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The Jubilant Class of '65 celebrates winning Kelley Award for highest number of members in attendance. The Class of '65 was also awarded the Hassell Cup for highest percentage of members in attendance.

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We are pleased to bring you the Fall 2015 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!

-The Board of Trustees

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PRESIDENT 'S LETTER

Welcome to The Valley Echo 2015!

I hope all of you had a great summer and enjoyed time with family and friends.

The St. Joseph College Alumnae Association continues as a viable organization thanks to your support and your dedication to our alma mater. I am pleased to report that your generosity enabled us to meet our budget for 2015 and not dip into our savings to meet expenses. Thank you for your continued support through tax-deductible dues, donations and bequests.

Another key to continuing our Association, especially its annual Reunion, is volunteers. Thank you to the loyal alumnae who work so hard throughout the year to manage our finances, the SJCAA website (http://www.sjcalumnae.org), plan and run Reunion and produce our fine publication, *The Valley Echo*. The list of volunteers is too long to mention names, but **thank you** to all! Without our volunteer corps, we could not sustain our Association. Isn't it amazing that we are still running strong 42 years after the closing of our college? What a dynamic group of alumnae we have!

Members of some classes not marking a five-year anniversary are considering coming to Reunion more frequently. That would be a great boost to helping maintain our attendance, as the number of classes celebrating a milestone year is declining. So, if a class is planning to attend Reunion 2016, please notify the office or me about your plans. We may have to revise plans with the hotel to accommodate a higher number than expected, based on historic attendance at Reunion. Mark your calendars for March 31 – April 3, 2016. We would love to see you at Reunion 2016!

During Reunion 2015, we awarded our first SJCAA scholarships for the 2015-2016 school year to an incoming junior and incoming senior at Mount St. Mary's University. If you have ties with a rising junior or senior at the Mount, please let them know about our scholarship and encourage them to apply. You can direct any questions to Alumnae Liaison **Kathleen Hollenbeck** in the Alumnae Office. Email: **office@sjcaa.org**; phone: **301.447.5075**.

Finally, a huge thank you to all the volunteers who make *The Valley Echo* possible – the class agents who supply the news, the editors, and our leaders, **Maureen McPartland Smith '65** and **Mary Lou Ullrich Jones '64** for coordinating content and readying it for design, printing and distribution.

My best wishes for a splendid autumn, a blessed holiday season, and a healthy happy New Year.

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 2015**, the Association will send invoices or bills to all alumnae for their **2016** ANNUAL DUES. Annual Dues for 2016 are due at the time the 2016 dues invoice is received by an alumna. **2016 Dues sent to the office as late as June 30, 2016 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.

Thank You

2015 DUES PERCENTAGES

Class	TOTAL	FY15 Paid	Percentage
1935 Total	1	0	0.0%
1936 Total	3	1	33.3%
1938 Total	2	0	0.0%
1939 Total	6	1	16.7%
1940 Total	3	1	33.3%
1941 Total	7	4	57.1%
1942 Total	3	0	0.0%
1943 Total	11	1	9.1%
1944 Total	11	3	27.3%
1945 Total	9	4	44.4%
1946 Total	11	1	9.1%
1947 Total	15	7	46.7%
1948 Total	21	8	38.1%
1949 Total	20	10	50.0%
1950 Total	23	11	47.8%
1951 Total	27	7	25.9%
1952 Total	25	9	36.0%
1953 Total	18	7	38.9%
1954 Total	31	17	54.8%
1955 Total	23	11	47.8%
1956 Total	25	15	60.0%
1957 Total	40	13	32.5%
1958 Total	48	24	50.0%
1959 Total	44	15	34.1%
1960 Total	41	18	43.9%
1961 Total	64	32	50.0%
1962 Total	58	21	36.2%
1963 Total	82	42	51.2%
1964 Total	111	55	49.5%
1965 Total	97	57	58.8%
1966 Total	82	31	37.8%
1967 Total	101	27	26.7%
1968 Total	132	51	38.6%
1969 Total	149	43	28.9%
1970 Total	127	52	40.9%
1971 Total	86	24	27.9%
1972 Total	96	43	44.8%
1973 Total	101	30	29.7%
1974 Total	103	18	17.5%
1975 Total	59	2	3.4%
TOTAL	**1922**	**716**	**37.3%**

Dues paid by all classes as of July 15, 2015: $53,366.00

ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION FUNDS LOCAL SCHOLARS

The St. Joseph College Alumnae Association has provided scholarship assistance to students within the Emmitsburg community since 1998. At that time, the Association began awarding scholarships to students attending Mother Seton School (MSS). Since its inception, the SJCAA has helped 54 MSS families and their children with scholarship assistance totaling $68,000.

This year the Association expanded its scholarship opportunities to Mount St. Mary's University. The St. Joseph College Alumnae Scholarship provides a lasting tribute to the college. As an endowed scholarship, it will ensure the educational legacy of Mother Seton and two centuries of women learners at SJC.

The first Saint Joseph College Alumnae Scholarship at Mount Saint Mary's University (MSM) for the 2015-2016 academic year was awarded to two upperclassmen students at the Mount. Bridgette Wisnieski, a rising junior, and Rosalyn Smaldone, a rising senior, were selected for the awards.

Bridgette Wisnieski is enrolled in the MSM nursing program. One of Bridgette's professors praised her strong work ethics and good grades, saying that she pushes herself "to hone her academic standards outside of her major to broaden her interests". The advisor who recommended Bridgette has ties to SJC; her mother-in-law is Judy Brittingham Ward, class of '66.

Rosalyn Smaldone is a commuting student. The scholarship will allow her to live on campus senior year. She is a communications major who has worked as a Writing Center tutor and as a receptionist at the Grotto. Her advisor commented that Rosalyn is mature and responsible far above her years and feels Rosalyn "exemplifies the spiritual and personal goals MSM has for its students". Rosalyn is also an intellectually gifted and dedicated student, taking classes outside her major that challenge her. Rosalyn's third cousin is Mary McIntyre Gray, class of '54.

If you wish further information about either Alumnae Association scholarship program, please contact Kathleen Hollenbeck in the SJCAA office. ■

ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES LEGACY AWARD FOR 2015

The SJCAA honored its Legacy Award recipient for 2015 at the Association's General Meeting in March. The Legacy Award is presented annually during Reunion weekend.

The Board's Classes Committee solicits and processes nominations from Board members as well as all Class Agents. This committee also selects the final alumna honoree. The initial presentation of the Legacy Award occurred in 2014 at the General Meeting. Maureen McPartland Smith '65 was the inaugural recipient. At the annual Reunion in March, SJCAA President Karen Mattscheck '72 presented the 2015 award to Claire Maurer '64 for "significant contributions to the Association".

Claire is a long-time member of the SJCAA Board and has served on a number of its committees. She is currently the Chair of the Finance Committee. In addition, Claire led the Association's commitment to reorganize and restructure the SJCAA's website (sjcalumnae.org) and continues to monitor and update the site monthly. "The word 'no' is not in her vocabulary," Karen added when announcing Claire's selection for the award. ■

REUNION 2015 PHOTO *Gallery*

Reunion Chair Christine Wiberley Goglia '73 gives advice to Reunion volunteers Eileen McAlarnen '74 and Trudie Mangiaracina Glazewski '74

Maryann Lesso '70, Christine Roos Mehl '70, Carol Ervin Sharkey '70 and Susan Stay Valenti '70 enjoy a laugh together

The Class of '70 at their Class Dinner

Janet Welaj Klaer ’65, Didi Bremer Corrigan ’65, Cindy Crawford Cannon ’65 and Sharon Callison Brady ’65 reminisce at the Class Social Hour

Patricia Smith McCardle ’50 and Elizabeth McAlister ’50

Karen Mattscheck ’72 leads the Class Agents Meeting

Mona Lee Overdorf Welliver ’55 and Marthe-Marie Methot Meadows ’55

Sally Grabe Poux ’60 and Liz Phelan Burmaster ’60

Maryann Lesso ’70 and
Mary Ann Wiberley Shattuck ’70

Marlene Brown Strattan ’65, Mike Gold Killorin ’65,
Re Hussar Sohonyay ’65 and Sharon Callison Brady ’65
bring gifts to the altar

Rev. Kevin Farmer consecrates the host at the Alumnae Mass. Extraordinary Ministers (from left) Karen Langer Carr ’65, Sr. Carol Czyzewski ’65, Anne Nichols Gildea ’65, Kay Ehringer Mufalli ’65, Eugenia McAuliffe Kelly ’65, Barbara Wixted Hayes ’65 and Sr. Anne Higgins ’70

Nancy Boemans Fratini ’65, Dee O’Connor
Cosquer ’65, Dede Koudelka Rogers ’65, and
Kathleen Kearney Walczak ’65

Cross Bearer Jean Tierney Terza ’65 and Candle Bearers (from left) Maggi Mullahy Yates ’65 and Maggie Quayle Bellew ’65 lead Fr. Farmer in the Recessional

Members of the Class of '70 enjoy the Banquet Social Hour (from left) Betty Jo Cappuccino Brechka, Alberta Johnson Baker, Helen Burke Rasmussen, Mary Lavin Whittaker, Joanne Snyder Caye, Judi Siani O'Connell

Janet Welaj Klaer '65 models typical dressy attire from her college years for Jim and Anne Nichols Gildea '65, Carol Donohue Miller '65 and Sharon Callison Brady '65

Members of the Classes of '73 and '74 at the Banquet Social Hour

Class of '70 members Kathleen Noll Hillyard, Leslie Henze Blackstock, Jacqueline Tennessee Carter, and Christine Roos Mehl enjoy the Banquet Social Hour

Members of the Classes of '65 (from left) Betsy O'Brien Marron, Maggi Mullahy Yates, Kay Ehringer Mufalli and "A" O'Neil Ashburn sharing good cheer at the Banquet Social Hour

Member of various classes in the 1960s share a table at the banquet

Members of the Class of '74 enjoy the banquet.
Standing (from left) Kathy Bergin McCann, Lori Quinnan McCormick, Mary Ann McWhorter Riley.
Seated (from left) Donna McCarthy Feld, Eileen McAlarnen, Trudie Mangiaracina Glazewski

Susan Flanigan Conrad '65 recalls highlights from their SJC experience for the Golden Class of 1965

Karen Mattscheck '72, SJCAA President, presents to Tom and Irene Powell a Certificate of Appreciation for their support of SJCAA during Dr. Powell's tenure as president of Mount St. Mary's University

Maureen McPartland Smith '65 receives the Kelley Award for highest number of class attending reunion from Christine Wiberley Goglia '73 with Karen Mattscheck '72 looking on

Jane Manning Brennan '65 and Jane Currie Sutton '65 announce the Class Gift of $22,370 presented to Sr. Linda O'Rourke D.C. '65, Director of the Seton Center

Mary Ann Wiberley Shattuck ’70, Sr. Anne Higgins D.C. ’70 and Maryann Lesso ’70 accept the offer from Maureen McPartland Smith ’65 to share the Hassell Cup and Kelley Award with the Class of ’65

The Class of 1960 pose for their 55th Reunion photo

Margaret Patton Dalton ’50, Pat Smith McCardle ’50, Virginia Schneider Kenney ’50 and Elizabeth McAllister ’50 proudly pose with the Class of ’52 Award for the highest number of Family and Friends in attendance

The Class of 1970 at their 45th Reunion

Mona Lee Overdorf Welliver ’55 and Marthe-Marie Methot Meadows ’55 celebrate their 60th Reunion

Claire Maurer ’64, recipient of the 2015 Legacy Award for significant contributions to SJCAA, is congratulated by classmates Chrystie Damico Goles ’64 and Anne McAllister LaBoon ’64

50th REUNION

Class of 1965

ALUMNAE VOLUNTEERS PLAN REUNION 2016

Representatives from milestone classes have assumed leadership roles and are now working with the SJCAA Board in planning annual Reunions. Members of the classes from 1966 and 1971 were present at the SJCAA Reunion 2015. During that weekend, they met with the Board and with the Wyndham staff to discuss options and make plans for 2016.

The Board's Strategic Plan predicts a decline in the Association's membership numbers as well as a decline in the number of alumnae attending Reunions. Any decline in attendance impacts on the event space needed for the weekend's activities. Because of the anticipated decline, there will be changes in space allotments at the Wyndham for 2016.

The hotel and the SJCAA office will closely monitor reservations for the upcoming 2016 event so it will be important for alumnae to register as quickly as possible. Reunion brochures will be mailed in January to all milestone classes. Other classes who wish to celebrate an "*in between*" Reunion may request receipt of the brochure by notifying the Alumnae Office. Information will also be available in January on the Association's website at reunion.sjcalumnae.org.

Reunion 2016 Chair Mary Ann Wiberley Shattuck '70 and the Co-chair Jean Givens Denney '69 remind us all "our annual Reunions are not just for the Milestone Classes, they are for all Alumnae!" Check out the schedule of activities in this edition of *The Valley Echo*. More importantly, mark your calendar now for March 31 – April 3, 2016 and join the fun! ■

Class News

1947

EDITOR'S NOTE:
The following is taken from a letter written to our Alumnae Office by **Sr. De Chantal La Row (Mary Fran)**, former 1947 Class Agent.

"At present I am feeling very much like myself again after a real difficult year following an illness. I am getting around with the use of a cane and have been able to resume some outside trips, such as shopping, etc. I am pretty much acclimated to St. Louise House where our retired and infirm Sisters are. I still miss the active life in healthcare. However, at 88 years, I guess it is time to 'retire.' I hope that all is going well with our Alumnae Association."

Please submit all information for the Class of 1947 to the Alumnae Office. We have been unable to find a substitute agent.

1948

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Hello dear classmates. Since recently returning from a very strenuous trip to Spain, France and Dublin, I've been recovering from related illnesses and gradually regaining my strength. The most impressive highlight of the trip was Lourdes.

I received some news from **Pat Hultberg Hyde**, who called to say that **Cele Doyle** and **Fran Hewes Sedney** had both died. Although Pat learned this by accident and had no particulars, I know that we will all remember our fellow classmates fondly and keep them in our prayers. We'll never forget them.

I've only had a chance to call three of our classmates to catch up on other news. **Jeanne Burroughs Conlon** was working on a cousin's reunion for 69 people. Fortunately, her sons are chefs and one has his own restaurant in Connecticut, while the other loves to cook, so she has it made.

Marion Shueler Werner keeps busy volunteering at the hospital. **Sheila Broderick** still does her one-hour swim every day. That's all the news I have of the class of 1948. Please give me a call or write me a short note to share your news for next year's *Valley Echo*!

1949

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Greetings to the SCJ class of 1949. June 8, 2015 marked the 66th year since the "49-ers" left the halls of St. Joseph's College, and it is my privilege to continue to provide some news about those who remain and keep alive that great Class of 1949!

Jean Barry Curran told me that her daughter Sarah took a position in Oregon to teach gerontology, and she misses her terribly. Jean remains active socially and enjoys time with her bridge group. **Nell Voltaire Davidson** said that she enjoys life in Orlando and being near her grandchildren. One is still in high school, but the other two will be attending the University of Florida in the fall. She lives independently and, thanks to the meds she takes, her health is reasonably good.

The report from **Rose Bravo**, on the other hand, is less encouraging because she is coping with Parkinson's and neuropathy, both of which seem to be progressing rapidly. She thanks God for friends and neighbors who have been very attentive and helpful. Adjusting to being dependent on others is the most difficult. She asks for and is grateful for our prayers.

I spoke with **Ruth Wyatt Sweeney**, who lost her brother last year. She is recovering from a fall in March in which she sustained a fractured back and injured her shoulder, but she gets out every day to attend Mass with her son, who does the driving.

Jocelyn Gates McGlynn is still enjoying her visits to the shore where she has lots of company. She said that, while her basketball and driving days are long gone, she is mobile with the help of a walker or cane, and she and her "reader" tablet spend a lot of time together.

Mary B. Wittmer Walsh wrote in an email that three back surgeries in four months have provided a physical challenge. She has a strict daily exercise regimen that is essential to her recovery. I chuckled when she told me about a recent dream of playing a tennis doubles match in which she and her partner were winning.

I had a nice chat with **Sr. Helen (Jo) Sigrist, RSM**. We reminisced about our freshman year when we had 50 girls in our class. She only spent one year with us before entering the convent, but she has vivid memories of that year. She is somewhat mobile with the aid of a walker and resides in the nursing unit at The Villa in Baltimore.

Rita Fenwick Gough stays busy and is enjoying the many renovations in her home, compliments of **Mary Jean Koeck Cox's** son Andy. Last year at this time I wrote about the great job he did in her kitchen. Rita's son gave her his car after he bought a new one, and she keeps her old one in the driveway for security reasons. It's on loan right now to one of her granddaughters.

Talking to **Doris Roach Jakob** took me back 65 years . . . like sitting on the steps of Seton or Marillac or walking the "A." Different subjects but the same Doris . . . full of vim, vigor and vitality! She spoke about her life and the enjoyment she gets from Fitzpatrick family reunions and her honored position as matriarch. The family will gather soon to celebrate Fred's 90th birthday. Life on the water in their boat, however, is now a thing of the past.

Mary Elizabeth (Betsy) Shlesinger Miller is well and will soon be celebrating her husband Phil's 90th birthday. Her family was gathering in his honor on the Fourth of July. **Cecile Begnoche Kelly** wrote that she and Bill are doing well and feel fortunate to still be functioning "as they mature."

As for me, my life is busy, and my health is excellent, thanks be to God. I am blessed to have 11 grandchildren and three great grands, two girls, six and four, and a boy, ten months old, and with my now-retired son Rick, spend a lot of time at our home on the Outer Banks of North Carolina.

I have no current information about **Alice McLaughlin (Goetz) O'Neill, Lucy McLaughlin Goedicke, Sheila Ward McPeak**, and **Mary Catherine Whalen Justice**. Some of our classmates no longer use email, and some only use cell phones instead of landlines. If you are in that situation, please provide me with your cell phone number. Also, please remember to pay your annual dues so that you can receive and enjoy a copy of *The Valley Echo*. Let us keep each other in our prayers.

"Let nothing trouble you. Let nothing frighten you. All is fleeting. God alone is unchanging. Patience obtains everything. Who possesses God wants nothing, for God alone suffices. Amen."

~St. Teresa of Avila

1950

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The 65th Alumnae Reunion of the SJC Class of 1950 was a great success! There were four of our classmates who attended to represent our class: **Margaret (Peg) Patton Dalton, Elizabeth (Betty) McAllister, Patricia (Pat) Smith McArdle and Virginia (Ginny) Schneider Kenney**. Peg's daughter Trish chauffeured the D.C. contingent to Gettysburg, and Ginny's daughter-in-law and two granddaughters escorted Ginny from Baltimore. Ginny has two granddaughters, one is a graduate of Mount St. Mary's University and the other graduated from nearby Gettysburg College.

Members of our class who were not physically present in the Valley for our March 2015 Reunion were all there in spirit. We all celebrate and cherish the history of the awesome Class of 1950, which is now nearing 69 years in length since we started our first year in Emmitsburg at our dear Saint Joseph College. We continue to share our current news as a community with our classmates and with other SJC classes as well. I was so happy, for example, to read in the last *Valley Echo* that Alice McLaughlin and her former Mount man had married! And I loved reading about a mini-reunion held out in California.

Just a reminder that now we can go onto the SJCAA website online at sjcalumnae.org to see photographs of

our classmates! Have you checked the Reunion 2015 pictures and slideshow? You will love watching as the camera records the entry into the Basilica, where you will find Pat Smith McArdle and Betty McAllister leading the procession of jubilee classes into the Reunion Mass. Betty expressed that it was a true St. Elizabeth Seton miracle that they didn't stumble down the long center isle! There are pictures from the Banquet in the dining room showing Pat, Betty, Peg, and Ginny, along with Peg's daughter Trish and Ginny's granddaughter. Peg reported that SJC's "infamous Class of '50" won the Class of 1952 Award for having the highest number of guests present. The cup was left with the Reunion Committee to be engraved. There was an after-party following the festivities which took place in the Dalton Room of the beautiful Wyndham Hotel in Gettysburg.

In addition, the SJCAA website holds a treasure trove of information. It currently features our own Patricia Smith McArdle, who was honored by the Wilmington Diocese and presented with a diocesan medal for dedication and service to her home parish, St. Mary, Star of the Sea, Ocean City, MD. Pat was nominated for the honor by her parish. We received a copy of the letter that Pat's daughters Teri and Mary Pat sent expressing their pride in their mother's accomplishment: "As you know, mom has spent countless hours at Holy Savior Parish in a multitude of roles ... we could not be more proud of her and are pleased that her tireless efforts were recognized." They continued to list Pat's numerous commitments including RCIA, leading Eucharistic services at a nearby nursing home, working countless hour on the parish's annual bazaar, and promoting a profitable shop for the sale of religious goods in the church. When our class moved into Seton 69 years ago, Pat stood out as a devout young Catholic woman and probably one of our most effervescent classmates. As we celebrate our 65th SJC Reunion, she is still effervescent and steadfast in her lifelong dedication to the church, the sacraments, and motherhood. Our class is fortunate to have Pat and many others like her who have been unwavering in their faith and service. Bravo!

At the head of our column, you will note that **Mary Theresa (Lockie) McLaughlin Camarda** has a new address. She and Cass are moving from their home of 52 years to a retirement village in Bethlehem. They were together with all of their family in May when grandson Ethan Ebner graduated from Moravian Academy. All four of the Camarda children and seven grandchildren gathered for a happy weekend of celebration. Lockie recently enjoyed a phone visit with **Maryjane McAuliffe**. They felt blessed, as Lockie put it, "to be still on our feet and able to take nourishment." Lockie sent **Eleanor Lois Smith Weiss'** address which changed after her husband Francis died last September: Eleanor Lois Weiss, Holy Cross Village - Schubert Villa, P.O. Box 706, Notre Dame, IN 46556. Her new phone number is 574.351.3666.

Harriet White Heffernan, our dear volunteer correspondent, has been enjoying visits with **Antoinette (Toni) Savino** at a rehab facility near Harriet's home in Glen Cove. Toni is currently using a wheelchair to ambulate in order to keep pressure off her right leg. Her present address: Antoinette Savino, Marquis Rehab, 2 Medical Plaza, Glen Cove, NY, 11542. Her telephone number is 516.671. 0858. When Toni was at her home in April, she and Harriet co-hosted a weekend with **Sister Mary George Barlow**. Our dear Maddie drove to Glen Cove from Wilmington via NYC! Maddie and I had a great phone chat and she reports that she is still working but has reduced her hours. Harriet's granddaughter Cathy Craig spent the spring semester in India with Cornell students attending a 15-week course with students of the Irula Tribe in transformative education. Cathy loved the classes, field visits and practice teaching and hopes to return to India after her summer vacation at home. Harriet's daughter Cara and another granddaughter work at Sloan Kettering Cancer Institute with two remarkable women, Dr. Jimmie Holland, an 85 year old psycho-oncologist, who is founder of the medical field of psycho-oncology, and Mitzi Greenspan, a clinical psychologist. Another colleague, Mindy Greenstein, PhD, a 50 year-old two-time survivor of cancer, is clinical psychologist and works with Dr. Holland. These doctors all advocate taking a positive attitude toward aging because this serves well as we age and may help to prevent some types of illness. That's good advice for everyone!

Katharine Joyce Kelly wrote that granddaughter Samantha is now an actress. Samantha played Aunt Spiker, with coiffure to match, in the play *James and the Giant Peach*. Samantha and Sean have both been accepted into their high school's exclusive a cappella group. Kitty herself seconds **Helen Hansen Orlando's** conviction that the Kelly grandchildren did not inherit Kitty's musical genes! In a photo with her grandchildren, Kitty is the shortest person in the group. The Kelly family shared annual summer togetherness in Michigan and then afterwards, Kitty went to Green Spring, WI for American Players. She still manages the library at Covenant Village and recently went to the Chicago Art Institute for an exhibit which was advertised as Celtic. "Not Celtic!" Kitty responds: "Anglo – Irish!"

Last fall **Anne (Penny) Prendergast Gibbs** was sidelined temporarily by a lumpectomy and hormonal treatment. She reports that she is doing extremely well. Along with daughter Peggy, she went to NYC for a four-day visit with daughter Anne, proprietress of the White Mule Picture Framing Shop. They took in the Cloisters, the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Tenement Museum. Observing the 40th Anniversary of the fall and evacuation of Saigon in 1975, Penny recalled the time she, Glen and their daughters spent there when Glen was a cartographer in the CIA. Penny had happy memories of the afternoons that she and the children spent at the embassy pool where Kathy learned to swim. The family was on the way by train to a vacation in Malaysia when the bombing began in Saigon. Returning home immediately, Penny and the children were evacuated to Seattle. Glen left soon afterwards with eleven Vietnamese friends and they flew to California in cargo planes. There were no seats, only handles on the floor. Penny and Glen located each other with the help of cousins, and they have remained close to their Vietnamese friends, two of whom came to Glen's funeral two years ago.

Penny talked with **Marydenise "Denny" Sullivan White** as she emerged from New England's monster winter. Daffodils bloomed south of Denny's house while snow lingered north. Denny had a fall off a stepladder ("which she admitted she should not have been on") as she was changing a light bulb. Luckily she did not break anything and has fully recovered.

The class of '50 is blessed! Keep in touch and love to all! Lockie, Harriet and Kel

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Best regards to our wonderful classmates in the SJC class of 1951. Although we haven't heard from many of you for this issue of *The Valley Echo*, we do have both happy and sad news to share.

Just before Christmas, on December 18, 2014, **Marie Cleary Kleber** lost her husband Frank. Our classmate **Margaret Rose Thomas Khoury** passed away on February 1, 2015, after a long illness. Her six children live nearby and were with her at the end. Margaret's husband Leon preceded her in death. **Beverly Isaac Turbeville** sent Margaret's obituary, and classmates were notified through email.

Mary Carr Shea placed her husband Wally in a care facility for Alzheimer's disease in Naples, FL and planned to live their full time. Sadly, Wally died on June 7th. The family had Memorial Services both in Florida and in Maryland, where Mary and Wally resided for many years. Mary has two daughters living in Naples. She has two sons, Michael, who divides his time between San Diego and Boca Raton, and another son and two of her daughters all live in the DC area. At present, Mary is in Florida.

Avita (Veetsie) Frick Ryan also lost her husband Tom on April 8th. He had been ill for quite some time. His Memorial Mass was in Naples FL so **Nancy Johnson Koerwer**, Mary Carr Shea and Peg McGowan Clarke were able to attend. The family plans another ceremony in New Hampshire where Veetsie has a summer place. She will divide her time between there and Florida, where she has purchased a condo in a retirement community. Her new address is Marbella, 7425 Pelican Bay Blvd., #1903, Naples, FL 34108. Her son lives in Atlanta and her four daughters live in Oregon, Philadelphia and the Boston area.

Barbara McCrystle Meikle came to visit in Naples, FL for a few days in April. We had five classmates together for much of her stay and really enjoyed reminiscing. This was just a preview of our 65th Reunion next year! Barbara has moved back to Florida and her new address is Prospect Towers, 801 Chestnut Street, #1308, Clearwater, FL 33756. Her telephone number is 727.204.8060. Her daughter Chris also moved to Florida, so Barbara now has two daughters living there and one daughter in Atlanta, GA. Her other two daughters still live in Michigan, where she spends the summer months.

A few Christmas cards indicated the classmates I heard from are doing fine. **Myrtle Sullivan Phelps** had her usual busy year. She and Bob spent two weeks in

Scituate, MA where she enjoyed her childhood summers. They then travelled the west coast where they visited with family. They ended their western travels and spent some time in New Jersey in August.

Margaret (Margie) Wolski Karwacki said she is adjusting to life without Eugene as well as being in a retirement community. Her grandchildren are a source of great pride; all are doing well in academic life.

Joanne Downey McManus wrote to say she was spending time with her son's family in New Hampshire. He has three little girls. Joanne keeps in touch with **Margaret (Margie) Feeney O'Brien**, who shared that she spoke to **Anita Nevy Karwacki** whose grandson, Patty's son, is graduating from high school in Illinois and will go to college in Florida. Margie and Ed spent their usual week in Antigua and say that a trip to Ireland is a possibility in the future. They enjoy summer weekends at their son's home in Westhampton, NY.

Katherine (Kitty) Kemp is doing well and plans to move to an Assisted Living situation soon. She has many things to "unload" and that is delaying the moving process. Kitty has been in touch with **Carolyn Eckenrode Sandherr** who is adjusting to no longer having the freedom of driving herself. **Sister Mary Raphael Collazo** has shared that she has decided close her e-mail account. Kitty also spoke with **Carmel Meehan Tekdogan**, who moved to a retirement community after her husband Tek died last summer. Her address is 3131 Simpson, G W 107, Evanston, IL 60201. Her telephone number is 847.570.3464.

Rosemary Powers Booker has a new address and can now be reached at Capital Living and Rehab Center, 526 Altamont Avenue, Room 602, Schenectady, NY 12303. Her telephone number is 518.630.5886.

Please remember to send us your news. And remember to save the date for our 65th SJCAA Reunion which will take place on March 31 – April 3, 2016. There are already several of us who are very excited and plan to attend. It will probably be our last one and we want to make our voices heard, like we always did. So think about it and start making plans. Remember how much fun we had at the 50th - we can do it again!

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Hi, SJC Class of 1952! I hope everyone is having a terrific 2015 wherever you are and that you are all healthy and happy as we head into Fall!

Beverly Barker Ament shares that her family is doing well, although she has had a couple of setbacks during the last two years. She is still living on her own with the help of three wonderful caregivers and a few good friends who are thoughtful and helpful. **Sister Maria Cincotta** has "retired from the world of education." She is now living at Villa St. Michael in Emmitsburg, MD, where the "old sisters go", but she says she loves it there.

Lois Hasenauer Treacy and husband Bob are now in Rochester, NY and their new address is 238 Johnarbor Drive West, Rochester, NY 14620.
Ann Doyle O'Neill says all of her granddaughters are now in college. Their picture at Christmas time is always highly enjoyable. Anne said that **Loretta Teller Tiers** is down at Stone Harbor, NJ, which is her favorite summer place. One of Loretta's grandchildren is working down there so she has company. Anne also talks to **Jean Hanlon Roming** who shares that she's doing okay.

Margaret (Peppie) Smith Roohan sent a birthday card saying that all is well and she will have five great-grandchildren by the end of June. **Madlyn (Chirp) Marshall McPartland** is doing okay after a heart attack last summer. She had a wonderful Thanksgiving at daughter Madlyn's home when there were 22 family members at the house. A friend of the family presented them with a genealogy book that shows the Marshall family has royal ancestors, including Henry VIII and William the Conqueror.

Alice McGrath Conway had a few health blips last fall including a torn rotator cuff, but she and Dave are hanging in there. **Marilyn (Mitzi) Evans Kilduff** says Bill continues to have problems with UTIs but he is improving. They try to walk every day. Mitzi had a pacemaker put in and is doing okay. They have five great-grandchildren. The daughter of the late **Betty Jane Sullivan Fannings** wrote to say that Betty Jane's husband died and that he and Betty Jane are both buried in Arlington, VA.

Claire Nelson Dale has been visiting with her sister Mary Carole who had a stroke. Claire also reported her grandson is undergoing chemotherapy for a brain tumor. Despite her family concerns, she continues to be busy as ever with church activities.

Ann (Mickey) O'Donnell Taylor's husband Bill has retired. Mickey keeps busy with her family and some church activities. **Mary Elizabeth (Betty) Scanlan Wellner** and her daughter Terry came to visit me after Dom died. Betty is doing okay. She is very involved with her family, spending time with them and helping out any way she can. Her granddaughter will be going to NYU this fall. **Ellen Glynn Kenkel** got in touch and said that Rollie was doing better. Ellen called me after she saw the notice of Dom's death on the web and then she sent me some lovely yellow roses that can be planted outside in Dom's memory.

As for me, Dolores DiPiante Falco, yes, my husband Dom died on June 6. He was very ill for the last six months of his life, so it was a blessing. Our family was with us when he passed and they were very supportive through this difficult time. I ask that you keep us all in your prayers. As ever, Dee.

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Cheers to the SJC class of 1953. It still feels somewhat strange to be in my position as Class Secretary or Class Agent. Even after all these months of **Elinor Starr's** absence, I continue to think of her in that role and, in my mind, she will continue to have that position. Unfortunately, there doesn't appear to be too much earthshaking news this time. I'm sorry for that, but **Joan Billerbeck**, who continues to be my ever-faithful contact and "snoop", was able to provide a few updates from classmates.

Thelma Redding Wichrowski and husband Dick continue to do well, although at a somewhat slower pace since Dick's surgery. Since their granddaughters attend school nearby, the girls are with them during the school year. Their older granddaughter is graduating with seven awards and is the salutatorian of their class. Why am I not surprised? "The apple does not fall far from the tree." Congratulations to the grandparents as well.

Mary Ann Muldowney Greene tells us that all is well, but she's just slowing down a bit. She is still living in the same home in Frederick that she and Bob bought. It's located in a very attractive neighborhood near the park. Her daughter Mary Ellen graduated from the University of South Carolina this spring and will be attending Law School at the University of Miami in the fall. She also has a two-year old grandson named Brently who visits often and is a joy to his "Mimi". She can't get over how different boys are from girls at the same age. I'm quoting *someone* when I say, "It's too bad we couldn't have had grandchildren first"!

Suzanne (Sue) Kiser Crock continues to enjoy living at the Leisure World retirement community. She considers herself lucky to have her four children living nearby. She visits them for weekends and sees her grandchildren often. Sue has nine grandchildren. I'm sure that makes for a very enjoyable party! Sue says one of her many blessings is living close to Joan Billerbeck at Leisure World. She and Joan share news and events. How fortunate for both of them.

Elisabeth (Liz) McCollough Lodato tells us that she has had problems with ankle and knee replacements and required multiple trips to the emergency room. She also suffers from severe arthritis and husband Joe now does the driving for them both. As one of those who watch the weather channel, I know the weather this year has been especially bad in Louisiana. According to Liz, she is following the southern custom of tossing out "St. Joe's bread" to protect them from storms. Never heard of this practice, but good luck Liz and Joe. By the way, she wants us to know because redheads do not turn gray, she still has her locks. They have simply turned a lovely brownish shade. We should all be so fortunate!

Doris Brown Doussan makes our class proud. She is a cancer survivor and although she says she is "slowing down" due to problems, she stays busy and active. It doesn't appear that she is slowing down to me! She chose to begin chemo immediately following her diagnosis rather than having surgery first. After having chemo for two years, she has been off of it for three years and that appears to be the right thing for her. Doris continues to exercise to be healthy and stay in shape. Needless to say, she amazes her doctors! Her support group is her three children. Tom lives in Metairie, LA; Debbie, in Austin, TX; and Michelle in Baton Rouge, LA. She also has eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Unfortunately, Doris' 21-year old granddaughter is paralyzed as the result of an automobile accident. Prayers are in order for Doris!

Come on Mother Seton, let's get busy on this one!

Some news from Joan Billerbeck - what would I do without you, Joan? Joan reports she also enjoys living in Leisure World. The world of politics continues to interest her and has resulted in her joining their political club. Because she is so computer savvy, she has become a mentor for the Computer Club. I just know she's better than I am! In addition, "Meals on Wheels" has her delivering those meals to the homebound in Leisure World. I never knew this, but Joan has a cousin whose husband is the "Homicide Hunter", a TV series sponsored by a station located in Silver Spring, MD. The delightful couple surprised Joan when they arrived for a visit in a chauffeured limo. That sort of visit doesn't happen too often! She is looking forward to visits this summer from her niece, grandniece and two children from South Carolina. It appears that our Joan never stops. Keep going, Joan.

Geraldine (Geri) Cellura Becker is her usual upbeat self and reported she is planning a Perillo Tour to Italy to celebrate her "big 85" next year. We are all invited to join her! Her family and grandchildren continue to be newsworthy with awards galore and activities that would exhaust the rest of us. Not so amazing, she just finished her 20th year with the Loveland Center at the Venice Theatre. She is thrilled that Ben Vereen will be directing "Hair" for the theatre in November-December and a big gala is planned. She invites us all to "come on down". She reports she keeps up with many of her long time theatre friends and they try to have breakfast once a month to share the past and future. Obviously Geri isn't slowing down either!

I was so very pleased to hear from **Mary Beth Kelly Fricano**. Her email was brief because she practically had "one foot out the door" in anticipation of what sounds like a wonderful trip to Italy. She and her sister were on their way to Italy and are making pilgrimages to Rome, Milan, a number of shrines in the mountains and Turin. I am very excited for them. She says they have reservations to see the Shroud while in Turin. I so hope that she shares her experience when she returns.

As for me, I have "finally" retired. General Electric decided to "downsize" and sold off a division that resulted in the elimination of my position in their legal department. I was not considering retirement for at least another two years, but I believe in Maria's quote from the "Sound of Music"; when He "closes one door, another one opens." Right now, I'm just enjoying sleeping an hour later in the morning and having more family time. My nine grandchildren, who range in age from 20 to four, are a constant joy. I know you will all agree that having young people in your life keeps you young.

Please pray for all our classmates and especially those I haven't heard from this time. Keep young, my dear friends, and God bless. Louie

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"Oh, it's a long, long time from May to December..." Rather, from June to October as the VE editors promise a timely delivery of our eagerly awaited *Valley Echo*. Thanks to all of you who faithfully supply me with some grist for our news mill. Even though most of you have heard it all before, I am told the surrounding classes enjoy reading about us, too, as much as we enjoy reading about them. So here goes.

Marguerite Bourdeau Byrne says that she and Barney are doing fine at Virginia Beach, VA and informed us that **Sr. Catherine (Cathy) Fitzgerald** has retired to Villa St. Michael, St. Joseph House, in Emmitsburg and her phone number is 301.447.7170. Sr. Catherine reports that **Sr. Patricia Ann (Pat) O'Brien** and **Sr. Louise Sullivan** still live at the Bayside, NY address. Marguerite Bourdeau Byrne lives near **Marian Christe Calcagni** so they are close enough for occasional chats. Marian updated us on her life saying that she and Dante travelled to Italy, Sicily and Cyprus again where their relatives and ancestors reside. **Claire Kirchner Lawles** had two college graduations on the same weekend in May and chose to attend the one at Lehigh over one at Tufts. She is proud to announce that she became a great-grandmother on March 4. The new father is her daughter Terry's son. They live in Alexandria so Claire has plenty of opportunities to visit. Last October Claire's brother Al died; he attended the Mount for a year before transferring to Georgetown. Claire sent me updates on **Nancy Black Connor** and **Mary Louise Rippey Egan**. The Connors went to Bermuda recently for their annual visit. They also go to Bethany Beach, DE in October after the crowds leave. Mary Louise is now in an assisted-living residence in Richmond, very close to her daughters Maureen and Erin. She welcomes phone calls at

804.740.4186. Claire talked with Mary Louise on her birthday, April 23, and was planning to have lunch with Mary Louise and Maureen soon.

Back in November 2014, Claire wrote she had a nice visit with **Joan Paroni Neff** at Bethany Beach, DE in August. Joan was well and anxious to hear all about Reunion. Joan's phone is 302.539.7526. **Patricia (Pat) McGrath Jones** wrote a wonderful description of her husband Ed's interment at Arlington National Cemetery in August 2014, a year after he died. The tribute included a horse-drawn caisson, the Air Force Band, a bugler playing taps, a very inspiring homily by the chaplain, and the presentation of the flag. Many of Ed's friends from the service were there. In June 2014, when my husband and I attended the wedding of my sister **Jacqueline Smith Woelker's '57** son in San Diego at the end of June 2014, we were able to meet up with Pat McGrath Jones and **Carol Knauer Pastor '57** at Coronado for lunch and had a mini SJC reunion. Pat's new e-mail address is: thudjoccopilot@outlook.com.

Patricia (Pat) Brady Hines' is proud of her grandson Nick who just graduated magna cum laude from Loyola in Chicago. Pat's description of her life at St. Leonard's sounds like a whirlwind of activity - concerts, symphonies and volunteering as an escort to get patients to the doctor. Her humor is still there, too. She wore a jester's outfit to pass out candy at Halloween while her daughter Paula was not at home and had fun watching the two cats race back and forth each time the doorbell rang. [We had a doorknob malfunction last Halloween and had to pass the treats through an open window on the porch, drive-thru style.] Despite her hesitancy at traveling alone, Pat did brave a trip to Spokane and revisited her old haunts around Gonzaga. She is hoping to visit me one day if one of her daughters drives to Chicago.

Juanita Maguire Tryon always has a busy life. For the last two and a half months, five out of her six children, spouses and some grandchildren have been in residence. They loved every minute of it. She and Dennis are still on the golf course and at the bridge table. Dennis sold the airplane last year after 50 years of flying all over the country. Now Juanita has more time to tend her apricot and plum trees and to start canning. She recently wrote: "The roses are blooming and the fig trees look mighty full. That's the Arizona sun for you!" Juanita's latest news just arrived; they are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on August 20, and she says their plans "will surprise you." What can that mean? Juanita says that despite being only a "two-year girl," she has fond memories of SJC.

Another couple celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary is Bill and **Mary McIntyre Gray** on June 22. Coincidentally, it is the same day as Jim's and my anniversary, although ours is a mere 58 years. Mary and Bill were planning a big family celebration in Shepherdstown on June 27. Their neighborhood has mushroomed since they moved there. Mary says a house is due to be built on an adjoining lot; she hopes they don't start blasting through the rock on the day of the party! Their Viking River Cruise on the Danube last fall was very nice and Mary says she would like to do it again when she doesn't have such a bad cold. Mary, that was just the Vikings taking another swipe at the Irish!

Anne-Marie Niklaus, **Mary Norton Niklaus'** daughter, reported that her mother died May 24, 2015. The funeral Mass was at Our Lady of Lourdes in Enola, PA, with burial at Mount Saint Mary's cemetery on May 29. Mary and Bill Gray attended the funeral Mass and spoke with Mary's husband Skip and met their very pleasant children David and Anne-Marie.

Roselyn McCarthy Borrosso informs us that her husband John died June 4. It was a very peaceful time with the whole family forming a circle and holding hands while saying a prayer. Despite the sadness of the occasion, Ro said they felt a joy that John was then at peace. He had been sick for over a year. I'm sure I express the feelings of our class when I offer our condolences to Ro and the family. Roselyn also mentioned that she had spoken with Sr. Pat O'Brien.

Elizabeth (Betty) Hoff Galvin's obituary recently came to my attention, stating that she passed away on July 30, 2014 and was buried in All Saint's Cemetery in Wilmington, DE. Betty was one of the three bridesmaids of Juanita Maguire Tryon who have all now passed on to eternity, including Peggy and **Eugenia (Genie) Smith Pluenneke**.

I recently picked up the phone and dialed **Norma Wootton Murphy's** number in Jupiter, FL. By Jupiter! Norma answered and we had a long, long chat. I could hear Doc in the background correcting her! Norma sounded good although she and Doc are still dealing with health issues. About a year after our SJC graduation, Norma and I flew to Puerto Rico to visit **Myrna Sepulveda Otero**. It was the first airplane flight for both of us. We are disappointed we cannot locate Myrna; her last address was Longwood, FL. Norma's new e-mail is jeanmurphyl933@att.net. Jean is her middle name. She has always used that name with her family.

Jim and I continue our routine lives here in Glen Ellyn, IL. We mostly go to church, to Jim's Toastmasters' meetings, to our grandchildren's sports events and to their graduations. Our granddaughter Alison will attend Loyola in Chicago. Her decision warms Jim's heart; finally someone is going to a Jesuit school! Our travels consist mostly of local trips. Our last long trips were to Reunion and to the family wedding in San Diego in June '14. Otherwise, we just sit and wait for our children from Louisville, CO, Salt Lake City, UT and La Crosse, WI to visit us. We are fortunate our oldest son literally lives back yard to back yard with us. Our yards are connected by a lovely pine needle pathway which is frequently used by our grandchildren or their parents to visit us or sometimes just to borrow an egg or some computer paper.

While some of you anticipate a *Tee time*, we wait for *Teatime*. Please keep writing. It is good to know that most of you are still *walking* on the grass, rather than *pushing* it up! That's what a recent correspondent told me. Keep the memories and pass them on!

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Thanks to all who responded to my emails and phone calls! You made my "maiden voyage" as your class secretary so much easier. There have been nine class agents in our 60 year history with three of us - **Terry Serge Meyer, Sonia Ziolkowsky McLaughlin** and yours truly serving two terms. Heartfelt thanks to my predecessor **Catherine (Cathy) Connolly Griffin-Persons** and to all of you for your cooperation.

In this 60th year of our graduation, it is the joy of grandchildren that fills our lives and hearts as we take delight in their accomplishments. **Miriam Johnson Curnin** wrote of two high school graduations of her grandchildren, but some of you already have college graduates to celebrate. Miriam and Tom spend their summers in the Berkshires in North Egremont, MA enjoying family and friends and the rich cultural feasts the area offers. Miriam keeps in touch with **Clarebeth (CB) Maguire Cunningham** and **Dolores (Dee) Nevy McMullen**. Dee, in turn, mentioned her ongoing contact with Miriam. Cathy Persons also mentioned chats with Miriam and her oldest daughter lives in the same town as Miriam. **Betty Barbieri McClellan** and Cathy met in New York Easter week when Betty was in town with her opera friends. Betty and husband Bill are inveterate travelers from their Southern California home. By the time you read this, they will have taken a riverboat cruise on the Danube from Budapest to Prague. Betty also mentioned plans to be at Glimmerglass on August 1. I alerted her that the Glimmerglass Festival is in my "backyard" in Cooperstown, NY and is one of my favorite summer activities so I hope we will get to see each other.

Audrey Vogel Emley's life slowed down after her husband Bill died on December 29, 2014. To stave off boredom, she continues to run the pottery studio at Lansdowne Woods, which has been renamed - "no more Leisure World, sounds too old" and has added work at a fabric shop to her schedule. **Betty Brown Shea** and husband Bob have been living in the same community in Leesburg, VA while they fix their home in New Jersey to make it more accessible for Bob who had a stroke in 2012. In Leesburg, they are close to their children. Betty and Bob live on the floor below Audrey so the SJC girls keep in touch!

Dorothy (Dotty) Stohlman Egan spoke glowingly of their summer place near Annapolis where she and Tom gather their children and grandchildren throughout the summer. Dotty has been keeping in touch with **Mary Kathleen (M.K.) Scully LeMense** but could not give me the latest news concerning M.K's health or her address and I have been unable to make contact with M.K. or her family.

My conversation with **Carol Murray Fuchs** left me breathless! Though having suffered a "devastating loss" with the sudden death of her daughter Kathleen in January, 2014, Carol finds joy and satisfaction in many civic involvements. She spoke of the Women of Rotary and their outreach to new citizens at naturalization ceremonies and the Learning in Retirement program of which she is secretary. She is especially proud of her oldest granddaughter Jennifer, whose Ph.D. in electrical engineering has led her to a full professorship at Syracuse University and of her youngest granddaughter Hanna who is headed for college in the fall. Carol travels often to Lincoln, RI to spend time with her son Michael and his family. She is faithful with phone calls to **Sister Mary Martha Gardiner (Marty T)**, who had the unique opportunity to travel to Peru to celebrate the 50-year presence of the IHM Sisters there. Mary T's travel companion was a Sister with whom she had lived 12 years in Peru. Mary T's two sisters had plans for a "three sisters" cruise to Alaska but surgery in May to take care of recurrent

diverticulitis cancelled the trip. Mary T "came through with flying colors and made the surgeon look good".

Barbara Henner Keogh suffered a stroke in December 2014 but fortunately there is no serious damage and by the end of February, she was back to driving her car. She continues to play "a lot of bridge" and participates in a dinner group every Friday night. I had a wonderful chat with **Florence Moore Murnane** one Sunday afternoon while Flo was keeping her husband Don, son Jimmy and three of her 13 grandchildren supplied with popcorn as they were watching sports on TV. Flo mentioned that her 96-year-old stepmother, **Monica Bagiackas Moore '41**, is an alumna of SJC!! That has to be a record! Florence is occasionally in touch with Carol Murray Fuchs.

Maria del Pilar (Mapy) Irizarry is as vibrant as ever! One of her sons "went to heaven" four years ago and although his loss continues to touch her life with sadness, she speaks with great joy and pride of her remaining five children and many grandchildren. Mapy still works two days a week. She keeps in touch with **Ileana Soler Torruella** and plans to see her soon. Ileana is her ebullient and stoic self and her faith is amazing! Her family has set up an apartment in San Juan for her and she frequently spends weekends there surrounded by her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren! Her daughter who lives in Florida was due to spend five days in Ponce with her and Ileana was counting the days!

Clarebeth (CB) Maguire Cunningham has been a Denverite for the past three-and-a-half years. She is near her son Michael and his family which means her two grandchildren ages eight and five are on hand to light up her life. CB is curious as to how many of us are left in the class of 1955. I count 25 and most are represented in this column. **Virginia Ohlmuller Rooney** and Bill winter in Marco Island, FL and look forward to visiting with Cathy and Bob Persons in Naples, FL when these "snow birds" are in residence. Virginia reminded me of her special friendship with **Florence (Cathy) Reidy Kapusta** who joined our class in her junior year and who passed away seven years ago. Virginia still misses her. I count 14 deceased classmates and we keep them all in our prayers.

Pauline (Pal) Lisella Raftopoulos shared the sad news of her husband Spyro's death October 14, 2014 after many hospitalizations and hospice care. Pal is indebted to her two sons who helped with the lifting and transporting and made it possible for their dad to be at home. She referred to his last months as "a very loving but exhausting experience" but the family feels blessed that Spyro knew who they were right to the end. Their last trip to Ithaki, Greece, Spyro's hometown, was in 2008 and she says she will miss those trips. On a happier note, Pal welcomed her first great-grandchild in August 2014 - Alana, daughter of her son Michael and his wife Kathleen. Our condolences, Pauline, but also our congratulations!

As you already know, **Monalee Overdorf Welliver** and I represented the class at our 60th reunion. For both of us, it was the highlight of our year, but we missed you all! In the summer of 2013, Monalee and her son Sean joined me and Carol Murray Fuchs for the Glimmerglass Festival presentation of Camelot. In the summer of 2014, Monalee and Sean drove 9,600 miles from Staunton, VA to Alaska. They had won a slot in the Denali Road Lottery (10,000 apply only 1,600 get chosen). This entitled them to have a day to drive thru the park in their own vehicle. How's that for a mother-son bonding experience? I visited Monalee in the fall of 2014 when I accompanied my son Denis on one of his trips south and I hope to repeat the experience this September. Monalee and I worked at a resort the summer of our freshman year and our friendship was forged in the reality of those long and tiring days. Sonia Zilkowsky McLaughlin credits her teenage granddaughters with keeping her young! She certainly has a youthful memory - recalling the wonderful notes and phone calls from so many of her classmates during her stint as class secretary from 1995-2000. **Jacquelyn (Jackie) Hemler Cummings** is not well but she answered my call and seemed pleased to be contacted. My yearbook notes indicate that Jackie and Ed were married on June 3, 1955. Thus, this June was their 60th wedding anniversary. Congratulations! Is this a class record?

Husband John answered when I called **Margaret (Jill) May O'Donnell** and he invited me to call back later since Jill was out. I did hear Jill's voice on her answering machine but did not get to visit with her via telephone. The email address for **Patricia Cleary Lannon** proved to be wrong so no contact. Gloria Ors Galaida's phone was temporarily disconnected and **Margaret Swett Langley** did not return my message. I hope to do better next time!

In Oneonta, my days are filled with a variety of activities. Five days a week, I begin my day by leading a 7AM Eucharistic Prayer Service for a faithful group of early risers. Then there are adult learning classes and cultural events of all sorts and, of course, endless doctors' visits, so typical of most octogenarians.

Prayers, patience, perseverance, people, pills, pain patches and pluck keep me functioning. Some days are better than others. My five children are scattered but we keep in touch and get together whenever we can. The wedding of a cousin found us gathered in Frederick, MD in June and then at Methot family cottage in Westport, MA where many of us met again for a ten day stay in July. Of my six grandchildren, the oldest just graduated from college and will pursue an MD PhD, two are in college and the triplets just turned 14 and continue to delight in being an "awesome threesome". It has been seven years since my last annual family letter. I hope to resurrect the tradition and share my family with all of you who have shared so generously with me. Keeping in touch is more important than ever! Stay well! God bless you all! Love and prayers, Martie

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Best wishes to the amazing SJC class of 1956. It's hard to believe that when we are "all together" in March, we will celebrate our 60th Reunion! I hope to see some of your smiling faces in March!

We are saddened to report to you that **Sister Mary Ann Brawley** was called to heaven June 6. **Nancy Meskill** shared information about having attended her funeral on June 10. Nancy lives in Westminster, MD and drove a sister from Emmitsburg, MD to Binghamton, NY. Nancy reported that 12 priests were on the altar and that the liturgy was one of the most beautiful she had ever attended. Sister Mary Ann had suffered much in recent years, so her passing was surely a blessing for her and we hope she took her wonderful sense of humor to heaven with her.

Nancy Meskill visited me early this spring and we had a fun get-together. She continues to do outreach and evaluations of individuals who require her specialized skills. I introduced her to the outlets in Rehoboth and had a 20% off coupon.

Nona Murray Duvall is recuperating well from a recent hip replacement. She is looking forward to a family reunion in Breckenridge, CO at the end of July. Although she knows another hip replacement will also be needed, she plans to recover fully from that and will be in Emmitsburg on March 31 for the start of our 60th reunion. Classmates, if Nona can make those plans, how about the rest of you? Since Nona and Paul now live in Denver and my son Kevin lives in Boulder, we see each other fairly often. We had two great visits in January. Nona keeps busy singing with the Cherry Creek Chorale as well as babysitting for her younger grandchildren in the Denver area.

A mutual friend told me that **Alhen Ehrensing Green** had moved from Bowie, MD to some other location in Maryland. Nancy McNamara Ervin has relocated from Florida to live with her daughter in New Fairfield, CT.

Sister Margaret John Kelly (Rose) shared news of her busy life at Christmas time. She always recommends books and I was happy to see one that our book club is reading: James Martin's *Jesus*. She wrote to those who have encouraged her to "act my age and slow down" that she is "working" on it.

As for me, Ronnie Merrill Malone, I am so delighted that my parish St. Ann's (Bethany Beach) has begun a St. Vincent de Paul Conference. An amazing group of 50 is bringing the group to life. You can imagine my surprise when the first group I visited on a recent trip to Cuba was a group of seniors at a senior day care run by a SVDP Conference in Havana. I traveled to Cuba as part of a Road Scholar group in early June and fell in love with the wonderful Cuban people. They are so excited about changes in our countries' relationships.

Later in June, my family surprised me with an 80th birthday party postponed from May, due to a college student's exam schedule. It was held at Hocking Hills State Park south of Columbus, OH. I am amazed 29 of us gathered for a wonderful weekend of love and laughter.

And now, back to the subject of our 60th Reunion. Nona, Nancy and I are all committed to attend and to try to increase the attendance of the wonderful class of 1956, since we only had three classmates at our 55th. We are all open to meeting travelers at airports, driving classmates to Gettysburg and doing whatever we can to make it possible for more classmates to attend. So please mark your calendars right now, ladies: March 31-April 3. You'll be hearing from us in the future!

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Salutations to the wonderful SJC Class of 1957! Hoping that the Autumn of 2015 brings everyone some much needed cool refreshing air after our hot steamy summer!

It was great seeing **Jacqueline "Jackie" Smith Woelkers** and Dick while they were visiting her sister in San Diego, CA a number of months ago. They said that they have been house hunting and it sounds like they have decided on Lake Serena. Can't wait to hear more about that location. During our visit, Jackie shared news from Arizona. **Margaret Hayner Atkins** and Bill will be in Albuquerque, NM for the summer and they recently visited the west coast and enjoyed a cruise on the Mexican Riviera. It sounds like they are a very busy couple yet they somehow manage to visit their children who are scattered all over the western states.

Mary Elizabeth Bustamonte Anderson shared the sad news that her sister Nancy died in May. Please include her in your prayers. Mary Elizabeth's husband Bill has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's and we all know what that is like to deal with. I am involved with several friends whose husbands have been diagnosed. We all pitch in to help when we can. My mother was a member of that group. Bill is at home and hopefully, as Mary Elizabeth said, he will be able to stay there with a good support team.

I laughed when **Mary Alice Kappler Bockman** said she had nothing new to report. She then went on to tell me Pete got married a few months ago, daughter Olivia is due to have a baby in July and granddaughter Isabella took first place overall in the ten-year-old state gymnastic competition. What a year for them!

Mary Anne Moore Stallings has been busy. The last few months included a trip to see her grandson Curtis play volleyball in Long Beach, CA. He has a college volleyball scholarship and not only did his team win, but the team traveled to Hawaii to play in the tournament. Mary Anne still enjoys walking the dogs and is involved at her church when she is not traveling.

Carol Bon Tempo Glennon reports that she made a trip out west to visit daughter Christina and family. She was able to take some time out for a visit to Palm Springs at a perfect time of year. I tried to reach **Margaret "Peggy" Drennan Platt** but have not been successful getting through to her. I understand she has been ill. If anyone has recent news about Peggy, please let me know.

Margaret "Peggy" Tyne Stoia's husband Dennis contacted me with news of Peggy's stroke and subsequent guarded prognosis. After what was predicted to be only a short time to live, Peggy was included in an Easter novena to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. The inclusion in the novena was requested without any knowledge of the fact that Peggy went to school in Emmitsburg. Shortly thereafter Peg rallied and began eating. The last I heard, she was definitely doing better. Please pray for her continued improvement. I will keep in touch with Dennis and keep you posted.

On a personal note, we had a great time in Europe. We toured many of the battlefields of WW2, visited the Patton Memorial and enjoyed some of the very best art museums.

One more message to the SJC class of '59, if you would like to share your news or are in touch with any of our other classmates, please call or write me or have them contact me at the address, phone number, or email above. No matter how brief the messages are, we are all anxious to hear how everyone is and what they are doing. I look forward to hearing more from you all soon. Carol

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This fall, we remember two people who have left our 1958 class circle. **Maureen O'Donnell Dowling** died October 27, 2014 in New Jersey where she had been

living with her daughter Delia. Patrick Westover, husband of **Theresa Allen Westover**, died March 17, 2015 in New Jersey. Theresa has moved and can be contacted through her son at the address on the class list.

Jillian (Jill) Hemler Charbonneau writes that our 50th Reunion remains a very happy memory for her. She adds that she and her family enjoy life in Maine and she is wonderfully busy with and grateful for her grandchildren who are nearby. **Sr. Anne Marie Graham** is beginning her second year as Assistant at the St. Louise House, the Daughter of Charity retirement house, in Albany, NY. She enjoys working with the retirees and is near her own family which enables her to have frequent visits. Sr. Anne Marie goes to Emmitsburg, MD periodically and that finds even though the landscape is different, it is still a "peaceful valley". She says that being back on the grounds of St. Joseph College "brings back memories of student days and the joy of seeing so many at the 50th reunion."

Helen McHugh White emailed from her home of 47 years in Charlotte, NC. She is well and busy and thinking of downsizing to a condo. She continues to volunteer at the local hospital one day a week and loves working with the nurses. Three of her children are in Charlotte; her grandchildren are grown and in college or working in other states. She stays connected to her Jersey roots through her three brothers who she meets once a year. In the fall of 2014, she ventured overseas on a three-week river/land trip in Europe. After three days in Berlin, she traveled the Elbe River to Prague and then on to Poland for tours of Krakow, Auschwitz, Birkenau, and the Czestochowa Shrine.

Mary Elizabeth (Liz) Leitch and husband Bill also traveled to Europe. They joined a Pan Am retiree group and cruised the Atlantic to visit seven countries. At home in New York, they continue to support community activities. Bill is still involved in fund raising for the local library foundation through golf tournaments and other events. In late spring, Mary Liz spent a month organizing what may have been her last "estate sale". According to a note from **Mary Jane Shaughnessy Beaulieu**, the Leitches and Beaulieus found time to rest at a local Schenectady retreat house.

Mary Jane Shaughnessy Beaulieu and husband Bill continue with their many SJC connections in the capital district of New York. They also make a special effort to do so while traveling. Mary Jane writes they planned a trip to Charleston, SC for Bill's Navy reunion and en route they spent an evening with **Patricia (Bunny) Weber McShea** and Bill in Virginia. "They are such an amazing couple" writes Mary Jane, "we wished we lived closer." While in Charleston, they stayed with their daughter and enjoyed local group events. After two days at Top Sail Beach, NC, their return trip took them into Emmitsburg for an outdoor Mass at the National Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes at Mount St. Mary's University.

Bunny Weber McShea mentioned that one of two highlights of the spring/summer was the visit from Mary Jane and Bill Beaulieu. She said Mary Jane is "her usual cheerful self and we enjoyed a wonderful visit with them." The other spring/summer fun event for Bunny was her granddaughter's graduation from William & Mary University in Williamsburg, VA. She is so proud of her grandchildren and "how they are making good life decisions." She noted that her grandson Matthew is a very disciplined young man and, even as a college student with insulin dependent diabetes, he monitors and maintains his own health. The summer's events helped keep her spirits positive. She has experienced dental and cataract surgery as well as many regularly scheduled doctors' visits. Bunny closed with the following: "We feel fortunate and we thank the good Lord."

Margaret Meyer Cantanno writes from Venice, FL that she flies north to New Hampshire and New York for visits and celebrations with her family. Graduations are almost yearly as she has 12 grandchildren. Like a true Floridian, she finds summer and fall "quiet" in Venice as the visitors have left and "the season is over."

Dolores (Doey) Sicilia Fitzgerald reports family wedding and engagement invitations filled her mailbox this year. She and her husband Tom traveled to Massachusetts and Connecticut in June and September for the celebrations. This left July free for the annual "girls cruise" when all female members of the family escape for a week. Although Doey's husband Tom swore he wouldn't plant a garden, this past summer he planted three! He and their son compete to see who can grow the biggest tomato.

When updating the mailing list for classmates, Doey spoke with **Therese Charles Lane** who lives in Needham, MA. Theresa mentioned many of her children and grandchildren live nearby. One daughter lives in Annapolis, MD and she hopes to visit her. She mentioned she does see Jillian (Jill) Hemler Charbonneau.

Katherine (Kitty) Kofron Collins enjoyed a family reunion this summer. Her daughter Liz, who is

working on her PhD in Ireland, came home for the graduation of her daughter Kate, who graduated from Franciscan University in Steubenville, OH. They were joined by Paula, another daughter, who arrived from Louisiana. A third daughter of Liz, Bridget, finished her first year at Loyola University in Chicago. Two of Kitty's granddaughters spent the summer in Rome. One granddaughter served as a nanny for an Italian family and the other was a student in the Loyola Rome program.

Mary Helen Candee Smits, Kitty's fellow Virginian, bought herself a new Honda Accord after nursing her other car until the transmission gave out. She had no graduations during the year but she did drive the Honda to Lake Linganore near Frederick, MD to celebrate her daughter's 50th birthday.

Mary (Sherry) Sheridan Flynn and husband attended a large family gathering and celebration for family and friends at her daughter Claire's home in Ashburn, VA. Sherry's grandson (Claire's son) Brian Jones graduated from USC in California and was named the outstanding student of the year by their School of Music. Sherry noted that Claire's husband prepared all the food at the party. Sherry says she is still playing bridge but she has cut back on her volunteer work.

Speaking of "slowing down", **Annette Defina Strauch** and her husband John are, in her words, " chugging along slowly". Following a grand family Christmas in Baltimore, MD, they took a long cruise. According to Annette, they have earned special cruise line status; their laundry is done "gratis." Three more grandchildren graduated from high school and two from college. One grandson, a resident doctor, is now engaged. Annette, as always, ends with: "God has blessed us greatly."

Barbara Watson Frederick writes her granddaughter Megan Rose graduated from high school this year and will attend Shippensburg University in Pennsylvania. Her grandson is pursuing an MBA in Philadelphia and luckily found a summer job in that city. Her work at the hospital lab keeps her energized and she anticipates a late vacation at the beach this fall.

The "Beach Bunch" gathered in November 2014 at a home located by our "agent", **Patricia Toner Carr** on Oak Street in Rehoboth, DE. Our numbers were fewer (**Pat Toner Carr**, Kitty Kofron Collins, Mary Helen Candee Smits, **Anne DuVal Quigley**, **Rebecca (Becky) Gloyd Walker**, **Judy McNally Rea** and **Carol Lewis Redmond**), but we managed to eat all incoming food and enjoyed dinners at Jake's.

Anne DuVal Quigley traveled south in February so she could play golf. She and her husband drove and stayed with their daughter in Pensacola, FL. Leaving Pennsylvania in ice and snow, they spent nine days in cold rainy Florida and would return nine days later to more cold weather and sleet in Pennsylvania. No golf! While south, they toured the Pensacola Air Traffic Controller School where their stepdaughter is an instructor. They stopped in St. Augustine's World Golf Hall of Fame. En route north, they spent time with son Stephen's family in Virginia and attended a military event, "Special Forces Change of Command", at Elgin AFB. A relative was given command of a group headed to South America. Anne is still involved in library work, prayer shawls and book clubs. Her artist brother Frank had an exhibit on the Outer Banks, NC in August and the DuVals gathered for a long weekend at Nags Head at that time.

Judy McNally Rea writes she gears up for summer in Lewes, DE by pulling down the shades and turning on the AC. She enjoys working with the Lewes Historical Society on Monday afternoons at the Ryves Holt House on Savannah Street. The building has National Park status. She remains busy in the choir and the St. Vincent DePaul Society. "Not much excitement", she claims, but it keeps her going. At this time, she remains free of cancer treatments. Her three daughters Deb, Fran, and Lorrie traveled to Lima to visit relatives and to celebrate their youngest sister's 50th birthday. Judy wasn't sure whether they were "celebrating or commiserating".

Carol Lewis Redmond and husband Ron took a trip to Africa in late 2014. It featured safaris in the "bush" of Zimbabwe and Botswana and four days of luxury train travel. A special part of the trip included "walking through the major historical events of South Africa in the 20th century as well as the landscapes of the Cape". Carol and Ron were delighted to finally meet with **Anne Meyer Feehley** for lunch in Columbia, MD in April. She had just returned from a trip to Costa Rica. Anne's family anticipated spending a summer vacation at Lake Anna, VA.

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Greetings from the Valley! Jim and I are enjoying life north of Emmitsburg, MD by playing golf, bridge, and bunco along with gardening and attending neighborhood social activities. Of course, this is only when we are not going to doctors' appointments, attending the grandchildren's lacrosse and basketball games, school functions and helping with babysitting and transporting. My four children are spread out from here to Texas, Florida, and Maryland. The seven grandchildren range from 15 to six (twins). We will be married ten years in August and have booked a Viking River Boat cruise from Paris to Normandy to celebrate the event. For the last three years, I've been chairing The Hanover Women's Metamorphosis Conference for 180 women who are in recovery from drugs and alcohol. I volunteer weekly to counsel these women to stay drug free. When I was 50, I began working as an addiction's counselor and went on to get my graduate degree in clinical psychology, specializing in addictions. What a change from teaching English in Baltimore City! I worked in two hospitals for a total of 20 years and have continued to volunteer in the field for the last eight.

I spoke with **Mary Jane Scott Foster** last week. Sadly, her husband Gene passed away in March of this year after being in the special care unit at Oakcrest Village. Mary Jane is living at Oakcrest Village and her address is 8810 Walther Blvd., BT# 1307, Baltimore, MD 21234-0009. She had spoken with **Marie DeSando McFarlin** who is still living in Florida in the winter and spending her summers in Connecticut. Mary Jane also heard from **Rosemarie Braun Wirth** who has moved with her husband to Delaware. Please remember Mary Jane and Gene in your prayers.

In addition to hosting and housing our Book Club twice a year for approximately the last 20 years, **Marcella Gibbons Wilding** has recently become involved in developing and leading a series of four sessions called the "Art of Aging" which are held during the day in Howard County, MD. She will also deliver three evening seminars. She states:" I am enjoying my senior age students very much." I enjoyed attending her day session series as Marcella is an excellent teacher. Speaking of Book Club, the SJC '59ers, **Lee Groeninger Schatz, Kathleen (Kathy) Potter Conway, Mary Fran Kelly Dillon, Audrey Carr Shields,** and **Patricia (Pat) Horn O'Brien** met at Marcella's to discuss T*he Boys In The Boat* and life issues in general. Jim and I met everyone the night before for dinner but I was unable to stay for the Book Club meeting. The next book for Spring, 2016, is *All The Light We Cannot See*. Please join us if you are able – all are welcome.

Pat Horn O'Brien continues to pursue poetry and is active in two poetry groups, one of which, Connecticut River Poets, she co-founded in 2012. She continues to enjoy working on a project in conjunction with a local art museum in which poets from her poetry groups are joined by Creative Writing students from Old Saybrook High School to read poetry written in response to the museum's current exhibit. In addition, Pat continues to work as a social worker for a local visiting nurse association, facilitates a local book club, and maintains a Rain or Shine Club and newsletter for her neighborhood. Her husband John continues to be active in town politics, serving on the town Finance Committee and the Democratic Town Committee. Their three sons and six grandchildren are all doing fine ... and when the fates allow, they all get together! Two grandchildren have graduated from college, one is married, two are in college and the rest are still in elementary school.

Kathy Potter Conway reports that she and Tom just attended their twin grandchildren's graduation from college. In October, they plan to go to Italy and the Adriatic region and then in the Spring of 2016, they would like to return to Ireland. Tom is involved in the Irish Awards for History Day at the University of Maryland where Kathy will accompany him in order to assist.

In a telephone conversation with **Mary Fran Kelly Dillon**, she talked about how much she and her husband are enjoying life with friends. She belongs to an area book club, helps with the 14 grandchildren and volunteers with Meals on Wheels. A family vacation is planned in Bethany Beach, DE this summer. Their youngest son is a pediatric surgeon in St. Louis, MO. I heard that **Ann Houlihan Kennedy** had a bad fall this spring and is recuperating at home.

Cathleen McLoughlin writes that she continues to give tours of the Morgan Library & Museum and is hopeful that any of our classmates who are visiting New York City will visit the institution to see what a great place it is. The web site is www.themorgan.org.

Caroline Hart DeSola is excited to say that her biggest news is they are great-grandparents with the birth of Penelope Rose, daughter of their grandson. Their older granddaughter is a doctor and in her second year of residency. Another grandaughter is in her final year of law school. Where did those toddlers go? In truth, one of the joys of our advancing years is relating to our children and grandchildren as adults. We can't help but say: "Look at what a good job we did!"

Helen Lilly Johnson has just returned from visiting a friend in St. Petersburg, FL and found the Dali Museum to be outstanding. She plans on traveling to Spain and Portugal this October. Helen volunteers with Meals on Wheels and the Georgetown Sailing School and still finds time to sit for the elderly. She and **Eleanor (Ellie) Barnes O'Connell** are responsible for some of the beautiful e-mails we receive.

Barbara Torrace Knowles shares that she has just had hip replacement surgery and will be busy with physical therapy all summer. In addition, she will be volunteering 3 days a week at a local grade school. Barbara and **Helen Fitzgibbons Carmody** are planning a September trip to Turkey traveling on land and small ship.

Sister Marian Hamwey writes about the joys and challenges of working with Catholic Charities (CC) for the Albany Diocese in northern New York. As many in the northeast experienced, this past winter was especially cold and presented many challenges for those in need. Sister spends a major portion of her time with persons requiring emergency assistance in order to avoid becoming homeless. This effort is in addition to helping released female prisoners readjust to society. The homeless include those who stay on the streets as well as those who "couch-surf". Homelessness has increased in dramatic proportions for women in the past two years due to the reduction in women's shelters. Often, resolving homelessness uncovers other issues that need to be addressed. Currently CC is developing a basic financial program to help individuals become aware of the "nuts and bolts" of having an apartment or signing utility contracts. Sister has been working with the food pantry manager and her volunteers to facilitate a full choice service food pantry to assist clients in shopping for their needs, including fresh produce.

Sister Marian spent a week in Cape May, NJ with friends: "I count on warm sun, a beautiful beach and great friendships". In July, Sister flew to Billings, MT to spend a week with her brother and his family. In August, she traveled to Quebec Province in Canada to join the Sisters from Montreal for their annual Retreat in French. She also attended a conference "Come to the Table" sponsored by the Mission and Ministry Foundation of the Daughters for current grantees from all over the USA to share experiences and strategies for sustainable funding. Sister adds: "They say the "Golden Years" are the best and, in truth, I can say that I am blessed with good health with the normal aging process but still able to exercise regularly, be involved in a variety of activities and keep my wits about me, I think."

Jim and I are pleased that you enjoy the colorful pictures we send. Thank you so much for your postivite responses to them. I was glad to hear from **Ann Dodd Dooling, Joan Bushey Powers, Joan Ahearn Lemp, Joan Carraher Jansen**, Eleanor Barnes O'Connell, **Joan Mehl Tolle** and **Helene Coffey Bowes**. God bless!

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Unfortunately, I must begin with the sad news that our classmate **Ann McCabe Moran** lost her battle with pancreatic cancer just before Reunion. We were able, at the last minute, to have her name announced at the Memorial Mass at the Basilica on Saturday afternoon. **Gerri Gut Scarpa** kept in touch with Ann and her close friends and family. Thanks, Gerri, for gathering the information for us.

For the class of '60, our 55th reunion was small in numbers but great with enthusiasm and friendship. Those of us returning were **Sally Grabe Poux Neyer** and Jerry from Michigan, **Iddie Nelson Bailey** from California, **Nancy Williams Yeager** and Bill from New Jersey, Gerri Gut Scarpa and John from New Jersey, **Carol Gorman Hogan** and Bill from Virginia, **Kate White Eustice** and Bob from Maryland, **Liz Phelan Burmaster** and Dick from Florida and **Sr. Eleanor Marie Shea** from Buffalo. We were a very tight, all-together group that weekend, and our husbands enjoyed the gathering, too.

Reunion Chair Chris Goglia helped us organize our Friday night dinner in our own private room. John Bailey made the trip up from Baltimore and joined us for a lovely evening. Our social hour was held in the Bailey suite, like old times. We sure did miss **Marion**.

I attended the Class Agents' meeting on Saturday morning. Twenty-four attended the meeting, a record number. Thanks to our Alumnae, we are in good financial health, but we were asked to please encourage our classmates about the importance **of your dues**.

The goal of the alumnae is to have the last class at SJC have its 50th reunion. That will be in 2025, ten years from now. So, dues **are important as our alumnae numbers decrease**.

Our Saturday continued with all of us having a great lunch at the Palms. John Scarpa thought the atmosphere was the best. Before lunch we visited the art gallery next door, owned and operated by a Mount man and his artist wife, Rebecca Paul. Her paintings of the area are wonderful. Sally has two of her water colors now.

The Alumnae Mass was beautiful as always. The procession into the Basilica was led by Alumnae members of the reuning classes. Sally and I represented our class, carrying roses to the altar.

Linda Ryan Healy and Tom were unable to attend Reunion this year but we will see them soon for our yearly anniversary dinner. We had lunch with **Sue Anderson** in Baltimore on the way north. She still enjoys working at Stella Maris as a pastoral counselor.

Many, many thanks to Sal, Iddie, Nancy, Gerri, Carol and Kate for the effort you all made to return for our 55th reunion. I enjoyed every minute of our time together and look forward to our 60th. In between years, keep in touch with each other and with Vicki and myself. We love hearing your voices or getting an email.

Try to get together for a mini-reunion, if you can. Each time we gather as SJC women, it is a special time. Remember your dues. Our class has 30.7% participation. Keep well and remember "TO THINE OWN SELF BE TRUE".

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I begin this column, as lately I have had to, with remembering those we lost this year. Sadly, in May we lost **Trudy McNamara Hagen** and **Marie Karl McManmon** (Toby). Toby died peacefully in her sleep. Dr. Mohandes Kini, husband of **Joanne Fontana Kini**, died last summer after a long illness, and **Kay Hisle Quinn's** husband Donald, MSM '61, passed away in December. There were many emails going around at the time of these deaths, and they had to be intended to provide support for all of us, and for Kay and Joanne.

Christmas Greetings came in from many of you. John and **Anne Sheelen Gerwig**, still involved with golf, took part in the Men's and Women's Open Championships at nearby Pinehurst. Those of the Gerwig Gang who were available, twelve of them, served as volunteer Marshalls at the tournament. Anne said moving to Whispering Pines 18 years ago was one of their best decisions. **Alice Bartlett Sencindiver** reports that she is doing fine in Cumberland, MD. I talk to **Millie Gleeson Grady** several times during the year and hope to get together with her when she comes to New Jersey. She has grandchildren doing well in high school and college. In April, Bern and **Peggy Claudius McCormick** celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Gold Coast Magazine, which has many different publications all keyed to cities in Florida. The Gold Gala, attended by 350 people at the Hilton Ft. Lauderdale Marina, was a huge success.

Still gainfully employed are **Barbara Redding** at U. of South Florida, **Muriel Cuddy Reeves** at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital, and **Mary Anne Britt Murphy** as a consultant to hospitals. Muriel had a recent road trip with her daughter Kelly to Pennsylvania and Virginia. The travels continue for **Eileen Keefe Bonhag**. She was in Costa Rica for ten days in March, beautiful country and lots of wild monkeys. She also made several trips to her home in the Outer Banks, once with grandchildren Justin and Abby while their parents were in Ireland. Weather was not good, and she now knows why we should have our children young. Amen to that. She also spent four days in Phoenix. **Mary Ellen Taft Whitcomb** is training to be a volunteer court appointed advocate for children. She will be at Bethany Beach in July with **Jeannie Lapura Beall**. Jeannie and Frank have a trip planned to Ireland with Larry and **Gail Commerford Callahan**.

There were two memorial services for Toby. One at Mt. San Antonio Gardens where she was a resident, and about 100 people attended, including **Lynn Murray**. A second took place at the Doubletree Hotel

in Claremont, CA, and her family members were there. Lynn, her daughter Nona, her eight grandchildren, and Molly, daughter of **Mim Murphy Quaid**, were in attendance.

Anne Maum McLaughlin got a clean bill of health in May from her doctor, which is always good news. She keeps in constant touch with Muriel, Peggy, Lynn, Joanne Kini, Mim, and me via email. She is fortunate to live near her son Brian and his family. Anne is involved with Adoration Ministry, which is so important to her. Her oldest granddaughter Carina turned 16 in June, and the birthday was celebrated all weekend, including an out-to-lunch with Anne, and Carina drove. Lynn, too, is experiencing improvements in her health. To say she keeps busy is an understatement. She is actively employed as a substitute teacher, and she is helping with the care of her grandsons David II and Joel.

This past Longboat Key reunion was very special with evening dinners at the Downes, Gillespie's (with their sweet new puppy) and the last evening at Strez's complex. There were 20 of us the last evening. Bud and **Phyllis Mack Gillespie** rented a big house and hosted Eileen, Mercedes, **Judy Sparrow** and her husband Ed Carroll. Strez had at her condo Joanne Kini, Moira, Maureen, Barbara, and Betty. Peggy and Bern stayed with Pat and me at our rental; Chuck and **Mary Kable Stockman** were at a nearby resort. Brian and **Mary Anne Britt Murphy** live nearby. When we have dinners at each other's lodging, everyone pitches in with the cooking, and we have some seriously good cooks in our ranks. And of course, we have some favorite restaurants that we have come to know in our years at Longboat Key. I believe we have been going to LBK with this larger group, with everyone invited, since 2005. 2016 will be our 12th year, and the dates are January 30 – February 6. Prior to that, before I was involved, three or four classmates went to visit Strez on a few occasions. We would love to have more of you join us. Let Strez or me know if you need help with lodging or transportation.

In June **Rosemarie Aellen Dunning** visited **Elizabeth Strezeski LaFrance** for a few days, and Strez took the opportunity to host a dinner party for the DC crowd. **Eileen Keefe Bonhag, Betty Schwilk Corazzini, Bet Van Over Gilligan, Ann Leahigh Grau, Ann Depenbrock Holmes, Mercedes Suarez Pfeffer, Mary Ellen Taft Whitcomb, Moira Hanlon Little**, and **Maureen Dugan Cocozza** enjoyed each other's company and shared in a delightful time. Also coming up is our 55th class reunion the weekend of March 31 – April 3, 2016, at the Wyndham in Gettysburg. Please make every effort to attend.

Pat and I had a three week trip to Spain last year; we enjoyed it immensely, and we continue to stay busy. Mary Anne Britt Murphy writes that she and Brian are planning a big move to the North in about 18 months to two years. They are planning to be with us for the 2016 mini reunion at LBK. As you know Elizabeth Strezeski LaFrance spends the winter in Longboat Key and had a lot of other company who wanted to escape the brutal North temp. In May, for a delayed 75th birthday celebration, her children and their mates and two other friends traveled to the Grand Canyon for a four day trip! They stayed in Parks, AZ and managed two days at the Canyons plus visits to Sedona and Flagstaff. They enjoyed a special dinner at El Tovar Lodge at Grand Canyon. She says, "It is always a humbling and spiritual experience to view the Canyon." She is hoping classmates keep 2016 at LBK in mind.

Ginny Zebrowaki Komar writes that they visited Croatia and Alaska last year and returned to Alaska again to drive around as they were so impressed. **Carol Rodgers Beaugard** and Ed enjoyed an eight-day River Cruise on the Rhine in December, 2014. They also saw Swan Lake at the new Copenhagen Opera House. Judy Sparrow shared a wonderful update about her April gathering with the Daughters in Emmitsburg where they hosted a weekend for the Women of Charity (the former Daughters). Presently, there are 475 Daughters in the St. Louise Province (which is the amalgamation of four provinces) and nearly 17,000 Daughters worldwide. Judy and Ed joined the group at Long Boat Key which was wonderful as Ed is happy he can travel and is in good health.

Ann Fallon Lynch and Joanne Fontana Kini had a wonderful visit at Ann's home in Washington State in April, 2015. Ann chauffeured Joanne to her delightful cabin in the Skokomish area. They had such fun recalling their first apartment in 1961 in New Haven, CT where they met their future husbands! They journeyed on Amtrak to Vancouver, BC and had a fun overnight trip. They celebrated Ann's 75th birthday with her two daughters at a Mexican restaurant. Joanne is slowly becoming involved in volunteer work and taking trips to the East Coast, after the loss of her husband following a 4 1/2 yr. illness. The calls and notes from SJC classmates have been enormous and I thank one and all. Our classmates are such a blessing.

Joanne Kini caught up with Rosie and Judy while she was visiting Boston. Chuck and Mary haven't slowed down a bit with their travels. Summer of 2014 their three granddaughters visited and the third was to be married in June, 2015. **Barbara DeMott Holland's**

Christmas card pictured four very good looking grandchildren. **Carolyn Ingley Bettendorf** sent her email address and is hoping to attend our 55th reunion. Mim Murphy Quaid is fully retired from the community college. She tracked down **Pat Morgan Warrell** when Toby died, and was able to give her the sad news. Pat is staying with her son and daughter-in-law while she recovers from some health issues. At Christmas time, **Margie Weidner Phillips** sent a whimsical picture of Jim and herself dancing at their 50th wedding anniversary party in June, 2014. It was just delightful and radiated their happiness. The week's celebration was hosted by their children and grandchildren in Ohio.

Another great-grandmother in our ranks is **Kay Hisle Quinn**, with two little ones. A few months after our 2014 Shelter Island mini reunion, Ann Depenbrock Holmes sent each lady attending a beautiful photobook of pictures taken during our time together. The book, professionally done, is a compilation of pictures captured by several photographers. It was so kind of Ann and Dave, and it is truly appreciated and treasured by everyone receiving it. Joe and **Maureen Denehy McKenna** enjoy having visitors in Las Vegas. They've installed artificial turf because of the drought.

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Several classmates including **Louise LaMonaca Wigglesworth, Beth Sewell VonHolle, Emily Rosensteel O'Neill**, and **Gerry Legendre Ralston** sent happy memories and heartfelt comments about **Bea Mullin Thompson**. Rest in peace, Bea.

It has been an interesting year for **Kitty Fulcher Allen** and her family. She and her husband missed most of the local bad weather by being in Southern Florida in February, but unfortunately, when they came home in March, winter wasn't over. Mike had a cataract surgery last April (2014) on his right eye which was a total disaster. He had not been able to see anything out of that eye since the surgery. Then he went to the Wilmer Eye Clinic at Hopkins. After four surgeries, the latest a cornea transplant, he is finally improving. He has enjoyed good health most of his life so this was a real shock. Katie, their oldest grandchild, is now living in Seattle working for Amazon; Aine (Georgia Tech ROTC 2016) will be at Whidbey Island this summer for training and is so happy to be near grandparents. They have really enjoyed their 11 grandchildren (lacrosse, soccer, etc.), and Karen, their youngest daughter, is in Sandpoint, ID with her four kids and working at Schweitzer Mountain in Sales and Marketing. "I think our family is moving to the West Coast!! Thank God for airlines!!"

Vi Barkauskas continues to collect bionic joints, this time a new right hip. She continues to work part-time for two universities.

Sister Martha (Marty) Beaudoin is still in Philadelphia, completing her third year at the DePaul Catholic School. She is doing some social work, but most of her time is spent with the pre-school three and four-year-olds. Now that the school year is coming to an end, it's amazing to see how much they have grown and matured. The school is part of the Independence Mission Schools which began two years ago to keep struggling inner city Catholic schools open. The school has blended learning which combines computer lessons with classroom learning. The school just completed the second of a three step introduction of the program. The first year it was K-2, then 3-5 and next fall 6-8. The students are making very good progress, especially in reading and math.

Sister Martha continues to serve on three boards: St. Vincent's Health Services in Bridgeport, CT, DePaul USA, a program for the homeless based in Chicago, and Seton Center in Emmitsburg. Every time she goes back to the Valley, she remembers all the good times we had there so many years ago. The Center is serving all of northern Frederick County as most services have been reduced by the County Administration. Now they are looking around to find a new site as the current site is outdated and will not last much longer. Please say a prayer that they find something soon.

As many know, **Ann Distlehorst Boaman's** husband Dick (Shorty) passed away from ALS in July, 2014 after a tough struggle with that vicious disease. He died

three days before the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge began. He would have appreciated that effort. Ann is now living in Tennessee, near her daughter Kathy, who teaches first grade. Her granddaughter Courtney is a logistician working as a senior consultant in supply chain management. Ann has been retired from early childhood education for eleven years now. In her local parish, Ann is involved in adult education. Even though she moved away from Vero Beach, she remains an active member of their ovarian cancer alliance from afar. Ann enjoys reading and word games and always has a jigsaw puzzle in the works. Since she still loves to cook and eat, she cooks for herself and her family almost every evening. "Life is a gift and I am a survivor in so many ways; each day is a blessing!"

Pat Ryan Donovan's 96-year-old mother passed away in 2013. Pat reports that she and her husband love life on Cape Cod, met many new friends, and had time to spend with grandchildren in their myriad fun activities. They also had time for a trip to the Florida Keys and Cuba.

Kathy Keane shared lots of news in a long Easter letter. Her daughter Liz and son-in-law Dan Sousa are 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 been on dialysis for 12 years and served as a patient advocate for the last 11 years. She is also involved in monthly educational programs prepared by the Mid-Atlantic Renal Coalition on dialysis. What a dynamo! She sends love and blessings to all.

Rosemary Murphy Kelly shared news that her husband Ralph underwent surgery for lung cancer in January of 2014. They are living in Hollywood Beach, MD near Chesapeake City.

Jay Lardner Lindes and her husband Jim met **Karen Krieger Kirk** and Thad for lunch in Chadds Ford, PA during the Christmas season. Karen told us all about her friendship with Jamie Wyeth, son of Andrew Wyeth and a painter himself. He frequents Karen's antique shop.

Abbie Hausmann Love and her husband Tom spend winters in Florida with their luxurious RV named Buford. Tom had a scare with seizures last year but has recovered completely with no ill effects.

In 2013 **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 that year but it didn't slow him down a bit.

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.

Kathy Eckloff Price and her husband are living in an adult community in Ocean Pines, MD, 20 minutes from Ocean City and are planning on spending summer days relaxing at the shore as well as taking trips. There is always something going on in the community. Kathy has been retired for 20 years, having given 35 years to government service. Until a few years ago, she was a long distance runner and ran in seven marathons! Now, with knee problems, she is a long distance walker.

Missy Cullinan Rosson's husband died on 1/17/14 of complications after abdominal surgery. Our prayers go out to her. She is living in New Mexico and is caring for her two-year-old granddaughter and taking time to teach her some French. Even so, she still finds time and energy to attend her singing group, particularly when they sing music from the '50s. She and a friend recently saw a production of *Million Dollar Quartet*, and she and **Vivian Wojcik Kurilla** had a good discussion critiquing the play, both deciding that Jerry Lee Lewis was the best character. Missy also has a grandson graduating from high school, and a granddaughter in 5th grade. She also keeps in touch with several classmates. She mentions that **Carol Vessel Auth** and her husband have moved to another home in Montana on a riverbank. It must be very picturesque. Also, she sometimes gets together with Betsy Hostler McUne who also lives in Albuquerque, as well as **Ann Meanerhan Seargeant** who lives "on the other side of the mountain." Ann's husband is interested in astronomy, and their location is ideal for that.

Maureen Semple Sokolowski and husband Joe spent part of the winter in Key West, FL.

Jean Brady Wrona had a huge family birthday party for her husband Dennis' 70th. Jean is still coping with chronic fatigue syndrome which limits her activities.

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Reunion 2015, our 52nd, renewed our memories and reaffirmed our commitment to St. Joseph College. Four of us, **Mary Ellen Gill Purkis** and Ray, **Mary Lou Williams Feeney** and Earl, **Sheila Degnan McCarron** and **Ellen Krieger Smelas** went for the weekend and participated in the Alumnae events. On Saturday we had a lovely class luncheon at the Carriage House, a larger gathering, arranged by Mary Ellen.

A few weeks later, by a miracle of logistics, six of us met in Metuchen, NJ and traveled to Oyster Bay, NY to visit **Una Driscoll Meyer**. **Jane Metze Freeman** traveled the farthest, from Amelia Island, FL, and somehow she and **Tobie Gibbons**, from D.C., arrived on the same train in Metropark, NJ. **Mary Ann Krastell Yahn** drove from her Harrisburg area farm. **Susan Williamson Swartz** made a visit, and then **Julie Rowe** hosted a sleepover, christening her beautifully decorated condo with her SJC friends.

From the repertoire of paintings we all viewed, Una is an accomplished artist. Her rustic winter scene was chosen as the design for the Bristol Christmas card 2014—many votes from her classmates put her over the top. Una retells stories of SJC escapades and adventures in great detail.

Here is some news from our recent gatherings—

Celebrating their 50th anniversary with the entire family, Mary Ellen and Ray Purkis recaptured identical moments at the reception from their wedding photos by posing with her sister. Their family presented them with a unique plaque engraved with family memorabilia.

Smiling Mary Ann Yahn sent a great Christmas photo, too—counting all 13 grands! An accomplished equestrian, she still jumps and is master of the hunt for her club, an activity that lasts for months. With her daughter and family right there, she has grandkids to share the horse, chicks, and training the pups.

A new baby and first grandchild for **Cathy Parrott Kryzanauskas**—Hanley Jane Shallcross came five weeks early on December 29th. And then she was 6 lbs. 3 oz.! Cathy and her husband enjoy being surrogate grandparents for close family friends, too.

Although she has been back in her home state of Pennsylvania for many years, **Mary Fran Smith Horne** recalled her happy retirement days in Arkansas when she sang in the choir at Mother Seton Church. Her Mom retired there with them, too.

Bill and Sheila McCarron's 50th was a winter vacation with all the family at a Key West resort. Within that same week, their son Michael and Cathy were married with the combined families participating. A leader for many decades, Sheila serves on the National Board of the Catholic Youth Organization.

Busy with volunteering at their parish and traveling to Philadelphia to help with their two grandsons, Mary Lou and Earl Feeney traveled to Florida twice this year for some sun. We thank Mary Lou for calling many class members; the result was our well-attended Carriage House luncheon.

Through another phone call, Mary Lou provided an update on **Marjorie Roberts Tautkus** who has been on the road with happy family occasions. In November, Marjorie, her two daughters and granddaughters went to Bloomsburg, PA for a baptism, then will return for a First Communion. Marjorie cooked a traditional Thanksgiving feast with her family in Columbus, OH then returned for granddaughter Hannah's Confirmation in the spring.

Mary Lou Chesley-Cora appreciates our prayers in her time of loss and sends blessings and love to all. She often visits her 95-year-old Mom who recently sent Mimi a letter from June, 1960 when we had just completed a Triduum of Thanksgiving for **Alanna Higgins McHugh's** recovery.

That very Alanna McHugh has eight growing grandchildren; the oldest earned her law degree and passed the bar. The others range in age and activity, with Kelli and her family living close by. She sent a glorious photo of their beaming family celebrating their 50th anniversary on a Bermuda cruise.

Sue Boland Southwell believes our prayers helped her daughter Kim who is recovering from breast cancer. During the many months of treatment, Sue accompanied Kim on every occasion—a blessing for both of them. Last summer all her children celebrated the "gift of family" with all cousins together on Emerald Isle, NC.

We salute **Sr. Judith Parkin** who continues her mission after more than 50 years as a Daughter of Charity. Judith works in the school library and lives in Montgomery Towers with members of several religious communities. Common prayer time and spiritual interests unite them.

Community ties also unite **Jean Lentz** who has been living in her Fairfax condo for several years and loves the camaraderie among the residents. If anyone is looking in the area, Jean sells real estate in northern Virginia.

Tobie Gibbons had an exotic trip to Turkey, savored the culture and cuisine and experienced a delightful Turkish bath. The memorable highlight~~ in Ephesus she walked in the footsteps of Saint Paul. Tobie enjoys family time as the blessing of retirement.

After a long ordeal and months of working with the contractors, Julie Rowe is finally at home in her beautiful abode. We all admired her lovely decor as well as her perseverance. Now back to bridge for Julie.

After a spring sojourn to Denver, Jane Metze Freeman will burnish her language skills in France with two granddaughters this summer. At Christmas she sent a photo of her grandkids on the Mayflower replica, a direct lineage for them from William Brewster, Ruling Elder of Plimouth Colony.

Bill and **Linda Carr Kenny** enjoy travels with their grandkids, horseback rides included, and head to warmer climes in the winter. Currently she is frequently traveling to Michigan to help her daughter. Always a treat, our area luncheons are planned so capably by Linda.

Tap dancing with the Senior Sparklers, **Maryanna Freiberger Keller** kicks it up with her group as they strut before audiences of all ages. Maryanna enjoys babysitting again for the youngest family member, now that the others are growing up so quickly.

Though she makes time for all our luncheons, **Mariellen Halberstadt Marchione** does travel a lot to visit her family. She has a young group~~thirteen-month-old twins and two other grands, her two daughters' children, all living in the D.C. area.

At the other end of the spectrum, Susan Williamson Swartz's oldest granddaughter is a freshman at Villanova. She and Jack traveled to Pinehurst, NC for a wedding and toured the area for vacation.

From our correspondance~~

With a trip to Paris then south to Aix-en-Provence, **Ronnie Carroll Donnelly** and her daughter Sarah are traversing France this spring. Ronnie plays lots of tennis and will witness the real thing at Roland Garros at the French Open.

Exciting news from intrepid **Susie Molinari** who visited Antarctica and sent on a video of her Polar Plunge, red hat and bathing suit, 34 degrees! So peaceful and pristine~~this is her favorite destination, even after Tasmania last January. An adventurous traveler, Susie has visited every continent.

Our loyal correspondent, **Kaywood Greeve Fuqua** sent a news flash from Guatemala just as she was cruising the Panama Canal. At Reunion time she was with her family in Hawaii for spring vacation where her grandsons surfed 20 feet waves.

Richard and **Pat Lieb Mudd** have moved to Maple Creek, a retirement community in Springfield. Recently Pat was contacted to provide information to a papal committee in Rome on the prototype Victim Assistance Program that she directs for Arlington Diocese.

So soon after her husband Ray's passing, **Joan Codey Durkin** had surgery, then recuperated at sister Maureen's home, and now is back to work as Essex County Tax Assessor. With Joan for company, **Maureen Codey Caputo** also babysits her young granddaughter several times a week.

A note from our joyful **Mary Higgins Haile**~~her daughter Kate is headquartered closer to them in North Myrtle Beach with her two girls, so no more Canadian travels right now for Mary and Don. Their other grandchildren live nearer to them in Raleigh.

We all enjoyed **Maxine Wallish Gorman's** video of their 50th anniversary lovingly compiled by her children from photos and mementos of their numerous family events. Her narrative of life's direction held

meaning for all of us, echoing our own experiences post-SJC.

Tom and **Kathy Johnson Raby** also marked their 50th with a week-long cruise to the Caribbean with their family. The highlight of the year was the birth of their second grandchild Christina to son Tommy and Eva in Virginia. They will relish the proximity this summer in their Delaware condo.

"Serendipity"—**Nell Gelsinon Carvell** enthused with all of her kids and grandkids home together. The Oregon grandboys had spring break, and New Yorker son Tim was on hiatus from his show. Last year she and Maryanna Keller spent a day at the beach in Spring Lake, NJ together when Nell was visiting her extended family.

With seven grandkids involved in myriad activities, Jim and Ellen Krieger Smelas are happily on the go. They will fete their 50th in Williamsburg in June with the entire family and count all their blessings together.

All of us unite in prayer for **Sheila Driscoll Rosenthal** who is undergoing chemotherapy for lymphoma. **Joan De Gennaro** remains in the Masonic Health Care facility, but hopes to return home soon. Sadly, we received word that our classmate **Jo Hill** passed away. We relay our deep sympathy to Mary Louise Chesley-Cora, Tobie Gibbons, and Joan Durkin who lost family members.

Please keep up with dues for our wonderful Alumnae Association. SJC '63, we remain "all together."

*Additional news—Our Joanie D's passing is noted in the In Memoriam section on Page 55.

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Wow, a whole year has passed since we were "All Together" for our 50th!!! **Claire Maurer, Mary Lou Ullrich Jones, Ann McAllister LaBoon** and I enjoyed Reunion 2015 a few months ago and must admit to feeling VERY nostalgic, thinking about all the wonderful memories we have of our 50th. The Class of 1965 certainly did a wonderful job...with wonderful meaningful memories from their four years at SJC. Our class certainly remembers sharing happiness with both **Jeanne Kane** and **Cecile Quigley Howard** at our Reunion. We miss both of them as they passed this past year. We will always remember them in our prayers...grateful for their smiles and laughter.

In May, **Mary Rocks, Kathie Kennedy Incaprera, Bobbie Davis Speace, Mimi Ratke Cochran** and I were THRILLED to be joined at lunch in Columbia, MD by **Claudia Rowley Dailey**!!!!! None of us had seen Claudia in 52 years. What a wonderful surprise to visit with her. Who of us could forget standing on Route 15...in our caps and gowns...freezing to death... honoring President Eisenhower as he left office in DC heading for his Gettysburg home (thanks to the work of Claudia's Dad). As you might remember, Claudia is legally blind, not driving and we assumed limited in her talents. Weren't we all shocked to know that Claudia is an outstanding artist as well as a talented seamstress? Who would have known, Claudia...as she has made Baptismal outfits for her grandchildren as well as an unbelievably "gorgeous" wedding gown for her daughter...the pictures just blew us away. Who were the Home Ec Majors??? Welcome back Claudia.

Bobbie hopes to spend a week with her family in Bethany Beach this summer. We are hopeful to have Mimi, Claire, Bobbie and Mary Lou Ullrich Jones together for an 8 am breakfast in July. It has to be that early so Claire doesn't miss any "beach-time." Kathie and Mary continue to plan these wonderful "get-together" luncheons...thanks girls!!! Claire Maurer spent some time this past year traveling...a Safari last winter was amazing as well as her cruise to Russia...visiting Moscow and St. Petersburg. Can't wait to hear all the details!

Seems that **Cookie Kaheny Costanza** traveled to Italy several times since Reunion. Am I right Cookie?? What about a broken arm...and getting a new puppy??? **Pat Giblin Wolman** married Melford Wilson in Mt. Pleasant, SC in April at a wonderful wedding celebration on the water. **Mary Lou Schreck Blumer, Dee Vasquez Dougherty**, Cookie and **Lola Forns Reilly** all attended the beautiful ceremony with Pat's family and friends present. We continue to pray for Dee who became ill in South Carolina, hopeful that all your treatments continue to help you return to good health.

Rita Welty Bourke writes of her new book coming out in the fall. Its title is *Kylie's Ark* and is about a young woman who decides to become a veterinarian. Great

news for Rita is that she has finished a second nonfiction book about her annual family treks to a barrier island off the coast of Georgia that once was owned by the Carnegie family. Hope we get to share it soon, Rita!!!!!

Mary Lou Ullrich Jones writes of a fabulous three-week trip that she and Mike took including visits to St. Augustine where Mimi and Chuck winter along with an 11-day cruise of the Caribbean. This summer their daughter Tricia's two children Jack and Kate will spend two weeks with Mary Lou and Mike before being joined by the entire Jones family, reuning at the beach!!! Great memories, Mary Lou!!

Betty Meagher McManmon and John welcomed a new baby grandson at the end of May...how exciting. **Carol Hammond Wagner** was happy to welcome their first grandchild. Isn't it a fabulous feeling?? I received a lovely picture of **Mary Pat Ryan, Peggy Toffani Corrado, Carole Sokolik Bourbonnais** and **Malinda Lester Cleary** enjoying a "Florida Lunch" together this past winter...The Lovelies!!! **Joan Kludy** wrote that she has officially taken back the name of Kludy, and on July 13th she will marry her partner Jenny. Kludy and Jenny will host a big celebration party on August 1st at their house in Stevensville, MD.

Marian Weld Oviedo and Raul are planning a trip to Norway later in the summer. They will take a working ferry up the coast of Norway to the Arctic Circle and back to Bergen. They want to see the fjords which they were only able to catch a glimpse of on an earlier trip. This ferry sounds interesting. In addition to carrying cars, mail, and groceries, it also has accommodations for 1,000 passengers. Marian will be back in time for our mini-reunion, which she plans to attend.

Many of us are looking forward to our mini reunion at the end of September. Hopefully, each year more of you will join into the wonderful weekend...thanks to Kathie Kennedy Incaprera who continues to keep us "All Together"!!!! Hoping to hear from many of you at Christmas time, I wish all a wonderful year ahead.
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We did it! We gathered fifty-strong in body and high spirits for the best Reunion ever. It was truly our *golden* opportunity! Every minute was filled with joy as we remembered and reconnected with the people and places of our past.

The mid-week quiet of the Wyndham Gettysburg noticeably changes on Wednesday evening as the pace of Reunion begins to pick up for the class of 1965. I find **Re (Anna Maria) Hussar Sohonyay** and **Janet Welaj Klaer's** husband Dave in the lobby. Janet appears shortly. The DC-Baltimore-PA ladies alight from an elevator en masse: **Sharon Callison Brady, Jane Currie Sutton, Jane Manning Brennan** and **Susan Flanigan Conrad**. **Barbara Hogan Sullivan** is with them. **Sally Callahan Sullivan** will join the group after she picks up **Patricia Healy Goldman**. We are Reunion-ready but also pre-occupied with the weather. The forecast has been altered; we are now expecting five inches of snow and "more in higher elevations".

Thursday morning brings further weather worries. The Mount reception has been canceled. An additional cause for concern is how snow might affect the campus tours and our Class Mass on Friday afternoon in the old chapel. In the meantime, the "Philly Girls" mobilize in the hospitality suite: **Maggie Quayle Bellew**, Janet Welaj Klaer, Re Hussar Sohonyay, Jane Manning Brennan, **Barbara Merson Tyne** (actually from LI). Janet has a plan; we happily follow her lead. **Kay Ehringer Mufalli** is in charge of the flowers for the Friday dinner. Today she's heading toward York, PA and will spend the night at **Barbara (Birdie) Garvie Hummell's**. Kay emails that she will "slip and slide" into Gettyburg on Friday morning. I reassure the group; Kay will be here *with fresh flowers* in time for Friday's dinner– don't worry.

The weather forecast is not helpful at all. The afternoon is spent alerting our celebrant Fr. Dan Mindling, who is at the Mount, as well as contacting our musicians. Our musicians live near Gettysburg.

There is a Plan B if the FEMA campus is closed. We will have our Class Mass at the hotel. We have a peripatetic Franciscan celebrant as well as musicians, a duo of troubadours, who will travel!

The 2015 Reunion officially opens Thursday afternoon with a Wine and Cheese Reception. The list for the "informal" dinner for Class of '65 folks has expanded. **Charlotte O'Donnell Fedders** will not be able to join us because she needs a minor dental repair before a family weekend. I recognize **Michelin (Mike) Gold Killorin** and her husband Pat as I exit the elevator. The Reunion's pace quickens. Our tables are readied in the hotel's dining room. We file in slowly because there are more new faces! **Jeanne Falcetta Schumann, Eileen Sekerak Sullivan, Mary Brandon Rummele, Judith (Judy) McGrath Brenner, Ann Smith Flynn, Jean Tierney Terza, Marlene Brown Strattan, Ellen Pida Mathis, Diane (Dede) Koudelka Rogers, Cynthia (Cindy) Crawford Cannon, Dolores (Dee) O'Connor Cosquer**.

Friday and I am up very early. I look out the window. The grassy areas are covered in a white puffy quilt ~ snow! Roadways around the hotel are dark but glisten in the hotel's security lights. Route 15 is clear and the traffic is moving despite some blowing snow. FEMA is set, at this point, for a delayed opening. I email everyone at 6 o'clock explaining the present situation. Our Franciscan celebrant is immensely optimistic; he assures me "the roads are fine". Mike and Gemma, the troubadours, are still on stand-by. I call **Barbara Gaver** who plans to journey from Baltimore directly to the FEMA campus. I tell her she needs to drive directly to the hotel. I give her directions and then say one of many prayers for today's travelers. In one way, the weather is a blessing; the Class Dinner Committee has time to work on the room to be used for the dinner that evening. Kay Ehringer Mufalli and the flowers arrive. Birdie Garvie Humell follows and so does Barb Gaver. Thank you God!

The decision is made; the FEMA campus will open for our events. Umbrellas, boots and other wet winter attire are retrieved from cars. The Class Mass will be in the old chapel. **Eugenia (Genia) McAuliffe Kelly** reminds us we are to arrive at the chapel early for a practice session. We need to stretch our vocal chords. We head to campus to arrive around 3:15. I need to be certain we have a small table for the Memorial Service's candles. I have packed the programs for the Mass and the other accouterments needed. Classmates begin to congregate in the chapel. More new faces: **Maggi Mullahy Yates, Sherrie Simonds Wain, Betsy O'Brien Marron, Nancy Boemanns Fratini, Sr. Carol Czyzewski, Barbara Wixted Hayes, Linda Knox, Kathleen (Kathy) Kearney Walczak** and **Dalys (Didi) Bremer Corrigan**. The little chapel gets warmer as we gather "all together" again. There are smiles and laughter, hugs. A steady buzz of friendly chatter fills the air.

The musicians have already set-up in front. They are practicing some of the musical selections. We come to *Prayer for a Perfect Life* and Eugenia comes alive. The class of 1965's maestro from "The Sound of Freshmen" returns; her graceful arm movements bring us back more than 50 years to a time when our voices were higher. A small choir of 65ers practices with Gemma and Mike. Jean Tierney Terza and Birdie Garvie Hummell are "natural altos" or so I am told. They harmonize easily with Gemma. We soar! Despite temperamental lighters, we manage (with the good Franciscan's help) to light 12 candles for our classmates in heaven. It was special to have our late classmate **Barbara Williams Walsh's** two alumnae sisters in attendance for their "baby sister's" class Mass.

The Class Dinner starts at 6. Maggie Quayle Bellew and Barbara Merson Tyne and their committee outdid themselves. Janet Welaj Klaer comes in "period costume". She wears a pleated plaid skirt, white blouse with a round collar, knee socks and penny loafers! The room fills with more new arrivals: **Antoinette ("A") O'Neil Ashburn, Betty Jean (BJ) Neely Czarapata, Helene Brown Hess, Eileen Hayes Hurley, Kathy Steigerwald Ingerslew, Marsha Martinell Moffitt, Carole Donohue Miller, Missy Steiner Tobia,** and **Mary Frese Peschka**. We are full of ourselves and a bit giddy when we recognize someone we haven't seen in 40 or is it really 50 years? We catch up, we laugh and laugh; we hug and hug again. "We are so sorry we missed out on so many earlier reunions! Where has the time gone? ... I would recognize you anywhere!" There are pictures, pictures and more pictures. I tell someone who is worried because she ate chicken (it's a Friday *in Lent*) the Association secured a dispensation from the usual fasting from the Archdiocese of Harrisburg (wink,wink). I told a fib. To begin with, Harrisburg is not an Archdiocese. We look through memorabilia. We stay at the tables and we talk. We stay up late.

We share updates and news from absent classmates. **Margo Honey Keesler** visited the campus in the spring of 2014. She was in the area with her husband for his reunion at Gettysburg College. We applaud the stamina of **Mary Beth (MB) Boisseree McDonell's** 100-year-old mother who is recuperating at her Florida

home with MB close enough for frequent visits. MB and other classmates, **Carolyn Walker Rathman, Nancy Johnson Bentley, Kathy (Punch) Murphy Clarke, Patricia Taylor Conroy, Sue Lowe Kayes, Maureen O'Flaherty Wylonis, Cathy Scovitch Walsh, Nancy Shepard Long** and **Elaine Dion O'Hear**, were unable to join us but were very much part of our conversations and thoughts. Didi Bremer Corrigan has been in touch with **Mary Ann Gillotti Kelleher** and **Carole (Fergie) Ferguson Harding-Mendes**. Both women are in Florida. **Mary Ann Dore Carlson** had knee replacement surgery scheduled in March. She is mending and looking forward to gardening again – pain free! Mike Gold Killorin keeps in touch with **Julie Fogarty-Johnson** and Nancy Boemanns Fratini had a telephone chat with **Pat Brunning Martin** shortly before Reunion. Dede Koudelka Rogers spent time with **Elaine Vuyosevich Imber** in Savannah, GA this winter. **Barbara Welty Martin** lives in Emmitsburg. "A" O'Neil Ashburn stopped by to visit with Barbara before joining the rest of us at the Wyndham. We missed seeing **Nancy Nemith Haupt, Carolyn Fricke Lattanzio, Mary McIntyre Lear, Patricia Marra Pelner, Judy Armstrong Pontbriant, Kathleen O'Brien Poplowski, Karen Pingicer Rafalko** and **Alberta Schiller Toth**.

Saturday begins with a light breakfast and a humorous presentation by Dr. Dee Gallo, the Archivist for the Vincentians/Daughters of Charity (St. Louise Province). Clusters of classmates unite around topics close to their hearts. **Noreen Collins Martin** joins us on Saturday afternoon. Our Golden class has special roles in the Mass at the Basilica. Jane Currie Sutton carries the SJC banner; Jean Tierney Terza, the cross. The two Maggi/Maggie-s (Yates and Bellew) carry the candles. Birdie Garvie Hummell, the penultimate thespian in the class of '65, does a masterful job reciting the Prayers of the Faithful. **Anne Nichols Gildea** and **Karen Langer Carr** coordinated the class of 65's efforts for this special event, and they did a fine job! We were fortunate to have Sharon Callison Brady's husband Bob as cantor; he is a talented man.

On Saturday evening we enjoy the traditional Alumnae Banquet. Janet again appears in "appropriate" attire including white gloves and pillbox hat. The highlight is the Class of '65's "Memories Speech" delivered by Susan Flanigan Conrad. Sue's speech was classic and sublime. As Genia McAuliffe Kelly wrote "Sue's reflection ... was written and delivered as only Sue can do it! It totally captured our class and there was not a dry eye in the place...". Faculty names bring back memories. We also remember Miss Julia Christie, impeccably dressed with not a hair out of place, and Sister Margaret Ann Berry, the English majors' arbiter of all things literary and erudite.

The "two Janes", Jane Manning Brennan and Jane Currie Sutton, present our very generous class gifts totaling $28,520 to Sr. Linda O'Rourke, Director of the Seton Outreach Center, and to the SJC Alumnae Association Scholarship Fund. Our $22,000+ gift to the Seton Outreach Center results in the immediate re-opening of their DePaul Dental Program that had to be closed last fall because of a lack of funds.

We assemble a crowd for our class picture. There were lingering goodbyes as classmates remind us they have early flights or they need to get home to relieve the dog sitter. It's all part of an inevitable ending to a perfectly joyful time. Promises are made to keep in touch and new promises are made to be back in five years - hopefully.

Sunday morning brings more goodbyes. The breakfast buffet reminds me we had a "good", substantial breakfast at SJC on Sundays. However, I note there are no fried chicken livers or scrapple. I remember some interesting food choices a la Janie and Sister Georgia. There are too many hugs and tears to recall.

Bags and cars are packed and readied by late morning. Planes, trains and autos will re-connect the Class of 1965 to their families, homes and communities. We all enjoy Jeanne Falcetta Schumann's Day-After-Reunion picture taken on the Vermont ski slopes. It was better than seeing her at Disney World.

Heading south, the spring unfolds. I scribble reminders on the pad I have had in my lap throughout the return journey. The pad has words like *notes to self*: "think about posting the pictures"; "emphasize regional/local meetings". I have written a snippet from a conversation about a classmate's challenging life: "it was tough, but we were tougher". My pad will fill with other comments in the days ahead like Karen Langer Carr's thoughts recorded while walking:

"A Special Time ... Our 50th Reunion ... hugs, laughter, smiles, tears, prayers, confidences shared, memories made, generosity shown, stories told, friendships renewed and newly made, words of wisdom, candles lit, classmates remembered, flowers graciously placed on an altar ... all in all, inspiring Women of the Class of 1965 gathered "*all together!*" That seems to say it all, doesn't it?

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Dear Classmates,

Hope you all have had a great summer! Our biggest news is that our Reunion committee is well into planning a fantastic 50th reunion for our class for March 31 to April 3, 2016.

So far, the following girls are planning to attend: **Diane Bernardon Holmes, Melinda Bloom, Susan Brummitt Roth, Cathy Cohill Gallagher, Jane Davis Marden, Betty Depenbrock Martin, Sally Dore Fierro, Judy Fleck Shahriari, Mary Ellen Flinton Sullivan, Mary Furey Keenan, Patricia Guryanski Valenzuela, Sally Gwynn Evans, Melissa Hanscom McDivitt, Susan Kaiserski Keller, Terry Keffer Arcari, Barbara Kennedy Hudak, Valerie Kochis Werzyn, Carol Kuzmack Bradshaw, Roxane McCauley, Kathleen McCormack, Jay Moody, Maureen Mullin Klein, Mary Patterson Falchi, Clare Schombert Hawkins, Barbara Seiler Byrne, Rose Serio Sheheen, Carol Sheheen Pappas, Kathleen Smith Franke, Kathleen Spillane Miskavage, Mary Tarozzi Windley, Virginia Walsh O'Neill, Gail Watkins Crawford, Diane White** and me.

As we contact people, it's exciting to hear about their lives. **Brenda Nalley Feehan**, in California, has retired from her job as a Catholic school principal and Director of Religious Education for public school children. She now has six grandchildren who live in Tennessee and Utah. Her husband Ed is a retired pediatrician who has had some health problems. She is considering attending Reunion.

Mary Lou Rosica Dunbar is also thinking of coming if her health permits. She and Don still like to travel, but her serious back problems have limited that lately. Barb Kennedy Hudak is doing much better after having five surgeries in 15 months. She plans to join us in Bethany in the fall. Mary Tarozzi Windley writes that she and husband Curtis have been married almost 49 years. They retired to Alabama in 2005 for the warmer weather and to be closer to their son Mark, who currently lives in Williamsburg, VA. He is a computer IT web designer for the College of William and Mary and is married with two boys. Mary also has a daughter, Susan, who is married with five children and is a theology professor at St. Mary's University in Winona, MN.

Mary Furey Keenan just keeps trucking along. She has been nursing for almost 50 years. Sally Gwynn Evans reports that her husband Dale is finally retiring in September.

Recently, Smitty met Barb Seiler Byrne, Judy Fleck Shahriari and **Katie Boland White** for lunch in Philadelphia and dessert at Judy's beautiful home. Judy was looking forward to seeing her daughter who was coming from Latin America to visit. Katie's husband Jeff is feeling better and her grandchildren are doing well. Katie also said **Terry Brown Montgomery** was doing well after a serious biking accident.

Smitty has a new granddaughter Cayden Elizabeth, her son's child. She and John are planning a Viking River Cruise and then attending a big family reunion in West Virginia. Another new grandmother is Betty who welcomed Beatrice, her 10th grandchild, recently. She and Herb are going to Umbria, Italy for a month and will host most of their family there.

Melissa has been traveling to California to visit her granddaughters. She also was in London with her sister when the new Royal Baby was born. Pat Valenzuela was going to the Oregon coast for a week of beachcombing and good seafood. Then she was to help get Shy ready for an elk hunt in Arizona. Mary Ellen Flinton Sullivan and her local garden club also were traveling to the Pacific Northwest for a tour of their beautiful gardens. Later in the year she and her extended family will be going to Cancun.

Melinda Bloom and John traveled extensively in the Southwest this spring. They experienced snow at the Grand Canyon and even in Phoenix!

After serving in Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Senegal, and Mauritius, last April **Sr. Nirmala Abeyasingha** was sent to Hungary to do God's work. She continues to remember us in her prayers. Please let us all pray for our classmates and their families. Barb Seiler Byrne lost her husband Bill after a short illness. Jay Moody lost her sister Judith. And Clare Schombert Hawkins lost her husband Bob. May they all find comfort in God's peace.

Also, please remember **Karin Fischl Rennert** as she cares for her husband Ron and her elderly Aunt Hilde.

As Reunion approaches I would like to thank all the

girls who are helping especially Susan Kaiserski Keller, Diane White, and Jane Davis Marden. In the last few months I have attended both the SJC and MSM reunions and have seen the joy in the faces of the 50-year grads as they have come together and celebrated their lives. It's truly magical. That's what I want for our class, too. Please try to be with us!

You know I can't close a newsletter without this: Please don't forget to pay your dues. Also, please send me your news.

Love,
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Class of '67's Five Decades of Daisies 50th Reunion is about to Bloom!

Flo Delessio Marchetti, one of our head gardeners, reports that the garden is rich and ready to be seeded. She has attended the last three Reunions, and here is her report: Reunion 2014 (Class of 1964's 50th) and Reunion 2015 (Class of 1965's 50th) were outstanding!! The banquet speeches brought laughter and tears as happy, sad and amusing memories were recalled. Those classes were the seniors and juniors when we were freshmen. The Reunions included trips to campus and the Mount, as well as a Class dinner, a wonderful talk by Dee Gallo who works with the Archives and plenty of time to relax and recall the "Good Old Days." The Class of 1967 is ready to enjoy and celebrate our five decades of friendships. We're looking for volunteers to help "propagate and grow" the celebration of the Five Decades of Daisies since that first day in September of 1963 when we arrived in the Valley.

Step One ~ Gardeners Needed: *This is the most important step! We need volunteers and ideas to make this a successful garden. If you have some time, ideas and friends that would like to work in the garden, we really could use your help!*

Sharing the work among many will guarantee a successful reunion–everyone will have a chance to share their fond memories. Committees that are active and well organized will assure a truly enriching and rewarding experience where old friendships are reestablished and new friendships formed.

Step Two ~ A basket full of tasks: Some of the tasks needed are: connecting with missing classmates, mailings and communications, creating mementos~such as reunion/memory booklets, class dinner coordination and entertainment, decorations, registration and name tags and garden party support!

Step Three – Pollinating ideas: If you don't have the time, but have some great ideas, we would really appreciate hearing them–we'll water them and help them grow! Share your creative ideas with us. Look in your closet for memorabilia: clothing, books, photos, nurse's caps and anything you could bring to Reunion. Perhaps during the event, you would be willing to work in the garden and greet the flowers as they begin to bloom.

Step Four ~ Plant Seeds Now: E-mail me with any questions, comments or suggestions, at martann@optonline.net or Florence Delessio Marchetti at delessio44@verizon.net. We have our rakes and our garden tools ready–all we need are the daisies and you. Please send me any updated news about you and your families so that we can include the news in the next issue of *The Valley Echo*! All the best to you and your families as we enter the holiday season!

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Our condolences to **Judy McCarthy Malin** on the death of her husband Edward and **Ginny Gibson Johnson** on the death of her husband David. In addition to their wives, both men left three sons and nine grandchildren.

After **Diane Ball Cooper** retired as principal of St. Joseph's Academy, she and Charlie sold their home and moved to a condo in St. Louis. She was diagnosed with Sjogren's Syndrome, and her doctor said the condition is managed better when there is less stress. She plans to volunteer but is waiting to find the perfect volunteer match.

Pat Burdinski Meeker retired two years ago as director of education but teaches occasionally and does prison surveys for Florida, which she says is more fun than it sounds. She and Mike visited Israel and Jordan in early March and found it to be a great learning experience. They recently saw Jim and **Janice Chepaitis Cullen** and say they look great and are doing well.

Carol Carluccio Griffin's daughter Michelle was married in April, and her three grandchildren were part of the wedding party. She and Jack celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary and planned a trip to Bermuda, where they met.

The day after **Cathy Carroll Loy** flew into Charlottesville to visit me in May, we drove to Bethany Beach, DE, where we spent three days with friends that I have been meeting at the same house, same weekend for 20+ years. Back in Charlottesville, we went to classes at the fitness center, toured the countryside and drove along part of Skyline Drive. When she got home, she learned from her granddaughter that she will be a grandmother for the sixth time in the Fall. She still works with **Mary Brown**, who sold the work-life benefits company she started in the 70s and saw grow into an international organization. The new company is a major change for both of them.

Anne Coleman Neel currently spends much of her time caring for her sister Kay. In May the two of them visited in Hilton Head with their brother Jim and his family. She is preparing for retirement by gradually shedding clients and has retired six and transferred a seventh, leaving her with five clients. She is planning a family history project and had her DNA done as part of the project.

In May, **Norma Corristan** was preparing for a visit from her daughter, son-in-law and granddaughters. They are stationed at the U.S. Embassy in India and were coming to the U.S. for their annual trip home, a weeklong visit that she eagerly anticipated before they went to visit other family members. Her mother is doing well, although Norma finds she is spending more time taking care of her.

Maureen Dwyer retired two years ago and recently spent several months sharing a home in Maui, HI with a contact from Vermont who works there as a crisis counselor and needed a roommate to share the rent. Mo went never having spent time there except for a brief layover en route to Vietnam years ago. She enjoyed the house with its view of the Pacific where they watched whales migrating from Alaska. She loved her time there so much that she booked another rental near the beach and invites classmates to visit in the Winter of 2016 for a reasonable cost. Back in Vermont, she is taking voice-over lessons and hopes to do freelance work, perhaps in health care advocacy. She stays in touch with **Nancy Faller** and **Sue Romanowski Redding** and got together with Mike and **Jocelyn Fritz Collins** in Vermont.

Tom and **Ellen Eisgrau Raffetto** visited Harry and **Louise Doyle Dingle** last September in Baltimore on the 100th anniversary of the bombardment of Fort McHenry, where they watched fireworks in the evening. In late Fall they got together for the first time in 15 years with Tony and **Diane Angelella Bonadio** who were preparing to move to a new condo. Ellen and Tom traveled this Spring to the Grand Canyon and Tucson where they rendezvoused and toured with their grandchildren from Seattle.

Joanne Ekhaml and Jim Gorman traveled to Germany at year's end to visit their son, daughter-in-law and granddaughters and tour Leipzig's renowned Christmas Market. Their daughter Alexandra is now counsel at Skadden Arps.

On a trip to Frederick, MD this Spring I met **Pat Gavin Wynne** and **Sheila Kelly Vertino** for brunch and window-shopping. Afterward, I spent the night and had a nice visit at the Wynnes in Middletown, since I am much further away now.

Kate Graham foresees working full-time for about two more years, after which she may work part-time and take courses at Delaware's Academy of Lifelong Learning. She wants to explore her family tree, on which her niece has begun work, and to get back into golf. Her sister Jeanie went to the 2015 SJC Reunion with **Kathy Flanigan Balcer** and **Louise Doyle Dingle**, but without Kate who had just returned from a trip out west. Jeanie goes to all our reunions and always wins a basket, but this year her luck ran out and she left empty-handed.

In November **Barb Grzeskiewicz Fuhrman** welcomed a new grandson Nicholas Patrick who joined his sister Lucy. Barb is planning a move to a smaller, one-level home where she will be close to her family.

John and **Carol Healey Haran** spend time with their five grandchildren at their summer home on Lake Winnipesaukee where John, who is not retired, works remotely. Last year they visited friends and family in Florida and Arizona and celebrated daughter Megan's 30th in Barcelona and Madrid.

In May, I visited Al and Sheila Kelly Vertino in Shepherdstown, WV and saw the transformation of their retirement home from the chalet-like house it was when they first bought it to a comfortable, personalized home with a new master suite, garage, screened-in porch and many other changes. We went to the Mount that evening for an event for President Tom Powell and Irene, who have "retired" although he is the incoming president of Saint John's Catholic Prep in Frederick and they adopted four young children from East Timor. Two days later, Sheila and Al went to Italy where they spent three weeks, two of which were with the tour group *Overseas Adventure Travel* in Sicily. Sheila raved about the trip which included daily "memory points" (activities guaranteed to be something they had never done before), such as lunch with a local family and meeting boat refugees from North Africa who had been rescued at sea. Their group of 15 people was a mix of singles and couples who got along well throughout the entire trip. They look forward to their next tour with this company.

Betsy Klunk Esposito, when she's not working or hosting company at her farmette in Pennsylvania, visits her children and grandchildren in Raleigh, NC and Atlanta, GA.

Carol Landry came east from San Francisco in October for our 50th reunion from O'Connell High School in Arlington. Alumni made a big effort to attend this reunion that took place over three days, and we saw many whom we hadn't seen since graduation. Carol remembers all the way back to kindergarten and, in addition to catching up with our O'Connell classmates, she was recalling events with those people with whom she went to grade school. After the reunion I took her for a few days to my new place that I had only been in for about three weeks. Later I returned her to her house in Arlington where I visited with her sister Peggy, two years behind us at O'Connell, who wanted to hear about the reunion and who attended.

Bill and **Mary Louise Libby Palm** retired in June and, with no plans to move, looked forward to fixing up their house and to traveling. Their fourth grandchild was due in September, making two children for each of their sons.

Stan and **Ruth Lynch Buchwalter**, in their quest to be closer to their daughter, son-in-law and, of course, granddaughter, in Virginia, sold their house in New Jersey this summer and moved to Charlottesville where they are renting for a year while they learn the area before they purchase a house. When they came down to look at rental houses, we got together for wine at my place and then dinner downtown. Back in New Jersey, Ruth had brunch with **Marge Bertoni Barkocy**, who works full-time in "pension administration" and has no plans to retire soon. Marge's sons are fine; two of them run a roofing business that Marge's husband started. She plans to visit Charlottesville sometime with one of her sons who has a friend here.

After her husband's death, Judy McCarthy Malin said she was finding a new normal and does not want to retire until she feels everything is in order where she works. She also welcomed a new grandson, for a total of eight girls and two boys, which she thinks is the final number of grandchildren.

I contacted **Mary Ann Rector Dougherty** after hearing about the unprecedented rains and flooding in Houston to see if they were affected. In her reply she said they did not experience flooding at their house, nor did their children; however, water from the street came up the lawn, closer to the house than it has ever been, but didn't seep in. (Houston continued to be a target of heavy rainfall for weeks however...) She is still working and will probably do so for a while longer as she has no definite retirement date. The children are doing well and she and Jim were expecting another grandchild in early July.

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We are extremely sad to learn that **Ellen Wiberley** passed away from cancer on June 5, 2015. Many of us were able to spend some time with Ellen at our 45th reunion last year. Ellen taught French, Latin and Greek at Lansdale Catholic High School for 44 years and also coached field hockey and the robotics team. She had a Masters in Education from Temple University and an MA from St. Michaels in Vermont.

This has been a big year for retirements.

Mary Faller Duxbury and husband Alan retired after selling The Carlisle House, a B & B they've owned for

the last 11 years. They will stay in Carlisle, PA, moving a few blocks away, but plan to do some traveling. Mary's email is medux@aldux.com.

Joan Dennery Casey also retired this year after a wonderful career as an elementary teacher in Pennsylvania. Congrats, Joan!

Suzanne Sullivan retired July 1 and went kayaking in the San Juan Islands in August. She was an Experiential Learning Coordinator at Red Rocks Community College in Lakewood, CO. Her new email is sullivan.suzanne@rocketmail.com.

Barbara Anzelone Hoffman retired in March. She was Office Manager at a law firm in North Carolina. Unfortunately, shortly after her final day her husband Bobby was diagnosed with a brain tumor. He has had surgery and chemo and is doing well. Keep them in your prayers.

Lynn Koerner is still working at Creative Office Pavilions. She has a great summer cottage in Westford, MA. **Mary Pat Cohill** came up from NYC to visit Lynn Memorial Day weekend and I joined them for a fun day. Lynn taught me how to play pickle ball, and I love it. Mary Pat is retired but still consulting a few days a month. She and Lynn have done some traveling together—Mexico, Aruba. Mary Pat was headed to Oregon in July.

Beth Dignan Blumer moved to Williamsburg, VA. She got her VA counseling license and has looked around for something part time with no luck so she is playing golf and making the trip to Bethesda to babysit when Karolyn needs her. John has found a job for his retirement as a loan originator for a local mortgage company. They are going to the beach at the end of June and then to St. Louis for a Blumer family reunion. John's mom is going to be 93! They are hoping to get all eight of her great-grandchildren together with her! Beth's daughter Kristin is working for Marilyn Mosby, Baltimore City's States Attorney. She sought Kristin out while Kristin was working in the city solicitor's office in the Police Dept., and now Kristen is running a new outreach program. Jerry and Karolyn are doing well...he passed his five year mark for cancer...so grateful. The kids are a joy...but getting big now, baby period is about over. Their son Pat and his wife Beth are doing well with their two.

Lee Cantanese Bewley is living in Naples, FL. Email is lee22bee@hotmail.com. **Mary Stiles St. Pierre** is living in North Carolina. **Kathy Sheridan Galloway** lives in Hollywood, Northern Ireland. I don't have their contact info but they are on Facebook so you can send them a friend request.

Jean Lowe is retired and loving it, especially being able to pick up and get away --and she gets to "hang out" a lot with Mary Pat! Jean went to Panama in January with her sister. They did a canal boat trip but mostly just enjoyed Panama and the warm weather. She went to her 50th high school reunion last September and reconnected with Cathy Carroll "Loy" (Joe's '68).

Patsy Garrity Prunkl's daughter Kate (30) is getting married in October in Richmond, VA. Patsy and husband Charley love living in Ocean View, DE and being close to the ocean. They occasionally have get-togethers with other Joe's girls.

Diana Callison Reing wrote that she, **Pat Stanton** and **Jenny Bowlus** are off to Alaska in July...a land/sea tour from Anchorage to Vancouver. Pat is a world traveler and has been almost everywhere. I am looking forward to seeing the wilderness and spending time with Jenny and Pat, and will try not to get left behind, as Pat and I did a couple years ago in Vienna! "I am very spoiled to have my seven grandchildren living locally. If I see them less than once a week, I feel deprived. The youngest, Norah Jeanine, arrived last August and was named after my daughter. With her twin three-year-old brothers' lead, she already knows how to enjoy herself."

Peggy Small Spranzani will become a grandmother this summer! Her daughter Liz is expecting in July. Peggy wrote, "I treasure every moment with both my grandchildren and with my adult children...I have *loved* having adult children, can't figure out how they got to be so wise at such a young age!"

Pattianne Lanshe Rogers is living in Las Vegas and has published a book under the pseudonym Danielle Ashton. You can find *How They Live* on Amazon and it is also available on Kindle.

Barbara Crouse Banaszynski is SVP, Program Operations, at Volunteers of America. She has worked at the national office for the past eight years and travels weekly either to Alexandria where the office is located or to another part of their service network across the country.

Tom and **Helen Flatley Wallace** are well. They were going to Orlando in June with their children and grandchildren to visit Disney World and Universal Studios. They also plan a visit with friends who live in Tampa.

Jean Givens Denney reports that she is doing same old, same old~ grandkids, bay cottage, cruising, and loving it and feeling very blessed. She volunteered at the 2015 Reunion and will help out again in 2016. Get in touch with Jean if you want to join them next year in Gettysburg.

Dick and I love retirement, especially the time to travel and stay active. No complaints about the winter snow from me—lots of downhill and x/c skiing! Our daughter Ashley received her MBA from U of Chicago/Booth in June and is getting married in Chicago on 8/29/15. Our whole family is headed to Park City, UT for a friend's wedding 9/19/15. Then Dick and I, along with good friends who share an anniversary date with us, are heading to Jackson, WY and Yellowstone for our 40th celebration.

Most of us will be turning 69 next year—"*The Class of 69 turns 69!*" It would be fun if everyone donated $69 (or more!) to the SJC Class of 1969 50th Reunion Gift. They've given us a high bar to meet in order to help the Association stay active. Here is the website link to make it easy to donate. https://sjcaa.abilafundraisingonline.com/donationform or mail a check to SJCAA, P. O. Box 1149, Emmitsburg, MD 21727 and note it is for the Class of '69. Everything donated from now 'til 2019 will count toward our 50th Reunion Gift.

That's all for now....keep in touch!

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Forty members of the Class of 1970 returned for our 45th Reunion. To all of you who attended—boy, did we have a good time!! For those of you who were unable to attend, we missed you and hope to see you for our 50th. The tentative date for Reunion 2020 is March 27~March 29, so mark your calendars.

A special thanks to **Christine Roos Mehl** for finding a couple of lost classmates and talking them into attending Reunion. Christine used the skills honed from all her mystery book reading to locate **Kathy Noll Pantuso Hillyard**. Kathy arrived from St. Augustine, FL ready to catch up on 47 years. Kathy later wrote that she had a wonderful time and is looking forward to attending again. She has been traveling a lot lately and will end her summer with a European cruise on the Queen Elizabeth. She would love to hear from anyone visiting the St. Augustine area. Christine also found **Arlene Seeber** who had not been to Reunion in many years. Christine has been quite the traveler lately. Daughter Kate has spent the past year in China with QVC, and Christine has visited twice, plus a trip to Japan and a trip to Greece. Needless to say she is enjoying retirement.

Pamela Hackley Howton (Hickey) was also busy getting classmates to Reunion. Pam was responsible for **Terri Allocca Cullen, Melissa (Missy) Roseto Kreps**, and **Denise McCoy Moloney**—classmates we haven't seen in quite a while. **Carol Ervin Sharkey** was another long-time absent classmate who attended and couldn't believe that it had been so long since she had seen some of us. She enjoyed reconnecting with long-ago friends. She had a long visit with **Barbara Kest Brown (Buns)** who visited Charlotte, NC to babysit her grandchildren. Recently Hickey and her husband came for dinner when they were in Charlotte for a wedding. Buns now lives a few hours away, and Carol hopes to get together with Missy Kreps who has a home in Wilmington, NC. Carol and her husband Paul look forward to visiting with any other classmates who may be heading down to Charlotte. They enjoy time with their two children who live in the area and their two-year-old granddaughter Violet. A grandson will arrive in early October. For a large part of the summer, Carol and Paul can be found in the mountains of North Carolina.

Another long-lost classmate attending Reunion was **Elizabeth Jo (Betty Jo, we call her BJ) Cappuccino Brechka**. **Susan Stay Valenti** was instrumental in getting BJ to attend. We found her on Facebook!! BJ wrote that she was so glad she came as the last one she had attended was probably 1980 or so! "It was so wonderful to see everyone and reconnect! For the young girls we all were, we have turned into some very impressive women." It was also good to see first-time Reunion goers **Kathy Young Farley** and **Barbara McCune**. Both said they intend to return.

JoAnne Cartegena Windle wrote that her husband Ron is stable, but not well. They are together 24/7 unless her daughter Kristen can be on call. The adjustment to living in Baltimore after 30 years in Montgomery County, MD was not easy. She is, however, closer to Kristen and her grandchildren, Maddie almost three and Graham six months. Another special thanks to **Mary Ann Wiberley Shattuck** and her sister Christine Wiberley Goglia SJC '73 who served as Cochair and Chair of Reunion 2015. They really provided us with a truly wonderful weekend. Mary Ann was off to Fiji when she got word that another sister, Ellen Ruth Wiberley, SJC '69, was not doing well and was in hospice care. Ellen Ruth lost her battle with breast cancer and died on June 5th. Those of us who have been planning these Reunions for the past couple of years have had the pleasure of spending time with the Wiberley sisters—Ellen Ruth, Mary Ann, and Chris. We have had a front-row seat to family dynamics and have had a lot of fun with them. Ellen Ruth was a trooper and volunteered to work wherever and whenever we needed her. Our heart-felt condolences to Mary Ann and her family.

Lea Verta wrote that she had a good time at Reunion and hopes to return with her walker in five years! Our condolences to Lea, as well, on the death of her father. It was also great to see **Alberta Johnson Baker** and **Helen Burke Rasmussen**. Alberta is almost one year retired and loving it! She is doing a lot of traveling and other fun things. Next up is the Jazzercise convention in Dallas. **Sr. Anne Marie Lamoureux** wrote that Reunion was such a happy occasion and the only one she had been able to attend since graduation. She also wrote about how great it was to see **Rosalie Ayres** whom she hadn't seen in 45 years and to catch up on the antics from the chemistry lab.

Joanne (Jody) Snyder Caye had a busy year. She retired after 20 years teaching at the School of Social Work at UNC Chapel Hill and 42 years in the social work profession. She received her Ph.D. in Adult Education in May 2014. Her partner Libby returned from five years in Afghanistan working in development and gender support, and they spent two months traveling around Fiji, New Zealand, and Australia. **Robin Davitt** reported from Gulfport, FL that she fully intends to be at our 50th and hopes to convince **Rebecca (Becky) Greene Fellows** to join us. Robin recently visited Becky and her husband Mike in Boulder, CO. Robin completed the Crime Scene Technology program at St. Petersburg College in December 2014 and simultaneously started the Photographic Technology program.

This is the first time we have heard from **Lucy Feild**. She is alive and well in Boston! She was pretty well snowed in this past winter, so getting to Reunion wasn't feasible. She is hoping to make it for our 50th. She retired in 2013 from a very rewarding nursing career. Her husband Jim Sullivan passed away after a long illness in September 2014. He was the love of her life and left her with a treasure of rich memories. She is busy doing some of the things she always wanted to do but never had the time.

Kathleen (Kathie) Robinson Moritis wrote from Seattle, WA that she was sorry she missed Reunion, but hopes she will make it to our 50th. She has a new grandson who was born on Super Bowl Sunday morning. "You can imagine how excited we were - he's our first grandbaby! As you'll recall, the Seahawks were playing the Patriots that day, and well, let's just say the outcome was less than ideal for us! We went from ecstatic to devastated in a few seconds, and it took us a few days to recover!" In September she plans to visit her 97-year old mother in Baltimore.

Kathleen (Kathy) McNaney Younkin wrote that she has been having so much fun getting together with members of our class ever since the 40th Reunion. She had not been too connected with Reunion activities up until then, but retirement and other circumstances left her with more time to fill. The 40th Reunion was her first experience at The Wyndham in Gettysburg and she loved it. Reconnecting with classmates was so easy and so rewarding. Since the 40th Reunion she was lucky enough to get on the Alumnae Board and enjoy twice yearly reunion planning meetings. These meetings are weekends at the White House in Emmitsburg, special connections via **Sr. Anne Higgins**. Kathy has since been working at Reunions every year, but unfortunately, missed our 45th because she had an opportunity to travel to China. She plans to attend our 46th in 2016 and hopes some of you will come back. So what did she do with her life? She worked 35 years in computer programming for an insurance company in Baltimore. She got married, had two kids, got divorced, got married for the second time in 1982 to Bob Younkin who died of a heart attack in 2003. She has four grandchildren and four step grandchildren.

Jeanne Pelletier Sanna was also sorry that she missed Reunion. Her husband Mark plans to retire next year so they are discussing whether to stay in Chicago. Mark's father just passed away at 92, and they are witnessing the job his 92-year-old mother has had cleaning out the home they have lived in for 50 years. Another good reason to take this opportunity of

retirement to downsize. Jeanne continues to substitute teach in the inner city schools and also run a tutoring program through her church in one of the under achieving schools in her neighborhood. Her daughter Meredith has a new job in Copenhagen, Denmark. She will still be working with the United Nations, but instead of being a support person for logistics, she is joining a team in Europe working on impact investment. Son Matt and his wife April just celebrated their first wedding anniversary and live in Oakland, CA with their three cats.

Had wonderful news from **Ginny Hammond Conmy** that the doctors have told her she is cancer free. She thanks her many classmates and friends for their prayers and support during this difficult time. Ginny lives in Richmond, VA with her son and his partner, and her daughters Mary Anne and Erin are just blocks away. Ginny will be cruising this summer with her brothers and daughter Erin. They plan to fly to Rome and then board a ship and sail the Amalfi Coast.

Also was delighted to hear from **Mary Person Hrbacek**. She has not been in touch with the class since she left Joe's after sophomore year and is happy to reconnect. She has lived in New York City for 37 years and is a practicing and showing artist and an art critic with the International Association of Art Critics United States. After college she attended art school and then taught multiply handicapped children in order to pay the rent. Her husband of 31 years is a Czech mathematician who was born in Prague. Mary would be happy to welcome any classmates who care to visit her studio in Harlem on 131st St. between Madison and Park Avenues. For more information visit her website at www.maryhrbacek.com.

Sr. Anne Higgins was a featured poet at an evening of public readings of the Café Muse Literary Series in Chevy Chase, MD. **Patricia (Patty) McEwan Branson** and I attended along with Jean Givens Denney, SJC '69. Anne has authored five full-length books and two chapbooks. Her latest book is *Reconnaissance*, Texture Press 2014.

I was able to take a fabulous trip this year to many World War II sites in Europe. My brother Jack and I visited the beaches of Normandy and saw the places we heard so much about when we were children. Our father was a young 24-year-old sailor on the Navy Cruiser USS Tuscaloosa. We traveled to Belgium, Holland, Luxembourg, and Germany. We visited Dachau and the Nazi buildings in Munich and then spent a day at Hitler's Eagle's Nest in Berchtesgaden in the Bavarian Alps. It was truly a history major's dream vacation!!!

In closing—remember to pay your dues! Also remember we have a Group Page on Facebook. You can find us at SJC, Emmitsburg, MD. Just "friend" Anne Higgins or me, and we will add you to the group. Please keep your address up to date with us—**that includes email**. That's it for now—signing off-**Maryann Lesso**

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We are all so saddened to learn of the sudden death of **Margie Sharle Kenney** who passed away on Thursday, June 11, 2015. Marge and John, MSM '70, had three sons and four grandchildren. Margie touched many young women's lives as an English teacher at Seton Keough High School in Baltimore from 1972 through 2013.

Susan Roach Thomey was the first to let us know about Margie's untimely death. There were at least 15 of our classmates from all over the country at the funeral-Super, DeeDee, Joanne, Steph, Denise, Almarie, Ann, Mary, Debbie, Lori, Sheila, Barb N., Barb S., among others. The picture on the prayer card was her informal photo in our senior yearbook. It was a beautiful tribute to a kind, smart lady. We are all very moved by how many of us wanted to be there and to be sure, we remember Margie in our prayers.

Kathy Corley Murray attended Margie's viewing with **Sharon O'Brien**. Kathy is fine, still working full time teaching at Notre Dame of Maryland University. Since Ted died a year and a half ago, she has had incredible support from family, friends, neighbors, and colleagues. "I'm very blessed," she writes.

Barb Abell Sariano wrote that she had intended to be in touch when Margie died suddenly. "Life is precious." On a lighter note, **Kathleen Kirchner McCann, Pat Brett Gallagher, Jill McCabe**, and Barb had lunch in early June at the Shamrock in Thurmont where Barb visited the owner **Donna Fitzgerald**. Last spring, Jill, Mary Lynn and she visited **Patty Murray Shultz** in Tennessee where they all enjoyed kayaking together. Jill, Jack and Barb kayaked in September. Another link-Margie was Jack's stepsister.

Anne Murphy Zabriskie is excited to attend the next Reunion. Her cherished husband of 38 years, Drew, passed away in April after a brief illness. They welcomed their first grandchild, little angel Ashlynn Louisa, two weeks after this. Anne has moved to Wilmington, NC after living many years in Massachusetts.

Regina Sauer Cusson just had her fifth grandchild, now counting one girl and four boys. She enjoys her position as Dean of the School of Nursing at the University of Connecticut. Currently, she plans to start a summer school program targeting Asian nursing students, which would focus on nursing research and evidence-based practice. Regina will visit Hong Kong and Beijing in December to get things started.

Carol Allen Bell has recently been named co-director of Birthright of Pottstown, an international pro-life organization meeting the needs of pregnant mothers. She has been a volunteer with BR since 1992 and is honored to continue its work in this capacity.

Marilyn Caruso Burlenski's son Matthew was married on June 13, 2015. Matt works in New York City for ION television network. She believes her daughter will be engaged soon, which makes two weddings in one year a real possibility. Can grandchildren be far behind? Marilyn and John are still working and live in Connecticut.

Don't forget our 45th Reunion: Dates are Thursday, March 31 to Sunday, April 3. We are working with the Class of '66 on the festivities. If you want to work on Reunion, please let me know. I know the Committee would love any assistance from us.

It seems as though we are too young to be burying our classmates. It's been 44 years since we were "All Together" at SJC, but our bonds are still very strong--- such a wonderful feeling. Let's all try to make a special attempt to get to an especially important Reunion next year and to keep in touch.

Let's be "All Together" at SJC.

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Sandy Cardella Speicher and her husband Joe became first time grandparents April 5th to a six pound, five ounce baby girl. Son Christopher and Jennifer welcomed Sloan Lorette Speicher, and the proud grandparents traveled to Japan to see their grandchild just after the birth. In his position as aide to the Admiral of the Pacific Seventh Fleet, Christopher travels to China and South Korea, but luckily he was home for the birth of Sloan and for a few days after delivery. Sandy is embracing the web to keep posted on Sloan's growth.

Pat Bader Walsh reports that her husband Ray is traveling less in his position as a software consultant and project manager. His "hobby" however, is culinary arts, so Pat is gaining weight! They are both very active in their parish and community. Pat resumed her faith community practice and loves working with the Christian Brothers communities, attending the nurses' conference in Chicago in July. She also teaches on-line courses for BSN and FNP students at US University in California and maintains her full time geriatric practice in northern Mississippi. In June Pat and Ray travelled to Pennsylvania for their niece's wedding, and they hope to go to Italy this year. Their son Chris and LaTisha are doing beautifully in Boulder, CO where Chris works as a sports psychologist for the University and LaTisha is a substance abuse counselor. Son Danny enjoys his bachelor life and shares the same passion for the culinary arts and software that Ray does.

Marcia Minton Bollwage writes that she will have to change her line-- "I've got a better chance of seeing God than grandchildren, or my husband on a boat." April is expecting a baby in November, and Scott and she are going on a second cruise in June, this time to Alaska. Her new line will be, "I've got a better chance of seeing God than winning the lottery." Who knows? Scott and Marcia have been out with Marty and **Joanne O'Donnell O'Connor** several times lately, going to dinner and a show at Harrah's in Atlantic City. They hope to see **Noree Dolphin** down the shore again this summer, an encore from last fall. Noree hopes we all will be there for a "rally in the valley" in 2017. The Bollwages also plan to see **Rita Lambert Hess** and husband Preston in Seattle before their cruise.

Hope Heaven Hatch is in the midst of getting the house ready to put on the market and aims to find something closer to daughter Jen in the Charlottesville area. Jen graduated with her RN in May and somehow managed to finish nursing school with four children. Jeff is a marketing director for a company in New Hampshire, doing lots of traveling and enjoying it. Paul and Hope will celebrate 50 years together, starting as sophomores in high school. They are looking

forward to retirement and the next chapter in their lives.

Linda Raudenbush has her own business consulting, training, and leadership coaching and also teaches UMBC courses on management and leadership. After visiting Australia in January, she entertained friends she met there. This year she plans a week in London, a cruise through Scandinavia, and then a trip to Cuba.

Jane Clifford's youngest child Christine received her MD from Drexel University College of Medicine in May.; then the twosome celebrated with a mother-daughter week in Punta Cana. Christine's residency in Pediatrics is at Cincinnati Children's Hospital where one of her classmates is Bernadette and Pete Benninger's daughter-in-law.

Jo Ketner Gallagher plans a trip to Nova Scotia this year with husband Dick, then a visit with friends in Canada. For the 40th consecutive year, they attended the Preakness. In September I will travel with them from Salt Lake City to Mount Rushmore. On the home front, Jo entered the Maryland General Federation of Women's Clubs contest for photography and won three ribbons with one of her photos submitted in the national competition. Jo serves as the membership chair of the Civic Club in her area.

Barbara Klein Mank sent word that Greg's father William passed away in late March at age 91. Barbara's mother is now 102.

Cathy Homan Winslow booked a river cruise of southern France; however, couldn't board the ship because the river was too high and there wasn't enough bridge clearance! (I sent a photo out to the class to guess her locale, and most responders thought she was in England). Cathy has her fifth and sixth grandchildren on the way. Zoe is due in early July, and "To Be Determined" is due in November. Cathy still works part time writing life care plans and does some case management work as well.

Debbie Curley-Reid's husband John is cancer-free since his invasive malignant melanoma was totally encapsulated and removed. Debbie is a realtor in New Jersey and will donate any funds from referrals to the SJC fund, as will Cabby and Peter Benninger. As a seller or buyer it costs nothing to have a referral agent, thus the fund will benefit. As some may know, her son Brendan is on the Asperger's spectrum, and through Facebook he connected with Alex Sharp, the star of the Broadway show *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night* and then met him in November. In Debbie's words, "Alex was so kind and brought us backstage and kept calling Brendan his chum with faith." They returned in March, met Alex again, and he introduced Brendan to the entire cast who gave him a personalized signed poster. Alex still talks to them weekly. Brendan, who works in the local Stop and Shop, is the guy with the perpetual smile. Daughter Brianna, 22, is a stylist at a high-end salon where Debbie now gets a significant parental discount. Debbie wants to relocate to warmer weather, especially after this winter, and hopefully will be able to soon.

This is an interesting time of life for Rich and **Linda Ciborowski** who are alternatively trying to figure out what to do and where to live when they retire, or working like crazy and trying to figure out how to have time for dinner. They both have new careers in the making—Rich, fine art photography and Cibby, jewelry-making in her glass studio. At the same time, she's swamped with working the crazy Boston real estate market. As you know, the Boston winter was brutal with cars buried under the snow for months at a time. On their first Caribbean cruise this winter, they said the ship was fascinating and the beaches a great break from the snow. She promises feedback on choice warm destinations. This September she will take her mother on a cruise to Alaska for her 90th birthday.

Jodi Youngstrom Henderson's sister Karen, who had a stroke while we were in California, is making progress although she still struggles with communication. Daughter Maria moved to East Longmeadow, MA just in time for the snow. Son Joe works in construction. Daughter Kathy shared a five-night vacation with Jodi in April, and they took a great helicopter tour. This was Kathy's first getaway from her family of five children, ages two to twelve. Jodi reads at Mass several times a month and is crocheting pillows for all nine of her grandchildren's birthdays. In June she will head to Austin, TX for a family reunion.

Mary Mehl Doherty's husband Joe reports that **MaryKay Hughes Clarke, Bernadette Ackerman Benninger** and Mary will attend their husbands' class of 1970 reunion at the Mount in June. Of note is that Bernadette Ackerman Benninger's daughter-in-law Kristen, married to Peter, graduated on May 15, 2015 from Drexel University Medical School as a Doctor of Medicine. She, Peter and sons Luke and Michael will be heading to Chapel Hill, NC to begin her residency in family practice.

Awilda Arenas Pla visited with **Gail Fickes Williams** and her husband Bob when they stopped in San Juan before a Caribbean cruise. They had a wonderful time

and even had time to drive Bob around Old San Juan. Awilda would be happy to see anyone who is in San Juan for a visit.

Chris Mele went to a wedding in Pachuca, Mexico on Palm Sunday weekend and had the opportunity to experience regional Mexico.

Sorry, I had to edit so much from your news, but we are limited on space. Keep sending news, and I will continue the email updates. We will need help to coordinate plans for our 45th reunion and will start planning next March, 2016. Let me know if you can help. Reunion 2017 is Thursday, March 23 to Sunday, March 26. KEEP THE DATES OPEN. Have a great holiday and please pay your dues for 2016.

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Martina Esther Sabo's motto is: "Life goes on, don't ever give up." Her job at the Salt Institute was liquidated on November 14, 2013, and she said it was amusing at how well prepared she was mentally, emotionally and financially. Hurrah for food storage and savings! With plan A gone, plan B included renting parts of her house and going on a five month trip in her car, affectionately named Plutina Winkle. She had four states to go for her nifty fifty: New Mexico, Hawaii, Washington and Oregon. Ironically, she landed in Oahu, HI on November 14, 2014. Martina believes God has a wonderful sense of humor most of the time. She drove 16,822 miles, was driven by friends about 4,000 and flew about 5,000. She has a BlogSpot: graciepiglette.blogspot.com, which is a compilation of her adventures, and the first post explains how Martina and Gracie met.

Chris Wiberly Goglia said she is well and so are her son, daughter-in-law and grandchildren. Her grandchildren continue to grow up quickly. Unfortunately, her oldest sister Ellen Ruth Wiberly, SJC class of 1969, passed away from breast cancer on June 5, 2015. She died peacefully with Chris and two other sisters by her side. **Maureen Hinke Hahn** also lost her sister Mary Hinke Metzger, MSM '78, to cancer the same week on June 3, 2015.

After a full 30-year career at Virginia Tech on the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources faculty, **Angie Neilan** worked for another ten years with the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, the state regulatory agency that oversees the quality of air, water and land. Her position as Community Involvement Specialist brought her face to face with very angry citizens who wanted a voice in environmental decisions that affected them and their neighborhoods. Throughout the state, she participated in interesting and open public hearings and discussions about water pollution and sources, air quality and landfills. The most common sentiment was that landfills and monitoring wells were needed but "not in my back yard." The intersection where rural meets urban was always a challenge. The needs and issues were quite different and frequently at odds when housing developments and shopping centers expanded out into agricultural production areas. Hammering out many compromises took time, but in the end the result was much better than if the regulators just made a decision without public input.

Last year Angie was offered a great opportunity to return to Virginia Tech and work with international development projects again. Currently she spends 60% of her time in Armenia assisting and guiding the agribusiness college in Yerevan. The country is ancient and beautiful, and the fresh fruits and vegetables are truly among the best in the world. Armenia used to supply Moscow with an abundance of apples, apricots, walnuts, tomatoes and peppers, but things changed in 1991 when many of the countries transitioned from the Soviet system to a market based economy. Virginia Tech also has a Wine Academy sponsored by the Germans that offers courses for those who want to become grape growers and wine makers. There's even a ten-hour wine tasting class that is paired with ecotourism visits to the many wineries for practicing new winetasting skills! She is still living in Charlottesville and lucky to be close to DC where she can easily get flights to and from the Caucasus mountains. She often flies through Vienna, but routes have changed, and now she has a nice stop in Dubai, one of the United Arab Emirates. Angie sends all her best to our SJC alumnae!

Marie Glynn Thomas didn't have much to report at this time. The rough winter pretty much kept her close to home. However, she recently had a ladies-only weekend at the Massanutten Resort near Harrisonburg, VA. It was a lot of fun to visit wineries, try out different restaurants, go to the Green Valley Book Fair and just enjoy the beautiful weather and mountains. She found wonderful fudge and fried apple pies that she brought home for her family, and they were a big hit. She'd definitely like to visit the area again. Marie hopes to have more to share in the Fall.

Barbara Pios Werschkul is looking forward to visiting **Kerry Norris Schultz** this September while she's back east attending a wedding. All is well with her and her family. Her oldest son Jason and his wife Danielle celebrated their second wedding anniversary in June, and both are enjoying new jobs. They have given her a grand dog, but she's hoping for a grandchild in the future! Chris, her youngest, is enjoying his bachelorhood and continues with his job at Mimic Technologies in Seattle. Last year she celebrated her birthday with an afternoon of parasailing over the Puget Sound. She's hoping to do a tandem sky jump for this birthday!

Jane Parrish Richard is enjoying retirement while taking care of her parents. Her dad is 97, and her mom is 90 and has advanced Alzheimer's. Her oldest son Chris has three children, ages six, four and six months old. Younger son Rob, a major in the Army, has a son who will be a year old in November. She's recovering from back surgery and is hoping to be walking normally soon. Husband Joe, MSM'74, has gone back to work after retiring from the Army in 2013. He is the Director of Public Affairs at Fort Belvoir, VA. Jane says she and Joe had a wonderful visit with **Jane McDonough Milne** while she was in Solomon's Island for a conference. They gave her the grand tour of their river house in Leonardtown and then went to Solomon's Island for dinner.

Beginning in May, **Kathy Kramer Callahan** and her husband Tim began touring and cruising Europe. They started in Amsterdam, then they boarded a ship for a two week Celtic excursion with a few stops in the United Kingdom, then to Norway to see towns and fjords, and finally, on to Belgium and Germany. They returned to the states just in time to attend a family gathering on July 13th. Their son Matt was married on May 24, 2015.

Since the last *Valley Echo*, **Roseanne Szczur Montanaro's** daughter Katie was married in September, 2013, and her son Josh married in March, 2014. Three of her four children live within 15 minutes of her, and the other is about 45 minutes away. Roseanne spends a lot of time attending the events in which her four grandchildren participate. Sadly, Roseanne's mother Margaret Szczur died in November, 2014 at the age of 90. In September, Roseanne and her family had a surprise party for her mom and her brother Philip. At the party her mom was dancing the polka, the Chicken Dance, and sure didn't act like she was 90. Marge was a great woman and is missed by all who knew her. Roseanne is still working in the local hospital in the outpatient surgery center. By the time this edition goes to press, she will have returned from a wonderful trip to Hawaii.

Sally Sharpe Simon attended the DC Area Chapter luncheon in October, 2014. She is a massage therapist. Sally and her husband Herb live in Silver Spring, MD.

As for me, my son Jeremy and his wife Neilly had a baby boy on June 10, 2015. His name is Benjamin, and he's a live doll! Big sister Julia, who is nearly three years old, is very happy about the new addition to the family. My grandsons Jack and Charlie will be seven in September and will be in first grade. They are growing by leaps and bounds! My husband Steve, whom the grandchildren call "Bubba", is still the full time caregiver and loves every minute of his job. He was not too happy about having to buy another minivan, but his small SUV would have not accommodated two booster seats and two car seats! I'm still employed at the FOP and keep very busy. My daughter Ellen is an administrative assistant at an architectural firm in DC and really enjoys her job.

As Jane Parrish Richard mentioned, I went to visit her and Joe at their river house while attending a conference last August in southern Maryland. It's a lovely cottage with a beautiful view of the Potomac, and you can see St. Clement's Island, the site of the March 25, 1634 landing of Maryland's first colonists, from their yard. Hearing the river lapping against their dock and watching the ospreys flying to their nests was very relaxing. We had a great time!

Jane, Chris, and I really appreciate your emails and hope to receive more in the future. There is a Class of 1973 fund for the SJCAA scholarship at Mount St. Mary's to which you may contribute. It is for a junior or senior student who has a connection to an SJC alumna. Please stay current on your SJC Alumnae dues so you will continue to receive all mailings and help sustain our alumnae association. Also, please

keep those classmates who have recently lost family members in your prayers. Wishing all a great summer and fall! Jane

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Hello to the ladies in the SJC Class of 1974! **Trudie Mangiaracina Glazewski, Jane Davis Gallagher** and **Paula Kozloski Swetley** are your class agents, so please contact any one of us if you have news to share or contact information updates. We are hoping that everything has been fabulous for everyone since last year's *Valley Echo*, and we have lots of news about classmates that is fun and interesting. We thank all of you for contacting us with your recent activities and hope that all of you continue to write to your class agents and share what's happening so that we can keep in touch even when we don't see one another that often.

Terry Fletcher Kern and **Patti Touhey Bargnes** met up for a mini-reunion in Chicago during the summer when they had fun attending a Cubs game and taking a Gold Coast food tour. Pictures will be shared on the website soon.

Kathy Oliver Kadilak earned her mediation certification from the Virginia Supreme Court in 2014 and mediates cases at the General District Court in her local community. Her daughter Alissa, 30, is a NICU nurse at Virginia Hospital Center and Christine, 27, is pursuing her Ph.D. in American Studies at Boston University. Needless to say, time seems to fly by! Kathy would love to hear from other classmates, especially if they happen to travel to the DC area.

Eileen Cassidy Hartman requests prayers for her recently deceased mother Mary, who passed away on Valentine's Day, 2015 at Eileen's home. Eileen has lived in California for 36 years now and is hoping to attend Reunion 2016. If anyone would like to carpool from the DC or Baltimore airport, please contact Trudie at the email listed.

Maureen Sullivan Markley and her family are excited about the upcoming wedding of their son Chuck in July, 2015. Chuck, the second oldest of four, will marry Elizabeth Theibert of Birmingham, AL.

Elaine Szmurlo Maliszewski retired last year from her job as a pediatric primary care nurse and moved to central Virginia with her hubby Jay. They are currently living in a rental on beautiful Lake Monticello while they build their retirement home nearby where they will be close to their ever-busy granddaughters: Abby, seven, Calleigh, five and a half, Sarah, three, and one year old Emily, all her daughter Jill's girls. Elaine and Jay's son Danny remains a bachelor, enjoying life and friends in Germantown, MD.

Barbara Callan-Bogia and husband Dave made the wonderful decision to move back to Massachusetts from Florida after nine years. "Yes, we are crazy, but we did it to be closer to family." They sold their house in ten days in December, but their new place was not ready until March so "we were vagabonds visiting friends and family along the way as we drove north, two times! We went to our timeshare in Aruba for ten days in February so that helped out." On their first trip north, Barb and Dave were delighted to have lunch with **Debbie Mitchell Kruponick** and her husband Harry at the Washington Crossing Inn in Pennsylvania, and on their second trip they stayed one night and had a nice visit with classmate **Mary Ellen Pluemer** and her husband Ray in Baltimore, MD. In April, Barb had the voyage of a lifetime on a Mission Trip to Haiti with her former church in Wellington, FL. "There were four of us who went to the Village of Hope where we gave 400 children fluoride treatments, fed children in a disabled, physically challenged orphanage and painted the Hope House kitchen where the mission volunteers gather. What wonders God is achieving in areas of such poverty." Barb is semi-retired and David is retired, and they are so glad they moved to be close to Barb's two sisters and their families as well as Dave's family in Pennsylvania. Barb and her sisters have a great time getting together every weekend and even taking a sourdough bread-making class at King Arthur Flour in Norwich, VT. Barb's new address is P. O. Box 160, South Hadley, MA 01075, and her phone number is 561.371.0037

Jackie Wajcs Gibney shared some news that she REALLY enjoyed her first year of retirement from

teaching. Jackie is busy planning a river cruise from Prague to Vienna this summer while wondering how her garden will do with this crazy weather. Jackie absolutely loves getting together with SJC friends, so she hopes to see all of you at Reunion in March.
Jane Davis Gallagher and husband Jim enjoy spending their winters in Venice, Florida. Jane says they stay active by walking, golfing and recently have taken up pickleball. She also sails once a week with the Venice Women's Sailing Squadron, "The Bitter Ends." Jane is happy to report that her son Jay and his wife Ami and their children were finally able to move back into their summer home 2 ½ years after it was destroyed by Hurricane Sandy. She is amazed at how quickly time passes as her oldest granddaughter Carolyn is headed to high school this September. **MaryAnn McWhorter Riley** and husband Matt traveled the west coast of Florida on their way to Naples, but unfortunately they were unable to meet this time around.

Patty Morel Murphy Lynch's son was married on Martha's Vineyard last October. Patty is now residing on Cape Cod and stays busy entertaining family and friends.

Kathy Kerns Raubens and her husband Harry traveled to Iceland this past winter. Kathy and Harry enjoy traveling and visiting with friends and boating on their new boat, purchased when visiting the Gallaghers in Venice, Florida.

Paula Kozloski Swetley and husband Mark are both retired and report that they are living a life of leisure. They have been enjoying time together by hiking, playing tennis, and spending time with family. Recently, they had the chance to spend a week in Puerto Rico and St. Kitts with their children along with their grandson who just turned five years old and was lots of fun! They can't wait until the next time with him since he now lives in Florida with their daughter and husband.

The Class of 1974 sends special thanks to Tom and Irene Powell from Mount Saint Mary's for being our gracious and warm SJC hosts at many dinners and teas. With their hospitality and support of our alumnae, Tom and Irene helped the SJC Alumnae Association continue its relationship with MSM. Many thanks and best wishes to them and their family!

Trudie Mangiaracina Glazewski continues teaching multiply disabled high school students and loving every minute of the day! She enjoyed a trip to Palm Springs, CA in June when she traveled with her youngest sister to visit her middle sister who is a nurse there. During their "sister week" they traveled to San Diego, spent a few days in Santa Barbara, toured the area, and rode the tram to the top of a very high mountain in Palm Springs. Trudie also spent a few weeks this summer in Cape May, NJ, enjoying the Jersey shore by walking and biking around the island. Trudie and husband Rich also celebrated the first birthday of their grandson Connor in May as well as the fourth birthday of grandson Caden in September. They spend lots of time with the boys babysitting and visiting them, as they live nearby!

Reunion 2015 was so much fun! **Eileen McAlarnen, Mary Ann McWhorter Riley, Lori Quinnan McCormick, Donna McCarthy Feld, Kathleen Bergin McCann, Patty Laneve Mullaney**, and Trudie Mangiaracina Glazewski attended, and the laughter we shared was endless! We went on campus to see our old digs at SJC, went to lunch in Emmitsburg at the Carriage House (formerly known as Buchers), to Mass at the Basilica, to the wonderful Banquet, and hung out at the hotel just laughing and sharing stories. Every time we get together, it feels like the years in between melt away, and we have known each other forever. It's that special bond among us that keeps the Class of 1974 full of energy and enthusiasm!

Don't forget to save the date for our next SJC Reunion: March 31~April 3, 2016. Let's see how many of us can make it. The weekend is bound to be full of fun and lots of laughter, so ladies, if you want a fun-filled weekend renewing friendships and refreshing your spirit, put it on your calendar right now!

Smiles and sunshine from Trudie, Jane, and Paula

1975

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Hallelujah! The class of 1975 lives on! Thanks to **Pat Creel Baltzley** and the band of SJC Wannabe grads that have stayed together, we have some news to share. I hope this will inspire other members of our class to reach out and let us know what you have been up to since we left Joes.

I've been able to stay in touch with a few people from First Rosary through Facebook. There I found **Mary Pixley Laginestra** and learned that she lives up the

street from where I grew up! Mary has four children, two girls and two boys – all successful in their respective careers. Her first two children are married and have given her three wonderful grandchildren. Mary retired from her nursing career to care for and enjoy her grandchildren. Her second two children are getting married in September 2015 and June 2016. Mary was married to "Mounty" Michael Laginestra for 25 years and has been with her soulmate for the past 15 years.

Pat Creel Baltzley had the fortune of spending time with some of the SJC/Notre Dame girls and reported that a group of the 1975 SJC Wannabe grads traveled to **Beth Weaver Maslowsky's** home in Georgetown, SC. Beth treated them to a wonderful week of tours, treats, and chats! They caught up with one another with the following updates from Pat who apologizes in advance to these friends if she gets any of the statistics wrong, explaining that they are at the point of producing a lot of grandchildren. Beth Weaver Maslowsky and her husband Bob live in Georgetown, SC. Their two children live in the DC area. Her daughter is engaged and preparing for a wedding next June.

Jean Homan Pyzik and her husband Jake live in Westminster, MD. Their three children have three grandchildren among them. Jean just retired from the Carroll County Public Schools as a media specialist and is looking forward to the next chapter! **Pam Fuchs Jacobs** also just retired from the Baltimore County Public School system as an elementary special educator for over 30 years. She and her husband Jake live in the Sykesville, MD area of Carroll County. Their three children are off on their own. Pam and Jake enjoy visiting their daughter who is in Scotland finishing a veterinarian degree.

Peggy Dorsch McDougall lives with her husband Mark near Eldersburg, MD where they own a pharmacy at which the two of them share pharmacist duties. Their two children have graduated from college. Peggy's daughter is living near Philadelphia, and their son is at home for the moment having just recently graduated from college. **Beth Lawler Conant** lives in Charleston, SC with her husband and son. They had a great time reconnecting with Beth who remains the same wonderfully humorous woman. She is working at Marshall's and "enjoys" coordinating her and her son's work schedule!

Pat Creel Baltzley reported that she is retired and living with her husband Joe in Gardiner, MT, right outside Yellowstone National Park. She is working for a variety of consulting clients and is currently the school board chair for the local school district. Her two sons each have a daughter, and Pat enjoys visiting the two coasts as they live on opposite ends of the country!

The following 1975 SJC friends were not able to make the South Carolina trip, but are always in the loop with the SJC/Notre Dame crowd: **Rita Pino Surface** and her husband Tom live near Columbia, MD. Rita is retired from teaching, but is kept very busy with her three children and four grandchildren. In fact, she was awaiting the arrival of #Five when we traveled to Georgetown, so she was not able to join us.

Kathy Gawne Bigelow lives in southern Maryland with her husband Steve. I can hardly keep up with her family, but there is a recent post on Facebook with her family description: "children range from ages 40 to 17 and the biggest is my husband who is 62. I am blessed." They have nine children, three of whom are still at home. Their youngest just graduated from Dematha. Also, they have 11 grandkids who often are visiting, especially during the vacations since Kathy and Steve have a pool, and PopPop is so much fun! She is busy with all this, as well as being the vice-president of her family's business.

Ed and I are still living in Oradell, NJ. I took a year off from teaching in the public school to investigate what life might be like after retirement. While I enjoyed the life of an adjunct professor at the community college, I will return to teach third grade in September. Ed and I just moved our daughter from Philadelphia to Milford, CT. She completed her MA in electrical engineering and will be working in Connecticut.

Facebook and all the forms of social media are great for staying connected; however, nothing is better than the connection we have through our friendships and the alumnae newsletter *The Valley Echo*, now online. I urge everyone in our class to visit the SJCAA Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/sjcaa.emmitsburg?fref=ts and reconnect! Please feel free to send me your news. Have a wonderful holiday season and treasure the memories you are creating! All the best to you and yours!

Carol Blakeslee

IN *Memoriam*

1930's **Margaret Gillelan Wood-Hays '36** (06/17/2015)

William E. Everett and Nancy Everett Quinn, brother and sister of the late **Doris Everett Flanigan '37**, and uncle and aunt of **Susan Flanigan Conrad '65** and **Kathleen Flanigan Balcer '68**

Margaret deThierry Krug '38 (10/30/2014)

1940's **Rita Scully McAlarnen '42** (10/18/2014)

Betty Sullivan Elliot '44 (11/05/14)

Margaret Breithaupt Conley '44 (07/28/1998)

Helen Anderson Russo '44 (03/23/2015)

James Michael Flanagan, brother of **Marie Flanagan Halstead '45** (11/07/2014)

Grace (Gracie) Josephine Shack Wilson '45 (03/31/2015)

Mary Magdalen Besche Pease '47 (12/25/14)

Marie Therese (Terry) Conover '47 (02/26/15

Celia Allen Doyle '48, first cousin of **Anne Doyle O'Neill '52, Mary Louise Doyle Dingle '68** and **Sister Mary Jean Doyle D.C. '69** (01/26/2015)

Frances Veronica Hewes Sedney '48 (05/21/2015)

1950's **Sister Anne Joseph Edelen D.C. '51** (09/08/2014)

Margaret Rose Thomas Khoury '51 (02/01/2015)

Thomas Francis Ryan, husband of **Avita (Veetsie) Frick Ryan '51** (04/08/2015)

Mehmet Muhlis Tekdogan, M.D., husband of **Carmel Meehan Tekdogan '51**

Frank Kebler, husband of **Marie Cleary Kebler '51** (12/18/2014)

Walter Shea, husband of **Mary Carr Shea '51** (06/07/2015)

Bernice Heisey Meyers '51 (10/21/2009)

Sarah Sheppard Rensel '51 (01/09/1999)

Joan Greytok Lightner '51 (07/05/2014)

Sister Bridget Patricia Hamilton D.C. '51 (10/25/2005)

Sister Veronica Berg D.C. '51 (08/31/2005)

Agnes C. Flanagan '52, sister of **Marie Flanagan Halstead '45** (08/31/2014)

Dominick Falco, D.O. husband of **Dolores DePiante Falco '52** (06/06/2015)

Albert Kirchner, brother of **Claire Kirchner Lawless '54** (10/29/2014)

James Kirchner, cousin of **Claire Kirchner Lawless '54** (10/22/2014)

Mary Norton Niklaus '54 (05/24/2015)

Elizabeth Hoff Galvin '54 (July 2014)

John Borrosso, husband of **Roselyn McCarthy Borrosso '54** (06/04/2015)

Kathleen Fuchs Warzala, daughter of **Carol Murray Fuchs '55** (01/24/2014)

Spyro Raftopoulos, husband of **Pauline Lisella Raftopoulos '55** (10/14/2014)

Bill Emley, husband of **Audrey Vogel Emley '55** (12/29/2014)

Sister Mary Anne Brawley D.C. '56 (06/06/2015)

Jacqueline McCormick Bixler '56 (02/25/2003)

Eileen McKenna Kivlen '56 (10/26/2013)

Dora Andrews Wagner '56 (11/14/2013)

Sister Mary Alice Roach D.C. '56 (05/31/2012)

Maureen O'Donnell Dowling '58 (10/27/2014)

Patrick Westover, husband of **Theresa Allen Westover '58** (03/17/2015)

Barbara Tranberg Rahuba '58 (08/14/2015)

Sister Marian Hagner D.C. '59 (09/08/2014)

Sister Beatrice Wise D.C. '59 (02/26/2015)

Gene Foster, husband of **Mary Jane Foster '59** (03/2015)

1960's

Mohandes M. Kini, M.D., husband of **Johanna Fontana Kini '61** (09/24/2014)

Donald P. Quinn, husband of **Kay Hisle Quinn '61** (12/12/2014)

Nancy Hart O'Neal '61 (06/01/2013)

Gertrude McNamara Hagen '61 (04/09/2015)

Marie Toby Karl McManmon '61 (05/28/2015)

Beatrice (Bea) Mullin Thompson '62 (01/30/2015)

Dr. George F. Cora, husband of **Mary Louise Chesley-Cora '63** and son-in-law of **Constance Jones Chesley '40** (11/25/2014)

Raymond M. Durkin, husband of **Joan Codey Durkin '63** (12/23/2014)

Josephine L. Hill '63 (03/16/2015)

Joan Marie DeGennaro '63 (07/23/2015)

Katharine Hickam MacKinnon, sister of **Eileen Hickam Stanford '64** (09/24/2014)

Jeanne Kane '64 (01/03/2015)

Cecile Quigley Howard '64 (05/05/2015)

LaMar Dotter, husband of **Patty McCartney Dotter '64** (08/08/2015)

Kathleen Mufalli, stepdaughter of **Kay Ehringer Mufalli '65** (10/23/2014)

Judith Trumbull White '65, sister of **Nancy Trumbull Lee '73** (01/05/2015)

Michael Murphy, brother of **Kathleen Murphy Clarke '65** (02/13/2015)

John W. Conrad III, stepson of **Susan Flanigan Conrad '65** (05/30/2015)

Robert (Bob) Boisseree, brother of **Mary Beth Boisseree McDonell '65** (08/2015)

William E. (Bill) Byrne, husband of **Barbara Seiler Byrne '66** (03/29/2015)

Rosamund Dyer Einstein, mother of **Cassandra (Cassé) Einstein Collier '67** (2011)

Mary Baker Archdeacon, mother of **Andrea (Andie) Archdeacon Howard '68** and **Mary Jo Archdeacon Marlowe '71** (01/04/2015)

Edward W. Malin, Ph.D., husband of **Judy McCarthy Malin '68** (12/08/2014)

Jane Moretto '69 (09/02/2014)

Sister Teresa Buckley D.C. '69 (01/20/2015)

Ellen Ruth Wiberley '69, sister of **Mary Ann Wiberley Shattuck '70** and **(Maria) Christine Wiberley Goglia '73**, daughter of the late **Marie (Dot) Drummond Wiberley '42** 06/05/2015)

1970's

James Verta, father of **Cecelia (Lea) Verta '70**

Margaret (Marge) Shartle Kenney '71 (06/11/2015)

Jane O'Hara (Caggiano) '72 (04/10/2015)

Mary Hinke Metzger MSM '78, sister of **Maureen Hinke Hahn '73** (06/03/2015)

James Macarthur Irwin, father of **Jane Irwin Hollabaugh '75**

SJC Reunion 2016 *March 31 ~ April 3*

Mark your calendar and make plans to attend SJC Reunion 2016!!

RETURN...RECONNECT...REWIND...RECHARGE...RELAX...REMEMBER...

We invite you to come back to the Valley to be "All Together" again! Help us celebrate with the classes ending in "1" and "6". 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 2016.

"Can't believe it took me so long to attend a reunion! It was absolutely glorious, from the first exuberant shout out to the over and over again tearful goodbyes. It felt like we were just picking up where we left off."

-Missy Steiner Tobia '65

"It was wonderful to see everyone and reconnect. For the young girls we all were, we have turned into some very impressive women, as evidenced by the very impressive conversations that were going on around me!"

-Betty Jo Cappuccino Brechka '70

Schedule

THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 2016

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 near the registration desk, and then meet friends and classmates for dinner.

FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 2016

Reconnect - and take the opportunity to visit our former campus for a lunch, 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.

Afterward, you can join our Golden Jubilarians, the Class of 1966, and the 45th reunion class, the Class of 1971, 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 who has planned it. 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 Mary Ann Shattuck to arrange a private dinner.

SATURDAY APRIL 2, 2016

Recharge - with a continental breakfast near the registration desk. 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. Photos of Milestone Classes and all honorees will be taken following the banquet.

SUNDAY APRIL 3, 2016

Our final event, the SJCAA breakfast and Annual Meeting offers one last chance to sing the Alma Mater, meet the next SJCAA scholarship winners at MSM 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" relaxing 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 31 - April 3 at the Wyndham Hotel in Gettysburg, PA.

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 2016. 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.

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