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Meet Your SJCAA Alumnae Board of Trustees

The SJCAA Board of Trustees and Committee Leaders at their September 2012 meeting in Emmitsburg include, front row, from left: Maryann Lesso '70, Leslie Henze Blackstock '70, Sr. Anne Higgins, D.C. '70, Florence DeLessio Marchetti '67, and Christine Wiberley Goglia '73. Middle row, from left, are: Chrystie Damico Goles '64, Claire Maurer '64, Maureen McPartland Smith '65, Bernadette Ackerman Benninger '72, and Ellen Wiberley '69. Rear row, from left, are: Jane Manning Brennan '65, Trudie Mangiaracina Glazewski '74, Jane Currie Sutton '65, Karen Mattscheck '72, Christine Roos Mehl '70, Kathleen Graham '68, and Mary Lou Ullrich Jones '54. Missing: Joanne McNally Downes '61, Sr. Mary Jean Horne, D.C. '48, Ann Wyllie Mulroy '67, Jacquie Nemetz Van Meter '68, and Cathryn Homan Winslow '72.

Love of Alma Mater Drives Tireless SJCAA Board

It takes a village to run an Alumnae Association--a village of volunteers--all of whom willing and eagerly devote their time and talent to keeping the St. Joseph College Alumnae Association "All Together."

During 2013, we mark 40 years since the heartbreaking announcement that SJC would close, but year after year, volunteers keep the legacy of the Women Learners of St. Joseph's and Elizabeth Seton's Valley alive and meaningful. Please consider volunteering or offering support in whatever way you can to your Alumnae Association!

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On the cover:

Kathleen Seely Davis '62, left, offers the Eucharist to Mary Ellen Mehl Doherty '72 during the Reunion 2012 Alumnae Memorial Liturgy.

Jo Ketner Gallagher '72 participates in the Procession of Classes at the 2012 SJCAA Reunion Mass in the Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

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The Board meets twice a year – in September and in the Spring (on the Sunday of Reunion weekend).

From Our President: Sustaining the Legacy

Recall this splendid picture in your mind. Autumn has arrived. Goldenrod and purple asters replace daisies in roadside fields. Colors creep across familiar hillsides of maples. Suddenly another image flashes into our consciousness. It's the "A" leading to St. Joseph College, startlingly ablaze in reds and golds.

A fall afternoon in Emmitsburg. The long shadows settle across the lawns. You walk toward Burlando and turn. It's time for dinner. Some things are hard to forget; they pleasantly intrude and make us smile.

Although our college closed 40 years ago, each SJC alumna nurtures a personal, unique cache of memories from other seasons and other days. For some, their special cache started with a mother's or older sister's recollections, handed down in stories that often began "I remember . . ."

And so the legacies of the "Joe's Girls" begin. Learning and academics challenged us, but our girl friends buoyed us at every turn. We loudly proclaimed then and now that friendships links would not be broken, and we meant it.

Your Alumnae Association continually strives to encourage and maintain the shared legacies of all alumnae through regular electronic and print communications, a network of class agents, class committees, and local clubs, and planning and promoting annual reunions so our alumnae can enjoy being all together again

What can you do? How can you help?

- Make a commitment to pay your dues annually when you receive our invoice.
- Join us in springtime (April 4-7, 2013) for the 116th Annual SJC Alumnae Reunion
- Volunteer to assist with a local or regional SJCAA club or start one in your area
- Contact a member of the SJCAA Board. Talk with her about ways you can help.
- You don't have to be a Board member to lend a hand at reunion or in other ways. We need people to help out with our website and serve on the Association's Finance Committee.

For most SJC Alumnae, what we leave behind will be personal, unique cache of images of college "girls," an avenue lined in autumn maples, long shadows across the lawns, and after the winter's snows, soft pastel blossoms at Tom's Creek. But the word legacy also refers broadly to something from the past that is left or handed down. In that way, it refers to what you leave behind.

Please help your SJC Alumnae Association realize a goal of "Sustaining the Legacy" by continuing to support us -- now and in the future.

Gratefully,
Maureen McPartland Smith '65
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Yes, You Can Order Replacement SJC Class Rings!

If you have lost or outgrown your coveted SJC class ring, don't despair! You can order a replacement.

During Reunion 2012, Nancy Nugent Clapp '72 listened as her classmates asked about replacement rings. So she did some research, located the manufacturer, J. Jenkins Sons Co., Inc. in Baltimore, and learned that two SJC molds are available. One is the square shape that most of us originally purchased; the other is an oval shape, probably from the early part of the 20th century. Either can be ordered via a simple phone call and will ship in about four weeks.

Here's what to do:

- Determine your ring size. (You may want to visit a jeweler to have your finger measured to ensure the right fit.)
- Select a look. SJC rings were yellow gold with black onyx. However, you can order white gold.
- Duralite, a non-precious jeweler's alloy with a silver appearance, is also available. It's less expensive than yellow or white gold.
- Select a stone—black onyx or another kind of/color stone.
- Select a shape—square or oval.
- Decide if you want three initials engraved inside the ring. (There is also an image of the Blessed Mother.)
- Decide if you want your full name engraved inside the ring ($11.50 additional charge)
- Decide if you want an initial(s) on the surface of the stone. ($20 additional charge)
- Call Pam Brennan at J. Jenkins to place your order. Remember to tell her your year of graduation, as it will appear on your new ring, and that you are an SJC alumna.
- Have your credit card information available

Pricing

$517.87, plus tax and shipping, for traditional yellow gold or for white gold

$225, plus tax and shipping, for Duralite

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2012 Dues By Classes

Year	2012 Dues Paid	Valid Addresses	Active
1935	1	2	50%
1936	1	6	16.7%
1938	1	3	33.33%
1939	5	11	45.5%
1940	4	5	80%
1941	5	10	50%
1942	2	8	25%
1943	3	16	18.5%
1944	5	17	29.4%
1945	6	12	50%
1946	5	12	41.7%
1947	9	19	47.4%
1948	11	27	40.7%
1949	12	24	50%
1950	15	27	55.6%
1951	18	32	56.3%
1952	10	29	34.5%
1953	9	19	47.4%
1954	15	36	41.7%
1955	16	25	64%
1956	16	23	69.6%
1957	18	43	41.9%
1958	25	48	52.1%
1959	23	44	52.3%
1960	21	44	47.7%
1961	35	64	54.7%
1962	35	61	57.4%
1963	44	80	55%
1964	61	104	58.7%
1965	55	100	55%
1966	25	77	32.5%
1967	36	102	35.3%
1968	57	136	41.9%
1969	43	126	34.1%
1970	37	106	34.9%
1971	29	88	33.33%
1972	41	96	42.7%
1973	30	104	28.8%
1974	6	44	13.6%
1975	3	20	15%
Grand Total	**798**	**1,857**	**43%**

The following information is through June 30, 2012.

	Income		Expense
Interest Income	$152.00	Charity	$4,050.00
Dues Income	$49,871.00	Masses	$00.00
Brick Memorials	$ 330.00	Brick Memorials	$270.00
Donations	$2,400.00	Office Expense	$3,901.00
Miscellaneous	$205.00	General Expense	$100.00
Reunion Income	$19,310.00	Website Expense	$2,000.00
Raffle Income	$2,171.00	Reunion Expense	$18,423.00
Store Income	$687.00	Store Expenses	$758.00
		Valley Echo Expense	$00.00
		Management Services Contract	$1,129.00
Total Income	**$75,126.00**	**Total Expenses**	**$39,630.00**
	Net Income $36,430.81*		

CASH ASSETS as of 6-30-2012

Checking Account	$40,828.00
Money Market Accounts	$88,554.00
CDs	$35,285.00
Petty Cash	$100.00
Total	**$164,767.00**

Analysis

Income: At the mid-year point, we have a positive net income position. With the majority of 2012 dues income collected our projected dues income of $50,000 is within reach although it is currently $3748 less than the 2011 dues income of $53,619. Interest income has declined due to reduced interest rates on our CDs. Donations are higher this year primarily due to a generous estate bequest and corporate matching gifts. Reunion profit was also less than in 2011 despite an excellent array of donations for the basket raffle, the major source of reunion profit.

Expenses: Some anticipated expenses ahead total approximately $27,000. Not yet included in the above figures are remaining payments for Management Services from MSM, the Valley Echo winter edition, insurance premiums, Masses offered for alumnae, completion of our website redesign, postage and printing costs for fall communications and our 2012 charitable contribution to Mother Seton School. The charitable contribution listed above includes our normal $4000 tuition assistance grant to Mother Seton School for last year, 2011.

Cash: After the expected expenses are paid, cash assets will be reduced to approximately $138,000. Some expenses will be paid from our checking account, charitable contributions are paid from a separate Philanthropy Money Market account.

What's Ahead in 2013: The major anticipated expenses are specified above. With the redesign of our website and increasing email communications, we anticipate improving our electronic communications, while reducing the cost of printing and postage.

1967 Nurse Classmates Renew Bonds

This is a story of enduring friendship, fun and adventure. It begins in 1963 with the arrival of the SJC freshman class in the Valley of Emmitsburg. Nearly a half-century later, the story continues to unfold.

Nursing majors Susan Albin, Eileen Ball, Ann Boley, Florence Delessio, Jane Roth and Kathleen Sullivan enrolled at St. Joseph College in pursuit of knowledge, careers and life skills. But, as so many SJC women know, the enduring legacy of their college years is the unbreakable bond of friendship.

Upon graduation in 1967, their paths diverged, some connections continued, and others were stretched. Ann and Jane continued together as Navy nurses in Oakland, CA until 1968, when Ann, following her marriage, moved to Florida where her husband was stationed. Except for tours of duty in Okinawa and Morocco, Ann remained in Florida, where she raised two sons and had a satisfying career in data processing until retiring in 2004. Last year, Ann moved to Chapel Hill, NC, and now lives a short distance from her sons and grandchildren.

Jane completed her Navy tour in 1970, and after a year in San Francisco and many months in Germany, she returned to her native Manhattan. Her diverse career included research assistant for the Hepatitis B vaccine trial, chief operations officer for a private occupational health care company -- after obtaining her MBA in health care administration -- and home care nursing.

Following graduation, Eileen was a nurse at New York University Hospital, but moved to Massachusetts, where she married Wendell Cerne, raised two sons, obtained a master's degree in health care administration, and pursued a successful career in mental health administration.

Sue initially moved to the Midwest, where she became a nurse practitioner, but before long, she relocated to California, where she married and joined the Kaiser Health System as an OB-GYN nurse practitioner. This year, to the great delight of her East Coast compatriots, Sue moved to Greensboro, NC.

Married in August 1967, Kathleen raised four children, earned a doctoral degree in nursing, and became a nurse educator. She continues to work as a consultant for the nationwide healthcare Magnet Recognition Program.

After graduation, Florence obtained a master's degree in mental health nursing. Then, settling in the Washington D.C. area, she married and had two children. Florence continues to work at a Baltimore area community hospital and delights in her relatively new role as a grandmother.

Clearly these brief summaries do not do justice to the lives of all six women during the 45 years since graduating from SJC – the challenges met, sorrows endured, successes achieved and satisfactions enjoyed. But among the benefits of attending the 2009 SJC Bicentennial Reunion, and their subsequent get-togethers, were opportunities to share details of their lives and receive the understanding and support of some of their oldest friends.

Throughout the years, Ann and Jane remained in close contact, meeting in such far-flung places as Okinawa and Morocco, as well as Florida and New York, and taking several ski trips to Colorado, Utah, New Hampshire and Vancouver, BC. Eileen joined them on several occasions and also hosted them at her home in Duxbury MA. Although contact with Kathleen, Sue and Florence was more erratic, the joys of their friendships were quickly rediscovered in 2009.

They agreed to reunite in September 2010 at Kathleen's beach house, and there, a plan to take a journey together was launched. All agreed that France and Italy, specifically, Provence and the Amalfi Coast, would be their destinations.

Although Florence did not accompany them, her enthusiastic support was invaluable. And the "Gang of Five" increased to six with the happy addition of Eileen's husband Wendell. All the planning came to fruition on Sept. 26, 2011, when they gathered in a beautiful villa in Isle de la Sorgue to begin their adventure.

1967 European traveling companions, from left, Sue Albin Watson, Jane Roth, Kathy Sullivan Stolzenberger, Ann Boley McLamb and Wendell and Eileen Ball Cerne, take a break during their adventure.

Here are some of their memories and reflections.

Eileen Ball Cerne

"Two years of planning for this epic adventure resulted in approximately three weeks of non-stop talking, eating, sightseeing, shopping and traveling, punctuated with laughs, memories and trips to markets.

"For me, the most amazing part of the journey was the discovery that, after years of following our own paths, we were still very much the same people who had lived together and struggled through the challenges of college and growing up. Ann, always the organized one, kept our books and did most of the planning. Kathy, always a unique combination of intelligent and zany, kept us laughing much of the time.

"Susan, our very respectable and committed product of a Catholic education, once again exhibited some unexpected irreverence from the pulpit, just as she did years ago when she acquired a bear skin carpet for her room. Jane serenaded us as she had throughout our SJC years and displayed her wonderfully generous nature. The group as a whole demonstrated its signature openness by allowing my husband to join us.

"With such a marvelous group of traveling companions, the trip could never have failed but, in fact, it exceeded all of my expectations. We had perfect weather, Rick Steves to guide us, Wendell and Kathy to chauffeur us in magnificent style, lovely accommodations (OK, the beds were at times less than ideal), marvelous meals, beautiful countryside and time to enjoy it all.

"My favorite Italian memory is our tour of the Amalfi coast with our extraordinary guide, Francesco, who shared all manner of information about the geography, Italian cooking and law, and a great deal of political opinion. He entertained and informed as he navigated the challenging roadways. We were all more than happy to be passengers as we explored the magnificent coastline.

"We dined in a restaurant overlooking the Mediterranean. The meal there was the best one of our entire trip -- fresh fish and greens prepared to perfection in a totally idyllic setting, and the best bruschetta on this planet. It was truly one of those days that you wish would never end.

During European Adventure

Ann Boley McLamb
"I began my trip from New York City with Jane via the UK. When we arrived in Paris, where I had never visited, she went on to see other friends and I met up with Eileen and Wendell to take in the sights and food before Jane returned and Kathy arrived. I loved Paris, and my time there was too short.

"Once the group assembled, our day trips from L'isle sur la Sorgue were mostly to the hill towns in the Luberon area, reminiscent to me of the roadways of many a Tour de France, which I follow religiously on TV each July.

"We moved on to Nice, which was another pleasant surprise with its North African and Mediterranean influences, particularly the architecture and food. Then there was our very long day of flying Nice to Rome, taking a local train to catch the high-speed train to Naples, and running with suitcases, much to the delight of our Italian gentlemen seatmates, when we arrived out of breath. At 9 p.m. in Naples, we assumed that we had to find the local Circumvesuviana train for a 70-minute ride to Sorrento. Thankfully, we discovered from Wendell and Eileen, who had flown earlier to Naples, that we had the wrong destination.

"With lots of help from Italians in a local bar, we hired a taxi to take us to the Villa Jenny in Piano di Sorrento (not Sorrento), where we were treated to a major surprise. There were 30+ steps between the first and second floors—and I was sleeping on the third floor!

Jane Roth
"For me, the overarching memory of our trip is the pleasure of sharing this adventure with my excellent traveling companions. Every day, there was side-splitting laughter at some wonderful foolishness -- Susan and I paddling in circles as we tried to keep up with Eileen, Wendell and Kath while kayaking down the Sorgue River in Provence. Eileen looking as good as any French woman, even if that meant wearing fashionable flats on a hike around the Pont du Gard. Kath and I drinking wine out of the bottle on the train trip from Paris to Avignon -- it seemed the French thing to do!

"Each day brought some memorable experience. A late afternoon trip to Pernes des Fountaines led to a wonderful choral concert in an old church, and a steep walk to the medieval castle, during which we happened upon an outdoor art exhibit of thousands of purple shoes -- definitely a contrast between old and new! The endless stops for coffee or wine or a Dame Blanche (an ice cream concoction) in picturesque cafes; delicious meals, whether a lunch in Joucas at a roadside café, or dinner at a top-rated restaurant in L'Isle sur la Sorgue, or an excellent chicken soup made by our own chef, Ann.

"We were regular patrons at "Super U," the super supermarket down the road from our villa. for everything from cheese and wine to blue jeans for me. The "Super U" staff found us quite amusing. We all proved to be expert shoppers at the markets in Isle de la Sorgue and Gordes--markets that were a feast for the eyes with their beautiful displays of fruits, vegetables, cheeses and meats.

"Kath and Wendell were our designated drivers, despite the fact that Kath had not driven a stick shift for many years. She quickly became quite skillful negotiating the skinny curvy mountain roads of Provence and displayed an amazing patience with her less-than-expert map readers!

"Never to be forgotten is the Villa Jenny in Piano Di Sorrento – 100+ years old, three stories high, with 15-foot ceilings, marble floors and imposing stained glass windows, set in an extensive garden overlooking the sea, but furnished with shabby beach furniture and the lumpiest beds ever.

Kathleen Sullivan Stolzenberger
"Memories: A serenade by Jane, who left her heart in San Francisco so long ago, but was still searching for it as she slowly swam the length of the Sur le Sorgue villa pool in Provence. After all these years, her soft and lilting voice remains as off key and as mysteriously haunting as it was in SJC days!

"A gypsy dance by Ann, a Provencal scarf wrapped around her head as she twirled in wild abandon across the tile floor.

"Speeding across the Provence countryside, only to see Wendell's helmeted head in the distance, cast against the sun-lit cypress trees, pedaling for all his worth to catch up to the Tour de France.

"Watching Sue's enigmatic smile as she paddled sideways and backward along the Le Sorgue river, while the rest of us nearly capsized in laughter listening to Jane's gentle kayak instructions that fell on deaf ears.

"Wendell and Eileen and their burgeoning suitcases that got fatter with each trip to the market. Broken squeaky wheels lugged resolutely up and down cobbled streets, in and out of rickety trains. Not a complaint ever. Precious storage for Eileen's matching accessories.

"But most of all, a turn taken suddenly late in the day after touring the Provence countryside, to face a 90-degree narrow road, uphill . . . up, up, so slowly, laughing, a bit scared, still going . . . not knowing where it would end or dead end. Should we be there? Almost at the top.

"And then, an ancient windmill rising before us, outlined against a Provencal sunset. Still working, a giant symbol of power and energy, just as being "All Together" still works to energize me. To remind me about the forces of friendship and the power of women to take on the world. A windmill symbolizing the endless possibilities that exist for us Valley girls who learned so many years ago what fun it was to stick together and break a few rules along the way."

Sue Albin Watson
"What can I add to the on-the-mark reminiscences of my travel companions? Not much! But here I share what I gained from that most remarkable trip -- a reuniting with old friends after 40+ years of separation to the creation of like-new friends in the memorable settings of Provence and Sorrento.

"I recall telling folks in California that, yes, I was looking forward to seeing France and Italy, but the real reason I was going was to be again with cherished classmates from St. Joe's. I recently left California after 42 years to move closer to family in North Carolina. It's a move closer to Ann, Jane, Kathy, Eileen and Flo, which makes the change even sweeter! I urge all of my SJC classmates to take the plunge and get in touch with a friend from St. Joe's with whom you have lost touch. The payoff will be well worth the effort!"

Reunion 2012 Photo Gallery

« New members of the SJCAA Board of Trustees sworn in during Reunion 2012 are, from left, Trudie Mangiaracina Glazewski '74, Ellen Wiberley '69, Chris Wiberley Goglia '73, Christine Roos Mehl '70, Reunion 2013 Chair Leslie Henze Blackstock '70, and Florence DeLessio Marchetti '67.

» Karen Mattscheck, right, accepts the Sr. Mary Ellen Kelley Plaque on behalf of her 1972 classmates for the largest number of attendees at Reunion 2012 from SJCAA Board President Maureen McPartland Smith '65.

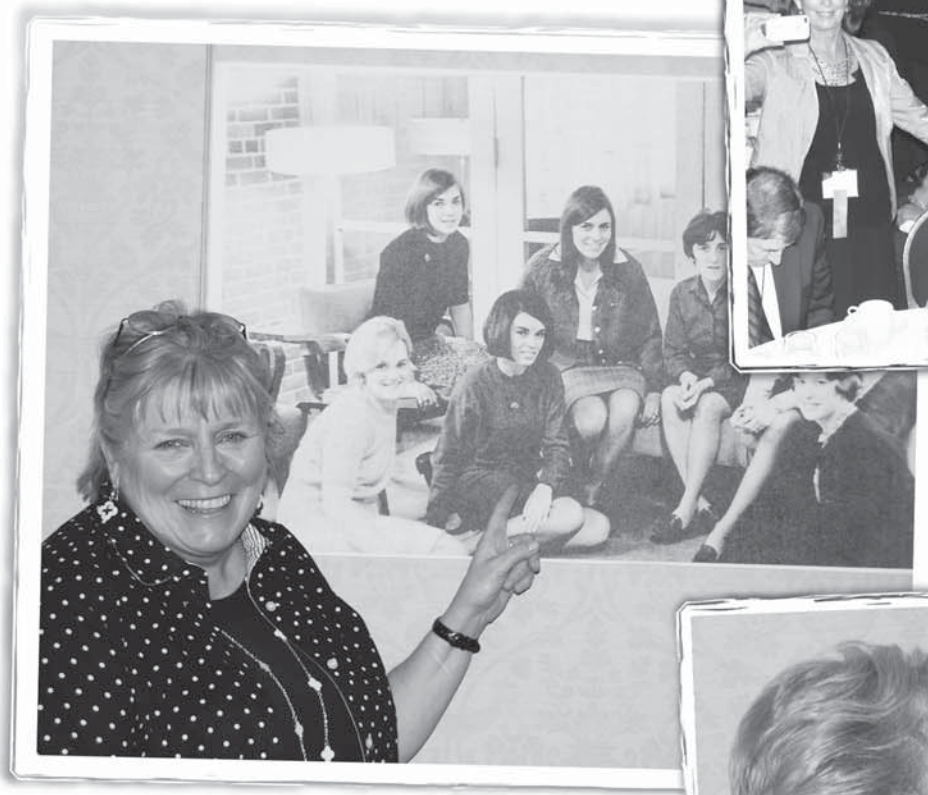
« Members of classes ending in "2" and "7" marked significant anniversaries and participated in Saturday's SJC Alumnae Memorial Mass.

» Mount St. Mary's University President Dr. Thomas Powell addresses SJC Alumnae during a tea he and his wife Irene host each year for us at their home in Emmitsburg.

« Candles are lit in memory of SJC Alumnae who passed away between Reunion 2011 and Reunion 2012.

Reunion 2012 Photo Gallery

Singing of "All Together," the SJC Alma Mater, concludes the Saturday banquet.



Kathy Flanigan Balcer '68 points to herself (back row, second from left) in a 1967 Allegra yearbook photo on display at "The Pines" in the Wyndham Hotel.

Kathy Sullivan Stolzenberger '67 plants a welcome kiss on classmate Ann Boley McLamb during their 45th SJC Reunion.

Chrystie Damico Goles '64 distributes blessed palms to 1965 classmates, from left, Sally Callahan Sullivan, Jane Manning Brennan and Sue Flanigan Conrad. Reunion 2012 took place on Palm Sunday weekend.

Some of the many gift baskets donated by SJC Alumnae, which are auctioned during Reunion

Class News

1940

With the Oct. 1, 2012 death of Class Agent Marie Slyker Schmidt, we are searching for a new Class Agent who will stay in touch with members and submit news about them. If you can help out, please contact the SJCAA Office, 301.447.5075, or email: office@sjcalumnae.org

1941

Ellen E. Martz
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1942

The SJCAA needs a Class of 1942 Agent, who will stay in touch with members and submit news about them. If you can help out, please contact the SJCAA Office, 301.447.5075, or email: office@sjcalumnae.org

1943 *70th Reunion in 2013!*

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Dear Classmates of '44, Please note that the above address is permanent. I now live in Florida with granddaughter Becky and her family, which includes two lively and adorable great grandchildren -- Lilly 6, and John 4. My daughter Ann Marie and the rest of my family have lived here for many years. Keeping up a large home and yard were getting to be too much, so now we are all together here near Pensacola. We rented the house in Ohio, and because the new tenant needed to move in soon, some things had to be stored in the basement. This is what I miss most from Ohio--a large "catch-all" basement. Unfortunately, left behind were some of my notebooks containing much of the information on our Class of 1944. **Mary Margaret O'Donnell**, who keeps good records, came to the rescue. Between us, we were able to get a great deal -- but not all -- of the info. I needed.

Mary Margaret is still lively and in pretty good health. Her reply to "How are you doing?" was "Pretty good, I guess--sorta." She is active, gets out of the house, and attends church faithfully. She does have a broken wrist due to a fall. I talked with our "day students" **Etta Shuff Norris** and **Mary Gene Matthews Rice**. Etta's voice was strong and her health is good. She is still glad that she had both knees replaced a few years ago. E-burg is still the sleepy little town we knew, but it does come alive when the President is visiting Camp David -- population and traffic increase. Mary Gene had a recent stroke and spends more time in bed than usual. Husband Earl and she still live at home and he and some health aides take good care of her. They recently had a great vacation in Ocean City, MD. They have two sons and a daughter -- one son is in Hagerstown and visits often. She recently returned from the hospital after surgery on a stubborn wound on the hip. We are praying for a quick recovery.

Anita Carlo Franceschini had two strokes and spends much time resting. She is able to move about the house. Their three daughters and one son, who is a physician, all live nearby. **Catherine Carmody Manion** still has serious health problems, but she loves living in Carthage, TN. I called the homes of **Alicia Estades Suria** and **Catalina Estates Colon** only to receive messages in Spanish. I still hope to talk to them soon. How I wish I had taken Spanish rather than French at SJC. It was great to hear **Betty Sullivan Elliot's** voice -- still strong and musical. Due to Parkinson's and other ailments, Betty uses a walker most of the time, but occasionally needs a wheelchair. Her address: Ann's Choice Way, 16000 Jonsville, Renaissance Garden, Room 223, Warminster, PA 18974 Her cell phone is 267.242.5012.

Marion Anderson (Andi) Russo is taking therapy after a hospital stay. My move to Florida has kept me very busy, but Andi and I will soon be in touch again. Her health is frail, but her three sons are nearby and very attentive. Her daughter Mary lives in Florida, but still visits often. Andi's phone number is 757.488.4861, and her address is still 410 Bobby Jones Dr., Portsmouth, VA 23701. She'd love to hear from you. I'm sorry to report the death of my good friend **Joan Ridge deGrummond**, who lost her battle with cancer on Oct. 21, 2011. She returned to the Canal Zone after our freshman year, but remained loyal to SJC.

Please remember Joan and all of our deceased classmates in your prayers; to pay your 2013 dues; and consider the optional tiered-level donations. Love and best wishes ~ **Rita**

1945

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Christmas brought greetings from **Agnes Ratas Gustafson**, Fred and **Mary Catherine Heltzel Pezzano, Jean Flood Callahan** and **Sr. Hilda Gleason, D.C.** With assistance from Sr. Annina, Sr. Hilda enclosed a message about the changes in Emmitsburg -- the former provincial house is now called St. Joseph's House. Much construction is in progress. Meanwhile, the Sisters are well taken care of at St. Vincent's Center.

Agnes spent the holiday at the home of daughter Kim in Moline. The rest of the family was there, as has become a tradition. Jean is enjoying old age with church activities and with her many children and grandchildren coming and going. She is still in the Blue Bell homestead. M.C. (Sue) and I chatted by phone, reminiscing on fun times in G'burg and E'burg. Frances Heltzel relocated back home in Gettysburg and enjoys the Mount Grotto. Bob and I are still in our little house, thanks to help from two of our children — Tom and Barbara -- and a wonderful son-in-law. Please, my dear classmates don't forget to send dues and contributions to the Alumnae Association. And for those "friendship links," please stay in touch. **Love, Eileen**

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The SJCAA needs a Class of 1946 Agent, who will stay in touch with members and submit news about them. If you can help out, please contact the SJCAA Office, 301.447.5075, or email: *office@sjcalumnae.org*

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Mary Gardner Shannon, accompanied by her two daughters, Mary Pat and Anne represented our class at Reunion 2012. She said it was a very enjoyable weekend, but all too short. Mass at the basilica was beautiful -- with Howard's "Ave Maria" being sung by all. Since the Alumnae Association will have fewer members in years to come, Mary thinks that consideration should be given to having honorary members, perhaps daughters or children. She said that one of the organization's goals is to provide scholarships -- a worthy cause. Mary has been to the Virginia governor's mansion a few times this year. Her niece, Maureen, is married to Virginia Gov. Bob McDonnell. Next year marks the 200th anniversary of the oldest governor's residence in the United States used for its original purpose. Mary is looking forward to the celebrations. Leo Robitaille, husband of **Catherine Timmerman Robitaille**, died suddenly on Aug. 8, 2011. Cathy and Leo attended Mass on Saturday night, had dinner, and spent the evening together. Leo collapsed on Sunday morning from a ruptured aneurysm. Cathy misses Leo so very much, but thanks God for many blessings. At Christmas, Cathy visited daughter Karen Bird and her children in West Virginia. Cathy is a lector at Mass and was honored for her 25-year membership in the Council of Catholic Women. She is dedicated to serving at the Sunlight Home, a haven for young moms and babies, and collecting donations for them.

Mary Gardner Shannon

Margaret Golden Susman's sight is impaired by macular degeneration. In a letter she dictated to her youngest granddaughter, who lives with her, Maggie said that, except for her eye problems, her health is OK. Her granddaughter is a big help in the kitchen and also assists Maggie in managing her business affairs. Maggie has two daughters, Sidney, who works in California with mentally handicapped adults, and Betsy, who owns a business in Colorado with her husband. Her eldest granddaughter and her husband are nurses in Colorado. Her grandson was being married this past summer. His son, Maggie's great grandson, is 8. **Mary Anne Kelly Zak** '50, spent the winter in Santa Barbara, CA, and had a pleasant phone visit with Margaret Golden Susman in Santa Ynez, CA, a beautiful mountain town about an hour away. **Betty Boggs Cunningham** said she is fine, a bit creaky, but at nearly 85 can't complain about that! She still lives alone, drives, can do just about anything she wants to do, and considers herself fortunate. She was looking forward to her granddaughter Kara and her husband Bob's move from Washington to East Lansing, MI, which is about four hours from Betty. Bob will study for his doctorate at Michigan State. He has free tuition, a generous stipend and a teaching assistant position. Another grandson, Jimmy, is pursuing his doctorate at Cal State, while his wife works on her master's degree. Betty is very pleased that they all are so motivated. She has a wonderful Easter with her grandchildren, and has seven great grandchildren, all in California.

Mary Anne also spoke with **Therese (Terry) Conover**, who lives in Santa Barbara. Terry is in good spirits and is managing increasing memory loss. She no longer drives or rides her bike, and has Meals on Wheels daily. Mary Anne thinks that Terry also participates in a community support group. Terry's sister resides in an area nursing home, and a nephew and nephew-in-law look after her and Terry.

Jane Reiter Miller spent most of last winter in Naples, FL with her good friend, Gail. At home in Arlington, VA, she stays busy with seven opera, symphony and drama subscriptions. She usually plays bridge twice a week, but is "stuck" at about 875 points, so will probably not get beyond Bronze Master. Jane wondered if there were any other bridge players in our class. She said she is healthy and has good help. However, since the cooking is excellent, she is a bit overweight! Jane's third great granddaughter was born in May. She has two grandsons within a mile of where she lives, so has emergency backup.

Mary Catherine Schneider Hinkey wrote at Christmas that her family was all fine, finished with school, and gainfully employed. Cathy is OK, except for a bad knee, which she planned to have replaced.

Norma Walker Stec reported that last year, her area in Maryland experienced an earthquake of some magnitude and, shortly thereafter, a hurricane. The storm did more damage than the earthquake. Norma and Frank lost several trees, perhaps 80 feet tall, their basement and family room was flooded, and rain overwhelmed their well. They've lived in that house since 1956 and never experienced anything comparable, so it was a challenge trying to get everything back to normal. Norma has done a considerable amount of knitting. She taught herself to knit when we were in college, but once she entered the working world, put her needles aside until a few years ago. Since enjoys making scarves and dishcloths to donate to church bazaars, and finds knitting to be very relaxing.

Norma said that despite mutual aches and pains, she and Frank are both blessed with good health. The Abington, MD area where they live has changed dramatically. Their property was a farm, purchased by Frank's parents when he was an infant. They still have 20+ acres left and are like an oasis in a city. Development of the I-95 corridor has spread in every direction, so within five minutes, they can be at the bank, the grocery store, the department store, church, etc. Norma still is a member of the garden club that she joined when she stopped working in 1976 and has been treasurer for about 30 years. She can't believe that some women can run their homes but can't keep a checkbook straight. (Remember, Norma was the great math major in our class!) She does not have a computer and writes letters infrequently, but asked me to save some of her thoughts for the next *Valley Echo*.

Julia Morris noted that Reunion 2012 was our 65th and said that sometimes such numbers dazzle her. Grand nieces and grand nephews she watched growing up are now in college. Ten of the far-separated family visited her during summer 2011. All happily spent a week at South Yarmouth, MA in delightful accommodations circ. 1835.

They had the best – almost the only decent -- weather of the summer. Judy said that every Sunday night she speaks at length with a niece who lives in California. Judy enjoys hearing from her but needs an afternoon nap or a caffeine-plus lunch to keep her awake and alert! .Judy said that during Hurricane Irene in August 2011 and the Halloween Northeaster, everyone lost trees and power. Kind neighbors came to her rescue with hot coffee and dinner on several nights.

Molly FitzGerald Lawson says that she stays well, although she cannot walk much, but has little to complain about. She is well cared for by her daughter Frances and her other children in the area. She hears Mass and joins in the rosary every morning via catholictv.com from Boston. She is so grateful to God for the blessings He has given her. Molly called **Anita Coronel Jones** recently. Anita has her own apartment in an assisted living facility and, thus far, has not needed nursing care. Molly plans to keep in touch with Anita.

Not having heard from **Irene Campbell Seitz**, who always sends a note for *The Valley Echo*, I called her and learned the sad news that Irene's husband Ed died on May 5, 2011, after eight years of treatment for cancer. She said that Ed had a beautiful death at home, with their two daughters, son and grandson at his bedside, along with Irene. Irene said that hospice provided home care for Ed and the staff was wonderful with him and the family. A beautiful funeral Mass was celebrated for Ed in Allentown, and Irene's grandson, a Marine home on leave, was one of the pall bearers. Ed and Irene were married for 20 years and she said they never had an argument. He had a master's degree from Temple University and taught high school economics for many years. Irene taught English for 32 years after graduating from St. Joseph's Please remember Irene and Ed in your prayers.

Now for a few items about myself during the past year. After several days of heavy rain in September 2011, the Susquehanna River overflowed its banks, along with several of its tributaries, and flooded Binghamton and most of Broome and surrounding counties. During the worst of it, I awakened to flood waters covering the parking lot adjacent to the sisters' house and flowing toward us. By the end of the day, we had four feet of water in the basement and lost equipment in our laundry room, chairs in our chapel, and furniture in a sitting room.

Fortunately, Lourdes Hospital was spared, unlike 2006, when another major flood forced the hospital to evacuate for two weeks, and damage was extensive. Construction of a flood wall around the hospital on the river side was completed only three months before the 2011 September flood. The wall was closed as the water began to rise. **Sr. Mary Anne Brawley, D.C.**, SJC Class of 1956, and chair of the board of directors at Lourdes Hospital, began throwing Miraculous Medals into the rising water, which came within two feet of the top of the flood wall. We know that our Blessed Mother as Our Lady of Lourdes, along with the flood wall, spared the hospital this time!

I still volunteer five days a week for a few hours at the registration desk in the hospital's emergency department and enjoy meeting the patients and their families. Palm Sunday weekend, my nephew and his wife, whom I had not seen since they were married and attended my 50th jubilee 14 years ago, came for a visit with their four children, whom I met for the first time. I still enjoy Yankee games and NASCAR races on TV. I limit my driving to the local area and do very little traveling due to a back problem.

It is always good to hear from members of our class, and I appreciate those who have responded to my requests for news, as each of us looks forward to reading about one another. Let us continue to pray for each other and for those members that God has already called to Himself. Love and prayers, as always.
-- **Mary Fran (Sr. De Chantal) La Row**

1948 65th Reunion in 2013!

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Dear Classmates: The following is information I have gleaned from telephone conversations in May 2012. **Ming Kenner O'Grady** has a new address: 105 West 9th St., Louisville, GA 30434. Her telephone number is 912.658.5368. Ming moved this year to be nearer her daughter, who now lives just a block away. She has a small house with a fenced-in back yard for her two dogs. Ming is recovering from an auto accident but she sounds fine. **Cele Doyle** says that she is "busy doing nothing because there's nothing to do"-- yet she recovered from knee surgery and plays bridge three times a week. Being a diabetic, **Jeanne Burroughs Conlon** has medical problems and doesn't drive anymore. However, she has numerous children and grandchildren to take her where she wants to go.

Theresa Dougherty Black lost her husband Robert to heart disease in February. They enjoyed many trips together, and Theresa is looking forward to her third trip to Ireland. She is a great volunteer and very active in her parish church. **Fran Hewes Sedney** says that she is "not so good," even though she sounds great. The latest additions to her family are a great-grandson and a great-granddaughter. She really wants a priest in her family so she's working on 10-year-old grandson Brennan. **Marion Schueler Werner** also is a great volunteer, especially in care support and the admissions department in the hospital. Marion is thrilled with two great-grandchildren.

Joan Cauley Hurley is in good health and still drives twice a year between Miami and Buffalo via the autobus. **Pat Hultberg Hyde** and husband Richard are thoroughly enjoying Pennsylvania and glad they moved from Delaware. I am very happy in St. Augustine -- volunteering, socializing, reading and traveling. In October, I will take a river cruise from Antwerp to Budapest. Hope to hear from you all for the next issue of *The Valley Echo*. Thanks for listening.

~Mary Cloonan Houle

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As most of you know, our SJC Alumnae Association is now physically located at Mount St. Mary's, and the Provincial House has moved to St. Louis as a result of the consolidation of four of the U.S. provinces of the Daughters of Charity. The SJCAA's address is PO Box 1149, Emmitsburg, MD 21727; phone: 301.447.5075; email: office@sjcalumnae.org. SJCAA also has a website, *www.sjcalumnae.org*, and is on Facebook.

Regina Bienlein Stein says that her large family is celebrating a variety of events, including many graduating grandchildren and her niece's 25 years as a Daughter of Charity. Husband Dick, who has slowed down considerably, is now using an electric scooter. She and Dick have a new address: 2300 Dulaney Valley Road, Apt. W102, Timonium, MD 21093; phone 410.252.8759. Regina occasionally has lunch with **Lucy McLaughlin Goedicke**, but I haven't heard from Lucy personally.

Doris Roach Jakob reports that she reads books on a Kindle even though she thought she never would. Never say never! She stays in touch by phone with **Ruth Wyatt Sweeney** and **Mary Catherine Whelan Justice**. She and Fred are well (with PHARMA's help), and their clan is celebrating Confirmations and graduations, as are most of us. Ruth wrote at Christmas that she is well and enjoys babysitting and picking up grandchildren, and volunteer work. Mary Catherine was in and out of the hospital and therapy for a painful sciatic nerve issue for about six months, but she is now on the mend. She and I have tried to contact **Elaine Pavloff Higgins** without success. Elaine moved to Statesboro, GA, to be near her daughter. The last thing Mary Catherine heard about Elaine was that she was in the hospital due to a heart problem.

I spoke with **Jean Barry Curran** recently and she is well and enjoying life. She has a grandson in the Army and was looking forward to his return from Afghanistan in July. She loves to play Trivia and Bridge. **Alice McLaughlin Goetz** sold her home in the spring and moved to a nearby lovely independent living retirement complex in Wilmington. She was very ill last fall, but has recovered, and enjoyed time this past summer on the bay in Lewes, DE. Her new address: 4830 Kennett Pike, #3223, Wilmington, DE 19807. Home phone number has not changed.

Nell Voltaire Davidson told me that she lost her brother last December. Her life in Florida is quiet; she has an apartment close to church, her son and his family, and shopping. Her 18-year old granddaughter entered the U of Florida this fall, and will be missed, but Nell will be able to attend the other grandchildren's track, soccer, and football games. A family wedding took her to D.C. in April and she had lunch with Mary Catherine. She has a daughter and sister in Virginia and visits them.

Sr. Helen (Jo) Sigrist uses a walker, but gets around quite well. Her sister in Texas lost her husband and two sons, and hopes to be able to move to Virginia in the not too distant future to be near one of her daughters. **Rose Bravo** said that she takes the inevitable symptoms of old age in stride, as we all do, and continues to keep the '49ers in her thoughts and prayers as she remembers the happy years we spent together.

Jocelyn Gates McGlynn wrote that she is still living on her own, in her home, with her son. Her daughter is recovering from colon cancer, which is a long process, but her daughter's first grandchild has brought her much joy and hope. **Mary B. Wittmer Walsh** sent a note at Christmas that the death of her son, Michael, was a blow, but she has many blessings. **Rita Fenwick Gough** is active and well and is enjoying life and her family.

Cecile Begnoche Kelly kept me informed about **Helen McAllister Barsanti** earlier in the year after Helen underwent surgery for brain cancer at Johns Hopkins last December, followed by a six-week regimen of radiation and chemotherapy. Helen wrote me in January about the treatments. I haven't heard from her since but, as Cecile said, it is in God's hands and we pray for his abiding love throughout this trying time. Cecile had a holiday visit with her son William, his wife and two children. He works and lives in Singapore. As reported previously, Cecile's daughter Patricia is ill with cancer. According to Cecile, it has been a profound learning experience for her and her family and has intensified their appreciation of their faith and of life. Patricia's illness is their main focus, although they try to live as normally as possible, enjoying and marveling at the many wonders and gifts that are all around us.

Please keep us and our families in your prayers, but especially pray for those who are suffering in any way. As I finalize the news of the Class of 1949 on the feast of the solemnity of the most Sacred Heart of Jesus, I ponder several of the promises of Our Lord to St. Margaret Mary: *"I will give them all the graces necessary in their state of life; I will console them in all their difficulties; I will be their secure refuge during life and especially at the hour of death; I will bestow abundant blessings upon all their undertakings"*

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Meeting in The Valley Echo is a joyful alternative to meeting in the Valley of Emmitsburg. As you'll see, your class agents have been busy! Thank you for your letters, calls and emails! We would relish printing them verbatim but editors have asked us to save space by paraphrasing. Thanks also for sending names and phone numbers of family or friends to contact if we cannot reach you. We have located several "missing" classmates with the help of our computer/Internet guru **Katharine Joyce Kelly.**

Let's begin by celebrating news of Patrick Heffernan Jr., grandson of **Harriet White Heffernan**. Patrick was born with polycystic disease and began losing his sight at age three. Patrick made many trips to physicians in the Boston area and continues with one favorite specialist every year. Before his grandfather John Heffernan became ill, Harriet and John accompanied Patrick to offer moral support. Patrick spent a summer at the Carroll Institute for the Blind, Newton, MA, and learned to use a white cane and live independently.

A sports lover, he grew up joining baseball, soccer and football teams. The football team in his Connecticut hometown invited him to share their bench at every game, and a team star-turned-pro still keeps in touch with Patrick. No wonder that he would love to work

in sports management! Last summer he interned at the Special Olympics Offices in Manhattan. Confidently using his white cane, Patrick took the train from Danbury, CT to Grand Central Station every day, then walked the rest of the way to work. In May, he graduated from Mitchell College, New London, CT. Harriet is so proud of him! Our hearts are proud with her as we honor Patrick with joy and prayer!

It took a while to find **Helen Hansen Orlando**. Staff at the Cooperstown nursing home to which she moved last fall said that she had been discharged and would give no other information. Kitty persevered and reached Helen in a different nursing home where she was recuperating after a hospitalization. Although not feeling well, Helen enjoyed their phone visit. Her new address: Woodside Hall, One Main St., Cooperstown, NY 13326. Phone: 607.547.6101. There was irony in not knowing Helen's whereabouts! For many years she kept records showing where we all lived and worked, whom and when we married, how many children we had, where each of them went to school, when they married, and in some cases, how many children they had!

A year ago **Gloria Kelbaugh Trainor** answered her phone with a gleeful question: "Did you ever think we'd get this old?" This year her phone was disconnected. With Kitty still helping, we reached Gloria's son-in-law and learned that she had a stroke this spring, which affected her left side and vision. She was doing well in rehab at 505 High Acre Dr., SW 8, Westminster, MD 21157. Gloria moved to assisted living in that location more than a year ago. **Mary Louise Barstow's** phone number has changed (410.526.0535) Her niece Christine said that Micky is living with her while the family studies options for her care. Having had some bad falls and the loss of sight in one eye, Micky can no longer live alone. Mail will reach her at 1000 E. Joppa Road, Apt 400, Baltimore, 21286.

Alice Boyle Byrne sent Lockie word that **Lois Smith Weiss** is still in Indiana. She lives at Holy Cross Village, Andre House, Room 205, P.O. Box 303, Notre Dame, IN 46556, phone 574.245.7829. Lois spends part of every day with her husband Francis in the skilled nursing facility at the village. Their daughter Johanne lives nearby.

Alice later sent very sad word that **Anne Bullock Flickinger** died suddenly on Oct. 8, 2011 at home in Lynchburg on. Bob Flickinger invited our class to Anne's inurnment at Arlington National Cemetery in early January and to a reception at the home of their daughter in Alexandria. (Bob was in WWII and both his parents and Anne's are buried at Arlington.) It would have meant a lot to me to attend Anne Flickinger's services, but on Christmas Eve my daughter-in- law's brother died very suddenly, and I needed to be with the family.

Margaret Patton Dalton planned to attend the inurnment and invited other classmates to come and stay with her. Peg's son-in- law, Brian Schmuecker, was taken ill at work and underwent emergency surgery for a malignant brain tumor. He returned to work at the State Department in good time and entered an experimental treatment program at UVA in Charlottesville. Brian is doing well. His peripheral vision has been affected, however, and he can no longer drive. (He used to ride his bike to work in good weather!) Kati is doing all the driving, and Peg and the family help them in many ways. Nine-year-old Meg broke her arm in early spring so had to stay out of the water during her summer beach vacation. Peg figured they would play a lot of games.

Sr. Mary George Barlow's sister Regina (Jean) Ann Barlow Casey died in Denver in April. Maddie was with her, and the family later held a memorial Mass in Wilmington, DE for Jean. **Antoinette Savino** told Lockie about the weekend she and Harriet White Heffernan shared with Maddie, celebrating Maddie's 16th or 39th birthday in February when some of us were reaching our low 80s. The ladies spent one day at Toni's home, which she loves sharing with two sons of her late niece Linda, and another day at Harriet's without interrupting their talkathon!

Prayer has been more and more important as we have many special intentions! **Elizabeth McAllister's** sister Helen Barsanti has been in our prayers. She had brain surgery at Johns Hopkins in late 2011. **Anne Prendergast Gibbs** asks for prayers for Glenn. He was doing well after a stroke--until a bad fall broke his damaged hip and a rib. In spite of the major setback, Glenn remained determined to benefit from surgery and rehab. Penny thanks us for our prayers and asks that we continue them. She is also thankful for the supportive community at their new condo.

Carolyn Murray McGreevy's daughter Mitzi called Lockie to advise that Carolyn had been admitted to a care facility for patients with dementia and Alzheimer's. Carolyn is unable to read, but let's send prayers her way and mail morale boosters, which will be communicated to her. Her address: CountryHouse, 15 Cumberland St., Cumberland, MD 21502. Phone: 301-777-8717

Martha Doherty Dowd says she is much better since her medication was changed. Although still in a wheelchair, she is more ambulatory and enjoying her apartment and the care she receives. Before Ernie died, he asked Martie to make a gift in his name to their care community. On a wish list in the therapy center, Martie and daughter Mary Ellen found just the right item, a standing frame, which is a great help to anyone in a wheelchair. Martie values the use of it as much as other residents do. Meanwhile, she hopes to re-learn how to use her computer so she can email us. She welcomes phone calls at 727.360.1980.
In spite of earlier cataract and dental problems, Lockie looked gorgeous in a photo taken of her and Cass on their 59th wedding anniversary on April 18. The day before, Cass celebrated his 83rd birthday with a round of golf, making the first hole-in-one in his sporting career! Following a February spate of 80-something birthdays, Lockie wondered if we are getting to be old ladies. Then she declared, "I'm going to be 84 on Tuesday and on Thursday I'm leaving for New Orleans!"

Marydenise Sullivan White rarely operates her B&B, but made an exception for Memorial Day and booked all three rooms! When I called on the holiday, she was taking the afternoon off-- in bed. "Never again," she said about her hectic weekend. "That was it! I'm 85! I'll do the laundry tomorrow." Denny was in good spirits, happily looking forward to hosting the summer wedding of her daughter under a tent in her Marshfield garden.

Bless **Maryjane McAuliffe's** remembrance of our June 1, 1950 graduation from St. Joe's! She never forgets our graduation day! She seems not to forget any dates, reminding me that exactly four years ago I visited her in Miami. **Betty Farr Wood** has visited her there, too. We have both seen the lovely chapel where Maryjane lectors at daily Mass. She enjoys Miami's opera and ballet offerings more than ever in the newly enlarged theatre and gives the ballet company gold stars. And Betty is busier than ever-- involved in three different projects in her home association.

Our online investigator Kitty keeps busy in spite of having had her computer invaded twice! In her Covenant community library, she mounted an exhibit of books written by residents, and she had new shelves installed at reachable levels. Meanwhile, planning her family's annual reunion in Michigan this summer, Kitty reported that grandchildren Sean and Samantha play bass and piano in their high school band; Katie does Irish step- dancing; and Michael pursues Kitty's talent as Missal-reader.

Patricia Smith McArdle went to Florida in early February, lunching with **Virginia Schneider Kenney** on the way down and Alice Boyle Byrne and **Irene Bartol O'Neill** on the way home. In Naples, Pat relished happy get-togethers with Peg McGowan Clarke, Mary Carr Shea, Veetsie Frick Ryan, and Nancy Johnson Koerner.

In May, Pat went to Boston for a granddaughter's Boston College graduation; then to Chicago for a grandson's high school graduation; and back to the Baltimore area for another grandson's graduation! At the end of June she planned to attend the triennial Smith Family Reunion in Rhode Island as the second oldest among the 150 attendees! What a grand position to hold.

In coastal California during the season laughingly called winter, I talked with Margaret Golden Sussman and Teresa Conover, SJC '47. Margaret's granddaughter now lives with her in beautiful Santa Ynez. In Santa Barbara, Terry manages dementia with wit, grace and careful monitoring.

I delight in sharing two wonderful honors received recently. In June 2011, the Suffield Rotary Club awarded me a Paul Harris Fellowship, and in May 2012 the Suffield Foundation for Excellent Schools named me Outstanding Teacher in its quadrennial Hall of Honor. The teacher award marked one of the happiest days of my life and has been an on-going epiphany! A toast to Sr. Justa MacNamara, D.C.!

Please remember to send in SJC alumnae dues—whatever you can afford. This will ensure that you receive all mailings and updates and The Valley Echo print edition. By the time you read this, you may have an invoice from the SJC office. Please don't put it aside!

Please keep in touch—and sing an occasional rendition of "All Together!" **~ Love and blessings, Lockie and Kel**

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As you all know by now, we three are trying to replace **Ruth Murphy Roche** as Class Agent. It is an impossible job, as she was so lively, full of fun, and interested in all of us. We, as a class, sent a donation in Ruth's name to her parish school, where she was active for so many years. Her family is continuing the tradition, at least for this year, of spending August in Maine

Joanne Downey McManus was able to get to Ruth's funeral. Joanne recently became a great-grandmother for the third time. Her granddaughter Megan gave birth to Hope Elizabeth. Joanne often visits with her son John and his family in New Hampshire.

Rosemary Powers Booker has moved to a retirement community. Her new address is Wynwood Niskayuna, 1786 Union St., Niskayuna, NY 12309-6901. Her phone is the same – 518.346.1681.

Barbara McCrystle Miekle has also moved. She is now with her daughter Sally and family at 6270 Meely Meadow Dr., Norcross, GA 30092. Phone is the same – 727.518.7672. Barbara visited her brother Brook in Towson, MD in April. She continues to spend most of her summer in Michigan with three of her daughters and their families.

Another address change is for **Mary Carr Shea**. She and Wally have sold their place in Silver Spring, MD and are now permanent residents of Naples, FL. (509 Beachwalk Circle, Naples, FL 34108; phone: 239.592.1652) They spent this summer in Bethany Beach, DE, but don't have plans for next summer as of now. Two of their children live in Naples, while three live in the DC area. Their eldest son lives in San Diego and the east coast of Florida. The Sheas celebrated their 60th anniversary in August.

Carolyn Eckenrode Sandherr and her husband Dick live in a Retirement Community at 11 Tristan Dr., Apt. 202, Dillsburg, PA 17019. Phone: 717.502.6468. They were married 60 years at Thanksgiving time and have three great-grandchildren.

Sr. Mary Raphael (Myriam Collazo) wrote that she is at the villa for older sisters and very happy to be there. Of course we had seen her at Reunion 2011. Sister can be reached by e-mail at miriarc33@hotmail.com. **Dolores Maher Savage** and Dave and her daughter Courtney were there also at Reunion, and we are all so grateful to have been with Ruth Murphy Roche that weekend. Dolores reports that they visited their son David and family in Kansas for their granddaughter's high school graduation. They see their daughter Megan and family fairly often, as they live only 12 miles away.

A letter came from **Myrtle Sullivan Phelps** last Christmas remembering Ruth and the long trips to Boston for the holidays during SJC days. She and Bob have 14 grandchildren and were recently blessed with their first grandson-in-law, so they are busy, busy. **Judy Villanova** also wrote with memories of Ruth. Judy still lives with her daughter, a physician, in Rockville, MD. Her younger daughter practices law in Puerto Rico. Judy has been a heart patient since 1991.

We caught up with **Betty Byrne Parlett** whose 12-year-old twin grandsons keep her busy. She also has two granddaughters, one newly married in Texas, and the second an architect, in the Carolinas. Betty doesn't knit much anymore, but she reads a good deal and enjoys her Kindle. Peg also spoke to **Terry Norris Schultze**. Her three sons live in Colorado and her daughter is in Seattle. They were planning a trip west in June. Terry and her husband have two sets of twin grandchildren, plus three others. She said George has had a lot of physical problems, but is doing well now.

Mary Frances Luckett Keyhoe spends time with her large family of nieces and nephews. Because she has trouble walking due to arthritis, she doesn't travel much, but took a place in Bethany Beach, DE for a week so18 family members could visit – some for a day and some for an overnight. She often speaks with **Mary Cora Cunningham Velky**. Mary Frances said that **Beverly Isaac Turbeville** broke her arm before last Christmas and stayed with her daughter while it mended. Bev's husband Walter passed away in September 2010. She still lives in the house where she grew up in Georgetown, SC, and her sister lives down the street.

Margie Wolski Karwacki reminisced on the phone – Peg called her on June 1, the 61st anniversary of our SJC graduation. She is caregiver for her husband Gene, who is recuperating from a gastric cancer operation. Her grandson, who recently graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Villanova, has received a four-year-scholarship to Villanova Law School. They have eight other grandchildren. Margie reported that this spring she won $4,000 at a parish festival. She used some of it to buy a washing machine! Isn't that typical of our generation? Our kids would spend it on a vacation.

An e-mail from **Marie Cleary Kleber** indicates that she and Frank are OK, keeping the health industry busy. They stopped going to Florida three years ago when Frank had both knees replaced. Fishing, the beach and boats are a little too tough now. They have ten grandchildren, ranging in age from ten to 24.

Kitty Lee Kemp had another of her fabulous trips. She started in Saudi Arabia, where she visited the Nabatean tombs on the ancient camel caravan routes to the Mediterranean. She went to the island of Zanzibar on the east coast of Africa, where she observed Arabic, Indian, European and African architecture, noting Sultans' palaces, mosques, cathedrals and Livingston's house. And finally, she took a Tanzanian safari, where she witnessed the Great East Migration, when meandering lines of animals move between Tanzania and Kenya in the Serengeti. She spoke by phone with **Carmel Meehan Tekdogan**, now back in Evanston, IL, after years in Turkey. Carm was leaving for Florida and said that Tek is no longer up to international travel.

Anita Nevy Karwacki keeps busy working with the bereavement committee in her parish. She and Tom also enjoy day trips with parish seniors. **Margie Feeney O'Brien** and Ed are still traveling – this year on a river tour of Russia with their group from Fordham University. They took their annual trip to Antigua in the Caribbean and a trip to Michigan for son Tom's 50th birthday. They spend time during the summer with their son Edward at Westhampton, Long Island.

Peg McGowan Clarke had her usual two months in Naples, Fl., catching up with ***Veetsie Frick Ryan***, **Nancy Johnson Koerwer** and Mary Carr Shea. Veetsie had a weekend in New York with her daughters, and she and Tom took ten days to drive from Naples to New Hampshire, as they had five graduations along the way. Nancy had visits from several of her children while in Naples. On her way north to Cape Cod, she spent time with her daughter Ellen, whose son was graduating from Amherst. In the last year, Peg had twin grandchildren (courtesy of son Eddie and his wife Anne) two graduations (granddaughter Devon from high school and her sister Jordan from college) and one wedding (son Pete).

Our records indicate that ten of us have e-mail addresses. But if you have one and have not received any e-mails from us or the SJC Alumnae Office, please let us know your electronic address. We can forward email addresses of classmates to you.

Finally, if you haven't paid your SJCAA dues, please do so, as dues are the association's primary source of income and the way in which we stay "All Together." Please keep in touch so we know what is happening in your life. And remember, our 65th Reunion is only four years away!

1952

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Peggy Huber wrote that she is well, very happy, and busy with all the activities where she lives. **Dottie Green Mullen** and Paul are fine -- went to visit their daughter Suzie, who lives in Alaska. They were going to California for the holidays. **Claire Nelson Dale** is lively as ever. She has been busy with family activities, her work as co-chair of Justice and Outreach at her church, as well as still working for FEMA.

Barbara Echols Williams and Carroll are busy in their yard - the garden was not quite as big this year. **Lois Hasenauer Treacy** and Bob went to Colorado to visit daughter Jenny for three weeks. Lois has been slowly bowing out of church activities. Their children are encouraging them to sell their house in Virginia and move closer to daughter Martha

Madlyn Marshall McPartland and Harry have been spending holidays with different family members. Chirp is involved in her usual garden club activities, which she loves. She spends her summers in the pool. She says Harry is slowing down a lot. **Peppie Smith Roohan** is well and going strong -- no other news from her. **Dolores Liske Dixon** wrote that she is kept busy caring for Rollie, "this old house," gardening and lawn care. She was planning a trip with friends to the Outer Banks for some relaxation and fun.

Alice McGrath Conway and Dave are staying well. They were looking forward to a summer filled with family activities, starting with a granddaughter's graduation. **Mickey O'Donnell Taylor** and Bill have moved to a condominium -- address is 6219 Wynnewood Road, Wynnewood, PA 19103. Their daughter Joanne adopted a baby girl from China and, of course, Grandma says "she's adorable." **Loretta Teller Tiers** and Whartie hosted a "mini reunion" in Stone Harbor. Alice and Dave Conway, Claire Nelson Dale, **Ann Doyle O'Neill**, and **Suzi Bousquet Milligan** and Ed were there. Ann said it was very nice -- a good chance to catch up on news.

Loretta's "mini reunion" had more attendees than our official 60th, which **Sr. Maria Cincotta** wrote was very enjoyable. Classmates present were Sister, Lois and Bob Treacy, Mickey and Bill Taylor, Claire Nelson Dale and Ann Doyle O'Neill. Ann said the Wyndham Gettysburg hotel and activities that were held there were lovely -- nice rooms and good food. She also said Reunion was well-organized and though our group was small, all had a good time.

Betty Scanlan Wellner stays well. She keeps very busy lending a hand when her children need help. Haven't heard from **Agnes Flanagan**, but hear from other people that she's doing OK. **Rose Doran Brown** and Harry have moved. Rose is in Rosepine Rehabilitation Center, P.O. Box 1169, Rosepine, LA 70659. Harry is living with their daughter Annette.

Dom and I have been very busy attending our grandchildren's activities -- band concerts, plays, dance recital and graduation. Our grandson Nick will start Lafayette University in August. We are doing alright -- did go to Mexico for our usual winter getaway. July plans include the beach and a visit to our daughter's farm in Canada. All of you stay well and keep in touch.
~ As ever, Dee

Members of the Class of 1952 at their 60th reunion are, seated, Lois Hasenauer Treacy, left, and Ann Doyle O'Neill. Standing are Sr. Maria Cincotta, left, and Claire Nelson Dale.

1953 *60th Reunion in 2013!*

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It's me again, but only while **Elinor Starr** is recuperating and settling in to assisted living at Nazareth Home in Lexington, KY. After surgery last spring, Elinor decided to stay at Nazareth to be close to her sister Mary, who also resides there. She asks that we still keep her in our prayers. Remember, I still wish her to remain our Class Agent, but she will continue to use me as her surrogate.

Possibly the saddest news at this time is to let you all know that our dear classmate, **Mary McNeill Mohr** has passed away. Mary fell and broke her leg in May, and after surgery spent several weeks of therapy at Friends House in Olney, MD. In June, she came home, hospice was called in, and she seemed to be responding. **Geri Cellura Becker** traveled from Florida and provided Mary with her very personal care and support. Despite all the efforts of so many people, Mary passed on to her heavenly reward on June 24, 2012. The Mass of Christian Burial was beautiful. Along with her many friends and family, **Joan Billerbeck**, my daughter Kathleen, and I, were all there. Her daughter Mary Martha gave a beautiful eulogy that touched on Mary as a teacher and loving mother. The recessional was the Josh Groban song, "You Raise Me Up." I know it was one of Mary's favorites. Please keep her family, particularly her husband, Ralph, in your prayers.

Joan Billerbeck continues to provide me with much of my news. She still lives in Leisure World and volunteers for Meals on Wheels and the Computer Center, as well as several clubs in the area. She and Sue Kiser Crock visited Mary McNeill Mohr several times at the hospital and at the nursing home. Joan is ever faithful and keeps in touch with me, as well as those classmates who do not have access to email.

Sue Kiser Crock writes that things are going well for her. A newly prescribed drug for her arthritis problem seems to be helping and, as a result, she is now feeling much better. Her four children and grandchildren live close by, and she considers that a blessing, which indeed it must be. Also, she enjoys having Joan as a close neighbor at Leisure World; they are able to do a lot together. She keeps in touch with **Liz McCullough Lodato** via phone. Liz's husband, Joe, is now doing fine. Liz also reports that **Doris Brown Doussan** has completed her chemo treatments and seems ready to "do the town!"

Sr. Ann Black reports that she can no longer walk, but, with help, gets into a wheelchair, and is doing "just fine." Her brother's family and her sister, Sr. Mary Ellen, visit her from Virginia. Sr. Mary Ellen is a Benedictine, who lives in Linton, VA. Annie B is still living at St. Vincent Care Center in what was originally St. Joseph's Provincial House. Currently construction is going on, so the Sisters at the Care Center attend Mass on TV while remodeling of the Chapel is taking place. Four of the five U.S. Daughters of Charity provinces, the exception being the California province, have merged. Most of the Daughters in administration are residing in St. Louis, where the new Province of St. Louise is located and led by one Visitatrix. This was all news to me. Annie B says that she always remembers her classmates in her prayers. Annie B, you continue to be an inspiration to us all. Go Orioles!

Sr. Florence Edward Kearney is still at St. Louise House and emails me frequently. She was having a problem with her hip, and because I had hip surgery several years ago, was seeking my advice. I'm afraid I was not of much help, but knowing Jane, she has survived whatever her doctor prescribed. God bless you my friend. Please keep me posted.

Thelma Redding Wichrowski reports that her family continues to do well. Because her two granddaughters go to school nearby, she and Dick care for them five days a week. I'm sure this provides both work and pleasure -- and perhaps keeps them young? Thelma was looking forward to a September reunion with her brother and sister and their families in York, PA. She rarely sees her sister who lives in Arizona, so this was a very special occasion for her.

Mary Ann Greene says that "Life goes on," and she can't believe that her first grandchild will be married in September at beautiful, historic St. John's Church in Frederick, MD. Her grandson attended Gettysburg College on a Presidential Scholarship. How proud she must be.

To all of you who have not been able to keep in touch, please consider sending me some news of "what's going on" in your life. If you are in contact with classmates who do not have email, give them a call and ask that they drop me a note before the Fall 2013 issue of *The Valley Echo*. We would all love to hear from you. This is even more important now that the years seem to be slipping away all too quickly. And don't forget to pay your SJCAA dues and that our 60th Class Reunion is April 4 – 7, 2013 at the Wyndham Hotel in Gettysburg. Thanks again Joan for all your help. You are all in my prayers. Please keep me in yours. **~ Louie**

1954

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Hello everyone! As you can see, I am your new class agent (secretary) and am happy to succeed **Jo Tierney Bleimeyer**, who did such a great job for several years. Many thanks to all of you who have contributed news over the years, and especially thanks to all of you who have so promptly responded to my recent call for news on short notice. I would especially appreciate any new addresses, e-mails and phone numbers you can come up with for some of our missing members. I don't have accurate information on all of them.

Thanks to **Claire Kirchner Lawless** for sending some addresses, without which some of you would not be receiving this. Claire and Jack don't venture too far from home now. They still have their place at Deep Creek Lake in the mountains of extreme Western Maryland. Two of their kids have places at Lake Anna near Richmond, and in Cambridge, MD, on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, all of which they like to visit. Claire's five children and their spouses combine to make a total of three attorneys, a physician, a veterinarian, a police officer and a retired Army Lt. Col. They have 16 grandchildren, 13 of them boys. Five have graduated college; five are in college -- at Holy Cross, Tufts, Lehigh, VA Tech and York College, PA. So those of you who have mostly girls (like we do) might want to consider where all the boys are! All of their kids live in the DC area, so they are fortunate to see them often.

Earlier this year Claire wrote that **Mary Louise Rippey Egan** spends a lot of time in Cape May, NJ, but moved to Rittenhouse Square, a renovated area in downtown Philadelphia. One daughter and family live with (or very near) her, and another lives a few blocks away. She is able to walk everywhere -- to church, shopping, etc. -- and loves it.

Roselyn McCarthy Borrosso says that she and John both turn 80 this year, so their family took them on a cruise to Bermuda -- all 38 of them! As you can imagine, they had a great time. **Eugenia Smith Pluenneke** called from Wichita as soon as she got in from her travels. They are both fine. They travel back to Texas, play golf and visit with the family. She has had occasion to return to New York and Connecticut and has seen some of you. One son lives nearby, one in Texas, and two in Kansas City. She is encouraging us to get a reunion going! (Our 60th is in 2014 in Gettysburg!)

Mary McIntyre Gray writes from the oldest town in West Virginia, Shepherdstown, celebrating its 200th anniversary. In September, she sang in a combined choir to celebrate the bicentennial. She and Bill keep busy at church and he is active with the Knights of Columbus. They both exercise at the health club next door and like to walk around town, as well as drive around the back roads and country lanes of West Virginia. (I just put in a John Denver CD, Mary!) Mary is challenging her brain in a church reading group and studying oil painting at the art museum in Hagerstown. They live in very historic territory and would love to have visitors! "Y'all come!" she says.

Sr. Catherine Fitzgerald, D.C. writes that she is in the midst of planning the liturgies and prayer services for the National Meeting of the Ladies of Charity, which is being hosted by the Ladies of Charity in the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C. As spiritual moderator, the responsibility fell on her. She says that it has been an awesome experience as the Ladies of Charity are truly a great group of women. Their motto is "To Serve Rather Than To Be Served," and they certainly exemplify and live up to their motto. Cathy sends much love with fond memories of our SJC days.

Marguerite Bourdeau Byrne and Barney manage to get to church on Sundays, to doctors' appointments, etc., and out to lunch once a week. Both are now wearing hearing aids, so when they celebrated Barney's 85th birthday in August they more easily heard "Happy Birthday" being sung. Marguerite is a mere babe in the woods, having to wait until next year to celebrate her round number birthday. Their granddaughters are on Facebook, but Marguerite suspects she will just be an observer, even though her son Arthur visited and hooked her up. Granddaughter Judy is now a junior at the U of Maryland, College Park, where she has an engineering internship. Katie began high school in September. So far, life is good in Virginia Beach.

Marie-Paule Melroy Munkacsy and Mike are now living in a condo and loving every moment. They are still in their favorite parish, St. Francis, but aren't as active with all the committees and groups as they used to be. She says it's now time for her quilting and Mike's computer "toys." They have 16 grandchildren plus two greats, so her goal is to present each at either high school or college graduation with a hand-quilted gift. The whole process takes six to eight months. So far she's managed two a year. (Maybe some of them will have to spend time in graduate school first, Marie). Last January, Mike had a knee replaced and is back walking his usual two miles a day. Living in a condo means any outside and inside work can be done by someone else, and for the first time in their lives, they are free to do what they want. All their children are well in their various corners of the country, so Marie and Mike travel to visit them.

Joanne Gates Popoff doesn't have any exciting news, but although her arthritis has slowed her down, she still enjoys bridge. She has a grandson at Washington State, another at Western Washington University, and one in ninth grade.

Pat McGrath Jones wrote a long, interesting vignette, which I wish I could include in toto. She and her husband take two or three cruises every year and always go to the same places because she will not fly to Europe anymore! In September, they did the inside passage of Alaska for seven days. Since her husband is a retired Air Force fighter pilot, they usually attend a few of his pilot reunions every year. In May, they drove to Phoenix to a reunion and to play golf in 107-degree heat! That wasn't enough, so they drove on to Tucson to an Air Force base, visited an air museum and encountered another 107 degrees! After four days, they drove through Sedona on their way to the Grand Canyon and ended up in Colorado Springs for another fighter pilot gathering, which lasted ten days. It was only 98 degrees there! After 3,000 miles, they arrived home safe and sound (well, I don't know about that!) in Coronado. Pat plays golf two days a week with two ladies' groups and is still able to walk the courses despite an arthritic back. Now she plays bingo (she needs the money!) or bridge on two other days. She sends her love and best wishes to everyone in our class.

I regularly correspond with **Patricia Brady Hines**, whose new address is: 8387 St. Francis Ct., Centerville, OH 45458; her e-mail is still patsyspokane@msm.com. An e-mail from Pat described their recent family reunion in Georgia--all ten kids and 17 grandkids, plus 12 in-laws at her son Gerry's place. Billy has a new baby, William J. Kerlin V, and there's one great-grand named Will. Pat misses Spokane very much but can't imagine not living there at St. Leonard's; she appreciates that planes go very, very fast for fast visits. Two of her granddaughters are studying in Rome with Gonzaga U. (Spokane).

Pat's letter from February gives **Maureen Erskine Haaland's** address: 5190 Brownwood Dr., Powder Springs, GA 30127-4706; 770.222.7446. However, an e-mail I sent to Maureen was returned. Pat had a great visit with Maureen in July 2011 and met two of her kids and two grandkids. Sadly, Maureen's husband Kit had died sometime before that.

Earlier this year, Pat wrote that she is taking journaling and also memoirs and is secretary for the resident meetings. She is finally learning to use the computer, no doubt practicing to assume this job when I am through! Pat's daughter Alice is now a Ph.D., but Pat is not intimidated by her; she doesn't use big words, either! In some of our recent exchanges Pat and I have touched on subjects as diverse as Descartes and the Kansas-Nebraska Act. It made me run to my old history books.

My continuing education coincides with our grandchildren's. Recently, Claire, now seventh grade, was sent over to Grandma's because she was talking too much at her house. So she, Jim and I sat on the sofa while Claire recited the Greek alphabet as smoothly as one does the ABCs and then asked us for a Greek name for each of the letters. Thanks to my philosophy/theology classes at SJC, I came up with Aristotle and some others. Jim did, too, as he took Latin and Greek in high school. We made it all the way from Alpha to Omega, ending with Zeus.

As far as our family goes, Jim is fine, enjoying his I-pad, his Toastmaster meetings, occasional luncheons with his old Argonne Lab gang, and visiting with our four children and 12 grandchildren, 10 of them girls (Claire, here they come!) Four of them live next door; the oldest just graduated from high school and is going to the University of Iowa - (Iowa! Isn't that where all that corn grows?) They are all in sports and music. Four granddaughters live in La Crosse, WI, and the oldest, Katherine Romaine, will dance the lead in the La Crosse Dance Company's Nutcracker in December. We never miss a performance.

In May, Jim and I drove (trying to rival Pat Jones) to Salt Lake City for our youngest granddaughters' Baptisms; then down to Boulder, CO to see Mary and her two girls play soccer, gymnastics, and piano. We went past Fort Collins, CO just as the first forest fire was starting. In August, everyone came here to help me celebrate my BIG birthday. Jim will be 85 in October, but I told him not to tell anyone how old I am.

I have loved hearing from you, and I hope you will continue to write those friendly letters throughout the year. I will save them for the next *Valley Echo*. I can't begin to express my thanks to you for your kind and flattering words about my taking this job. Now it's up to YOU! I must also thank The Valley Echo's Kathleen Graham and Mary Lou Ullrich Jones, along with our SJC Alumnae Liaison Kathleen Hollenbeck, for helping me get started.

Please, all of you, send me your addresses, e-mails, phone numbers, so I can make up a list; also include anyone you can think of who might not contact me otherwise. And please stay current on your SJCAA dues so you receive all the Alumnae Association mailings throughout the year and The Valley Echo in the fall. A reminder that our 60th Reunion is coming up in 2014!

1955

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Hi class of '55! **Jackie Hemler Cummings** sounded great when we spoke, and is feeling better than last year when she had some medical problems. Her sister and brother-in-law from Pennsylvania visited Jackie and Ed, which meant no cooking for a week. Jackie really liked that. She and Ed are very proud of their eldest grandson, who is a freshman at Notre Dame University.

After spending several years on Long Island, **Clarebeth (C.B.) Maguire Cunningham** moved back to Colorado to be near her son and grandchildren. Her contact information: 3100 Cherry Creek South Dr., Denver, CO 80209-3223; 303.568.9008

Dottie Stohlman Egan's husband Tom suffered an aneurism and his doctor said no traveling or driving for a while. They lost a son-in-law to cancer last year. On a lighter note, they had several grandchildren's graduations to attend. That's always fun. **Audrey Vogel Emley** had some sad news. Her husband Bill has dementia and is now in a nursing facility in Virginia. She visits several times a week and says he is happy there. Aud is still busy with ceramics classes and other activities.

Beattie Fey Fitzgerald's son Jim, who was living in Connecticut with his family, is now in Maine working for Pratt & Whitney. Beattie has been there and says it's a great spot. She was going upstate to her high school reunion and planned to see a lot of family members. **Sr. Mary M. Gardner**, IHM still works four days a week with hospice and loves it. She attended the wedding of a grand niece in Maryland and saw many of her family. In August, she and a friend were taking a trip to the Canadian Rockies and British Columbia.

Maria del Pilar Irazarry -- or "Moppy," as we called her in college -- is mourning the loss of her son, who was killed in an accident last year in Puerto Rico. She has 13 grandchildren and still works part-time. Please keep her in your prayers. **Barbara Henner Keogh** is feeling much better after last year's bout with gall bladder surgery. She has two grandkids at Michigan State. She was planning a summer visit to Rochester, NY to see relatives. **Margaret Swett Langley** has great-grandchildren in Arlington, VA (where my daughter lives) and loves to visit there. She especially loves the shopping. Me too! She hopes to make our **60th Reunion** in 2015.

I tried to contact **M. Kay Scully** LaMense, but was unable to talk with her. Maybe in the near future. I know she is still in the same nursing home in D.C. and is confined to a wheelchair. She has one daughter and a son who live in D.C., which is great. The nursing home has a lot of local trips for those interested, and I'm sure M.K. takes advantage of those. I think we all enjoy **Betty Barbieri McClellan's** Christmas letter about her family, travels, etc. Bob and I visited with her for a few days in June.

Sonia Ziolkowski McLaughlin sounds great. She attended her 65th grade school reunion and had a terrific time. She keeps busy with grandkids who live nearby. All is well with Jack and **Dee Nevy McMullen** and family. Their eldest grandchild recently graduated from MSM University, and most of their family lives in Cumberland. That's great! **Marthe Methot Meadows** is an early riser and a busy lady. She belongs to a Communion Service group each morning, as well as a Scripture class. She has a very active parish. With our mild winter last year, Martie visited two of her children in Maine and New Hampshire.

I spoke with **Carol Murray Fuchs**, who has two children, five grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Wow! She beats me! Carol is a semi-retired legal assistant, having worked for an area (New Hartford, NY) law firm for 40 years. She is also active in the local Rotary Club. In July, Carol and Marthe Methot Meadows saw "The Music Man" at Glimmerglass Opera House, near Cooperstown, NY, and also took a bus trip to Washington, DC. Carol is very proud of her granddaughter, who earned a Ph.D. in electrical engineering and computer science from Syracuse University in May.

John and **Jill May O'Donnell** are real travelers. Last year they took their whole family to Egypt, but were safely home before trouble erupted there. Vietnam and Cambodia were also on their itinerary. One of their sons is a teacher in Massachusetts and another lives in Los Angeles. As a result of two previous back surgeries, **Pauline Lisella Raftopoulos** now has other ailments. Her four children and one grandchild live close by. **Ginny Ohlmuller Rooney** reported that the Rooneys had an unforgettable experience last fall. A freak, isolated tornado badly damaged their house, but, fortunately, no one was hurt. They relocated to an apartment nearby and were awaiting a move home during the summer. They spent the winter at their Florida home.

It was so nice to speak with **Ileana Soler Torruella**, although she had some sad news. Her husband Billy passed away this past year. She said they had many happy years together, and we all remember her speaking about Billy during our college days. **Mona Lee Overdorf Welliver** has some unusual neighbors -- a few deer and a bear or two. I have to be satisfied with squirrels and raccoons. Her son is living with her now, as her husband passed away a year or so ago.

Bob and I are doing well so far, except for a few minor aches and pains. As I write this, we're looking forward to a trip to California for a week or so to attend Bob's granddaughter's wedding – the reception is in a winery, so it should be fun! Please keep in touch. ~ **Cathy Connolly Griffin-Persons**

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Editor's note: Updated contact information for 1956 Class Agent **Nona Murray Duvall** is listed above. Now that the Duvall's move from Virginia to Colorado is complete, Nona will be back in touch with classmates. She looks forward to hearing from you and we look forward to publishing news of your class in the 2013 edition of *The Valley Echo.*

1957

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Marian McLaughlin Williams represented us in the Procession of Classes at the 2012 Reunion Mass. She was our only classmate in attendance at our 55th. Thanks from all of us, Marian. The holidays found Bill and **Betty Ann Kenney** Sheridan with their family in Baltimore and the Eastern Shore of Maryland. They welcomed returning to the peace and quiet of their home in Hilton Head! **Peggy Tyne Stoia** is recuperating from a fall at home followed by a hospital stay. She's still doing physical therapy at home. Having the two young grandsons in Peoria is a great joy for Peggy and Dennis, as it means frequent visits.

Early in the New Year, Bill and **Alacoque Hayner Atkins** spent two weeks on a cruise through the Panama Canal. The trip also included stops in several Central American countries. Back in Arizona, they were again involved in AARP tax services. **Mary Alice Kappler Bockman** is doing well after hip replacement surgery in late March. Mike was very upbeat when I called in early May.

In May, **Carol Knauer Pastor** celebrated a granddaughter's graduation from Southern Methodist University in Dallas. As usual, Carol keeps busy with family activities and her neighborhood senior patrol.

Keep in touch with each other. Please drop me a note along the way. A blessed Christmas and healthy New Year to everyone.

Love, Roberta

1958 *55th Reunion in 2013!*

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It is with a heavy heart that I (Terry) take over the reins from my dear friend and Co-Class Agent **Lois Lipps Edwards**, who passed away comforted by her whole family on Jan. 14, 2012. We also mourn the loss of **Loretta Ketterer Dunn**, who died on Jan. 12, 2012. Both Lois and Loretta battled cancer with courage and a determination to live each day to the fullest.

Their services were held within days of each other. 1958 classmates attending one or both funerals were **Carol Lewis Redmond, Dolores (Doey) Sicilia Fitzgerald, Pat Toner Carr, Anne Du Val Quigley, Kitty Kofron Collins, Marciana Calhoun Hearn, Bunny Weber McShea, Mary Helen Candee Smits, Faith Hawkins Welsh** and I. We shared many lovely memories and were deeply saddened by our losses.

Lois didn't allow cancer to prevent her from touring France's Normandy Beach, with a side trip to Paris. She also joined the Delaware beach ladies for their yearly get-together on the weekend of Nov. 9, 2011, and insisted on carrying on her family tradition of celebrating New Year's Eve at Ocean City, MD. To know Lois is to love her! We all remember her award-winning 50th Reunion speech!

Loretta was diagnosed in November 2011 and continued her practice up to the very end. Her family was at her side giving comfort and love. Loretta was worried about how her husband Al was going to manage all alone. We learned from her family that the Winchester and Frederick County Habitat for Humanity was close to her heart. Both Loretta and Lois will be remembered for their kindness and concern for others and will live on in the hearts and lives of many people.

Barbara Watson Frederick, who has been a faithful correspondent with the Class of 1958, wrote that she and her husband Jim had renewed a close friendship with Loretta and Al Dunn after a 40 year separation. Barbara should win an award for keeping our class connected with her many notes and birthday cards. She also keeps busy with the activities of her grandchildren, in addition to her full time job.

The Class of 1958 also lost a dear friend when Agatha DeFilippo Sicilia, 95, mother of Dolores Sicilia Fitzgerald, died on April 11, 2012. Doey told our class that her mom has gone to heaven to be with Doey's dad. We keep Doey and her family in our prayers. Pat Toner Carr shared her description of Aggie Sicilia as a great lady who loved the Class of 1958. Doey was overwhelmed by the response of people offering their comfort and love.

Once again the Class of 1958 rose to the occasion when we requested news for The Valley Echo. This class specializes in "keeping connected." Prayer shawls were sent to Lois, Loretta, **Mary Sheridan Flynn**, when she was hospitalized with heart by-pass surgery, and to **Barbara Tranberg Rabuba**, when she had brain surgery. We believe in the power of our prayers!

Angela Rocks Shriver shared her love of the Blue Ridge Garden Club, which is in its 90th year and still offering exciting programs and visits to inspiring gardens. Angela's family is preparing for a large reunion and we are sure flowers and nature will be a part of it. Kitty Kofron Collins recently visited Anne DuVal Quigley, and Barbara Watson Frederick joined them for lunch. Kitty plans to make this an annual event.

A few of our classmates continue to follow the tradition of luncheon dates, and this year they gathered at Isabellas in Frederick, MD. Those attending were Carol Lewis Redmond, Dolores Sicilia Fitzgerald, Pat Toner Carr, Anne DuVal Quigley, Kitty Kofron Collins, Mary Helen Candee Smits, and Faith Hawkins Welsh, Loretta Ketterer Dunn and Lois Lipps Edwards. Afterward, we all walked to Lois' house for dessert and coffee—ever the hostess was Lois.

Members of the Class of 1958 at a November 2011 mini-reunion in Rehoboth Beach, DE, include: front, Lois Lipps Edwards; second row, Judy McNally Rea, left, and Doey Sicilia Fitzgerald; third row, Sherry Flynn, left, and Pat Carr; fourth row, Kitty Collins, left, Terry Allen Westover and Becky Gloyd Walker; fifth row, Mary Helen Smits, left, and Carol Lewis Redmond. Not pictured: Anne DuVal Quigley

Several classmates also traveled to Rehoboth Beach, DE for a mini reunion and gab fest in November 2011. The photo included with this column was taken on the last day of our fun weekend and will be a reminder of happy days.

Mary Lou Haidle Kime is already planning to attend our 55th Reunion, April 4 – 7, 2013. She wonders how grandchildren can be graduating from college when we are still so young! **Mary Liz Crenshaw Leitch** escapes the cold New York winters by traveling to Captiva Island, FL every January. This year, husband Bill decided to dust off his tennis racket and ended up with a torn Achilles tendon chasing a "drop shot," and drop he did! Next winter, the tennis racket will remain in New York. Mary Liz requests prayers for her son-in-law, who was deployed to Afghanistan.

Mary Jane Shaughnessy Beaulieu wins the prize for multiple 50th anniversary celebrations--in Boston with family; at Lake Placid (just the two of them); and at Notre Dame with Mary Liz and Bill for a football game, with stops along the way to visit grandchildren. Mary Jane also believes in multiple birthday celebrations!

Bunny Weber McShea's life is filled with grandchildren's college graduations and selections of colleges. Bunny's good health news is she has broken all records at the heart institute carrying around her IV medicine 24/7. She was told it would work for six to 18 months—she's been on it close to two years. Prayers have surrounded her the entire time. It's a hassle caring for the equipment, but she is so grateful to have it, and the meds enable her to take trips to some beautiful and historic places.

The Class of 1958 seems to be a traveling group! Carol Lewis Redmond has taken over the role of travel planner and selects exotic locations such as the Adriatic Coast and Croatia, and also keeps busy with her 13 grandchildren. Carol is also an avid reader, in two book clubs, and keeps our class informed on worthwhile reading. She takes care of her mind and body with a weekly yoga class, enjoys Scrabble and chats with Doey on their I-pads! We wonder when Carol sleeps!

Annette Defina Strauch might be named "The Class of 1958 Queen of Travel." She and John have enjoyed many cruises to various destinations—all on Holland America because they are the only line that has a Catholic priest on board, who celebrates daily Mass. They find these cruises relaxing and spiritually uplifting.

Marge Meyer Cantanno, who lives in lovely Venice, FL, manages to travel north to visit children and grandchildren and tries to adjust to cooler weather. Faith Hawkins Welsh, our own movie critic, enlightens and directs us to see worthwhile movies, and in her spare time travels around the country for various events! Escaping the cold weather, Faith and Bill drove to Florida to visit the baseball spring training camps. As I recall, Faith was a good athlete at SJC. From Florida, they traveled to St. Paul, MN for a family event; and then continued on to Canton, OH where they visited the Football Hall of Fame, and to Green Bay, WI to visit the Packers Hall of Fame. They also enjoyed the beauty of our country—sunsets and stars!

Judy McNally Rea attended the rededication of the McNally building, constructed in 1991 and named for her father, Col. George J. McNally, who led the White House Communications Agency. Judy enjoyed the royal treatment they received. Both Judy and Terry Allen Westover have granddaughters who made significant improvements to the quality of life in the Dominican Republic.

Margaret Belanger (McKay) Zanghi enjoyed an accidental phone call, as I thought it was her birthday. We laughed and talked about her life: She worked for 12 years, lost two husbands, and found her many women friends so helpful. She has four daughters and two grandsons, was involved in various charitable groups, played bridge, and enjoyed travel with her eldest daughter. She plans to join a group tour to Israel. We hope to see her at our 55th Reunion.

Bernadette Maucher Mc Kay celebrated her 75th birthday and threatened her family to live for 25 more years. We can see that Bernie has a sense of humor and has adapted to Texas life. The drought of last year is over, but left much devastation, which resulted in lots of planting and exercise for Bernie. She occasionally visits the Big Apple to catch a play and enjoy the city.

Maureen O' Donnell Dowling was getting ready for summer in beautiful Avon by the Sea, NJ! Maureen thanks our Class for support when she lost her son Neil, who fought a brave battle against cancer. She appreciates all our cards and prayers.

Betty Garcia Rodriguez, in a long conversation, spoke about being involved with her grandchildren's competitive swimming and other activities. She is the same bubbly, optimistic person we knew in college. She mentioned **Vivian Bayouth Riollano's** new grandson and how excited Vivian is to have a new baby in the family. Betty also reported on **Teresita Grovas**' latest trip to Spain.

Sr. Anne Graham, D.C., is still working part time as special projects coordinator at St. Vincent's College, Bridgeport, CT. She recently "took a trip to Emmitsburg and was amazed at the changes, especially to the Sisters' former provincial house. But the peaceful Valley still looks the same and it brought back many happy memories," she says.

We close this column asking our dedicated class petitioner **Marcia Mehl Campbell** to continue her mission of calling on Elizabeth Seton to help our classmates who are having major health issues. And, as Lois often concluded: "Again I send a reminder that our association lives only with our contributions of information about our lives, our financial support through dues and bequests, and our prayers. Faith and peace."

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Caroline Harte DeSola wrote from Houston that her husband Jack has been through a difficult illness and will not return to teaching. Caroline has retired, as well. They are hopeful that Jack will regain strength and they can do a little traveling again. Just to be able to visit family in Texas would be a joy. Being a full time caregiver hasn't allowed Caroline time to look into volunteerism, classes or hobbies, but she anticipates the possibility of doing some of those things with Jack. Last fall they moved to Houston to a new home directly behind their eldest daughter and her husband. There is a gate in the fence and they enjoy the proximity. The move was a major undertaking but a way to lighten their load of excess possessions. Caroline is doing well, apart from the creaks and moans of old bones. No great-grandchildren as yet. Law school and medical school keep their two granddaughters busy, and their grandson is still enjoying being young and unencumbered. Caroline reports that, "Our needs are few and our blessings are many. I always have time to pray for classmate's needs, so keep me in the loop."

Helen FitzGibbons Carmody and **Barbara Torrace Knowles** took a fantastic three- week trip to Jordan and Israel, which included floating on the Dead Sea! When they were traveling in India, they talked about St. Joe's and its closing and lamented that our Alumnae Association was finite. In discussing how it might live on, they thought about establishing a St. Joseph College Alumnae Association Scholarship at Mount St. Mary's. (The SJCAA Board of Trustees is exploring that option.)

Norma Carosi Godwin and Bob are enjoying life in Panama City, FL. There is not much going on culturally but they find things to do. In fact, Bob is always coming up with ideas for a class or a talk. He researches a topic, then finds people who want to hear about it. He has done that for years on musical subjects. Since Panama City is a military town, people are interested in his war experiences -- he was in the Battle of the Bulge. Norma is involved with Sons of Italy, a group dedicated to keeping Italian culture alive among descendants of turn-of-the-century immigrants. She enthusiastically recommends a year-long bible study, The Bible Timeline (The Story of Salvation) by Jeff Cavins, Tim Gray and Sarah Christmyer, which she has taken at her parish.

Pat Horn O'Brien is getting very close to retiring from her social work job with the Guilford, CT Visiting Nurse Association. She continues to co-facilitate a breast cancer support group, to volunteer at the nearby Florence Griswold Museum in Old Lyme, to produce a neighborhood newsletter, and manage the neighborhood's Rain or Shine Club. She has also been active with two poetry groups and has been part of a theatrical presentation called "Getting It Together," combining her poetry with a visual artist and musician. Finally, she's steaming ahead with publication of her first book of poetry; When Less Than Perfect is Enough. And, time considered, she'd better keep steaming ahead! Her eldest granddaughter, Sarah, was married in June. Sarah's sister, Jenna, moved to Ecuador, where she is perfecting her Spanish and settling into the culture. Pat's other four grandchildren are chugging along just fine, as are her three sons and her ever-patient husband John.

Dick and **Ellie Barnes O'Connell**, Tom and **Cathy Potter Conway** and **Rosie Braun Wirth** and her husband met as usual for lunch the day before Christmas. All are well.

As of this writing, **Cathleen McLoughlin** was planning to visit Ireland and Italy. She was studying Italian, so was interested to see if she could use what she learned. Her plan was to be in Ireland for a week with cousins, then spend the rest of the time in Rome. She arranged to swap apartments with a young physician who was going to work with another doctor at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital in Manhattan.

Mary Howell Fritz loves retirement in South Carolina, but works occasionally as a home companion to people with dementia and Alzheimer's. She has five children. Her two oldest boys, with wives and two children each, are still with the family businesses in good ole' Honesdale; her daughter is an attorney with the California Justice Department, San Francisco, and hoping for a transfer to DC; her next son is an attorney with the California Appeals Court, San Diego; and number five child is happily living in a group home for the disabled in Pennsylvania. As for excitement, it seems like family travel is about it. Mary sees Helen Lilly Johnson and Ellen Mahar occasionally, as they both live within ten miles of her home.

Michael and **Joan Ahern Lemp** are back in Rhode island after a marvelous "motor trip" up north. They stopped at Pinehurst and at White Sulphur Springs, WV at The Greenbrier and attempted to play the Snead. They celebrated their 50th anniversary last year with all 16 family members. One grandchild is at JP Morgan Chase in NYC; two are sophomores in college—Loyola and George Washington; two teens working (they hope) toward college; and three redheaded girls soon to be 13, 11 & 8, the latter having made her First Communion this year. They are truly blessed. Michael is retired in name only, as he is a medical advisor/director to industry. Joan, as usual, is involved in the arts and civic organizations in Rhode Island and Florida. In the fall they will travel to India on behalf of a foundation devoted to eye care to oversee multiple primary and secondary hospitals and care centers in relation to the foundation's grants.

Mary Lou Dingle Castellano wrote that their SJC 1959'ers book club met at **"Sally" Marcella Gibbons Wilding's** home on the Saturday after Easter for a lively discussion of Cutting for Stone — and a delicious luncheon. Marcella was nursing a broken arm, but is doing better now. Mary Lou hears from time to time from **Joan Carraher Janson**, Mary Howell Fritz, Ellie Barnes O'Connell and Helen Lilly Johnson. The book club planned to meet again this fall at Marcella's to discuss Destiny of a Republic. Don't forget Reunion 2014—our 55th! Reviews of those who have stayed at our new accommodations at the Wyndham Gettysburg are very positive, so I hope to see you in 2014! ~ **Sr. Marian Hamwey**

Liz spent a week in Baltimore after her granddaughter Fagan's First Communion and had lunch with **Marion Fries Bailey, Carol Gorman Hogan, Kate White Eustice** and **Ann Houlihan Kennedy. Lois Davis** couldn't make it at the last minute. The nursing group reminisced about our days at Providence Hospital. It was a great afternoon and we are grateful to Marion for organizing the day. We missed **Sue Anderson**, who was in Paris, and **Sue Corcoran Bruswitz** and **Marty Spurlock**. They were enjoying a week with high school friends in Rehoboth Beach, DE.

Members of the Class of 1960 gathered for a mid-winter lunch. Rear row, from left are: Mary Edith Bailey Hines, Marion Fries Bailey, Margot Smith Giuliani (RIP 8/21/2012), honorary SJCienne Carol Nolan, Carol Gorman Hogan and Marty Spurlock. In front row are Sue Corcoran Bruswitz, left, and Kate White Eustice.

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Editor's note: After this column was submitted, the SJCAA office learned of the Aug. 20, 2012 death from cancer of Margot Smith Giuliani '60. May she rest in peace.

Wow! Where did this year go? Let's begin with some very exciting news. We have a celebrity in our class! **Nancy Gill McShea** was inducted into the Eastern Tennis Hall of Fame on April 27, 2012 during a dinner at the Grand Hyatt New York at Grand Central Station. The celebration benefitted the Junior Tennis Foundation Grant and Scholarship Programs. What an honor after writing all those years for the U.S. Tennis Association, Nancy. Congratulations! The Class of 1960 is proud of you. **Liz Phelan Burmaster** spoke to Nancy on the day of the induction as Nancy was finalizing her speech and waiting for a limo to pick her up. Husband Jerry and sons Justin and Jeremy, along with daughter Colette and granddaughter Tatum, joined her for the very special evening.

During lunch, **Mary Edith Bailey Hines** called from Wyoming. Her new address is 1041 Garfield St., Lander, WY 82520. Her family news includes the many locations of her children. Bill and Ruth are in Seattle with a step grandchild who, along with her husband, has two beautiful little boys; Paul is in Georgia; Mark and Lynette are in Wyoming with two boys; Meg and Mike are in Georgia with two girls and three boys; Dan and Candice are in Mesa, AZ, and have a boy and two girls; and John Gary and Liz are in Los Angeles with a boy and a girl. Summarized: 12 grands, one grown step-grand and two step great-grands.

Marion's oldest grandchild, Kaitlyn, graduated from high school this year and will attend pharmacy school in Philadelphia. Steven was waiting at home for his favorite cream of crab soup from the Peppermill Restaurant — and Marion almost forgot! Kate had just returned from a three-week trip to South Africa, where she had a fantastic time. She said the people were extremely friendly, and she recommends that trip to everyone. Kate and Bob have four grandchildren ages ten months to 12 years. Carol and Bill are enjoying their new home near two of their daughters, Kathleen and Patricia, and their families. Mary Beth and family live in St. Louis, while Allison is living fairly close by, too. Son Bill is a pediatrician in Texas and is a numerary in Opus Dei. They are enjoying six grandchildren. After all these years it was great to see you, Ann Kennedy, from the nursing class of '59. We enjoyed the visit.

Kathy O'Donnell O'Brien and Liz enjoyed breakfast at the Old Colony Hotel in Delray Beach, FL in March. They shared news of classmates and family, and then it was on to work. Kathy's show was a huge success, and once again, Liz added another jacket to her collection. Brendan joined Kathy at the end of the week for a little vacation time before heading home. It was early winter when Joe and **Pat Cannon Quinlan** spent a weekend with the O'Brien's at their lovely home in Macungie, PA. A fun time for sure. **Linda Ryan Healy** and Tom celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 2 with family and friends at a party given by their children. It was at the Wishing Well Restaurant, an old favorite, in Saratoga Springs. Linda said it was a wonderful evening. The Burmasters were sorry to miss the celebration, but family commitments kept them in Florida until the end of June.

Gerri Gut Scarpa and John are well and Gerri is still active in the U.S. Golf Association. Liz received an email from Gerri in January after her visit with **Lou Ellen Cooper Lindriakos** at an assisted living facility in New Jersey. Lou Ellen's long-term illness required her to be oxygen dependent, but Gerri and **Regina Smith Shahade** found her pleasant and happy. Gina and Gerri chatted for more than an hour, and Lou Ellen enjoyed the company. Sadly, Lou Ellen passed away on June 11, 2012 at Merry Heart Nursing Home, Succasunna, NJ.

Liz heard from **Sally Grabe Poux**, her old roomie and maid of honor, and they had a wonderful telephone visit. Sal and Jerry are both well, and she is happy to have both of her children, Katie and Dan, and their families living near each other in Seattle. Sally and Jerry are both volunteers for the Reading Corps in the Detroit Public School System, and they enjoy it very much. Liz and Dick are well and busy. Their grandson, Matthew Field, received his First Communion in Durham, NC on May 12, and granddaughter Fagan Clare Doyle received hers on May 19. After nice visits with their daughters, Barbara and Kathleen, and their families, Liz and Dick flew back to Florida for their granddaughter Phelan Johnson's high school graduation. Trish and Mark are proud parents, and Liz and Dick are proud grandparents. Phelan will attend the University of Florida. The last week in June, Liz and Dick met their whole family (24) on the Outer Banks of North Carolina to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary!

Ann McCabe Moran visited **Maxine Hansen Olson** in Arizona last summer and found her well. She also met Maxine's husband, children and grandchildren. Maxine's cell phone is 480.415.4624. Ann attended the wedding of **Matilda Ramos Suarez's** son, Jose, who is a judge in Connecticut. **Beth Addison Moreland's** mother, Margaret Hennings Addison, died March 10, 2012 at the age of 97.

Vicki Gomez Scott spoke by phone with **Charlotte Duffy Kain** and Charlotte's sense of humor is alive and well. She and Tom remain in their Pennsylvania home, where they have lived for many years. Charlotte enjoys playing bridge, sewing and reading mysteries. She was excited about an upcoming trip to Ashville, N.C., where she and Tom will stay at the Biltmore Estate! Vicki also had a nice visit with **Nancy Williams Yaeger**, who was looking forward to a Canadian cruise with her family. She has a new email: nancy.bill@verizon.net. Nancy was very helpful in giving **Vicki Mary Ann Mosha Sutliff's** new address and telephone number: 2010 Camelia Circle, Midlothian, VA 23112, 804.744.5328.

Vicki Gomez Scott '60, right, with daughter Krissy, granddaughter Jessica and grandson Alex

On the West Coast, **Mary Crawford Beltran** was hospitalized after a TIA. She is doing fine now but would welcome everyone's prayers. Her new email is: sergeandmary@att.net. Vicki continues to be busy and very involved with gardening, volunteering and keeping up with six teenage grandchildren. Vicki and David are looking forward to their family reunion in Williamsburg.

The next time you are in the Emmitsburg area, visit the Seton Shrine so you can see the brick that our class purchased in memory of **Betty Daly McFann**. It is now in place in the Seton Legacy Garden (Section 8) behind the Stone House.

We have both enjoyed talking to everyone as we gathered news of our classmates. Please keep in touch over the next year, and let us hear from more of you. Stay well and remember, "To thine own self be true." **~ Vicki and Liz**

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We are all saddened at the news in June of the death of John P. LaFrance, husband of **Elizabeth Strezeski LaFrance**, and we send Strez our deepest and most sincere condolences. Several of our classmates were with her at John's wake and funeral. Florida reunion 2012 at Longboat Key was another grand success, and this year the weather was perfect. Attending were Bern and **Peggy Claudius McCormick**, Bud and **Phyllis Mack Gillespie**, **Mercedes Suarez Pfeffer, Eileen Keefe Bonhag, Rosie Aellen Dunning**, John and Elizabeth Strezeski LaFrance, Joanne Fontana Kini, Judy Sparrow and Ed Carroll, Barbara Redding, Brian and **Mary Anne Britt Murphy, Maureen Dugan Cocozza, Moira Hanlon Little,** and Patrick and **Joanne McNally Downes**. Also joining us for many activities were Gene and **Patti Bianchi Gilroy** '59.

This year, several of us stretched the timeframe, coming early and/or staying longer than a week. If you are a traveler, and our age group does a lot of traveling, plan to join us for all or part of the time in January 2013. Contact me or Strez for more details. **Lynn Murray** was not able to come during "the week," but in February, Strez and I met her for lunch and had a good visit. She went back to California and she had a visit from **Toby Karl McManmon**. Toby came by train in April and arrived only 10 minutes from Lynn's daughter Nona's house in the Santa Rosa Valley. They spent two wonderful days, including a great dinner with Nona's children and Lynn's new great-grandson, Anthony James ("AJ"). Lynn and Toby are both great-grandmothers and together they keep close track of this marvelous new third generation, just begun.

The Class of 1961 annual January reunion in Longboat Key, FL included, seated, from left: Mary Anne Britt Murphy, Elizabeth Strezeski LaFrance, Peggy Claudius McCormick, Mercedes Suarez Pfeffer, Bud Gillespie, Rosie Aellen Dunning and Gene Gilroy. Standing, from left, are: Brian Murphy, Bern McCormick, John LaFrance, Ed Carroll, Maureen Dugan Cocozza, Moira Hanlon Little, Barbara Redding, Joanne Fontana Kini, Judy Sparrow, Phyllis Mack Gillespie, Eileen Keefe Bonhag, Joanne McNally Downes and Patrick Downes. Missing from photo: Patti Bianchi Gilroy '59

We heard from **Annette Krak Salvage** at the end of last year that she wouldn't be coming to Florida because her daughter Kim moved to Fort Smith, AR, and Annette would be going there to see her. Life in California is very busy with social doings for **Anne Maum McLaughlin** at her over-55 community. Her grandchildren are all well, and several play baseball. Anne's community recently had a fashion show, and Anne did two tables using her mother-in-law's china and her mother's china, which she had sent from Philadelphia when her sister died. She has a grandnephew who is studying for the priesthood and was ordained a transitional deacon. Dan and **Muriel Cuddy Reeves** traveled to Bermuda in May. We get together for dinner several times a year for good food, good wine and a lot of laughs.

In March, **Peggy Claudius McCormick** was chosen by the Ft. Lauderdale Emerald Society as Irish Mother of the year. She didn't want to accept the honor, but Bern insisted and in fact, responded affirmatively before she could decline. There was a breakfast event at the Bahia Mar Hotel, right on the beach. The McCormicks had their usual contingent of winter guests in Fort Lauderdale this year, but they do seem to enjoy it. In May, Bob and **Millie Gleeson Grady** spent some time in Fort Lauderdale and saw Peggy and Bern. They visited Palm Beach and enjoyed dinner in Fort Lauderdale. The Grady's grandson, Sean, will attend the University of Texas in the fall on a full scholarship. **Alice Bartlett Sencindiver** wrote at Christmas that she is busy and healthy. In May, we heard from her that nothing of any reportable significance is going on in her life. She is still in good health, keeps occupied and especially enjoys spending time with friends.

Last winter, Eileen Keefe Bonhag and Rosie Aellen Dunning journeyed to Italy for a visit with Ed and **Carol Rogers Beaugard**, where they thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Carol is an excellent tour guide. Immediately after returning from Italy, Eileen had two weeks in Hawaii. She returned to Florida in March, along with three friends, and in April spent a week at her North Carolina home getting prices on painting and a new roof to repair hurricane damage from fall 2011. Her grandson Stephen graduated from high school and is going to Kent State, majoring in music. In September, Eileen and Mercedes will visit the Beaugards again in Tuscany. Mercedes will stay for a month, but Eileen will return after two weeks in order to attend her grandson James' wedding. **Anne Sheelen Gerwig** was honored by the Association of Family and Consumer Science (formerly American Home Economics Association) for 50 years of membership. This year, she and John took a cruise through the Panama Canal and also spent 10 days in Italy. At holiday time, they attended the annual Christmas luncheon for retired Rutgers University faculty. They had a wonderful time visiting with former co-workers whom they hadn't seen since they moved to North Carolina.

We heard from **Ann Leahigh Grau**, and does she have a busy life. She is substituting as much as she wants at two local parochial schools, and she is involved with her parish's sodality, the RCIA program, and is a lector and Eucharistic Minister. Her oldest granddaughter graduated high school in June and is attending James Madison University. She had four other choices, as well. Ann hopes to get to the Florida mini reunion in January 2013. **Mary Ellen Taft Whitcomb** and **Karen Gantz Warren** had a "Trans-Canada Rail Odyssey" planned for June, leaving from Vancouver, traveling through the Canadian Rockies, and ending in Toronto, followed by a boat tour of Niagara Falls. Mary Ellen noted that she is thoroughly enjoying her grandchildren, especially going to all their games. She also runs teen discussion groups, participates in a mixed duckpin bowling league, and does a book group.

Mary Ellen tells us that **Jeannie Lapura Beall** is finally retiring after too many years to count from her social services job. She, Frank, and Jeannie's sister, Ramona, traveled to Tennessee in May for the high school graduation of a grandson/nephew. From there, they continued on a month-long cross country trip. She also spoke with Toby and says Toby has given up her practice, but is very active in her senior living community and with various cultural programs in her area. Except for Florida, where we stayed for six-plus weeks, the only traveling Pat and I (Joanne McNally Downes) have done is to visit the children, but we have plans for a trip to Montreal with friends in August. We keep busy babysitting; Pat spends a good amount of time on his consulting business; and I belong to a local women's group, which has a lot of activities that I enjoy. This summer, our whole family (23 strong) was all together. The two one-year-old cousins met the entire clan for the first time. The amounts of food and drink are staggering, but everybody pitches in and helps.

Last October, Maureen Dugan Cocozza and Dick celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Maureen's Christmas greeting said they are enjoying life and relative good health. **Pat Morgan Warrell** once again had back surgery in May. Pat wrote at Christmas that 2011 was a difficult year but her Epiphany party with her family brought her great joy. **Mim Murphy Quaid**, as part of the prayer committee, requests that we continue to remember Pat in our prayers. **Ann Depenbrock Holmes**' Christmas greeting was a wonderful sharing of life around the world. Her daughter Melissa, along with her boys Liam, 10, and Declan, 8, paid Ann an unexpected visit after being evacuated from Tokyo because of the horrific trifecta of a major earthquake, a tsunami and concern about high radiation levels. The boys developed a project to raise money for Japanese children affected by those disasters. Daughter Meghan's husband, Scott, was in Baghdad for most of 2011, and hopefully was returning home in spring 2012. **Margi Weidner Phillips** and Jim enjoyed a Caribbean cruise, camping in Michigan and trips to Tennessee and Alabama. They have 12 grandchildren, ranging from 8 to 21 years of age. Their son Mark recently published The Enemy in Your Cupboard, a book about sensitivity to gluten.

Maureen Denehy McKenna and Joe spent Christmas in California with family and new babies. In July, they enjoyed a wonderful wedding in Scotland, followed by an eight-day excursion throughout the Scottish countryside with their son, JP. Maureen and Joe keep a "Gratitude Journal." Maureen says "It is truly a fabulous way to capture all that we have to be thankful for." Toby Karl McManmon enjoyed a wonderful visit in Georgia with her daughter Katie, who moved there last year with her husband and son Quinn, 8. Toby is living in a retirement community about an hour from LA and liking it – enjoying walks, a meditation group, concerts and theatre. Raymond and **Barbara DeMott Holland** had a peaceful and good year. Children and grandchildren are all growing and happy. The highlight of this year is that Julia, their oldest grandchild, is graduating from elementary school, and after receiving numerous scholarships has selected Marymount High School in Manhattan. In August, the whole family was off on a Disney cruise. Rosemarie Aellen Dunning is anticipating a very special trip to Switzerland with her grandson Jonathan, who graduated from eighth grade in Massachusetts.

Joanne Fontana Kini and Mohandas have been in San Francisco for 2 1/2 years, and it feels like home. They sold their house in Cambridge, MA, in December 2011. Their youngest daughter, Sarah, moved to San Francisco, so they now have three daughters in California and two children still on the East Coast. The two grandchildren, 5 and 2 ½, who live upstairs from them, provide daily stimulation and joy. Joanne loves to have visitors, so if any of you are going to the West Coast for business or vacation, please plan to see them. With her new hip (November 2011), she feels like a new person and can enjoy traveling more easily. In late June, she was attending a gathering of the Konkani Sammelan in Edison, NJ, to receive a humanitarian award on behalf of Mohandas. It is a large U.S. Indian community, which meets every two years.

Ginny Zebrowski Komar writes that she and her husband Jack took a trip to Vietnam in January 2012 and she hopes to make the Florida mini-reunion one year. Ginny also spent time in Maui last winter with her son and his family. Our Florida hosts, John and Elizabeth Strezeski LaFrance attended the May 5 wedding of their son, Edmund, to Stacey Simpson. It took place in Myrtle Beach, SC, and was absolutely lovely. The bride and groom wrote their own vows and made everything so personal. That evening, the largest moon in many years appeared in the sky, making it a magical evening. Carol Rodgers Beaugard writes that she recently had dinner with Bud and Phyllis Mack Gillespie, as they both live on the North Fork of Long Island! They are all well and Phyllis continues to walk up a storm and is the usual hostess with the mostest. Carol is able to walk again after a long, long siege of knee surgery and complications. Judy Sparrow and her husband Ed continue to enjoy golfing and wintering in Florida. They joined the Florida conclave in January, and we all feel our small group is so, so special. Judy had foot surgery in April, so missed her daily walks for some time.

Elizabeth Strezeski LaFrance '61, left, at a May 2012 family wedding – groom Edmund LaFrance, bride Stacey Simpson LaFrance, John LaFrance and Jeanne Marie LaFrance

In January, **Mary Kable Stockman** began her last stint teaching a public health nursing course at Otterbein University, and now she is really retired. She still enjoys tennis and is on the go. Chuck has slowed down this past year, so they were unable to come to Florida in January. In the last year they participated in several Road Scholar Programs (formerly Elderhostel). Maryann Britt Murphy shared her Christmas letter: "Real Estate keeps Brian as busy as he wants to be, and consulting keeps me up to date and working with colleagues who are also committed to improving our health care delivery system." They have grandchildren, college age to a five-year- old, whom they visit and thoroughly enjoy.

Please remember to send your dues SJCAA to the Alumnae Office, and do stay in touch with your class agents (the new designation since there are now three of us). Contact us anytime with your news, and if it is urgent, we will send it out immediately. Otherwise we will have copy for the next *Valley Echo.*

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Reunion 2012 turned out to be a rousing success for all 29 members of the Class of 1962 who were able to attend. We had the highest percentage of attendees, which assured our winning the Hassell Cup. We also won the Class of 1952 Award, formerly known as the Husbands' Memorial Cup, because we had the highest number of husbands and guests in attendance. The weather was cool and damp but the camaraderie was warm and convivial. After campus tours on Friday, Mass was held in the college chapel, followed by our class dinner.

Saturday highlights included tea at the home of Dr. Thomas and Irene Powell—he is the president of Mount St. Mary's. This was an especially poignant occasion for **Beth Sewell Von Holle**, as she grew up in that house in Emmitsburg and had a chance to revisit it. Mass was held in the Basilica of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, and several of us took an active part in the liturgy.

Back at the Wyndham Hotel in Gettysburg, we had our class photo taken, and that was followed by a banquet for all Reunion attendees. **Gladys Gadula Waldron** entertained us with a compendium of memories laced with hilarity and infused with the core values instilled in us during our years at SJC.

Ann Marie Cantalupo Failla did a fantastic job of organizing and inspiring us to contribute to the purse fund for the Daughters of Charity. She was able to raise more than $10,000 and presented the check during the banquet. **Jean Brady Wrona** was unable to travel to Emmitsburg but sent a DVD of videos from our senior year. It was the highlight of the hospitality suite, hosted by Mike and **Kitty Dignan Chrismer**, and we all had a chance to mingle, share memories, and catch up on 50 years of living!

Vivian Wojcik Kurilla noted the following about the Reunion: "Fifty years ago, if I had thought of the Class of 1912 at their 50th reunion, I would have imagined, rightly or wrongly, aged women having lived fulfilling lives, but old, bent, and ready to enjoy their few last golden years. At the 2012 SJC Reunion, I found our classmates, as well as other alumnae who attended, to be youthful, attractive, and totally involved in all kinds of activities--charitable, familial, and professional. Also, in speaking to some who were not able to attend, I was not surprised to learn that they, too, are busy with the same kind of charitable, familial, and professional activities, with no end in sight."

We are saddened to report the passing of our classmate **Sandra Lee Bartoli Arnoldi** at her home in Mechanicsburg, PA on Dec. 19, 2011, after a 20-month battle with lung cancer. The seventh of nine children, Sandra, after attending SJC, received a bachelor's degree in 1963 and a master's degree in education in 1967, both from Shippensburg State University. Her career included teaching children with learning disabilities in Bethlehem, PA and teaching in elementary schools in the York and Philadelphia areas.

Sandra was an avid traveler who toured Europe several years before she married Thomas V. Arnoldi of Harrisburg in 1971. She balanced family and career by continuing to substitute teach in the Harrisburg, State College, and Cumberland Valley School Districts while rearing three sons, Alexis Christopher, Eric Nicholas, and Robert Matthew. She was a co-owner and secretary of the Carlisle Farmer's Market and on weekends tended a produce stand in that market with her sister, Maria.

Sandra enjoyed reading, sewing, and playing bridge. She was an active member of the Carlisle Branch of the American Association of University Women and served two years as their program chair. In addition to her husband and sons, she is survived by two granddaughters, Lauren and Anna.

Kitty Dignan Chrismer sent a photo from Wakulla Springs Lodge, near Tallahassee, FL. She and Mike get to Emmitsburg at least once a year because Paulette (MSM '92) lives in Middletown and still has ties to the Valley.

Kitty Fulcher Allen and Paul are happy and reasonably healthy in the Florida Panhandle. Kitty has a few responsibilities with the Twin Cities Woman's Club as editor of the newsletter and yearbook, and is involved with a Relay for Life team. The Allens are looking forward to trips to Bryce, Vegas and Zion for their 50th anniversary. Their girls and their families are all thriving, healthy and living large! Kitty's favorite pastime is the game of Bridge. (She remembers how much Monsignor Kline liked the game.)

Members of the Golden Jubilee Class of 1962 who attended Reunion 2012 include, seated from left: Carol Vessel Auth, Vivian Wojcik Kurilla, Gerry Legendre Ralston, Lynn Durning Finn, Kitty Dignan Chrismer, Cathy Schmidt Nestor, Mary Homlish Lynch, Abbie Hausmann Love, Jay Lardner Lindes, Violet Barkauskas and Beatrice Mullin Thompson. Standing, from left are: Kathleen Seeley Davis, Sr. Martha Beaudoin, Emily Rosensteel O'Neil, Beth Sewell Von Holle, Kaki Driscoll Girzone, Jackie Buonagura Baggett, Maureen Monks Fazio, Missy Cullinan Rosson, Kathy Carroll Kiefer, Anne (Hilda) Diller Welkener, Gladys Gdula Waldron, Ann Cantalupo Failla, Dianne Belden Brooks, Mathilde Zambaka Bellmer, Pat Ryan Donovan, Karen Krieger Kirk and Kathy Eckloff Price.

Vi Barkauskas continues to enjoy work with international high school students, Fulbright scholars, and numerous other international colleagues, as well as virtual and in-person visits with her large Lithuanian family. She is formally retired from the University of Michigan, but is continuing to work as a freelance consultant with three universities.

Ellen Page Cassidy's news is pretty much health-related for now. She has started peritoneal dialysis and really looking forward to feeling better. For someone who loves physical activity as much as she does, this time in her life has been most challenging.

Ruth Ann Distlehorst Boaman and her husband Dick have a new home in Vero Beach, FL. Dick is under intensive care and therapy for early stage Lou Gehrig's disease (ALS), but is remaining very active. Ruth and Dick celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this year.

Jim and Carol Vessel Auth still reside in Montana. However this year's travel included trips to Las Vegas, Arizona, Washington State, and France for family visits, relaxation and fun.

Aileen Callahan would have loved to attend our 50th Reunion, but teaching assignments at Boston College precluded her coming. She sees **Diane Belden Brooks, Pat Ryan Donovan**, and **Lynn Durning Finn** for mini-reunions.

After such a wonderful weekend together it was disheartening to learn that Pat Ryan Donovan's house was broken into while she was at Reunion and jewelry and computer were stolen, in addition to kitchen appliances and a sound system. The jewelry not only had significant monetary value, but the sentimental value of some pieces was priceless. The Donovans moved to the Cape as of May 1.

Vivian Wojcik Kurilla, who is retired from retirement, keeps busy as an adjunct faculty member at Burlington County College, teaching English and study skills. Years ago, had she realized the amount of time involved in grading essays, she thinks she should have become a physical education teacher!

Jay Lardner Lindes gives thanks that she and her husband are healthy and enjoying life in Florida and Delaware, and have time to travel when they want. After years of raising a family and working, she is finally able to pursue some old interests -- oil painting and golf. When in Delaware, she tries to spend as much time as possible with their one and only three-year-old grandson, Andrei.

Tom and **Abbie Hausmann Love** are frequent travelers in their mega RV named "Buford." They also had an episode with a break-in, during which the TVs, DVD players, and other electronic equipment were stolen.

Mary Homlish Lynch and Denny, have been extremely busy the past few years, successfully raising funds for a charter school near their home in Texas. Denny is semi-retired, but remains involved in humanitarian travel to poor countries where he performs necessary plastic surgery on children who would otherwise never be able to have it done.

MJ Marta Orcutt is still an artist, and her work is displayed at a gallery in Seattle. Among other activities, she volunteers as a docent at a marine science center. She and her husband have lived in 23 different places across the U.S., finally settling on the West Coast.

Maureen Semple Sokolowski, although retired for several years, is still active in several volunteer activities in the Medford, NJ area, including an interfaith hospitality group, while Joe volunteers at a hospital in Camden. Maureen and Joe have been blessed with 19 grandchildren!

Emily Rosensteel O'Neill, and Tom celebrated their 47th wedding anniversary. Emily had retired from teaching pre-school and kindergarten at Sacred Heart/St. Peter's School, an inner city school. She loved the experience because it gave her an opportunity to work with many underprivileged children and to make a difference in their lives. After retirement, she missed the children so much that she has returned to teaching in a private school. Emily and Tom have three grandchildren, including Emily's namesake who, at this writing, is seven months old.

Kathy Eckloff has been retired for 17 years, having worked 35 years in the federal service. Now she is living in an active adult community near Ocean City, MD., and she and her husband are planning a flight/cruise to Alaska.

Bea Mullin Thompson, recently retired, took the long way home from reunion, traveling to Pennsylvania and then across the U.S., visiting friends and relatives. Her stories of traveling cross country in 1962 with **Carol Rossman** and **Joy Ann Knapik** are riotous enough to make a great book. Back then, on their way to New Mexico in Bea's convertible, they stopped in Chicago, Seattle, and many other places before heading south to Alamogordo and their volunteer teaching activities. Bea has moved 17 times around the U.S., and has been trying to get acclimated to the West Coast for many years. Her two sons and their families live in the west, and Bea has two granddaughters.

Ann Meanerhan Seargeant is always on the go. In May, she and her husband went kayaking and hiking in Heron Lake, NM, and were planning a trip to Big Bear, CA for Jim's astronomy meetings. They also had plans for a trip to Texas for the Seargeant family reunion.

There are many interesting stories about our classmates. At the reunion, we went through yearbooks and tried to share whatever information we had, but if each of us would just send a bit of news about ourselves, we could maintain the camaraderie we shared back at SJC.

Please send any news to your new Class Agents, **Vi Barkauskas** (vhbarkas@umich.edu); **Vivian Wojcik Kurill**a (vkurilla@comcast.net); or **Jay Lardner Lindes** (jaylindes@verizon.net). The next issue of *The Valley Echo* is fall 2013. Please check the SJC website, www.sjcalumnae.org, for more frequent updates on our Alumnae Association—and don't forget to submit your 2013 dues so you receive all Alumnae mailings, including the magazine.

1963 — *50th Reunion in 2013!*

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We'll fete our 50th in April 2013, and many visits, luncheons, and mini-reunions announce that happy occasion. As **Sheila Degnan McCarron** notes, this is also the year of significant birthdays for our classmates. All of her children and grandchildren celebrated with her in August at their Connecticut cottage, her favorite place. Sheila also traveled from Virginia to New Jersey for lunch with SJC friends in Lambertville.

For several days last summer, **Joan De Gennaro** visited with an English friend, and from nearby, Mike and **Maxine Wallish Gorman** came for dinner. Then Mike and Jill, along with **Claudette Coulon Thibodeau**, surprised **Sandy Ringer Owens** when they arrived for her 70th birthday celebration with her family and friends. Jill herself celebrated the big birthday with a "family-only" weekend at Lake Anna in Virginia. She and Mike have been blessed to be a part of their grandchildren's lives, and she marvels at 0how fast the time passes with family events, volunteering at church and participating in Oasis.

Members of the Class of 1963 met for lunch at Newark, NJ's Liberty Airport when Susie Molinari, left, was en route back to California. Also pictured are Joan Codey Durkin, Maureen Codey Caputo and Mary Rllen Gill Purkis.

Carpe Diem. Over the Christmas holidays, **Mary Ellen Gill Purkis** had an extended lunch at Newark Airport with **Susie Molinari, Joan Codey Durkin**, and **Maureen Codey Caputo**. Susie was between flights after a visit with her sister's family in New York, and en route to San Francisco. They all sat and gabbed for almost three hours, picking up where they left off. "A nice cozy feeling," states Susie. More recently, Mary Ellen's son Ray and his family appeared on the Rachel Ray show. She alerted all of the locals to the viewing time, and we enjoyed the next generation on TV.

For Susie, it has been many years since she spent Christmas in the snow. Recently on Maui for a week, Croatia, Bosnia-Herzegovenia, Montenego, and Slovenia were on her fall travel itinerary. Susie alerted us to our connection to the Flight 93 Memorial Fund in Shanksville, PA. Sadly, **Joy Wainio Horsley's** niece Elizabeth was a passenger on 9/11.

Kathy Johnson Raby shared much family news and a beautiful family photo of their son Tommy's wedding day. Kathy is well after a bout with cancer. Tom and she enjoy life in Naples, FL. Karen and Andy live not too far away in Orlando, so the grandparents enjoy frequent time with five-year-old Drew. Last year **Ann Knowles Harmon**, doing nicely after her heart surgery, visited them at their Delaware condo, where they spend the summer. Daughter Margie, who lives in that area, is pursuing her Ph.D. while working in the pharmaceutical industry. Back in Naples, the Rabys are active in Eucharistic ministry, K of C, outreach programs, exercise, and social events, including a delightful Caribbean cruise and a lunch visit with Matt and **Alanna Higgins McHugh**. Spending January and February in Florida and dividing the rest of the year between Leesburg, VA and Delaware, Matt and Alanna travel to see all the families often. Kelli and Paul live nearby, and Meg and Chip are in New Jersey. Their oldest grandchild Meghan, daughter of Alanna and Kevin, is in law school at William and Mary.

The family of Kathy Johnson Raby '63 at her son Tommy's wedding.

Jerry and Carol Davis Denier have finally repaired all the roof, garage and auto damages from the storm of April 2011. Their seven grandsons keep them busy and delighted, from the youngest Caelan, 18 months, to Anthony who will be 16 in January. Sam, 13, is a musician; Dan, almost 10, plays both baseball and football. Nick, almost seven, will start football—with a helmet bigger than he is. Their younger son, Pat, has two, ten and seven, and both played baseball this summer. Carol has enjoyed a busy year substituting. Her brother Kirk came from Missouri to visit for Mother's Day. making her mother Joan, who will be 98, and his sister Carol happy.

Sue Boland Southwell retired this year. She and Richard were at her daughter's for Christmas Day with all ten grandchildren. It's hard to believe that her oldest grandchild, Carly, is at American University in pre-med. The Southwells travel at least four times yearly to see her son and his five. In April, Sue had two fun birthday celebrations, one with the Connecticut grands, and one with the Maryland grands. She and Richard had lunch in Wilmington, DE with George and **Mimi Chesley-Cora** in their new home. The photo shows two lovely ladies, unchanged from SJC years. Happily settled in their new home, George and Mimi are now in a one-floor condo, a benefit for his Parkinson's. She continues in music ministry and adult faith formation at her parish.

1963 classmates Sue Boland Southwell, left, and Mimi Chesley-Cora at Mimi's home in Wilmington, DE

Hearty congratulations to **Sr. Judith Parkin**, who is celebrating 50 years in the Daughters of Charity. She is the only Daughter in an apartment complex where 20 other sisters from different communities live. This year, Judith's ministry changed from library administration, and now she serves as a volunteer library aide in a multi-cultural Catholic grade school of 550 children. Judith feels fortunate to be living in a place close to her own sister and her younger brother, who has two children, seven and 11. The three of them are glad to have each other close and make sure to have frequent visits. In a good way, she notes that her religious "community" has expanded, and she still travels to Emmitsburg with the Sisters from Providence Hospital for feasts and special occasions.

From Comedy Central South in Austin, TX, **Nell Gelsinon Carvell** sends word of the May 2012 launch of son Tim's book, ***Planet Tad***, based on his column in Mad Magazine with a "YouTube" promo. Nell is still an advocate for abused children through CASA and spoils Chuy, Yuli, Nery, and Eddie as their surrogate grandmother. Grandsons Adam and Will came from Oregon to visit in December, and they all had fun together. Nell serves as a Democratic precinct chair and was working hard on November elections. Also, she and Peter were coming north for a Gelsinon family reunion in Spring Lake, NJ, another occasion for our area SJCiennes to get together.

A happy family photo shows Neal and **Jane Metze Freeman** on the Maine coast where they gathered for Thanksgiving. James, Vickie and their four kidlets came for the weekend and they "wallowed in family and food." Saturday, they all drove to Plymouth Plantation and thought it was the perfect place to be on Thanksgiving weekend. The Freemans spend the winter on Amelia Island, FL.

Up in Connecticut, Joan DeGennaro will be a new woman after some medical "tune ups." In June she read at her niece Lisa's wedding, and now she is embroidering a tablecloth for the bride and groom as their wedding gift. Joan enjoys her stimulating book group, which spans the ages from 24 to 70, and she plays serious Scrabble weekly.

We were happy to hear from **Judy Dwyer Murphy**, from our third floor Seton days. At Splendid Oak Farm, David and Judy had a successful growing season, but more important, they started the Central Vermont Mission to bring volunteers in mission groups to the area. Son Chris and Melissa, with Somerset 6, and Lachlan, 2, raise alpacas nearby.

Earl and **Mary Lou Williams Feeney** enjoy travel and time with their two grandsons. Mary Lou still tutors, and they both exercise faithfully. Mary Lou is working on our Reunion nametags and logo items with **Maureen Codey Caputo**. We extend our deepest sympathy to Mary Lou and her sister **Nancy Williams Yaeger '60** on the May 22, 2012 death of their sister, **Barbara Williams Walsh '65.** And, as *The Valley Echo* was in production, we learned of the passing of **Jill Myers Audet** on Aug. 7, 2012 after a month-long battle with a rare form of pneumonia. Our prayerful support goes out to Jill's husband Michael, her children Michael, John and Renee, her grandchildren, James, Julia, John, Kayla, Shannon, Bridget, Brian and Conner, and her sister, Patricia Myers.

We were also saddened to learn of the death from cancer of Morey W. Fuqua, husband of **Kaywood Greeve Fuqua**, on Aug. 10, 2012. Morey, 73, was an attorney, an outdoorsman, and involved in many clubs, including flying and trains. Our deepest sympathy to Kaywood, children Amie, Mark and Sean, and the four Fuqua grandchildren. Earlier this year, we heard that Kaywood is still quilting away, and that she presented Sheila McCarron with a handmade Irish flag -- an incentive for a trip to Ireland. Now Kaywood's granddaughter, Morgan, wants some handiwork for the lab where she works.

Traveling around the Harrisburg area, **Mary Ann Krastell Yahn** gets to watch her grands play T- Ball, softball, and lacrosse. Grandchildren keep her "out of trouble," along with the horses and the hounds. She remembers looking at the older alumnae, and now it's us. From Maryland, **Carol Lee Brosenne Story** and **Mary Lou Spurrier** send greetings. **Andy Brophy Marchal** offers help for our 50th. **Marjorie Roberts Tautkus** remembers all the silly songs we sang so heartily on Mr. Rosensteel's bus and in the Student Center.

Dave and **Maryanna Freiberger Keller** have had three wonderful visits with Don and **Mary Higgins Haile** when they traveled through the area. Jim and **Cassie Gillis DeBow** live nearby in Phoenixville, and she and Maryanna have had lunch to catch up. Post Christmas, Maryanna and her sister educated her grandnephews with a tour of the Gettysburg battlefield. She organizes annual banquets for her Allentown, NJ 50 Plus Alumni. Don and Mary travel to Canada to visit daughter Kate and her family. A sister, Megan Hope Sweet, joined beautiful Alexandra, 3 ½ in January, and Mary was there. They came south to be with Don and Mary in the spring, then will move to Regina, Saskatchewan. Their five other grandchildren live in North Carolina. The Hailes were off to Italy in May for a vacation.

Bill and **Linda Carr Kenny** are still in New Hope, PA, enjoying their nine grandchildren who all gathered last December to celebrate her birthday. They range in age from five to 16 and have brought such joy. The Kennys have taken them individually on vacation, the latest being to Palm Desert and San Diego, CA. Their next trip was to London in August. As for Linda, she is still doing yoga, playing bridge, reading, watching movies, and gourmet cooking. Of course, her favorite activity is playing games with the grandkids. Maryanna and Dave Keller met them for dinner recently to catch up, and they had a great time.

Jill Myers Audet '63, who passed away in August 2012, with her immediate family

Tina High Goldsmith notes that it is nice that so many of us can get together easily. In fact, the momentum is gathering for our 50th. There have been several luncheons to visit and to plan. Actually, we are repeating the past. since many years ago we used to meet with toddlers in tow. Now the topics have changed, but the years dissolve as the conversation continues. In the fall, Mary Ellen Purkis, **Susan Williamson Swartz, Julie Rowe,** and **Ellen Krieger Smelas** had a lovely time at the Metuchen Inn. A February encore in Cranford included Mary Lou Williams Feeney, Maryanna Keller and Linda Kenny, and then we expanded once again.

Cassie, Maryanna, Linda, **Cathy Parrott Kryzanauskas, Mariellen Halberstadt Marchione,** Mary Ellen, Susan, and Ellen met for lunch at the Lambertville Station Restaurant in New Jersey, in May to enjoy some fond memories and to move ahead on the planning of our 50th Reunion in April 2013. Much chatter involved campus memories, past reunions, and pictures of grandchildren. The focus turned to our plans for a memorable event. Sheila traveled all the way from Virginia to offer much practical planning information. She and **Pat Lieb Mudd** advised for the Class of 1963's Friday night Mass. Cassie volunteered to write and produce a prayer card for the liturgy. Mary Ellen told us of possibilities for our class's Saturday lunch, after which we discussed Mary Lou and Maureen's ideas. According to Susan, Kaywood Greeve Fuqua is making a quilt for the raffle, while Kathy, Mariellen and Linda are also filling Class of 1963 goodie baskets.

We want to remind you to donate to our class "purse" and to keep up with dues for the SJC Alumnae Association, which makes reunion possible. Let's all reach out to our classmates to reconnect, to revive our shared SJC days, and to come to our glorious 50th, April 4-7, 2013.

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For most of us, this is a big year! How can we possibly be 70 years old as we approach our 50th college reunion! Truly, it is very hard to believe. Now I do know that many of you haven't reached this "old" age yet, but just wait. I recently turned 70, and it isn't so bad! We are all blessed to still be with our families, large or small, and our wonderful friends. Life goes on, and it seems as though our wonderful SJC "togetherness" will get us through. I feel blessed to have made it to 70! We would love to send birthday greetings to all of you, but we need your birthdates, so please let us know.

Several of us 64'ers attended the 2012 SJCAA Reunion on Palm Sunday weekend. It was very successful, in spite of reduced attendance, which we hope to increase in coming years. I am beginning to plan for our golden reunion in 2014. The Gettysburg Wyndham Hotel will make our lives so much easier -- wonderful rooms, great meals and a staff that "aims" to please. So please mark your calendars for **Thursday, March 27 through Sunday, March 30, 2014**. You will receive a letter from me in the near future.

Anne McAllister LaBoon, Claire Maurer, Mary Lou Ullrich Jones, Pat Troller Seagreaves and I enjoyed our time together at Reunion 2012. It is always so nice to be together, even if this wasn't a "big" year for us. Pat was kind enough to bring her "big sister," **Bea Mullin Thompson, '62** to Gettysburg so she could attend her 50th. Pat, was that a "banana" in the back seat of your car?

We did have a "Class Agent" meeting, during which each class was asked to have a few members designated to help gather news and photos for this column in *The Valley Echo* so that one person does not do the job alone. I would be interested to know if anyone would like to become a class agent for a few years. It's an easy job, and if we have a few representatives, hopefully we can reach more "girls" and have more news to share. That would be great!

The SJC Alumnae Office was notified that our classmate **Catherine Kochanski Marshall** passed away. Unfortunately, we had lost track of her in recent years and have no further information.

We send our deepest sympathy to **Karen Perry Palmieri** on the June 29, 2012 death of her husband, Eugene Louis Palmieri (MSM '64). Gene was a history teacher and athletic coach, the father of three and grandfather of six.

There isn't much news from our classmates this time, but let me share with you what I have. Claire Maurer and **Bobbie Davis Speace** met for dinner. Bobbie was working in the Bethesda area and is happy to now be working "part time." Hopefully, Bobbie will be able to come back to the SJCAA Board in the near future. We miss you Bobbie!! Claire and **Jackie Melroy Shiring** were spending a few days at the beach in Ocean City, MD at the end of June, and I was helping Annie celebrate her 70th at the beach, hopefully, with **Jackie Jermyn Azzarto, Mary Lou Schreck Blumer** and Claire. Mary Lou and her husband visited Turkey for four weeks.
You surely do get around, Mary Lou! **Betty Meagher McManmon** and husband John moved from New Jersey to an area outside Atlanta called Milledgeville. Hope life is good for you near family. We will be eager to hear all about Atlanta!

I also want to mention that we had a wonderful time at our mini-reunion in September 2011. Thanks to **Kathie Kennedy Incaprera**, we were able to gather in Gettysburg. In attendance were: the **Weld** twins -- **Marian Oviedo** and **Margaret Whelan**, along with **Lee Ann Clement Frankel, Max Gillespie, Karen Coss Ridenour, Carole Sokolik Bourbonnais, Peggy Tofani Corrado, Mary Rocks, Rita Welty Bourke,** Bobbie Davis Speace, Mary Lou Ullrich Jones, **Chris Carey Haines, Renee Peters Stalter, Ann Fron Panco,** Anne McAllister LaBoon Kathie and me. Hope I didn't leave anyone out.

We had a wonderful "dinner" on Friday night -- lots of wine, snacks and pizza. On Saturday, there were tours of the campus, lunch at the Purple Onion, tours of the cemetery (for those of us who will be buried up at the Mount Grotto), Mass in town, and a delicious dinner at the Carriage House. It was a great gathering. Kathie was planning our Third Annual Mini-Reunion for the weekend of September 28-30, 2012, once again at the Country Inn and Suites (717.337.9518).

Last year's gathering was a terrific, refreshing time for all. We are so blessed to be together. I pray that all of you are well and enjoying each day that we have. Life is amazing, even though many of us face "unpleasant times." Let us all keep each other in our prayers. **With love, Chrystie**

The Goles Family, from left: sons John and Greg, Chrystie and Pat, and sons Chris and Michael

Goles Offspring Honor Mom, Dad on 70th Birthdays

Editor's note: **Chrystie Damico Goles '64** is too modest a Class Agent to report on her own birthday celebration, so we asked classmate **Claire Maurer** to provide the details.

John, Chris, Greg and Michael Goles, sons of Patrick and Christie Damico Goles '64, hosted a loving joint celebration of Pat and Chrystie's 70th birthdays. A late April date was chosen, as it fell in between their actual birthdays. However, the surprise element had to be abandoned, as just days before the event, Pat was hospitalized with an intestinal ailment. Not knowing if their Dad would be able to attend the party, the boys had to fess up about their plans. Fortunately, Pat recovered in time and was able to enjoy the wonderful evening.

More than 75 family and friends from far and wide gathered to celebrate Pat and Chrystie. Of course, abundant family members were on hand, including the six grandchildren who light up their lives. From Chrystie's college days came **Anne McAllister LaBoon, Jackie Jermyn Azzarto** and **Claire Maurer.** There were neighbors their kids grew up with, colleagues from Pat's office, and Dr. Tom and Irene Powell from Mount St. Mary's. The room was filled with folks from every era of the 70 years being celebrated.

For those of us who know them both, it will come as no surprise that there were many tributes to what wonderful friends Pat and Chrystie are to everyone who has touched their lives. It was also amusing to hear their sons, now that they are parents, reflect on how Pat and Chrystie coped with the antics and activities of four boys. It was a lovely evening, filled with well-deserved warmth and affection for two special people who have a host of admirers—and who continue to do so much for their alma maters, SJC and MSM.

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A new year brought new grandchildren to a number of our classmates. **Charlotte O'Donnell Fedders** welcomed her sixth-- a second grandson, born Christmas Eve. Charlotte visited Junius (named for his maternal great-great grandfather!) in mid-January, a very nice time to be in Santa Barbara. A new granddaughter arrived for **Carol Donohue Miller** at the beginning of 2012. She and husband Ed have grandsons, so this new little girl is a first. **Didi Bremer Corrigan's** daughter Christina gave birth to a son, Robert, in January. Didi, the consummate traveler, cruised the Greek Isles with close girlfriends last spring, and she and Larry enjoy travel and family events throughout the year. When back home in Florida, their time is filled with golf and boating. Daughter Natalie is expecting, and Didi was with her in Virginia as I write this.

Our artistic classmate, **Mary Beth Boisseree McDonell**, traveled to San Francisco to meet her new little grandson, Liam Rhys. She enjoyed time with oldest son Brendan and his family. Painting, drawing, and art classes fill her Florida time. A 50th Reunion for her high school class in Alexandria, VA was another highlight. **Janet Welaj Klaer** and Mary Beth graduated from the same school. **Re Hussar Sohonyay** and **Helene Brown Hess** also celebrated their 50th high school reunion together. **Eugenia McAuliffe Kelly** was involved with Red Bank Catholic's 50th reunion and has offered to help with our Golden milestone in 2015. Granddaughter Madison is growing and brings much enjoyment to the Kelly clan.

Fergie (Carole) Ferguson Harding-Menges was looking forward to summering in Anglesea, NJ, as well as spending time in Orange, CT and Germantown, MD with her daughters and their families. Fergie has seven grandchildren and enjoys them tremendously. She returns to Florida in November. Her email is fergiecarole@gmail.com.

Traveling to visit grown children and enjoying those closer to home are part of many classmates' retirement activities. **Mary Brandon Rummele** and John have plenty to do in Wisconsin with their family, but they also enjoy trips to enjoy some southern warmth. In October, they journeyed to Nairobi for a two-week safari. Their adventures include seeing an amazing array of wildlife, including a parade of 200 elephants – up close and personal? **Nancy Boemanns Fratini's** house was "brimming over" at Thanksgiving with all the family. Nancy, Al and daughter Amy planned to travel during the Christmas holidays to visit all the grandchildren.

Ann Smith Flynn wrote that it appeared daughter Kathleen and family would be moving to Cleveland. That would put all four children in the same location! Ann was experiencing leg problems at the time I heard from her. Hopefully all is well and she is back on the golf course again. In December, **Kay Ehringer Mufalli** attended funeral services for **Birdie Garvie Hummell's** husband Steve. Kay met both of Birdie's daughters and commented they are very much like their mother. Birdie enjoyed a trip to Maui with Gretchen's family and spent spring break in Ft. Meyers Beach with daughter Jen and her family. Birdie added she's "slowly getting used to taking care of the house by herself . . . and spending way too much time reading manuals." Kay's Hollyhock Gardener business continues to beautify the gardens of southern New Jersey. Life is returning to normal for **Judy McGrath Brenner.** Daughter Brandy, who had surgery last year, is doing well, and that makes a huge difference for the Brenners.

Newsy email from **Anne Sacchet Payne**. Husband Ron had a number of health problems, but Anne and he were planning a trip to Grand Cayman in March. Summer 2012 was to be busy for Mme. Anne. She's involved with a huge fund-raiser for the library. **Karen Langer Carr** and Jim are settled into their new home in Sunset Beach, NC (email: jcarr651@atmc.net). They had vacationed in the area for years, so it is familiar and comfortable. Our classmate **Alberta Schiller Toth** lost her sister, Claudia, SJC '58, in October 2011. Alberta is back in real estate and working with Coldwell Banker. Retirement is finally a reality for **Margo Honey Keesler** and Gene. They were at their mountain home in Glenville, NC before returning to Florida in the fall. They enjoyed a cruise to Aruba in January. When they stopped in St. Thomas, they had lunch and visited with **Barbara Merson Tyne.**

Two former "roomies" during our college days shared the experience of knee replacement surgeries. **Marlene Brown Strattan** and **Jean Tierney Terza** are in Colorado and Connecticut, respectively, but they shared the ups and downs of their "joint" recoveries long distance. Both are doing very well. Helping Marlene's recovery is Kaden, a first grandson, born May 2. **Maggie Quayle Bellew** has retired – or so she says! New email is mqbellew@comcast.net. She was looking forward to some sunshine in Florida this past winter.

Holiday mail brought an update from **Missy Steiner Tobia**. She was heading to Texas to spend time with veterinarian daughter Stephanie. New email for Missy: missyst9@gmail.com. Travel was part of **Eileen Sekerak Sullivan's** year. The Sullivans took a tour to Slovakia and visited the villages where her grandparents lived. The Sekeraks were blacksmiths and Bartholomew's Blacksmith Shop is now part of an outdoor museum. Also visiting Europe was **Karen Pingicer Rafalko**. She and Frank headed to Romania via Rome and other destinations. They even visited Bran Castle, made famous in Bram Stoker's Dracula.

Other holiday surprises included a newsy note from **Mary Ann Dore Carlson** who lives in Williamsburg, VA. She is a gardener and is president of the local garden club. Also heard from **Margaret Keil Sottosani** in LaJolla, CA. She and John had a wonderful trip to Southeast Asia in January 2011. They visited the Angkor Wat temple in Cambodia, as well as Singapore and Hong Kong. Margaret is getting serious about the game of golf. She, John and son Wayne traveled to the Turtle Bay Resort on the north shore of Oahu, where Margaret's brother, the resort's golf pro, gave them daily lessons. Nice, **Margaret! Nancy Nemith Haupt** is working but no longer does patient care. She has problems with separated shoulder joints but is not ready for shoulder replacement – yet. Her mom is 89 and lives in Bethlehem, PA. Nancy's children live 15 minutes from her but in different directions. Daughter Karen and family are in Baltimore, and son Ryan owns a printing company in the DC area. Four grandchildren round out the group. Two of **Susan Lowe Kayes'** sons were married this past year. Both Bob and she are doing well, but she misses her sister, Martha, who moved to Florida.

Christmas mail also brought news of **Sharon "Mickey" Lake Dietzel's death in 2011. Sharon had a long and productive career in** teaching and administration. She made significant contributions to educating young women during her lifetime. Her husband, Al Dietzel, has honored Sharon and other women on a website *Women Who Changed America* (www.womenwhochangedamerica.org). Check it out.

We are all anxious to keep up with **Barbara Hogan Sullivan**. Husband Dan received a bone marrow transplant on May 12. His brother was a perfect match. Son Kevin was in a serious auto accident in late April. He is recovering and undergoing therapy for possible nerve damage to his left arm. The family needs your continued prayers. Add **Barbara Williams Walsh** to your list, too.

Jane Manning Brennan attended some of the reunion events in late March but had to return to her Pennsylvania home. Her husband Bob is undergoing some medical treatments. Always see **Sally Callahan Sullivan** at the Memorial Mass on Saturday. She's still conducting tours to Ireland. Sally keeps in touch with **Nancy Johnson Bentley**. A group of Nancy's classmates usually visit with Nancy during their times at the beach. **Jane Currie Sutton** and **Sue Flanigan Conrad** worked at the registration desk during the 2012 reunion weekend. Sue and I had time to catch up during a break or was it the calm before the storm? Youngest brother Bill's death was a real jolt to the Flanigan siblings, but hearts are mending. I received a call from **Kathy Kearney Walczak**. She was looking for **Marsha Martindale Moffitt's** address. Kathy met Marsha by chance when they both were stopped at a Florida gas station! Kathy was with her daughter, who was moving into the area. She was planning to contact Marsha the next time she visited.

Some of Ma Soeur's (**Sr. Margaret Flinton's**) French majors sent along some updates. **Betsy O'Brien Marron** is anticipating a bit of carefree retirement now that a Marron son has completed his MD/PhD from Mt. Sinai Hospital in New York City. **Dee O'Connor Cosquer** enjoys frequent travels to France. Cindy Crawford Cannon has relocated to Victory, NY, not too far from her former home in Geneva, NY. **Maggi Mullahy Yates** is busy doing "retired stuff," including being a volunteer in the school libraries. Fiddle lessons are ongoing and somewhat successful. She and husband Bob went to Paris in March and stopped by at 140 Rue du Bac, where all of SJC's Class of 1965 were in her prayers. Maggi added news about the three Yates sons: " #1 is working on his house in Brooklyn. I am remembering St. Joe as the Patron Saint of Carpenters, as the house yields a few surprises. We are going down for some landscaping work. #2 son is still very much liking San Francisco. He has adapted to the climate big time. #3 and his lovely wife are expecting twins. Please keep them all in your prayers for a safe delivery. Are we too old for grandparenting? We can't wait!"

Since we are almost at the three-year countdown to our 50th celebration in 2015, I have asked some of our classmates to assist me by serving on a Class Committee. We really need everyone's help in initiating contacts with our "silent" classmates and maintaining contacts with our many faithful friends. Let's try to have 50 classmates (at least!) return for our 50th reunion!

These are the women who have agreed to serve on our Class Committee: Maggie Quayle Bellew , Judy McGrath Brenner, Karen Langer Carr, **Kathy Murphy Clarke**, Sue Flanigan Conrad, Nancy Boemanns Fratini, Ann Smith Flynn, **Ann Nichols Gildea**, Sue Lowe Kayes, Eugenia McAuliffe Kelly, Mary Beth Boisseree O'Donell, and Maggi Mullahy Yates. Jane Currie Sutton and Jane Manning Brennan agreed to serve as co-chairs for the traditional Golden Class's "Purse Fund." As we get nearer to 2015, there will be other pleas for help, so think ahead: what would you like to do?

In closing, I share something from Maggi Mullahy Yates. Maggi is a runner and continues to be active in local track club events.

"I want to tell you about my running. I don't say the Rosary or do novenas. Mary hears from me in the only formal prayer I say. Somewhere in the 12 years of Catholic education, I picked up the notion that actions can be prayers, if 'offered up' as such. When I do my runs, however long or short, they are prayers in motion. There is so much going on in all of our lives, and I ask for God's blessing on all of you."

What better way to close out my news and wishes for *all* the women who shared time together in St. Joseph's Valley. The past few years have been challenging ones for so many of our classmates and SJC alums. Contact an SJC friend soon and keep in touch with me! Enjoy the autumn and a harvest of peace and plenty. Keep well and travel safely. Much love to you all!

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Dear Classmates, Hi! Once again we gathered together in fall 2011 at Bethany Beach, DE for another fabulous girls' weekend. We had three newcomers this year. **Katie Boland White**, retired from teaching and the grandmother of five boys, still has her wonderful sense of humor. **Melinda Bloom** entertained us with stories of her and John's trips with the Road Scholars (formerly Elderhostel). Their most recent adventure took them to the Southwest where they learned about Pueblo Indian cultures. They also visited their daughter Sharon, who is to be married this fall.

Valerie Kochis Werzyn came the farthest – all the way from Colorado. She still works for Kaiser in the medical claims and fraud division, has five grandchildren and volunteers as a Eucharistic Minister. **Sally Gwynn Evans** stayed over for the first time this year. She's the mother of two daughters, one a development director at a school. The other works for the United Network for Organ Sharing. She keeps busy caring for an aging mother and a sister diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's Disease (ALS).

Several of the girls have been traveling. **Sally Dore Fierro** celebrated her 45th anniversary with a cruise to the Bahamas. **Susan Kaiserski Keller** and Pat celebrated their 45th during our Bethany weekend with a river cruise in France, which included a trip to Paris. Sadly, soon after that she lost her mother-in-law and two brothers-in-law. She was looking forward to grandson Felix's graduation from high school and his brother Mercer's activities with the Civil Air Patrol. **Betty Depenbrock Martin** went on her medical mission to Honduras. Since then she has sold her DC condo, become a grandmother to Jane and was looking forward to a new grandson in September.

Jane Davis Marden's trips are shorter – to the ski slopes with grandson Davis. **Gail Watkins Crawford** visited the Galapagos Islands, Machu Picchu and the Amazon, where her group bought baby clothes for the tribal children. She has also taken up snorkeling. **Kathleen Smith Franke** also went to the Galapagos and raved about the animals she saw there. **Karen Fischl Rennert** traveled to St. Maarten with girlfriends and loved the crystal-clear water. Then she and Ron rode the train through the West and Southwest U.S., visiting the Grand Canyon and other national parks. **Melissa Hanscom McDivitt** has been traveling to California to see her newest granddaughter, Summer.

Barbara Seiler Byrne travels to DC to visit her son, who is an emergency room physician. She teased us by saying she is a "streetwalker." Turns out she belongs to a group of women on Cape Cod who walk for their health, but also act as extra eyes for the local police department. **Jay Moody** and her family spent the Halloween weekend at Capon Springs, WV. They had an unexpected snowfall, which they enjoyed, even though her grandson broke his arm. Recently, Jay became engaged to Bud Brill from Capon Springs and hopes to be married within a year. Congratulations, Jay!

Maureen Mullen Klein went to Iceland where, while relaxing in a hot tub, she met people who knew her son from his kettle bell business. She is very involved with the opera. Her son Daniel is a baritone who is soon to perform in Florida in "The Marriage of Figaro." She also finds time to brew her own homemade beer, which she ages in her family bathroom! **Kathleen McCormack** was heading to the Olympics in London this summer. She's was especially excited about attending a full day of tennis at Wimbledon, as well as men's volleyball and track and field. Her third book on George Eliot will be released this year.

In March, Jane, Smitty, Susan, Gail, Karen, **Judy Fleck Shahriari** and **Pat Guryansky** Valenzuela visited **Kathy Miller Horning** at her home in Williamsburg. In spite of her cancer, she was in good spirits. She now has a new granddaughter, Kate, named for her, who joins Ani and Zoe in her heart. Kathy is hoping to get to the Bethany weekend this fall. Some other classmates have also had health problems. **Sue Brummitt** Roth has been treated for colorectal cancer and is now receiving chemo. **Sally Dore Fierro** has had knee replacement surgery and a cataract operation. **Elaine Metzger** also had knee replacement surgery. She's had a tough road to recovery, but is feeling much better now. Also much better is **Carol Sheheen Pappas's** mother. **Rose Serio Sheheen** reports that since Mrs. Sheheen has entered assisted living she is with many of her friends and has an active social life. That must be a big relief to Carol. Rose, herself, stays busy with her many grandchildren, who all live nearby. She and Fred were about to leave for the Spoleto Arts Festival in Charleston when I spoke with her recently.

Bill and I try to spend a lot of our time in Bethany when Bill is not traveling internationally or working at Hopkins. Recently, Betty and I were able to go together from there to meet Smitty, Susan and Melinda and her husband John in St. Michael's. We had a delightful lunch at a restaurant on the Miles River and then Smitty took us on a tour of her neighborhood, a beautiful place on the water. She keeps fit by walking just about everywhere. At our age we all are looking for ways to stay fit. For example, **Diane White** loves Zumba and Susan practices yoga, and they look great! In closing, I would ask that you remember our classmates and their families in your prayers. Also, please pay your dues, if you haven't done so yet. Hope to hear from you soon.**—Judy**

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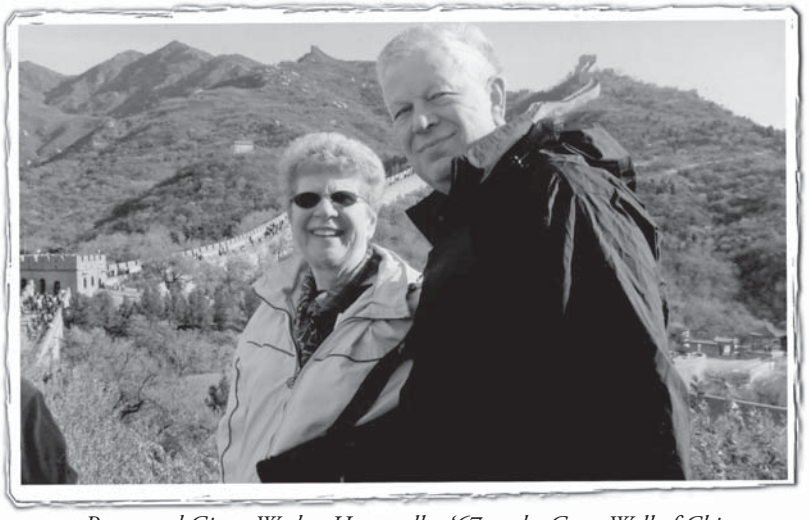
Well, from all reports, the celebration of our 45th Class Reunion was a great weekend! Those in attendance were: **Eileen Ball Cerne, Rita Gisriel Cole, Laura Munch Gouthreau, Ginny Werber Hartmuller, Ann Thompson Hogg, Louise Gorman Manetta, Florence DeLessio Marchetti, Meg Friede Mauser Ann Boley McLamb, Sr. Betty Ann McNeil, D.C., Virginia Greene Murphy, Mary Kay Wall Oliver, Katherine Skidmore Philipp, Jane Roth, Susan Geho Rymer, Sandy Buono Sedam, Katherine Kelleher Sohn, Kathleen Sullivan Stolzenberger,** and **Susan Albin Watson**. Everyone had a great time, and, in fact, began talking about forming a committee for planning our next Reunion – the big one in 2017 – our 50th! As soon as I have the date, I will let you know so that you can mark your calendars – and about a 50th committee, if you would care to participate.

des Anges Cruser '67 with husband Alan and their two pups

Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the 45th because our Standard Poodle, Albert, was diagnosed the week before Reunion with aggressive bone cancer, which needed to be treated immediately. He had surgery Reunion weekend at Red Bank (NJ) Veterinary Hospital and was doing quite well walking with only three legs! It's amazing how animals adapt -- and so quickly.

Now to the news received at Christmas. **Wendy Cordo Kimball** reports that she and husband Glenn became grandparents for the first time with the birth of Sophia Justine to son Todd and his wife Aimee! Congratulations! Wendy's son started his own law practice and his wife is working in high-voltage electrical for Seattle City Light. Wendy and Glenn had a "mini family reunion" In Veracruz, Mexico, with Wendy's sister and husband.

During the past year **Maggi McGrath Yerkes** and husband Tony helped their daughters Emily and Amy and their families move back to Park Rapids, MN. Then they left for Mexico for two months to warm up! In May, Maggi and Tony traveled east to celebrate Maggi's brother Roger's 40th anniversary of ordination. I remember when he was in the seminary! Shortly thereafter, they flew to Chicago where Roger's sister Leandra was marking her 60th jubilee of religious profession.



Roger and Ginny Werber Hartmuller '67 at the Great Wall of China

Ginny Werber Hartmuller's Christmas letter described her and Roger's wonderful travel during 2011. They began with a visit to the Hard Rock Resort in the Dominican Republic, where they were treated like royalty! Last October, they traveled to China, which included a visit to the Great Wall, the Summer Palace, the Forgotten City, the Ming Tombs and Tiananmen Square. They also saw the Terracotta Warriors and took a boat cruise down the Yangtze River. Their journey ended in Hong Kong! Ginny notes that she is still consulting and working one day a week at a local hospital as a certified diabetes educator. Son Rich and his wife Tricia are kept busy with the activities of their daughter Reiley, who is now in middle school. Son Roger and his wife Monica are very busy with their three young sons. In June, Ginny and Roger were off and running (well sailing) on a cruise to the British Isles. Who knows where they will be by the time you read this?

Katharine Skidmore Phillip worked during tax season for H&R Block. Sadly, her mother, Margaret Wehrmann Skidmore, died in August 2011, shortly after the birth of her 12th grandchild. Katherine asks that we remember her mother in our prayers. I received a newsy letter from **des Anges Cruser**. At the end of 2010, in celebration of her 65th, she and Alan traveled to Dubrovnik in Croatia, followed by a stop in Heidelberg, Germany.

Kathryn Skidmore Philipp '67, with her family, from left: Jenna, and son Gavin, holding grandson Franklin; Kathryn and husband Will, holding grandson Sam; son-in-law Ken holding grandson Jack; daughter Alyssa, holding grandson Charlie, and eldest grandson William, front

Members of the Class of 1967 at their 45th Reunion in April 2012 include, front row, from left: Mary Alice Friede Mauser, Louise Gorman Manetta, Sr. Betty Ann McNeil, Florence DeLessio Marchetti, Suzanne Geho Rymer and Katherine Skidmore Philipp. Back row, from left, are: Rita Gisriel Cole, Kathleen Sullivan Stolzenberger, Susan Albin Watson, Eileen Ball Cerne, Jane Roth, Ann Boley McLamb, Katherine Kelleher Sohn, Virginia Werber Hartmuller, Virginia Greene Murphy, Mary Kay Wall Oliver and Sandra Buono Sedam.

My thanks to Eileen Ball Cerne for submitting the following additional news about our classmates.

Current news from the Class of '67 indicates that, although we have plenty of years behind us, we haven't slowed down. Many of us have been on the move and/or making big changes in where we reside.

After spending 40 years in Florida, Ann Boley McLamb moved to Chapel Hill, NC, which places her much closer to her sons, Mark and Mike and Mike's wife Laurie and their boys, Andrew and Aiden. Sue Albin Watson, after four decades in California, moved to Greensboro, NC, also to be closer to family. And Sr. Betty Ann McNeil, an 18-year resident of the Valley of Emmitsburg, is transitioning to a new assignment at De Paul University, Chicago.

Eileen Donnelly does her traveling a little closer to home. In June, she spent three weeks at Rehoboth Beach, DE, one of them with both sons, their wives and three grandchildren. Eileen Ball Cerne and her sister visited during the second week, and the hostess spent her final week recovering from all the activity of the previous two!

Last fall, Sue Albin Watson, Eileen Ball Cerne, Ann Boley McLamb, Jane Roth and Kathy Sullivan Stolzenberger traveled to France and Italy. (See article in this issue.) After everyone else returned home, Jane returned to France, and then went on to England and Africa. Now back in Manhattan, Jane has retired and is leisurely pursuing her latest interest -- metal work and silversmithing. Although a city dweller, she does enjoy country life in the Catskills and gets away there from time to time.

This summer, **Carroll Ebaugh Fox's** visit home to her Baltimore family included a mini-reunion with **Jean Suelau Allman** and **Joan McCathern Mahaffey**. Joan's e-mail address is joanmahaffey@hotmail.com, and she lives in Washington Grove, MD, near Gaithersburg. Joan teaches ESL fulltime for the school system there. Jean is still teaching kindergarten at their parochial school. Sadly, her sister, Sharon Suelau Culotta, passed away of a sudden cardiac arrest in July 2011 at age 50. Our condolences to Jean and the Suelau and Culotta families.

1967 classmates, from left, Carroll Ebaugh Fox, Joan McCathern Mahaffey and Jean Suelau Allman

Carroll and Jim are still living in New Mexico. She stays busy teaching ESL part-time at the community college, reaching out to international students, and staying involved in women's ministries. Their son Mark and his wife Jenny are medical missionaries in the Himalayas. Carroll and Jim met them and their four children in Thailand last January. Before that, they spent a month in Chiang Mai, Thailand, volunteering at a Christian ESL school. Carroll's sister, **Jane Ebaugh '68**, joined them in Chiang Mai to celebrate her retirement. Please keep us posted about your travels and other news.—Eileen

And from Ann . . .

The **Mulroys** are doing fine. Martin retired from the diaconate, but continues to teach religious education in St. Bernard's, our local parish, and I keep busy teaching religious education, as well. I am also catching up on many "projects" started, but never finished – and that is hard work! We traveled last spring to England to attend the First Communion of Matilda Robertson, the granddaughter of good friends. What made it special for Martin is that he baptized Matilda.

Last but not least are greetings from **Sr. Kathleen Natwin, D.C.** She has a new address: 169 Riverside Dr., Binghamton, NY 13905, email: Kathleen.natwin@lourdes.com. She is missioned to Clark House and will serve on a number of boards, which requires her to travel. During the past year, Kathleen reports, the Daughters of Charity's new Province of St. Louise formally came together. Four of the five U.S. provinces merged, and their provincial house is in St. Louis, MO. She said that while closing the Northeast Province (Albany, NY), was sad –she served there for nine years and was a Provincial Councillor -- there was also excitement in getting to know Sisters from the other geographic areas. Last summer, she and her sister Gerry vacationed together.

Here are some of Kathleen's thoughts about finding our vocation – or how we live our life. "Within us is a unique heart song, placed there by God. Our vocation is to respond to this gift by singing the song and leaving a voice print for others to hear. We might be the first violins or the loudest trumpet, but without that one note from a simple triangle the symphony is incomplete . . . Let us rediscover our heart song and help others discover theirs. Our vocation is simply to receive from God the gift of who we are and return that gift to God through an authentic response."

Don't forget to keep in touch and pay your SJCAA dues! We'll be making plans for our 50th reunion. If you have any suggestions or would like to help, please get in touch. **--Ann**

1967 classmates Kathryn Skidmore Philipp, left, and Mary Rosenberger Lynch on Jekyll Island, GA

1968 — *45th Reunion in 2013!*

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Gisela Jurzitza Hartman '68

Our news starts with word from **Gisela Jurzitza Hartman** about the well-planned elopement of her son Steve and Cathy over New Year's in Napa Valley. The couple called Gisela on New Year's Day to say they were on a short vacation to Napa and wanted to visit her in Monterey later that week to "see the new exhibit at the aquarium." At her house, they announced that they did "something else" while they were in Napa and both held up their hands, showing off their wedding rings. Their ceremony was in Yountville in the picturesque garden of a vineyard restaurant. They wrote their own vows, and the ceremony included the two of them, the wedding officiant and a photographer. After the ceremony and pictures, restaurant patrons came out to applaud and congratulate them. The photographer then took them to a park near the Domaine Chandon winery for more photos, after which the winery guests bought them a bottle of champagne. They had dinner (on the house) at another restaurant.

Gisela says, "Talk about an amazing elopement! I can't imagine a nicer way to get married, since it avoids all the fuss, drama and stress of wedding planning. It may be unusual, but it's right for them." The newlyweds live in the Menlo Park/Palo Alto area near Stanford University, about two hours north of Gisela. She got more news on Mothers' Day, when Steve handed her a piece of paper on which he asked her to write "September 28," which she assumed was the date of an upcoming business trip. Then Steve said, "Congratulations, Mom, that's the day when you're going to become a grandmother. Oh, and by the way, you're going to have a grandson." Gisela enjoys retirement, is active with Monterey's art museum and was looking forward to the birth of her grandson.

Steve Hartman, son of Gisela Jurzitza Hartman, and his bride Cathy

When she can, **Andie Archdeacon Howard** visits her 93-year old mother, Mary Archdeacon, who lives alone in New York. She says "it's a revelation to visit someone that age. We spend lots of time going down memory lane, but she also uses her tablet to play word games with friends and is way beyond me [in technology]." Andie and Bill travel a lot and, besides visiting her mom, she goes regularly to Chicago to visit Burke, Bridget and her grandson, Xavier, whose sister was due in September. Andie takes classes at Furman U. in Greenville, SC through their Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) and adds, "I recommend these programs to my SJC classmates who like to continue learning. I just finished eight weeks of Italian, and can now ask for a gelato in Firenze."

Xavier Burke Montgomery, grandson of Andie Archdeacon Howard '68

Mike and **Jocelyn Fritz Collins** are retired, and grateful for their health, family, and the gift of time (not to mention pensions and Social Security). Their seven grandchildren range in age from 16 months to 11 years. Their children, Marc, Alicia, and Jess, live in Washington, DC; Newton, MA; and New York City respectively. Since Jocelyn and Mike are in the Trenton, NJ area, they see all of them regularly, although it's challenging to see them all in one place at one time. They stay busy with visits to the gym, volunteer activities, church work, and house and garden projects. Jocelyn accepts that it's OK if a day passes without "accomplishing" anything. A highlight last winter was a weeklong visit with Cathy and Joe Bremer (MSM '68 and brother of Didi Bremer Corrigan, SJC '65) at their vacation home in Panama.

SJC Reunion 2012 brought together 1968 classmates Sr. Mary Fran Hildenberger, DC, seated, Kate Graham, left, Mary Anne Kelly and Kathy Flanigan Balcer

In May, **Sr. Mary Fran Hildenberger, D.C.**, became director of Family Advancement Ministries in Macon, GA, which offers direct services and an educational program to single moms and their young children. The program also provides financial assistance, second-hand clothing, car seats, etc., but also requires the moms to attend classes in financial planning, parenting, and child health and safety. While she is going to miss Emmitsburg, she is excited about working with the poor. She had health problems earlier this year that delayed her transfer to Georgia, and since her arrival, her health has been challenging. She has some good days and some painful days and asks us to pray for her improved health. Her new contact information is 135 Ward St., Macon, GA 31204; 240.446.3994, maryfranh@yahoo.com.

1968 classmates, from left, Anne O'Regan Brolley, Sheila Kelly Vertino, Felicia Prestianni Lewis and Pat Gavin Wynne, all married to MSM grads, during an SJC-MSM mini-reunion in Hilton Head, SC.

Maryann Whalen Dunn retired as director for ProLife Activities and Social Concerns for the Diocese of Allentown in July 2011. She and Ed do anything they want, whenever they want, which sometimes can be nothing at all. They have two grandchildren — Gaibrial, 3, and his brother, who was due in July. Their daughter is 20 minutes away so they watch Gaibrial weekly. Their single son lives in Philadelphia. They've been house-hunting around Allentown as they plan to leave their home of 33 years. Their search is for what all Baby Boomers want -- one floor, or at least a master bedroom on the first floor. While the 55+ communities offer what they're seeking, that's not where they want to live, as they enjoy the sounds of kids playing outside, and having younger neighbors.

Mentally, Maryann doesn't feel old, but her body reminds her she is no longer young. With characteristic humor, she says, "20 years ago I never would have picked up the television remote to dial it as a phone! I would have noticed that the dial pad was different, well before I entered the tenth digit of the phone number!" She volunteers at her church and with post-abortion healing retreats. As a retiree, she's learned to say "no" and not feel guilty. Maryann sees Mary Brown at least once each each year, usually at Cape Cod where they spend a week together.

Anne O'Regan Brolley and Jim didn't want to wait for SJC or MSM reunions, so they hosted their second annual MSM-SJC reunion at their place in Hilton Head, SC in late March for Denny and **Pat Gavin Wynne**, Bill and **Felicia Prestianni Lewis**, and Al and **Sheila Kelly Vertino**. (The guys are all MSM '66 who love getting together.) The four fun-filled days flew by with much laughter. Since the March weather was great, they decided that's the time of year to gather. The mini-reunions offer golf for the guys, antique shopping for the women, and the beach for all.

In the summer, the Brolleys go to their place in The Villages, FL and visit Jim's side of the family and have fun with "the 87,000 other young people." Anne retired from real estate and works part-time at the HHI senior center but is looking for a new project, now that her house is done. She volunteers and stays busy as "Naein" (her grandmother name) to her grandchildren—two in Richmond, who they see often, one in Seattle, who she planned to visit this summer, and one due in late July in Providence, RI. She and Jim can check Ireland off their bucket list, as they planned their first visit there in September.

Sheila's big news is her retirement at the end of June. She and Al sold their house in Oak Hill, VA and moved permanently to Shepherdstown, WV, where they have a house they've been fixing up for several years in anticipation of retirement. Their new address is 591 Steamboat Run Road Shepherdstown, WV 25443. Sheila says Shepherdstown is "a fun, funky, active college town with great restaurants and interesting shops."

Mike and **Jocelyn Fritz Collins** are retired, and grateful for their health, family, and the gift of time (not to mention pensions and Social Security). Their seven grandchildren range in age from 16 months to 11 years. Their children, Marc, Alicia, and Jess, live in Washington, DC; Newton, MA; and New York City respectively. Since Jocelyn and Mike are in the Trenton, NJ area, they see all of them regularly, although it's challenging to see them all in one place at one time. They stay busy with visits to the gym, volunteer activities, church work, and house and garden projects. Jocelyn accepts that it's OK if a day passes without "accomplishing" anything. A highlight last winter was a weeklong visit with Cathy and Joe Bremer (MSM '68 and brother of Didi Bremer Corrigan, SJC '65) at their vacation home in Panama.

Kathy O'Connell Callahan '68 with granddaughter Grace Bowen

Tom and **Ellen Eisgrau Raffetto** took a cruise in May out of Baltimore to Bermuda. The night before sailing, they dined with Harry and **Mary Louise Doyle Dingle** and Michael Barrett (MSM '68), whom they see regularly. Upon their return, their Seattle grandchildren, ages nine and six, were coming to spend a week with them, something Tom and Ellen looked forward to as they don't see them often. Tom still works but Ellen is retired and volunteers with the American Red Cross and Catholic Charities, just enough volunteerism, she says, to give her a "purpose."

Betsy Klunk Esposito enjoys her visits with her children and grandchildren in North Carolina and with a special friend in Frederick, MD. **Dottie Hemler Monteith** drove Betsy to the doctor's office when Betsy's port was removed and she learned that lab results showed she was cancer-free. Afterward, Betsy treated Dottie to dinner, where they celebrated in true "Joes Girls" fashion. Betsy helps her brother and sister-in-law "on the nine acres of my youth -- heaven to me." She says her door is always open for company, although she might put visitors to work mowing or mulching!

John and **Julie Geary Sullivan**, in Sunset Beach, NC, fill their days with golf, book and garden club, bowling, social committee and beaching it. Living near the beach means frequent visitors, which is just how they like it. Earlier this year, they traveled to Italy and visited Florence, Rome and Tuscany -- a big deal for Julie who, for years, had a fear of flying. She finally decided she was missing a lot by limiting her travels only to destinations reachable by car. She says, "Drugs are wonderful, when used properly -- a little white pill, and I was a world traveler!" They plan trips to Alaska and a river cruise in Europe. One reason they decided to travel was John's health. While physically hale and hearty, he has early-stage dementia, something that runs in his family. Currently, he is holding his own. Julie says people are surprised and think he's fine but "when you live with someone for 42 years, you notice subtle changes."

Their son, John D., lives in Connecticut and works on cases in New York for the FBI. He and Valery stay busy with their kids -- Justin, who finished his first year at UConn, and the girls, who are in fourth and sixth grades. Julie and John's son Michael lives in Connecticut with his significant other and enjoys his job. And son Jim lives on James Island, SC and works for a law firm in Charleston. Julie and Pat Gavin Wynne communicate often and get together a few times a year. On trips north, John and Julie sometimes stay with the Wynnes in Middletown, MD where they get caught up and reminisce.

In May, John and **Carol Healy Haran** were packing for their summer at Lake Winnipesaukee, NH, where they spend about three of every four weeks until October. On their way to New England, they planned to visit their son, Craig and his family in Cleveland. Once at the lake, they were spending time with the rest of the family -- son Keith and his wife Trish; daughter Erin and her husband, Pat, and their baby, Aidan, who all live in the Boston area; and daughter Megan who lives in Manhattan. Everyone loves being at the lake, unofficially called "Camp John" because of all the activities John organizes—fishing, boating, kayaking, hiking, biking, snorkeling, water skiing, etc. John works half-time, but Carol closed her design business in late 2011 because of the downturn in the economy. Since then, some clients have contacted her, and she now consults when called upon, helping with color and interior design issues. She'll continue, as long as there's work. They were going to try to get together with Jack and **Carol Carluccio Griffin**, who have a house a few miles away in New Hampshire, and with **Sally Cosgrove Turcotte**, who lives there year-round. Phil and Dottie Hemler Monteith were in Chicago last fall and they and the Harans spent several evenings together. Carol says she'd love to show off Chicago to any classmates in the area.

Barbara Grzeskiewicz Fuhrman planned to retire in June and was going to become a first-time grandmother of a little girl in October. She is thrilled, as she never had a daughter. The family recently celebrated the 90th birthday of her mother, whose Alzheimer's is progressing. Barb is planning to attend next year's Reunion and is trying to round up **Gina Shableski Crumbaker, Phyllis D'Alessio Dixon** and **Mary Parker Cronin** to attend as well.

Joanne Ekhaml Gorman is still working and unclear when to retire from her continually challenging job. Her big news is that on July 17, she and Jim became first-time grandparents to Anna Luna, daughter of their son David and wife Katja, a native of Germany. The young family lives in Leipzig, Germany, and the baby will have dual German and U.S. citizenship. Joanne and Jim have had great trips to Europe and will now take even more to visit the kleines Mädchen, although Joanne wishes they were closer. Daughter Alexandra is a busy Boston attorney, who travels extensively for clients. Jim is semi-retired, taking only those clients for whom he really wants to do work, most of which are parishes or other church organizations.

A "long-lost" former classmate, **Susan Moroney Taylor,** recently contacted the SJC Alumnae Office. She is living in Corolla on the Outer Banks of North Carolina with her husband of almost 44 years, Will Taylor, a former Mountie. Sue is on the board of directors of North Carolina's smallest charter school, which was to open in August. Water's Edge Village School is a K-6 facility that will spare Corolla's youngsters a four-hour daily bus ride to and from the mainland. Sue's email is: beachgarden@embarqmail.com.

As many of you already know from email correspondence, **Eileen McPartland Fay** passed away at her home in Chicago on July 16, 2012, a week after her 66th birthday. She was diagnosed last summer with a brain tumor and endured all the appropriate and difficult treatments with her characteristic courage and optimism. Our deepest sympathy to Eileen's husband, Garnet, daughters, Eudora and Alex, her six grandchildren, and her sister, our SJCAA President, **Maureen McPartland Smith '65.**

Eileen McPartland Fay, 1946-2012

That is our news. Thanks to all of you who shared what is happening with you. I encourage all of you to do what Barb is doing -- contact your buddies and make plans to come to our 45th Reunion, at the Wyndham Hotel in Gettysburg, April 4 – 7, 2013, and don't forget to pay your Alumnae Association dues! It is the primary source of income that keeps us "All Together."

Grandchildren of Carole Direnzo Shores '68: Jack, left, Megan and Matthew Lacey

1968

1969

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Hi all! I hope everyone is well and safe from all the floods, fires and wild weather that have marked 2012. I am thrilled to say we have news! My deep appreciation to our ever-faithful Christmas writers, and thanks to the computer skills of Jean Givens Denney and her up-to-date email addresses, many of you sent electronic news. Thank you to all; I am so grateful!

Steve and **Joanne Azzarello Letnauchyn** have enjoyed some wonderful travel adventures to many destinations, including China! Steve emailed a fantastic picture of them on the Great Wall. Joanne is a quilter and a sewing master. She keeps close touch with several classmates at an annual gathering in Bethany Beach, DE.

1969 classmates shown outside the Atlantic Hotel, Berlin, MD, from left: Joanne Azzarello Letnaunchyn, Angie Zappacosta Scheerer, Diane Asselin Thompson, Pat Zeigler Conley, Linda Dumbrowski Wivel and Patsy Garrity Prunkl

Terry Perry Horney and Steve are both still working part-time and caring for Terry's mom, who lives with them. Their son Steve is a physical therapist and has been helping Terry with pain and mobility issues. God bless our children's careers!

Joann Skillodge Martz and John have traveled a bit this past year -- visiting son John in his new home in New York, Joann's family in New Jersey, and even a trip to Sicily last May. They are both well and stay busy -- John with work and Joann with many interests in church and community. Tom and Fran Markowski have moved to Delaware near Bethany Beach. Fran is involved with a quilt guild and is helping assemble kits for people who are making patriotic quilts for our returning soldiers. (I think these are "Quilts of Valor" -- my sister-in-law is involved in this project. The quilts are spectacular!)

Peggy Poffel Fiorini recently retired from nursing in time to prepare for the birth of her and Henry's first grandchild. Peggy plans to travel to Frederick, MD to help her daughter Laura and family when the baby arrives. Their son Craig is a practicing acupuncturist in Boulder, CO. Peggy's mom is doing well at 98 years of age!

Helen Bursley Fournier is still working in risk management, but says retirement is coming closer. She's now part-time and enjoying a bit more freedom and flexibility. Helen and her daughter Meghan traveled to New Zealand to visit family and tour the north and south islands. Speaking of travels, **Jean Givens Denney** took a cruise to Bermuda. She is enjoying retirement and her six grandchildren, ages one to seven. Jean keeps in touch with **Becky Snyder Peters**, who stays busy taking long road trips with her husband and grandchildren in their RV. Jean also hears from nurse **Kathy Fitzpatrick**, who is still working in a hepatitis program but dreaming of retiring.

Gam McKay Pruitt and Tom retired to Palm Coast, FL. They recently had two celebrations: their grandson's first birthday, and the wedding of their daughter Katie in San Juan, PR.

PJ Heaven Reilly and Reil are both still working -- PJ is in her 20th year at their local high school, and loves her job. Reil is semi-retired, but working part-time in consulting. They travel when they can to visit their three married children and nine grandchildren! They had a visit from Dick and **Geri McGuire Hawn** and loved touring with them. PJ is our official "keeper of the email addresses." Thank you PJ. That is a godsend! So, if you are looking for a classmate or have changed your email address, please contact her at jimandpjreilly@sbcglobal.net.

Now to some quick business. As you have been advised in SJC mailings and on the SJCAA Website, our Alumnae Association Board is comprised of a group of wonderfully dedicated volunteers who are working diligently to keep us "All Together" and our association alive and thriving. Stay tuned. Our 45th reunion will be here before we know it -- **March 27 - 30, 2014** at the Wyndham Gettysburg Hotel. Please, please, please plan to be there. It is truly wonderful to be together again.

Jean Givens Denney mentioned to me her sadness at the Vatican's investigation of American nuns. I agree with her completely that this situation needs support from the people of the church. I have written to the Leadership Conference of Women Religious, who are at the center of the investigation, to ask if there is a public forum for support. If anyone else would like to contact them, here is their address: Leadership Conference of Women Religious, 8808 Cameron St., Silver Spring, MD 20910, or jmock@lcwr.org

That's a wrap for now. Thank you again from the bottom of my aged brain and heart for sending news. I am so grateful! Take care, be safe, have a wonderful holiday season. Lord bless all! **Love, Barbara**

Editor's note: We extend our deepest sympathy to Barbara Siddons Harris and her family on the death of her son, Brett J. Harris, on Dec. 28, 2012. Brett was 36 years old.

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Hello all! Thanks to those who responded. Please send me your current email addresses, as so many I send to classmates bounce back. I know folks love hearing what is going on with you, so if you change your email, please let me -- jscaye@email.unc.edu -- and the SJC office know -- office@sjcalumnae.org

Our classmates have really stepped up to help chair reunions. Chris Roos Mehl and Leslie Henze Blackstock chaired Reunion 2012, and in 2013, Leslie will chair with Maryann Lesso. Also attending Reunion 2012 were Sr. Anne Higgins, Mary Anne Wiberly Shattuck and JoAnne Cartagena Windle. Anne, Leslie, Maryann and Chris all attended the Mount's reunion as well, to see how they run their event. Chris and her family came through my part of the world (Chapel Hill, NC) on their way to a golf tournament in Georgia.

Lea Verta continues to live in West Virginia, serving as an officer at the American Legion Post there and caring for her parents who are in their 90s. Her son Peter married last September. Work on their house continues, but was slowed when her husband Joe was in an accident. They are doing well now.

Connie Mauro Barnett's son and daughter-in-law adopted an infant son last May. Just before his first birthday, they left to work with the Diplomatic Corps in Moscow. Her daughter is a social worker at a dialysis center, and, note from Connie, making much better money than if she was working for the state. Connie retired from her state position and is now enjoying her job with a non-profit. Connie and her husband garden, spend time with friends, and plan to visit Moscow next year. In Connie's words, "We're a little older, a lot wiser, and still full of our baby boomer spirit. Life is good!"

Nick Barnett, son of Connie Mauro Barnett '70, with his young son, Nick, in front of Moscow's St. Basil Cathedral

Patty McGucken Habersberger and her husband Gus spent a week in Hawaii in April, followed by three weeks with grandson Hunter, 4 1/2. Loved them both, but Hunter wins! JoAnne Cartagena Windle took a trip to Puerto Rico to see her mother (92 in September.) JoAnne will be a grandma soon and is counting the days. She and Ron have put their house on the market, realizing it's time to downsize, but it's bittersweet. They designed and built their home 26 years ago. They will probably relocate closer to Baltimore to be closer to Kristen and the new grandbaby. She enjoyed seeing all the faithful reunion-goers and being in Eburg.

I move slowly forward in my effort to earn a Ph.D. in education at this stage in my career (why not?). Still teaching at the School of Social Work, where I have been for 19 years, and volunteer to teach citizenship class in Siler City, NC to a wonderful group of Hispanic men and women. My partner Elizabeth will finish her last year in Afghanistan in March. We met for R & R in Umbria Italy, last October---beautiful rugged country. In our quest to learn more about Latin America, and help me improve my Spanish, we visited Nicaragua last summer, and this summer it was Puerto Rico (I was thinking of you, JoAnne). My sons still live in Hawaii. Brian was loaned by his base in Hawaii to a military intelligence group in Washington, DC for a few months, so I got to visit with him and my daughter-in-law. While there, I visited with Judy Rulewich in Hagerstown, MD. She is retired, and stays closely connected to family and friends. Still rows, and races and loves it. Be well, Class of 1970, and please stay in touch. --Jody Snyder Caye

1971

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Susie Colpitts Delehanty wrote that she thinks about St. Joe's often. What a wonderful place to go to college. She's been living in the Adirondacks in upstate New York since 1974. Jack and Susie raised three children there, and their youngest, Mallory, is being married this fall in Lake Placid. Their oldest, Keenan, lives with his wife in Portland, OR, and their middle son, Cary, lives with his wife and son Morgan in Long Lake, NY, just 25 minutes from them! Jack retired at the end of June after almost 34 years of practicing law, mostly as a chief prosecutor for the county. Susie retired a few years ago from a county mental health position and is now working for a local not-for-profit, so her days are busy. She has fond memories of St. Joe's, and cherishes the good times in Emmitsburg. She hopes all is well with everyone.

Marlene Giorello Johns and Butch are enjoying retirement together. They went to Key West, FL last October to celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary. This past March they went to Charleston, SC for a week and then drove up to Myrtle Beach, SC for a couple of days. Butch enjoys playing golf several times a week. Their family is doing well. Their daughter was promoted to District Court Division Chief in the Harford County, MD State's Attorney's Office. She and her family are still living in Bel Air, MD. Their two grandsons are four and ten years old now. Their son finished his post-doctoral research at Duke University last summer and accepted a position with the U.S. government. He lives in Old Town Alexandria, VA.

Kathy Corely Murray is still teaching at Notre Dame of Maryland University, where she was promoted to assistant professor in the School of Education. After working 31 years for the Baltimore County Public Schools, this is a great "retirement" job. Her husband Ted continues to have major health issues. He seems to be making positive strides lately, but they would appreciate keeping both of them in your prayers.

Debby Zemanick Doyle and Dan have two children Joe, 28, and Elizabeth, 25. Neither is married and it looks like grandkids are still way off in the distance. Dan taught in Howard County 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. But she didn't really retire. She has been teaching 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. Debby was looking forward to visiting Debbie Rabbottini Thomas in Takoma, WA for two weeks during the summer!

Regina Sauer Cusson finished her first of two years as interim dean at UConn. It is challenging, exciting, fun and exhausting. She loves being more involved with all levels of students and actually really enjoys working with donors and alumni. They are so committed to nursing. John and Regina celebrated their 42nd anniversary. They are fortunate to still have three of their four parents, although they are aging. Son Jonathan is a defense litigator specializing in medical malpractice. He has two sons, five and six. Their son Ben is in business logistics, specializing in IT placements. He and his wife built a house in Seven Valleys, PA and plan to start a family soon. Life is good.

As for me, John and I traveled to Germany and Poland in April. Poland is a beautiful country, and should be on a list of places to see. Both of our children, Jennifer, 33, and Matt, 29, live and work in Manhattan. Jennifer is director of development for the DIA Foundation, and Matt works in marketing for the Cartoon Network. Neither is married, so grandchildren are somewhere off in the future. I'm still running an alliance of not-for-profit nursing homes in Connecticut, as well as a consulting practice. John continues to work as a PT at a sub-acute nursing facility. Everyone is doing well. Please send me any information, and I will keep it for the next edition of The Valley Echo. My email address is: Burlenski@cox.net.

1972

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Greetings to the Class of '72! The year started out well with news from classmates. What a great 40th reunion we had! It was terrific seeing all of you and feeling the energy all weekend. What a wonderful class we have. I still have class videos if anyone wants one ($5 plus shipping, $ to go to our class fund). I also have two charms. We had a terrific time and saw people we haven't seen in years!

Elaine Prendergast McGovern was among them. I went to high school with Elaine, but hadn't seen her since she left at the end of sophomore year. **Jodi Youngstrom Henderson** also came, as well as Jane Jewett Whitmoyer and her husband. **Maureen Maloy Biggers** was busy during reunion getting the Nugents to come. **Nancy Nugent Clapp** and **Betty "Boone" Nugent Lynott** came for a while on Saturday afternoon and are in the class picture!! All had a wonderful time and will be back!

We discussed the future -- we enjoy seeing one another and want to continue planning get- togethers. We decided once every five years is not enough, as that would give us only two times, including our 50th class reunion. So, the plans are:

1. Continue lunches in Baltimore on the first Saturday in November, which in 2012 is November 3. Maloy and Bianco have the date on their schedules and will try to come from out west.
2. The Philadelphia contingent is starting up a spring reunion that we can all attend. More on that as plans develop.
3. **Jayne Bianco Cohill** will plan a trip to California wine country during the grape crushing season in 2014 -- late August or September. She will get us a special hotel rate; the last time she arranged something it was about $125 for the room. We can go in groups, rent a van and drive to Santa Rosa. She will coordinate wine tastings (she is a member at several wineries) some dinners, including one at her house, and some sightseeing, i.e., to Bodega Bay. Maloy and I will help her. Details to follow; just keep it in mind.

Members of the Class of 1972 at their 40th Reunion, April 2012, include, front row, from left: Mari Elena Cartagena DeCaire, Cathy Homan Winslow, Jane Ramsey Elfring, Linda Ciborowski, Linda Raudenbush and Mary Leatherman Mindel. Middle row, from left: Pam Harrison Anderson, Jane Cardegna Bury, Sandy Cardella Speicher, Jodi Youngstrom Henderson, Joanne O'Donnell O'Connor, Rosanne Maher Curran, Jo Ketner Gallagher, Jane Jewett Whitmoyer, Bernadette Ackerman Benninger, Leslie Fulton Weatherly and Elaine Prendergast McGovern. Back row, from left: Mary (Scotty) Kincaid Asaki, Mary Pat Bohan Kelly, Karen Mattscheck, Jayne Bianco Cohill, Debbie Curley-Reid, Gloria Hammel, Kathy Jones, Mary Ann Carter, Mauren Maloy Biggers, Nancy Nugent Clapp, Karen (Biff) Stuck Johnson, Mary Mehl Doherty, Barbara Klein Mank, Betty Nugent Lynott, Karen Pagliughi O'Leary, Marcia Minton Bollwage, Kathy Trzecieski Beecher, Chris Mele and Mary Kay Hughes Clarke.

4. **Sandy Cardella Speicher** has agreed to keep her motel open on the weekend after Columbus Day, beginning Oct. 18-20, 2013, for us to hold an annual reunion. Check out Attache' Resort Motel-- on Facebook; the Website is attache-motel.com.

We also discussed our potential class gift. The SJC Alumnae Association is setting up a scholarship fund for a Mount student. The expectation is that the recipient will have ties to an SJC graduate. We can set up our class fund and make donations however we want. The money would be presented at our 50th reunion. (The tradition was to give all or part of class purses to the Daughters of Charity. We are, of course, on the leading edge of breaking that tradition.) The first money toward our 1972 fund -- or whatever we decide-- is from the sale of the CDs. You also got something from Linda (Cibby) Ciborowski regarding real estate referrals, another great idea for a fundraiser that she and Debbie are willing to coordinate. If you don't have the information, contact Cibby at BostonCity@hotmail.com.

To keep us closer in touch, I will email news and photos monthly. I have four correspondents -- Cibby, Debbie, Leslie and Betty -- who will help, plus I am now on Facebook, so I can check your sites. Please send news as you have it and I'll disseminate it. If you aren't receiving an email from me, I don't have your e-mail address. Please send it.

Some news from people who couldn't make reunion (and a couple who did): **Veronica Turoscy Stack** wrote that her son Danny returned from his Afghanistan tour in 2011. Veronica and her husband also drove through Europe --ten countries, 5,000 miles --in 2011. Carmel Kenney Colbert sent her usual great Florida greeting. They still love life in southern Florida and report no hurricanes and no snow. Chris Mele reports that she received the Paul Harris Fellow award from Rotary International for working with children with congenital heart disease in third world countries.

Elaine Prendergast McGovern said she has been working full time as an RN since 1980. She went back to school after the births of her three children. She has seven grandchildren who live nearby. Kathy Trzecieski Beecher reports that 2011 was a great year. Son John got his first promotion to a consultant II and bought his first house. Kathy is still the college placement counselor for the local prep school. She was named the county United Way volunteer of the year. She and Gordon went to Hawaii in 2011.

Jodi Youngstrom Henderson's sister Shelly moved in with her after Jodi's husband Harry died. Jodi has become a lay reader in her church and crochets for the prayer shawl ministry. **Barbara Klein Mank** had two great vacations in 2011 -- one to southern California and the second to New York State and Ontario, Canada. Greg re-proposed to Barbara during these vacations and she still said yes! Barbara is doing administrative work for Dollars for Scholars and volunteering for the pro-life cause. Greg is continuing his writing. **Ro Maher Curran** wrote that Capt. Brendan Curran is scheduled to be home on leave from Afghanistan in mid-December and will probably spend it at his Army base in Colorado Springs, CO with his wonderful wife Carrie, who is also from Baltimore. Mary Claire is scheduled to graduate in December from UNCW with a degree in vocal performance. Grad school applications are in the works.

Sally Scanlon Martin said that they are well and keeping busy. She and Tom continue to work and hope to for five more years. Tom has had challenges with school restructuring. They are on the road every weekend visiting Tom's mom and Sally's father. Ann Marie and Joel are kept busy with their two boys, Benny and Zachary. Karen and her daughter Mina are also doing well. Kelly is finishing up her pediatric residency in Cincinnati and then moving east. She will specialize in pediatric intensive care at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

This in from Cibby: "I just got back from a trip to a neat desert town in California in the middle of Anza Borrego Park. It was like going back to prehistoric times -- gorgeous wild flowers, lots of neat geological formations, and a real break from the crazy real estate market in Boston. So far, I've placed three referrals for classmates who are looking to buy or sell properties. I'll keep you posted as the money roles in for our 'when we go away' fund. Please don't forget -- if you know anyone, anywhere who is thinking of buying or selling a home, give Debbie or me a call and we will not only help you find a broker, we will donate half of our referral fee to the class fund."

Here's what **Cathy Homan Winslow** has to say: "I am continuing to work, more now, rather than less, but love it. I'm primarily a nurse lifecare planner. It's fun, and I work for myself, so no problems with the boss -- other than she is a little spacey. Paul is also working full time and will be for quite a few more years. Grandchild #2, Nolan Paul Kuda was born on Sept. 18, 2012. Our #1 grandchild is a real character, born to entertain, so we are having a blast with him. We have no trips planned yet for the rest of the year, other than a week at the beach in Topsail, NC. Anybody who has seen Yosemite and Grand Tetons, please send me recommendations. My preference would be to go out west and just buzz around to different national parks. They are all so beautiful. Oh, and I am in a health/exercise mode right now and joined Planet Fitness -- I couldn't resist because of the name!"

Nolan Paul Kuda, grandson of Paul and Cathy Homan Winslow '72

Finally, news: I have made the plunge, decided where I will live when I stop working (whenever that is). I purchased a condo in Mashpee, MA on the Cape. Yes, of course, you are all my best friends and can come visit. Right now, I am renting it by the year, but plan to be up there permanently in five years or so (I hope). This helps keep me calm during the moments of stress at work (more and more daily). I have pictures on my desk to remind me what I am working toward.

See you at Reunion 2013, I hope. If not, see you at Sandy's motel in October 2013. More on that next year (via email). A final plea, please pay your SJCAA dues. Your 2013 dues invoice should be getting to you soon. Your payments are critical to keep our Alumnae Association going so all can celebrate their 50th reunions (including us). Have a great holiday season. – **Karen**

1973 *40th Reunion in 2013!*

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Here we are, just a few months away from our 40th Class Reunion, April 4 - 7, 2013. I can still picture all of us with our blue beanies, several of which mysteriously appeared on statues around the campus! Our class was the last group to begin the school year wearing skirts and dresses on campus, and end it wearing jeans. Some of us were fortunate enough to make lifelong friendships, and some met future husbands either at a mixer, during a class, or while participating in a club, either at the Mount or at "Joe's." We were also the last class to graduate from St. Joseph College.

Some of our classmates took time to send updates, and I really appreciate their responses to my email request. Here's what they had to say.

Candy Long Hubbs says that not a lot has changed. She is still working three days a week as a nurse in a pediatric office. Norm can't wait for retirement, probably in July 2014. Their eldest, Kathryn, lives in Pennsylvania with their grandson Shane, who recently turned three. Norman and his wife were expecting a little girl, Leyna, in June. Candy's youngest, Rebecca, lives in Ohio, one year post-graduation and is engaged, with a projected 2014 wedding date. Candy and Norm are enjoying being empty nesters.

Marie Glynn Thomas and Darryl had a great road trip to New Mexico and Colorado. They stayed several days in Santa Fe, which they love, and then drove to Steamboat Springs, CO, "the ski capital of the US," also known for its hot springs. Because they're more hikers than skiers, they arrived there just after ski season officially ended. Since it was a dry winter and spring came early, they didn't see as much snow as they expected, but they did get to hike on trails that would normally have required snowshoes in April. They had a great time outdoors and can understand why Colorado residents are ranked high in physical fitness. They also visited Estes Park, CO, a gateway into Rocky Mountain National Park. What an interesting town, from the natural -- elk grazing downtown – to the supernatural -- the Stanley Hotel was the inspiration for Stephen King's The Shining.

Rosemary Grosik Helton officially retired from military service on July 31, 2012 – there was a ceremony at the Pentagon on July 23 – culminating a 27.5-year career with the U.S. Army Reserves. If all goes according to plan, she should be staying on with the government as either a Department of Defense civilian or temporarily as a contractor until the new fiscal year.

Jackie Wajcs Gibney had exciting news. Her son Brian received his master's degree in human resources from St. Joseph's University. He's been working for Vantage Communications in Pennsylvania, and she's truly thankful that he has a job and is doing well. She traveled across the pond last year for her long-awaited dream vacation to Germany, Italy and Switzerland, and had a wonderful time. She hopes to get to Alaska next summer so she can cross that off her bucket list. This summer, she was having company from Arizona and getting together with some Joe's girls who are celebrating the big 60 this year! Plus, she heard from Angela Neilan who was stopping by on her way back to Virginia for a quick visit.

Kathy Kramer Callahan and her husband Tim are still in a major travel mode. Last fall they had a five-week trip to New Zealand and Australia, a highlight being a week out on the Barrier Reef with 1-2 snorkel sessions or dives per day. They thoroughly enjoyed the people and the sights of both countries and would like to return to see even more. New Year's was spent with their family on the Big Island of Hawaii. They went to the southern-most tip of the island which is also the southern-most spot in the 50 states. They spent a day at Volcanoes National Park -- no active flow that day, but plenty of steam. Their older son, Brian, graduated from California Maritime Academy in April with a degree in facilities engineering technology and is employed in San Francisco. Kathy is still quilting and remains active with a local quilt guild, managing their Website among other things. She's looking forward to Reunion 2013!

Martina Esther Sabo traveled again this year, just not to exotic places. She toured Memphis, TN for a long weekend, went to Nevada for a week to enjoy her brother-in-law's 80th birthday (he was married to her late sister, Kathleen Sabo Grassmeier SJC '64), and then to Pennsylvania to care for my girlfriend's 96-year-old mom. Service and fun was on all of the trips. Martina plans to go to New York, South Carolina, and Florida, all before the end of the year. Life is sweet when you look for the sweetness. She is also a volunteer at the genealogy center at the Mormon Temple in Kensington, MD, and is learning the ins and outs of being a ham radio operator. Martina and I get together fairly often for lunch, either before or after her volunteer hours at the temple.

Maureen Hinke Hahn recently completed 22 years of teaching middle school math at St. Ursula School in Baltimore. Meanwhile, she's working on another master's degree, this time in middle school math teaching -- just for fun! In a span of 15 months, she has three children being married, one graduating from medical school, and is expecting her first grandchild. She looks forward to making Reunion 2013. Maureen stays in touch with Sr. John Frances Gilman, math department at SJC, now living in New York State. Sister had a stroke this past year, and is still recovering, so please keep her in your prayers.

Trish Jenkins Cavuoto married Frank Cavuoto, MSM 1973. She moved from Boston to Wyckoff, NJ when she and Frank married, and has lived there ever since. They raised three children -- two girls and a boy. Their girls are married, have children and live close to Trish and Frank. Trish spends two days a week sitting with them, and she works with Frank in his CPA business the other days. Their son lives in Montana, and they were going there for his July wedding. Trish hasn't been able to make any of SJC Reunions since most are held in April, during their busy time of year. Hopefully, one of these days she will. For many years, their children were involved in competitive soccer and they traveled to DC for tournaments, and made a point of stopping by MSM and St Joe's to show their children where they met. Trish says: "I can't believe that it is almost 40 years since we graduated; I miss the friends I made there and I have had a wonderful life and am very happy."

Jane Parrish Richard's first day of retirement was June 15, 2012. She plans to spend a lot of time playing with her grandsons, Austin, 3, and Luke, 1. Her son Chris and his wife are the proud parents. Her other son, Rob, is stationed in Korea and was coming home in July to be married. Jane's husband Joe, MSM '74, is an Army colonel assigned to Ft. Meade in Maryland, and is director of the Army Public Affairs Center.

Roseanne Szczur Montanaro's youngest daughter, Katie, is engaged, with the wedding planned for sometime in 2013. Her daughter Sarah and her son Josh celebrated their 40th and 30th birthdays respectively at a combined party in April. The theme was the '80s (a period I'd rather forget -- just kidding) and more than 100 friends and family attended. There was a band, so everyone just danced the night away.

I had a nice visit with **Sally Sharpe Simon**. She's a massage therapist, so I had a massage! We looked at some albums of pictures from our days at Joe's and reminisced about all the people in the photos with whom we've lost touch. Her daughter Sarah now lives in Scranton, PA.

Mary Fran "Franny" Lombard Vassiliou is still working hard in the office of St. John the Baptist Church, Silver Spring, MD, where there is a new pastor. Her sons, Dimitri and Peter, both attend Montgomery College in Rockville, MD.

As for me, by the time you read this, I will have another grandchild. My son Jeremy and his wife Neilly are the proud parents. I can't wait to babysit! My husband Steve, who retired from Giant Food on July 1, 2012 after 32 years, and I spend a lot of time with our twin grandsons Jack and Charlie, who will be four in September. They are the children of my late son Jordan and his wife Christine. It was two years in September that Jordan was killed in a tragic accident in Georgia. The sheriff there finally concluded his investigation, and two arrests were made. Now we are waiting for criminal trials to begin. All of us want to know what really happened that night, and why these individuals chose to lie about their role in the incident. As Sir Walter Scott wrote, "Oh what a tangled web we weave when first we practice to deceive." They have a lot of unweaving to do.

I am so fortunate to have a very loving and supportive family, and I can't thank my friends from SJC enough for all they have done for me and my family during this difficult time. Roseanne Szczur Montanaro, Franny Lombard Vassiliou and Martina Sabo held me up while I was trying so hard to hold up my grieving family, and they continue to do so. I am sure you all have had some of your SJC friends come to your rescue too. So, we need to celebrate all these friendships at our 40th Class Reunion, April 4 – 7, 2013, and I'm asking that you attend so we can be "All Together" in early spring. Please stay current on your dues so you continue to receive all SJC mailings and The Valley Echo, and help sustain our SJC Alumnae Association. If any of you would like to help with preparations for the Reunion, please contact me at your earliest convenience -- detjm711@aol.com – or at the address or phone number listed above. Thank you! -- Jane

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Hi everyone from the SJC Class of 1974! Hope all is well with all of you and that your families are having a happy and healthy year!

Some of you may already know that I am now a member of the Board of Trustees for the SJC Alumnae Association. I attended the 2012 Reunion on Palm Sunday weekend, and at my first official meeting, the Alumnae Association and its future was discussed. It seems that one of the reasons that they are recruiting new people from the later classes is to keep the Alumnae Association alive! Since we are the youngest class, I think that our involvement is essential!

The SJC class of 1974 will have its 40th reunion during the weekend of March 27 - 30, 2014 at the Wyndham Hotel in Gettysburg. (Dates for 2013 are April 4-7.) I am hoping and praying that as many of us can attend as possible! I think it would be a wonderful thing to reunite with the friends with whom we shared the sad event of finding out that our college was closing, I think that made us a pretty close-knit group with the friends that we had there during 1970-1972, when we either left SJC for other colleges, transferred to the Mount, or stayed at SJC to graduate in 1973.

Please, if you have any news about your families, births of grandchildren, trips you have taken, job status (retirement too!), hobbies, reunions that you have had with fellow SJCiennes, or anything that you would like to share, I will put together some news for the next issue of The Valley Echo from the class of 1974.

And, if you have any contact information of any other classmates, I would appreciate your sending it to me so that I can also email them about news and the Alumnae Association. Don't forget to consider attending SJC Reunion 2014 – March 27 – 30, (and 2013, too, but our 40th is a biggie!) so that we can celebrate All Together once again! There are lots of events, and we can plan a dinner and fun together on Friday night! Please put the dates on your calendars, OK? And if you have any ideas for Reunion 2014, I am open to suggestions; there is nothing we can't do!

I recently heard from **Donna McCarthy Feld** who says: "My daughter Rebecca just graduated with a master's in mental health counseling and art therapy. She wants to work in hospice. I, on the other hand, am winding down my career in school counseling in the next few years, as is my husband Steve from medicine. Where did the time go?" **Kathy Kerns Raubens** wrote as she was preparing to leave for Key West for a week with seven high school girlfriends. "We have been meeting in Rehoboth Beach, DE for a long weekend for the past 15 years. Since we are all turning 60 this year we decided to do it big for a week. Remember when we turned 50 we all went to NYC together for a weekend. It would be fun to do that again."

Jane Davis Gallagher also expressed how we need to have a get together real soon! So come on, SJC Class of 1974, let's reunite at our 40th and sing songs that we were taught by our "big sisters" in the SUB during our freshman year, and take time to reminisce about the good old days! Put the date for reunions in your calendar and we will start planning on having a blast for our 40th in 2014. Smiles and sunshine! --**Trudie Mangiaracina Glazewski**

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The SJCAA would appreciate offering Carol some assistance as Class Agent, who will stay in touch with members and submit news about them. If you can help out, please contact Carol, the SJCAA Office, 301.447.5075, or email: office@sjcalumnae.org

In Memoriam

Please pray for our deceased SJC alumnae, their loved ones, and other members of the St. Joseph College family.

1930s

- **Frances Edelin Cary '32** *(01/16/2008)*
- **Doris Whelan Molhem '36** *(04/05/2009)*
- **Rose Mangan Kirby '35** *(03/07/2011)*
- **Dorothy C. Carew '38** *(10/21/2011)*
- **Lillian Countess Bisson '39** *(02/13/2012)*

1940s

- **Marie Slyker Schmidt, 1940** Class Agent *(10/01/2012)*
- **Catherine Collins Heath '41** *(12/15/2005)*
- **Peggy Powers Ellis '42** *(11/12/2008)*
- **Mathilde Fernandez Garzot '42** *(09/27/1997)*
- **Marie Fitzpatrick Hlavin '42** *(04/20/2012)*
- **Anna Canning Yancheff '42** *(02/18/2008)*
- **Mary Elizabeth Corr Bennis '43** *(06/27/2010)*
- **Helene Mitchell Clark '43** *(04/18/2011)*
- **Jane Holehan Everett Devlin '43** *(10/21/2011),* sister-in-law of the late **Doris Everett Flanigan '37;** aunt of **Susan Flanigan Conrad '65,** and **Kathleen Flanigan Balcer '68**
- **Joaquina Diaz '43** *(02/11/1998)*
- **Patricia Merker Lanshe '43** *(09/24/2007)*
- **Mary Loretta McHugh Peltier '43** *(01/22/2010)*
- **Helen Prevost Brown '44** *(02/18/2012)*
- **Joan Ridge deGrummond '44** *(10/21/2011)*
- **Bernadette Randall '44** *(12/08.2010)*
- **Jacqueline Greco Henson '45** *(02/15/2012)*
- **Kitty Keegan '45** *(01/07/2012)*
- **Janet Horgan Marshall '45** *(12/09/2006)*
- **Ada Baez Mascaro '45** *(02/27/2012)*
- **Frances Joiner McIver '45** *(01/28/2008)*
- **Madeline Golibart Sherald '45** *(01/13/2012)*
- **Gloria Wenderoth '45** *(04/06/1998)*
- **Jane Basic O'Shaughnessy '46** *(03/09/2012)*
- **Mildred Helen Reskovitz Recordon '46** *(11/04/2011)*
- **Elizabeth Woolls Akar '47** *(08/02/2012)*
- **Elizabeth Nester Paska '47** *(11/02/2006)*
- Leo Zephyr Robitaille, husband of **Catherine Timmerman Robitaille '47**
- Edward J. Seitz, husband of **Irene Campbell Seitz '47**
- **Janith Day Morley '48** *(11/01/2006)*
- **Mary Frances McGee Murphy '48** *(01/21/2006)*
- Robert Black, husband of **Theresa Dougherty Black '48**
- Thomas O'Brien Doyle, brother of **Celia Doyle '48,** cousin of **Kathryn Hurley Morrison '40, Ann Doyle O'Neill '52, Mary Louise Doyle Dingle '68, Sr. Mary Jean Doyle, D.C. '69,** and the late **Sr. Mary Louise Doyle, D.C.**
- **Mary Alice Nolan Duffy '49** *(03/19/2002)*
- Roberta Ann Duffy Boscia, daughter of the late **Mary Alice Nolan Duffy '49**
- **Elaine Pavloff Higgins '49** *(07/15/2012)*
- **Anna Munoz Norander '49** *(10/24/2009)*
- Brother of **Nell Voltaire Davidson '49**

1950s

- **Anne Bullock Flickinger '50** *(10/08/2011)*
- **Helen Beaudette Lauer '50** *(11/04/2009)***,** and her husband, Edward B. Lauer *(2012)*

In Memoriam

- Regina (Jean) Ann Barlow Casey, sister of Sr. Mary **George Barlow, D.C. '50**
- **Mary Scidone Bustamonte '51** *(05/30/2012)*
- **Lois Weninger Forney '51** *(09/26/2012)*
- **Ruth Murphy Roche, 1951** Class Agent *(11/04/2011)*
- Walter R. Turbeville, husband of **Beverly Isaac Turbeville '51**
- **Margaret O'Leary Klotzbach '52** *(03/11/2010)*
- **Mary McNeill Mohr '53** *(06/24/2012)*
- **Maureen Erskine Lammers Haaland '54** *(06/19/2012)*
- Billy Torruella, husband of **Ileana Soler Torruella '55**
- **Claudia Schiller Cockerill '58** *(10/25/2011)*, sister of **Alberta Schiller Toth '65**
- **Loretta Ketterer Dunn '58** *(01/12/2012)*
- **Lois Lipps Edwards, 1958** Class Agent *(01/14/2012),* sister of **Maralita Lipps Freeny '69**
- Agatha DeFilippo Sicilia, mother of **Dolores Sicilia Fitzgerald '58**

1960s

- **Margot Smith Giuliani '60** *(08/20/2012)*
- **Lou Ellen Cooper Lindiakos '60** *(06/11/2012)*
- Margaret Hennings Addison, mother of Beth **Addison Moreland '60**
- John P. LaFrance, husband of **Elizabeth Strezeski LaFrance '61**
- **Sandra Lee Bartoli Arnoldi '62** *(12/19/2011)*
- Margaret Kiefer, mother-in-law of **Kathleen Carroll Kiefer '62**
- **Jill Myers Audet '63 (08/07/2012)**
- Morey Fuqua, husband of **Kaywood Greeve Fuqua '63**
- **Catherine Kochanski Marshall '64**
- Eugene L. Palmieri (MSM '64), husband of **Karen Perry Palmieri '64**
- Mary M. Goles, mother-in-law of **Chrystie Damico Goles '64**
- **Barbara Williams Walsh '65** *(06/22/2012)*, sister of **Nancy Williams Yaeger '60** and **Mary Lou Williams Feeney '63**
- **Sr. Mary Theresa Doyle, D.C., '65** *(04/29/2010)*
- **Sr. Eugene Monaldo, D.C., '65** *(05/05/2008)*
- Steven A. Hummell, husband of **Barbara (Birdie) Garvie Hummell '65**
- **Bernardine Frances Hayes '67** *(06/27/2009)*
- Sharon Suelau Culotta, sister of **Jean Suelau Allman '67**
- Margaret Wehrmann Skidmore, mother of **Katherine Skidmore Philipp '67**
- **Eileen McPartland Fay '68,** sister of **Maureen McPartland Smith '65**
- Ann L. Rector, mother of **Mary Ann Rector Dougherty '68**
- Elizabeth Harris Rice, mother of **Mary Jo Rice Mahoney '68**
- Theresa Shableski, mother of **Regina Shableski Crumbaker '68**
- Brett J. Harris, son of **Barbara Siddons Harris '69**
- Harold Ditzler, father of **Catherine Ditzler Roth '73**
- Janie Lowe, SJC Faculty
- Rev. Dr. David W. Shaum, MSM Faculty *(10/06/2011)*

May their souls rest in peace and rise in glory.

April 4 - April 7, 2013

Make Plans Now for Spring 2013 SJCAA Reunion

We invite you to come back to the Valley, Thursday, April 4 through Sunday, April 7, 2013 (one week after Easter) to celebrate being "All Together" again! Please remember that our reunions are not just for the milestone classes but for every one of us! Contact friends and classmates now to plan your own "mini reunion" if you are not a member of a class ending in "3" or "8."

Each year, the SJCAA Board of Trustees and Reunion team work tirelessly to improve your reunion experience and to make the weekend fun and affordable. A grateful Class of '72 alumna who attended in 2012 remarks: "After all these years of sending news about my family and reading The Valley Echo, I finally went to an SJC reunion -- and now I know what I've been missing for so long! It was fun, exciting, uplifting, and a little sad at times, but an all-together wonderful experience, and I am so very glad I was talked into attending!"

Here's the schedule.

Thursday, April 4

Register at the beautiful Gettysburg Wyndham, which continues to generate rave reviews from reunion attendees. It's great to check in, attend our welcome wine social in "The Pines," and meet friends and classmates for dinner.

Friday, April 5

Take the opportunity to visit the former SJC campus for a surprisingly good lunch in the cafeteria, followed by informal tours. 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.

Provided construction on the new Pilgrimage Center at the National Shrine Grotto of Lourdes at Mount St. Mary's University is complete, Mount President Dr. Thomas Powell and his wife Irene will host a special reception for SJC Alumnae at the center on Friday afternoon. Afterward, you can join our Golden Jubilarians, the Class of 1963, at their special Mass in the campus chapel, if you wish.

During the past three previous years at the Wyndham, groups large and small have held Friday evening class dinners there 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 Leslie Blackstock to learn about arranging a private dinner.

Saturday April 6

Your day begins with complimentary coffee and pastry in "The Pines," followed by meetings for class agents (all Alumnae are free to attend) and those participating in the special celebrations during the afternoon and evening.

Enjoy lunch at the Wyndham or out and about. If the Grotto Pilgrimage Center is not yet open, Dr. and Mrs. Powell will again host a tea for all SJC Alumnae at their lovely home, located close to the Mount campus on Old Emmitsburg Road.

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 members.

Return to the Wyndham for a social hour, then go on to our banquet and listen to some memories of our Golden Jubiliarians. Winner of gift baskets will be announced, and photos of all honorees and classes ending in "3" and "8" will be taken after the banquet.

Sunday April 7

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, the Emmitsburg Antique Mall, or the hotel pool and exercise room.

"Remember when" at "The Pines" in the Wyndham as you view yearbooks and class memorabilia.

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 2013. Our website, www.sjcalumnae.org, will have detailed instructions for registering online as well.

Make your hotel reservations by visiting the Wyndham Gettysburg website, or calling 717.339.0020. Be sure to mention that you are with the St. Joseph College Alumnae Association.

We look forward to being "All Together" once again!

Seeking Silent Auction, Gift Basket Donations

The 2013 SJCAA Reunion Committee appreciates donated items for our Silent Auction and for our gift basket fund raiser. (Each Board member donates a basket every year.)

Suggestions for the silent auction:

- Sport event/movie tickets
- College memorabilia
- Weekend getaways
- Spa packages

Notable gift baskets donated during 2012 include:

- Pandora Surprise
- Grey Ghost Winery Tour/Wines
- Scrapbook Time
- Vera, Vera, Vera (Bradley, of course)
- We all Scream for Ice Cream
- Movie Night
- It's Time To Kindle
- Iced Tea In the Garden With Daisy
- Gift cards from Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Trader Joe's, etc.

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