. **Dale Gilbert Bock** recently traveled to Phoenix to visit her 90-year-old mom and to see **Pat Devaney Brandes**. She and Alan will celebrate their 47th anniversary on August 6. They travel between their home near Pittsburgh, which is close by their two daughters, and their farmette, where they still enjoy gardening. She hopes to go to our 50th Reunion in 2016. So far, more than 32 of our classmates are hoping to come, God willing.

Kathy Miller Hornung has had several visits from her classmates. She can no longer travel, but her daughter Julie and her granddaughter Kate came to visit before Julie's pregnancy was too far advanced. Thanks to Face Time, little Kate immediately recognized her Bapa and Moama. Kathy's son Andrew and family visit every few weeks. They recently purchased a farmette, where Zoe, six, and Ani, eight, hope to raise chickens. Kathy is looking forward to enjoying fresh eggs!

Kathy says "I wasn't supposed to enjoy last April, let alone this one! Lesson here . . . Cancer isn't nearly as predictive as written... The human spirit has a role, too." She already has plans to Skype with the Bethany Bash crew in September.

Please pray for Kathy and her husband John and all our classmates and their families.

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Hope that 2012 was a great year for you and your family! While some might say news of 2012 is old, it is new information for all the rest of us!

I received greetings from Fred and **Mary Alice Friede Mauser**, who reported that their daughter married in August 2012. Congratulations! Meg and Fred traveled to Ireland last fall and relished all the shades of green that filled the countryside! John and **Margaret Cloney Woods** are enjoying relaxing at home as they catch up on their reading! Sounds like a nice retirement theme. Margaret, however, does confess that she is keeping up with technology; the laptop and iPad are close at hand!

A note from **Kate Sheehan Horn** announced the arrival of a new grandson Ethan James who joined his big brother Zachary on October 9. Congratulations! **Sandy Buono Sedam'**s note also reported a new addition to the family, a grandson Samuel Charles, who arrived just in time for Christmas! She and Bob, who retired eight years ago, have let it be known that they are always available to take care of the grandkids!

I also received Christmas greetings from **Wendy and Glenn Kimball** in Seattle, WA. **Ann Thompson Hogg**'s greetings reported that she and Ched visited Sicily in November. Actually Ann and Ched traveled early this spring to Bridgewater to attend a family funeral in Whitehouse Station, NJ. The grandmother of this very large Italian family passed away. The irony is that Martin and I have been friends of some members of the family, and Ann and Ched and their daughter Julia are close friends of other members, and of some of the same members. We all gathered for the celebration of the grandmother's life at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Whitehouse Station, where Martin served as deacon, and where I was the Sacramental Coordinator. It was wonderful to see the respect and love among all family members.

Christmas greetings also arrived from **Eileen Ball Cerne**. I do need to do further investigation into a trip to the south of France in the area of Nice, a truly beautiful spot, although I do think all of France is beautiful in a variety of ways! I understand that our class was well represented last summer in this region! (See the Winter 2013 Valley Echo for details of their adventures.)

2012 found Tony and **Maggi McGrath Yerkes** traveling to the Holy Land to spend eight days soaking up all that occurred 2000 years ago! Their description of what they saw and what they experienced brought back to me our trip 15 or more years ago! Their guides provided them with so much historical background as they walked in places that have been walked upon for generations! Of all that they saw, two places stood out for them – in Bethlehem, the Church of the Nativity, which stands over the site of the manger, and a visit to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher.

A note from **Ginny Werber Hartmuller** reported that she and Roger have been traveling! In May, they took a cruise of the British Isles, including stops in Ireland and France. Both are still working, with no thoughts yet of retirement!

Roger and Ginny Werber Hartmuller at Buckingham Palace

Well, I am glad that 2012 came to an end. I feel that the **Mulroy**s were visited with so many "plagues," starting with Martin's hospitalization in New York City for six to seven weeks to find out why his lungs were only functioning at 30%, and no cause could be found. Then, he needed to go to a rehab center to regain his strength after being in bed so long! This at least was closer to Bridgewater. In the meantime, Standard Poodle Albert II had been diagnosed with bone cancer. After they amputated one front leg, they found that the cancer had spread to his other front leg, and you can't amputate that. Martin came home at the end of January, and about five days later, Albert II passed away.

Things didn't stop there. An e-mail from an SJCAA board member welcomed our move to D.C. Well, we didn't move to D.C., although it is a great area! We discovered that we had been the victims of identity fraud, and a change posted on Facebook was part of it! Unfortunately, that was not the only element of this scam. Since so many things kept reoccurring, we had our computers checked out by an expert, who found many Trojan horses and other things embedded in the desktop and laptop! We have filed reports with the FBI and the local police department, and cancelled credit cards, since hundreds of dollars were fraudulently charged, even though the cards were still in our wallets, had never been lost, and have not been used by us. It was a very busy spring, just trying to get our life back from the crooks.

I do not have much more news to report at this time, but I do want to let you know that I have been talking with **Florence DeLessio Marchetti** about our 50th Reunion in 2017! We hope to send out some preliminary thoughts, and if you have any ideas, suggestions, etc., they are most welcome. Also, if you would like to work on our 50th committee, please let us know. The more ideas/hands we have, the better the event will be! We do need your help!

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After four years as an education professor at Webster University preparing new teachers for urban schools, **Diane Ball Cooper**, not quite ready to retire, accepted a new position as principal of St. Joseph Academy in St. Louis. It is a college preparatory school founded by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, who remain actively involved with the school that is nearing its 175th anniversary. The school serves 550 girls in grades 9-12 and is recognized as one of the top schools in the area. Diane is excited about this new chapter in her life and loves the symmetry of having all-women St. Joseph College at the beginning of her career and all-girls St. Joseph Academy at the end. Diane and **Carole Direnzo Shores** planned to meet in Boston in June when Diane went east for a conference

Joan Bruno, who was at Reunion, lamented that the time passed too quickly. She and **Ruth Lynch Buchwalter** were disappointed they didn't get to see **Marge Bertoni Barkocy** and several other classmates there, so after Reunion, Ruth and Stan invited Marge and Joan to brunch at their home in Bridgewater, NJ. They had a great visit and shared photos and Reunion stories with Marge, who still works and looks great. Joan adds that, in addition to her many talents, Ruth makes the best blueberry scones.

Jack and **Carol Carluccio Griffin** welcomed their third grandchild Andrew John, offspring of their youngest son Casey, in late 2012. They flew up to Boston to help out because the baby was a preemie, and enjoyed babysitting his siblings Amelia, five, and Patrick, three, Their daughter Michelle is engaged to be married in September 2014; their son Sean is also engaged, but has not set a date. Carol refers to their three children as their "investment" and the grandchildren as their "dividends." They are active in their parish, St. Agnes in Naples, FL, where they lead one of the liturgical committees.

Anne Maher Gerdes Potter (SJC '68) and family at the baptism of her grandson, Connor Luke Gerdes. Back row, left to right: Joe Gerdes, Michael Gerdes, Anne Maher Gerdes Potter (SJC '68), new parents Marialejandra and Bobby Gerdes with Connor, Bill Potter. Front row : Amanda and Sarah Gerdes, daughters of Kelly and Michael Gerdes. Kelly was the photographer and is not in the picture.

Kathy Kerrigan Russo visited Carol from Florida's east coast for a few days and they were joined by **Anne Maher Gerdes Potter** for an evening of memories and liquid refreshment. **Jean Eitler Zimliki** was also on Florida's west coast, but they did not have enough time to connect because she was on her way to Key West by ferry. As she wrote, Carol was packing for their summer place in New Hampshire and looked forward to seeing **Carol Healey Haran**, who also summers in the same area. Anne sent pictures of her new grandson Connor Luke Gerdes with her family at his baptism in June at St Patrick's Church in Glen Cove, NY.

Anne "Sparky" Coleman Neel says she will be retired and out of business when she turns 70. She still has 12 clients and says the transfer of files, software backup, etc. will be onerous when she retires, but she will feel liberated when the December through March crunch is gone and is sure she'll be smiling a lot. In April 2012, Sparky took seven women in her book group to Gettysburg for three days after the group read *The Killer Angels* about the Battle of Gettysburg, and she led the discussion. She worked up the itinerary -- from hotel reservations to dining to tours -- and even arranged a meeting with the Superintendent of the Park, a position her father once held. For the tour, she pulled together a packet of historical information about the town and the battle, maps and all. While it was work, she learned much about the town's experience, including how it recovered from such a horrific battle. She has materials for those of us who are interested in doing a walking tour of Gettysburg and learning about the town during and after the battle.

Norma "Sam" Corristan reports that all is well in the Pacific Northwest. The weather is great and she enjoys watching hot air balloons floating across the valley from her living room window as she sips her morning coffee. She has been busy with volunteer work, travels when she can, and has a trip planned to Scotland in late August for a few weeks. Her mother is doing well and Sam's sister offered to stay with her while Sam is in Scotland. Sam's daughter Nikki, son-in-law Jonn and two granddaughters, three and one and a half, will be visiting from late July to early August between assignments abroad. Sam looks forward to visiting them in India and seeing the Taj Mahal and the beautiful Indian fabrics and crafts.

Bev Eagan sent a message from Paris, where she and Larry expected to stay about two months. They left California the morning after seeing the Rolling Stones in Oakland in early May. In Paris, they have a one-bedroom apartment that they share with their dog Lexie and cat Kimi. On this trip they were settling in and feeling like Parisians. One evening they went to a candlelight chamber orchestra performance in the gorgeous Sainte Chapelle, a royal medieval Gothic chapel on the Ile de la Cité.

Jane Ebaugh Dwyer retired in October 2011. She took a course in San Francisco to learn a form of seated massage -- back, neck, shoulders -- which was coupled with workshops on social justice from the perspective of the homeless in the Tenderloin area of that city. A friend who had a massage school volunteered in India years ago with Mother Teresa, who suggested she go back to the U.S. and start a program for the homeless. It's called Care Through Touch and provides training for volunteers who go out in the area to give clients a 20-minute break from stress, which then often leads to more acceptance of needed support. In January, Jane interned at a drop-in center, Ecclesia, in Newburgh, NY, and continues in this work, which she loves. She has 11 grandchildren. Three of her children and their nine children live in the Rodgers Forge area of Baltimore. Her other son lives nearby with his wife and two children. Jane's planned summer 2013 adventure was a trip to Tanzania and South Africa with six teens and seven adults.

The Class of 1968 at their 45th Reunion.

Sue Fitzmaurice Gibson was at Reunion, where she spent a lot of time with **Carol "Casey" Kakalec Kohn** and said she was glad she made the effort to come from Idaho. Not only was it a wonderful experience, she says, it was both fun and thought-provoking, and the years vanished when we were all together. As a result of the two of them spending a lot of time together at Reunion, Casey is planning a trip to Boise.

Mike and **Jocelyn Fritz Collins** enjoyed each other's 45th reunions. She says it's great that they share so many friends and amazing how the years melt away when we all get together. They were expecting the arrival of their eighth grandchild, their daughter Jessica's third, and were ready to hop a train to Manhattan when the call came. Speaking of "New York City kids," Jocelyn and **Sue Romanowski Redding** discovered that their soon-to-be kindergartener-granddaughters might end up at the same school on the Upper West Side in the fall, and if that happens, they could meet at Grandparents' Day! The Collins' other planned summer activities included a family vacation on Cape Cod. She says retired life enables them to be as busy, or as free, with volunteer efforts as they like, and they've discovered the gift of "time" is a blessing.

Pat Harris Miller is semi-retired and still working in dermatology. She has worked all 45 years since graduation in various areas of nursing. Although she grew up back east, her family moved in 1967 to Nebraska, where their roots go back 150 years. After graduation, she moved there and met and married George, who at 72, still works full time as a manufacturers' representative selling electrical products for contractors. Their two daughters and their families also live in Omaha. They have two granddaughters, 10 and 12, and one grandson, 14, with whom she spends a lot of time. Pat enjoys book and wine clubs, women's groups and liturgical ministries at her church. She and George would travel more if they ever retire. She says she remembers her days at SJC as some of the happiest of her life and will make every effort to attend our 50th reunion.

After a short time as executive director at Family Advancement Ministries (FAM) in Macon, GA, **Sr. Mary Fran Hildenberger** realized she did not have the health to fill that position. She is now in Evansville, IN, tutoring disadvantaged 4th - 6th graders twice a week at an after-school program, and loves it. She is using her math/finance background to do the bookkeeping for the retired sisters there. In May, she visited her mother in Virginia, who is 95 and in good health. Mary Fran will return to Emmitsburg in October for her annual retreat and looks forward to being back in the Valley.

Sheila Kelly Vertino wrote from Cusco, Peru, where she and Al were on a combined service - cultural trip with The Mount "family," a group of professors, students and parents. The "service" part was working at a clinic and orphanage in Cusco; the "cultural" part was a trip to Machu Picchu, an item high on their bucket list that can now be checked off. After Reunion, **Patti McKay Bufalino** and Chuck spent some time in Baltimore and Annapolis before they returned to California. She planned to return east later in the summer, to Tennessee for her annual Sisters Week, when she and her three younger sisters get together. One of her sisters, Maureen, attended SJC for her freshman year, and would have been class of '71 before she transferred to UVA.

Al (MSM '66) and Sheila Kelly Vertino (SJC '68) on their MSM service/cultural trip to Peru this Spring.

Susan Moroney Taylor provided a quick update of her life since she left the Valley. She and Will, a former Mountie, retired and moved from Eldersburg, MD to Corolla on the Outer Banks in 2006. They love the beach and stay busy volunteering -- with the Corolla Fire & Rescue, the library, and what Sue considers most important, being a founding member of the Board of Directors of Water's Edge Village School, Corolla's first K-6 school in over 100 years. It is a multiage project-based charter school that is housed in a two-room, 100-year old school house in Old Corolla Village. WEVS (pronounced "waves") provides education to local children who otherwise would spend four hours a day on a bus to attend school on the mainland. It opened in the 2012-2013 school year with 16 students; next year enrollment will increase to 26. You can look at the school at watersedgevillageschool.com or on Facebook.

Pat Story Moller and John are both retired. When she wrote, they had returned home to celebrate their 43rd anniversary after a trip to Arizona, where they visited the Grand Canyon, Williams, Flagstaff, Cottonwood, and Sedona. Their ninth grandchild, a boy, son of their youngest Robert, was due in August. They have eight grandchildren, a tie between boys and girls that will be broken by the new baby. Two of their grandsons go to Fairleigh Dickinson University in New Jersey and one is in the Honors College at the U of C. The others range in age from Joshua, fourteen, to Vivien, three. Pat says the time they spend with their families and with each other is a priceless gift.

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Hello all. As you know, **Jean Givens Denney** and I are going to split the Class Agent responsibilities and I'm doing this edition of news since Jean is taking a Baltic Sea cruise in June -- touring St. Petersburg and drinking vodka from a glass made of ice. She'll have 21 hours of light, so lots of time for sightseeing. She lives in the DC area and the spring was busy with grandchildren's First Communions and walking with her Cocker Spaniel. Jean's children took her to Baltimore for a birthday weekend recently and they enjoyed being all together.

Micki Lipps Freeny says she retired from her library director's job in 2008 after 38 years in the Prince George's County Memorial Library System. But she's not really retired, as she's been with the DC Public Library since then, working on an early literacy campaign. Somehow she finds time for two to three ballet classes each week and is also on the adjunct faculty of U of MD Library School. Her husband Ray retired from teaching and keeps the household running. Son Devon is an editor for a small book publisher in Chicago and daughter Kyle is an attorney for the Justice Department. Kyle and Micki often travel together, and in 2010, went to Syria and Jordan, and last year to Myanmar.

Helen Bursley Fourmier was transitioned off her contract and is still looking for either part or full-time work. In the meantime, she and Don are living at the lake and staying active walking her dog three to five miles a week.

Faye Ann Stank Anson and her husband Paul are living in Mineral, VA, and Faye is definitely planning to attend reunion next year.

Isabel McCauley Farrell is in Washington, NC, and was instrumental in pulling together a Third Floor Seton Reunion with me, **Linda Nastanovich Clark, Beth Dignan Blumer, Barbara Anzalone Hoffman** and **Sue McGuire Mattingly**. While Isabel's husband Peter is off hiking the Appalachian Trail in June, we will gather in North Carolina for a weekend of laughs, river cruising, dinner at the Tiki Bar, and a real trip back in time. Details of all the fun will be in our next communication. Isabel is an amazing watercolor artist and has recently been selected for a one-person show. You can see some of her beautiful work on Facebook. Search for Isabel Farrell Art.

Class of '69 Third Floor Seton Reunion in Washington, North Carolina: Left to right: Sue McGuire Mattingly, Barbara Anzalone Hoffman, Gerri McGuire Hawn, Isabel McCauley Farrell, Linda Nastanovich Clark, Beth Dignan Blumer

Linda Nastanovich Clark is retired and living in the seaside town of Scituate, MA. Her daughter Amy lives in NYC and is being married in August. Her son Brian lives in California and is on tour playing guitar for his friend Colleen Green, who has a growing following.

Beth Dignan Blumer lives in Catonsville, MD, and still does counseling at the Domestic Violence Center. She and John celebrated their 44th Anniversary in July. They have three wonderful grandchildren and in Beth's words, "much to be thankful for."

Mary Jean Murray Walker has enjoyed long visits with her children and grandchildren during her first retirement year. She spent several months in Colorado with Sophie, five, and Evan, two, and then in Minneapolis with Evelyn, three, and Madeleine, six. They also traveled to Carmel, CA, to see Jean's brother, and to the Sierras to visit Grant's sister. Jean is back home in Falmouth on Cape Cod for the summer but is returning to Colorado in September for a family wedding.

Jackie Collart Kennedy lost her husband last year. He was a West Point grad. She is living in Manasquan, NJ, but escaped to her home in Florida before Hurricane Sandy hit. Her home on the Jersey Shore was damaged but survived. Jackie has three sons and the middle one has twin boys.

Tom and **Gam McKay Pruitt** have been living in Florida for about 12 years. Both are retired, and golfing, traveling, playing tennis and enjoying their two-year-old grandson.

Mary Faller Duxbury and her husband Alex are busy with their B&B in Carlisle, PA, which is in the historic district close to Dickinson College. Carlisle House recently was named to the Select Registry of Distinguished Inns of North America.

Mary Pat Cohill and **Jean Lowe** had brunch recently with Steve and **OD Ellis**, who were in NYC for the weekend. Mary Pat is planning to retire in September. She and **Lynn Koerner** will vacation in France with two other friends in October. Jean Lowe retired in 2011 after 38 years working for New York State. She is taking advantage of all that NYC has to offer and no longer trying to fit it into a weekend.

Reil and **PJ Heaven Reilly** report that their oldest grandson, Jack Reilly, who is a high school freshman in a Philly suburb, has received a verbal commitment from the University of Virginia to play lacrosse there when he graduates from high school in 2016.

I'm enjoying retirement, as this more relaxed, less stressful lifestyle really suits me. Skied almost every week during the winter and now gardening and bicycle season is in full swing. My daughter Hilary is a pre-school teacher and recently bought a condo nearby. Ashley works for an Internet firm in Chicago and is going to the U of Chicago at night for an MBA. Dick took a part-time job in the wine & spirits department of Wegman's and loves it. We were all in Austin, TX recently for a family wedding. Dick and I took a few extra days and toured Dallas, Fredericksburg and San Antonio. We loved the Texas hill country and LBJ Ranch.

Please send your emails telling us what you've been up to-- jdenney27@yahoo.com or gmhawn@gmail.com. Are you planning to attend our 45th (!) Reunion next year? We want to know. Mark your calendars for March 27-30, 2014, and make your plans now to be at the Wyndham in Gettysburg. And while I'm bugging you -- send in your dues. The last *Valley Echo* indicated that only 43 of us are current, and I know we can do better than that! Thanks!

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JoAnne, Mary Ann and I have heard from several classmates. Here's a summary:

Charlene Nelson Bonham wrote while on vacation with her daughter in Prague, and reported that they really enjoyed themselves visiting museums, cafes and castles, and attending concerts.

From right, Charlene Nelson Bonham '70 and daughter Emily in Prague

Helen Burke Rasmussen's second grandchild Emma Patricia Wikstrom was born May 19. After 33 years of service, Helen is retiring from teaching at St. Leo School. She said that she will spend some time with **Alberta Johnson Baker** during the summer. Helen and her husband are planning a trip to the Seattle area in September and then driving along the coast to San Francisco, returning to Washington State via an inland route past Mount Hood and other sights.

In April, **Carmen Richardson** went to Europe with her sister-in-law, Mikki. (Husband Gary doesn't like to travel!) They visited Carmen's older son Greg and his family, who are living in Germany while he serves for the Army at Grafenwöhr NATO Training Base. Carmen, Mikki, Greg, daughter-in-law and three grandchildren also spent four days in Prague.

JoAnne Windle reports that her granddaughter Madeleine turned one on July 18. She gets to see the little girl frequently, since her daughter and son-in-law only live an hour away. Husband Ron and JoAnne rejoice that this May they celebrated 10 years since his pancreas cancer surgery. Joanne continues to substitute teach at Good Counsel High School in Olney, MD.

Jean Davis responded to our Class Agent letter. She lives in Seattle, and is a friendly there with **Regina Shableski Crumbaker '68.** According to Jean's Facebook page, in June, she "finished a basic GIS (Geographic Information Systems) course at the University of Washington and am looking for opportunities to do some elementary work in ArcGIS. If classmates out there know of a land trust, trails group or conservation organization that needs some short-term volunteer work on their digital maps, I would like to get the contact info. I'm also engaged in a Forest Steward training program that keeps me pretty busy with restoration work in some of the forested parks in Seattle – we have lots of green out here in the land of clouds and rain."

Karen O'Callaghan Baughman wrote a good long email. Her husband Harry died a few years ago, but Karen is close to his children and grandchildren. Among other things, she said "I keep busy with volunteer work at the local seniors' center, giving health talks and stirring the pot (shades of Rasselas) at our local government meetings. Although retired for some years now, I've kept my RN license active because it gives me credibility and makes me stay current on health issues." She lives in Kentucky. Karen said she is really hoping to attend our 45th Reunion.

Robin Davitt retired as a colonel in the USAF Nurse Corps after 30 years. Then, she retired last April after nine years of federal civil service. Now, she teaches sewing, and is going back to school in August for degree in crime-scene technology. Robin says she's one cat shy of being a "crazy cat lady." She lives in Florida, and travels when possible; recently she spent some time in Poland. **Cathy Hill** is living and working in Dubai!

Kathie (Robinson) and Alan Moritis took a three-week trip to South Africa that also included Swaziland, Zimbabwe and Botswana. They saw just about every African wild animal you can imagine, except for leopards. Alan now works only one day a week in his dental office. The other three days are covered by their daughter Julia. Kathie subs at the front desk whenever she's needed. Her mother turned 95 this June.

Jeanne Pelletier Sanna's daughter Meredith finished her masters last September in London, and has decided to do an internship in New York City at the UN Office of Operations. Son Matt lives in California and is engaged. Jeanne and her husband Mark are fine and continue to work and enjoy Chicago.

Cathy Huber Fantry wrote that she is still in South Carolina, married to John, MSM '71, and they have one daughter. Cathy is a retired middle school social studies teacher, and is involved mostly with hospital board administration now. She has volunteered in this effort for about 20 years.

Carol Ervin Sharkey posted on Facebook that her granddaughter **Violet Sharkey** was born April 9, 2013. Included in this newsletter is a photo that was posted on Facebook of Carol, husband Paul, and **Eileen Delehanty McKenna '71.**

Back in 2010, I (Anne) heard from **Rosalie Ayres**, who just happened to be sitting next to one of my students at a convention. Is that a small world! In an email, Rosalie reported that she owns an environmental testing lab and does mostly water testing for those who have to answer to the Department of Health in New York or the EPA in Washington. She and her husband also own and operate a non-profit animal sanctuary called Reigning Cats and Dogs at their home in Penn Yann, NY.

Many of you know that **Christine Roos Mehl** was the SJC Reunion year chair in 2012, and **Leslie Henze Blackstock** was the chair in 2013. They both did marvelous work on these events. **Maryann Lesso** is the chair for the 2014 Reunion. Even though it is not a "reuniong year" for us, I want to encourage anyone who can come to do so! We have had so much fun working at these… truly! Part of that has been that Christine, Leslie, and Maryann have been spending some weekends with me in Emmitsburg, staying over in Mother Seton's White House, to both plan the Reunions and enjoy each other's company!

As for me, I am still teaching at the Mount –14 years! And my sixth book of poetry, *Vexed Questions*, was just published by Aldrich Press in California. It's available on Amazon. I had lunch recently with **Patty McEwan Branson**, who has retired after many years as English Department chair at Georgetown Visitation Academy. Her three children are all married, and Patty and Bob are now the grandparents of five! Speaking of numbers, I just turned 65… as all of us are doing, it seems. How did that happen? **Anne**

Many of you will be interested to know that in recent years I've heard from **Dr. Tom Leonard.**

I had dinner with him and **Karen Mattschek '72** at Karen's home in Waynesboro a year or so ago. In a recent email, he said that he had very serious heart surgery in December 2012, but is doing well now. He is retired from teaching, lives in Florida, and is widowed. He travels around to visit his children, adding "my kids are fine and healthy. Grandkids all over the place – New York, Vanderbilt, UFL, FSU, Colorado University . . . and several in high school. The sixteen rug rats are growing up."

Our class has many members on Facebook. Here are some of them: Susan Stay Valenti, Ann Hook, Bridget Bradley, Judith A. Rulewich, Ginny Conmy, Connie Mauro Barnett, Jean Davis, Marianne Grisez, Carmen Richardson, Kathy McNaney Younkin, Joanne Caye, Kathie Moritis, Christine Mehl, Patricia Habersberger, Jacqueline Carter, Pamela Howton, Corrine Dugas, Leslie Blackstock, Alison Kavanaugh, Mary Kay Kotzebue Hopkins, Carol Sharkey, Maryann Lesso, Carol Sue Hemelt-Hansen, Catherine Hill, L. Clare Costello, Leslie Zelles Cavelli, Helen Burke, Robin L. Davitt, Kathleen Leuba, JoAnne Cartagena Windle, Rita Klint, and Barbra McCune. If you are also on Facebook and are not listed here, link up with some of us and let us know.

From left, Christine Roos Mehl, Sr. Anne Higgins, Leslie Henze Blackstock, Maryann Lesso in Emmitsburg

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Suzanne Knipfing Smith has been retired for eight years and is loving it! She is a volunteer guide at the Brooklyn Museum, belongs to a couple's book group, and enjoys traveling (often to Santa Fe, NM, where they are buying a condo in town), reading and doing beadwork (jewelry). Brian is still working and is now the chief operating officer of Segal Select Insurance, Inc. in NYC. Once Brian retires, they plan to move to Santa Fe as their primary residence, with Brooklyn as a secondary home.

Jane Sweeney Talbot wrote that she has been retired for five years from teaching and administration. Her husband Frank battled pancreatic cancer during this time and passed away in July 2010. She stays busy with her five grandchildren, church work and volunteering with Water Missions International, a terrific local non-profit in Charleston. She says it's worth a visit at watermissions.org. Daughters Christine and Bridget live and work nearby. Her younger son Michael just graduated from law school and is job hunting. Frank, her older son, is based in Libya doing security work in North African countries for his employer, NDI. Neither of the boys is married. Her grandchildren Abby, thirteen, Sarah, nine, Mark, five, and Claire, almost three, are the children of Bridget and Tuck. Fisher, five, is the son of Christine and Eric. "Grandchildren and children light up my life and are the best reminders of Frank and the love we shared across more than 40 years," Jane says.

Midge Archdeacon Marlow with grandchildren

Midge Archdeacon Marlow is happily living on the shores of Long Island Sound in Northport, NY. She survived Sandy with minor damage. She spends her time tending her huge vegetable garden, taking care of her 94-year-old mom, and occasionally minding her five beautiful grandsons. Her youngest daughter Olivia was married in March and now lives with her delightful husband Aksel in Norway. They are expecting in December (God willing), so a trip there next year is in Midge's future. Before leaving for Norway, Olivia worked for the Disney Cruise Line and treated Midge and her sister Andrea (SJC '68) to some spectacular cruises during the past few years. They went through the Panama Canal on one and crossed the Atlantic on another and thoroughly enjoyed the western Caribbean, as well. Her son Andrew and his wife Diana have three lively and athletic boys. Jack and Matty are involved in gymnastics and hockey and Nicky wants to wrestle. Her daughter Edie and her husband Anthony are busy teaching and raising two very bright and entertaining boys, Rocco and Roman. Her grandsons all love each other dearly, and because they range in age from five to ten, are close. Midge is keeping her fingers crossed for a granddaughter, but boys run deep on all sides, so she's not sure there will be pink in her future.

Susan Roach Thomey wrote that a group of '71 classmates met at the Outer Banks in North Carolina (See picture). They have been gathering at least once a year since 2003, when they met in Chicago, and have enjoyed a variety of destinations, including East Coast beaches, a cruise to the Bahamas, San Antonio, New York City and other wonderful places. They began their journeys after the death of their friend and classmate Ann Harris Smith in 2002. They vowed then to share Ann's spirit by coming together every year. "Who would have imagined that the bond forged all those years ago in a Valley in Maryland would remain through all these years?" In addition, Super said that her family keeps growing. She has four wonderful grandchildren ages four and under, with two more expected by Thanksgiving. Her daughter Caroline is due any time now, and Katie is due in October. They keep Susan and David busy.

Debby Zemanick Doyle has two children, Joe, 28, and Elizabeth, 25. Neither is married and it looks like grandkids are still way off in the distance. Her husband Dan taught in Howard County, MD public schools for 18 years after retiring from his electrical contracting business, and is now retired for good. Debby retired after teaching Spanish for four years at Elizabeth Seton High School in Bladensburg, MD, and then for 33 years in Howard County public schools. However, she didn't really retire. She took another job and has taught for the past four years at Gerstell Academy, an independent school in Carroll County, MD, where every student from Pre-K through grade 12 takes Spanish. She was looking forward to visiting **Debbie Rabbottini Thomas** in Tacoma, WA for two weeks this summer!

Jayne Conrad Gallagher said that **Patty Murray Shultz** and **Almarie Shultz Walczak** went to Fripp Island, SC during the last weekend in April with other members of the Shultz family. Jayne lives 20 minutes from Fripp. Patty and Jayne met Saturday morning to kayak on the marsh. Saturday evening Jayne and her husband Jack (MSM '68) went to Fripp to visit with the Shultz family. They had a good time reminiscing about their days at Joe's and the Mount.

Gathering at the Outer Banks, N.C. from top left: Almarie Shultz Walczak, Denise Fish Moxley, Joanne Stahlhut Coppola, Dee Verrochi Cary, Steph Slagle Shockites, Ann Connair Cunningham, Suzie Minsker Reid, Susan Roach Thomey, Debbie Neary Waters

Peggy O'Brien Jansen's family is doing well. In June, Peggy and Don took a four-year-old and a five-year-old with them on vacation to Vermont. She said it was fun seeing things from their perspective. On occasion, they had to bite their tongues to keep from laughing at the kids. Peggy commented, "I'm sure, like others in our class, our first grandchild has graduated or is near high school graduation. I wonder where all the time went?" **Regina Sauer Cuson** was appointed Dean of the School of Nursing at the University of Connecticut in March. UConn conducted a national search and correctly selected Regina for the position. We are so proud of you, Regina!

As for me, John and I are still anxiously awaiting marriages for our children and grandchildren. I figure they make walkers and scooters with baskets on the front for grandchildren to ride along! Both our children are working in New York City. Jennifer is the Director of Development at Dia Art Foundation and Matthew works for Cartoon Network (Turner Young Adults group to be precise! in marketing). Neither John nor I is retired. Thanks for all the news . . . keep it coming.

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Hello, class of 1972. I have been sharing news monthly via e-mail with everyone for whom I have an e-mail address. If you are not receiving my e-mails, please contact me at the electronic address, above, and I'll correct the address. The class is finding this helps us stay in touch better and provides you with current news. As you receive any news, please forward it to me and I'll share with the class during our monthly e-mails.

News Flash: Wild Time in Wildwood! **Sandy Cardella Speicher** and husband Joe hosted a class reunion at their motel in Wildwood, NJ, May 31 to June 2. **Mary Pat Bohan Kelly** and husband John helped in the planning – and the result was fantastic! The weather was picture perfect. We were kept busy, but in a fun way, with some outstanding activities. In attendance – Joe and Sandy Cardella Speicher, John and Mary Pat Bohan Kelly, **Jo Ketner Gallagher, Susanne Palmer, Jodi Youngstrom Henderson, Jane Clifford, Scotch Kincaid Asaki, Debbie Curley-Reid,** Dave and **Pam Harrison Anderson,** Jimmy and **Mary Kay Hughes Clarke**, Paul and C**athy Homan Winslow, Mary Rita Cantalupo Wetmore**, Joe and **Mary Ellen Mehl Doherty**, Pete and **Bernadette Ackerman Benninger**, Jim and **Karen Pagliughi O'Leary**, Scott and **Marcia Minton Bollwage**, Marty and **Joanne O'Donnell O'Connor**, **Nancy Nugent Clapp, Jayne Bianco Cohill, Maureen Maloy Biggers** and **Karen Mattscheck**.

Those who contacted me wanting to come, but could not, for many reasons – **Gloria Hammel, Candy Montgomery, Veronica Duggan Flynn, Ro Maher Curran, Leslie Fulton Weatherly, Linda Raudenbush, Jane Ramsey Elfring, Barbara Klein Mank, Mary Ann Carter, Mari Elena Cartegena DeCaire, Kathy Jones, Mary Morel Ingram, Rita Lambert, Mary Leatherman Mindel,** and **Jane Jewett Whitmoyer**. As you can see, we have a really diverse group here.

Classmates started arriving on Friday, and were greeted with a banner hanging over the motel railing "Our of the Zoo in '72." That attracted a lot of attention from people passing the motel, just as it did when it was painted on our dorm windows overlooking Kelly. Sandy had graciously closed the motel to the outside world for the weekend, so we had the place to ourselves. We had a "Pines" gathering spot that overlooked the ocean. Sandy and Bo coordinated snacks with other attendees. Friday night, we had a pizza party with cocktails. A new pizza combination was invented – pepperoni and onion – by mistake – and it was a hit! Bohan had music going during the entire time we were up. Marcia Minton Bollwage made another outstanding ornament for all attendees with WW13 on one side and a yellow rose on the other.

Saturday morning, an ambitious group walked the boardwalk for about two miles, and then went to breakfast. We had vouchers for local restaurants and got several tables at one for our group. The next activity was bike riding, some on their own bikes and others in a two- or four-person surrey. After all the activity, the pool was a welcome resting spot! Sandy went into the pool for the first time – her employees were shocked to see her relaxing there. Then we took a group shot by the sign and went to a local winery for a tasting. We had our own room at the winery and someone to bring wines to us. Bohan again coordinated snacks, so we were well fed. We ended the evening with an outstanding social hour and dinner at a local restaurant. Back in the "Pines," we continued to talk – the whole weekend was spent talking. The great thing about these get-togethers is that you get to get to know people whom you didn't hang out with in college. Everyone has a good time and they keep coming back.

Class of '72 at a mini-reunion in Wildwood, N.J.

It was great seeing everyone in such a relaxing environment. The class spent the weekend catching up with people we hadn't seen in a while – Susanne Palmer, Mary Rita Cantalupo Wetmore and Jane Clifford. Candy, we were sorry you couldn't make it; it would have been great to see you after all these years! The stories flew about the years at Joe's, and the best part was hearing different versions of the same story (ask Clifford and Nugent to tell you about how they met Fr. Hurley). We learned the answer to the age-old question of how Scotch got her nickname. Best of all, Sandy has invited us to come back any time. I would strongly recommend the Attache Motel in Wildwood Crest, NJ, to anyone traveling to the area.

Comments on the June weekend from the class: "OMG! I had such a good time this weekend. Aren't we blessed to have each other and to reach an age where we truly appreciate what it is we have? Doubly blessed. Thank you, thank you, thank you, Karen, Mary Pat, and especially Sandy and Joe. I have renewed energy to face closing down school for the year (not like OD who gets to walk away!) I second that emotion sent by classmates, singing the praises and enumerating the specific delights of the weekend. Those who could not make it or hesitated about coming, please don't miss another opportunity like this. We did indeed have a blast, and the best part was being 'all together'!"

" . . . Still thinking about the great time we had last weekend! So relaxing and so much fun! My kids are still amazed that I went bike riding! Do I look that out of shape? We really enjoyed the wine tasting and dinner – will definitely go back to both! It was good to see everyone again but would like to see more old friends--Bonnie, Carol, Woj, Noree, Awilda, Marion, Anita, etc. Was so surprised to see Mary Rita there! Looking forward to the fall of '14 and our trip to California. Thanks again, Sandy and Joe and Mary Pat, the caterer!"

"Joe and I add our sincere thanks for your hospitality. T he accommodations were great; you can't beat an ocean view! Thank you for the breakfast and bike tickets, pool time and 'The Pines.' Saturday dinner was so much fun! We really appreciate all the time and effort you put into the weekend. I think we all would agree that just being together was the best. Not many people can brag about a get together with classmates 41 years later. Finally, thanks to all the classmates who contributed in so many ways."

"Thank you so much for your kindness and hospitality, opening your resort motel to us Joe's Girls including a faux 'Pines.' But, John Kelly, no "Hey Jude" in iPad! Mary Pat, you were a great hostess as well . . . loved the snacks, and Sandy, the pepperoni/onion pizza was a Joe creation. I thoroughly enjoyed the camaraderie and connections, and we definitely look good for being near retirement. It was so much fun seeing everyone and reconnecting. I still haven't stopped talking about it! Everyone I talk to is amazed that we are still getting together after 41 years! I hope we can continue to do so — and get more classmates to join in."

"The SJC Class of '72 reunion at Attache in Wildwood Crest, NJ was spectacular. We had a great crowd, and it was wonderful to see everyone in an environment where we could actually take time to sit and talk. It seemed as though the years hadn't passed; like we see each other every day. We laughed a lot! Looking forward to the next get-together on the west coast in 2014."

Back to me (Karen) again. The class had such a great time that we are organizing our 2014 trip, probably in October, to California wine country. Current plans are to spend a Thursday through Sunday touring the area. Jayne Bianco Cohill is working on getting us a hotel with a good rate (maybe linked to a vineyard) and coordinating some luncheons and dinners. She will also organize some shopping, a side trip or two to local towns, and some wine tastings. Jayne is also hosting a dinner at her home. We plan to travel around in rented vans, so we can relax and enjoy things instead of worrying about driving. More to come as plans develop. We really hope that our West Coast friends can join – Morel, Rita, Gail, Kathy T. we hope to see you there. I have already heard from Gail and Kathy T. that they plan to come – long time since we have seen Gail, I am looking forward to it!

Finally, we will have our usual November gathering at the Red Brick Station in the White Marsh area of Baltimore (the guys go to the Tilted Kilt) on November 2, 2013. Hope to see as many of the class who can make it.

So, please consider joining us for one of these get-togethers. You'll reconnect with old friends and make new ones. And the guys have as much fun as the girls . . . more husbands are joining each time and enjoying it!

Just a friendly reminder to pay your 2014 SJCAA dues. The invoice should arrive soon, if it already hasn't. Having the alumnae association is a great resource to keeping our class together . . . it makes my life easier in organizing the class. You may also be able to contribute to the class fund for the SJCAA scholarship at the Mount when you pay your dues. Pay whatever dues you can. Our goal is to keep the association going as is until 2025 so all can have their 50th reunion. At some point, we are going to have to dip into our reserves to keep it going – and paying your dues will delay that day and hopefully keep us alive until 2025 – when we figure out our next steps. I am sure our class will continue our reunions as long as we can. (Debbie, I know you already wanted to plan for our 60th!).

Best wishes for a great holiday season and a great start to 2014. You'll be hearing more through e-mail about California plans. Hope to see many of you there.

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We missed seeing many of our classmates at our 40th Reunion. It seems like yesterday that we closed the school! We had a wonderful time catching up and reminiscing. If you miss seeing your name here, please let us know if you have changed your email or address.

Toni Doherty Kellison and husband Steve have been enjoying retirement, taking the trips they've always talked about. They were leaving for a trip to Finland, Russia and the Baltics a few days after Reunion. Their daughter Lexi recently graduated from Dartmouth with a degree in math. Their son Matt has two more years of college and is studying digital media.

Mary Fran Lombard Vassiliou says that things are pretty quiet. She's working on next year's scheduling for the parish (St. John the Baptist in Silver Spring, MD), and it takes her the entire summer to complete it. Her sons Dimitri and Peter are spending the summer refinishing the pews in the church under her husband Socrates' supervision. Both Dimitri and Peter are attending Montgomery College, Rockville campus. Socrates plans on spending seven weeks in Greece beginning in late July to mid-September. He missed going last year because he stayed home to have hip replacement surgery, which turned out great, thank God.

Leah Rosenbrock Birch is still working full-time as a Pediatric Nurse Manager/Clinical Nurse Specialist at York Hospital. She has had this position for the past 16 years and plans to stay until she retires. Husband Mike is still a solo practice attorney, but has branched out into the agricultural arena as the "family" beef business has grown. Her son Chris started Piedmont Ridge, LLC, in 2009, and raises all-natural beef. This has grown into a family operation, with 100 cows. The business has become more time-consuming, and Chris is exploring early retirement from the DC Fire Department where he has been employed since 2000. Both father and son are happiest on tractors. Daughter Emily works in outside sales and has found the love of her life, and engagement is being discussed.

Angie Neilan is still living in Charlottesville, VA, on a mountain top that overlooks Thomas Jefferson's Monticello. After retiring from the Agriculture and Natural Resources faculty at Virginia Tech in 2002, she began working with the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality. She helps the regional staff all over the state to conduct public meetings and hearings about environmental issues and regulations. Angie's mother died two years ago, and her dad is in an assisted living facility in Los Angeles. Needless to say, she flies cross country quite a few times each year to spend time with dad and her siblings who all live near their work at NASA's Jet Propulsion Lab in Pasadena. As she begins to plan her "second retirement," Angie can hear California calling. Because she worked on International Agriculture teams for Virginia Tech, she has been included in several recent projects. One is in Armenia and another in Ethiopia, both places where she lived and worked on water projects, sanitation and food supply. Perhaps before she retires she will rotate to one or both of these projects.

The first six months of 2013 were wonderful for **Martina Esther Sabo**. She commissioned a painting. Never in her wildest dreams did she conjure such affluence. It is beautiful and now hangs in her living room. She visited all of her children in their respective cities, and one child surprised her with tickets to see Sir Paul McCartney. She is not sure what was more fun -- seeing Paul or the thoughtful surprise. Actually, she said, it was the thoughtful surprise. It was grand seeing so many class-act women at our 40th Reunion, Martina says. What a benefit the St. Joe's experience and education gave to us, our communities and our influence, for good expands from there. Her heart is filled with gratitude for the values and virtues taught, and lived, by the women of the Valley.

That wasn't the only college reunion Martina attended. She and **Jane McDonough Milne** spent the day at the Mount St. Mary's 40th reunion in June and kept commenting, "look at all the women!" Jane spoke with the Mount's outgoing President, Dr. Thomas Powell, who said the MSM student body was now **60%** women. Whenever Martina mentioned that they were members of the first class of graduating women, some people clapped, and Jane and Martina laughed and took the bow. It wasn't that way 40 years ago. Martina is joyfully looking toward the next half of 2013.

Barbara Pios Werschkul's eldest son Jason is marrying Danielle Papini on Sept. 14, 2013. Her SJC classmate and friend **Kerry Norris Schultz** will be visiting her this summer in Lakewood, WA, and she enjoyed visiting her in October in New Jersey. Her younger son Chris is working for Mimic Technology, software for the DaVinci robot. Barbara continues to work as a long term care ombudsmen. Her email address is werschkuls@aol.com

Maureen Hinke Hahn is starting her 23rd year teaching middle-school math at St. Ursula School in Baltimore, MD. Her third child is being married in October, so they're in wedding mode.

Kathy Kramer Callahan returned from four weeks in Europe just prior to our Reunion. Portugal and the Duoro River were great, but the south of France had some high water problems for the river cruise there. Husband Tim has officially retired, so that means that she has retired as well. Hopefully, now is the time to catch up on lots of things: quilts, photos, books, puzzles, etc.

Chris Wiberley Goglia flew to Toronto the weekend before the SJC Reunion for an 8th grade reunion. She had a great time with classmates she had not seen in more than 40 years and reminiscing about their grade school years. Her son Kevin and grandson Ben joined her. It gave her a chance to show them where she grew up. Chris was off to California the first two weeks of July to spend the time with her sister Mary Ann and her family up in the mountains. Her sister Ellen Ruth will be there as well, as will her son and his family, and two nephews and their families. She was looking forward to a fun and relaxing time.

Sue Christman Williams didn't make Reunion because she tore the meniscus in her knee on March 28 and was hobbling around until surgery. All is well now, and she is back to doing most everything she could before the injury. Sue moved back to Maryland in 2008 to care for her dad, who had cancer. They had 18 months together, which was great, except for the last two. It took another nine months before his estate was settled. By then, she just liked living on the Chesapeake Bay so much, she stayed in Churchton, just south of Annapolis, and the view from her deck is the bay. Her husband Ray is still in Michigan, and they visit each other every couple of months. Since one son and his family are in Ohio, and the other in North Carolina, it works out well for seeing the four grandkids reasonably often. They ended up having four grandkids in three years - three boys and a "princess." Meanwhile, Sue has returned to the world of work, sort of. She substitute teaches in Anne Arundel County in the fall and works at the Maryland State House during the legislative session, doing educational programs from January until April. Then she spends time visiting Michigan, Ohio and North Carolina. Everyone comes to Maryland for the 4th of July. There were 27 family members together last year. This year will be a much smaller number, but her sons and grandkids will be with them for a week on Lake Michigan in August.

Jane Parrish Richard and husband Joe are enjoying retirement. After 30 years in the Army, Joe is missing his busy life as a Public Affairs Colonel. Jane is caring for her parents. Her mother is 88 and has Alzheimer's, and her dad will be 95 in July. He has difficulty walking but enjoys his scooters to get around. Jane's oldest son Chris left police work for his newly formed real estate investment firm, and he has two sons: Austin, four, and Luke, two. His wife Kristin is a kindergarten teacher. Her younger son Rob and his wife Kristie live in Irving, TX. Rob is a captain in the Army; he is promotable to major sometime this year. It is wonderful to finally have him back in the states and away from the DMZ and wars in the Middle East.

In December, **Roseanne Szczur Montanaro** moved from her home of 24 years in Boyertown, PA, to a new home in Douglassville, PA. She now has much less yard and driveway to maintain. Her youngest daughter Katie will be married in late September to Shane Erb. Wedding preparations are also underway for her son, Josh, and his fiancée Kristin Hoffmann. They will be married in Long Island, NY, in March 2014.
As for me, my son Jeremy and his wife Neilly had their first child in late July 2012, and her name is Julia Jordan Milne. Now, I have twin grandsons and a granddaughter. My husband Steve, who is called "Bubba" by the grandchildren, is now Julia's full time caretaker while her parents work, and Jack and Charlie's part time caretaker during the school year. He says he's "so busy," but when I leave for work in the morning, and he's sitting in a chair giving Julia a bottle, I tell him he has the best job in the world. Our daughter Ellen has been working at Founding Farmers, a restaurant in Potomac, MD, for just over a year, but she's always looking for a job where she can use her college degree.

My younger brother Jim McDonough, who retired from the Navy as a commander in 2004, died suddenly in March. He was buried in Arlington National Cemetery at the end of June. Also in June, my daughter-in-law Christine, my son Jeremy, and I went to Cumming, GA, for the court hearing of the two individuals who were found to be involved in the accidental death of my youngest son Jordan in September 2010. After their plea was rendered by the assistant solicitor general of Forsyth County, GA, Christine and I were able to present our victim impact statements. We realize that none of this will bring Jordan back to us, but at least we were able to express to the defendants how our entire family has been devastated by Jordan's loss and let them know how their lack of forthrightness made our grief even worse.

Thank you in a big way to Jane Parrish Richard for her help with this edition of the Class of 1973 *Valley Echo* news, and thank you to Chris Wiberley Goglia for her assistance as well. Please stay current on your SJC Alumnae dues so you will continue to receive all mailings and *The Valley Echo* and help sustain our SJC Alumnae Association. Remember, another ten years will have passed before we know it, so hopefully we can be "All Together" again in the spring of 2023! -- Jane

1974 — *40th Reunion in 2014!*

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Happy autumn, Class of 1974! I hope everyone is healthy and happy as we prepare to celebrate our 40th Reunion during the weekend of March 27 – 30, 2014 at the Wyndham Hotel in Gettysburg, PA. Please save the date and go online to our SJC website to stay informed. Once the agenda for the weekend is finalized, you can register online at www.sjcalumnae.org . The Alumnae Association is attempting to plan a few events on the former SJC campus in Emmitsburg. I attended the 2013 Reunion in April, and it was really a delight! I ran into two other "Class of '74" alumnae, **Jean Connors Muhler** and **Jackie Wajcs Gibney**, who are both planning on coming to our 40th Reunion. It was so great to see some familiar faces! We had lots to talk about, and had a blast looking at pictures in the SJC yearbooks that were on display.

I also have been in touch with many of our classmates through Facebook, and recently started a closed group just for our classmates, so if you are on Facebook, please let me know and I will "invite" you to join! I've been posting photos and news, and it's so much fun laughing, reconnecting, and sharing stories with everyone! Besides working on the SJC Alumnae Board, Class of 1974's 40th Reunion, and *The Valley Echo*, I have been keeping busy teaching severely multiply disabled high school students in Bucks County, PA. Rich and I have a grandson Caden, who will be two in September, and he is the light of our lives. His energy is endless and he keeps us all laughing and smiling as he learns and grows!

The Class of 1973 during their 40th Reunion.

Jane Davis Gallagher and husband Jim were at the MSM reunion in June 2013, and saw some SJC alumnae, including **Pattie LaNeve Mullaney, Joanne Miller Genevish, Mary Ann McWhorter Riley, Mary Berens Regan,** and **Lori Quinnan McCormick**. Jane reports that they are all looking forward to our 40th SJC Reunion. **Kathy Kerns Raubens** writes, "That will be a hoot next year at Joe's . . . can't wait." Kathy lives in Rhode Island and has recently traveled back to her hometown of Dover, DE, then to Washington, DC, and onto Charlottesville, VA. She is certainly enjoying her retirement! Kathy says that she would love to see everyone at our 40th! On that note, Jane Davis Gallagher is getting ready to retire this year, after 26 years in the Marlton, NJ School District. I'm sure she will be spending lots of time with her four grandchildren Carolyn, Ben, and Ana (Meg and Tom Toy's children) and Ford (Jay and Ami's daughter) – and Jane just informed me that Jay and Ami are expecting a baby boy in October 2013! Congratulations to all!

I also heard from **Kathleen Bergin McCann**, who is in the process of relocating due to complications from Hurricane Sandy. She says, "All will work out." Kathleen has three children, Nora, Monica, and Owen. Nora is married and the mother of two adorable girls, and Owen just completed a tour in the Navy. Kathy expresses, "God bless all of our classmates" and asks if we have to wear beanies at the Reunion?

Eileen McAlarnen, who lives in Phoenix, AZ, writes that she is planning on attending our 40th Reunion, asking "where did the time go?" Eileen's mom Rita Scully McAlarnen is a member of the SJC class of 1942, but at 92 she no longer travels. Rita celebrated her 70th year of graduation from SJC in 2012. Eileen retired in May 2011, but still does some long-term subbing. She has also been traveling and checking things off her "bucket list," as she recently visited Normandy and Brittany, France, wrapping up with a visit to Vero Beach, FL to see her mom. Eileen will be Washington, DC and Virginia in August and is wondering if anyone would like to meet for lunch in Cape May, NJ? I would love to, Eileen, and I think it would be great to get together with as many of us as possible to talk about the Reunion happenings! Please let me know if you would like to join us!

Sue Topper Balsoma wrote that she and **Marie Lepesha Murphy** (my freshman year roommate) attended an SJC Reunion about five years ago and enjoyed visiting the former SJC campus for several activities, including lunch in the old cafeteria and taking a campus tour. **Jocelyn Lawyone** responded to an email that I sent to members of the class of 1974 where several classmates joked back and forth, including everyone in the emails. Jocelyn says that it is "so wonderful to hear from you all and see that you are all as hilarious as you were!" Remember to send me your email address so that you can be included in future emails!

Rosie Fama Waugh wrote that she has been laughing so hard reading all the emails and what great memories from our fun days we have. Rosie's daughter attended York College, so she passed SJC on Route 15 many times in her travels. Rosie and husband Dan have three children who all married within eight months of each other, with the most recent wedding being that of her eldest son Chris in early May 2013. Daughter Julie married in September 2012 and youngest son Mike was married in Jamaica in January 2013. "It has been a whirlwind!" Rosie writes. Julie lives in Germantown MD and works for NIH, Mike lives in Atlanta, and is an attorney for the Labor Department, and Chris, who is with the Foreign Service, has just begun a two-year assignment with his new bride in Sri Lanka. Rosie and Dan will visit them soon. Rosie is still teaching, but going part time next year. "Life is getting in the way of work," she says, "especially this year. You'd think one of these kids would have a summer wedding?!"

Maureen Sommar Milde and husband Michael visited Rosie and Dan in Maryland in May for a post-wedding party for son Mike. They get together at least once a year in Ocean City, MD when they take the ferry from the Jersey shore to come south for some Maryland sunshine. Last year, **Patty Touhey Bargnes** and **Becky Rutherford Dacey** joined Rosie and Maureen at the shore house for a mini SJC get together! They had a blast talking about Joe's days. Rosie is looking forward to seeing everyone in 2014 and she loves reading *The Valley Echo* to catch up on our class news. Becky Rutherford Dacey says that she is thrilled be in touch with our classmates and is excited that our Reunion will include a chance to visit the SJC campus to see all our old haunts! Patty Touhey Bargnes agrees, adding that "in addition to Saturday's agenda, to include sun tanning at Rosary Beach with libations to be provided via a keg in the 2nd floor Rosary tub!" She nominates Kernsy to organize that! Patty sells real estate in Michigan, and says that her oldest and youngest sons live in Chicago. Ryan, her second oldest, lives and works in Las Vegas and was married last summer. Her third son just received his MBA from George Washington University, and lives in Washington, DC. Her youngest son, Kevin, went to the University of Wisconsin and graduated last year. If you are counting, that's five boys! Patty became a grandmom to Guy IV last year – another boy – congrats, Patty!

Paula Kozloski Swetley writes that her mom, who lived in Point Pleasant Beach, NJ, was also affected by Hurricane Sandy and had to stay with Paula and Mark while they are rebuilding her home. Paula is thankful for precious time with her mom, and we all send our prayers to each of you who are coping with the aftermath of "Sandy." Paula is excited about our Reunion, lamenting that we can't visit Bouchers anymore – but there's always the Ott House, ladies! Paula reminds us to bring pictures and artifacts that we can dig up to share with each other at the reunion. Let's also practice some of the fun songs we learned at Joe's. Does anyone remember the words?

Liz Baldwin Ewing writes that she has never attended a Reunion – 2014 is your year, Liz! Please come and join us, Betty Ruth, and we will even sing some Lesley Gore songs for old time's sake! Liz has a daughter who had her second child in December 2012, and her youngest is in Rome for the next four years at a seminary there, but Skype is keeping them connected. She says that she plans on retiring as a school speech pathologist in 2014. Liz has been in touch with **Sue Arn McCarthy**, who recognized Liz's daughter's picture on Facebook! Small world! Liz wishes a happy 60th Birthday to most of us!

Belinda Lowry Jaffee became a first-time grandma on Mother's day 2012 – now that is the best mom's day present! **Shirley Humbert O'Donnell** is living in Raleigh, NC, and keeps in touch with **Margee Krystal Leonard Koffler**, who lives in Lexington, KY. **Mary Ellen Kirchner Pluemer** is living in Baltimore and shared several email addresses for some of our classmates – thanks Mary Ellen!

Donna McCarthy Feld is living in Manasquan, NJ, and says that she would love the opportunity to reconnect with friends from SJC. Pattie LaNeve Mullaney wrote that she was happy to be at the Mount reunion and is looking forward to our 40th.

Finally, Jean Connors Muhler, **Francine Loreto Redman**, **Elaine Szmurlo Maligewski**, Jackie Wajcs Gibney, **Cathy Kiefer, Terry Barker McGoldrick** and **Pat Noto** are all planning on getting together at **Beth Hurley Luers** beautiful house in Western Maryland in August 2013.

Many of you mentioned that you would like to help with Reunion planning. I will be in touch with you and all of the Class of 1974 alumnae, if I have your email addresses. If you are not sure I have your email address, or if you have any '74 classmates' emails, please send them to me (text or email) so more of us can be included in news of our class and our 40th Reunion! One of the things that we have to think about is whether or not we want to have a formal class dinner on Friday night. Would we want to have it at the Wyndham? We may need a certain number of people, but if we do, we can get a private room, which would be really fun. This year the classes of '68 and '73 did that and loved it – and for those of you who are interested, there would be a cash bar nearby!
Please know that it doesn't matter whether we graduated from SJC or MSM, or wherever we completed our education. What really matters is that we all spent a few wonderful years together during the prime of our youth at St. Joseph College in Emmitsburg, MD, where we experienced precious friendships that bond us to this day! It is exciting to hear that so many of us are planning to attend Reunion, and I look forward to seeing all of your friendly faces. Whether you come for an hour or two or for the entire weekend of festivities, I can guarantee that you will be rewarded with gentle smiles, fond memories, and a lot of laughs! Please join us and turn back time for a few days as we rekindle and renew past friendships and reunite the SJC Class of 1974! Thank you all for sharing your news and please continue to do so. Let's make our 40th Reunion the best ever! All Together! Smiles and Sunshine!
~ **Trudie**

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We did not receive any class news for this issue of *The Valley Echo* for the class of 1975.

Note: During the production schedule of this *Valley Echo*, we were notified of the passing of Kathleen Fullam Hughes '41, the mother of Marykay Hughes Clarke '72. Please see Marykay's recollection of her mother's experience, as well as her own time at St. Joseph's College in *"More Than a Memory"*, beginning on page 6.

Angie Neilan'73, Jackie Wajcs Gibney'73, Jean Connors Muhler '74, Francine Loreto Redman'74 chat at Reunion

1930's

- **Rose Neatrour Canny '32**
- **Helena (Lena) Pierotti '32 (08/26/2013)**
- **Clare Lieb Rall '39** (02/26/2013)

1940's

- **Kathleen Fullam Hughes '41,** Mother of **Marykay Hughes Clarke '72 (09/24/2013)**
- **Helen McAllister Barsanti '49** (03/21/2013), sister of **Elizabeth McAllister '50**
- Patricia Ann Kelly, daughter of **Cecile Begnoche Kelly '49**
- Claire Dragon Hessling, sister of **Helene Dragon Zaepfel '49**
- Richard Hyde, husband of **Patricia Hultberg Hyde '48**
- **Catherine Carmody Manion '44** (10/17/2012)
- Fred Pezzano, husband of **Mary Catherine Heltzel Pezzan '45** and brother-in-law of **Frances Heltzel '46**
- Robert F. Seaker, husband of **Eileen Rodgers Seaker '45**
- **Mary "Peggy" Fitzgerald Arcidiacono '45,** Mother of **Barbara Arcidiacono Bacon '72**; sister of **Mary Elizabeth Fitzgerald Garner '47, Jane Fitzgerald Virbal '48, Josephine Fitzgerald O'Rourke '50** and **Dorothy Fitzgerald Coleman '58**
- **Sr. Winifred Behlen R.C.E. '41** (01/07/2012)
- **Irene E. Walker Wingerter '45** (04/10/2013)
- **Betty Woolls Akar '47** (08/2/2012), sister of **Ruth Woolls '47**
- Tim Lawson, son of **Molly Fitzgerald Lawson '47**
- **Margaret Golden Susman '47** (08/28/2013)
- **Sr. Mary Rosa (Eleanor) Dorr D.C. '49** (01/09/2013)
- **Elaine Pavlov Higgins '49** (07/15/2012)
- John Gough, husband of **Rita Fenwick Gough '49**

1950's

- **Mary Sprouls DeRiso '50** (03/04/2013)
- Pat Heffernan, brother-in-law of **Harriet White Heffernan '50**
- **Mary Louise Barstow '50** (04/29/2013)
- **Alice Boyle Byrne '50** (07/27/2013)
- Eugene, husband of **Margie Wolski Karwacki '51**
- **Sr. Mary Grace Finnegan D.C. '51**
- Sister and sister-in-law of **Mitzi Evans Kilduff '52**
- Granddaughter of **Mary Jane Beurket Davis '52**
- **Mary Augustine Starr '51,** sister of **Elinor Starr '53** (05/19/2013)
- Robert, husband of **Mary McMullen Bailey '53**
- **Patricia Williams O'Grady '54** (01/03/2013)
- Jerome (Jerry) Keogh, husband of **Barbara Henner Keogh '55**
- **Sr. Paula McGuire D.C. '57** (08/05/2013)
- **Sr. Andrew Marie Gresko D.C. '57** (03/16/2013)
- Robert F. Haley II, brother of **Roberta Haley Rico '57**
- **Sr. Elizabeth Bain D.C. '58** (07/21/2013)
- Richard Fitzpatrick, husband of **Rosemarie Cappello Fitzpatrick '58 (06/04/2013)**
- William F. Shriver husband of **Angela Rocks Shriver '58** (08/20/2013)
- Son-in-law of **Delia Gautier Slight '59**

1960's

- **Patrick McGrath, brother of Susan McGrath '62**
- **Joan Davis, mother of Carol Davis Denier '63**
- **Sr. Bernadette Forney D.C. '63 (03/04/13)**
- Elizabeth Fron, mother of **Ann Fron Panko '64**
- Michael A. Auro, husband of **Kathleen Meyer Auro '64**
- Robert Welty, brother of **Rita Welty Bourke '64**
- Duane Welty, nephew of **Rita Welty Bourke '64**
- Scott Bentley husband of **Nancy Johnson Bentley '65,** brother-in-law **Kathleen Johnson Raby '63** (09/02/2013)
- Daniel Sullivan, husband of **Barbara Hogan Sullivan '65** and brother-in-law of **Mary Sharon Hogan Della '68**
- Robert Brennan, husband of **Jane Manning Brennan '65** (10/22/2012)
- Terrence O'Flaherty, brother of **Maureen O'Flaherty Wylonis '65**
- Letitia Gwynn, mother of **Sally Gwynn Evans '66**
- Jeanine Reing Musgrove daughter of **Diana Callison Reing '69** and niece of **Sharon Callison Brady '65**
- Brian, husband of **Jackie Collart Kennedy '69**

1970's

- Virginia C. Henze mother of **Leslie Henze Blackstock '70** (09/21/2013)
- Frank Talbot, husband of **Jane Sweeney Talbot '71**
- Mary Lancelotta Bianco, mother of **Jayne Bianco Cohill '72**
- **Kathleen Fullam Hughes '41,** Mother of Marykay **Hughes Clarke '72** (09/24/2013)
- James C. McDonough Sr., brother of **Jane McDonough Milne '73**

May they rest in peace and rise in glory!

Making Reservations

Two registrations are necessary, one with SJC, and one with the Wyndham. SJC registration forms will be mailed to you in early January 2014. Return your completed registration form to the SJC Alumnae Office or register online at www.sjcalumnae.org

Make your hotel reservations by visiting the Wyndham Gettysburg Website, www.wyndham.com/gettysburg or by calling 717.339.0020. Be sure to mention that you are with the St. Joseph College Alumnae Association.

Seeking Gift Basket Donations

The Reunion Committee appreciates the gift baskets donated for this fun fundraiser. Some memorable themes have been:

- Summertime Blues
- Thinking of You
- Why Limit Happy to an Hour
- A Cozy Afternoon
- A Day at the Beach
- Going Out in Style
- Overnighter
- Knot Just a Clutch
- Pamper Me
- Wines from Chester County
- Gift cards from Bed, Bath & Beyond; Starbuck's; Barnes & Noble

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SJC Reunion 2014 - March 27 - March 30

Mark your calendar and make plans to attend SJC Reunion 2014!!
RETURN…RECONNECT…REWIND…RECHARGE…RELAX…REMEMBER…

As one of the Golden attendees from the Class of 1963 said, "To all the rest of my classmates…I wonder if you know how much this reunion meant to me. It was like coming home after a long absence. As I looked around the room last evening your little faces were the same as they were at St. Joe's…the expressions, the laughs, and the gestures. I thank each and every one of you for this cherished memory and will meet you again at the 55th. A special hoorah to all those selfless ladies who put their time toward our celebration. You must know it was a spectacular success."

We invite you to come back to the Valley to be "All Together" again! Help us celebrate each other and our SJC years with classes ending in "4" and "9". Remember that our Reunions are not just for the Milestone Classes but for every one of us! The Reunion Committee is hard at work planning another great weekend. Contact your friends and classmates now to meet at Reunion 2014!

Here's the schedule:

Thursday, March 27
Register at the beautiful Gettysburg Wyndham Hotel that continues to generate rave reviews from reunion attendees. Check in at Reunion registration, attend our Welcome Wine Social in "The Pines," and then meet friends and classmates for dinner.

Friday, March 28
Take the opportunity to visit our former campus for a surprisingly good lunch in the cafeteria followed by an informal tour. A self-guided Heritage Tour: St. Joseph's Valley and St. Mary's Mountain is available for those desiring a more comprehensive walk down memory lane. Mount President Dr. Thomas Powell and his wife Irene will host a special reception for Alumnae in the early afternoon. Stay tuned for more information on this event. Afterwards, join our Golden Jubilarians, the Class of 1964, at their special Mass in the "old" Campus Chapel. Take time to read the bricks outside this special chapel. Have you left your footprint? During the past three Reunions, groups large and small have held Friday evening class dinners at the Wyndham with great success. As Alumnae president Maureen Smith notes: "Great food and service + no driving = a very relaxing evening." Class agents can contact Reunion Chair Maryann Lesso to learn about arranging a private dinner.

Saturday, March 29
Your day begins with complimentary coffee and pastry in "The Pines." Enjoy a little bit of history with a brief talk from Denise Gallo, Provincial Archivist, Daughters of Charity on the role of St. Joseph's and the Daughters of Charity during the Civil War. Class meetings to follow and then lunch on your own. Now is the time to explore Gettysburg!

A highlight of the weekend is the 4 p.m. Alumnae Memorial Mass at the Basilica of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. Milestone Classes participate in a procession and ceremonies honoring our college, Mother Seton, and our deceased Alumnae.

Return to the Wyndham for a social hour then go on to our banquet and listen to the memories from our Golden Jubilarian class. Winners of gift baskets will be announced and photos of all honorees and Milestone Classes will be taken after the banquet.

Sunday, March 30
Our final event, the SJCAA breakfast and Annual Meeting, offers one last chance to sing the Alma Mater and hear news and updates from your Board of Trustees before bidding farewell to friends and classmates.

Other Weekend Opportunities
Visit Gettysburg's great shops and outlets including the Emmitsburg Antique Mall or take time to restore and refresh at the hotel's pool and exercise room. "Remember when" at "The Pines" in the Wyndham as you view yearbooks and class memorabilia.

Remember ~ Reunion weekend is the time to reconnect!! We look forward to seeing you March 27 - March 30, 2014 at the Wyndham Hotel in Gettysburg, PA.