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The Class of '74 gather on campus as part of their 40th Reunion weekend.

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We are pleased to bring you the Fall 2014 issue of The Valley Echo.

The SJCAA Board of Trustees has assumed editorial responsibilities for this and future editions of our publication. There are many alumnae volunteers associated with publishing this issue of our alumnae magazine. The names of the Editorial Board and contributors for this issue of The Valley Echo are printed below.

We hope you enjoy our effort!

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President's Letter

A Message from the President:

Welcome to the 2014 edition of The Valley Echo! I hope all of you had a wonderful summer and enjoyed time with your families and loved ones.

The SJCAA had another great year. Reunion 2014 was, as always, very special – and we received positive comments from our alumnae –and from guests who did not attend SJC. The latter were amazed at the energy and love of the alumnae for a college that closed more than 40 years ago. One person told me that she has several degrees from various colleges and universities, but was not involved in any of them after graduation. She noted what a special bond SJC alumnae share, so special it brought tears to her eyes.

You continue to show your dedication to our association. Back in May, I noted that two things are essential to sustaining our momentum and the legacy of women learners in St. Joseph's Valley – maintaining payment of dues and volunteers. Thanks to your generosity, we met budget again in 2014. Your continued support of the SJCAA is most appreciated! And, members of the classes of 1973 and 1974 have volunteered to assist with the SJCAA website. You will see more frequent updates to the website once the new volunteers are trained. More hands make less work!

We are still looking for volunteers from the classes of 1966 and 1971 to attend and help with Reunion 2015, March 19 – 22, and begin planning their 50th or 45th Reunion for 2016. Please talk this idea up with your classmates and let the SJCAA office know if you're willing to volunteer in March.

Some classes are considering coming back to Reunion more frequently. The class of 1963 is contemplating celebrating their 52nd reunion during Reunion 2015. This would be a great boost to attendance, as the number of classes celebrating milestone Reunions continues to decline. We ask that you notify me or the office if other classes are planning to attend a non-milestone Reunion. We may have to revise plans with the Wyndham Hotel to accommodate a higher number of attendees, which would be a good thing!

During Reunion 2015, we will award the first SJCAA scholarship for the 2015-2016 academic year. An incoming Mount St. Mary's junior for fall 2015 is eligible for the award. If you have ties with someone in the MSM Class of 2017, please let them know about the SJCAA scholarship. If you have questions, please contact Kathleen Hollenback in the alumnae office at office@sjcaa.org.

Finally, a big thank you to all the volunteers who make The Valley Echo possible – the class agents who supply the news, the editors who make necessary revisions and most of all, the leadership of Maureen McPartland Smith '65 and Mary Lou Ullrich Jones '64 in producing the magazine for printing. Thanks to all of you for your hard work!

The SJCAA Alumnae Board of Directors joins me in extending best wishes for the holiday season and a healthy, happy 2015.

Karen

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General information about SJCAA Annual Dues:

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

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

The invoice indicates

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

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

An example to explain the SJCAA's dues procedure:

In October 2014, the Association will send invoices or bills to all alumnae for their **2015 ANNUAL DUES.** Annual Dues for 2015 are **due at the time the 2015 dues invoice is received** by an alumna. **2015 Dues sent to the office as late as June 30, 2015 will also maintain active membership in the Association.**

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

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

July 1st, 2014 Dues Analysis

Solicitable base: 1926
(This figure excludes alumnae whose status reflect: no mailings, invalid addresses and Daughters of Charity)

Alumnae with 2014 Dues Paid: 737

Percentage of dues paying-active alumnae: 38.3%
Total dues paid for 2014 campaign so far (since October 2013 until June 30, 2014): $50,941

2014 Dues By Classes

The FY 2014 Dues Percentages graph begins with the first active dues paying class: 1938

Year	Valid Addresses	2013 Dues Paid	Active
1938 Total	1	1	100%
1939 Total	7	2	28.6%
1940 Total	3	1	33.3%
1941 Total	7	5	55.6%
1942 Total	5	0	0.00%
1943 Total	14	2	14.3%
1944 Total	13	3	23.1%
1945 Total	10	3	30.0%
1946 Total	12	4	33.3%
1947 Total	17	6	35.3%
1948 Total	23	13	56.5%
1949 Total	21	13	61.9%
1950 Total	23	13	56.5%
1951 Total	26	10	38.5%
1952 Total	28	7	25.5%
1953 Total	17	8	47.1%
1954 Total	33	15	45.5%
1955 Total	23	12	52.2%
1956 Total	24	16	66.7%
1957 Total	40	17	42.5%
1958 Total	48	23	47.9%
1959 Total	44	18	40.9%
1960 Total	41	19	46.3%
1961 Total	63	31	49.2%
1962 Total	59	25	42.4%
1963 Total	83	41	49.4%
1964 Total	112	70	62.5%
1965 Total	103	52	50.5%
1966 Total	76	27	35.5%
1967 Total	102	33	32.4%
1968 Total	137	54	39.4%
1969 Total	151	45	29.8%
1970 Total	105	42	40.0%
1971 Total	86	24	27.9%
1972 Total	101	36	35.6%
1973 Total	103	25	24.3%
1974 Total	104	18	17.3%
1975 Total	61	3	4.9%
TOTALS	**1926**	**737**	**38.3%**

Alumnae Remember Sister Mary Jean Horne, DC '48

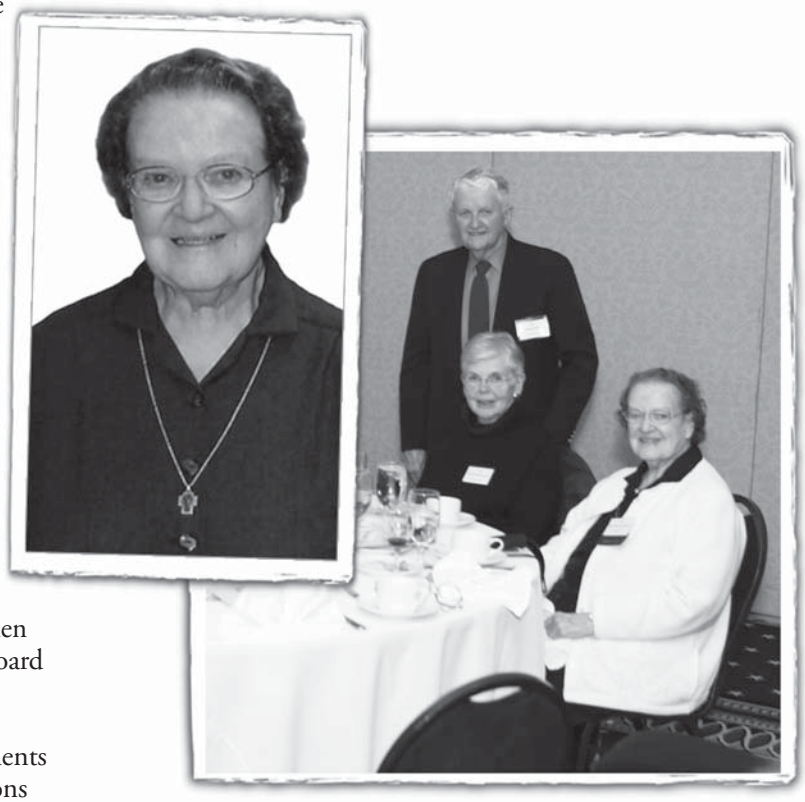
Sr. Mary Jean (Mary Jean) Horne D.C., Trustee Emerita of the SJCAA, died at Villa St. Michael on May 17, 2014. She was 87 years old.

A native of Baltimore, Sr. Mary Jean was a loyal member of the class of 1948 from St. Joseph College and would meet annually with classmates for a luncheon held at the Carriage House. She was also a regular attendee at the SJC Annual Alumnae Reunions.

Sister continued to maintain connections with her 1948 classmates and the college during many decades as a Daughter of Charity. She served in schools and parishes in Virginia, the District of Columbia and Maryland as well as in North Carolina and upstate New York. In 1983 Sister returned to Emmitsburg as Coordinator of Communications at the Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. In 1990, she was assigned to St. Agnes Hospital for four years but, in 1994, once again returned to Emmitsburg where she remained in various positions until she entered into the Ministry of Prayer at Villa St. Michael.

After her final return to Emmitsburg, Betty Daly McFann '60, the SJCAA's Executive Administrator at that time, recognized Sr. Mary Jean's skills as a financial manager and enlisted Sister's expertise as a member and then Chair of SJCAA's Finance Committee. Sister served the Board for almost two decades. From 2006 through 2009, she steered both the Finance and Liturgy Committees. After 2009, due to the increased responsibilities of her assignments at the Provincial House, Sister requested other chairpersons be named for both committees. However, Sister remained a member of both committees and continued to provide guidance and support.

In recognition of Sr. Mary Jean's commitment to her alma mater and its alumnae Board, Sister was named a Trustee Emerita of the Board in 2013. To commemorate Sister's service and honor her devotion to St. Joseph College and its Alumnae Association, the Board approved a contribution to the Emmitsburg Seton Outreach Center in her memory.



Sr. Mary Jean Horne, D.C., with 1948 classmate Patricia Hultberg Hyde and her husband, the late Richard Hyde, at a recent SJCAA reunion

Applications for the SJC Alumnae Scholarship at The Mount to launch in Jan. 2015

The inaugural SJC Alumnae Scholarship at Mount St. Mary's University will be awarded in spring 2015 for the 2015 – 2016 academic year. Application materials for the award will be sent from the SJC Alumnae Office to all eligible MSM rising juniors and seniors in January 2015. Completed applications are due back in the Alumnae Office in mid-February. At that time, the SJCAA Office will forward all applications received to the MSM Financial Aid Office for review. After receiving the recommendation of the top three applicants from the Financial Aid Office, the SJCAA Scholarship Committee will select the recipient of the award.

Announcement of the first recipient of the SJC Alumnae Scholarship will be made at the annual SJC Alumnae Reunion weekend in March. News about the SJC Scholar will be highlighted in the Fall 2015 *Valley Echo*. For further information, please contact Kathleen Hollenbeck, our Alumnae Liaison, at 301.447.5075.

REUNION 2014 PHOTO GALLERY

Helene Dragon Zaepfel '49 and her family celebrate her 65th reunion »

« The '74 beanies are modeled by Barb Callan Bogia (left) and Mary Ellen Kirchner Pleumer (right) as Mary Ann McWhorter Riley enjoys the memories with them

« Helene Dragon Zaepfel '49 represents her class in the procession

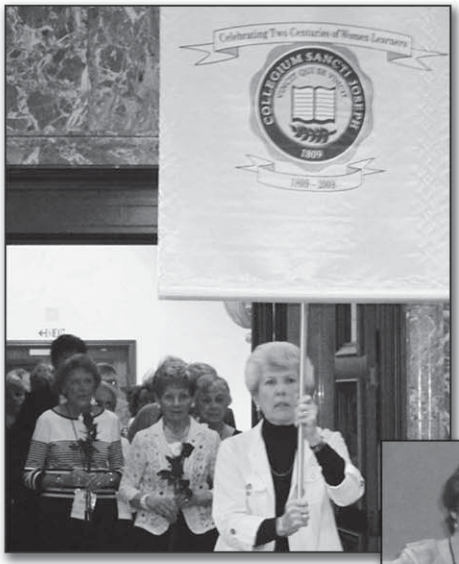
Members of the Class of '64 share a laugh in the lobby. »

« Karen Mattsheck '72 accepts a contribution of $7,750 for the SJCAA Scholarship Fund from Chrystie Damico Goles '64 as part of the Golden Class Gift contribution. The Class also presented $11,450 to the Seton Outreach Center for their work in the Emmitsburg Community.

« Class of '69 celebrate their 45th Reunion

Reunion 2014 Photo Gallery

» Msgr. Stuart Swetland, celebrant, listens as Karen Mattsheck '72 reads names of deceased Alumnae and Chrystie Damico Goles '64 lights memorial candles



« Committee members remember their fun with a selfie

» Claire Maurer '64 leads the Procession of Classes for the Alumnae Mass at the Basilica

» Members of the Class of '69 at their class dinner

» Class of '74 celebrate their 40th Reunion

» Class of '59 celebrate their 55th Reunion

« The nurses from the Class of '64 gather together

Reunion 2014 Photo Gallery

Sr. Marian Hamwey '59 and Mary Lou Dingle Castellano '59

P.J. Heaven Reilly '69 and Jean Givens Denney '69

Class of '54 celebrate their 60th Reunion

Marian Weld Oviedo '64, Christine Carey Haines '64 and Margaret Weld Whelan '64 enjoying the Alumnae Banquet

Romaine Smith Burelbach '54 accepts the Class of '52 Award for the greatest number of family and guests attending from Maryann Lesso '70

Claire Maurer '64 and Chrystie Damico Goles '64 with the Hassell Vase presented to the class with the highest percentage of current alumnae attending reunion

Irene Powell accepts a gift of appreciation from Maureen McPartland Smith '65 for the support of the SJC Alumnae by the Powells and Mount St. Mary's University

Class of '64 celebrate their 50th Reunion

Reunion 2014 Photo Gallery

« Kathy Kerns Raubens ‘74 and Jane Davis Gallagher ‘74

» Mary Ellen Kirchner Pleumer ‘74 and Barb Callan Bogia ‘74

» Maureen Sommar Milde ‘74, Becky Rutherford Dacey ‘74, Patti Touhey Bargnes ’74 at the Alumnae Banquet

» Members of the Class of ’54 shoulder to shoulder

» Anne McAllister LaBoon ’64 and Chrystie Damico Goles‘64

» Chrystie Damico Goles ’64 accepts the Sr. Mary Ellen Kelley award for the greatest number of alumnae attending reunion from Maryann Lesso ’70, Reunion Chair.

» Joanne Tierney Bleimeyer ‘54 and Mary Louise Williams Thompson ’54

» Irene Powell welcomes SJCiennes and their guests to the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes Visitor Center

Class News

Editors' Note:
During the summer, we received a note from the Class of 1947 Agent **Sr. De Chantal (Mary Fran) La Row**, who says: "I cannot be the Class Agent and provide class news for the fall 2014 issue of The *Valley Echo* because I was seriously ill and hospitalized. I am now recuperating at our retirement home at St. Louise House in Albany, NY, and receiving physical therapy to regain my strength. I hope that by next year I will be able to resume my functions as Class Agent. However, if anyone else is willing to do so, I would be most grateful."

Please keep Sister in your prayers. She would be happy to hear from you at: St. Louise House, 96 Menands Road, Albany, NY 12204.

We regret being unable to find a substitute agent to provide news for this issue of the magazine. For now, please submit all class information to the SJC Alumae Office. Thank you for understanding.

1944

Marion Anderson Russo has moved into a delightful senior living facility in Suffolk, VA. According to a message received in the SJC Alumnae Office from her son-in-law Robert Linder, "she enjoys several friends, occasional activities and her favorite TV channel, EWTN." She keeps fit by walking to the dining room once a day and loves receiving mail from friends and family. Her new address is: Helen Marion Russo, Room 202, Kindred Nansemond Pointe, 200 W. Constance Road, Suffolk, VA 23434.

1948

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Dear Classmates, I went to Ireland for the first time in May and enjoyed a wonderful two weeks, returning home to hear the sad news of the death of **Sr. Mary Jean Horne, D.C.** Please pray to her--she's busy entertaining the angels.

Between jet lag and laryngitis I tried to contact those of you for whom I have phone numbers. I spoke with **Irene Garrett Anderson, Theresa Dougherty Black, Jeanne Burroughs Conlon, Cele Doyle, Pat Hultberg Hyde, Ming Kenner O'Grady, Joan Dodd Pool and Marion Schueler Werner.** By the time this goes to press, hopefully I will have contacted all of you.

Irene has planned a trip to the Holy Land, in addition to her trips to Mexico. Theresa, our world traveler, will be off somewhere. Marion has a family reunion in Maine, and Jeanne just had one last summer. The rest of us are enjoying life in our own good style.

Pat says "Can you believe it has been 70 years since we entered SJC? Many thanks to the sisters and all my classmates for enriching my life in so many ways. I'm very grateful for those precious years and all the years since." My sentiments exactly! Until next time, your class agent~**Mary Cloonan Houle**

1949

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It is with heavy heart that I report that **Regina Bienlein Stein** died on March 30, 2014 after a brief illness. It was Reunion 2014 weekend and she planned to attend with her husband Dick. She and I were going to represent the Class of 1949 in the procession of classes at Mass in the Seton basilica. Dick told me that Regina was so concerned about not being able to attend Reunion that she waited until the last minute to cancel their reservations. She was hospitalized with a heart condition about a week before she passed away. She was a very special woman to her family and many friends, and she will not soon be forgotten.

In addition, I recently learned that **Emily Farmer Reames** died on Dec. 23, 2013 after a long illness. "Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of our faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen!"

I had the privilege of representing all of you at our 65th Reunion, and the Class of 1949 had the distinction of being the "oldest" graduating class there. It was an exciting occasion, and I was accompanied by four members of my family, including a son who graduated from Mount St. Mary's in 1985. We are a smaller class in the year 2014, but we are still "All Together" in mind and heart. May God bless the Class of 1949!

Jocelyn Gates McGlynn wrote that it takes a little longer now to get from point A to B, but she is still trying. She enjoys Beach Haven, NJ, but doesn't attempt to navigate the sand anymore. She enjoys the change and has lots of company. Jocelyn stays in touch with **Sheila Ward McPeak** and said that Sheila was going to spend the summer at her place in Longport, NJ. **Cecile Begnoche Kelly** thought about attending Reunion, but her husband Bill was recovering from cancer surgery. The latest report on Bill is very encouraging, and they have both resumed their normal routines.

Nell Voltaire Davidson told me that she is still trying to get organized and downsize, but she is doing very well. The weather is very hot in Orlando, so she heads for the library to get the latest detective stories and stays indoors where it is cool. **Sr. Helen (Jo) Sigrist, RSM,** says that her health requires her to rest quite a bit, but she is OK. She has to walk the long hallways of the Villa for exercise . . . doctor's orders . . . with a walker. She moved to the nursing unit, where she will get more rest.

Rose Bravo has some health issues, but she feels that the Lord, in His mercy, has always blessed her with wonderful health throughout her life and she is grateful. She is hanging on, as we all are, and keeps up most of her normal activities, but at a slower pace.

Doris Roach Jakob reports that she fell on ice during this past dreadfully cold winter and aggravated an existing stenosis condition in her back. And the same thing happened to Fred. However, they both recovered sufficiently to be able to attend a couple of graduations of grandchildren in May and June. They hope to eventually be able to get back on their boat, but with some help from the family. **Mary Catherine Whelan Justice** is doing very well now that she has recovered from that serious illness that almost took her life. She has resumed most of her activities and enjoys visits with her daughter and son who live nearby.

Ruth Wyatt Sweeney says she feels her age at times, but is not deterred from staying busy. She attends daily Mass, looks after a couple of children on Saturdays, and is planning to take one of her sons to Rome. And another son is planning to accompany them. **Rita Fenwick Gough,** who lost her husband Jack last year, is staying busy with household projects, such as remodeling her kitchen, with Regina's son, Andy, at the helm. She said she enjoys the company of several of her grandchildren as they come and stay with her from time to time, so she is rarely alone. **Mary B. Wittmer Walsh** told me about the 87th birthday party that her daughter hosted for her, and the great turnout by her family and friends, who came from near and far. She said there were more than 50 in attendance. Maribee said she has some arthritis, but it's not anything she can't handle.

Mary E. (Betsy) Shlesinger Miller is an avid bridge player and said that she enjoys going to the community center and playing bridge with different groups of people. She said it is an opportunity to stay connected and meet a lot of nice people. **Jean Barry Curran** is enjoying life and was looking forward to traveling to Oregon to visit her daughter for a couple of weeks this summer. A grandson just returned safely from Afghanistan, for which she is very thankful. Her granddaughter who attends American University will be studying in India during her junior year.

On a sad note, I don't have any information about **Lucy McLaughlin Goedicke.** She suffered a stroke in 2012 and was in rehab at Good Samaritan Center in Baltimore. I haven't received an update on her progress. Our prayers remain with her.

Congratulations to **Alice McLaughlin Goetz** and William O'Neill (MSM '49), who married on New Year's Eve 2012 in the Cathedral of St. Peter in Wilmington, DE. Alice says that she and Bill dated in college, after which they went their separate ways. They each married, raised families and, after many years, lost their respective spouses. Sixty years later, a note from Bill, who had read that Alice received an MSMU Bicentennial Medal for her work on behalf of the SJCAA, her diocese and community, rekindled their friendship. They corresponded, began dating, fell in love, and are now enjoying life to the fullest in their golden years!

I close during this month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus with the following prayer: "Sacred Heart of Jesus, increase my desire to pray, to work and to please Thee in everything."~**St. Margaret Mary**

1950 *65th Reunion in 2015*

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Lockie and I continue as Class Agents and welcome **Harriet White Heffernan** as unofficial chief correspondent. Hat retired from journalism last October despite wanting to work until age 90. She has become our #1 unofficial news source.

Harriet wrote about the beautiful 85th birthday party given **Antoinette Marie Savino** (Toni) by her family on March 31 at a Glen Cove, NY restaurant. Toni's brother Peter, sister Betty, two nephews and niece Nancy spoke of their loving regard for her devotion to her siblings, her seven nieces and nephews, and her 27 great nieces and nephews. Harriet and **Sr. Mary George Barlow, D.C. (Maddie)** happily joined the family and 15 devoted friends at the party.

Called Ann by family and friends, Toni was honored on her retirement some years ago when the faculty room at the Bayville School where she taught was named "The Ann Savino Faculty Room." A few weeks after her party, Toni had surgery to repair a heart valve. Doing well in rehab and recovery, she looks forward to summer. Toni spoke about God's plan for her life to be free to care for all of her family and blessed the rewards, graces and satisfaction received because of them. Her eloquent tribute to her vocation moves us deeply.

Our dear Maddie and her vocation received a tribute, especially from younger guests at the party. "A real nun …" they marveled. They marveled too, that Toni, Harriet and Maddie have been friends for 68 years and have kept in touch with classmates for the same duration.

Toni's beautiful tribute to her vocation brought to mind **Patricia Smith Kerwin McArdle's** inspiring vocation with two families. In a typically effervescent e-mail Pat wrote "Thank God for my health!" She updated us on her busy life with her large family. In Chicago in early spring, she saw her grandson perform a lead role in his senior musical, and several weeks later she went to D.C. for a wedding shower for granddaughter Alexandra (Lexi) Kerwin. Lexi will marry Patrick O'Brien in August in the chapel at Georgetown University, where they attended college. Then Pat went on to University of North Carolina, where a grandson was the ninth in the family to graduate from college. In addition, four grands are in college, three chose not to go to college, a grandson is in middle school, and another is graduating from high school, along with Pat's youngest granddaughter who graduated from high school in June. I'll ask Kitty to check my arithmetic and see if Pat has a total of 19 grandchildren.

Lockie talked with **Elizabeth Farr Wood** and learned that she had surgery this past winter for recurring back problems. Betty is so happy and grateful that her daughter Merv and family live nearby. Betty and Lockie agreed to try to make it to our upcoming 65th Reunion next year.

Meanwhile, Lockie reached **Eleanor Lois Smith Weiss** in assisted living at Holy Cross Village, Schubert Villa, PO Box 706, Notre Dame IN 46556. Phone: 574.351.3666. Lois asks prayers for Francis, whom she visits daily in the skilled nursing facility.

Lockie called **Mary Jane McAuliffe** and read her an early report of Toni's party. I called Mary Jane on our graduation anniversary, a date she faithfully celebrated for 64 years! She continues to enjoy the performing arts so easy to access in the Palm Beach area. Getting to Miami for a performance of Carmina Burana was another story but a great treat.

Between phone calls and e-mails, Lockie happily reported a two-week Caribbean cruise she and Cass took with two of their daughters. They found St. Lucia "gorgeous" and Domenica "very poor." Their biggest daily decision was scheduling dinner.

Harriet visited SJC in February, accompanying son Patrick on a business trip. Not allowed access to our former campus, she visited Seton Shrine and the Mount. Harriet loved seeing the plaque placed at the Mount in honor of John by their family. In awe of MSMU, Harriet called it "…truly impressive, modern and alive." Harriet traveled again in May, going to Ann Arbor for granddaughter Cordi's graduation from U. Michigan. Later in May she was present when granddaughter Faith made her First Communion. Meanwhile, granddaughter Hope was planning travel to Uganda with a Cornell group. Grandson David, a Siena graduate, hiked the Pacific Trail. Hat's children Cathy and Cara in nearby Glen Cove hold her in loving care!

Katharine Joyce Kelly had knee surgery in November and was anticipating having a cardioversion in the spring. The effect of her heart's being out of rhythm is that she feels very tired. Kitty says her mother always said she was born tired and never got rested. "So you can see how very difficult it is for me to see when my heart is out of rhythm." Her sense of humor does not get out of rhythm. Only temporarily slowed down, Kitty continues researching family history, participating in her parish's Coffee and Theology group and managing her Covenant community's library. The theology group has been reading *On Heaven and Earth* by Jorge Bergoglio, now Pope Francis, and Rabbi Abraham Skorka of Argentina dialoguing on God, religion, prayer, guilt and related issues. Kitty has given up volunteering at the Field Institute in Chicago, saying the traffic gets heavier and heavier and ground transportation is too involved. She says she'll find volunteer work elsewhere. Kitty's grands thrive, Sean as a high school sophomore and Samantha an 8th grader. Granddaughter Katie is a senior at Vassar. Having spent a junior semester in Osaka, Japan last year, she's returning there on a grant this summer for language studies. Kitty's grandson Michael just graduated Earlham College in Indiana, where he developed a customized computer program for students. The Kellys will enjoy what may be their final family reunion together in Michigan this summer. Kitty notes that it's harder and harder to plan dates as the children grow up and move through school.

Margaret Patton Dalton writes faithfully of her gratitude for prayers of support for her grandson, now about ten, and for her son-in-law, maintaining well after surgery two years ago for a malignant brain tumor. Peg is working on her arthritis problem with a therapist who graduated from MSMU. She turned 84 in February. Peg invites all of us to make her Springfield, VA home our base for attending our 65th reunion next year! She plans to go and asked if someone might update our class list. Lockie is working on an update and I've been working spasmodically to update the list Kitty compiled in 2010.

Reaching **Betty Anne Gorman Bond** was a treat. Sounding exactly like Betty Anne of 64 years ago she said that she, Ralph and their daughter Jane are fine. Jane helps Betty Anne with the cooking and a housekeeper does the rest. Leg injuries a few years ago required Betty Anne to wear a permanent brace on one leg and to use a walker; she mounts stairs with the help of a cane and the banister.

Marydenise Sullivan White (Denny) and I compared notes on our handy hurrycanes. Denny celebrated her 87th birthday feeling fine and looking forward to a big family reunion, which she and her Ohio sister are planning this summer. Over a two-week period their children and grands will come and go to a large cottage they've rented in Marshfield.

Locating **Gloria Kelbaugh Trainor** delighted us because mixed signals prevented tracing her last year. Gloria is at Wellspring, 507 High Acre Dr., Westminster, MD 21157. Wellspring is part of the care facility where Gloria settled in 2011 after a major stroke. Stroke effects are evident, but once on track we had a grand visit. Gloria said, "Wouldn't it be great if we could all get together again!" Amen! Yes, it would!

Regina (Jean) Mullen Hill counted 17 deer in her backyard in southwestern Virginia one day. No wonder she loves her home on a mountainside lake! She declines to move, even though she had a long bout of pneumonia during the winter. Son Tom lives 45 minutes away; another son and daughter and Jean's granddaughter live in New Jersey. Jean reads voraciously and plays bridge and mahjong with friends every evening.

Virginia Schneider Kenney is happy to return as a volunteer docent to Mt. Clare and Evergreen in Baltimore, after being sidelined by pseudo gout for some time. Family members took turns caring for her at home while she was on a long regimen of prednisone. Thankful to be recovering, Ginny enjoyed meeting Pat Smith McArdle for lunch in Catonsville, MD one day in the spring.

Anne Prendergast Gibbs was glad when the long, dark, harsh winter ended in Maryland. She signed up at the senior center for Music of Broadway and for line dancing, (which I keep meaning to do. I loved line dancing years ago and want to try again with my cane.) In her condo building Penny enjoys a book club and a lunch group once a week. She planned a trip to visit cousins in Thurmont in the spring. Highlight of the year was her 29 year-old grandson's wedding in Rehoboth, DE in May. The family rented a lovely beachside cottage for a long weekend when Penny, her three daughters, their husbands and Anne's son enjoyed a happy reunion. Penny echoes Harriet in saying, "Thank God for my children!"

Invited to share news, **Elizabeth McAllister** said she had no news for print. "I am well and life is good," she e-mailed. Hers is the last word here, very good news to print!

Lockie reminds all of us to pay our Alumnae Association dues. The organization is struggling to maintain *The Valley Echo*. Publication of class news is limited to 1600 words and no photos are being included except for those of Reunion.

For our board members, responsibility surely weighs heavily. We must think of them and pray for them and thank them for their devotion to SJC!

With love to all, **Lockie and Kel**

1951

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Unfortunately I must begin with some sad news. I received a letter from **Betty Byrne Parlett**'s daughter telling me of her mother's passing on March 24. Betty fell in mid-March and fractured her pelvis. She went into kidney failure and never left the hospital. She was buried in Florida with Hank. Her daughter mentioned that Betty enjoyed seeing some of her classmates in Florida when she lived there.

Elinor Ciccarelli Sciarillo called to say that she enjoys getting mail from us. All is fine with her and Joe and her family. They are married 62 years and have four boys and one girl, five granddaughters and three great-grandchildren. All live locally. She says she is still short and blond, plays nine holes of golf, despite stenosis, and lots of Kitchen Bridge.

In December, I received a note from **Barbara McCrystle Miekle**. She had a very successful hip replacement in March 2013. Her COPD kicked in but she has conquered that. She spent four months last summer in Michigan, mainly to attend a granddaughter's college graduation and her white coat ceremony as she entered the University of Detroit Dental School.

Myrtle Sullivan Phelps wrote that she and Bob keep busy doing things they enjoy, although it takes them longer to do them. We can identify with that. They welcomed their 15th grandchild last year and a new grandson-in-law, husband of their granddaughter Andrea, in Columbus.

A note from **Joanne Downey McManus** had news of **Ruth Murphy Roche**'s daughter Cathy. Joanne is doing well and keeps in touch with **Margie Feeney O'Brien**.

A thank you note came from **Margie Wolski Karwacki** for the Mass we sent when her husband passed away. She has moved to the Oakcrest retirement community. Her address: 8800 Walther Blvd, Apt. 1520, Parkville, MD 21234. She says it is quite an adjustment for her, but she is doing her best.

I had a Christmas card from **Judy Vilanova**, who has moved back to Puerto Rico. Her address: Cornell 212, University Gardens, San Juan, PR 00927. She says she has very bad arthritis and the climate there is much better for her. She added that I have been spelling her name incorrectly. It only has one "l". I guess the fact that I lived in Villanova, PA for 35 years is my excuse. But the interesting thing is that it is spelled that way because it is not a Spanish name, it is Catalonian.

I had my usual wonderful two months in Naples. I didn't see much of **Veetsie Frick Ryan** and **Mary Carr Shea**, as they were busy with husbands who need care. But **Nancy Johnson Koerwer** and I got together for lunch several times.

Kitty Lee Kemp spoke with **Sr. Mary Raphael (Myriam Collazo)** and all is fine with her. Kitty called **Carmel Meehan Tekdogan** on her birthday, May 5,, but Carmel had nothing to report. No news is good news!

We didn't have the current telephone number for **Carolyn Eckenrode Sandherr**, but Kitty tracked her down. Please note her new number: 717.432.3070.

Kitty plans to move to a nearby retirement community in 2015. She says her eye problem will eventually affect her driving locally, but she is not going to let that stop her from going to Reunion in 2016.

Margie called **Beverly Isaac Turbeville**, but couldn't reach her. She talked to **Marie Cleary Kleber,** who said everything is pretty much the same – she and Frank are busy with daily activities. Margie and Ed were looking forward to the Fourth of July, when son Tom and his wife Lisa were coming east and the family would be together in Westhampton. Son Ed and daughter Margaret are taking a trip to Rome this summer.

She did have a nice chat with **Anita Nevy Karwacki**. She and Tom were heading for Bonita Springs, FL, and then going to Orlando to meet her daughter and family. She told Margie she has a grandson getting married next February, a grandson in dental school, and a granddaughter at Ave Maria Law School.

My letter to **Joan Umstetter Mathis** in Florida came back, so I sent it to her second address in New Jersey. That was also returned, so if anyone has any information about her and/or her family, please contact me. We're also looking for news of **Kitty Kelly Fitzpatrick**. Our letters are not returned, but I can't get an answer at the telephone number we have for her.

Another letter was returned, which led me to some sleuthing. **Rosemary Powers Booker** is no longer at Wynwood Niskayuna. Her new address: Capital Living and Rehab Center, Oak Unit Room 312A, 125 Altamont Avenue, Schenectady, NY 12303. Her telephone number: 518.630.5849. I talked with her and she sounds great, although heart problems forced her to move to her current residence. She sold her home, but still sees her SJC friends, Bill and **Mary Liz Leitch** and Bill and **Mary Jane Beaulieu.**

Cathy Pratson, Ruth Roche's daughter, helped me locate Rosemary. She also wrote a lovely letter thanking us for the memorial brick donation we made in her mother's name. Cathy has a son in Afghanistan, a son at St. Mary's College in southern Maryland, where Cathy works in HR, and a son in high school. The family donates in their mother's name to St. Jude School each year and they still go to Maine in August. They sold Ruth's home after a year of sorting through everything.

My final message is from **Mary Carr Shea**, who wants you all to know that she and Wally are married 62 years, have six children and 15 grandchildren. They live in Naples, FL, but rent a cottage in Bethany Beach, DE in the summer. Three of their children live in Florida and three are in the DC area. They are both physically well, but Wally has dementia.

A reminder: send in your dues and keep 2016 in mind -- when we celebrate our 65th Reunion. It is only two years away!

1952

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Had an Easter greeting from **Dolores Liske Dixon** saying Rollie is doing well since he had an arterial valve replaced. **Lois Hasenauer Treacy** and Bob have settled into their house near daughter Martha and Russ. They are enjoying vegetables from their garden and eggs from their chickens. They do water aerobics two times a week and are pretty well and happy. They are going to their family reunion--with probably 80 family members coming. **Ann Doyle O'Neill** is involved with her grandchildren--two in college, two going next year, and Ryan in high school. When I talked to her, she was on her way to graduation. Ann spends a few weeks in Florida in February, and when she's home, plays a lot of bridge and enjoys life.

Claire Nelson Dale is also involved with visiting her sisters and attending grandchildren's graduations. She co-chairs the Justice and Outreach Commission at church, doing a lot of legislative advocacy on immigration reform, hunger issues and education. **Suzi Bousquet Milligan** and Ed are OK. She had a bout with breast cancer, but with radiation, should be fine.
Peppie Smith Roohan now has two great grandchildren, and she sees lots of sports with her grandchildren and really loves it.

Mickey O'Donnell Taylor and Bill are OK. They went to their son Tom's in South Carolina for Christmas. Bill was going to Normandy and some other European spots with one of their sons. Mickey lost her sister Margarita this year. Had a note from **Sr. Maria Cincottal**. She talked about holidays at the home of her brother and sister-in-law, where there are at least 25 people attending. Maria's "little brother" Sam recently adopted two girls. **Alice McGrath Conway** and Dave keep very busy with family.

Chirp Marshall McPartland is still very involved with the garden club. She says most of her friends are only in their 60's or 70's, so they help keep her young. One of her granddaughters took her oath as a lawyer in Annapolis, MD. and another is a mechanical engineer working for BMW. Chirp says the key to staying young is to stay active--she has so much work to do she has to stay well to do it. According to an e-mail, **Ellen Glynn Kenkel** is good, but no one has any specific news about her. Jean and **Joan Hanlon** stay well and have been doing some traveling together. **Loretta Teller Tiers**' husband Whartie recently had serious surgery and he's slowly recovering.

I am sure everyone knows that **Rose Doran Brown** died. Her husband Harry now lives in New England near his daughter. Spoke to **Betty Wellner** and she's A-OK, and planned on playing golf this summer. She's very involved with her children, helping out in many ways. Her son Bob and his wife live next door to her and are very involved in their careers--he's an anesthesiologist and his wife is a nurse. Betty's two grandchildren in Philadelphia excel in school and her grandson in Bethlehem is going to community college. **Barbara Echols Williams** and Carroll stay well. **Dottie Green Mullen** and Paul stay well--travel to see their family and still volunteer and do a lot of reading.

Heard from **Mitzi Evans Kilduff**. Bill had been doctoring for a few months. They are still in their home and have four great grandchildren. Had a note from **Beverly Barker Ament**'s daughter saying Beverly had a stroke in February and was recently hospitalized again. She could use your cards and prayers.

Our family is all well. Our second great grandson just had his first birthday. We have two grandsons in college, and our granddaughter will be a junior in high school. Dom and I have had a difficult last six weeks. He's been in the hospital twice and is now in rehab for the second time. Thank you for your birthday cards--I had a very quiet 84th. Please keep us in your prayers. ~ As ever, **Dee**

1953

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Perhaps you noticed that the notation "for **Elinor Starr**" did not appear in the contact information, above. So, very sadly, Elinor passed away Sept. 11, 2013 at the Nazareth Home in Louisville, KY. I can't begin to count the many years she was our class secretary. She wrote and produced our Golden *Allegra* in 2003 and was always a joy to know. Her obituary appeared in the Nelson County *Gazette*. After graduation, she took the position of Director of Public Relations at Nazareth College, now Spalding University, and served there in several other capacities for 25 years. An annual award, named in her honor, is bestowed by the Kentucky Association of Student Financial Aid Officers. Ah, Elinor, to say that you will be missed by your colleagues, and most especially by your 1953 classmates, is a gross understatement.

I was not receiving too much class news of late, but once again thanks to **Joan Billerbeck**, I was given updates on many "old stalwarts." Joan informs me that **Sue Kaiser Crock**, who is her neighbor at Leisure World, is slowly recovering from several surgeries and requests prayers. Sue's medical situation began with simple shoulder surgery early this year; there were complications, but she assures us that she is on the way to recovery and is looking forward to her youngest granddaughter's graduation from eighth grade.

Joan Billerbeck herself is scheduled for back surgery in June, but is optimistic about the results. She continues to be active in many local clubs. She mentors and finds humor in teaching and helping the inexperienced users at the Leisure World computer club. She also still enjoys delivering Meals-on-Wheels because the recipients are so appreciative. Include Joan in your prayers because I can't have her out of commission too long!

Sr. Annie B, despite now being bedridden, recently traveled the two hours to Bristow, VA to visit her younger sister, **Sr. Mary Ellen**, who is not well. Joan tells me that Anne still has her great smile, along with her cheerful disposition. Looks like she continues to "knock 'em out of the park," just like her Baltimore Orioles! She certainly is a wonderful role model for us all.

After hearing from Joan, I discovered that we had all survived what was not the best winter weather. Of course, **Geri Cellura Becker**, who lives in Florida, cannot be included in that survey. Geri will be enjoying Maine at the end of June with friends in Booth Bay Harbor. Nothing is better than avoiding the summer heat down south.

Thelma Redding Wickrowski reports that she and Dick are in generally good shape. Thelma will have cataract surgery in June, as well as a surgical procedure on an old spinal cyst. Nonetheless their days are brightened by two granddaughters, for whom they care during the week. You can't help but feel a little younger when you have the little ones around.

Mary Ann Muldowney Greene's granddaughter graduated from the Mount and married a Mount graduate in June at beautiful St. John's Church in Frederick. Ah, the "tradition" continues. Mary Ann feels very blessed that her three daughters live nearby and she is able to see them often.

Liz McCollough Lodato has a busy family life with her children, who visit her and husband Joe from Arkansas, Texas and Maine. Her son Mike, who sets up boat shows, visited from Maine and asked that she cook any seafood but lobster; he gets enough of that in Maine. Liz, I can't imagine ever having enough lobster!

I finally heard from **Karla Nelson Kelley**. The news of southern California wildfires was increasingly concerning, and they appeared to be very close to where she and Joe live. Her e-mail reassured me that all was well, and they were lucky to not be too closely involved.

As for myself, I am still trying to stay out of trouble by working at General Electric in Fairfield, CT. Like many of you, my family, grandchildren and close friends keep me involved and active. Once again, my thanks to Joan Billerbeck for keeping in touch and providing me with so much class news for *The Valley Echo*. Also, to those of you who despite everything have supported our class and our Alma Mater. God bless each and all. ~ Yours, **Louie**

1954

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Sixty years and still kickin'! That describes the happy Allegra gals who gathered at the Wyndham Hotel in Gettysburg for our 2014 Reunion. The years melted away as we greeted and hugged each other as if it were only yesterday. Six of us made it, and along with our spouses and other family members, our numbers percentage-wise were enough for the class of 1954 to capture the Class of 1952 Award, also known as the Husbands' Cup.

Along with my husband Jim and me, **Joanne Tierney Bleimeyer, Roselyn McCarthy Borrosso** and her three gorgeous 6-ft. daughters, **Mary Louise Rippey Egan** and her daughter Cara and son Ed, Jr. and friend, **Mary McIntyre Gray** and Bill, and **Mary Louise Williams Thompson**, our group formed an intimate little clutch in the hotel lobby, where we exchanged news about ourselves and recalled our absent members. "Rip's" daughter Cara made several posters with the names of those missing, which we held up for pictures, just so you know you were not forgotten. Jo and Mary Lou Williams were our class rose bearers during the procession into the Basilica at Saturday's Alumnae Memorial Mass. .

I'm sure most of you know by now that **Claire Kirchner Lawless**' husband Jack died April 15. Before his downturn, Claire was planning to attend reunion with **Nancy Black Connor**. Claire was so gracious and thoughtful amid her grief and funeral preparations to send me copies of the program and descriptions of the service. Bill and Mary Gray, Mary Louise Egan and Ray and Nancy Connor were at either or both the wake and funeral. Claire has such a loving, attentive family, who hardly leave her alone, she says. Two weekends in May she went to two daughters' vacation homes, one at Lake Anna near Richmond, and the other in Cambridge, MD, on the other side of Chesapeake Bay. Those weekends were sandwiched around a granddaughter's graduation from Virginia Tech, a four-day affair that wore her out!

Mary Louise Egan is now living permanently with her daughter Maureen in Richmond, according to Claire. The address is: 4690 Arrowhead Road, Richmond VA 23235, 804.560.4815, which is her daughter's cell. Claire's daughter and Mary Louise's are good friends.

Claire talked to **Peggy Immer Rafferty**, who mentioned that she keeps in touch with **Joanne Gates Popoff** whose latest address I have is: 176 Circle NE, #2305, Redmond WA 98052, 425.836.4294. Jo enjoyed the pictures I sent and generously said we all looked the same! Peggy surprised me with the call from Rockville, MD. She does not have e-mail, so I told her to pay her dues so she gets *The Valley Echo* and "all the news that's fit to print," as the NYT once said.

Juanita Maguire Tryon in Wickenburg AZ, is forever busy with her visiting family. In March, the last of four of their six left after seven weeks, and Juanita says they are all still speaking to each other! Juanita has lost track of **Betty Hoff Galvin**, who was in her wedding, along with her twin Peggy and Genie. But she'll keep hunting, she says. Juanita is still playing golf and bridge, is on the board of Friends of Music, and flies with Dennis. Horseback riding is long gone, but she is still mobile and can drive. I wonder how her eyesight is - she did not easily recognize anyone in the photo I sent! They have children in Maine, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Toronto, so the revolving door works both ways.

Pat McGrath Jones in Coronado, CA, almost went to reunion, but the difficulty in getting convenient transportation from the airport to Gettysburg gave her second thoughts. However, Pat will be going to Arlington National Cemetery in August, when the remains of her husband Ed, who died in August 2013, will finally be laid to rest. As I write this, I am looking foward to seeing Pat, along with my sister Jackie '57 and another SJCienne **Carol Knauer Pastor**, when we go to San Diego at the end of June for a family wedding. Pat says she sometimes hears from **Edna Ruiz Perez** when she is out there visiting her daughter. Would that she would be there in June!

A brief note from **Norma (Jean) Wootton Murphy** says she will get in touch later; she is having some health issues right now. Sitting at the computer is not good for her back. A note from **Sr. Cathy Fitzgerald** expressed regret that she could not be at Reunion. Similarly, **Marie-Paule Melroy Munkacsy** says she deliberated long and hard before deciding not to make the trip from Ship Bottom, NJ. Marie says to tell everyone hello.

Marguerite Bourdeau Byrne and Barney marked their 20th May in Virginia. I wonder if she still considers herself a Damn Yankee! They are holding their own with a home health aide for Barney. Their son Arthur looks in now and then, and their daughter Betty is nearby. Marguerite is reading a little book Barney gave her for her birthday, 1000 Unforgettable Senior Moments, of which she could remember only 246. I will try to get that book too, if I can remember! Marguerite occasionally chats with Honey, who lives nearby.

Pat Brady Hines recently received a group e-mail from Anne-Marie Niklaus, **Mary Norton Niklaus**' daughter, who said her mother had been in and out of the hospital this year, a slow recovery from a broken hip. Mary had hoped to make it to Reunion, but alas, it was not to be. I hope to hear from Mary eventually.

Pat's active life at St. Leonard's Home in Centerville, OH sounds like anything but retirement home living. Among her "jobs" is that of escorting someone in assisted living to and from the doctor. She says there are a zillion choices of things to do there, or the choice to do nothing. When raspberry season arrives in Spokane, Pat hopes to get out there. Meanwhile, she stews up rhubarb from the grocery store and looks forward to her family reunion in Georgia.

Mary McIntyre Gray and Bill are frequent road warriors. They were attending their eldest grandchild's graduation from high school in Connecticut, and returning in time to travel to Cabo San Lucas in Baja, CA, to be with their daughter Caroline and family. In October, they will take a Danube River Cruise. As Mary says, we'd better do those things before we get "old."

Anne Chamberlain Tibiletti wrote in March that she had talked to **Honey (Marian) Christe Calcagni**, who was planning to make another trip to Italy with family. Anne just welcomed her first great-grandchild Charlie, who's "pretty cute" she says. Anne has five granddaughters. She's trying to figure out where time went and how we got this old! Still playing bridge, painting and hanging a little wallpaper, Anne says to tell everyone hello. No e-mail, but she does text: 1.903.241.6262.

Finally, I offer you an update from my Little House on the Prairie. With four children, 12 grandchildren, the eldest a college junior, the youngest age three, we have a busy time keeping up with them, traveling to Louisville, CO, Salt Lake City, UT, and LaCrosse, WI. Fortunately, our oldest and their four children live right next door, but not too close -- we can see their house through the trees. The second oldest grandchild just graduated from high school and is going to follow his brother to the University of Iowa. Two of them can drive, and they can use my car if necessary, so I don't have to run out and fetch them if their mother is not available. Soccer, volleyball, piano lessons, and the practices that go with them, keep us all on the move.

As for the rest of our classmates, we are all waiting to hear from you. You'd be surprised at how much you're thought about and talked about when some of us get together. When we gathered in our small group at the Friday night dinner on Reunion weekend, at the breakfast table, the dinner table and in-between, your names came up and we recalled your antics, your humor and just your presence. We remember. Please remember too, our classmates who can use your prayers.

"Where Have All The Flowers Gone?" Not to seed. Among the hundreds who attended Reunion 2014, the class of 1954 made a vibrant, enthusiastic showing. We want to keep the memories alive. As my pad of SJC stationery says, "More than just a memory..."

Editor's note: After this column was received, we learned of the death of **Eugenia Smith Pluenneke** on June 20, 2014, in Wichita, KS. We send our condolences to her husband Harold (Hal), four sons and their spouses, and seven grandchildren. May she rest in peace!

1955 *60th Reunion in 2015*

Catherine Connolly Griffin-Persons has resigned as class agent after several years of service. Thank you, Cathy, for your dedication to keeping your class "all together." If any members of the class of 1955 would like to serve as agents (the job is often shared by two or more women), please notify Kathleen Hollenbeck in the SJC Alumnae Office.

1956

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I have not spoken to you as a group since about a year ago or so. Many of us have had numerous changes in our lives, and it is easy to let things go by the wayside. However, we need to stop and spend time with those who meant so much to us in our younger days, if only in an email or letter.

When we moved to Colorado, and after getting settled, I sent out a class newsletter to let you know that I had moved, and after getting an updated list, I realized that we had the correct address, since no letters were returned. I will check and do that again. In the time since, I have not received much news from the Class of '56.

I did receive a Christmas card last year from **Alhen Ehrensing Green** in Florida, and it was wonderful to hear from her. **Ronnie Merrill Malone** and I see each other sometimes when I go east and more when she comes to Colorado to visit her son and his family. In June, when she and family members were here for Ronnie's grandson's high school graduation in Boulder, we met with Ronnie, daughter Mary and her husband Kevin, father of the graduate, and son Kevin. We had a lovely brunch at a favorite place and talked for hours. It is so great to see Ronnie and family and we look forward to other visits here and on the East Coast.

I frequently receive emails from **Carmita De Armas,** and it is so nice to hear from her. She sends lots of interesting attachments.

We attended the wedding of our eldest grandchild Lindsay on June 21 in Leesburg, VA. We had a marvelous time since our family, now numbering 34, was all able to get together at the same time. The wedding was delightful. We will be back to the East Coast at Christmas and then again for a college graduation next summer. Ronnie, look out, you may have house guests again in May 2015.

Ronnie and I are on-board for our 60th reunion and hope others will join us in 2016. We represented our class at our 55th along with **Nancy Meskill**. I realize it gets increasingly difficult as we age, but I, as well as Ronnie and Nancy, hope we have a bigger turnout for our 60th. We had a wonderful time together and plan to have an even better time with more of you!

1957

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As your new Class Agent, I will try to fill you in on all the news I recently received. **Helen Coyne** said she is living happily in her "continuing care community." **Adelaide Campbell** is based in Florida and loves it, but travels frequently, as her six children live all over the country. **Dee B. Martin** says they are busy and looking forward to having the whole family back on the East Coast. Jeanne Mitchler just returned from an enjoyable trip to Prague.

Dan and **Jeanne Sledz Moore** moved from Elkton, MD back to Delaware. She and **Mary Anne Stalling**s were getting together in late June for the Downton Abbey costume exhibit at the Winterthur Museum in Wilmington, and then heading back to Jeanne's for a few days' visit. **Liz Schreiber**'s family news is sad; they lost her daughter a year ago after a long illness, then Robert was diagnosed with Laryngeal (throat box) cancer. After surgery, he is learning to speak again. We are looking for good news to follow for the next edition.

Jackie and Dick Woelkers spent 16 days in France. Sounded like a great trip. They were heading to California in late June for son Tom's wedding and a family reunion. We are meeting for lunch with Romaine and **Pat McGrath Jones** while they are here. I had a phone message from **Peggy Platt**, but haven't spoken with her yet.

My gang is all well. Just got back from Dallas -- granddaughter's graduation from Southern Methodist University, followed by some quick shopping, then sending her on her way to the Peace Corps. The following week, two others graduated from Coronado High School. Needed a trip to Cabo to celebrate before they go off to college! That is about it for news this time. I do plan to contact each and every one of you in the near future. Stay well.~**Carol**

1958

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This fall, we remember two people who have left our 1958 class circle. **Sr. Elizabeth Bain, S.S.N.D**., died July 21, 2013. Fr. Daniel Bain celebrated her Mass of Christian Burial in Baltimore. On Aug. 20, 2013, Bill Shriver, husband of **Angela Rocks Shriver**, died in Waynesboro, PA. **Carol Holtz** and Bill and **Faith Hawkins Welsh** attended the funeral Mass. Angie and Bill were married for 16 years. Recently, Angie wrote that during this past year "friends have done a wonderful job keeping her busy." Faith, Carol and she have been meeting for lunch in Frederick, MD. In May, they had Cuban food and mango smoothies at "This Is The Place." In April, accompanied by a botanist friend, Angie visited the Rhode Island residence of another friend. With botany books in hand, they found peace and beauty in the woods.

As you know, the Daughters of Charity are consolidating houses and ministries in the Eastern Province. Both **Sr. Claire Edwards** and **Sr. Anne Graham** have been reassigned. After eight years at St. Vincent Medical Center in Bridgeport, CT, Sr. Anne will become assistant to the sister servant at St. Louise House in Albany, NY. Sr. Claire will move from Buffalo to New Orleans. Her new address is Felicity Residence, 1954 Felicity St., New Orleans, LA 70130. She anticipates attending a provincial conference in St. Louis, and visiting the St. Louis Basilica. She noted that Nina Wheeler, sister of **Sr. Madeleine Wheeler**, participated in the cathedral's mosaic artwork.

Bernadette Maucher McKay heard of Sr. Claire's move in a 77th birthday card from Sr. Claire. A Texas resident, Bernie looks forward to visiting Sr. Claire in Louisiana. Having lived 34 years through the Texas summers, Bernie will no doubt share with Sr. Claire how to love, live with or beat the heat.

Texas classmate **Joyce Bissikumer Abelt** might also have advice! She writes that she regularly drives Route #45 from League City to Woodlands, TX to visit her daughter and granddaughter, the latter a budding ballerina and prima donna. Be alert, Virginians; you may hear from Joyce. Her son-in-law anticipates a command at Ft. Belvoir, VA, and Joyce will visit.

Pat and **Terry Allen Westover** moved during the winter. They have a studio apartment in their son's home at 91 Harrow Gate Dr., Cherry Hill, NJ 08003. Recently, she has been investigating facilities and activities in her new community. She misses driving, but has located a swimming pool for exercise and a Starbucks for coffee. Her computer is down; she would love a call or note.

In good health following cancer treatment, **Judy McNally Rea** celebrated with a trip to Lima, Peru, with her daughter Deborah and son-in-law. The trip was special, as she visited with many relatives and friends of her deceased husband Abe. She was wined and dined for ten days in a city she loves. Back home in Lewes, DE, she has returned to her social services with the St. Vincent Society and the Lewes Historical Society.

June Danaher deserves an energy award. Escaping from the cold Maryland winters, she travels to Ocean City in April and takes command of the tennis courts, playing on a daily basis until October and, as she said, "loving every minute." Later this fall, she looks forward to a trip to Ireland and a visit to the "Danaher family" district featured in "The Quiet Man."

Katherine Kofron Collins maintains family connections with Ireland, as her daughter Liz is a graduate student there. One granddaughter Katie visited Kitty between her junior year at Franciscan U in Ohio and a summer job in Ireland. Another granddaughter Jackie crossed the English Channel to work on a French organic farm. After a summer of research in Germany, Kitty's son David Collins, S.J. returns to Georgetown University in Washington, DC.

Bill and **Mary Liz Crenshaw Leitch** enjoy their own piece of Ireland in the U.S. They retreat to their summer home on "Galway Lake" near Saratoga, NY. They enjoy visits from family and guests and the sights and sounds of Saratoga's performing arts and races! In January 2015 they anticipate a trip to Captiva Island, FL, and a visit with their son Bill, who lives on St. Thomas, V.I.

Al and **Marge Meyer Cantanno** are finding there is "much to do with a large family" and they are enjoying it all. They have made trips to the "north country" from their home in Venice, FL, for a First Communion in New Hampshire and a graduation in Long Island. Plans are to spend August in Maine before returning south for the winter.

New Yorkers Al and **Mary Lou Haidle Kime** wintered six weeks in Florida. They returned to their home in the "north country" to mow the lawn and tend their garden until winter sends them south again. They were greeted with great family news: their eldest grandson Michael is engaged and will be married in Maryland in 2015. It's the first wedding in the family in nearly 25 years.

Another classmate has been traveling the East Coast for third-generation events. **Mary Helen Candee Smits** and Jim attended three Confirmations in Maryland and Virginia, and a graduation in Wilmington, NC. A nice surprise for them was that their granddaughter Elisa, who lives in Thurmont, received First Communion in the Seton Basilica in Emmitsburg.

Barbara Watson Frederick writes that during the past year she and Jim have supported Barbara's brother-in-law in caring for her sister Judy, who had several major surgeries. Her sister's recovery continues, thanks to this caregiving team. In May, their grandson Alexander graduated from Chestnut Hill College in Philadelphia. This past summer, they anticipated a Bethany Beach, DE, vacation with granddaughter Megan Rose.

John and Annette **Defina Strauch**, who have 28 grandchildren, attended three more college graduations this year. A significant event for Annette was the Confirmation of the 19th grandchild to receive the sacrament. As to recreational travel, they stay close to home. Instead, their Montana family will visit Maryland. "When all is considered," Annette says, "the Lord continues to bless our family in so many ways."

In the spring, **Dolores Sicilia Fitzgerald** implemented a program of healing and rest for her husband Tom, who suffered and subsequently recovered from a heart attack in March. In July, Doey will again enjoy the annual family "ladies cruise." This trip might be billed: "Bermuda Eleven."

Mary Jane Shaughnessy Beaulieu and Bill no longer travel great distances, but they do enjoy local cultural and sports events and special times with their friends in Schenectady. One such event was Bill's 84th birthday. They particularly enjoy SJC-MSM "connection events." One Sunday in May, they watched the grandson of Liz Phelan Burmaster (SJC '60) and Dick Burmaster (MSM '60) win a tennis tournament. Mary Jane called it "an all together experience."

In 2013-14, Faith and Bill Welsh ventured holiday-by-holiday to points south and west. They found the citizens of Charleston, SC celebrating Halloween with "gusto." A "vampire" served them breakfast and the hotel held a pumpkin-carving contest. On Thanksgiving Day, their son's family prepared a feast in St. Paul, MN; Faith's only chore was "making gravy." Their children's Christmas gift included a stay in New York City at the Waldorf Astoria and tickets to the "Pinstripe Bowl" (Notre Dame vs. Rutgers) at Yankee Stadium. In January, they found warmth in Hilton Head, SC, with daughter Suzanne, and on the white sands of Destin Beach, FL.

Patricia Weber McShea wrote that although the demands of daily medications preclude plane or boat travel, she and Bill plan two weeks in a Bethany Beach, DE oceanfront condo in September. Two patios access the sights and sounds of the ocean. Thus, the reviving "beach music" comes to her as she cannot go into the water. At home, with the help of a cane or light wheelchair, Bunny maintains her walks with Bill, and in the house, chair lifts offer greater mobility. Bunny celebrates that five of their seven grandchildren will be in college this fall.

Steve and **Anne DuVal Quigley** celebrated their 50th anniversary with a party on June 14 with 30 family members who traveled from several states. Steve is the third of ten siblings, and Anne invited Katherine Kofron Collins and **Anne Meyer Feehley**, her workmate and roommate of yore. On another note, Anne adds that when considering her volunteer work, what pleases her most is that she has implemented a parish prayer shawl ministry.

Neil and Anne Meyer Feehley remain in Towson, MD. Anne volunteers three days a week, overseeing Court-Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteers, who supervise and advocate for children in foster care. Anne also directly supervises two adolescent foster children. The Feehleys anticipate a summer

gathering at Lake Anna, VA, with their children's families. Ever interested in American history, Paul and **Patricia Toner Carr** visited the historic home and grounds of Monticello, Thomas Jefferson's estate in Charlottesville, VA. There, they located the gravesite of one of Paul's ancestors, a relative of Jefferson. In August, Pat and Paul planned to celebrate their own history with a big party--Paul's 80th birthday and their 55th anniversary.

Ron and **Carol Lewis Redmond** have traveled several American waterways -- four Great Lakes and parts of several major rivers. Major historical events and sites have highlighted these ventures. Unlike Paul Carr, who traced family to Monticello, Carol Lewis is not related to Jefferson's secretary Meriwether Lewis of Louisiana Expedition fame. She has, however, recently explored his journey to the Pacific Ocean. Of course, it was easier cruising by steamboat than paddling a canoe, and seated on a bus rather than a horse!

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The annual SJCAA Reunion in March 2014, the 55th for our class, brought **Lee Groeinger Schatz** (Don), **Marcella Gibbons Wilding** (Jim), **Joan Mehl Tolle** (Bob), **Sr. Marian Hamwey**, **Pat Horn O'Brien** (John), **Kathy Potter Conway** (Tom), and **Mary Lou Dingle Castellano** (Jim) back to the circle of classmates from 1959, along with some of our spouses.

On Friday evening, we held our class party and dinner. After an enjoyable exchange of information, Sr. Marian gave an in-depth account of her 30 years in the African Congo. Her stories depicted the courage and fortitude that she had in living and dealing with difficult situations, and in performing tasks that we take for granted. In addition, Sister was asked by the Daughters of Charity to transition from teaching to missionary nursing in order to be of better service to the people of the Congo. She is now working in social services in Albany, and has provided a more extensive biography, which I hope to share with you in the future. Pat Horn O'Brien graced us with several selections from her thought-provoking, exemplary book of poetry. One poem, appropriately, pertained to Reunion.

As Class Agent, I got in touch with many of you via e-mail, Christmas cards and telephone. A newsletter I composed from that information was read to the Reunion group. On Saturday, we met for the Book Club's lively discussion of The Light Between Oceans, followed by lunch. In the afternoon/evening, we enjoyed Mass at the Seton Basilica, followed by the lovely SJCAA banquet. We bid our farewells until our next gathering at Marcella's in late fall for our book club discussion of Invention of Wings by Sue Monk Kidd (SecretLife of Bees), which was suggested by **Betty Massey**.

The following information about our classmates is gleaned from the newsletter mentioned above. **Marianne Engle Beesley** enjoys reading the New York Times -- and the companionship of their grandchildren. She is reasonably healthy, but her husband is recovering from numerous surgeries. **Helene Coffey Bowes** reports that she, Joe and their two daughters visited relatives in Ireland, where her parents were born. Before retirement, Helene taught school and owned and managed a bookstore. The Bowes' have six children and six grandchildren, one of whom is in the medical profession.

Mary Jane Scott Foster sadly tells us that Gene was transitioned to long-term care at Oakcrest Village in Baltimore, due to his inability to walk. She lives in their apartment, visits him daily, and keeps busy by volunteering and socializing with friends. **Audrey Carr Shields** is busy with her triplet grandchildren and helping her son, who has been diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis. **Jackie Jewell Hamilton** plans to go to Florida to visit her sister to escape the bitter Maine weather. **Theresa Rybikowsky Rooney**'s family is gone from Emmitsburg. Her grandson is an Oxford scholar; her daughter has a doctorate; and she has 25 grandchildren. She will always be grateful for her scholarship to SJC and the kindness of the sisters. **Ginny Simon Koontz** and husband are doing well and enjoy visits from children and grandchildren. Their eldest daughter has returned from California to live with them.

Barbara Torrence Knowles and **Helen Fitzgibbons Carmody** have been enjoying traveling together to Israel, India, the Panama Canal and Australia. Barbara enjoys life, exercise and some teaching at the U of Missouri. Betty Massey is active and well, and retired from teaching special needs children after 17 years. Her husband was diagnosed with bladder cancer. Their twin daughters are 47; they visit their older daughter in California, and have seven grandchildren.

Kay Stapleton, Frank, her fiancé, and Abigail, her Boston Terrier, are surviving the bitter Michigan winters. They were to travel to Las Vegas for a grandchild event.

Ellen Mahar and **Mary Howell Fritz** attend luncheons and book signings for famous authors in their area of South Carolina. Ellen is involved with "Books for Kids" and a knitting workshop. **Norma Carosi Godwin** was spending much time visiting her husband in the hospital. **Helen Lilly Johnson** travels some and attends local functions. **Betty Meehan**'s husband reports that they have three daughters, a son, and five grandchildren. **Joan Carraher Jansen** wrote that she was taking a Rhine River cruise in April. She has visited Prague in the Czech Republic and viewed the statue of the Infant of Prague, our class saint. Her eldest grandchild, Tommy, graduated from Sacred Heart U last May, and this year, her granddaughter Michelle graduated from the University of Pennsylvania. Two others are still students, one at the University of Scranton, and one at St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia. Joan's health is good and she enjoys taking classes, playing bridge, attending shows and keeping busy.

Kathy Potter Conway reports that she is still working, enjoying life a bit more slowly, and keeping active in Vermont and New York. At Easter time, she and Tom were going to Ireland with several friends. Fortunately, Tom is in good health; Kathy has some days when her rheumatoid arthritis "gives me a pain," but overall, she is fine. Pat Horn O'Brien continues to work as an MSW with a local Visiting Nurse Association, and is involved

in poetry, AAUW, Shoreline League of Democratic Women, meditation groups, book clubs, and a neighborhood Sunshine Club and newsletter. Then there are their kids and grandkids! Joan Mehl Tolle spent a weekend in Lancaster, PA, attending the Amish mud sale, a fund-raiser for the Amish to support their fire department, and really an excuse for Joan to get together with family.

Joan Ahern Lemp reports that all is well in Lake Wales, FL, as well as in Rhode Island. Two of their three children live in Rhode Island and another in West Hartford, CT. She is involved in much volunteer work. Michael may retire (for the third time!) in the coming year. They had three grandchildren graduates, one from George Washington University and one from Loyola University, Baltimore, and one from high school in Connecticut. There are also a college freshman and three in elementary and high school in Rhode Island. A granddaughter was married in Rhode Island in June. Life for the Lemps is sweetly moving forward with all its triumphs and trials.

Ann Dodd Dooling says nothing much new in Alton, IL. In December, they attended their brother-in-law's 90th birthday in Dover, DE, and enjoyed seeing the nieces and nephews with their Mary Beth and Annie. John has had two rounds of pneumonia and is not quite back to normal. Ann had a short note from Kay Stapleton at Christmas. **Rosemarie Braun Wirth** reports that they have been doing a lot of traveling. Their New Jersey island is still recovering from hurricane Sandy. They had a nice visit with Bob and Joan Mehl Tolle in the fall. On Christmas Eve they had our traditional lunch with Tom and Kathy Potter Conway and Dick and **Eleanor Barnes O'Connell**. Rosemarie had a few phone calls with Helen Lilly Johnson and **Ginny Simon Koonts**, and keeps in touch with **Mary Howell Fritz** and **Cathy McLoughlin** by e-mail.

Ellie Barnes O'Connell and Dick (MSM '58) have two adult daughters, Christine and Sharon. One is a potter and the other an engineer with FedEx. Ellie is a co-coordinator with the Center for Volunteer Caregiving. Her training as a public health nurse has been useful in this work. She is a member of the Cary, NC Woman's Club, where she chairs the home life committee and its book club, as she is an avid reader. She played tennis for about 30 years.

Finally, some thoughts from Mary Howell Fritz:

"I have seen too many dear friends leave this world, too soon; before they understood the great freedom that comes with aging. Whose business is it, if I choose to read, or play on the computer, until 4 a.m., or sleep until noon? I will dance with myself to those wonderful tunes of the 50s, 60s & 70s, and if I, at the same time, wish to weep over a lost love, I will.

"I will walk the beach, in a swim suit that is stretched over a bulging body, and will dive into the waves, with abandon, if I choose to, despite the pitying glances from the jet set. They, too, will get old. I know I am sometimes forgetful. But there again, some of life is just as well forgotten. And, eventually, I remember the important things.

"Sure, over the years, my heart has been broken. How can your heart not break when you lose a loved one, or when a child suffers, or even when somebody's beloved pet gets hit by a car? But broken hearts are what give us strength, and understanding and compassion. A heart never broken is pristine, and sterile and will never know the joy of being imperfect.

"I am so blessed to have lived long enough to have my hair turning gray, and to have my youthful laughs be forever etched into deep grooves on my face. So many have never laughed, and so many have died before their hair could turn silver.

"As you get older, it is easier to be positive. You care less about what other people think. I don't question myself anymore. I've even earned the right to be wrong.

"So, to answer your question, I like being old. It has set me free. I like the person I have become. I am not going to live forever, but while I am still here, I will not waste time lamenting what could have been, or worrying about what will be. And I shall eat dessert every single day--if I feel like it."

May our friendship never come apart, especially when it's straight from the heart! ~ **Mary Lou and Sr. Marian**

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The class of 1960 has been blessed with many wonderful grandchildren at this stage of our lives. It was fun to visit with many of you, and here is the news we've gathered. **Mary Crawford Beltran** took her granddaughter Anna, 13, on a pilgrimage to Europe. They visited Lourdes and Fatima, among other sites. **Marty Spurlock** is proud of her grandson Ben Walker, a Penn State graduate who is pursuing a career in the theatre. Marty and **Sue Corcoran Bruswitz**, who retired in October, are planning a day trip in October to see Ben perform in "Les Miserables."

Kathy O'Donnell O'Brien is the proud grandmother (again) of a baby boy born to her daughter Erin in London. Brendan is doing well after a cardiac arrest scare, which took place shortly before Christmas. **Sue Anderson** continues to work as a pastoral counselor, but took time to go on an Alaskan cruise with a high school friend. In April, Sue and Liz got together for lunch.

Another traveler, **Iddy Nelson Bailey**, enjoyed an Elderhostel trip to Spain. I had a long telephone visit with **Gerry Gut Scarpa** whose picture on Facebook has made her famous. She was presenting an award for the Womens' Golf Association. She too is heading to Paris with her daughter and two granddaughters this summer. **Linda Ryan Healey**'s granddaughter Sarah graduated from high school, where she ran track for a team ranked second in the state. Sarah is attending Yale in the fall Linda's husband Tom was installed in the hall of fame for his high school athletic abilities in baseball and basketball. Congratulations!

Sally Grabe Poux is another proud grandmother. Her son Danny presented her with a 9 lb, 4oz baby boy, Adrien. Last fall, she visited them and returned by way of the Canadian Rockies. **Kate White Eustice** is a member of the Red Hat Society and enjoys her fun outings. We wonder if there are other Red Hat Ladies in our class? **Liz Phelan Burmaster** is also a proud grandmother. Grandson Ryan graduated from high school and will be playing baseball at Palm Beach Atlantic University. Another grandson, Calvin, received a middle school junior athlete award, and grandson John is on the Junior Tennis Tour and ranked third in the Northeast.

As for the Scott family, we have three grandchildren in college this year: Nicole, a rising senior at St Thomas University in Minnesota; Alex, a rising junior at the University of Tennessee; and Jessica, a rising sophomore at Furman University in South Carolina. And there are three younger grandsons, Dax, Tyler and Hunter, all blooming in high school.

Nancy Gill McShea recently retired from her long career writing for U.S. Tennis Association. She and Jerry are contemplating downsizing. They enjoyed the wedding of their son Jeremy, who along with his brother Justin, lives in New York. Daughter Colette went south to Reston, VA. Another traveler, **Pat Cannon Quinlan**, and Joe, were heading to Nova Scotia in June. Upon their return, they planned to pack their bags again to take their granddaughter Julia, 13, to London. Another granddaughter, Abi, is a sophomore at McGill University in Montreal. And, of course, they have visited her there!

On the homefront, **Kathy O'Donnell O'Brien** and Patty enjoyed lunch together in early June, reminiscing over old times! Had a nice chat with **Ann McCabe Moran**, who is again battling pancreatic cancer. She was diagnosed and treated for it three years ago. Prior to the reoccurrence, she traveled to the Orient and took a river cruise on the Rhine. Do keep her in your prayers.

Where have the years gone? Remember friends that 2015 will mark our 55th Reunion! Time flies, so make note of it and let's try to have everyone attend. We owe it to ourselves! Remember to send any news to us, and please try to stay in touch. (See contact information, above.) We have enjoyed getting in touch with everyone and hearing your familiar voices. We hope to see many of you next year. Stay well and remember, "To thine own self be true." ~ **Liz and Vicki**

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It was with sadness that we learned of the death of our classmate **Catherine Bailey Swearingen**. It is so hard to lose one of us. We send our condolences to **Elizabeth Hutchinson Kirkpatrick** on the death of her husband Dr. Joseph Kirkpatrick. **Elizabeth Schwilk Corazzini** lost her husband Robert (MSM '58) on Jan. 22, 2014, and our sympathies are with her. Bob Corozzini died while many of us were still in Florida at the mini-reunion. Bud and **Phyllis Mack Gillespie, Eileen Keefe Bonhag, Rosemarie Aellen Dunning, Mercedes Suarez Pfeffer** and **Elizabeth Strezeski LaFrance** drove from Longboat Key to Potomac, MD, to be with Betty at that time.

Anne Maum McLaughlin celebrated Easter week with her two sons and their families in Ocean City, NJ. While east, Anne visited in Philadelphia and Ocean City with her brother Joe and various family members. Her grandnephew Fr. Tom Viviano came to Ocean City to celebrate Mass and give eight year-old grandson Declan his First Holy Communion. I talk frequently with **Muriel Cuddy Reeves**; she and Dan had us over for dinner this winter. Muriel is a most accomplished hostess and everything was done to perfection. They were poised to enjoy another season at their swim club. Bern and **Peggy Claudius McCormick** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in October 2013 with a party hosted by their son Mark and daughter-in-law Theresa. Daughter Julie surprised them with a video, featuring contributions from friends. They thoroughly enjoyed their children's gift, a trip to Little Palm Island in the Florida Keys.

This year, our official mini-reunion week at Longboat Key, FL (LBK) was January 25 – February 1, but that didn't mean much since a lot of people came early and stayed late. Those in attendance this year were Bud and Phyllis, Eileen, Mercedes, Jim and **Margi Weidner Phillips**, Rosie, Strez, Bern and **Peggy, Barbara Redding, Rita Werb Fasano**, Pat and **Joanne McNally Downes** and, for the first time, Bob and **Millie Gleeson Grady**. Lots of nice dinners, antiquing, and walking took place in spite of the rainy and cooler weather. Our winter 2015 Florida mini-reunion will take place January 31 – February 7. Do try to come. You can contact me or Strez, or anyone who usually attends if you need more information. Phyllis and Bud hosted us again at their home on Shelter Island, NY, for the week of August 12 – 18, 2014. Planning to attend were Muriel and Dan, David and **Ann Depenbrock Holmes**, Chuck and **Mary Kable Stockman**, Bern and Peggy, Eileen, Mercedes, Betty, Strez, Millie, **Bet VanOver Gilligan**, Ed and **Carol Rodgers Beaugard** and Pat and me. **Ann Fallon Lynch, Annette Krak Salvage, Moira Hanlon Little** and Rosie were also trying to make it.

Another 50th anniversary was celebrated by Bob and Millie Grady in May and attended by their children, grandchildren and other family members. After the celebration, they took off for a week-long road trip that included Galveston, New Orleans, and other stops. They will continue marking the occasion with their eastern relatives and friends in the summer. Annette wrote that she missed seeing us in Florida and she is thoroughly enjoying her almost two year-old grandson Lorenzo. She remembers all the "good advice" her college classmates gave her, but it is hard to refrain from sharing her "wisdom."

Eileen and Strez visited us last fall. We had a delightful time and managed to enrich the coffers of a really good nearby antique shop. In keeping with her long-standing tradition of hosting her grandchildren on a trip when they reach age 11, Eileen took Abigail for eight days to Mount Rushmore, Yellowstone, and the Grand Tetons, and flew home from Salt Lake City. September 2013 found her in Greece and Turkey, traveling on a small cruise ship. **Anne Sheelen Gerwig**'s Christmas letter featured a lovely picture of her and John. Highlight was the news that grandson Tommy Wagenblast was married to Danielle Orlando. He is the first of the next generation to wed. On the golf links, John sunk his ninth hole-in-one this year! They drove to Texas last winter and explored the Texas Hill Country and enjoyed their annual golf trip to Scotland.

Lynn Murray celebrated her 75th birthday in March at a grand gala hosted by her daughter Nona. Friends and family attended, including **Toby Karl McManmon**. Nona arranged to have a limo bring her mother to the venue, Magnavino's Winery, where they sat among the barrels drinking exquisite wine. Lynn was a long-term high school substitute last year, had a summer job at University of California Santa Barbara, and is now evaluating teachers in the Oxnard Union High School District. She planned to travel to Colorado for a visit with her sister during the summer. Toby is enjoying life in a wonderful and interesting retirement community in Claremont, CA. Her grandson Quinn is ten and her two great granddaughters Aine, age two and Aorfe, age three, are a great joy to her. **Mim Murphy Quaid** saw Toby and Lynn during a summer visit to California.

Alice Bartlett Sencindiver reports that she has no particular complaints. She keeps active and has some rewarding outlets. In summer 2013, I spent a delightful day with Joanne Kini and Anne McLaughlin at Anne's house in Folsom, CA. It was a highlight of a six-week cross-country trip. We returned home through Canada. Pat and I will be married 50 years in February 2015, but we will celebrate during the summer of 2014, since it would be impossible to gather our family during the school year. We rented a house in Ocean City, NJ, for the last week in July and all 23 of us will be there. We continue to attend grandchildren's sporting events, concerts, etc. All of our East Coast family was here for my 75th birthday, on Easter this year.

Strez stayed in Florida four months this winter and another month in the summer. She also planned to go to Poland and Budapest in September. **Ginny Zebrowski Komar** shared a wonderful Christmas picture of her entire family at a special party for her and Jack's 50th wedding anniversary in June 2013. They traveled extensively in 2013-14. Mercedes joined the gang in Florida at LBK. She continues to be busy visiting her grandchildren and helping out. She was planning a trip to Armenia, Georgia, and Azerbaijan in September and looking forward to the gathering at Shelter Island this summer. **Mary Kable Stockman** writes she volunteers at the Columbus Zoo. She and Chuck went to Disney World at the end of April 2014 and stayed at the Animal Kingdom Lodge. They enjoyed sitting on their balconies, watching some of the shows and going on some of the tamer rides. Mary started taking "Pickle Ball" lessons. It is a little like tennis, but not as much running (go Mary)! They were also looking forward to joining the group in Shelter Island mid-August.

Judy Sparrow and Ed did get to Florida after some delays this past winter. Unfortunately, it was after LBK. They had a cruise in August. **Joanne Fontana Kini** has lived in San Francisco for four and a half years. She and Mohandas have settled in with their three daughters and grandchildren, who live in California. Mohandas receives outstanding care from UCSF and caregivers. Joanne has many activities and a new life. When possible, she goes back to Boston twice a year to visit friends and her two eldest children who still live there. Their big news is the arrival of a new grandson on May 26, 2014. Gaelen Mohandas Roller was born to Maya and Shamus. Unfortunately, Joanne could not make LBK this year, but is hoping for the 2015 gathering at age 75!

Congratulations to Joe and **Maureen Denehy McKenna** on 49 wonderful years of marriage. They continue to meet with teenagers once a week, and Maureen enjoys her poker games twice a week. Wow! Margie and Jim continue to enjoy their travels: a cruise through the Panama Canal, a week in Cancun, and excursions closer to home in Michigan, Ohio, and Canada. **Mary Anne Tontz O'Neill** now lives on the west coast of Florida in Punta Gorda, where she and her Marty enjoy many more activities. Christmas was in Maryland with family and 14 fabulous grandchildren. Another 75th birthday was observed and celebrated by **Trudy McNamara Hagen** in California. She received cards and phone calls from our classmates. Ray and **Barbara DeMott Holland** continue to age, learn, laugh and keep busy, so all is really good.

Happy birthday to those reaching 75 this year! If you are reading this and don't see anything about yourself, contact your class agents and bring all of us up to date. We'd love to hear how you are doing. Please remember to pay your Alumnae Association dues; it helps to keep us "All Together."

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Members of the Class of 1962 have been active throughout 2014. We've been traveling, experiencing and coping with the highs and lows of life, as well as working with those who need help in this country and abroad.

Kitty Fulcher Allen writes that she and Paul enjoyed a cruise to the Panama Canal in January and hope to go to Mexico this year. In spring, they spent a week in Kansas for a graduation and then had a trip to the South Dakota parks. They were back in the D.C. area in summer for a Gaegler/Ruppert reunion (Kitty's mom's side). They expected 75 cousins. Kitty is the oldest of the remaining generations attending, so she thinks she will just sit around and be waited on! Kitty still volunteers with the

Woman's Club, Niceville Library, but leaves time for bridge. Paul has "retired" from his volunteer position with the Florida State Highway Patrol. Thank goodness he still enjoys golf!

Vi Barkauskas continues to be busy with work for two universities (part-time) and various community volunteer activities. She planned to travel to Lithuania this summer to visit the relatives she met for the first time almost 40 years ago, to learn how nursing and healthcare are progressing and to enjoy Lithuanian food.

Janice Jaeger Burns reports that polio is back in Karachi, Pakistan. This is due to the Taliban spreading rumors that the vaccine will make children impotent. The Taliban are killing healthcare workers at every level for administering the vaccine. Please pray for the safety of the workers.

Abbie Hausmann Love and husband Tom spent the winter in Florida in their luxurious RV named Buford. Tom had a scare with seizures and hospitalization, but has recovered completely. **Jay Lardner Lindes** and husband Jim spent a day with them catching up and eating strawberry shortcake at Parkesdale Market, a well-known attraction in Plant City.

Rosemary Murphy Kelly shared news that her husband Ralph underwent surgery for lung cancer in January. They are living in Hollywood Beach, MD, near Chesapeake City. We last got together in December 2013. **Jean Brady Wrona** had a huge family birthday party for her husband Dennis' 70th. **Betsy Hostler McUne** and her husband celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in August 2013. Both are in good health and living a low-key life. **Pat Ryan Donovan**'s 96 year-old mother passed away in 2013. Pat reports that she and her husband love life on Cape Cod. They have met many new friends and have time to spend with grandchildren in their myriad fun activities. They also enjoyed a trip to the Florida Keys and Cuba.

We received sad news from **Missy Cullinan Rosson**. Her husband David E. Rosson Jr., died on Jan. 17, 2014, just a month before their 45th wedding anniversary, of complications after abdominal surgery. Missy is getting along, learning to take care of finances and operating her new computer. She is taking classes at Oasis and especially enjoys a singing group of 70 members who entertain at senior citizen centers. She thanks everyone for the warm wishes. Missy also enjoys a year-old granddaughter she cares for every Friday. She is trying to speak to her in French!

Mary Homlish Lynch accompanied her husband on his annual medical mission to Guatemala, where he and his colleagues repaired 15 cleft lips/palates. Denny had a hip replacement in November, but it didn't slow him down a bit. **Kathy Keane** shared lots of news in a long Easter letter. Her daughter Liz and son-in-law Dan Sousa were expecting a new baby girl in June. Dan was nominated for an Oscar for his short animated film, Feral. Kathy is co-chairman of the Sunshine Club at Collingwood, where she lives. She has moved to Room 84, Unit 1, East. Kathy has been on dialysis for 12 years and served as a patient advocate for the last 11 years. She is involved in monthly educational programs on dialysis prepared by the Mid-Atlantic Renal Coalition. What a dynamo! She sends love and blessings to all.

A few more of our respondents have returned from winter interludes in other places. **Anne Diller Welkener** and husband Ed spent two months at their home in Punta Gorda, FL. They missed the worst of the winter storms, but returned to Virginia to be with their daughters' families and Anne's sisters just in time for the spring storms. Jay Lardner Lindes and Jim visited the Holy Land during Lent, traveling with their church choir and six members of the Central Florida Lyrical Opera Company. The opera company sang beautiful hymns at each stop of the pilgrimage. Jay and Jim renewed their wedding vows at Cana and had a private Mass at the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre. They found it an awesome experience.

Gladys Gdula Waldron has once again been elected to her local school board, where she has served for almost 40 years. Gladys has been teaching parenting classes since 1997 and is now working two days a week. Such energy! **Kathie Seely Davis** wrote that it's been a busy year with travel to Kentucky and New York to see the family, up the California coast to Carmel, and tons of houseguests! **Emily Rosensteel O'Neil** arrived for a visit and they spent time catching up as old SJC roommates! Emily's grandchildren are keeping her on her toes and family weddings are fast and furious this summer! They were to attend Tom's 55th reunion at Holy Cross College in June.

Louise LaMonaca Wigglesworth has taken time from her acting and directing plays in Ft. Myers, FL and is planning to focus on writing, as well as researching markets. **Vivian Wojcik Kurilla** has been researching her Slovakian ancestors in anticipation of a trip to Slovakia in 2015. She will travel with her cousins to find their "roots" and more. Vivian shared that family research is tedious but it beats housework any time!
When you can, please let us Class Agents know your whereabouts and any news. You'd be surprised at how many of your classmates care.

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The spirit of our fantastic 2013 SJC 50th Reunion continues to inspire the Class of 1963 through 2014. So many of us have been sharing our lives and renewing cherished friendships though frequent visits and active correspondence this year. **Claudia Mafera Fitzsimmons** notes that there are many on the blessed path as a "direct result of God working on us as we attended St. Joseph College for 'extraordinary' women."

Our prayers and thoughts are with the families of **Jill Myers Audet, Terry Smith** and **Carol Lee Brosenne Story**, our classmates who have passed away within the past two years.

Our deepest sympathy to **Ro Moran Marquette, Sheila Degnan Mc Carron, Carol Davis Denier** and **Tobie Gibbons**, who have lost dear ones this past year. And as always, our thoughts go to our classmates in need of our support. Although she was unable to attend our 50th, Carol Lee Story was in touch via our Memory Box. After Reunion, **Mary Lou Williams Feeney** sent her our golden scarf and other mementoes. With a sunny outlook and strong family support, Carol Denier is making progress from the impairments of her stroke.

The Moveable Feast continues with three luncheons this year in New Jersey, thanks to **Linda Carr Kenny**'s planning. Our Gathering in the Spring on May 13 was an opportunity for many of us to meet at a special destination, the Carriage House in Emmitsburg, MD. As the photo on the SJC website demonstrates, we had a great time together. The conversations never stopped, blending past memories and present events. Attending were: **Mariellen Halberstadt Marchione, Cathy Parrott Kryzanauskas, Mary Lou Spurrier, Jean Lentz, Mary Ellen Gill Purkis, Julie Rowe, Judy Markey Gallagher, Mary Ann Krastell Yahn, Tobie Gibbons, Mary Fran Smith Horne, Marjorie Roberts Tautkus, Sr. Judith Parkin**, Sheila Degnan McCarron, Mary Lou Williams Feeney, **Alanna Higgins McHugh**, and **Ellen Krieger Smelas**.

At our other gatherings, regular attendees included: **Joan Codey Durkin, Maureen Codey Caputo, Maryanna Freiberger Keller, Linda Carr Kenny**, and **Susan Williamson Swartz**. From greater distances, **Margaret Collins Ervin, Joan DeGennaro, Mary Higgins Haile**, and **Susie Molinari** have also popped up. Joan made a thoughtful contribution to the Seton Center via Mary Lou Feeney.

Joan, Mary Lou, Mary Ellen Purkis, and **Anne Dondero Prinn** all play Words With Friends. Mary Lou and husband Earl volunteer in their parish, help with their two grandsons in Philadelphia, and went on a trip to Wrigley Field this summer with the entire family. Mary Ellen and husband Ray enjoy family activities at home and spend the summer on Long Beach Island, NJ. Anne Prinn has five grandchildren in Massachusetts. The oldest is a boy, with four girls aged four to 13.

Mariellen Marchione has two grandchildren in the Washington D.C. area and visits them often. Cathy Kryznauskas and family enjoy their condo in Rehoboth, DE. Jean Lentz is busy selling real estate in northern Virginia. Mary Fran Horne is still working and had news of **Sandy Owens Ringer** and **Amina Mendoza-Tio.** Julie Rowe had an ordeal with the total loss of her home and belongings in a December fire, but is rebuilding and eager to move home again. Mary Lou Spurrier enjoyed two visits with her brother and family from Iceland. Driving from Norfolk for the luncheon, Marjorie Tautkus can still recite poetry from Sr. Margaret Ann Berry's freshman English class. Mary Ann Yahn continues her equestrian pursuits and activities with family and her three grandchildren.

Sr. Judith Parkin, a devoted Daughter of Charity for more than 50 years, lives in Silver Spring, MD and volunteers in the school library. Judy Gallagher drove up from Lewes, DE and visited her sister, relishing the scenery and the company. Recovered from back surgery, **Ro Marquette Moran** had hoped to come to lunch, but was in the process of moving. **Ellen Caulfield White** recommends the delicious food at Chubby's in Emmitsburg, owned by her brother. **Tina High Goldsmith**, who keeps in touch often, has moved to Carlsbad, CA.

Several classmates are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversaries! Alanna McHugh and husband Matt took a cruise to Bermuda with daughters Alanna, Kelli and Meg, their husbands, and their eight grandchildren, ages five to 24. In December, Bill and Sheila McCarron celebrated their 50th with a family trip to Key West. Sheila is secretary-treasurer of the National Catholic Youth Foundation, and attended a conference in Seattle, where she met **Kaywood Greeve Fuqua**, something they've done over the years. According to Kaywood, they see the sights and then solve the problems of the world. She and family were cruising to the western Bahamas with eight teenagers. Sheila is also coordinating the initial development phase of a major promotion for the Campaign for Human Development in her diocese. This summer, she and husband Bill spent time with family, enjoying sun and fun at their Connecticut cottage.

Tom and **Kathy Johnson Raby** sent a photo from their 50th anniversary cruise to the Caribbean with family in April. Son Tom and wife are expecting in September, so Kathy and Tom will remain at their summer condo in Delaware for the happy event. Grandson Drew made his First Communion in Orlando.

With 25 grandchildren, Mike and **Maxine Wallish Gorman** shared the wonderful tribute, a video in honor of their 50th anniversary. They have seven children--Michael, Katie, Bill, John, Matthew, Elizabeth and Paul. The three oldest grandchildren graduated from college this spring: Sophie from Catholic University, her twin Teresa from Notre Dame, and Olivia from the Mount. The twins will have a double wedding in June. The youngest granddaughter Nora is six months old and Chelsea Elizabeth is almost two. They are grateful for all their blessings.

After rigorous training with heavy backpacks, **Sue Garner McNulty** and Tobie Gibbons hiked the Grand Canyon for the second time, exploring the south to the north rim with two nights' camping. Tobie also had a trip to Italy in late April. In January **Jane Metze Freeman** met **Tobie and Pat Lieb Mudd** for lunch in Washington.

Our "Healer of Hearts" Victim Assistance Coordinator for the Diocese of Arlington, Pat Mudd, knows that the combination of Masses, prayer services, support groups and retreats helps in healing. Daughter Shannon, her husband and three boys now have a condo in Bethany. Their other two grandchildren live in Severna Park, MD. Son Shane is a big help to Richard, who has been suffering from Parkinson's for many years. **Mary Lou Chesley-Cora** sends blessings to all, sharing that husband George Parkinson's has progressed after nine years, bringing great challenges. His spirit of gentle acceptance, wisdom, humor and gratitude is a gift.

Andy Brophy Marchal and husband have been quite busy this year with the arrival of Eloise Marchal Murray on June 4, Oscar Sambath Marchal on February 5, the August wedding of their youngest Mary in Maine, and a First Communion in Minneapolis. They welcome a quiet summer on the beach. This year **Claire Baril Green** will retire, but will be busy volunteering and visiting her grandchildren nearby and in Virginia, including the 12th due in September.

Sheila Driscoll Rosenthal appreciates all the support that she felt from her SJC sisters when she had surgery, giving her a sense of peace. She is now smiling and recovered, and her son Matt recently started a four-day program at the Sheltered Workshop.

Sue Boland Southwell had a speedy recovery from her second hip replacement. Oldest granddaughter Carly, 22, graduated from American University on Mother's Day. Their entire family of 18 were excited about an August trip to Emerald Isle, NC.

Susie Molinari's dear friend Pat Hurley passed away, and she reminds us to enjoy every minute, as life is short. She planned an Alaskan cruise this summer, a gift from Pat's family, and visited family on the East Coast in July.

Ronnie Carroll Donnelly sent a Christmas photo of son Andrew's kids, who live near them in Tulsa, OK. Ronnie continues to enjoy tennis, has chaired a fund-raiser gala for their charity foundation, and then relaxed with a trip to the Outer Banks with her brothers and sister. **Mary Higgins Haile** and husband Don are enjoying retirement, as well as spending time with their seven grandchildren, ages two to 14. Mary and Don looked forward to a trip to Montreal and Quebec, and visiting daughters Kate, Kris, Alexandra and Megan this summer.

Nell Gelsinon Carvell says her son Tim is senior producer for John Oliver's new HBO show, Last Week Tonight. Previously, he was with the Daily Show with Jon Stewart as head writer. She and Peter traveled east to attend Tim's wedding and visit with family in Spring Lake, NJ. She continues volunteer work with CASA and Democratic politics. Nell reminds us that our class is on Facebook at facebook.com/nell.gelsinon.

Bill and Linda Kenny were traveling to Denmark in July and boarding a cruise to the Baltic. They keep busy with the grandkids' graduations and recitals. The next event is a stay at a Dude Ranch in the Catskills with the Michigan family. Jim and Ellen Krieger Smelas join our classmates in all the happy family activities, especially time at the beach in Ocean City, NJ.

Strong in spirit our class of '63 enjoys visits, luncheons, and active e-mails. Let's plan to return to Emmitsburg for our 52nd Reunion in 2015. See you all soon!

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Dear Classmates, I know that you all will be receiving this "news" in October, but I think I am correct in saying that our class will still be on a "Reunion-High"…thinking about our fabulous 50th back in March. I know that it was so much more than I ever expected. I think the most incredible feeling for me was when I looked around at our Friday night dinner, hosted by **Renee Peters Stalter** and **Bev Jones Wyatt**, and realized that all those "girls" were our classmates. Astounding!

As we watched our yearbook pages pass us by on the "big screen," so many memories were renewed for all of us. Thanks to **Anne McAllister LaBoon** for posting on boards around our hospitality suite the pictures and letters from classmates who were unable to attend Reunion. **Joan Zoby Christie** sent great pictures of her and Butch, along with a family photo boasting 11 smiling faces. **Max Gillespie** shared a picture of a proud grandmother with Dabney and Leopold--bright eyed just like Max!

Linda Bowman Shumate couldn't journey cross country but sent hugs to classmates. **Julie Finnerty Donohoe** couldn't attend because of some broken bones--skiing accident. Sadly, Julie and Jim lost their youngest grandchild, Ryan, to a brain tumor. Ryan was cared for at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, and Julie sings their praises. **Carol Tyrrell Brady** couldn't attend due to the imminent arrival of their newest grandchild. Husband Peter started a nonprofit organization, Handy Dandy Handyman, whose mission is to help people in need. It is a family affair for Carol and more than 2,000 volunteers. Carol is able to help her grandchildren with wonderful care!

China Dusk (Ellen Fletcher) sent a note: she is president of a community organization and chair of an art/craft guild. **Judy Foley Furlong** retired from teaching five years ago but continues to tutor and teach art. Judy lost Jay in 1991 but continues to be blessed with her beautiful daughters, Caleigh, a teacher in Warsaw, Poland, and Amy, a social worker. Judy has traveled to Italy, Mallorca, and Korea. **Georgia Ann Allnutt Stapleton** and Paul reside in North Carolina. Sadly, their daughter Cathy passed away in 1970, after a short illness. Their children, Mary, Susan and Tim, are working in meaningful fields, and Georgie and Paul are lucky enough to travel often to visit with their grandchildren. **Barbara Tansey Bush** settled in Boston after serving in the Peace Corps--two years in Nigeria. For the next 30 years, she worked as a COBOL programmer and continues to be involved with politics. She remains friendly with a stepdaughter and stepson, plus six grandchildren. Sadly, her husband passed away. Barbara sings, swims and continues to mentor refugee families.

Carol Hammond Wagner wasn't able to attend Reunion. She still resides in College Station, TX. In 2007, Carol retired from the Department of Educational Psychology, where she was the director, advising programs for graduate and undergraduate studies. She also volunteers for the Arts Council in Brazos. Carol is a 2014 recipient of a Jefferson Award, the nation's highest honor for public service. She was cited for her volunteer work with numerous nonprofit organizations across the Brazos Valley, especially Voices for Children in Bryan, TX, along with the Salvation Army and the local symphony orchestra. Honored at home with three other local volunteers at the George Bush Presidential Library, Carol represented Bryan-College Station, TX in Washington, D.C. at the June final national award competition, along with competitors from all over the country. The candidates were divided into three groups and spoke for one minute about their individual contributions. The two emcees for the final dinner were Nancy Cordes and Bill Plante from CBS. The entire group went to Capitol Hill and had their picture taken with Sen. John Cornyn of Texas. Carol was truly humbled to have been chosen for this award. Wow, Carol, what an honor! We are so proud of you!

Jackie Jermyn Azzarto, along with 130 other singers, performed "Chronicles of Blue and Gray," an original piece about the Civil War, on June 8 at Carnegie Hall. Her children, grandchildren and New York City friends were in attendance. Jackie reports, "I had to move to Florida to make it to Carnegie Hall. What a thrill!"

Now, back to our 50th Reunion: Many of us arrived in Gettysburg on Thursday. To accommodate our classmates, I reserved the hotel dining room for 20, but before long, our numbers had escalated to almost 50! Most of us enjoyed dinner and then attended the wine and cheese welcome hosted by the Reunion Committee. (It wasn't our fault that all the wine was gone half way through the evening!) Friday morning was relaxing as more classmates arrived. Friday afternoon included campus tours, followed by an Alumnae reception at the new Grotto Visitors Center, hosted by Irene Powell, wife of MSMU President Dr. Thomas Powell. It was a lovely tea and there was more wine! We didn't seem to mind the balmy/rainy/windy conditions under the tent!

From the Mount, we went back to campus to attend our "Golden Jubilee Mass" with the chapel almost filled. Paul Shiring, husband of **Jackie Melroy Shiring**, provided us with amazing music, accompanied by a group from their church. Fr. Kevin Farmer was our celebrant and had a meaningful sermon for us all to ponder. Our class dinner back at the Wyndham followed Mass. Bev had our yearbook put onto a video, which played throughout the evening. The tables looked lovely, lots of gold, along with golden bookmarks for all! An amazing evening, Bev and Renee!

Saturday morning found many of us enjoying coffee while listening to a very interesting guest, Dee Gallo, provincial archivist for the Daughters of Charity, who spoke of the contributions of the sisters during the Civil War. The Alumnae Memorial Mass was held in the Basilica at 4 p.m., with Msgr. Stuart Swetland from the Mount, assisted by my husband Pat as deacon. (I really appreciate Pat's assistance at our Memorial Masses for the past several years. Thank you!) Many of our classmates were included in the procession before Mass, which was so impressive.

Dinner was back at the Wyndham. Of course, the highlight of the evening was listening to **Claire Maurer**'s amazing remembrance of our four years together at SJC! (You can listen to her comments on the SJC Website). Thank you, Claire, for summing up our wonderful years together. It meant so much to all of us! Also, our class was extremely generous, as we presented the following gifts: $7,750 to the SJCAA Scholarship at Mount St. Mary's University, and more than $11,000 to the Seton Center in Emmitsburg. Unbelievable gifts, all in the name of the SJC Class of 1964. Lastly, and of great importance, was our class receipt of the Sr. Mary Ellen Kelley Award for the most classmates present (64), along with the Hassel Cup for the largest percentage of living classmates present! We are good!

We also donated almost $200 to the Seton Outreach Fund as a result of the handmade items, including baby blankets, hats, scarves, and children's items, which our class contributed to a special raffle. Thanks to all who donated. **Mary Kidwell Aldous** won the raffle, which was great, as she contributed many of the items!

On Sunday, we all headed home or to the beach for a few days of R&R! Six of us went to our place in Bethany Beach, DE--Anne McAllister LaBoon, **Mary Lou Schreck Blumer, Cookie Kaheny Costanza**, Jackie Jermyn Azzarto, **Joyce Hillner Rigney** (after recuperating from bronchitis), **Joan Kludy** and friend, and me! We enjoyed each other's company, drinking wine and cooking together. It was great fun!

Special thanks to several of our classmates: **Mary Lou Ullrich Jones** and Jackie Melroy Shiring for the never-ending preparation for both our Masses during Reunion weekend. We appreciate all your amazing work, and thanks to your husbands, Mike and Paul, for supporting you in many ways during Reunion weekend. **Heather Laird Martin**, how can we ever thank you for all the hours of work, e-mails, snail-mails, etc. that it took to produce the precious remembrance of our years together at SJC and beyond entitled, From St. Joseph College . . . to the rest of our lives. The Class of '64 celebrates 50 years! Hopefully, we all have this amazing tribute to our four years together. If not, please contact Heather. It is a wonderful treasure.

Malinda Lester Cleary presented amazing gifts to each of us at Reunion. Malinda went back to our '64 Allegra and was able to take each of our "quotes" under our pictures and find an appropriate art form, mostly famous paintings, which captured our sayings. We each received an envelope with a card containing the quote, along with a meaningful picture. Amazing, Malinda, and we are grateful to you!

Thanks to **Kathy Kennedy Incaprera** for keeping us all together over these past years with ever-changing e-mail addresses etc. We thank you also for coordinating our mini-reunions each year. We are forever in your debt, Kathy. I am so grateful to our Reunion Committee for meeting several times to make sure that everyone in our class was personally contacted. Bev was an incredible hostess, serving amazing lunches at each meeting in her home. Committee members were: Bev Jones Wyatt, Renee Peters Stalter, Anne McAllister LaBoon, Claire Maurer, Jackie Melroy Shiring, Kathie Kennedy Incaprera, **Bobbie Davis Speace, Carole Sokolik Bourbonnais**, Mary Lou Ullrich Jones, **Mary Rocks** and me. We each called several of you personally to invite you to come to Reunion!

Special thanks to those of you who came to our 50th, particularly those who had not returned since 1964. It was so great to see you! Lastly, Claire Maurer and I worked hand-in-hand every step of the way from ordering welcome bags and their contents, especially the Berger cookies, to keeping all of you informed about everything we did to make our 50th so incredible. Thank you, Claire. I couldn't have done it without you, dear friend!

Thanks to all of you for making our 50th such a memorable time. I will never forget it. ~ With love, **Chrystie**

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Word is out: the Class of 1965 is excitedly anticipating our SJC Golden Reunion in March 2015. It will actually be more than 50 years since we first met. My collection of ephemera or "things paper with no possible value or use!" includes a program from a freshmen welcome on Sept. 21, 1961.

All 124 of us were listed (we added **Elaine Sanders Kucs** later) and we probably all wore shirtwaists and flats! So add **March 19 – March 22, 2015** to your must-do list. We look forward to welcoming all of you to our Golden celebration.

Barbara Merson Tyne requested the dates for our milestone Reunion to make certain she will be back from a Florida mini high school reunion to celebrate with us. Barbara has settled into her Long Island home and is now concentrating on landscaping projects. She sees **Helene Browne Hess** and **Margo Honey Keesler** during winter trips to Florida and keeps up with **Maggie Quayle Bellew** when she's in New York City. Maggie and husband Bill spent part of their winter in Florida, storing up southern sunshine and warmth, and enjoy seeing **Mary McIntyre Lear** and husband Tom who live in Florida. Bill surprised Maggie with a trip to the Kentucky Derby in May.

BJ Neely Czarapata and husband Alan have opted to live in a continuous care retirement community in Rockville, MD. BJ had knee surgery, but that did not eliminate all of her problems so she is looking forward to living without stairs. Wedding bells rang in late May for **Eugenia McAuliffe Kelly**'s daughter Deirdre. Granddaughter Madison made her First Communion earlier in May and then served as "co-maid of honor" at her mom's wedding. Genia's son KC was head lifeguard of the Deal beaches for the summer season. Genia took an Adriatic and Mediterranean cruise during the summer, and returned to do parish work in New Jersey.

Dede Koudelka Rogers has moved into her new Emerald Isle, NC home. Some unwelcome excitement heralded Dede's move when she experienced a total heart block. As she reported, the episode necessitated six weeks of a "forced vacation" but she is now "battery operated" and enjoying fulltime beach living. New address: Box 4070 EI28594, Emerald Isle, NC 28594. Our very talented artist classmate **Mary Beth Boisseree McDonell** continues to collect honors for her beautiful paintings. Mary Beth entered five paintings in the Florida Miniature Art Society and all five were juried into the society's art show scheduled in January 2014.

Nancy Boemanns Fratini and husband Al traveled with daughter Amy to spend three days with "**A" O'Neil Ashburn** at her Virginia home. The Fratinis rated the accommodations four-star and compliment A's "wonderful gift of hospitality," as well as her cooking and baking skills! Nancy and Al are also very thankful to all of us who prayed for their son Andy, whose most recent testing confirms he is still in remission. The Ohio winter was long and it impeded visits with grandchildren, family and friends but Nancy made up for it by visiting them during the summer. The Fratinis also traveled to Branford, CT to visit Al's family and spend some time at the beach. **Dee O'Connor Cosquer** visited Nancy and family during their time in Connecticut. The Cosquer family just celebrated the first birthday of Amelie Rose, their first grandchild. There is a common feeling among '65 classmates that our grandchildren are the "most amazing kids ever born" and little Amelie fits the description.

Maggi Mullahy Yates' twin grandchildren celebrated their second birthdays and Maggi and husband Bob are fortunate to be able to spend time with them. The three Yates brothers are located on both coasts, with Jeremy in San Francisco, Mark in the Boston area and Bill in Brooklyn. Maggi enjoyed traveling to Brooklyn this summer to visit and do some gardening at Bill's. Maggi's fellow French major **Betsy O'Brien Marron** moved into a condominium in Arlington, VA, and she discovered that **Sherrie Simonds Wain** resides in the same complex, so now they are planning to come to reunion together! Sherrie lost her husband Jack this spring after his valiant struggle with Parkinson's disease. We all realize what difficult roles many of us have had to manage these days. We need to reaffirm our commitment to pray for each other.

Sue Flanigan Conrad was one of 15 nurses recognized at the University of Maryland – St. Joseph Medical Center Profiles in Compassion ceremony in early May. **Jane Manning Brennan** attended and shared "being in the presence of such inspiring women was awesome." Sue, Jane and **Jane Currie Sutton** attended the 2014 SJCAA Reunion in March. Sally Callahan Sullivan and Kathleen Kearney Walczak also joined us at the Annual Memorial Mass at the Basilica on Saturday afternoon. Jane Brennan, Jane Sutton, Sue Conrad and I had the opportunity to spend a bit more time together during the weekend. We visited the Class of 1964's hospitality suite (thank you for your welcome, ladies!) and checked out some other room options at the Wyndham. Post-reunion, Jane Sutton and Ed flew out to California to visit with their daughter and her family. Their California family just welcomed their second child, Sebastian, who is the Suttons' 11th grandchild. Sebastian joins his big sister Zipporah, who is two years old.

I somehow "lost" **Nancy Shepard Long**'s email address but I found it and when I contacted Nancy she was in Minneapolis, where daughter Michaela and family live. Nancy was helping out with the two grandchildren Mia, 9, and Marshall, 7, while their mom was at a medical conference in San Francisco. Nancy's husband John is retired and Nancy retired from her church job on June 30. The Longs have nine grandchildren "scattered everywhere" and they keep busy visiting all of them.

Sue Lowe Kayes sent a short note to report that grandchild number seven is expected in September, with other grandchildren ranging from four to 20. I love hearing from Sue! She's ready for Reunion and "hopes we have a good turnout." **Anne Nichols Gildea** and husband Jim enjoy traveling as much as they can. The great American west was calling and Yellowstone and Grand Tetons were on the agenda for this summer. **Carole "Fergie" Ferguson Harding-Menges** travels north from her Florida home to visit with daughters in Maryland and Connecticut. Fergie and family spend summers at the Jersey shore. I am unable to find an a current address for **Teresa (Tess) Bunker Florin**, who has moved from Easton, PA, so please let me know if you have been in touch with Tess.

Cold Minnesota weather was quite a contrast for Floridian **Carolyn Walker Rathman** in May. She and Gene left Tallahasse in 80 degree weather and traveled north for the opening of the walleye season. Hopefully they enjoyed a "thaw" in time for a Rathman reunion and trips to Michigan and the Dakotas in their camper. Carolyn reported a number of mishaps enroute, but even after a cracked windshield, four new tires and a tornado touching down a mile from their campground, Carolyn ended her newsy email with "never a dull moment." They returned to Florida in early July.

Karen Pingicer Rafalko and husband Frank headed to the beach this summer to spend time with their grandchildren. Fall will have the Rafalkos traveling again to Australia and New Zealand, then on to Laos, Cambodia, and Vietnam. **Eileen Sekerak Sullivan**'s grandson Ryan had eye surgery at Boston Children's Hospital this summer. We will all pray for a successful surgery and speedy recovery.

Kay Ehringer Mufalli seemed eager for sunshine and good planting weather when I spoke to her after winter. She is still very involved with her Hollyhock Gardener commitments. **Birdie Garvie Hummell** has enjoyed some wonderful trips. **Cindy Crawford Cannon** spends part of the summer at Lake St. Catherine in Vermont. **Jeanne Falcetta Schumann** dropped by in late spring to visit Cindy, who had just returned from a trip to Australia and New Zealand. **Mary Brandon Rummele** leaves cold Wisconsin for part of the winter. Last year, she and John toured Provence and then enjoyed a riverboat cruise to Paris. **Margo Honey Keesler** and husband Gene follow a "reverse" course like I do, spending winter at their Florida home and summer in the cooler temperatures at their Glenville, NC home. Margo is a very successful gardener, as is **Mary Ann Dore Carlson. Barbara Wixted Hayes** empathized with my gardening woes and suggested a cat with hunting skills as a remedy to garden voles!

Please make sure Reunion 2015 - March 19 -22, 2015 is clearly marked on your calendars. Remember: **Together we are Golden**, and we need every one of you to join this special **Reunion** celebration. In the words of a member of the class of 1969, the 45th milestone class in 2014: "Still smiling after a great weekend with old and new friends. It is surprising how quickly we become comfortable and relate to each other. It is also amazing how much fun it is to meet someone we only knew slightly and realize how much we have in common and enjoy their company." So let's travel back to the Valley in the early spring. Let's smile and laugh with old as well as new friends from our very special Golden Class of 1965! You know you will be hearing from me and other classmates in the coming months! Happy summer-into-fall and a joy filled season of peace and plenty.

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Dear classmates, Hi! I hope you all are well and survived our awful winter. I never thought I would say this, but a girl's best friend is her snow blower! It sure got a workout this year. We had another successful Bethany Beach reunion last September thanks to **Kathy Smith Franke**'s planning. Twenty attended, including **Sally Dore Fierro, Judy Fleck Shahriari, Gail Watkins Crawford, Carol Sheheen Pappas, Mary Furey Keenan, Jane Davis Marden, Barb Seiler Byrne, Melissa Hanscom McDivitt, Aggie Anderson Fleming, Diane White, Mary Ellen Flinton Sullivan, Betty Deppenbrock Martin, Katie Boland White, Susan Kasierski Keller, Karin Fischl Rennert, Maureen Mullin Klein, Patty Cosgrove Messick, Ginny Walsh O'Neill**, Smitty and me. Ginny, a first-timer, came all the way from Houston, TX. We laughed, walked the beach, ate wonderful meals, and shared with each other the ups and downs of our lives in the past year. We cannot believe that in 2014 most of us will be turning 70! That certainly has not deterred us from staying active. Traveling is a big part of our lives these days. Smitty and husband John regularly go to Illinois and Texas to visit their grandchildren. Gail has a trip planned to Vietnam and Cambodia. Mary Ellen had a wonderful visit with **Charlotte Blatt Catroneo** in New York City, and recently traveled to France and Italy with her family. As a Christmas gift from Jay's daughter, Bub, Jay, and family had an evening limo tour of the DC monuments, which was a highlight of their holidays. Judy S. attended a wedding in Costa Rica, where she went zip lining through the forest. What a brave girl you are Judy! Betty and Herb escaped the winter by traveling to Thailand, Cambodia and Laos. They visited friends who started a foundation for children with special needs, stayed with hill tribes, and actually had dinner at the tribal chief's home. She also worked in an elephant preserve, where she cared for and rode the elephants.

Melinda Bloom and husband John enjoyed a three-week trip to Las Vegas, Phoenix, Joshua Tree National Park and Los Angeles. Sally and Lou cruised the Western Caribbean for two weeks and also took their whole family to Disney World. **Pat Guryansky Valenzuela** and husband Shy attended one of their grandson's graduations in San Diego, and are planning a trip on the Rocky Mountaineer train, an item on their bucket list. Her new e-mail is spcabin@centurylink.net.

Barb Kennedy Hudak enjoys taking the Cape May-Lewes ferry to see her twin grandchildren in New Jersey. She also travels to South Carolina where her oldest granddaughter graduated from the College of Charleston last year, and her sister graduates this year. Susan Keller and Pat recently traveled to Florida, where they enjoyed a respite from the cold. Bill and I met them at the Reunion Mass in April. We all went to dinner at the Carriage House to reminisce and were joined by their son Jonathan.

Some of our classmates have announced wedding plans in their children's futures. Ginny O'Neill's son Sean is engaged and hoping to be married around his baseball schedule in the summer of 2015. Judy Shahriari's daughter Sarah was married in June 2014. Sally Fiero's son Michael married in June 2014 and daughter Christine will wed after she received her PhD in 2015. Congratulations to all! Also congratulations to Melissa McDivitt on the birth of her granddaughter Sloane Virginia. I'm delighted that my oldest grandchild Caitlin, is now a freshman at the Mount. She is the third generation in our family to attend.

Other classmates have been very busy taking care of loved ones. Karin Rennert's husband Ron had shoulder surgery, and her Aunt Hilde is still living with them. Carol Pappas hosted her mother's 90th birthday party with an Elvis impersonator, who was a hit with the honoree. Carol tries to spend a lot of time with her mom, while also caring for John-Frank, who has been sick a lot. Carol's care extends to the rest of her family, as well. Ginny's husband Pat had a serious heart attack, but is feeling better now. Smitty visits her sister Mary Alice, and also travels with John to visit his 95-year-old stepmom.

We have good news to report from **Sue Brummitt Roth** – she's been cancer-free for two years. Aggie reports that her great-nephew Mason received his transplant. Maureen Klein continues to work hard. She has been making costumes for a local high school opera group and working on the second annual "Take a Seat" charity affair. **Elaine Metzger** has retired.

Right after our Bethany weekend, **Kathy Miller Hornung** lost her battle with ovarian cancer. Several of our classmates attended Kathy's memorial service in Williamsburg, VA. **Sally Gwynn Evan**'s sister Julie and **Clare Schombert Hawkins**'s husband Bob both succumbed to ALS. **Terry Keffer Arcari**'s mother also died. Our condolences go to all who grieve.

Our 50th SJC Reunion will be coming up in 2016! Please save the dates: **March 31 to April 3, 2016.** There will be major changes in the Reunion format in 2016, and here is a **tentative** schedule. Formal activities will take place Friday on the old SJC campus, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. First there will be a cookout at Tom's Creek's log cabin, followed by a campus tour. The usual Saturday Mass may be moved to Friday on campus at 4 p.m. After that, there is a reception in the former SJC student center from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Alumnae are free for the rest of the evening. On Saturday, a brunch will replace the banquet, and speeches will be held at that time. **(Please note that this schedule is, as stated above, tentative.)**

In the afternoon, there will be a choice of activities, such as shopping, wine tasting, battlefield tours, etc. Milestone class dinners will be held in the evening. Sunday there will be a brunch. We would love to see a big turnout, so please talk it up with your friends. We also need volunteers to work on the Reunion, so if you are interested, please call or email me. It is very important that we all remember to pay our SJC Alumnae Association dues in order to support the SJCAA in their attempt to continue Reunions until the last graduating class can have their 50th Reunion. Also, please remember to send me your news so that I can share it with our classmates. ~ **Love, Judy**

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We extend our heartfelt sympathy to **Ann Wyllie Mulroy** on the death of her husband, Martin, who suffered a heart attack at home and died on July 6, 2014, after being hospitalized for several days. A retired attorney and permanent deacon, Martin was well known to many of us, as he frequently attended our annual Reunions, particularly during Ann's lengthy service as president and as a member of the SJCAA Board of Directors.

Ann has been our class secretary/agent for many years and has done an excellent job. I have volunteered to work with her as co-agent, but we need everyone's help. Our 50th reunion is only three years away! As an SJCAA Board member, I have worked at a number of Reunions and experienced first-hand how much planning and organizing is involved. Judging from our alumnae's responses, it is time and energy well spent! I have no doubt that the Class of 1967 has enough talent to stage a memorable 50th celebration!

Please send news throughout the year to Ann and let her know how you can help with our special Reunion. She and I will be in touch with each other and all of you. We have set up a scholarship fund and received a few donations thus far. You'll be hearing more about that. Thank you for keeping Ann and her family in your prayers. ~ **Flo Delessio Marchetti**

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Greetings to the class of 1968! Here's hoping that everyone is having a healthy and happy 2014 and that all is well. We have great news from **Sue Romanowski Redding** who shared that she and husband Bill recently celebrated the marriage of their daughter Caroline to new husband Craig. The wedding was held on the waterfront at Wrightsville Beach, NC and the entire family was part of the wedding party! Their daughter Gen and family are moving to Houston, TX from NYC—a huge change! Sue and Bill are still working, although they are trying to cut back this year.

Sue also sent some sad news of the death of **Mary Brown**'s brother Jimmy last fall. We offer our condolences to Mary and to **Carole Direnzo Shores** on the July 21, 2014 passing of her father, Thomas G. Direnzo Sr. A member of the Greatest Generation, as were so many of our parents, Mr. Direnzo served in the Army Air Force in Italy, France and North Africa during World War II. He was 94. Our deepest sympathy also goes to **Carol (Casey) Kakalec Kohn** on the death of her mother, and to **Janice Nelson Pflugfelder**, whose mother also passed away this year. (See below.)

Joan Bruno headed to Florida in late January to visit with **Anne Maher Potter** and **Carol Carluccio Griffin**. **Barbara Wilt Morgan** and husband Wally took a cruise last summer, starting in Seattle and continuing along the Alaskan coastline. Afterward, they stopped in Wally's hometown of Milwaukee, enjoying German food and attending a Brewers game. Wally continues to work and Barbara volunteers at church and a local hospital. Their son Mike, who is a Mount grad, was honored last year when one of his graphite drawings was chosen to be on the cover of an art league publication and was also featured in an article by the art editor of their local newspaper.

Beverly Eagan and husband Larry plan to spend August to November in Paris. They will stay at the same comfortable apartment they have frequented in the past, which welcomes their cat and dog. They hope their departure will be uneventful, as last year they missed the plane but turned lemons into lemonade by attending a Rolling Stones concert while awaiting the next flight!

Sue Fitzmaurice Gibson completed her doctorate and "celebrated" by getting her hip replaced in July. This will not slow her down, as Sue's future plans include attending her first Camp Humanities Retreat as a board member of the Idaho Humanities Council, hosting a family gathering in Idaho to celebrate Paul's 70th, and attending the Sun Valley Writers Conference.

Sue shared news that Casey Kakalec Kohn's mother, Juanita Tharp Kakalec, died peacefully on May 24, 2014 at age 95. Sue recalled fond memories of Mrs. Kakalec's kindness to her at Joe's. The morning I received that news from Fitz, I realized that the funeral was going to be in a few hours and not far from where I work, so I decided to attend and was glad I did. The minister was from Kentucky, as was Carol's mother, and he knew her and shared personal memories of her—his words were both heartfelt and humorous.

Joanne Ekhaml and husband Jim spent three weeks in Leipzig, Germany visiting their son, daughter-in-law and two granddaughters, Anna and Zoey. Their visit gave them the opportunity to be grandparents on a daily basis, since they live so far apart. Joanne continues to enjoy working, as it allows her the flexibility to travel to Germany. **Betsy Klunk Esposito**'s son Luke and family moved to Atlanta this summer, as his wife Alena completed her PhD in Lifespan Developmental Psychology and accepted a three-year post-doctoral position at Emory University. Luke has his National Board Certification and is looking for a position teaching high school physics. Betsy's daughter Rachel and family live in Raleigh, NC, where she is the Legislative and Community Affairs Director for the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction. Betsy plans visits with both of her children and families in the near future. Betsy stays busy mowing, mulching and weeding on her farmette in Hanover, PA.

Patti McKay Bufalino and husband Chuck put their four-story house on the market and are remodeling their one-story house in Riverside, where they will retire. Patti stays busy with the Nightingales (retired nurses), Red Hat Ladies, a book club, water aerobics, Curves, and is a docent at the Mission Inn, a historic landmark in Riverside. Patti and Chuck's oldest son lives in Northern California and their younger son lives in Salem, OR with his wife and three daughters. Patti and Chuck visited Oregon in May for the twins' 12th birthday. Their daughter has been teaching English to children in Beijing, China, since August 2012 through the Disney English Program.

Carol Healey Haran and husband John drove to their house on Lake Winnipesaukee, NH in June and were visited by their daughter Erin and son Keith and their families from Boston, bringing lots of child-centered activity to the lake. Carol loves spending time with her two new granddaughters who were born in fall 2013, Sophie Anne Haran and Hadley Elizabeth MacCurtain, as well as grandson Aidan MacCurtain. Carol and John planned to go to Madrid and Barcelona in September.

Anne "Sparky" Coleman Neel has been cleaning up after the winter weather damaged several trees in her garden. She did have time to spend a week with family in Hilton Head and hopes to retire in March 2015. Anne looks forward to working on history projects, as well as walking and practicing yoga in her hometown of Pittsburgh.

Janice Nelson Pflugfelder's family came from all over the country in January to celebrate the 100th birthday of her mother, Valerie M. Nelson, who looked quite radiant at the party and truly enjoyed all of the attention from her loved ones. Sadly she passed away on May 1, and is truly missed by all. Janice especially feels her loss during the morning hours when they would talk every day on the phone.

Sheila Kelly Vertino and husband Al went on a "glamping" trip in Tanzania in July. These are safaris where the tourists stay in private, well-appointed platform tents with bathrooms inside . . . and a guard with a rifle outside! The tents have no electricity, and guests take warm showers with water from solar water heaters. With no hair dryers, Sheila prepared for the trip by getting a short wash-and-go hairdo.

Julie Geary Sullivan took a land and cruise vacation to Alaska with friends and family in July and reports that the ship was rocking with laughter! After they returned, their youngest son Michael, 34, married a lovely woman, who has been his best friend since college 13 years ago. The wedding was in Sunset Beach, where Julie lives, which made planning a breeze. The entire Geary/Sullivan/Knapp families attended the wedding, where the Sullivans welcomed a daughter-in-law as well as another granddaughter to the family. Like most of us, Julie is looking forward to her 50th high school reunion in October. She remembers her mother going to hers and thought she was so old at the time: I suppose everything is relative!

Andie Archdeacon Howard had a wonderful time at the destination wedding of her son Scott Montgomery to Cari Rezman in Ravello, Italy on May 22. There were 12 other family members and friends in attendance at "the most beautiful place in Italy." Her mother, who is 95, lives with Andie's sister Mary Jo "Midge," SJC '71, who cares for her full-time.

Gina Shableski Crumbaker and husband Greg recently welcomed their first grandson. Their son Pete, who is a Gettysburg College grad, and wife Emelie, originally from Duxbury, MA, did not reveal their son's name in advance, although Pete, an avid fisherman, said early in the pregnancy that he would give his child the name of a river he loves, so Gina was calling the baby "Little River." To prepare for retirement, Gina and Greg are transitioning their business "Misty Mountain/Jensen Lee," makers of the SJC tote bags that have been at recent SJC Reunions, to their son Pete. In March, Gina traveled to China on a Viking cruise and also took a trip to the Charleston/Savannah area on a garden tour with the Seattle Horticultural Society, and she has already signed up to go to New Zealand next March with them.

Jacquie Nemetz VanMeter and husband Terry report that their children, Andrew and Renee, are both gainfully employed and healthy. Andrew's audio/production business includes contracts referred from promoters in the Midwest region, and he lives in Manhattan, KS. Jacquie and Terry feel fortunate that they get to see their grandchildren often when Andrew and family visit Kansas City and attend football games at Kansas State University every fall. Granddaughter Ally is an eighth grader and involved with the junior dance competition team, and grandson Austin achieved his black belt in Tae Kwon Do. Their daughter Renee was promoted to clinical director at Marillac Children's Psychiatric Center in Overland Park, KS, allowing them to see her frequently. Jacquie and Terry like to visit Hilton Head Island, SC for their beach fix and then go to Branson, MO for fall foliage. They also like to attend Terry's military reunions, and last summer they visited Portland, OR and drove down the Oregon Coast into Northern CA to see the Redwoods. This summer they traveled to Park City, UT for a family reunion at Terry's sister's place and also hosted Jacquie's family visit in August. Jacquie invites us to visit her and says their doors are always open. Have a great rest of the year everyone and we hope to see you at Reunion 2015!

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Greetings everyone! We are thrilled to announce that 36 ladies from the awesome class of 1969 attended our 45th SJC Reunion and it was enormous fun. If you weren't there, please know that you were missed by all. **Fran Webb Cunzeman** suggests that next time we should set up a Skype feed with all of the classmates who are unable to attend. Hopefully, everyone will join us in five years for our 50th Reunion on April 5-7, 2019, so mark your calendars now! This was our first milestone Reunion at the Wyndham Hotel, which was a substantial upgrade from the old Eisenhower Inn. During our Friday class dinner we each gave a brief account of what we've been up to since 1969. The years have certainly been a roller coaster ride for many of us but we've gained wisdom, understanding and lots of compassion. And what an interesting group of accomplished women we are!

Here are some highlights: **Jean Givens Denney** had multiple careers as nurse, computer teacher, and PR project manager. She has been widowed 17 years, loves to cruise, and enjoys her six grandchildren. **Mary Pat Cohill** lived in Boston for nine years and has been in NYC for more than 30 years. She was a nurse manager in Pediatric/Neo Natal and is now semi-retired. She has many nieces and nephews nearby and lives just one block from **Jean Lowe**, so they see each other often. Jean taught for three years and worked for NY State in Regulations. She retired in 2011 and is enjoying all the city's cultural and fun activities.

Beth Dignan Blumer raised her three children, then earned an MA in counseling at Loyola. She worked in a private practice for individuals and couples for 15 years, and recently retired. She and husband John have been married 45 years and recently moved to the Williamsburg, VA area. They are planning a golfing trip to Ireland.

Ann Mooney Kirmil received a master's degree in psychology from Loyola in 1980 and was a caseworker/supervisor/administrator for the Maryland Department of Human Resources. She was involved with the automation of public welfare and child welfare programs. After 19 years in state government, she left to work in the private sector as an IT consultant with projects in Maryland, Washington DC, Georgia, and Pennsylvania. She and husband John have two daughters who are married and live in NYC. Ann and John have a home at the beach and travel often (this year to Greece and Jamaica) but they also spend a lot of time in NY being Grammie Annie and Pappa John.

PJ Heaven Reilly worked for the Department of Defense and raised three children, who have given them six grandchildren. After moving to Indiana, she went to work at Carmel High School. **Kathy Fitzpatrick** lives in northern Virginia, where she worked in emergency nursing for 43 years, and also for a pharmaceutical company, retiring in 2012.

Becky Snider Peters was in the Army Nurse Corps and was a critical care/emergency nurse, retiring six years ago. Becky and her husband bought a trailer (so they can take the dogs!) and have traveled the U.S., most recently spending three months in Alaska. They have two sons and five grandchildren. **Katie Franz Goldfarb** worked in public health and then practiced midwifery for 12 years before making a career change. She has owned an interior design firm for 17 years, been married 39 years, and has a daughter and two stepsons.

Terry Perry Horney earned an MA in special education and taught family and consumer science to high school students in special education. Katy has two sons living in the New York/New Jersey area. She has retired but continues to substitute in middle school, and is now living at the Jersey shore. **Margo Peterson Dougher** received early childhood/elementary education certification and taught pre-K in a public school for 25 years. She is a literacy volunteer and also arranges bus trips for senior citizens. She has two children and four grandchildren. **Patsy Garrity Prunkl** has two daughters. She taught middle school for 35 years in Washington, DC, and lives in Ocean View, DE near **Ann Mooney. Lucille DeAngelis Ettore** married her high school sweetheart 45 years ago. She finished her nursing degree and worked 35 years in medical surgery before switching to pre-admission nursing five years ago. At 44, she took up running to lose weight and has participated in more than 100 races and six half-marathons. She recently ran the famous Broad Street Run in Philadelphia. Lucille retired last June, and has two children and one grandchild.

Linda Dumbrowski Wivel lived in Boston for 17 years, and is now living with her daughter and two grandchildren in Damascus, MD. Linda still works in the insurance industry. **Pat Ziegler Conley** worked while her husband was in dental school. They have four children, live in Kensington, MD., and also have a beach house in Bethany, DE, where many SJC reunions have taken place. **Joanne Azzarello Letnaunchyn** married a Mountie and they have three children and six grandchildren. She taught high school and college math for 25 years. Joanne loves quilting and traveling. **Diane Asselin Thompson** was in computer programming for 13 years and has two children.

Angie Zappacosta Scheerer raised three children, worked in a hospital lab for a few years, then taught science and math. She returned to Mount St. Mary's to earn a degree in theology and is now director of religious education in Hagerstown, MD. She has also published a book of poetry. She has five grandchildren, one of whom is autistic and with whom she has a special bond. Angie is always looking for ways to encourage autistic children.

Fran Webb Cunzeman wore her SJC blazer to Reunion! Fran enjoyed working in human resources for the State of Maryland. She was married for 40 years and enjoyed traveling with her husband, who recently passed away.

Jenny Bowlus taught at Seton High School in Baltimore before raising her two sons and attending law school. She worked in public health law in the Baltimore AG's office. Jenny has four grandchildren and her passion is history—especially Civil War, American history and the American West.

Peggy Small Spranzani lives in northern New Jersey and worked until 1981, when she had her two children and did volunteer work. She has been director of a local museum for 17 years and also wrote and published a book on the history of their community. Her husband is a Vietnam veteran and they have traveled extensively throughout the U.S. to visit his buddies from Vietnam, as well as to China, Russia, and Morocco. **Fran Burkhardt** lived in Allentown, PA and was a computer programmer/system analyst for 25 years before moving to Camden, ME to open a bed & breakfast. She is working for Bank of America and has been there 13 years. **Pat Stanton** started at the Census Bureau but quickly got certified to teach, and enjoyed teaching grades three to eight for 38 years. She retired six years ago but tutors several days a week. **Barb Siddons Harris** joined the U.S. Navy Nurse Corps directly from St. Joe's, settled in Delaware in 1980, and worked at the Wilmington VA in critical care until March 2013. She keeps busy with volunteer activity with the church, neighborhood association, and grandsons' activities.

Susanne Sullivan changed her first and last name after getting divorced. She lived in a commune in Colorado for a time, and then went back to school. She is now a learning services coordinator at Red Rock Community College in Colorado. And finally, I, **Gerri Hawn**, worked in advertising for 40 years. First on the agency side as a media buyer/planner and then 30 years selling for the ABC affiliate in Boston. I've been married 39 years, have two daughters—Hilary lives nearby and Ashley is in Chicago. My husband and I spent a few days on St. Simons Island in April with his golf group. I don't golf, so was lucky to spend a wonderful day with **Sue McGuire Mattingly**, who retired to St. Simons with her husband Cecil. Sue is a competitive bridge player and travels to many tournaments throughout the South. They have a terrific home near the beach and have just started the last phase of renovations on their bedroom and bath. Her son and his wife live nearby in St. Augustine.

Some emails arrived during Reunion expressing regret to be missing the fun including one from **Pat Donnellon Kull. Jackie Collart Kennedy** was on jury duty. **Lynn Koerner** had just returned from a week in Aruba, where she owns a timeshare with Mary Pat Cohill, and needed to return to work at Creative Office Pavilion in Boston, where she is a senior account executive.

I've heard from a few classmates since Reunion, including **Pattianne Lanshe Rogers**, who is now living in Las Vegas, and just finished her first novel. She's planning to mass market it under a pen name. **Sharyn Quirk Figgins** was an Army nurse, but joined civilian life after marriage and pregnancy. She has three children and eight grandchildren. She has worked since graduation as a nurse in hospitals and home health, and is now director of nursing in a long-term care/rehab facility in Pensacola, FL. **Mary Jean Murray Walker** was in Minneapolis caring for her daughter, who is being treated for breast cancer. Jean lives in Falmouth, MA on Cape Cod.

Barbara Crouse Banaszynski was out of the country during our Reunion. She is the SVP of program operations for Volunteers of America, which employs more than 16,000 people in 244 cities. Barb continues to live in Louisville, KY, as husband Tom's law practice is there, but she travels to her office in Alexandria, VA each week. She would love to connect with anyone in the D.C. area. Her four children (Chris, Daniel, Justin and Megan) are grown and launched. **Isabel McCauley Farrell** creates wonderful watercolor artwork and has had many gallery showings and art show awards. Her husband Peter has been hiking his way up the Appalachian Trail over the past two years and has logged over 1,100 miles.

This *Valley Echo* will arrive in the fall, so if you send me your Christmas newsletters, we can continue to share our life experiences. Many of us are on Facebook, a great way to stay in touch, so send a friend request! Finally, the last report from the SJC Alumnae Association showed that only 22.7% of our classmates are current with their dues. If you've forgotten to make a payment this year, please send whatever you can. Cheers!

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The members of the Class of '70 are on the move! **Pamela Hackley Howton** wrote she's retired from Montgomery County Public Schools. She visits her only grandchild Audrey and her parents in New Jersey monthly. She is traveling to Newport Beach, CA in June and sightseeing in San Diego. She's also planning a trip to Santa Catalina Island that has been "on the bucket list ever since the 50's song." Her last and third child plans to be married in September so she's busy with wedding plans. She will spend some time in Ocean City, NJ and MD this summer, as well as at Myrtle Beach and Wrightsville Beach. She plans to see **Cathy "Chill" Hill** sometime in July and is working on a date to see **Terri Alocca Cullen**, who has moved permanently to the Outer Banks. She added "definitely planning on coming to Reunion next year!"

Joan Cassidy Oristian sent an update from Arizona: "I have been living in Arizona since 2004, when I retired from nursing to care for my husband, who had a brain tumor. I lost him in 2009. We have four children and four grandchildren, and I spend a lot of time in San Diego or Richmond, VA visiting them. I live in an active adult community and golf, hike, swim, bike and party. I have participated in over 15 triathlons during the last 12 years."

"Our classmate and my good friend **Jessica Dingeman Myrabo Thomas** lived here and we spent many hours hiking together and remembering our two years with your class at St. Joe's. We had some great laughs about the time we got in trouble and hung the sheet out of the window with "CARE?" written on it! She remembered that we had a code on our linens, so the nuns were able to find out who did it! I was sorry to lose her to cancer just nine months after my husband." Joan does not have any plans as yet to come to the Reunion, but has kept in touch with **Corrine Dugas** and visited with her last summer. Joan's mailing address is 20770 N Enchantment Dr., Surprise, AZ 85387.

Jo Anne Cartagena Windle reports she and husband Ron are moving to Baltimore this summer to be closer to their daughter Kristen and her family. Granddaughter Maddie will be two in July and Kristen is expecting her second child in November. JoAnne says "I **love** being Abuela! After 28 years in our big house, living in a townhouse will be challenging and refreshing."

Mary Lavin Whittaker worked for a few years in bedside nursing, then was promoted to a unit manager position. She subsequently moved to a nursing quality assurance (QA) manager, then to a hospital QA director. She also worked as peer review manager. She loved the job, but by that time her mother was quite ill and Mary needed a job closer to home. She found a position nearer home in quality and risk. However, she missed being part of the decision makers, so she became a quality director at another local hospital. She stayed in that position until a former boss enticed her to a QA job in a continuing care retirement community. Eventually, the company experienced financial difficulties at the beginning of the "Great Recession" and she was laid off. The layoff, she says, was "frightening, but also a good thing." Mary was only out of work three months when she found a job in QA at an insurance company. In time, another QA position became available at hospital near home. She adds "where hopefully I will stay until I am ready to retire. I am not yet mentally ready to retire, so I keep working." Mary married a few years after graduating from college but she and her husband separated and eventually divorced. Mary was diagnosed with ovarian cancer at 29 and had several surgeries. About a year and half ago, she was diagnosed with breast cancer. She has undergone treatments and is doing well.

Chris Otten Hardyman and husband Steve are still living in Fredericksburg, VA. Their grown children live nearby. Son Rob lives in Richmond and daughter Jessica lives in King George, VA so their five grandchildren are close, too. Rob and his wife Faith have Julianna, 14, and Cole, 11, and Jess and husband Chad have CJ, 11, Parker, 8, and Zoe, 7. Chris recently retired after working at various jobs, including editor for the Center of Military History in Washington, D.C. She was also a residential counselor at a group home for adults with developmental disabilities. Most recently, she works as an assistant to her husband, who is an accountant and tax preparer.

Chris has been in touch with a couple classmates lately: "**Jeanne Wilson** called in March and it was fun talking to her. I also talked by phone to **Jan Scrib Dyer**, who is now living full time in Naples, FL. It was great catching up with her, too." Chris will try to get to our 45th reunion next year.

Maryann Lesso is suffering from an "empty nest" with the graduation of niece Kristen from Catholic University. "It was such a joy to have her here in D.C. for four years." Maryann added that **Sue McKenna Clifford** and her son Mickey were present at Kristen's last track meet as a CUA Cardinal. Kristen was named to Landmark Conference All Sportsman Team and made All Conference in the 800 meters. **Alberta Johnson Baker** wrote: "I will be retiring at the end of June! **Helen Burke Rasmussen** and I should be at the Reunion next year."

Melissa Roseto Kreps has retired as a director of guidance in a school district in SE Pennsylvania and now does career and college counseling "but on my terms." She said that she and her husband are enjoying a lot of traveling and go between Wilmington, NC and Wyomissing, PA, stopping to see their son in South Carolina and their daughter, husband and their two boys in Ithaca, NY. She says she has become an expert at packing and repacking! Melissa said that it was so good to get news from college days. She adds "The older I get, the more humbled I am. God has blessed me and I am very grateful."

Christine Roos Mehl's big news is retirement and a trip to China. Chris and her son Alex began the trip on May 14 and returned May 26. They spent the first week in Beijing and then four nights in Shanghai. Daughter Kate, who works there, was able to spend the entire time with them. Christine said she plans to enjoy the beach in Avalon, NJ several times during the months of June, July, and August. Next on her calendar is a trip to Greece in September with "the kids." She is hoping for a get together with Maryann Lesso, **Leslie Henze Blackstock, Bridget Bradley** and **Sr. Anne Higgins** at the end of July in Lancaster.

Kathie Robinson Moritis is pleased to report she and her husband are in good health, and "I sure hope we stay that way this summer!" She said that she won't be able to make it to Reunion next year, as she and Alan will be traveling to Australia and New Zealand at exactly that time. This is a trip they've been talking about for years. They celebrated their 40th anniversary on May 25 and were leaving for a two-week trip to Eastern Europe to celebrate. They also planned to fly to Martha's Vineyard to see Alan's cousin for a week in August, and then they have a long weekend planned in Ashland, OR to see the Shakespeare Festival. In September, Kathie will fly back to Baltimore to see her mother, who turned 96 on June 25. She and her mom will go to Ocean City for a few days. When they return to Baltimore, Kathie will go right to the airport to pick up daughter Julia, who will spend time with her grandmother.

Mary Ann Wiberley Shattuck flew into New York with her daughter Trish the weekend of May 30. They planned to see some Broadway plays and attend her goddaughter Patty's Confirmation. Mary Ann also hoped to visit all her brothers and sisters. She looks forward to spending lots of time in the Sierras at Twain Harte this summer, then fly to Europe in September with sister **Christine Wiberley Goglia** (SJC '73) and sister-in-law Angie. They are going to Vienna, Salzburg, Prague, Krakow and Budapest.

Some very sad class news: Maryann Lesso heard of two deaths of our classmates. **Norine McGraw Swamintha** died in January from a brain tumor and **Mary Patricia Hemler** died in May from pancreatic cancer.

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It's impossible to believe we will be senior citizens this year. We were seniors at SJC just last week! Time sure has a way of flying by, especially when we are having fun! **Joan Durante Beaudry** wrote she retired in January after 11 years as a case manager with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Delaware. She is now selling Silpada sterling silver jewelry. Joan is having "the time of my life" with three grandsons; Jamir is 10, Gavin, eight, and Graham, 5. "My son and his wife Beth are awesome as well," she adds. Her son five, Todd is a fourth-grade teacher in the Unionville Chadds

Ford, PA school district, and his wife Beth is a per diem nurse at A.I. DuPont Hospital for Children in Wilmington DE. Daughter Sara, who is mentally challenged, is "priceless." Sara resides in Chimes residential housing and works at a Chimes workshop. She gets very excited on payday and can't wait to spend her money on special dinners each Friday.

Molly Eglseder Johnson decided she should finally send in a little bit of news. Her biggest is that she retired in February. She had worked at a local hospital for nearly 25 years. Since her retirement, she's not sure how she ever had time to work. She and her partner of 12 years, John Volatile, dated during freshman year when he was a student at the Mount. "Life is very strange and brings blessings in many forms." after her husband Jim died, Molly ran into John, who was visiting his mother, a patient on her unit at the hospital. As Molly says, "the rest is history." She sold her house in St. Michaels and she and John built a home in Caroline County on eight acres of farmland near the Choptank River. Molly's daughter lives nearby with two of her grandchildren, and a son lives in New York on Long Island with his wife and three additional grandchildren. She sees **Sue Knipfing Smith** and Brian regularly and keeps close contact with **Mary Beth Webb**. She traveled so much and moved so many times during her husband Jim's Navy career that "being home is now my priority." Also "the curse of arthritis" makes sitting in the car or anywhere for very long or even short trips, very uncomfortable for her. She looks forward to *The Valley Echo* and will try to keep us updated about life on the farm.

Buying the land and converting it to a home has been a huge undertaking for both of them. She humorously adds they "must have lost their minds to take on such a project at this stage of our lives." However, their efforts to reestablish native trees and plants, maintain a healthy pond and create habitat for the wildlife, as well as build an energy-efficient, comfortable home has been very rewarding. John is "a master of many things" and has done nearly all the actual work of transforming the place. Initially, a piece of heavy equipment was required to prepare the ground for the house. At that time, it was becoming very expensive to hire someone to perform the job "so not in my wildest dreams did I imagine I would be shopping for a used backhoe in my early 60s! I don't think any St. Joe's courses dealt with the details involved in acquiring a massive piece of earth moving equipment!" They now have "Wall E" the backhoe (if you haven't watched the animated film you may not get the association). Wall E now looks a little worse for wear, just like the character in the movie but, with John's amazing care and restoration and frequent maintenance, it has become an important addition to the family. Molly concludes with an invitation to visit if you are in the area. "There are extra bedrooms, peace, quiet, an amazing variety of wildlife, fishing and boating. Rides on Wall E are included! Civilization is just a stone's throw down the road; it's 12 minutes to Easton, MD."

Karen Nugent Borek originally started with the class of 1970 but graduated with the class of 1971. She received her master of liberal arts degree from the University of Pennsylvania this May. Her thesis is entitled Njabulo Ndebele's Waiting Women in The Cry of Winnie Mandela and Post-apartheid South Africa. Karen has two grandsons, ages five and six. Her son Michael graduated from Syracuse University and received a master's in business administration from the University of Maryland.

Marlene Giorello Johns sent news that 2013 was a year of both sad and happy times for her family. Her mother passed away in December after a very difficult year. On a happier note, her son got married in October. The wedding took place at an historic church in Old Town Alexandria, VA, with the reception at the Officers' Club at Fort Belvoir. He and his wife traveled to Thailand, Cambodia and Malaysia for their honeymoon. They both work for the Federal Government and currently live in Old Town Alexandria. Marlene's daughter and her family live in Bel Air, MD, and two grandsons are six and 12 years old now. Since both grandsons have different school spring breaks this year, Butch and Marlene had the opportunity to spend time with each of them separately. They took the younger grandson to the aquarium in Baltimore and then spent a couple of days with him in Washington, D.C., visiting the zoo and the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History. The trip also included the new Lemur IMAX film since he is an "animal lover." Older grandson enjoys history, so they went to Gettysburg, PA with him for several days to tour the battlefield and visit the museums. They also stopped in Emmitsburg to visit the Basilica and the Mount campus. Besides being able to spend time with their grandsons, Butch is playing golf several times a week. They are both enjoying retirement!

Marilyn Caruso Burlenski's two children lChris ive in New York City. Jennifer is the director of development for the Dia Foundation (a modern art foundation in NYC). She has been there for several years and enjoys living in the big city. Matt was working for Cartoon Network for the past 2½ years, but joined ION Network a few months ago as marketing manager. He and his girlfriend Erica will be moving to White Plains, NY to get more space. Matt and Erica became engaged on June 29. Marilyn and her family went to White Plains to celebrate and enjoy champagne and pizza! Erica has a Golden Retriever, Marilyn's granddog, who will enjoy the open space of the new location. John is continuing to work as a physical therapist in a sub-acute rehabilitation facility and Marilyn continues to work in her consulting practice.

Please share your news with me and stay well. Keep in touch!

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Jodi Henderson Youngstrom has a new granddaughter, Jillian Louise. That makes ten grandchildren under the age of 12 for Jodi. She has been slimming down and she has lost so much weight, she doesn't need the CPAP machine! Jodi and a new neighbor traveled to the National Shrine of Divine Mercy over Easter. They were able to participate in a nine-day novena while there. Our class was in Jodi's prayers during that time.

Mary Pat Bohan Kelly reports they held the last of the Kelly weddings last fall. Son John married Kristin. Bo and John went out to California over Mother's Day to visit daughter Brigid and son-in-law Andrew. They spent time hiking in the California hills. They enjoyed a train ride with Joe and **Sandy Cardella Speicher** last November. Bo reports the trip featured "great food, sites and laughs." The two couples also traveled recently to the New Jersey Sculpture Gardens.

Marcia Minton Bollwage and husband Scott have been traveling regularly. They try to plan something monthly. In January, they took their first cruise. They managed to board the only flight that made it out of snowy Philadelphia to New Orleans, but it rained almost the whole trip. It was "still a good time," despite the inconveniences. They journeyed to Las Vegas in February for the Super Bowl Party. In March, they went to the ACC basketball tournament in North Carolina and saw son Scott who lives in Greensboro. The month of April brought some big surprises. They had an all-expense paid trip to Harrah's in Tunica, MS, and could even bring along a friend. Marty and **Joanne O'Donnell O'Connor** were planning to join them. The surprise was that the O'Connors went, but Marcia had to have her gall bladder removed! The May trip was to Atlanta to see Scotty coaching in a basketball tournament. June was reserved for the beach and Ocean City. In July, they planned their first real road trip, which included attending baseball games, visiting some historic areas and some time in Las Vegas for the casinos. An August trip to North Carolina focused on another golf tournament.

Pat Bader Walsh is stepping up her work schedule just as many of our classmates are starting to retire! She completed a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree from Brandman University in Irvine, CA. Commencement was planned for the Memorial Day weekend, so Ray and Pat took a weekend trip there. She has accepted an adjunct faculty position with the university. Almost all of her preparation program was online, with rare trips to California for immersion sessions. She is continuing with her long-term geriatric practice and has expanded into North Mississippi. She is establishing NP care models to long-term care with corporate nursing home groups. It sounds like Pat will be able to help us plan into our "old age!"

Ray continues to work as a consultant in business software. His current project is in Nashville, TN. They are playing a little golf and stay active at church as Eucharistic minister, cantor and lector. Their eldest son Chris and daughter- in-law LaTisha are in Boulder, CO. Chris is the sports psychologist for the University of Colorado and LaTisha has a counseling practice with the University of Colorado Health System. They operate a private sports psychology practice together. Youngest son Danny lives a little closer in Germantown, TN, and enjoys a plethora of activities when he finds spare time from his IT position with a national food group. He "chefs" and brews beer, performs with a comedy troupe, and is always working on his house.

Kathy Trzecieski Beecher reports that Gordon has been retired for six months and loves it. Kathy is still working part-time, but the Department of Energy at Hanford just gave her division six months to shut down. She is currently helping people find jobs and hoping to retire in September. Kathy and Gordon are going to China and Thailand for three weeks in April. After that, they are hoping to take another trip somewhere with their son John, who loves his job in Raleigh with the SAS Institute. He's been there for five years. They are spending their spare time getting the house ready to sell. Projects include a new roof, new kitchen, floors and deck. There are lots of decisions to be made as they prepare to downsize. Kathy reminds us "everyone is welcome to come out to beautiful Washington State" while they still have lots of room.

Jane Ramsey Elfring learned first-hand about tornadoes in North Carolina. During the storms in April, Jane and Frank had to take shelter in an interior bathroom. They came out an hour later to find some roof damage to their home, but saw major damage to the homes across the street.

Ro Maher Curran's youngest Mary Claire, recently graduated from the University of Miami's Frost School of Music with a master's degree in vocal performance (opera). Her son, Army Captain Brendan Curran, is stationed at Fort Carson in Colorado Springs, CO. He and his wife Carrie Arnold are enjoying life "out west!" Ro and Steve travel frequently, with visits to their Ocean City sanctuary and being "Mom-Mom" to almost three-year-old Alice! She is the daughter of their middle child Bridget and her husband Joe de Leon.

Jo Ketner Gallagher and husband Dick have been traveling. They went on their annual Irish cruise in February. In April/ May, they visited Hawaii for a couple of weeks. I joined them at the Preakness for the day and stayed overnight, visiting with **Gloria Hammel** and her partner Lynn Shuppel. Jo also hosted a mini-reunion at her house for **Linda Raudenbush, Leslie Fulton Weatherly** and me. Linda retired from government work but is doing consulting and is busier than ever. Leslie is teaching online human resources courses and spending some time with family in Mississippi and Texas. She recently moved south of Richmond. Now I have a place to stop on the way south!

When you are reading this, about 20 members of our class, along with some spouses, are enjoying the wine country of California. **Jayne Bianco Cohill** arranged the trip that included a dinner at her house, visits to a couple of wineries and a day in Healdsburg. Who knows what we will plan next?

I hope all of you have a happy holiday season. Your dues envelopes have already arrived. Please renew your membership in the Association. We need every dime we can get to sustain our SJCAA so every class can celebrate their 50th reunion (2025). If you can volunteer for a few hours a month for SJCAA, please let me know. We can use some additional helpers!

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Maureen Hinke Hahn finished her 23rd year teaching at St Ursula School in Baltimore. She was looking forward to the arrival of two grandsons this summer. She saw **Pat Thornton Boulay** at the SJC Alumnae Association Baltimore Chapter luncheon in March and visited with **Kathy Kramer Callihan** while she was east this spring to see her mother. Maureen visits Emmitsburg every summer for a retreat and coordinates her eighth grade class retreat in Emmitsburg each fall.

Dotita Cartegena Kafka and husband Eric, who retired in December 2013, had a wonderful time visiting China in March 2014. She planned to spend the summer at home with children and grandchildren visiting. She will take an annual trip to Puerto Rico to visit her mother in the fall. Dotita also spends time volunteering, including interpreting. She has been in touch with **Maria Cola Layton** and **Martina Sabo**.

Barb Pios Werschkul traveled through Italy in June, visiting Rome, Todi, Succa, Cinque Terra and Milan. Her son Jason and his wife Danielle live an hour away, as does her son Chris. Both sons work in the Seattle area. Barb keeps in touch with **Donna Irby Gill, Kerry Norris Schultz** and **Becky Hook Kimmel**, who are all doing great. Kerry attended Jason's wedding and Barb visited Kerry in New Jersey last summer. Barb says that it is amazing how easy it is to pick right back up where we left off with good friends.

Following a layoff after 29 years as a hospice nurse, **Nicky Young Rachin** is again working in that field, dealing with adults for Banner Hospice. Her months off were a good learning and soul-searching time. She de-cluttered her house and now cannot wait until retirement – 35 months and counting! She will be in Baltimore in June for son Danny's wedding to Brittany, a music teacher. Danny has lived back east for the last five years, working for the government. Her younger son Mike lives and works in the Phoenix area. His new hobby is roller blade hockey. Nicky and her dog Lucy walk each morning, and she is back into hiking. She still quilts, and in her free time, helped form a support group through her church for people who, after long employment, were let go.

Leah Rosenbrock Birch and husband Mike are celebrating their daughter's wedding and becoming first-time grandparents with the arrival of a grandson (thanks to son Chris). Both events will occur in October this year. Leah continues to work full time and keep the books for the family business.

Toni Doherty Kellison and husband Steve are well, enjoying retirement and living in Orlando, FL. They are planning a trip to California and the wine country. This fall will find them traveling to The Netherlands, Germany, Switzerland and Italy. Their daughter Lexi graduated from Dartmouth last year and lives in New York City. Son Matt is engaged and will finish his degree next year. Toni welcomes anyone coming to Orlando to visit.

Sue Christman Williams recently completed training as a master naturalist with the University of Maryland Extension Service. She needs to contribute volunteer hours marking trails, counting turtles or banding birds as part of her commitment. She spends time substitute teaching at an Anne Arundel County Special Education Center from September through December. January through April she assists with educational programs at the Maryland General Assembly during the legislative session in Annapolis, MD. She spends June in Michigan with Ray and visits son Andrew and his family, which includes two grandsons ages four and five, in Ohio. In July, she enjoys the Chesapeake Bay, and in August she visits son RJ and family, including a granddaughter and grandson, in Charlotte, NC.

Martina Esther Sabo writes she is moving forward following the liquidation of her job in November 2013. She had every medical test under the sun and passed. She went on a few dates finding she "was rusty but it was interesting." She applied for unemployment compensation, but it ends in July. After praying, she found an answer outside her usual comfort zone. While friends stay at her home, she will go on a five-month road trip. She leaves in July and hopes to have a blog. "Tina Technosaurus," she adds, is being "challenged in many ways." She shares some good advice: she will remember to make plans but also remember she will not plan results, and life will be happier. She is off to see the USA and go couch surfing. She knows "who she is, where she is going and that she is loved – as we all are!" Bon voyage, Martina!

Jane Parrish Richard and husband Joe are enjoying retirement. Jane devotes most of her time to caring for her parents. Her mother is 89 with end-stage Alzheimer's, and her father will be 96 in July. He is fairly self-sufficient, but does not walk well. Jane is having some back problems and she probably faces non-invasive surgery in the near future. Her fun times are with her grandkids, ages three and five.

As for me, Chris, I will visit my sister Mary Ann in California this June, and in September will be traveling with Mary Ann and our sister-in-law Angie to Vienna, Salzburg, Prague, Krakow and Budapest. I am still working as director of nutritional services at Baltimore Washington Medical Center in Glen Burnie, MD. My son Kevin and wife Beth are well and live close by, which gives me the opportunity to enjoy watching my grandson Ben, 5, play soccer. I also spend time with granddaughter Annabella, 9, who is a budding artist and writer. They are growing up so fast. I continue to serve on the SJCAA Board and am Reunion Chair this year. Please plan to attend Reunion if you can. It's scheduled for March 18 to 22, 2015.

Jane, Jane and I appreciate the responses we receive to our emails. Please continue to stay in touch and remember to stay current with your SJC Alumnae dues. There is a Class of 1973 fund for the SJCAA Scholarship at Mount St Mary's to which you may wish to contribute. It is for a junior or senior student who has a connection to an SJC alumna. Take care and have a wonderful holiday season. ~ **Christine Wiberley Goglia**

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Hello Class of 1974! T**rudie Mangiaracina Glazewski** has been joined by **Jane Davis Gallagher** and **Paula Kozloski Swetley** as your Class Agents!

We are pleased to report that the SJC 40th Reunion of the Class of 1974 in March 2014 had an amazing turnout of 28 classmates who were "all together" for the weekend. Ladies traveled from California (**Eileen Cassidy Hartman**), Florida (Jane Davis Gallagher, **Barb Callan Bogia**), Michigan (**Pattie Touhey Bargnes**), Rhode Island (**Kathy Kerns Raubens**), New Hampshire (**Sue Arn McCarthy**), Kentucky (**Margee Crystal Koffler**), Georgia (**Becky Rutherford Dacey**), Arizona (**Eileen McAlarnen**), North Carolina (**Shirley Humbert O'Donnell**), Pennsylvania (**Francine Loreto Redman, Barb Smith Totaro, Terry Fletcher Kern, Mary Ann McWhorter Riley**, Trudie Mangiaracina Glazewski), New Jersey (Paula Kozloski Swetley, **Jamie Lowe Huber, Jackie Wajcs Gibney, Donna McCarthy Feld, Debbie Mitchell Kraponick, Maureen Sommar Milde**), Maryland (**Jean Connors Muhler, Pattie Laneve Mullaney, Patty Mackin Wilcox, Joanne Miller Genevish, Mary Ellen Kirchner Pleumer**), and Virginia (**Lori Quinnan McCormick, Elaine Maddox**) to celebrate our days at St. Joseph College, reminisce about good times, and share everything that has happened since we parted ways in 1972 or 1973. Some transferred to other colleges, some stayed and accelerated, graduating from SJC in 1973, and others transferred to Mount Saint Mary's College. Reunion 2014 began on Thursday night with the wine social and dinner at the Carriage House Inn, formerly "Bouchers" in the '70s. Laughing and getting reacquainted was so much fun; the years melted away quickly.

On Friday, more classmates arrived and we gathered at the SJC campus for a tour. A few raindrops didn't keep us from exploring the old "sub," the chapel and library, as we walked the grounds where St. Elizabeth Ann Seton herself walked, and where we all spent a few of our college years. Next was the MSM Grotto Tea hosted by Irene Powell, wife of MSMU President Dr. Thomas Powell, where we enjoyed wine and snacks. The Golden Jubilee Mass at SJC campus chapel and our Class of 1974 dinner at the Wyndham followed, and the hours zipped by as we reunited with friends and shared stories until the early hours!

Saturday morning we had a class meeting to discuss the future of the SJC Alumnae Board and its efforts to keep the SJCAA alive until all who attended SJC can have their 50th reunion in 2025. Alumnae dues and volunteering will be the deciding factor to the success of this task. The Alumnae Memorial Mass was held at the Seton Basilica and four members of our class represented us, carrying roses to the altar: Jane Gallagher and Kathy Raubens, followed by Mary Ellen Pluemer and Barb Bogia, who both accelerated and graduated in 1973.

At the Alumnae Banquet, Mary Ellen gave a short speech about the events that occurred on April 19, 1971, when St. Joseph's College announced its closing to students. Thank you, Mary Ellen, for expressing our feelings in words to fellow alumnae, some of whom said they hadn't realized our situation at the time. Although we shared a very difficult experience during our first college year, our class developed a very strong bond of friendship as a result. We still wonder what would have happened if we spent all four years at St. Joe's, but we should be thankful for the opportunity to attend college where St. Elizabeth Ann Seton began her first school. The connections that we made during our short time together at SJC are still so strong, and reuniting after 40 years was a wonderful opportunity. After Sunday morning's breakfast and singing our Alma Mater "All Together," we said our goodbyes and promised to come back next year, hopefully with an even bigger turnout!

Jane Gallagher knew that our 40th SJC reunion was going to be full of surprises when she bumped into Suzanne McCarthy and Margee Koffler in the car rental area at the airport. Jane writes, "It was so much fun catching up on life events of girls that we haven't seen for 40 plus years. In a matter of moments, it seemed that we were transported back onto St. Joe's campus; reminiscing about all the rules we broke, who we roomed with, and what classes we took." MaryAnn Riley and husband Matt's big news was the birth of three new grand babies. Kevin and wife Jackie had Caroline Grace on Nov. 12, 2013; Brian and wife Dee had their second son Tristan Joseph on Nov. 28, 2013--Liam Jack was two in January 2014; and Katie and husband Al (both MSM Class of 2003) had Rosemary Kate on Jan. 20, 2014. She is named after MaryAnn's mother, who passed away last October. The Rileys are finally back home on Long Beach Island, NJ, after severe damage from Hurricane Sandy, and they love life at the shore!

In May, Kathy Raubens went to Charlottesville, VA for a girls' weekend reunion with eight high school friends. Kathy traveled with husband Harry to the Bahamas in the spring and enjoyed a riverboat cruise in Europe during the summer. Kathy and Harry also traveled to Florida to visit Jane and Jim Gallagher! Debbie Kraponik works for Picaboo yearbooks and is coordinating an effort to help Reunion attendees download Reunion photos into an online book that we will have the ability to purchase in hard copy! Maureen Milde was recruiting golfers for her family's annual June golf outing in memory of her son Patrick. Maureen is looking forward to the birth of her second grandchild.

Becky Dacey, now living in Georgia, is happy to be a grandmother and hopes to eventually relocate to Florida so she can spend more time with her grandchild. Pattie Mullaney shared pictures of her son's recent wedding. Joanne Genevish rushed to Reunion after her first grandchild, born a few days before, came home safe and sound from the hospital. Pattie Bargnes, now working in real estate, has spent the past several years raising four boys and now has two grandsons, Oscar and Oliver. Shirley O'Donnell and husband Dennis drove from North Carolina to attend Reunion, and Shirley brought some great photo albums to share with everyone.

Sue McCarthy and husband Mike have an insurance business in New Hampshire, and son Matthew recently moved back to the area to join the business. Sue and Mike have been enjoying their five grandchildren located in Tennessee and Texas, including their youngest granddaughter, Hannah, who was born in May. Margee Koffler and her husband traded in their horse farm for golf course living in Kentucky. Eileen Hartman traveled the farthest, flying in from California! Eileen shared lots of fun stories from SJC and also had interesting tales of her children's lives in the entertainment world while they were growing up. Paula Swetley spearheaded the task of gathering contact info to share. Paula, who has retired from teaching, and husband Mark are busy helping to renovate her mother's home, which was destroyed by Hurricane Sandy. They make frequent trips to Georgia to see their grandson Jack.

Lori McCormick and husband John arrived on Saturday. Lori had knee surgery soon after Reunion and was busy planning her oldest daughter's July wedding on the Cape. Donna Feld is a social worker for a New Jersey school district. Her daughter Rachel is a Gettysburg graduate and attending graduate school in New York City. Eileen McAlarnen, a retired school principal, is enjoying life in Arizona. Eileen will be in Cape May, NJ during the summer. Barbara Bogia traveled from Florida and followed up Reunion by visiting family while up north. Jane Gallagher and husband Jim enjoyed their first winter as snowbirds in Florida, returning to New Jersey in time for Mother's Day.

Some of our classmates were unable to attend **Reunion. Kathy Oliver Kadliak** celebrated her tenth wedding anniversary in July 2014 and feels blessed to have a wonderful husband and blended family with four adult "children." Her daughter Alissa is 30 and a happily married RN in a neonatal intensive care unit. Kathy is hoping for grandbabies soon! Daughter Christine is almost 26 and starting her PhD at Boston University in fall 2014. Kathy is retired from the Federal government and works part-time as a court-appointed mediator. In May, **Beth Hurley Luers** traveled to Eastern Europe for ten days, including a visit to Auschwitz. Beth has been writing about three Holocaust survivors and "what they have done since the war to teach about the effects of hatred, to give hope and to work for justice." In July, Beth traveled to France.

Suzanne Smith Henderson and husband Mark, living in Florida, have been in the process of moving. Sue has two daughters, one who is 29 and lives in New Rochelle, NY, and another, age 27, who lives in Hoboken, NJ and was married this past September. **Rosie Fama Waugh'**s three children were all married within a year's time and are scattered far and wide. Christophe is an accountant with the State Department and lives in Sri Lanka, where Rosie and husband Dan visited in March. Julie works for NIH and lives in Germantown, PA with her husband, and recently gave birth to Rosie's first grandchild! Michael, the youngest son, lives in Atlanta with his wife and works as an attorney for the Labor Department. **Liz Baldwin Ewing** said that she really wanted to attend but family issues got in the way. **Mary Berens Regan** was in the midst of tax return season as a CPA, but I know they will attend next year's Reunion.

There was a mini-reunion in June when several SJC Class of 1974 ladies joined together in Emmitsburg to celebrate their 40th MSM reunion! Those in attendance included Kathleen Kerns Raubens, Jane Davis Gallagher, Pattie Holt Troy, Eileen McAlarnen, Mary McFadden Molinero, Jocelyn Lawyone, Belinda Lowry Jaffee, and Trudie Mangiaracina Glazewski.

Trudie enjoys serving on the Board of SJCAA and is excited to have been elected vice president. She starts her 36th year teaching students with multiple disabilities in Pennsylvania. She also has been spending lots of fun times with grandson Caden, who will be three in September, and new grandson Connor, born in May.

Thank you so much to those who have emailed current news. Our 40th SJC Reunion was truly a dream come true! **Please join us March 19 - 22, 2015 for the next SJC Alumnae Reunion!** Smiles and sunshine ~ **Trudie, Jane and Paula**

1975 *40th Reunion in 2015*

Please step up for your class!
We are in need an individual volunteer or a volunteer team to gather and submit news for the Class of 1975. If any members of the class would like to serve as Class Agents (the job is often shared by two or more women), please contact Kathleen Hollenbeck in the SJC Alumnae Office.

Above: Getting ready to leave for summer vacation in May, 1958, members of the Class of '60 gather for a photo (L to R): Pat Connor Quinlan, Kathy Leitch Driscoll, Sally Grabe Poux, Iddie Nelson Bailey, Liz Phelan Burmaster.

Above: Members of the Class of '63 enjoy a mini-reunion at the Carriage House in Emmitsburg in May, 2014. The trip also included a visit at the Seton Outreach Center which the class supports.

Above: Celebrating the Doctorate (DNP) earned by Pat Walsh Bader '72 are classmates (L to R) Mary Bohan Kelly, Sandy Cardella Speicher and Pat who has a private practice as a Geriatric Nurse Practitioner in Tennessee.

IN MEMORIAM

1930's

- **Teresa M. Topper Keffer '39**, mother of **Teresa Keffer Arcari '66,** sister-in-law of **Dorothy Kessler Topper '39** (06-11-2013)
- **Mary Elizabeth O'Neill McComas '39** (1979)
- **Callista McCaig '39** (02/08/2013)

1940's

- **Louise Barrick Strada '42** (12/17/2013)
- **Mary Madeleine (Peggy) O'Neill Creel '42,** mother of **Patrician Ann Creel Baltzley '75** and **Madeleine Creel (Synnott) Kincaid '72** (03/29/2014)
- **Dorothy Marrone Smith '42** (09/21/13)
- **Gordette Schenck Huntsberry '42 (**03/03/2014)
- **Margaret Mary Tuel '43** (10/03/2013)
- **Ann Weber Phalen '47** (01/09/2000)
- **Margaret Golden Susman '47** (08/28/2013)
- **Helen T. Taylor Goedecke '47** (10/01/2013)
- **Sr. Mary Jean Horne D.C. '48**, Trustee Emerita SJCAA (05/17/2014)
- **Marguerite McSorley Walsh '48** (10/21/2012)
- **Patricia Doerner Rohrer '48** (02/26/2014)
- **Claire Sheridan Mechmann '48** (2011)
- **Emily Farmer Reames '49** (12/23/2013)
- **Regina Bienlein Stein '49** (03/30/2014)

1950's

- **Betty Byrne Parlett '51** (03/24/2014)
- Wharton Tiers, husband of **Loretta Teller Tiers '52** (07/24/2014)
- **Elinor E. Starr '53** (09/11/20130)
- Jack Lawless, husband of **Claire Kirchner Lawless '54** (04/15/2014)
- **Eugenia Smith Pluenneke '54** (06/20/2014)
- Edward (Ed) Jones, husband of **Pat McGrath Jones '54**
- **Beatrice Fey Fitzgerald '55**(12/23/2013)
- **Jacqueline A. DeMarco Grose '55** (10/26/2013)
- William John Anderson II, son of **Mary Elizabeth Bustamonte Anderson '57** (12/28/2013)
- **Roberta Haley Rico '57** (03/17/2014)
- **Frances May Shaw '57** (08/01/2013)
- **Gloria Verdi Kane '57** (10/21/2012)
- **Sister Mary Augusta Von Drehle D.C. '59** (02/14/2014)

1960's

- **Catherine (Kay) Bailey Swearingen '61**, sister of **Mary Edith Bailey Hines '60** (02/06/2014)
- Dr. Joseph Kirkpatrick, husband of **Elizabeth Hutchinson Kirkpatrick '61**
- Robert Corazinni, husband of **Elizabeth Schwilk Corazzini '61**
- Robert Keefe, brother of **Eileen Keefe Bonhag '61**
- David Rossen, husband of **Frances (Missy) Cullinan Rossen '62** (01/17/2014)
- Mother of **Pat Ryan Donovan '62**
- **Sister Mary Ann Bozel D.C. '63** (03/01/2014)
- **Sister Camilla Harant D.C. '63** (12/20/2013)
- Michael, son of Earl and **Ro Moran Marquette '63** (10/15/2013
- **Carol Lee Brosenne Story '63** (10/14/2013)
- Jerome (Jerry) Denier, husband of **Carol Davis Denier '63** (12/05/2013)
- Tom Sullivan, brother-in-law of **Mimi Ratke Cochran '64** (01/19/2014)
- Dolores Cochran Moses, sister-in-law of **Mimi Ratke Cochran '64**
- Kate Kingberger, daughter of **Maureen Fahey Sullivan '64** (07/05/2014)
- Nancy, sister of **Ann Smith Flynn '65**
- **Dr. Elizabeth (Betty) Mooney Rubino '65** (09-02-2013)
- **Carol Lazauskas McKinley '65** (07/26/1994)
- Jack Wain, husband of **Sherrie Simonds (Aitken) Wain '65** (04/08/2014)
- Ronald Miller Payne, husband of **Anne Sacchet Payne '65** ((08/14/2014)
- **Kathleen Miller Hornung '66** (09/30/2013)
- **Patricia Leonard '67,** sister of **Mary Ann Leonard Dolan '64** (deceased) (07/26/2011)
- Martin Mulroy, husband of **Ann Wyllie Mulroy '67**, brother-in-law of **Mary Ellen Wyllie '64** and **Carol Wyllie Blakeslee '75** (07/06/2014)
- Valerie M. Nelson, mother of **Janice Nelson Pflugfelder '68** (05/01/14)
- James Brown, brother of **Mary Brown '68**
- Thomas G. Direnzo Sr., father of **Carole Direnzo Shores '68**
- Brianne Koch Mahoney, daughter of Dennis and **Mary Jo Rice Mahoney '68**
- **Sister Angela Cool D.C. '69** (04/14/2014)

1970's

- **Norine McGraw Swamintha '70** (01/02/2014)
- **Pat Hemler '70** (05/14/2014)
- Florence Verta, mother of **Lea Verta '70** (07/2013)
- Alice Martin, mother-in-law of **Mary Schrecengost Martin '71** (01/04/2014)
- Keith Allen, brother-in-law of **Carole Allen Bell '71** (12/21/2013
- Husband of Madeleine **Creel (Synnott) Kincaid '72** (09/2013)

May they rest in peace and rise in glory!

Making Reservations

Two registrations are necessary, one with SJC, and one with the Wyndham. SJC registration forms will be mailed to you in early January 2015. Return your completed registration form to the SJC Alumnae Office or register online at www.sjcalumnae.org.

Make your hotel reservations by visiting the Wyndham Gettysburg Website, www.wyndham.com/gettysburg, or by calling 717.339.0020.

Be sure to mention that you are with the St. Joseph College Alumnae Association.

Seeking Gift Basket Donations

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

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

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SJC Reunion 2015 - March 19 - March 22

Mark your calendar and make plans to attend SJC Reunion 2015!!
RETURN…RECONNECT…REWIND…RECHARGE…RELAX…REMEMBER…

> *"It really was a magical time to sit anywhere with any one and have a great time of catch-up with warmth and laughter!"* ***Pat Troller Seagraves SJC '64***

> *"Still smiling after a great weekend with old and new friends. It is surprising how quickly we become comfortable and relate to each other. It is also amazing how much fun it is to meet someone we only knew slightly and realize how much we have in common and enjoy their company."* ***Jean Givens Denney SJC '69***

We invite you to come back to the Valley to be "All Together" again! Help us celebrate with the classes ending in "0" and "5". Remember that our Reunions are not just for these Milestone Classes they are for all Alumnae! The Reunion Committee is hard at work planning another great weekend. Contact your friends and classmates now to meet you at Reunion 2015.

Thursday, March 19, 2015
Return - and register at the beautiful Gettysburg Wyndham, which continues to generate rave reviews from Reunion attendees. Check in at Reunion registration, attend our welcome wine social in "The Pines", and then meet friends and classmates for dinner.

Friday, March 20, 2015
Reconnect – and take the opportunity to visit our former campus for a surprisingly good lunch in the newly renovated cafeteria, followed by an informal tour. A self-guided Heritage Tour: St. Joseph's Valley and St. Mary's Mountain is available for those desiring a more comprehensive walk down memory lane.

Mount President Dr. Thomas Powell and his wife Irene will host a special reception for Alumnae in the early afternoon at the MSM Grotto Visitor's Center.

Afterward, you can join our Golden Jubilarians, the Class of 1965, at their special Mass in the campus chapel, if you wish. Take time to read the bricks outside the chapel. **Have you left your footprint?**

Rewind – with classmates at a Friday evening class dinner prepared specially for each Milestone class. During the past four reunions at the Wyndham, groups large and small have held Friday evening class dinners there with great success. As SJC alumna Maureen Smith, SJC '65 notes: "Great food and service + no driving = a very relaxing evening." Class agents please contact Reunion Chair Chris Goglia to arrange a private dinner.

Saturday March 21, 2015
Recharge - with coffee and pastry in "The Pines". Enjoy a bit of history with an informal presentation by Dee Gallo, Provincial Archivist for the Daughters of Charity, on the role of St. Joseph's and the Daughters of Charity during the Civil War. Class meetings follow. Lunch is on your own. Now is the time to explore Gettysburg.

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

Remember - Return to the Wyndham for a social hour, then go on to our banquet and listen to memories from our Golden Jubilarians. Winners of gift baskets will be announced. Photos of Milestone Classes and all honorees will be taken following the banquet.

Sunday March 22, 2015
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 play a round of golf. Relax at the hotel pool and exercise room. "Remember when" at "The Pines" in the Wyndham as you view yearbooks and class memorabilia.

Remember --Reunion weekend is the time to reconnect!! We look forward to seeing you March 19 – March 22, 2015 at the Wyndham Hotel in Gettysburg, PA.