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A highlight of any reunion, all classes joining together to sing the Alma Mater to end the banquet event.

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There are many volunteers associated with the publication of this issue of our alumnae magazine. The names of the Editorial Board and the contributors for this issue of *The Valley Echo* are printed below.

We hope you enjoy this edition!

-The Board of Trustees

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PRESIDENT 'S LETTER

Welcome to The Valley Echo 2016!

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 again meet our budget for 2016 – and not dip into our savings to meet expenses. Thank you for your continued support through tax-deductible dues and donations and bequests.

Another key to continuing our association, especially reunions, is volunteers. Thank you to the loyal alumnae who work so hard throughout the year to manage our finances, the SJCAA website (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 43 years after the closing of our college? What a dynamic group of alumnae we have!

We are counting down the reunions we will have 'as is' – we have nine to go. The classes of '51, '56, '61, '66, and '71 had a wonderful time at reunion 2016. The room was filled with exuberant alumnae reconnecting 45+ years after their times at SJC. And with the number of reunions we will have as a stand-alone organization decreasing, classes are beginning to come back in non-milestone years to celebrate their years together at SJC. We had many from '64, '70 and '74 at reunion 2016. We invite all to come to Reunion 2017, to be held March 23-26, 2017, at the Wyndham Hotel.

During Reunion 2016, we awarded our second group of SJCAA scholarships for the 2016-2017 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

In **October 2016**, the Association will send invoices or bills to all alumnae for their **2017** ANNUAL DUES. Annual Dues for 2017 are due at the time the 2017 dues invoice is received by an alumna. **2017 Dues sent to the office as late as June 30, 2017** 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

2016 DUES PERCENTAGES

Class	TOTAL	FY16 Paid	Percentage
1940 Total	2	0	0.0%
1941 Total	6	4	66.7%
1942 Total	3	0	0.0%
1943 Total	10	1	10.0%
1944 Total	10	2	20.0%
1945 Total	9	3	33.3%
1946 Total	9	3	33.3%
1947 Total	15	8	53.3%
1948 Total	21	8	38.1%
1949 Total	20	9	45.0%
1950 Total	21	9	42.9%
1951 Total	25	8	32.0%
1952 Total	26	9	34.6%
1953 Total	17	8	47.1%
1954 Total	27	11	40.7%
1955 Total	23	10	43.5%
1956 Total	25	17	68.0%
1957 Total	36	14	38.9%
1958 Total	46	19	41.3%
1959 Total	44	12	27.3%
1960 Total	42	16	38.1%
1961 Total	64	35	54.7%
1962 Total	54	17	31.5%
1963 Total	80	41	51.3%
1964 Total	110	57	51.8%
1965 Total	97	47	48.5%
1966 Total	95	36	37.9%
1967 Total	106	30	28.3%
1968 Total	134	55	41.0%
1969 Total	146	49	33.6%
1970 Total	126	47	37.3%
1971 Total	109	37	33.9%
1972 Total	84	41	48.8%
1973 Total	101	24	23.8%
1974 Total	102	14	13.7%
1975 Total	58	3	5.2%
TOTAL	**1903**	**704**	**37.0%**

Beginning with class year 1940 - Total solicitable base of alumnae: 1903 (with 1928-1939, figure is 1916).

2016 Dues to date: 704 alumnae paid $55,110.00

BETTY MCFANN '60 HONORED WITH LEGACY AWARD

The late Elizabeth (Betty) Daly McFann '60 was honored at the annual SJC Alumnae Reunion in March when Betty was named this year's recipient of the annual Legacy Award.

Betty served the association as Executive Administrator from 1999 through 2006. Vice-President Trudie Mangiaracina Glazewski '74 presented the Legacy Award posthumously to Betty's husband Joe McFann during the 2016 Reunion.

Betty's tenure as Executive Administrator was marked by a number of changes and innovations for the Alumnae Association. One of her most noteworthy contributions was recognizing the importance of separating the association's administrative and financial structures from the Daughters of Charity (MD) organization.

In presenting the award, Trudie emphasized "Elizabeth (Betty) Daly McFann '60 was an exceptionally qualified candidate for the SJCAA's Legacy Award. It was only with Betty's skillful leadership and her indefatigable work ethic that the Board of the St. Joseph Alumnae Association was able to manage the steps necessary to become incorporated. The SJCAA became a totally independent 501(c) 3 charitable organization in 2005."

The Legacy Award began in 2014. Its purpose is to honor SJC alumnae who have made "significant contributions to the Association". The SJCAA Board's Classes Committee encourages nominations for the award from Board members as well as all Class Agents. ■

SJCAA'S SCHOLARS ANNOUNCED FOR 2016-2017

The Saint Joseph College Alumnae Scholarship at Mount Saint Mary's University (MSM) for 2016-2017 has been awarded to two women students. Kathryn Tombs, a rising junior, and Kennedy Citro, a rising senior, were recently named recipients of the endowed scholarship funded by alumnae and friends of St. Joseph College.

Kathryn Tombs cites "a strong commitment to service" as one of her qualifications for the scholarship. She has maintained a consistent 3.9 GPA while being involved with the Mount's Chapel Choir and the Office of Social Justice. Kathryn has participated in service trips to the People's Homesteading and 6th Branch organizations in inner city Baltimore, the Silence of Mary organization in Harrisburg, PA, and the Frederick Rescue Mission and Odyssey Nursing Home (Frederick, MD). Earlier this year, she traveled to Peru on a mission and culture trip where she served in a clinic for children with disabilities. She has worked during the summer with youth in the DC, VA and MD area through the PALS program. Post-college, Kathryn would "like to take a year of discernment ... and do mission/service work with a religious order or Catholic organization".

Kennedy Citro is studying Special Education and Elementary Education at the Mount and hopes to be a teacher in a self-contained classroom for students with learning differences. When Kennedy is in her home community, she works for Howard County Recreation and Parks in its therapeutic inclusion department. Her experiences with this program lead to her commitment to become a special education professional. At the Mount, Kennedy is an active member of the Best Buds class, and an officer in the Education Club. During the past spring semester, Kennedy began a project with the Education Club collecting school supplies for the Office of Social Justice. These school supplies will be brought to Belize when the group travels there for its annual service trip. Kennedy received the Jean Vanier Award through the Office of Social Justice in Spring 2015. "Receiving this [the SJC Alumnae] scholarship helps reduce my financial burdens and provides assistance for me as I continue my academic endeavors."

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

REUNION 2016 PHOTO *Gallery*

(from left) Veronica Merrill Malone '56, Chica Godbee Golibart '56, and Nona Murray Duvall '56 chat at the Mount St. Mary's reception at the Grotto Visitors Center

Balloons liven the atmosphere at the Class of '71 Class Dinner

Members of the Class of '66 greet each other at their Class dinner Friday evening

(from left) Marguerite Weidner Phillips, Joanne Fontana Kini, Mim Murphy Quaid, Maureen Dugan Cocozza enjoy the Class of '61 Class Dinner

(from left) Susan Kaiserski Keller, Karin Fischl Rennert and Patricia Guryansky Valenzuela pause before trying the buffet at the Class of '66 Class Dinner

Margaret Feeney O'Brien '51 and
Margaret McGowan Clarke '51

Chica Godbee Golibart '56 and
Noel Stewart Rupprecht '56

Sr. Margaret John Kelly '56 and
Veronica Merrill Malone '56

Mercedes Suarez Pfeffer '61 and
Eileen Keefe Bonhag '61

Joanne McNally Downes ’61 and
Anne Sheelan Gerwig ’61

Lynn Goeckler Ries ’71 and
Marilyn Caruso Burlenski ’71

◀ Barbara Seiler Byrne ’66 and Melissa Hanscom McDivitt ’66

Susan Kaiserski Keller ’66 , Cross Bearer,
Katie Boland White ’66 and Patricia Cosgrove
Messick ’66 carry candles

◀ Susan Roach Thomey ’71 and Jane Garrett Nolan ’71

Rev. Kevin J. Farmer, SJCAA Chaplain, Deacon Patrick J. Goles MSM '64 and Cantor Mary Barbuto (sister of the late Kathleen Miller Hornung '66)

(from left) '66 Classmates Roxane McCauley, Rose Serio Sheheen, Marylou Rosica Dunbar and Mary Ellen Schweitzer Stolfi enjoy the Saturday evening Social Hour

Patricia Guryansky Valenzuela '66 lights candles in memory of deceased Alumnae as Karen Mattscheck '72 reads the names.

Members of the Class of '74 gather at the Social Hour

Rev. Kevin J. Farmer shares thoughts at the Eucharistic Celebration at the Basilica of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Members of the Class of '71 pose for a photo at the Social Hour

Members of the Class of ’66 share a table at the banquet

Jane Davis Marden ’66 and Katie Boland White ’66 entertained all with humorous recollections of life for ’66 at SJC

Members of the Class of ’61 enjoy the banquet together

Susan Kaiserski Keller ’66 presents the Class Gift to Sr. Martha Beaudoin ’62, Director of the Seton Outreach Center in Emmitsburg

Members of the Class of ’66 at the banquet

▲ Diane White ’66 accepts the Kelley Award for highest number of class members attending reunion from Mary Ann Shattuck ’70, Reunion Chair.

◀ The Class of ’61 at their 55th Reunion

The Class of ’51 at their 65th Reunion

Judy Brittingham Ward ’66 accepts the Hassell Cup for the highest percentage of class members attending reunion from Mary Ann Shattuck ’70, Reunion Chair

The Class of ’52 award for highest number of family and friends in attendance awarded to Class of ’61

The Class of ’56 at their 60th Reunion

The Class of ’71 at their 45th Reunion

50th Reunion

MEMORIES & FRIENDSHIPS REMAIN FOR SJCIENNES

Did you ever wonder what it was like to attend St. Joseph College "in the old days"? Recently, our Alumnae Association's Vice-President Trudie Glazewski '74 contacted two women from the class of 1941 and asked them to share their recollections of their years at SJC.

Angela Donahoe Hast '41 resides in Cumberland, MD and recalls her class began with 55 young women in the fall of 1937. By graduation time in June of 1941, there were 32 women. "Due to the many restrictions enforced in our time, we formed very close friendships." These friendships endured and were strengthened, Angela recalled, "by attending many of the Alumnae Reunions. The last Reunion I attended was our 65th in 2006. As I recall, there were only four of us in attendance."

Angela was trained to be a teacher but she spent many years working in accounting. She married in 1948, and had five children, three of whom are now deceased. She has four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She is now 96 and "in relatively good health".

Another member of the class of 1941 E**laine Walker Crowe** will be 96 on September 16. Elaine's younger sister **Norma Walker** was a member of the class of 1946. Elaine entered SJC in 1937 at the age of 16. She remembers Sister Isabelle met her when she arrived at the college. Sister welcomed her, and had her cap and gown and books ready when she arrived! Elaine is Methodist but she was encouraged to attend SJC by her stepmother who was a Catholic. Although she was not Catholic, Elaine remembers the "girls" in her dorm in Seton inviting her to accompany them to confession. She would put on her chapel veil and wait for them "in a room called 'Holy Agony' in the dining hall building." Elaine recalls students were only permitted to walk into town in groups of six. However, as a senior, they were allowed to go in "groups of two".

Like every SJCienne, the Avenue or "A" triggers memories. Elaine recalls the statue [of Virgo Potens] "at the end of the A was always lit up at night". An especially memorable event occurred when the Governor of the state of Maryland Herbert O'Conor (1939-1947) came to visit campus and all of the students donned their caps and gowns and white gloves to greet him on the Avenue.

Elaine's first job was teaching in Havre de Grace then she moved to Belaire High School to teach English during the war. She married a United Methodist minister in 1949 and had two children. She has nine grandchildren, "15 or more" great grandchildren and "maybe even some great great grandchildren!" Elaine helped her husband by serving as his secretary; later in life, she worked as a treasurer and manager of a credit union. She retired at the age of 72 and lives in Forest Hill, MD. ■

Class News

1947

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As some of you may know, I have not been able to send a report of our class to The Valley Echo for the last two years due to illness and a lengthy recovery. I am finally able to catch everyone up on the news I have received from our classmates since my last report in the 2013 issue.

Betty Boggs Cunningham wrote at Christmas that she seldom travels anymore except for a few trips to Michigan to visit family and friends. She is so proud of her grandchildren. One received his doctorate in education, and another is in his fifth year of PhD study and will have his doctorate next year. Her granddaughter Kara received her MBA in March. Betty's great-grandchildren are all doing well in school and sports. She ended by saying that she lives alone, still drives and she is fine, just creaky!

Irene Campbell Seitz wrote in 2014 that she fractured her wrist that October, but it healed well. She would like to go back to Emmitsburg one more time, but time is flying too quickly. In 2015, Irene wrote that she had stopped driving and really misses it but felt she had better stop and not ask for trouble! Her daughter Noreen is still a nurse at the University of Pennsylvania hospital and has four children (two of them married) and three grandchildren. Tim, Irene's son, has two grandchildren and has retired from teaching after 34 years. Irene is kept busy being a great-grandmother and is very happy and content in her apartment condo where the people are lovely and very friendly, and there are many nice activities. She belongs to St. Peter's Church in Coplay, PA, about three miles from her home, and attends Bible Study once a week. She also sings in the Senior Citizens Choir.

Judy Morris began her note at Christmas by saying that, as evidenced by her address change, another '47er has given in to the frantic pleas of relatives to relocate to a more supervised "independent living" facility. An additional argument pro (and we had some vigorous "contra" exchanges) was her new CHF (congestive heart failure) diagnosis. As she wrote the note, Judy was doing well. Her new address is 205 Linden Ponds Way HG326, Hingham, MA 02043.

Catherine Schneider Hinkey wrote that in November 2014 she was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. She developed other medical problems and was hospitalized for seven weeks at Greater Baltimore Medical Center but returned home on Christmas Eve. In January she began chemotherapy, and at her writing she was in remission. In August 2015 she sold her condo and moved in with her son Jim and his wife Sharon. Catherine has her own quarters and is most happy and content. Her new address is 42 Dunnegan Road, Catonsville, MD 21228-3408.

Cathie Robitaille wrote in November 2014 that she had been "out of commission" for months. In October 2013 she underwent abdominal surgery. She was in the hospital for 17 days and then went to a facility for care and therapy for many weeks. She thanks God that she has two wonderful daughters. Joyce was visiting when Cathie became ill and made sure that she had proper care. When she returned from the nursing home, her daughter Karen stayed with her for several weeks. She said it seemed like ages before she regained her strength. She had no exercises while recuperating so she now uses a walker which has helped to get her muscles working. Cathie thanks God for her many blessings as she is now able to go to daily Mass using a cane, moving along with extra care. She wrote again in May 2015, saying it saddened her to read that the Daughters are leaving their mission in many locations as they helped, advised, and were a great asset to the communities in which they served. "How life has changed." Cathie's arthritis is still with her, and she is trying diets recommended by publications on diet and good health for all her issues hoping they will help. At Christmas 2015 she wrote that she had had a peaceful year. She is well and made a trip to Alabama and visited the EWTN studio and Live TV as well as Brother Joseph's Ave Maria Grotto.

Mary Gardiner Shannon said she was late sending out Christmas cards in 2014 due to the fact that her hands were numb but she sent them anyway. She said she had heard from Irene and hopes to attend Reunion soon.

Norma Walker Stec had a fall in May 2013 followed by surgery. Unfortunately, as she was recovering, her condition worsened and she presently requires a cane to walk. In January 2015 Norma wrote that **Mary Magdalen Besche Pease** passed on December 25, 2014. Mary had a son Greg and three daughters - Cecelia, Mary Ellen and Cindy. In Norma's letter at Christmas 2015, she wrote that she and Frank were doing well. She is still treasurer of her garden club but her physical activities have been curtailed as her legs no longer cooperate, and she has a bit of arthritis in her knees and hips. Norma and Frank still live on the property that Frank's parents bought in the early 1930s. They know it is too much work for him, but Frank wants to stay there as long as they possibly can.

Molly Fitzgerald Lawson, my "namesake" (Mary Fran), sent notes on several occasions during the past couple of years. In May 2014 Molly wrote that she feels fine but walking is a challenge and she uses a wheelchair when she goes out. She enjoys reading, crossword puzzles, listening to music and watching TV. She is thankful for CatholicTV.com where she hears Mass and the rosary daily. Molly's children built a ramp and deck when Bernie had his stroke, so she is able to get out for special occasions and medical appointments. Her daughter Frances is a real guardian angel as well as a great caretaker, homemaker and hostess when company comes. Frances makes good use of her office at home as well as making daily rounds to the post office and bank, and Molly feels she is indeed blessed. In October 2015 Molly celebrated her 90th birthday.

Jane Reiter Miller writes that she is still living in the apartment building she owns in Iwo Jima Park. It has been 40 years, so the mortgage is paid off and 12 people are still paying rent each month. She writes "I will never leave here because it is such fun. I have a 20-foot long living room with eight-foot windows. All the monuments are visible in the winter, and the trees are lovely in the summer. The president drives by on his way home from Arlington on Memorial Day." The second floor has a big party room and roof porches on each side. She is very popular on July 4th since the fireworks are wonderful, and seven great-grandchildren always show up.

Jane spoke with **Cecilia Gallagher Pascuzzi** who says she is on a perpetual vacation in Bethany Beach. She has six children and is very active in AARP, Singles, Casino, and St. Ann's Church.

On March 8, 2015 I received a letter from Sr. Karen Conover, BVM, niece of **Marie Therese "Terry" Conover**, who informed me that Terry died on February 26, 2015 at the group home where she had lived since April 2013. Terry was buried in the family plot in St. Mary's Cemetery in Amsterdam, NY. Please remember Terry and the other deceased members of our class in your prayers.

In March 2014 I became seriously ill with C-Difficile and was hospitalized for almost two weeks. Upon discharge I was sent to a rehabilitation center for several weeks to regain my strength and the ability to walk again. Since I had not recovered sufficiently to return to my mission in Binghamton, NY, I was missioned to St. Louise House in Albany, NY, our facility for infirm sisters and those no longer in active duty in one of our missions. I went from a wheelchair to a walker and finally am now able to get about with the assistance of a cane. St. Louise House is a wonderful place for us to "retire". We have daily Mass and many different activities throughout the week from which to choose. I still enjoy reading and watching the Yankees as well as NASCAR races on TV even though two of my favorite Yankee players and my favorite NASCAR drivers have retired. Several of the sisters here are friends from the past as we have been on mission together at one time or another. Although we no longer are on an active mission, we now have the important "ministry of prayer", praying for those who are serving the poor as well as others in need.

As you know, I was not able to be your Class Agent for the past two years. However, since I heard from several of you during that time, I decided to be your agent once again as long as I am able. I am most grateful to all who have kept in touch; please continue to do so. If you have news of any of our members whom I have not heard from, please send the information to me. Let us continue to pray for each other as well as those members of our class who Our Lord has already called to their eternal reward. Love and prayers, Mary Fran
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1948

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Mary Cloolan Houle was recuperating at home from a recent illness, and so was unable to have any class news ready for the publication deadline. Please continue to keep Mary in your prayers.

1949

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Dear Forty-niners, Another "day" has dawned, and I have returned with news about "us." It was a bit more difficult making contact this year because of some discontinued email addresses and telephone number changes.

The saddest news is that **Sister Helen (Jo) Sigrist** RSM died earlier this year. Her life of active service as a nun and in retirement in the Nursing Unit at the Villa will look great on her "heavenly resume." May she rest in peace!

Cecile Begnoche Kelly wrote that she lost her husband Bill in August 2015 after he suffered a massive stroke. They had just celebrated 62 years of marriage in July 2015. She said they were still functioning well and enjoying life in a quiet, peaceful way. She is blessed to be in good health and enjoys attending Bible Study at her parish. She is also involved with a French Literature group.

Mary E. (Betsy) Shlesinger told me that her husband Phil died in October 2015. The family had celebrated his 90th birthday earlier in the year. They were married 63 years. She is an avid bridge player so she is able to fill the void somewhat.

I heard from **Nell Voltaire Davidson** that she has a great-granddaughter who is three years old and Nell gets to see her on Facebook because the family lives in California. She said her favorite trips on a regular basis are to the library and to church. If any of you visit Disney World with grandchildren or great-grandchildren, please give her a call.

Nell connects with **Mary Catherine Whelan Justice** every few months. I spoke with her recently, and she said that physical therapy has increased her strength and endurance. She lives with her daughter and son-in-law in a building complex that has elevators. She doesn't drive, so thankfully the therapist comes to her home. She also reported, with great joy, the arrival of her first great-grandson.

While I haven't been able to catch up with Alice McLaughlin O'Neill by phone, she provided news about herself and husband Bill at Christmastime. Alice and Bill are very happy and blessed to have these "golden years" together, and in December 2016 it will be four years! There are occasional health issues, but that's to be expected. They go to Florida in the winter and the beach in the summer. She stays busy and still enjoys taking Life Long Learning courses sponsored by the University of Delaware.

Doris Roach Jakob sent me a note at Christmas, and then more recently we spoke on the phone when she told me that husband Fred is having physical therapy for back and hip problems, which necessitate using a cane or a walker. The great "Fitzpatrick" family reunion (Doris' side) was a big success with members coming from as far away as Australia, New Zealand and Ireland. It was their fourth, and it is held every five years. They gathered in Spring Mountain Resort in Virginia. Her children are scattered, except for Kathleen who lives in New York City, NY. Doris is thankful that Kathleen is a nurse because she helps Fred and Doris when necessary. Their boat, which they enjoyed so much in younger days but now is a challenge to pilot, is up for grabs, and instead they now have found joy in attending golf tournaments in Ohio where two of their granddaughters have played.

Ruth Wyatt Sweeney wrote earlier this year that her cancer surgery in December 2015 is believed to have been a success. Ruth has progressed nicely and is feeling well. A side effect has been an altered gait, but exercising should bring some improvement. Her doctor told her she wasn't a spring chicken any more, and her response was "as if I forgot!" Well, she is not alone when it comes to the Class of '49.

With regard to **Mary B. Wittmer Walsh** and **Jocelyn Gates McGlynn**, I was unsuccessful in reaching them by phone or email, so I have no news to share. **Rose Bravo** said that her Parkinson's is at an advanced stage, and she has a few other health issues. She has some ladies that assist her with domestic and personal needs and a neighbor who checks on her every day. She thanks the good Lord for the great friends who also help her. She can't receive visitors because it is exhausting. However, she asks for our continued prayers and promises that she remembers all of us in hers.

Jean Barry Curran told me she had been in the Washington, DC area to visit a granddaughter who just graduated from American University and got a job at the Pentagon. She also has a grandson who is a second year student at George Washington University. Jean recently drove by St. Joseph College campus, and it

brought back many memories. She is in good health and belongs to three bridge clubs and a Trivia Club. That keeps her going.

Rita Fenwick Gough is well, active, and happy and is the proud grandmother of 16 and even prouder "great-grandmother" of 14. That's probably a record for our living classmates. A setback in her very active life was a cancer diagnosis in the fall of 2015 for her oldest daughter Mary. Mary had chemotherapy treatments and has returned to work. We certainly pray that the threat is diminished, if not over, forever. Rita said her family has a place in Ocean City, MD and she is truly enjoying that breathtaking ocean view.

I was able to reach **Sheila Ward McPeak** at the Jersey Shore, her summer habitat, which she dearly loves. The best part is that the house is all on one floor which is much better for her since she is recovering from back surgery and uses a walker. All efforts to contact **Lucy McLaughlin Goedicke** have failed.

As for me, to quote many of you, I am thankful for all my blessings and most importantly, God is good. I remain active and busy, and my health is excellent. I have 11 grandchildren, a couple of whom have been blessed with singing voices and acting talents, and one so far has created some stunning art work. I have two great-granddaughters, ages five and seven, and one great-grandson, age two.

As I begin to close, I urge prayers for the repose of the souls of our deceased classmates, deceased spouses and children, and for all who may have serious health issues. Also, it is important to note that active membership in the Alumnae Association guarantees all mailings from the Association and keeps *The Valley Echo* in print. Dues keep the Association in business. Without them we would be defunct! The good news is that in recent years, including 2016, dues receipts actually increased.

"O God, our heavenly Father, may the remembrance of His life, passion, and resurrection sustain us on our earthly way of the cross. May His example strengthen us in faith, hope, and charity. And when we come to die, may we be born again to eternal life. Amen."

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The SJCAA Annual Reunion 2016 took place March 31 – April 3, 2016 - only ten days before Lockie and I started to draft the 2016 news for *The Valley Echo*. If you check the SJC Alumnae website (www.sjcalumnae.org) you can find Reunion Reports for 2015 and 2016. The Class of 1950 has classmates pictured for both years including **Patricia Smith McArdle, Elizabeth C. McAllister, Virginia Schneider Kenney** and **Margaret Patton Dalton**.

Mary Teresa (Lockie) McLaughlin Camarda, our energetic class agent, has been tracing and tracking our members. We regret to report Lockie learned from Betty McAllister that **Martha (Martie) Doherty Dowd** has passed away. **Katharine (Kitty) Joyce Kelly** found Martie's obituary in the Tampa Bay Times in November 2014 so we are listing it below.

"Martha Jean Doherty Dowd lived in Florida. She was married 52 years to the late Judge Francis E. Dowd. An educator and guidance counselor in Montgomery County (MD) Public Schools, Martha was the head of the school program for children at the National Institute of Health in Bethesda, MD. She is survived by her son Tom and his wife Arlene and by her daughter Mary Ellen O'Leary and her husband Tim and five grandchildren."

Antoinette (Toni) Savino entered eternal rest this past March. She had not been well, and we can be thankful that she is at peace! **Harriet White Heffernan** and **Sister Mary George (Maddie) Barlow** enjoyed happy visits with Toni over the past few years and Harriet was with her at the time of death. Toni died on Palm Sunday and was buried from the Church of St. Patrick in Glen Cove. She is survived by her brother Peter and her sister Elizabeth Spinelli as well as many loving nieces, nephews and grandchildren.

In April we received word from Kathleen Hollenbeck at the SJC Alumnae office that **Carolyn Murray McGreevy** had passed away at the Lions Center

nursing facility in Cumberland, MD, where she had been for several years. Carolyn's home economics degree from St. Joseph College took her to Florida, then to Baltimore, MD and back to her Cumberland, MD birthplace. She was active in parish ministries. Carolyn leaves son Larry and his wife, son Matt McGreevy and his wife, and daughter Mitzi Giles and her husband Mark in addition to six grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

While thinking about our diminishing ranks, Kitty Kelly reflected and shared that we are moving toward "Our Great Class Reunion in the Sky"! I relish that metaphor!

Do you all remember the theologian who spoke to a college assembly about Heaven in the SJC Auditorium about 65 – 70 years ago? No one can imagine, he said, that heaven is a combination of all of the most joyful, beautiful, wondrous moments we've ever had, magnified and multiplied beyond reality...like a mirror broken into innumerable pieces, all sharing the same splendor! I believe these were the words or they were words to that effect. Isn't that a lovely thought to visualize?

When working in our parish's prison ministry program years ago, I loved using the "mirror lesson". The prisoners loved it; they always loved hearing about heaven. One of them asked me if I believed in heaven. "Not only do I believe in it," I said. "I want you to know I'm going there!"

Elizabeth Farr Wood continues her ministries in her parish. She takes the Eucharist to shut-ins and helps to count the weekend collections on Monday mornings.

Lockie contacted **Mary Jane McAuliffe** and learned that Mary Jane fell and broke her arm last year. She has moved into an assisted living unit at The Tower, her longtime residence. Mary Jane's new address is Lourdes Pavilion, 311 S. Flagler Drive, West Palm Beach, FL 33401 and her phone number is 561.650.8900.

If anyone is interested in attending the next SJCAA Reunion, it will be held at the Gettysburg Wyndham Hotel on March 23-27, 2017. Please remember to keep sending us your news so that we can all continue to keep in touch with one another through the Saint Joseph College Alumnae Association's *Valley Echo* magazine each year!

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Hello to all. Since there is very little news for this year's Valley Echo, I assume that this means that the wonderful ladies of the class of 1951 are all well, busy, and happily enjoying their lives with family and friends.

Margaret (Margie) Wolski Karwacki wrote at Christmas to say that she is getting used to retirement community living. She is very excited for her granddaughter who is getting married in September 2016. Margie is also very proud of her two grandsons - one is a lawyer who lives in Philadelphia, PA and another grandson is an engineer who attended Georgia Tech.

Myrtle Sullivan Phelps also wrote in a Christmas card that she has had to downsize to an apartment in the same area she has lived. Her new address is 7890 Stonegate Drive, #1305, Cincinnati, OH 45255. Her husband Bob broke his hip last July but is slowly gaining flexibility. Their son Andrew and his family moved to Germany in November but three of their children live near them, so they are grateful. Their first great-grandchild, a girl, was born last August and they are thrilled.

Another change of address arrived from **Katherine (Kitty) Lee Kemp**, who now resides at Givens Retirement Community, 26 Wesley Drive, Asheville, NC 28803. Her new telephone number is 828.285.2590.

My last two letters to **Carolyn Eckenrode Sandherr** have been returned, and my calls to her answering machine produced no replies. Kitty spoke to her last year and said that all was well but I can't seem to be able to contact her. If anyone is in touch with Carolyn, please call me. **Margaret (Margie) Feeney O'Brien** keeps in touch with **Joanne Downey McManus** and **Anita Nevy Karwacki**, and she reports that life is good with them.

We had a little mini-reunion in Florida, and I had my usual good time. For several days there were six of us: **Mary Carr Shea, Avita (Veetsie) Frick Ryan, Nancy Johnson Koerwer, Barbara McCrystle Miekle**, who was visiting from Clearwater, **Pat Smith McArdle '50** who was down from Ocean City, MD, and of course, yours truly. We really enjoyed spending this time together and sharing our stories from the past year. Veetsie had the most interesting news as she had just returned from safari in Africa with her four daughters and one daughter-in-law.

The very special highlight of this past year was our class of 1951's 65th Reunion of the Saint Joseph College which was held at the Gettysburg Wyndham Hotel. Only three of us came back, but we had such a great time. Margie Feeney O'Brien and Ed picked me up in Bryn Mawr, PA. Barbara McCrystle Miekle came with three of her daughters after visiting her brother Brook in Towson, MD. Margie's brother John and his wife drove up to Gettysburg, PA from Baltimore, MD for lunch with the O'Briens on Saturday. We were the oldest class represented and as a result got lots of attention. Two of Margie's students from Holy Angels Academy were there, and they graduated from St. Joe's in 1961. If you didn't feel old before, I bet you do now!

Here are a few facts about our class. The Saint Joseph College Alumnae Association office has 31 alumnae listed for the class of 1951. The class list includes valid addresses and other contact information. Unfortunately, my letter to **Joan Umstetter Mathis** was returned from both her Florida and New Jersey addresses. I recently learned, when Margie read it in the Mount bulletin, that Joan's husband John passed away. We also lost contact with **Catherine (Kitty) Kelly Fitzpatrick** a few years ago. Our letters to her are not returned, and I have tried calling her but cannot reach her on the telephone. The last address we have for her is in Harrisburg, PA. And finally, we lost touch with **Patricia (Pat) Day Aichele** many years ago. She was living in Portsmouth, NH at the time. And as I said I have been attempting to reach Carolyn Eckenrode Sandherr, hoping that she doesn't become another of our "lost" classmates.

Please try to keep in touch and if possible forward any news or information you have about yourself or our "lost" classmates to one of the class agents listed above. We are always interested and it's fun to read what our classmates are doing. And remember, our 70th reunion is only five years away! Thinking of you all, Peg, Kitty, and Margie

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Hello to all our fellow 1952 Saint Joseph College graduates! Hopefully you are all healthy and well! I contacted **Ann Doyle O'Neill** about the Philadelphia alumnae group, and she reports that all is well and that **Alice McGrath Conway, Dolores Liske Dixon** and **Ann (Mickey) O'Donnell Taylor** are all status quo.

Loretta Teller Tiers has moved to a retirement home named The Quadrangle in Haverford, PA. I do not have her new address but she says she likes it there and the added plus is that her daughters are living nearby so she will be able to see them more often.

Ellen Glynn Kenkel is still in palliative care as far as I know and her spirits seem good. I am sure she and her family would appreciate our prayers and positive thoughts.

Ann Doyle O'Neill says that she is downsizing and will be selling her house at Hershey Hills. However, she will be remaining in the area in something smaller. She's having a lot of fun cleaning and getting rid of things. **Beverly Barker Ament** is in her own home with three caregivers and lots of good friends who are very helpful. She notes that her children are well. John and Terry are in New Jersey, Susan is in Florida, and the last of her grandchildren will be heading off to college this year.

Madlyn (Chirp) Marshall McPartland says she is well but she sometimes tends to over-extend herself when she volunteers to work on various projects. She is still very active in the Garden Club but will probably be giving it up in the near future.

I must share some sad news that **Lois Hasenauer Treacy** had a heart attack and passed away in February. She had previously undergone surgery but it was not successful. The family's address is 1170 Johnsarbor Drive, Rochester, NY 14620. Her husband Bob was very upset, of course, and I am sure he would appreciate some kind words even at this time. Their son Bill lives a few miles away and checks in on him often.

Maria Cincotta wrote at Christmas that she's doing great but said this was probably will be her last year sending holiday cards because it seems more of a

burden now than the joy it used to be.

Barbara Echols Williams calls every now and then and has reported that she and husband Carroll are doing fine. They are still living in their big house and working hard to maintain their beautiful outdoor areas. Carroll will be 91 this year.

Claire Nelson Dale keeps chugging along. Her sister was very ill so she went to Florida so that she could be with her. Claire had four graduations, a wedding and Kieran's 30th anniversary Mass so she's been very busy.

Dorothy (Dottie) Green Mullen and husband Paul continue to volunteer and visit their family often for special occasions. **Marilyn (Mitzi) Evans Kilduff** and husband Bill also keep "plugging along." They have various health problems but they seem to have found a way to accommodate them.

I had a long conversation with **Mary Elizabeth (Betty) Scanlan Wellner** recently. She still has some residual effects from a fall a while ago but she is back to driving. She is going to try apartment living in a place that will provide some services like two meals a day and physicians on the premises. She won't sell her house until she sees if it works out. She reports that her family is fabulous and that her granddaughter just finished her first year of college.

Harry Brown, husband of **Rose Doran Brown**, died in January. The family had a memorial service in Philadelphia, PA. I was not able to attend because I was in Mexico at the time. Yes, I decided to go to Mexico this year. It was certainly different than when Dom was with us, but I enjoyed my time there and a few members of my family came to visit at various times. I'm still in my big house and haven't thought about moving. This year one of my grandsons graduated from Lafayette College, and my granddaughter graduated from high school.

In closing, I ask that everybody please stay well and keep in touch. I appreciate you sharing your news, and I know that everyone loves catching up about our fellow classmate's lives. As ever, Dee

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I sincerely wish I had more news to report from our wonderful, very active classmates, but thanks again to **Joan Billerbeck**, I have more news than I thought I would.

Sadly, Joan tells us that **Mary Ann Muldowney Green** passed away quietly on November 12, 2015. Her funeral was held at old St. John's Church in Frederick, MD and both Joan and **Suzanne (Sue) Kaiser Crock** attended. Her pastor's homily acknowledged her 30 years of service, and the church was filled with appreciative students and parents. She and her husband Bob are now reunited.

Joan Billerbeck herself says that she is doing just fine although she felt the Spring rain that deluged many areas of the east coast was tiring. However, she has survived, as she always does, despite interruption of her telephone service. That's our Joan. Joan and Sue Kaiser Crock still enjoy being neighbors at Leisure World. They recently attended a concert by the West Point Alumni Glee Club that was fantastic and inspiring. Sue's health has improved and she swims and walks regularly, which is probably something we should all be doing.

Elisabeth (Liz) McCullough Lodato recently had a bad fall and was hospitalized. Afterward, she followed up with intensive physical therapy and now has an artificial knee and ankle. Thankfully, she seems to be recovering well. Her daughter Amy lives in Texas and visits regularly. Son Mike lives much further away in Maine where they still had snow in May this year!

Doris Brown Doussan also had recent surgery after a knee replacement. She rides a stationary bike and walks everyday. She tells us that she is now cancer free, takes day trips with AARP, and visits casinos. My kind of 'gal'! Perhaps her motivation is her three-year-old great-granddaughter.

Geraldine (Geri) Cellura Becker is going to Italy! She and all the family (all 36 people) are planning a September tour beginning with Rome, Naples, Venice and places in between. Can I hide in a piece of the luggage? She had a visit from Kevin McCormick, son of Jim and **Jinx Moody McCormick**. In addition, Geri

reported that **Mary McNeill Mohr** and husband Ralph's granddaughter was recently married in Baltimore, MD and resulted in a grand family reunion. Geri further advised that all her activity is keeping her out of trouble. I'm happy to hear that!

Sister Anne Black was recently spotted at a picnic at the lake between Emmitsburg and Gettysburg! Annie B tells us that her electric wheelchair has been replaced by one that now requires being pushed so she is not quite as active. She still has her wonderful spirit and happy laugh. If you have a chance, you can call her at 301.447.7157. She would love to hear from you.

I received some news from **Jean Topper Walter** who is in a retirement home in Gettysburg, PA. Her sister is in a nursing home in Emmitsburg, MD. I hope they both will continue to do well.

Thelma Redding Wichrowski and her husband Dick are also doing well. Two of their grandchildren attend the University of Maryland. Two granddaughters stay with them. Both are great students and active in sports. Their son Stephen recently married a girl from the Philippines who is an excellent cook. She prepared a fantastic dinner for the family that everyone enjoyed.

That's it for this time. Wish I had heard from more of you but hopefully more of you will share your news for the next *Valley Echo*! If you could write to me, I would appreciate it. Please continue to do well and stay well. Remember to pray for one another and "stay forever young." Louie

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Dear Classmates: "All Together," "Side By Side," "Keep the Memories." However you would like to do it, let's keep it going!

First, I'd like to thank all of you who have responded to my recent email request for news. I'd especially like to thank **Claire Kirchner Lawless** for locating some of the Washington, DC area alumnae who have been hard to find lately. **Nancy Black Connor** and husband Ray are now living at 21124 Cardinal Pond Terrace, #219, Ashburn, VA 20147. Phone: 517.510.3420. Her latest email is: connra219@gmail.com.

Claire also found **Margaret (Peggy) Immer Rafferty's** obituary in the Post. Peggy had been in assisted living in Rockville, MD, then in a hospice facility where she died May 21. Peggy had seven children, 13 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. When attending Peggy's funeral at St. Patrick's, Claire saw **Mary McIntyre Gray** and husband Bill, and afterwards they went out for lunch and caught up on each other's lives.

Barely a month earlier the daughter of **Mary Louise Rippey Egan**, Cara Reynolds, informed us of Mary Louise's death on May 1. Claire was also able to attend this funeral Mass with two of her daughters at St. John the Baptist Church in Silver Spring, MD. Claire met Mary Louise's son Eddie who told her that when he heard of his mother's passing, he and his wife Terri went over to St. Joe's and strolled the campus thinking of her and the years she spent there. ML's daughter Maureen told Claire that one of the last things her mother said was that she had to get back to Emmitsburg, to school at St. Joseph's.

Claire called **Joanne Gates Popoff** and found her enjoying life at her independent living residence in Redmond, WA, which is close to where her son lives.

Claire herself said her life is "the same old, same old" but she did attend one high school graduation this year. Also, her grandson's wedding took place in July and Claire was elated to have been chosen to participate by being a FLOWER GIRL along with the bride's two grandmothers. Now that doesn't sound like "same old", does it?

All is well at **Marie Melroy Munkacsy** and husband Mike's homestead in Ship Bottom, NJ. Marie says their beach there is beautiful, even in winter, and living on an island is their idea of paradise. Their children joined them at their annual family get-together in the condo clubhouse. They don't travel much anymore. Mike is happy working on his computer and Marie loves her quilting and embroidery, which she has been doing for years. The quilts that she makes are for gifts to those who are graduating from high school and going to college.

A persistent search for **Myrna Sepulveda Otero** resulted in a letter from her oldest son Rene Otero saying his mother was living with him and his wife. Their address is 948 Galway Blvd., Apopka, FL 32703-8312. I had sent an old photo of Myrna, **Norma Wootton Murphy** and me when we visited Myrna's family in Mayaguez, PR in l955. Rene says that he showed his mother the photo and letter and his mother

read it and seemed to remember, but he's not sure. He thinks she would welcome a letter or a photo that might jog her memory. Rene enclosed a photo of Myrna which showed a still smiling, albeit much older, lady in a colorful outfit. Norma has had some health issues that she is overcoming with lots of rehab and therapy. She is always eager to hear news of our class.

Marguerite Bourdeau Byrne and husband Barney welcomed lots of family and friends from both sides to their Virginia Beach, VA oceanfront home this year. After 22 years there, Marguerite says it's the longest she's ever lived in one place. When she wrote, she noted that the daffodils seemed to be blooming longer this year due to the cool days of Spring. Marguerite chatted briefly with Mary Gray, and at my request she rang up **Marian Christe Calcagni**, who lives only a phone call away. Marian then called me, and I learned that she and husband Dante are planning their annual trip to Italy to visit family. Marian was her usual friendly, chatty self. She had been in regular touch with **Ann Chamberlain Tibiletti** who still lives in Texas and continues to play bridge.

Juanita Maguire Tryon wrote that she and Dennis finally did move to "Vi at Silverstone" in Scottsdale, AZ after selling their plane, hangar, car and finally, their home, in Wickenburg, AZ. Between bouts of sciatica, a broken wrist, and a broken hip, Juanita is looking forward to getting out of rehab and walking on her own. Their condo is close enough for Dennis to walk over and have dinner with her every day. Their children have been there to help, and she says these are the times when you thank God for your children.

Joan Paroni Neff surfaced at Bethany Beach, DE. She was responding to the note about Mary Louise's funeral. She, Mary Louise, Peggy and Claire went to Blessed Sacrament together and then met up again at St. Joe's. Old friends will not ever be forgotten, she says.

Most of you know that I lost my dear husband Jim on March 31. So many of you have expressed your sympathy in so many different ways, and I thank you all for the cards, Masses, prayers, and calls. **Joanne (Jo) Tierney Bleimeyer** called from Florida, and we had a nice long chat. She had spoken with **Mary Lou Williams Thompson** about her annual trip to Disney World. **Roselyn McCarthy Borrosso** also called one day and reports that her daughters live in Florida, and I believe she was there or getting ready to visit them.

Patricia Brady Hines' son Marty Kerlin came to my husband's visitation as Pat's representative as he lives nearby. I first met him when he was young, over 25 years ago, and he recently relocated to this area. I invited him to dinner, and later when Pat visited him, we met again at his house.

As for me, as Juanita says, the support of children and grandchildren has been the most important thing, as many of you have experienced yourselves, and they sure do keep me busy. Early in May, I attended my first grandchild's graduation from the University of Iowa. Later in May, I attended a granddaughter's high school graduation in LaCrosse, WI. By the time you read this, I expect to have a brand new, custom made, knee joint! Then I will throw myself on my knees and thank God for friends and family, including my SJC family. God bless you all.

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To a gathering of young people, recently, Pope Francis spoke of three words important for life: "Love, life, friends!" As I have heard from our classmates, I believe that these very words express our lives. Buoyed by the love of friends and family, we continue to celebrate life in its oftentimes emotionally and physically challenging but always grace-filled moments.

Betty Brown Shea wrote of her husband Bob's death on April 17, 2016 and noted that all of their children were present. We all send our prayers of condolence to you, Betty. As she adjusts to life without Bob, Betty is planning to spend the summer at the New Jersey house and possibly stay there permanently. She took up quilting after she retired from teaching and is eager to get back to her vast collection of fabric. **Monalee Overdorf Welliver** keeps in touch with Betty by phone and is hoping to visit her once Betty returns to Leesburg, VA. In Sept. 2015 I spent a joyous weekend at Monalee's in Staunton, VA when my son Denis dropped me off on his way to a festival. I not only had a great visit with Monalee but also with her son Sean, daughter Martina, and friend Kerry. We had a delightful time attending a play at the American Shakespeare Center's Blackfriars Playhouse in Staunton, VA. It was a truly memorable weekend. On our return trip, Denis and I stopped in to see my

granddaughter Rebecca at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, VA, and then we visited with my son Marc and his wife in Ashburn, VA.

Sister Mary Martha Gardiner (Mary T) continues her hospice nursing three or four days a week and intends to remain active as long as her health permits. She gets together with family as often as she can. She spent Thanksgiving with her sister Susan and family in Connecticut and had an August visit with her sister Cathy in Ocala, FL. A "Siblings and Spouses reunion" is planned for October. Sounds like a full schedule!

Audrey Vogel Emley's trip to Israel with son Billy in 2015 was "a great trip". This was the 39th trip for their Franciscan guide, and Audrey reflects that "so much makes sense now!" Her grand kids and great-grands are blooming, and she is ever so proud! Audrey enjoys visiting with her neighbor Betty Shea when Betty is at the Lansdowne Woods address in Leesburg, VA

Dorothy (Dotty) Stolman Egan shared the trials of their youngest child Sharon who has been suffering from a rare brain tumor but she feels confident that progress is being made. Dotty and husband Tom take great pride in the family's rallying around Sharon and supporting her through her many surgeries. Sharon is a lawyer in her dad's firm, and during her absence, Tom has returned to the office to help and is enjoying his return to work.

My phone call found **Ileana Soler Torruella** just returning from a weekend with her family in San Juan. She takes special delight in her three great-granddaughters. Having raised three boys and one girl, she is enjoying the delicate feminine qualities of little girls. Ileana's daughter Nina lives in Miami, and she had recently travelled there for a visit. To hold on to her English, learned so well at St. Joe's, she enjoys teaching English to her helpers who take great pride in their accomplishments. Once a teacher, always a teacher!

Sonia Ziolkowski McLaughlin shared her joy about Pope Francis' visit to Philadelphia. One of the severely ill babies blessed by the Pope is a member of Sonia's parish, and she added her prayers to the multitude praying for a miracle. She and her family spent Thanksgiving at "The Shore" and headed there for Memorial Day. Sonia is the only one left of her generation on her side of the family so family is very important to her. Her twin granddaughters, sophomores in high school, keep her aware of teen culture.

I was not aware that **Pauline Lisella Raftapoulos**, after majoring in Home Economics at St. Joe's, had earned a nursing degree later and spent years in general, visiting, and geriatric nursing. Now retired, she is nursing her own many and varied ailments. Her arthritic hands no longer allow her to do the fine sewing she once enjoyed, but she finds joy in her graphic arts talent, creating cards for friends and family. She is still driving and has a very positive view of life.

Catherine (Cathy) Connolly Griffin-Persons had lunch with **Betty Barbieri McLellan** in April when Betty was in New York City for an opera date. Cathy and Betty visited St. Patrick's Cathedral and remembered us all at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's altar. Thank you, Cathy and Betty! Cathy and her husband took a July trip to Tanglewood and western Massachusetts. New territory for them! Betty and husband Bill visited Spain, Portugal, and London in June and plan a trip to Mexico for New Year's Eve. Bridge, Bible study, sorority, an opera support group, entertaining and family keep Betty hopping. Her Christmas letter was complete with photos of family.

Dolores (Dee) Nevy McMullen is in touch with **Clarebeth (CB) Maguire Cunningham** and **Miriam Johnson Curnin**. Dee reports that in the summer of 2015, CB suffered a torn aorta and spent the summer in the hospital. In spite of this, CB emailed and admits to "slowing down a bit" and that she is still able to get to her grandchildren's school and sporting events and to activities with friends. On June 1, CB moved to a senior independent living complex: 2020 South Monroe St. Apt. 707, Denver, CO 80210. We all wish you much happiness in your new home, CB! As is their pattern, Miriam and husband Tom will spend a good part of the summer in North Egremont, MA. On Memorial Day weekend and July 4 they were surrounded by family. Miriam wrote of expanding the capacity of their home to accommodate the "older and taller grandchildren". Miriam mentioned Dee's "smiling voice" which we can all remember from our Emmitsburg days!

A surprise phone call from **Margaret (Jill) May O'Donnell** brightened an otherwise gray day. How easy it is for 60+ years to just melt away! Last year, Jill's family travelled to Africa but Jill stayed behind nursing a knee replacement. She and husband John have an apartment in a senior housing complex so Jill took up residence there in her family's absence. She found study groups and all kinds of activities to see her through her healing. Jill also mentioned her love of opera so I'm hoping that she and John will discover the Glimmerglass Music Festival in Cooperstown, NY - only 45 minutes from Oneonta, NY!

A thoughtful note from **Jacquelyn (Jackie) Hemler Cummings'** husband Ed assured us all of Jackie's love and prayers. **Maria delPilar (Mapy) Irizarry** has finally retired so I found her at home and ready to chat. In January she took quite a fall but fortunately broke no bones, and she has healed well. Her oldest son Larry and his dog have moved in with her. Having lived alone for so long, she now misses her solitude. She was planning a visit to her daughter in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico for her grandson's high school graduation. The Keogh family Christmas collage is always delightful! So many happy faces radiating the same love as their matriarch's! **Barbara Henner Keogh** has recuperated well from a stroke and continues her active life of weddings, graduations, births, her brother's 80th birthday and all kinds of fun activities.

Through the wonder of electronics, I reached **Carol Murray Fuchs** by cell phone at her son Michael's home in Lincoln, RI. They were gearing up for Memorial Day Weekend where Carol was surrounded by her three granddaughters and two great-granddaughters. Add to these the two great-grandchildren in Syracuse, and Carol can claim five more branches on her family tree. The six-month-old was christened during Carol's visit. Now that's a grace moment! Carol is especially proud of her volunteer work with the Women of Rotary who assemble desktop American flags to be given to new citizens.

I caught **Florence Moore Murnane** who assured me that she had sent in her dues but she and husband Don were heading out the door. I was unsuccessful contacting **Margaret Swift Langley, Gloria Ors Galaida, Patricia (Pat) Cleary Lannon, Virginia Ohlmuller Rooney** and **Mary Kathleen (MK) Scully LeMense**. I can only hope to do better next time! If anyone has information to share, I would be most grateful. We are so few that it's sad to lose touch with anyone.

I continue to begin my weekdays by opening the church at 6AM and leading a Eucharistic Prayer Service at 7AM. A team of parishioners was granted this privilege by a compassionate pastor in 1997. There no longer is a team, but I'm still at it. I can't think of a better way to begin my day. I only live a few blocks from the church, so even in the winter it's not an inconvenience. The rest of my time is spent with a variety of learning and cultural experiences, keeping in touch with family and friends, and maintaining the Meadows homestead. I've been in this house 53 years so ongoing purging is always on my mind, but I can usually find something more interesting to do. When any one of the five children shows up, they expect a "to do list" and together we delight in what we accomplish! With prayers of gratitude to all of you, Martie

Editor's note: After this column was received, we received word of the death of **Jacquelyn (Jackie) Hemler Cummings** on June 3, 2016.

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Hello to the amazing ladies of the Saint Joseph College Class of 1956! There were eight of our classmates who traveled to the Gettysburg Wyndham to celebrate our 60th Reunion this past April 2016, and we all had the most wonderful time!

I believe I came the longest distance from Denver, CO, and **Sister Margaret John Kelly** traveled the shortest distance as she is presently residing at Villa St. Michael in Emmitsburg, MD. Those in attendance besides **Rose** (Sister Margaret John Kelly) and myself were: **Veronica (Ronnie) Merrill Malone, Chica Golibart Godbee, Carol Maher Beckman, Noel Stewart Rupprecht, Anne Christe Calcagni**, and **Elisabeth (Betty) Taylor Claypoole**.

We talked nonstop about our days in Emmitsburg together - beginning 64 years ago in 1952 as Freshmen at Saint Joseph College and about all the fun times we shared together. But we mostly talked about our lives now and everything that is happening in our present days and lives. There was a lot of laughter and a great time was had by all! We met frequently to spend time together and attended different functions throughout the weekend. However, all of us attended the Reunion Mass and the Banquet that followed on Saturday night, and some of us attended with our spouses. We had a group picture taken of the members of our class who attended our 60th, and I must say that we all look fabulous and so happy. It was such a joy to share stories and smiles with the "girls from Joe's" once again!

The eight of us are in good health (for our 80+ ages), and we are all planning to attend our 65th Reunion. We learned while enjoying our weekend that the Alumnae Association is in good financial standing due to those who have been such great stewards on our behalf. The association will be going strong until the last class who attended Saint Joseph College celebrates their Golden Reunion in 2025.

I have promised my children one of them will be escorting me to our 65th Reunion and later Reunions if I am lucky. Hopefully you all will consider having someone escort you and you will join us at our 65th in 2021. It is not too early to consider coming! I will tell you more about that in future *Valley Echo* articles.

There were a few classmates who were not able to attend the Reunion because of health issues. **Carmita Arqueta DeArmas** and **Nancy Meskill** had planned to come but needed to change their plans. We mentioned those who were not in attendance and related many warm memories of all during our conversations. We have lost a number of 1956 alumnae since our last Reunion. We remembered all of them in our prayers at the Reunion Mass at the Basilica.

If I have the numbers correct, there are 25 Class of 1956 alumnae on our current list. I plan to send a pre-holiday newsletter that will give you enough time to send me a return Christmas card with your news! I also plan to enclose an updated Class of 1956 list so that we can all stay in touch. Hopefully all of you will send me some news for next year's *Valley Echo*!

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Elizabeth (Betty Ann) Kennedy Sheridan says that she is really looking forward to the 60th Reunion of the Saint Joseph College class of 1957 next spring. It promises to be a very special celebration for the Class of 1957. She writes: "We are contacting '57 class graduates for this wonderful event and are looking forward to an enthusiastic response." Having recently visited the Mount in early June for her husband Bill's 60th reunion, Betty Ann is extremely hopeful that we can generate interest and enthusiasm for a good representation at our 60th. Please mark your calendars now for March 23 – March 26, 2017. You will be hearing from us again!

On Betty Ann's trip to Emmitsburg for Bill's reunion, **Marian Williams** joined them for the Saturday afternoon picnic on the Mount Saint Mary's University campus. The Sheridan's also reunited with **Mary Anne Pagano '56**. Mary Anne and husband Dan recently returned to the East coast after living in California for numerous years.

Jacqueline (Jackie) Smith Woelkers reports that she has had a busy year. The Woelkers's moved into a smaller lakeside home in July and, like lots of seniors, they have dropped their landline. Her new number is 480.620.8524. She sold her Porcelain Art School so she is now free to pursue other interests such as connecting with former Saint Joseph College classmates. To that end, Jackie and her husband Richard have had two lovely visits with **Carol Knauer Pastor** at Coronado Island, CA. With grandkids in Colorado Springs, CO and San Diego, CA, Jackie and Richard don't lack for leisure travel options. They have flown to Houston, TX and Palm Springs, CA for their grandchildren's sporting events. River and ocean cruising are also included in their plans for the near future.

Recent conversations with Betty Ann Kenney Sheridan, **Mary Elizabeth (Mary Liz) Lange Riscassi, Joan Meehan Noble, Joan (Stovie) Stovicek Hutchison), Margaret Alacoque Hayner**, and **Sister Suzanne (Sue) Hixson** make Jackie hopeful that we will have a good representation at our 60th reunion. Again, mark your calendars now for our 60th Reunion which will take place on March 23 – March 26, 2017. We hope to see you there!

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Greetings to the Saint Joseph College class of 1958. We hope that everyone is having a great year and that this issue of the *Valley Echo* finds everyone in good health. Sadly, we have learned that three classmates have died since June 2015 including **Barbara Tranberg Rahuba** 8/14/15, **Rebecca Gloyd Walker** 12/12/15 and **Sister Georgia Brezler** 1/19/16. Some members of our class were able to attend each of the funeral Masses. **Mary Sheridan Flynn** went to visit Barbara's New Jersey family. **Judith (Judy) McNally Rea** and **Patricia Toner Carr** attended Becky's funeral Mass in Delaware. Sister Georgia Brezler was in retirement at St. Louise House in Albany, NY when she passed away. **Sister Ann Marie Graham**, Assistant to the Sister Servant, wrote of Sister Georgia's humorous stories about her years as an educator and as a missionary. As a Doctor of Law, Sister specialized in immigration law in Harlem, NY. Sister Ann Marie gave the "Call to Worship" prior to the Mass of Christian Burial in the Daughters of Charity DePaul Provincial House Chapel. **Mary Jane Shaughnessy Beaulieu** attended the wake.

Mary Jane Shaughnessy Beaulieu writes that she met Sister Ann Marie at a conference following her Albany, NY visit, and she hopes to see her again soon. Mary Jane does not travel far since her husband Bill's health requires that she stay close to home when he is not at daycare. She shared "there is a book titled *36 Hour Day*, and that is truly what caretaking is."

Mary Elizabeth (Mary Liz) Crenshaw Leitch writes that she and husband Bill have a great-grandchild, a boy named Ronan. Mary Liz has left the work force; she held her last "estate sale" in May. She did it more for "the fun than the funds". In January they visited their son in St. Thomas. When he was young, they traveled all over New York, New England, and Canada while he played hockey in cold arenas; now he invites them to the warm waters of the Virgin Islands!

Margaret Belanger Zanghi also joined the "great-grandparent" club. In November 2015, Emilia Claire was born to Margaret's granddaughter Rachel and husband Joseph Mort. She joins Margaret's extended family of four daughters and sons-in-law, six grandchildren, and six step-grandchildren.

An early responder to our news request was **Jillian (Jill) Hemler Charbonneau**. Her prompt response to my deadline was preceded by a visit to her copy of our yearbook, the 1958 *Allegra*. She noted that next to my senior picture it said "unique ability to meet last-minute deadlines." She encouraged me from Maine to meet this entry's deadline, and I thank her. Her family is well, and she is grateful for the memories she found in *Allegra*.

Margaret Meyer Cantanno stays in touch with family and friends as she flies between New England and Florida. We should call her notes "airmails". The month of May found Margaret and her husband headed to New Hampshire for the First Communion of one of their grandsons. In June they flew to New York for two graduations and then to New Hampshire and Maine for the summer. Autumn means back home to Florida. I hope they have "Pre-Check" at the airports.

A great idea for celebrating an 80th birthday came from **June Danaher**. June, whose birthday was in January, and several friends who are also celebrating their 80th birthdays, hosted a ballroom party for one hundred people. They called it a "240th birthday" and enjoyed good food, drinks, a DJ, singing, and dancing. All the tennis June plays year round for fun and exercise probably helped her with her dancing skills.

Barbara Watson Frederick and husband Jim celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in May. She remains in touch with several classmates and still works as a practical nurse. Her granddaughter Megan Rose completed her first year at Shippensburg University, and grandson Alexander has a job in Philadelphia, PA. Barbara looked online and found the death notice for **Dorothy Wortman Anderson** who died in 2009 in South Carolina. She shared some of her fond memories about Dottie's time at SJC.

Annette Defina Strauch and husband Jim continue to celebrate the achievements of their grandchildren. Two more graduated from high school and one from college. The big news from Annette is that the home where many family Christmas holidays were enjoyed is now up for sale. They hope to move to Mercy Ridge Continuing Care Retirement Community in Timonium, MD. Annette will continue singing at Mercy Ridge where daily Mass is celebrated by 15 resident priests.

Patricia Weber McShea has a granddaughter who is teaching in the "Teach for America" program. She writes that "life has slowed down more" for her and Bill who was hospitalized with a head injury after a fall. There were no broken bones, but he has no memory of the incident and medical tests offered no answers. Bunny rejoices that Bill has recovered and gives thanks for "endless" help from their children. She adds "alleluia" that her medication that promised two years of effectiveness has actually given her six, even though walking and standing are difficult. We rejoice in her spirit and give thanks for her letters.

We also rejoice with **Sister Lawrence Marie (Suzanne) Callahan**. In May she updated us and gave thanks for her ongoing successful rehabilitation with the Villa Sisters in Emmitsburg, MD. She continues her ministry by electronic means to provide basic essentials for her HIV/Aids patients at Providence Hospital in Washington DC. Last year, ABC/Channel 7 gave her a "Working Woman" award. At the ceremony attended by family, community, and the Damien Ministries for Aids, Sister Lawrence shared the adage: "If you love what you are doing, you'll never work a day in your life". Unfortunately, months later she was diagnosed with critical cardio-pulmonary effusions. What followed was two months in ICU, two surgeries, and the round-the-clock presence of her family followed by her current successful rehabilitation.

Mary Sheridan Flynn called in from New Jersey. She is still active in volunteer groups but finds she must rest between meetings. Her daughter Claire's son Brian Jones, a graduate of USC, plays backup bass for the singer/entertainer Gwen Stefani. She also told us she remembered Barbara for us when she visited the New Jersey cemetery.

Until 2015, groups of Mid-Atlantic classmates periodically met at a Delaware beach or a restaurant in Frederick, MD. Along the way, we have lost several of our beach and lunch friends to life's inevitable passages, problems, and commitments. Recently, a group of six "mid-Atlantic ladies" met in Frederick, MD for hugs and updates.

Anne DuVal Quigley drove in from Pennsylvania for lunch. She is, in her words, "overinvolved" in groups: senior center, library, knitting, bookstore, Rotary, and golf. Her daughter in Pensacola, FL has taken up serious vegetable gardening and is quite successful. Anne loves vegetables and wishes she had a shorter drive to enjoy her daughter's gifts. A grandson in her husband's large Iowa family plays football for the University of Akron " Zips". They hope to attend a Quigley gathering when the team plays in Madison, WI.

Dolores (Doey) Sicilia Fitzgerald also attended the lunch. She has been a quilter for many years and belongs to The Delectable Mountains Quilt Guild in Berkeley Springs, WV. The group holds quilt shows each year at the Ice House Gallery in Berkeley Springs and conducts an annual Yard Square Quilt Charity Auction that raises money for local needs. Doey put pictures of the quilts they have made for the auction online. Fantastic art and craftwork, Doey! This year's proceeds of six thousand five hundred dollars from the guild were awarded to the Morgan County, WV Volunteer Fire Department. Doey has asked for prayers for her niece who is in treatment for breast cancer. She also reported that when she checked on her sophomore grandson at Bryant University in Rhode Island, she actually caught him studying!

Judy McNally Rea drove from Delaware to her daughter's house in Olney, MD and joined **Carol Lewis Redmond** and **Katherine Kofron Collins** for the drive to Frederick, MD. She reported to the group that she attended Becky Gloyd Walker's funeral as they had been classmates since high school. She saw Patricia Toner Carr and husband Paul there. Judy's most recent lab results following surgery for cancer "seem OK". Judy is a docent at the Ryves Holt House Museum in Lewes, DE which was recently named part of First State National Historical Park.

Fearless Katherine Kofron Collins took the ailing Washington, DC metro from Arlington, VA to Rockville, MD and met Carol and Judy for the drive north to lunch. One of Kitty's sons and his children are moving to Minneapolis, MN, and her other son will study in Germany and help elect a new Father General for the Jesuits. Her grandchildren are away from the area on adventures, jobs, or in school. Kitty plans to visit Indiana and possibly she may take another trip to Ireland to visit her daughter.

Anne Meyer Feehley also joined the lunch group in Frederick, MD. She continues to work as a Juvenile Court Advocate in Baltimore, MD two days a week. She and husband Neal anticipate a family vacation at Ocean City, MD with children and grandchildren. Anne says that her grandson, 13, is a great help and companion for his grandfather Neal. Anne receives pictures of family events attended by the younger Meyer generations from family who still live in Richmond, VA.

Like Vikings, Carol Lewis Redmond and Ron cruised from Scotland to Shetland Islands, Iceland, Greenland, and back across the North Atlantic to Liverpool on

their latest adventure. They returned to a huge family reunion of Redmonds and Lewises when their oldest grandchild married in Richmond in 2015. They actually read the book *Dead Wake: The Sinking of the Lusitania* as they traveled through the Irish Sea where the ship in the title of the book was torpedoed.

Thanks so much to those who responded to our request for news for the fall 2016 *Valley Echo*. We will keep you updated through December 2016. We are seeking a volunteer(s) to be the 2017-2018 class agent(s) until our 60th Reunion in 2018. Think about our request for a new agent or agents and remember to keep sending your news!

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Remember when we were in the Valley during our youthful carefree days? The joys and sorrows of our "lives in maturity" were only a spot on the horizon. Our lives seemed simple and "golden".

Reflecting on this last year, my Jim was diagnosed with bladder cancer in July 2015. As a result, we postponed our tenth anniversary cruise to Paris. Following several surgeries, a regimen of chemo, CAT scans, MRIs, etc., I am pleased to report the prognosis is good. In early June we cruised in America, traveling up the Mississippi from New Orleans, sipping mint juleps, and listening to Dixieland music. Prior to the trip, I threw my back out trying a new pair of shoes but with the help of a med pack and staunch determination, I made the trip!!

I still volunteer weekly with women in recovery from drug addiction, in addition to playing bridge and Bunco. Then there's always babysitting. My oldest, a heart surgeon, just moved from Florida with his wife and two teen-age boys to Erie, PA. My daughter, who heads up a medical research company in Frederick, MD, married a man with four daughters. The new enlarged family now numbers seven including my granddaughter. My second son is head chef for a food service company that supplies pupils' and teachers' food, K to12, for two boarding schools in Houston, TX and has twin seven year old girls. My youngest son, a K of C financial advisor, is a single dad with two boys ages nine and 11. He recently became engaged to a lovely woman with two daughters. We all traveled to Ocean City, MD this summer for the last week of July where each family has their own condo. Ocean City will never be the same!

Rosemarie (Rosie) Braun Wirth spent Christmas 2015 in the hospital. On her way to daily Mass she was getting her walker out of the trunk and fell over backwards, breaking her other hip. They have sold the Sag Harbor house and have been very busy emptying it. After 50 years of wonderful memories, some shared with SJC classmates, the trip was getting to be too much. Rosie enjoys her book club group which keeps her busy.

Joan Mehl Tolle reported some sad news. She learned that J. J. Quinn, husband of our deceased classmate **Barbara Saganowich Quinn**, was killed piloting his aircraft in the Washington, DC area. He was a member of the Angel Flight Squadron that provides free air transport to the disabled.

Ellen Maher replied to our request for news with "well, you asked for it"! In early February she fell while stepping up onto a curb and broke her pelvis. She was finally transferred to rehab at an assisted living facility for physical therapy after waiting eight days in the hospital for the appropriate placement and was able to come home on March 17. She continues to receive additional physical therapy at home and is hoping to get back to driving as soon as the PT is complete. Ellen was attending pulmonary rehab twice a week before her injury and had received a possible diagnosis of Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis, "no doubt due to years of smoking, even though I quit 30 years ago."

Patricia Horn O'Brien announces they are about to become great-grandparents for the first time in September. "Yikes!" is the comment from Pat. She is finally retiring from her social work job with the local visiting nurse association. She says "I'm conflicted about it but think it's best I bow out before I fall on my proverbial face, whether physically or mentally, or both!" Pat has the honor of being designated as Poet Laureate for their town of Old Saybrook, CT. This position requires promoting poetry throughout her area and working with other Poets Laureate in Connecticut. She's excited at the prospect. She's been promoting poetry in prisons, high schools, museums, and senior centers for many years and hopes to be able to devote more time to these efforts now that she's really retired.

Kathy Potter Conway tells us she and husband Tom have been well and that they miss getting together and catching up with classmates. In February they went to Ireland and in October to Italy, traveling with friends both times and greatly enjoying the trips. She notes that Ireland is commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Easter Rising, and there have been several activities marking that centenary. Their grandson, who graduated from college last May, is now living with them. He has a job with a small engineering firm on Long Island, NY. Where else could he live with free room, board, and an on-site laundry facility? They are enjoying his presence and having the opportunity to learn about young men beginning their careers right out of college. Kathy says that her classes have been good and she keeps toying with the idea of complete retirement, but "not yet!"

Audrey Carr Shields recently spent a sun and fun filled week with her son and his family in Mexico. She will be visiting a friend in Ireland soon. She has rented an apartment in Howth, a seaside community north of Dublin. They plan to drive to Dingle in the Irish Wild West. She anticipates rain but hopes to enjoy the scenery nonetheless. She misses seeing all of us at book club. The feeling is mutual!

Cathleen McLoughlin is in training to be a guide at the Metropolitan Museum of Art: Medieval Art and the Cloisters Exhibition. The training is quite demanding. She continues to give tours at the Morgan Library & Museum. If anyone is in New York City, NY, she would love to show you around. The only work she gets paid for is supervising student teachers for NYU; this "pays for my lunch."

Our deepest sympathy to **Norma Carosi Godwin** on the death of her husband on June 6, 2015. Norma relates that it was quite a loss, and every day is a learning experience. She has joined some grief groups to help with her sadness. Norma is learning to play the ukulele and has found a job doing demonstrations of food, etc. at Wal-Mart. She states that "I am finally using that Home Economics degree in all its glory. I feel totally prepared to do this job. And, oh yes, I did finish that degree and added a Masters to it. The emphasis of my major was Fiber Art, and what a joy it was to be introduced to such concepts. I guess you would say I am still plugging along very well! My love to all!" Her cell number is 850.890.0326.

Marcella Gibbons Wilding and husband Jim moved to Cary, NC at the end of June 2016. They found a lovely place only ten minutes from their three granddaughters. While they will miss the Washington, DC area, they are very excited about the move. We will miss your gracious hosting of the Class of '59 Book Club over the years, Marcella. Kudos to your husband for the beautiful International Entry building section that bears Jim's name at the Dulles Airport. What a tribute!

Sister Marian Hamwey relates that her life has been hectic between unexpected illness, grant deadlines, and worries about the future of the Roarke Center now that the Daughters of Charity have ceased funding the endeavor as of June 30th. "Fortunately" she says, "the Lord hears our prayers and pleas and we have a substantial grant sponsored by the Daughters of Charity that will help us through the year." She has not done too much traveling recently, but this summer three trips were scheduled. On June 2, Sister went on Retreat in Indiana. Then to Detroit and Dearborn, MI to a Community Meeting; and in September, Sister will head to Cape May for a vacation. "I can already smell the salt air and feel the waves on my toes!"

Sister adds that the Albany, NY/northeast community of Sisters has fluctuated between 10 and 15 Sisters. Most of them work in ministries either in Albany or Troy, NY so it is only at supper and afterwards that they have a chance to relax together and share their experiences. "Sisters have been working on the huge mosaic mural covering the front wall of the gym, retelling the history of the Roarke Center and its activities in the community." Sister suggests that if you are a Facebook member, enter Roarke Center in the search and see just what they are up to. Since the last of her family live in Oneonta, NY, just 72 miles southwest of Albany, she has an opportunity to visit them periodically. Her uncle Dave, 93 years old, is the last of her dad's siblings. He has had some major health crises but seems to come out stronger than ever. Her Oneonta family had a celebration in June for anniversaries, birthdays, and summer! Sister sends love to all!

Helen Lilly Johnson sold her townhouse and is temporarily living with her sister until August 1st while awaiting her new house under construction in an adjacent county. Helen wrote this is an "exciting new phase of my life ('at my age')". Helen traveled to Scandinavia in early June.

I have received wonderful e-mails and comments from **Ann Dodd Dooling**, Helen Lilly Johnson, **Helene Coffee Bowes, Ellie O'Connell, Lee Groeinger Schatz** and others. Many thanks to all who send information. Please keep sending news about yourselves. God Bless you all! Love, Mary Lou

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Dear Classmates,

How does a year go by so fast? After just arriving in Bolton Landing, I felt like it was only a few weeks ago that I was sitting at this same table writing to you all.

It is with great sadness that I begin with the news that **Nancy Gill McShea** lost her husband Jerry in July 2015 after a long illness. Nancy nursed Jerry through his illness at home. I had a long telephone call with Nancy. She is adjusting to being alone and making new decisions but she intends to wait a year before making any major decisions. She has a lot of support from her daughter and sons.

I also received a call from **Gerri Gut Scarpa** that her John also passed away on April 23, 2016. John and Gerri were high school sweethearts. They met the first day of school freshman year. Those of us who knew John from our reunions will miss his warm friendship. Gerri said he loved coming to our reunions.

We are sorry for your loss, Nancy and Gerri, and from all your classmates, please accept our sympathy. You are in our hearts and prayers.

Spoke to **Sally Grabe Poux**. She and her husband Jerry are at their cottage on Lake Michigan celebrating her birthday with cousins from the east. I think this is a yearly event. Enjoy! Sal and Jerry also volunteer with the Reading Corps once a week. They each have two children in the 3rd and 4th grades and spend two hours helping them improve their reading skills. Lucky children to have you both. Also, our dear Sal will be a new grandmother come August. Son Dan and his wife are expecting their second child.

Vickie Gomez Scott and I just learned, in the course of our conversation, that two of our grandchildren attend the same high school, Cardinal Gibbons in Raleigh, NC. Our Catherine is a freshman and Vickie's Hunter is a junior. We will both check and see if they know each other. Vickie also has two grandsons graduating from high school this year, one in Minnesota and one in Northern Virginia.

While in Baltimore I talked with **Sue Anderson** and learned she has now retired from her Pastoral Counseling position at Stella Maris. Sue misses it but is happy for all the extra time and spending more time in her kitchen, making bread. Sue is the forever home maker.

Charlotte Duffy Kain and husband Tom are doing well. We talked after hearing about John Scarpa. Charlotte's sister Francis will be 90 in a few weeks, and the family is having a big celebration. Grandson Chris will be a senior at Wichita State next year. He is studying aerospace engineering.

Linda Ryan Healy and husband Tom with Dick and I celebrated our 54th wedding anniversary last night at one of our favorite restaurants in Saratoga Springs. We realized, after some discussion, that we have been celebrating together for 40 years. They spend the winters in Venice, FL. Tom had a knee replacement surgery in February and is recuperating nicely. He hopes to be back on the golf course this summer. Their granddaughters are doing well. Sarah is in her second year at Yale studying neuro-science. Elizabeth will graduate next year, while Nancy will be in her second year of high school.

Missed seeing **Kathy O'Donnell O'Brien** this winter. She was preparing for her annual trip to Florida for her shows but a medical problem with Brendan made them cancel the trip. All is well with Brendan now. Kathy and I talked about getting together at Reunion weekend next year for a girls' weekend. We don't want to wait two more years for our official 60th Reunion. The Wyndham in Gettysburg is a great place to meet. Please think about it, call each other and spread the word.

Dick and I just arrived back in Bolton Landing for the summer. We had a fun trip, stopping to see my brother on Amelia Island, Barbara and her family in Durham, and Kathleen and the girls in Baltimore. Our granddaughter's high school La Crosse team, Cardinal Gibbons, won the North Carolina state tournament. Yea, Catherine! We loved seeing our granddaughter Caroline in her school play, *James and the Giant Peach*. Granddaughter Lilly will be a high school senior and is beginning to look at colleges. Her sisters Charlotte and Fagan are active and doing well. Our daughter Kara, husband Brian and family will be joining us for two weeks in July along with her sister Trish and family.

Trish's daughter Phelan just graduated from the school of nursing at the University of Florida. The pinning and graduation ceremonies were very impressive. Keeping us busy all winter were grandsons Ryan and Calvin with baseball at Palm Beach Atlantic University and Kings Academy basketball. Our granddaughter Katie is doing very well after major back surgery in November. Lots of prayers were said for her. Her brother John continues on the Jr. tennis tour.

Cannot end without mentioning **Betty Daly McFann**. In the early part of the year Betty was nominated for the annual Legacy Award given by the Alumnae Association. Joe McFann was able to give extra background information on her years at St. Joes. A month later Joe received a call saying that Betty was going to receive the award posthumously at the Reunion during the Sunday morning breakfast meeting. Joe was thrilled and made the trip with two of his daughters to receive the award. His moving remarks touched all alumnae in attendance. I am sorry I missed it. Betty was an extraordinary leader during the seven years she served as the Alumnae Association's Executive Administrator. Betty computerized the records and procedures, revamped financial record keeping and covered every detail in planning the annual Reunions. Her vision in the Association becoming a 501(c) 3, a not for profit corporation, brought us into the 21st century. Betty could not attend our 50th Reunion due to her illness but in addition to *The Valley Echo* article, she complied a special booklet that contained additional news and photos and mailed one to each member of the class of 1960. Betty Daly McFann was a very special lady.

In closing, please remember your dues for this year. Our dues make sure that the last class (1975) will celebrate their 50th Reunion. Also, keep in mind getting together at Reunion next year. You can Email me at rburma@aol.com with any of your special news.

And finally, our class motto, "To Thine Own Self Be True." Hope to see you next Spring.

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Greetings to all. At this time I have two events about which to write, the Florida Mini Reunion and our 55th Reunion. We gathered in Florida the first week in February; however, some stayed longer. At **Elizabeth Strezeski LaFrance's** condo we had **Joanne Fontana Kini, Moira Hanlon Little, Barbara Redding, and Rosie Aellen Dunning** while Bern and **Peggy Claudius McCormick** were with Pat and **Joanne McNally Downes**. Bud and **Phyllis Mack Gillespie** hosted **Eileen Keefe Bonhag, Mercedes Suarez Pfeffer**, and Ed Carroll and **Judy Sparrow**. Brian and **Mary Anne Britt Murphy** live nearby. A new activity for some of us this year was a concert in Venice performed by Jersey Boys impersonators. Our 55th Reunion was well attended; we had 17 women and eight husbands, and we won the Class of '52 Cup (formerly known as the Husbands Cup). Thanks, men! We gathered on Saturday morning and caught up with what was going on in our lives, and we were able to share news about many who were not there.

In November, **Toby Karl McManmon's** family held a memorial service for her in Spring Lake, NJ. Attending were **Bet Van Over Gilligan, Mary Ellen Taft Whitcomb**, Strez, Peter and **Mim Murphy Quaid**, Larry and **Gail Commerford Callahan**, and Pat and Joanne. This year in Dallas, Sean, a grandson of Bob and **Millie Gleeson Grady**, graduated Cum Laude from SMU and his brother Patrick was valedictorian of his high school class. **Tina Dickerson Twarog's** Christmas card anticipated a rough Massachusetts winter. Peggy has three children and six grandchildren, most nearby, and that means lots of athletic events, some of which require travel. Son Mark's family traveled to San Francisco and to Ireland for granddaughter Mary to participate in soccer events. Dave and **Ann Depenbrock Holmes** went on a cruise this

past winter, and as it left from Ft. Lauderdale, they had a grand visit with the McCormicks. **Alice Bartlett Sencindiver** has been working in the social work field. She was called back two years ago, but when they wanted her to carry a phone 24/7, she politely resigned. She keeps up with her swimming.

Lynn Murray enjoys caring for her grandsons, David, 13, and Joel, 12. Oldest granddaughter, Julianna, will attend Humboldt State, and the plan was for both of her grandmothers to drive her the 13.5-hour trip in August. Another year of golf, gardening, and trips to see family, friends, and the countryside allowed John and **Anne Sheelen Gerwig** to note that 2015 has been a happy and healthy year with no major events that threw them "off track." **Anne Maum McLaughlin's** eight-year-old grandson Donald III sang two lines in a Puccini opera at Catholic U. Her 16-year-old granddaughter Margaret Anne is a sophomore at Oakcrest School and is a member of four sections of her school's National Honor Society. On the west coast, grandson Walter graduated from eighth grade and granddaughter Carina is very helpful to Anne with driving, visits, chores, etc. Dan and **Muriel Cuddy Reeves** made a mini-vacation out of Reunion weekend. They spent two days visiting the Air and Space Museum and visiting Catoctin Mountain Park before coming to G-burg. In May, Muriel enjoyed a trip to Savannah, GA with her daughter Kelly for sightseeing and good restaurants. Pat and Joanne are thoroughly enjoying retirement. We travel, we have a few local activities, and our children and grandchildren keep us busy. We had a trip to Los Angeles in May to visit our son Michael and family. The east coast families we see a bit more often. While in LA, I spent a delightful day with Lynn Murray.

Mary Ellen Taft Whitcomb said that Frank and **Jeannie LaPura Beall** visited her in D.C. for a few days earlier this year, and they brought one of their grandsons for interviews at a local medical school. Mary Ellen had another visit from Jeannie in July for a week at Bethany Beach. Mary Ellen is a volunteer with CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) program in Montgomery County, MD, for young people who have been neglected or abused. Her grandchildren are ages 13 to 31. **Kathie Karem Alderete** wrote that she is managing some health issues, but she has a very devoted and wonderful husband Cruz and two precious grandchildren-Sam, seven years old and Juliana, who is five. Her son Brandon is the Political Director with the Texas Association of Realtors in Austin, and he travels all over the country. **Eileen Keefe Bonhag** leads a busy life with her three sons and their families living nearby. This year she enjoyed several short trips to Ohio, Outer Banks, Lancaster, Philadelphia, and Nashville.

Jim and **Margi Weidner Phillips** travelled to California and Ohio in 2015 and Texas and Pennsylvania in 2016, visiting with family and friends. The first of their 11 grandchildren will be married this fall. Two granddaughters performed the National Anthem with the Cincinnati Reds baseball team (The Dayton Dragons). They were chosen out of 300+ hopefuls who auditioned for this honor. They enjoy their extended family, and remain busy all the time. A trip to Tel Aviv was the occasion of a visit Dave and Ann Depenbrock Holmes had with daughter Meghan. They also travelled to Jerusalem, and the Caesarea Natural Park north of Tel Aviv. The Holmeses have also generously offered their Delaware beach house to the Wounded Warriors Program for respite to military families. Peter and Mim Murphy Quaid recently sent via Internet wonderful videos of our 40th, 45th, and 50th SJC Reunions – all of us looking years younger! Mim did a fabulous job, and we know how much effort it takes to do this. Please view it, and enjoy. THANK YOU, MIM!!!! The response from class members who viewed the videos was overwhelming and much appreciated by all. This Spring, Mim and Pete spent a week in Duck, NC with daughter Molly, who lives in California.

A 50th anniversary was celebrated by Joe and **Maureen Denehy McKenna** in 2015. A special highlight occurred when their children Colleen and JP led their parents through the renewal of their wedding vows at the Keep Memory Alive Center in Las Vegas. Joe remains busy with youth group, counseling, and walking. There is a new address for **Ann Fallon Lynch**. She has relocated to a senior community in Washington. Her new address: 14300 Trillium Blvd. #14 Mill Creek, WA 98012 Phone: 425.385.3972. Husband Pat resides in a nearby nursing home, and Ann is able to visit him on a regular basis. In 2015, Ann travelled to Europe with her daughter and had a marvelous trip. After enjoying her mountain cabin for several years, she recently sold it. Ann hosted many friends and SJC classmates there in the beautiful mountain setting. **Barbara DeMott Holland** sent a recent note saying Hi to all, and that she was so pleased that Reunion was a great success! **Barbara Redding** lives in Tampa and continues to work full time in the Nursing Program at the University of South Florida, Tampa. Barbara looks wonderful and joined us at the Longboat Key, FL reunion in Feb. Dick and **Maureen Dugan Cocozza** will have the pleasure of attending the wedding of the first grandchild (Cory) to be married in their family. The event will take place this August at a Georgetown

DC venue. They have six granddaughters and one grandson. The Cocozza's regularly visit Cape May, NJ and Bird in Hand, PA. These two spots are special places for this couple. **Virginia Zebrowski Komar** writes that she and Jack sailed to South America around the Horn in Feb. and enjoyed it, except for an overabundance of geriatric passengers on the ship! They celebrated an annual family visit in Bend, OR at Easter. They are enjoying their grandchildren and remain quite healthy. They are staying close to San Jose this summer! Those of us on LBK in Feb. were entertained at many gourmet dinners by Bud and Phyllis Mack Gillespie and their wonderful puppy Wilbur. They have purchased a lovely Condo on LBK so they will spend additional time next winter. We really have a great group that comes to the early Feb. get together. I hope that others may join us in 2017. Mercedes Suarez Pfeffer visits family in New York and enjoys her local grandchildren very much as well as keeping up with an amazing exercise program. She is planning one big trip for the fall and welcomes calls, visits, and emails.

Spring once again found **Carol Rodgers Beaugard** and Ed in Italy for several weeks with all the ambiance of good food, wine, and friends who they see on every trip. It sounds like their second home. Joanne Fontana Kini has resided in San Francisco for six years. It feels like home, and she loves living in an apartment at her daughter Tara's house—no maintenance headaches. Her youngest daughter SarahLouise got married Dec. 12, 2015, and it was a wonderful celebration. She certainly has tried to keep acting younger than her age. She loved spending time at Strez's on LBK in Feb., where she stayed for 10 days. In April, she visited Ann Lynch. In addition to their stay on LBK, Judy Sparrow and Ed spend several months in Florida and then return to Westford, MA. They manage some wonderful trips and are very busy with their large families and grandchildren.

Mary Kable Stockman writes of many interesting travels with Chuck during 2015-16. In May 2015 she attended a Road Scholar Program on spying in Washington, DC. She got to visit with Bet and Maureen. In October 2015, Mary and Chuck attended two OWLS (senior education programs), each two days long, at a senior living center where a friend has lived for many years. Their first great-grandchild, a boy, was born in Rochester, NY on Oct. 19, 2015. Rosie Aellen Dunning had a great visit at LBK sharing Strez's apartment with Joanne and Moira. Marie Salaki, Rosie's daughter, joined her for a few days and we had a fun visit with her and many laughs. We celebrated Rosie's birthday, too, at Phyllis's! Rosie still enjoys keeping her hand in nursing part-time and especially spending weekends on Cape Cod! Her youngest grandson will attend Norwich University in the military tract and the older boy is doing well working for a music production company.

Strez has told us that she has decided to relocate to Florida full time in the Fall and sell her home in Maryland. She welcomes visitors - "my door is always open!"

Please remember to pay your dues to the Alumnae Association.

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Catherine (Kitty) Dignan Chrismer's new email address is kittycath11@gmail.com. She reconfirmed that it's a small world recently! **Carol Vessel Auth's** son Jim (Spokane) and her daughter Karen Chrismer (Sandpoint) coached 12 and under girls lacrosse teams this past year. Carol and Kitty had told them to look for each other, and they found they were opposing coaches.

Sister Martha Beaudoin moved to Emmitsburg in September and became the Administrator of Seton Center housed in the former Mother Seton School. She has a staff of nine who are very involved in northern Frederick County. The Center provides various services for families and individuals in need, such as rental assistance, utility bills, water bills, dental services by local dentists, and transportation. This year the Center launched a new program called "Getting Ahead in a Just Get'in by World." The program's first graduates completed an intense 20-week program, and the graduates are now equipped to make better choices

toward greater financial security in their lives. Center staff has found that a handout needs to be replaced with a "hand-up", an approach that will also enable Center neighbors to improve their lives by giving them useful tools. Sister Martha is enjoying the challenge of "changing the thinking about poverty", and other agencies are coming to the same conclusion. Sister was able to attend the SJC alumnae Reunion this year and saw many from the class of '61. She hopes that next year many from the class of '62 will be attending the Reunion. She looks forward to sharing what the Center has accomplished to improve the community with her former classmates.

Diane Belden Brooks attached a picture to her message. The photo was taken when **Patricia (Pat) Ryan Donovan** and her husband Jim visited Diane at rehab after knee replacement surgery in Boston. They had attended their granddaughter's college graduation in Burlington, VT and took the time to visit Diane on their way home to Cape Cod. It was a delightful visit and these classmates hope to "water" their long friendship with more frequent get-togethers, especially because tempus most certainly does fugit.

Diane and her husband Del bought a winter home in an active community in Old Florida five years ago. DeLand is a charming, small town, home to Stetson University and located 45 miles north of Orlando and 20 miles inland from Daytona Beach. They have enjoyed discovering the flora and fauna of Florida, its springs, rivers, forests, trails and history. Until they moved to Florida, their perspective was limited to Disney World, but the state has so much more to offer. They divide their time between homes in Cape May and DeLand, making sure it's a smooth transition from warm weather to warm weather. No more northeast cold for them. In DeLand, Del has a golf routine with the neighborhood duffers and finds serious fitness pursuits with biking and walking many miles weekly. Now that she is "Nana New Knee", Diane hopes to return to some serious walking and biking.

Diane has been enrolled in Bible Study Fellowship International (BSFI) for five years. It is the highlight of her week. BSFI is an interdenominational course of expository study of Holy Scripture, using the technique of exegesis through classes, lectures and homework. She usually spends about 20 hours a week with the home study and loves it. She adds it's a wonderful exercise for brain and spirit, reminiscent of the brain stretching in Father Kline's classes!

Their oldest grandson Andrew just completed his junior year at Haverford College in Pennsylvania, and has an internship with an advertising agency in New York City this summer. His younger brother Michael will enter his senior year at Wellesley High in the fall, so both boys will be graduating next spring. Andrew continues to follow his love of soccer and plays on the college team and coaches aspiring young players. Michael enjoys swimming and hiking. Their mom, Diane's daughter Dawn, serves at the local food pantry, and especially enjoys interacting with the clients, listening with a compassionate ear to their stories.

Their son Christopher lives in Lexington, MA, just a few miles from his sister in Wellesley. His boys Elliot and Lucas complete 3rd grade and kindergarten at a Christian school where Latin is fundamental in 3rd grade. That thrills her heart. Christopher works for Monotype Imaging in Woburn, MA, a company that has the patent on fonts. He loves his work and gets to do some traveling. Diane's daughter-in-law works as a home aid to disabled or elderly Russians who are housebound. She is caring and compassionate so finds the job very rewarding.

Diane and Del had dinner several summers ago with **Karen Krieger Kirk** and Thad. They summer in Ocean City, NJ, around Exit 25, up the Parkway from Exit Zero (Cape May).

In May, **Ann Distelhorst Boaman** was recuperating from complex ventral hernia surgery at her daughter's home. Recuperation has been slow but sure and, as she said, "was to be expected at age 75."

Violet (Vi) Barkauskas has finally cleared out her faculty office at the University of Michigan, but still does consultative work with Grand Valley State University. After successful hip surgery last year, she has increased her travels. She will enjoy Florida in February, Hawaii in May, Yellowstone National Park in June, and Lithuanian language camp in August!

Virginia (Jay) Lardner Lindes wrote she has "no news to add at this time." She does wish to remind everyone that if the class agents don't receive any information by email or by "hard mail", aka snail mail, "there is nothing to share." Also, Jay is seeking a volunteer replacement to take over her agent/secretary duties. She will not be continuing her commitment after this issue of *The Valley Echo*. Please contact Jay or the Alumnae Office if you wish to volunteer.

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The class of 1963 will celebrate our 55th Reunion in 2018! Since our 50th we have kept in close touch, sharing needs and news via email, circulating photos, visiting whenever possible. Sewn so many years ago, our SJC friendships thread throughout the present.

Despite health issues, **Una Driscoll Meyer** participates in the daily activities at the Bristal. We have shared her artistic talent with our classmates. Her sister Jane does keep us posted, and she and brother Dan see Una often. (Editor's note: Just before this column went to press we learned of Una's death. May she rest in peace!)

Also, we send lots of love to **Carol Davis Denier** who experienced serious health problems just after our 50th, and to **Sheila Driscoll Rosenthal** and **Pat Lieb Mudd** who need our prayerful support.

Susie Boland Southwell writes that they are happy to put daughter Kim's illness behind them with reconstruction surgery scheduled for her birthday, May 24th. In August all 18 of their family will once again head to Emerald Isle, NC, including all ten grandchildren who range in age from 24 to six.

Mike and **Ann Walsh Tedesco** sent us family news at Christmas. Mark is still with NASA, and he and Virginia, a kindergarten teacher, have two children, Luke and Claudia. Kim and Brian have two wonderful boys, Gavin and Grayson, both handsome, charming and brilliant, as are their cousins. Daughter Erin is an Air Force major currently in Afghanistan as a construction supervisor, learning new skills after training as a language specialist. Their family gathered in Washington, DC for a mini reunion before Erin left on her new assignment.

Tom and **Kathy Johnson Raby** traveled to their Delaware condo for two months last fall. Once up north they had almost two weeks with their newest grandchild Christina, who celebrated her first birthday, and son Tommy and wife Eva. Down in Florida they have both Karen and her husband Andy, and daughter Margie in Orlando along with grandson Drew, who keeps his parents hopping.

Matt and **Alanna Higgins McHugh** enjoyed many family gatherings, and, as they did for the 50th anniversary, the entire clan cruised to Bermuda. Alanna sent a happy family photo with their own three daughters and seven of their eight grandchildren—the oldest Meghan was hard at work clerking for a judge in Roanoke, VA.

Another smiling Christmas photo has **Mary Ann Krastell Yahn** with 13 grands. Our equestrienne Mary Ann rides several times a week as master of the hunt, then tends to her own farm responsibilities. She and **Mary Ellen Purkis** spend time on LBI together in the summer.

Now that daughter Kate and her family live in Myrtle Beach, SC, Don and Mary Higgins Haile enjoy the proximity to Raleigh, NC. They toured Italy with the St. Vincent College Alumni and loved the Vatican.

Intrepid **Susanna Molinari** has traveled to all seven continents, and her favorite was her seventh, Antarctica. That photo is a classic, thumbs up! In January, she and sister Diane went to Maui. Turkey was a "delight" in October, then a visit with her family in New York en route home. In December, Susie traveled to Puerto Vallarta, and in the Spring she boarded a river cruise on the Danube, with stops in Berlin, Dresden, and Budapest.

Tobie Gibbons also loved Turkey, so exotic and cultural. In March she was off to Mexico with two friends from high school for a wedding and a baptism. The wedding party lasted until 7:00 AM, but they left early at 3:00.

Last spring **Ronnie Carroll Donnelly** sent photos of Paris and Versailles with daughters Sarah and Meghan. In October, she and Fred celebrated daughter Meghan's wedding on Maui. Tennis was the focus as she feted her birthday in Indian Wells watching all the top tennis players.

Lifelong Francophile, **Jane Metze Freeman** traveled to Paris and Normandy with her daughter Kate and

grandchildren Lily and Will, rating the cuisine in Normandy four spoons! Their Christmas photo featured all the smiling Freemans from Colorado, New Jersey, and Florida.

Nell Gelsinon Carvell had a happy spring break in Austin with all her children. In May Peter and Nell will travel to Iceland with stops in New York to see son Tim's show "Last Week Tonight" with John Oliver. Daughter Susan and Brad are taking their boys to Europe this summer, so they will cross en route. After more than 13 years, Nell has resigned from CASA, but continues her surrogate grandmother role with her adoptive family

We had a lovely gathering at our April luncheon in Bordentown, NJ, and here is the news. Our hostess **Linda Carr Kenny, Mary Lou Williams Feeney**, and **Maryanna Frieberger Keller** had much to talk about with Rhine River cruises from Basel to Amsterdam.

In August Bill and Linda Carr Kenny will be traveling to California with their 12-year-old granddaughter Tara. They plan to see the zoo and take a trip to Palm Desert for the scenery. In March the Kennys took a Caribbean cruise.

Earl and Mary Lou Williams Feeney enjoy their handsome Philadelphia grandsons, Miles and Graham. Active in their parish as well, they celebrated St. Patrick's Day with a cruise to the Caribbean with her sister Nancy (SJC '60) and her husband Bill. In May they are traveling to California to visit their son Doug and his wife Laura.

Maryanna Freiberger Keller has nine grandchildren ranging from 24 to two, and babysits the youngest two girls weekly. Dave and she are going on a Viking Rhine River cruise in July with two of her sisters and husbands. On October 29th she and Dave will be in Cincinnati with his platoon buddies who found Dave 32 years later, marking the 50th anniversary of his being wounded in a firefight in Vietnam.

Mariellen Halberstadt Marchione and husband Joe have four wonderful grandchildren. Daughter Danielle's Leigh is busy with school and sports while five-year-old Kyle loves kindergarten and anything LEGO. New arrivals are twenty-month-old twins Magdalena and Colin who keep everyone happy with their joy and activity. Mariellen and Joe have spent extended time with the youngest ones helping out daughter Kara.

Cathy Parrott Kryzanauskas notes how old our own children are—son Stephen is 47. Their family is looking to spend more time at their condo in Rehoboth Beach. She hopes to do some traveling in 2016 to Myrtle Beach and Minnesota. Cathy asks for prayers for her granddaughter Henley Jane who is experiencing some developmental issues.

With good reason, two of our regulars missed our Bordentown gathering. **Susan Williamson Swartz** traveled to Madrid to visit granddaughter Alex, a Villanova sophomore majoring in Civil Engineering, who was spending the semester abroad. Susan's friend and Alex's godmother enjoyed the extended quality time together as they toured Toledo, Avila, and Segovia, a wonderful trip and marvelous memories.

Julie Rowe was celebrating a significant birthday with her sisters visiting from Vermont. They attended a gala at the State Theater in New Brunswick.

In New Jersey, **Maureen Codey Caputo's** daughter is living with them while awaiting construction of her new home. Marking her return to health, friends treated sister **Joan Durkin** to a QE II cruise last spring. Another addition for her, also—her son had twin girls.

Sheila Degnan McCarron had lunch in Chicago with **Sue Garner McNulty** and **Maureen Lynch Gucciard**. She was in town for her foundation board meeting, and they met at her hotel for an afternoon of conversation. **Kaywood Greeve Fuqua** is coming to a wedding in Philadelphia, and they are working on plans for a visit to Sheila's Connecticut cottage.

We all send heartiest congratulations to Sue Garner McNulty's own mother, the former mayor of Potsdam NY, on her 100th birthday that was featured on "60 Minutes" and the source of much celebration.

Kaywood Greeve Fuqua spent St. Patrick's Day as usual in Hawaii and FINALLY saw the parade on Waikiki with a whole corps of bagpipers playing Irish tunes. In May she was at a small resort in the mountains for a Quilting Retreat, then home for a cruise from Athens to Venice, with a stop in Croatia. Later in the summer she'll be going on a 50th birthday celebration cruise to Alaska, followed by a reunion of the Greeve family in San Francisco. On the home front, her oldest grandson Ashton, only a junior, is a football standout. Younger grandson Zachary plays basketball. Granddaughter Morgan is engaged.

Playing "Words with Friends" links several of our classmates—Mary Lou Feeney with Ray and Mary Ellen Gill Purkis, who also play with **Ann Dondero Prinn**, up in Massachusetts.

In early June, Mary Ellen is hosting a class of '63 slumber party at her beach home on Long Beach Island. It promises to be loads of fun, a step back to dorm days just a few years ago, with Tobie and **Margaret Collins Ervin** traveling from DC, and our lunch group from the area: Maryanna, Linda, Cathy, Mary Lou, Julie, Mary Ann, and Ellen. We'll send photos and a full report in the summer.

Busy with their active children and seven grandchildren, Jim and **Ellen Krieger Smelas** enjoy their condo in Ocean City, MD. With so many family occasions and varied activities, there is always an event to enjoy. Many classmates keep in touch, among them: **Mary Lou Chesley-Cora, Claudia Mafera Fitzsimmons, Judy Markey Gallagher, Tina High Goldsmith, Sister Judith Parkin, Mary Lou Spurrier**, and **Ellen Caulfield White**. We'd love to hear from each and every one!

As our news indicates, our friendships endure and thrive, not only in cherished memories, but also in the many activities of our lives. Our role is to support the SJCAA President Karen and the Board by maintaining our yearly dues for financial viability. Beyond that, with all our traveling, we can plan to participate enthusiastically in our own 55th in 2018.

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Just three more years till our 55th!!!!! Will be wonderful to have us "All Together" again. Get ready to "be reminded"!!! Our class is a bit famous at the Mount and Joe's!!! **Rita Welty Bourke** and Rory Bourke were each inducted into the MSM Dean's Circle of Excellence Hall of Fame on March 5th. Their daughter Allyson flew in from Portland, OR to attend. Pat and I were there for a short time and were thrilled to see **Max Gillespie** come from New Jersey to celebrate with the "famous couple"...such wonderful close friends and roommates!!!!! Rita's book, *Kylie's Ark: The Making of a Veterinarian*, was released on April 1st. Congratulations Rita...so gratifying after so many years of your life put into this "work of art"!!!! Great reviews, I might add!!

Bobbie Davis Speace writes of the wonderful trip that she and Dan took to Tennessee as the whole family gathered for the wedding of their daughter Amy to Jamey Wood. All the grandchildren took part in the lovely outdoor ceremony at Jamey's parents' home on the banks of the Tennessee River. Amy's musician friends provided the music, and she was radiant in a vintage dress with her signature boots and Jamey wearing a Stetson. It was a thrill for Bobbie and Dan to see Amy so very happy!! **Mimi Ratke Cochran** and Chuck entertained visitors from "up north" including **Pat Higgins Brennan** and Jack, Ellen Kreiger Smelas and husband Jim, and **Alice Jean Syeles O'Donnell** and her husband Jack while they were in St. Augustine.

Betty Meagher McManmon's husband John passed away soon after our mini reunion-last September. Betty has lived in Georgia for a few years near her son and family. I keep hearing from classmates who have witnessed "Betty sightings" in California, New York, and Florida...at graduations, luncheons, dinners, etc. Good for you, Betty! **Mary Lou Ullrich Jones** and Mike will celebrate their 50th Anniversary in July with all but two granddaughters who will be abroad. Happy Celebration!!! Thanks for all you do for our class, Mary Lou!!! After **Kathy Troilo Mawn** and Rusty bragged about their first great-granddaughter, several other classmates chimed it with "Grand" info...Maybe we can have a contest at our 50th!!!!

Mary Rocks, Bobbie Speace, Mimi Cochran, **Karen Coss Ridenour, Jackie Melroy Shiring, Renee Peters Stalter, Kathie Kennedy Incaprera**, and **Claire Maurer** gathered in Columbia recently for lunch at a new restaurant that is owned by Claire's cousin. Everyone seemed pleased! Pat's and my oldest grandson Nick graduated from Loyola High School in Baltimore this year! He is the son of our oldest son Chris and his wife Allison.

Thanks to all who responded to our class news request! See you all in September as we explore Frederick, MD. Happy Summer! With love, Chrystie

Editor's Note: Soon after this column was submitted we learned of the death of Agatha Damico, Chrystie's beloved Mom. Please remember her as well as the deceased members of our class and their families in your prayers.

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It's the end of summer! It hardly seems possible that we celebrated our Golden Reunion in Emmitsburg more than a year ago. The good news is we have continued our commitment to re-union more often.

The PA-NJ-NY group aka "the Philly girls" managed an early May trip to NYC. **Janet Welaj Klaer, Maggie Quayle Bellew** and **Jane Manning Brennan** drove to New Jersey to take the train to NYC. **Barbara Merson Tyne, Carol Donohue Miller** and **Pat Sutherland O'Connor** met the Pennsylvania trio at Penn Station. Jane had not seen Pat since graduation. Pat has three children, two boys and a girl, and two grandchildren who live nearby. Her younger son is preparing for his vows in June as a Benedictine monk (brother). Carol Donohue Miller is still volunteering as an EMT two shifts per week plus one 24-hour shift per month. Her children and grandchildren are doing well. Her surgeon son and his family are moving to Winchester, VA from Pennsylvania. Barbara Merson Tyne has assumed the responsibility for the landscaping at her condo and is quite busy. Maggie had a great time in Florida–saw a lot of **Mary McIntyre Lear** and had lunch with **Sherrie Simonds Wain**. She also saw **Mary Beth Boisseree McDonnell**. Janet is still running her business, actively participating in her community, and has returned to sewing since realizing she truly loves working with fabric. **Anna Marie (Re) Hussar Sohonyay** was not able to join the group as she cannot leave her husband Steve for any long period of time. The group plans to go to Lancaster in July to have lunch with her.

Jane Manning Brennan is doing well ("aside from aches and pains") and keeps busy with a variety of activities. She sees son Patrick and his wife and their child Eamonn at least a couple of times a month. Daughter Jenn and Jane spent Easter in Alexandria with daughter Pam, Mark and Lizzy. Son Rob and Irina are moving back to Alexandria in July, and Jane and Jenn look forward to a new destination.

Mary Brandon Rummele contacted classmates who travel to Florida during winter months and those who are fortunate to live there year-round. Her efforts paid off! She, **Kathy Kearney Walzcak** and **Marsha Martindell Moffitt** met for lunch in Ft. Myers in early February. Kathy was still beaming over the birth of her first grandchild just a month before. Nurse Kathy was spending time in the Sunshine State with daughter Mary and baby boy Chapman James Dwyer. Our Mary also coordinated a luncheon in Sarasota on March 26. Six 65ers were in attendance: Mary Beth Boisseree McDonnell, **Carolyn Walker Rathman, Mary Ann Gillotti Kelleher, Didi Bremer Corrigan**, Marsha Martindell Moffitt, and Mary, the super-organizer!

I received a newsy holiday letter from **Karen Pingicer Rafalko**. During the past year she reconnected with **Dotty (Dorothy) Brinley Howatt** while in Florida. The Rafalkos also stopped in Savannah, GA and visited with **Elaine Vuyosovich Imber**. Frank (MSM '65) and Karen marked their 50th wedding anniversary in April and celebrated with family. In December they will enjoy a trip to southern South America and the Antarctic. They want to see "those penguins...which Frank claims are in the hull of the boat and get released at each port"!

Judy McGrath Brenner reports "the bionic man" Vince is doing nicely after a long siege of "what can go wrong, will". They had a wonderful 50th wedding anniversary celebration with family and friends in Louisiana last summer. **Ann Smith Flynn** and Pat celebrated their 50th last August with a luncheon attended by all 14 of the Smith-Flynn descendants. **Margo Honey Keesler** and Gene cruised in warmer climes during the winter. They return to their North Carolina mountain home in April. Margo grows the most wonderful dahlias, and last summer's garden was stupendous.

Cindy Crawford Cannon enjoys traveling. January 2015 was spent in the BWI; in March, she was at our 50th Reunion; then April found her in Las Vegas and Denver. Spring brought her back to New York and an early Summer stay at Lake St. Catherine (Wells, VT). In Fall she was back out west with a trip into Calgary where she visited with **Anne Sacchet Payne**. After the holidays, she and Bob headed south and spent six weeks in South America. Cindy volunteers with the Community Lunch program in Geneva and Serenity House (hospice) in Victor. I heard from Anne in May. We all heard news of the terrible fires in Alberta. Anne was south of the major fires but shared how devastating the event was for Canada.

Ann Nichols Gildea and Jim enjoyed a *Road Scholar* tour of Rome, Florence, and Venice in May 2015. In September, they visited Seattle and Olympic National Park. In between special trips, the Gildeas frequent the I-95 corridor as they catch up with their offspring, Sarah and James, who are happily pursuing their careers. Big news from **Eugenia McAuliffe Kelly**! Granddaughter Madison is now a big sister, and Eugenia is a new grandmother. Baby Savannah Rose is now part of the Kelly clan (daughter Deirdre's) and everyone is overjoyed. Savannah was baptized on Eugenia's birthday, April 24th.

Missy Steiner Tobia spent the holidays in Texas with daughter Stephanie. **Sue Lowe Kayes** is feeling better. She sends love and prayers to all. **Sr. Carol Czyzewski** is into her second year of ministry at St. John the Evangelist parish in Hydes, MD. She planned to attend the Franciscan Federation's 50th Anniversary in Milwaukee earlier this summer. "Our" Sr. Carol celebrated her 50th Jubilee of Franciscan vowed life in 2015.

Sr. Mavis Jewell remains connected to the Daughters' medical and care services. The Charities have a long history of service agencies throughout New York's upstate, and Sister is not slowing down one bit. **Barbara Wixted Hayes** volunteered at the 2016 SJC Reunion. Barbara lives in Waynesboro, PA, so it's close to home. Barb traveled to North Carolina this winter. She and her husband John enjoy golf, and those manicured southern greens beckoned! As an added bonus, she and **Karen Langer Carr** met for lunch!

What a wonderful collage of pictures on **Mary Ann Dore Carlson's** Christmas card! Mary Ann's new knees are working fine, and all the Carlsons enjoyed a fantastic week in Rockland, ME last summer. **Charlotte O'Donnell Fedders'** Christmas card featured her nine gorgeous grandchildren. The variety of ages represented reminded me of the lab experiences required for "Human Growth and Development" classes for soon-to-be teachers! To add to her joy, #10 Eliza Magnolia Fedders aka "Cupcake" arrived on St. Patrick's Day. Charlotte is planning to move to a 55+ community in Leesburg, VA.

Kay Ehringer Mufalli reminds us all to "keep moving". I talked with her just before Christmas. Kay feels well and likes to accomplish something each day. When I heard from her in the early Spring, her Hollyhock Gardener business was in high gear. She designs gardens and keeps her corner of NJ-PA a-bloom.

Eileen Sekerak Sullivan rejoiced with the warm winter weather Connecticut was enjoying this past year. It was so much better than mountains of snow. **Carole (Fergie) Ferguson Menges** had hip surgery last year. She spent three months in the hospital and assisted living, but her "hip is finally great after three surgeries"! Please add her husband Jack to your prayer list – he is ill and has cancer. "We are taking one day at a time," she added.

"Punch" aka **Kathy Murphy Clarke** sent along a picture with Cindy Crawford Cannon, taken in late September at Cindy's Lake St. Catherine home. It is a beautiful photo of some special "ROOMMATES" from more than 50 years ago at SJC. **Alberta Schiller Toth** sent a message with her Christmas card. "Never knew I would be so busy in retirement but doctors' visits have multiplied along with meds." In October she went on a cruise to New England ports and was planning a road trip to Nashville with her cousins. She stays active in garden club and a prayer group.

Jean Tierney Terza loves to keep reminding me she has lived in Manchester, CT for her entire life. Surprise! Jean joined her "Tierney sister-in-law" for a southern road trip in early April. Would you believe she has a "Terza" brother-in-law and sister-in-law not far from Marietta, GA? So two SJC Connecticut Yankees met for lunch. Jean left Connecticut after springtime snow and enjoyed the green trees and blooming flowers in the Carolinas and Georgia.

Nancy Boemanns Fratini requests prayers for husband Al. He recently returned home after surgery and treatment for an obstruction in his small intestine. Daughter Amy's recent achievement was a bright spot during this worrisome time. She was inducted into their county's Developmental Disability Hall of Fame in April with a "lifetime achievement award". **Maggi Mullahy Yates** met Nancy Boemanns Fratini and **Dee O'Connor Cosquer** in Branford, CT last summer. The Fratinis usually spend a week at the beach in Branford. Dee journeyed from New Jersey and Maggie from the Cape. Maggie's twin grandchildren turned four in May.

Received an email from **Sally Callahan Sullivan**. She had her late winter-into-spring athletic fix by watching basketball and the Masters. Her travel company *Branahan Tours* is planning another tour of Ireland, Northern Ireland, and Scotland in October. **Susan Flanigan Conrad** has been visiting in Nashville during the year. The younger Conrads have relocated, and Sue was looking forward to joining granddaughter Abigail at the American Girl store for a birthday outing.

Received a new address for **Margaret Keil Sottosanti**: 1314 Cottontail Lane, LaJolla, CA 92037. The move to a single-story home brought mountains of boxes to unpack and caused a halt in Margaret's golf schedule. The Sottosanti family attended the Keil Family Reunion last summer in Coeur D'Alene, ID with Margaret's five siblings and other family members. **Kathy O'Brien Poplowski** moved back to Massachusetts from Aiken, SC. As Kathy wrote "time was right... I could still walk, talk, and make (my own) decisions". She is now at 169 North Street, Apt. C, Lexington, MA 02420. **Helene Brown Hess** has a Florida address for Winter: 103 1st St. E, #306, Tierra Verde, FL 33715.

Remember we all pray for each other every Thursday morning at nine. **Mike (Michelin) Gold Killorin's** two-year-old granddaughter Galilee surprised her Killorin grandparents as well as her parents by being out of the O.R. at Boston's Children's Hospital in record time. Our prayers are powerful and another way to keep our *re-union* going! Continue to pay your SJCAA dues and to keep in touch with each other and me. Peace, plenty, and good health in the days ahead.

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Dear Classmates,

We did it! A record number of girls came to celebrate our 50th reunion. Some, like **Diane Bernardon Holmes, Valerie Kochis Werzyn**, and P**at Guryansky Valenzuela**, flew from afar: California, Colorado, and Arizona. **Eileen Iseley Hegner** drove over each day from Mount Airy, MD, and **Roxanne McCauley** came up on Saturday from Baltimore. The Bethany girls **(Melinda Bloom, Barb Seiler Byrne, Gail Watkins Crawford, Sally Gwynn Evans, Sally Dore Fierro, Aggie Anderson Fleming, Barb Kennedy Hudak, Mary Furey Keenan, Jane Davis Marden, Melissa Hanscom McDivitt, Elaine Metzger, Jay Moody, Ginny Walsh O'Neill, Carol Pappas Sheheen, Karen Fischl Rennert, Judy Fleck Shahriari, Mary Ellen Flinton Sullivan, Katie Boland White, Diane White, Kathleen Smith Franke, and Patty Cosgrove Messick)** were well represented.

Jean Moriarty, Anna Smorse Walters, Terry Brown Montgomery, Maura Roache Steed, Kathleen McCormack, Kathleen Newman Batten came to Reunion for the first time. The two Kathleens even roomed together as they did back in college. Arriving from New York were **Mary Lou Rosica Dunbar, Mary Patterson Falchi**, and **Mary Ellen Schweitzer Stolfi**. **Kathy Spillane Miskavage** came from New Jersey and **Clara Humphrey Salloom** from Pennsylvania.

Rose Serio Sheheen, Terry Keffer Arcari, Cathy Cohill Gallagher, Susan Kaiserski Keller, Maureen Mullin Klein, Betty Depenbrock Martin, Pat Guryansky Valenzuela, Anna Smorse Walters, and I even brought our men. Initially, these brave souls were like deer in the headlights, but by the end of the weekend they seemed to feel comfortable and accepted by our group.

After signing in on Thursday, Susan K. and Pat, Diane W., and Bill and I got the hospitality suite ready for our classmates. We had made up some booklets with pictures and class profiles and had memorabilia including yearbooks, old programs, current pictures, textbooks, SJC sweatshirts, and an old bathing suit. Jane brought a formal dress she had made in Home Ec. and a list of the rules of the college with the corresponding list of demerits for noncompliance. That was a real conversation starter! Sally G. brought her blazer which Karin was able to wear. As girls drifted in and recognized friends, the party really got started. The years fell away as we swapped stories from our years together.

On Friday the weather cleared for our trip to the old campus. Several girls walked into Emmitsburg first to see their old haunts. One popular place they checked out was The Palms, a bar which was off-limits to us in college. The Palms T-shirt, proudly worn by Kathy N., soon became a must-have item to buy. On campus we had a box lunch in the student center where we shared memories of dances, Christmas gatherings, and card games in the Pines, which is now set up as a bar. Afterwards we toured Rosary dorm (low ceilings!), the library where Terry B. pointed out her old desk, the chapel, then outside to see the bricks that have been laid for SJC. Some went into the building that houses the gym, while others took pictures of our beautiful campus where everything was in full bloom. Many buildings are no longer accessible to us because they house government projects. All too soon we had to leave.

Later we returned to campus for a very moving Mass commemorating the girls from our class and the class of 1971 who have died. Our deceased girls are **Mary Ann Harrington Brawley, Maureen Dunleavey**

Cohen, Trudy Vavrina Collier, Mary Nesline Guye, Maureen Heaney, Kathleen Miller Hornung, Mary Marshall, Sandy Kerrigan Nutter, Catherine McFadden Powell, Barbara Shields, Loretta Reddy Smolenski, Molly Burns Snyder, and **Maureen Higgins Zabler**. They were remembered with flowers and a special candle lighting ceremony. Diane W., Susan K. and Susan Thomey ('71) worked together to choose readings, hymns, petitions, and participants-including the celebrant, Susan T.'s brother Fr. Tom Roach-which made the Mass memorable.

That evening we had our own private class dinner at the Wyndham Hotel. While we enjoyed our buffet dinner, we were treated to a slide show of us past and present. There was much table hopping and finally we adjourned to the hospitality suite. We talked a lot about our escapades. Apparently there were many unsanctioned escapes from the Home Ec. House and Marillac after curfew. Roxanne's room was a conduit to freedom. She said she tried to keep her eyes closed so she wouldn't be able to identify the "escapees." She wasn't too happy when someone stepped on her face coming back in one night. Others earned many demerits for missing meals and were subsequently campused. A starving Carol P. grew to appreciate the hoagie runs to town that Brenda and Jackie made for her.

For others, ice skating at Tom's Creek was a favorite memory...Not so much for others who crawled through the poison ivy there while trying to elude a relentless Nicky Nightcheck. Looking back, our adventures were pretty tame.

On Saturday morning some went to play golf, some slept in, and others attended the breakfast where the speakers talked about the Seton charities in Emmitsburg. The Alumnae Association helps to support the Seton Center, which collects used and new clothing and furniture for the needy in the area. We also support Mother Seton School by providing scholarships to deserving students. It's good to see that Mother Seton's legacy is very much alive in Emmitsburg.

On Saturday afternoon we attended the Alumnae Memorial Mass in the Basilica. Fr. Kevin Farmer was the presider. Our class participated fully as the honored class. Smitty proudly carried the SJC banner. Barb S. and Melissa processed with roses in the Procession of the Classes. Karen F. and Mary Ellen F., recovering from foot surgery, climbed up to the pulpit to deliver a reading. Others served as ushers and Eucharistic Ministers. Mary Barbuto honored her deceased sister, Kathy Miller Hornung, by cantoring for us. What a beautiful service we had!

That night we had the alumnae dinner at the hotel. As a result of your generosity we presented two checks, one to the Alumnae Association for over $10,000 toward the Mount Scholarship Fund and the other for $1,350 to Sr. Martha Beaudoin for the Seton Center.

The highlight of the evening was the reminiscence of our years at SJC. Jane enlisted Katie B.'s help. It was a hilarious dialogue on our four years including the rules of the college and how we coped with them. The older classes were roaring with laughter as they remembered the same things while the younger ones kept shaking their heads in disbelief.

We also had another astounding "happening" that night. Our class, which has usually had poor attendance at past Reunions, won two attendance prizes. Diane accepted the Sr. Mary Ellen Kelley plaque for the class with the highest number of members in attendance. I accepted the Hassell Vase for the highest percentage of members in attendance. We were 44 strong!

On a high, we adjourned to the hospitality suite. Soon thereafter girls from the class of '74 came to talk to us about how they discovered the school was closing and how it affected them. It was a very sobering story. We now have a new insight into why it is important to support the Alumnae Association until all the classes have had a 50th reunion. We were more serious on Saturday night as our time together was winding down. Many girls said that they wished that they had come to Reunions earlier and stayed in better touch. All were happy that they had made the decision to come. The bonds that we formed in those four years in the '60s were strengthened, and we truly felt "all together."

Here's an update on some classmates. **Nancy Ahalt** is married to Stephen Russell, has two children and three grandchildren, a PhD in Administration and Supervision and worked in education administration for many years. Anna Smorse Walters is retired from the Social Security Administration, raised two children and has a significant other, Tom. Jean Moriarty lives in Michigan where she has a large extended family. She was a Navy nurse stationed on Kodiak Island, AK where she learned to fly and to shoot a gun. She retired from hospital administration work. Maura was a widow with two children when she married Jerry Knaus in 1988. She has a grandson, Cormac. She has

a BFA in sculpture and is trying to rediscover her creative side. Kathy N. has participated in National Senior Olympics in basketball and has run the New York Marathon. **Mary Long Scott** was planning a trip to Spain to walk the El Camino Royale in pilgrimage. Jane travelled to upstate New York to visit two Daughters of Charity, one of whom taught her in eighth grade. Mary Ellen F. traveled to Cleveland for family activities including a First Communion, a ballet recital, a fencing tournament, and a marathon race. Melissa was traveling to California to help with grandchildren Summer and Sloan while they awaited the birth of their brother. Susan K. and Pat will celebrate their 50th anniversary by taking a Scandinavian river cruise. **Brenda Nalley Feehan**, who was not able to come to Reunion this year, still serves on her diocesan advisory board. She is a very active member of her parish and now teaches a baking class in the school where she had been principal. Clara Humphrey Salloom has a Masters in Library Science and is still working at Harcum College. She currently volunteers at Stratford Friends School working with children with learning disabilities. Terry B. taught for 38 years in the Catholic schools in Washington, DC. She is married to Charles and has two children-Marianne, a professor of English at East Carolina University and Andrew, a software developer. Diane W. has a new rescue dog, Yogi, a Chihuahua.

Jackie Daugherty McCarthy has moved to Columbia, SC to be closer to her grandchildren. Jay Moody has also recently moved - to Capon Springs, West Virginia. Kathleen McC. is a professor of English at Florida International University and a published author of books on George Eliot. She also has been a contestant on Jeopardy.

Carol Kuzmack Bradshaw missed Reunion and is still recuperating from her knee replacement surgery. She works part-time as a therapist and spends time with her grandsons. **Elaine Metzger** had her knee surgery after Reunion and is recovering now. Melinda had foot surgery and still hopes to do a Road Scholars trip to Oregon in the Fall. Smitty and John have had a set-back with John's kidney transplant. John needed additional surgery so the transplant has been pushed back for several months. They recently bought a house in Bethany Beach.

The following girls have lost loved ones recently. **Mary Ruth Morrill Smith** lost her husband, Ed; Carol Sheheen Pappas, her mother Betty, and Maureen Mullin Klein, her son Tom. (Editor's note: After this column was submitted, Rose Serio Sheheen lost her husband Fred). Please remember them and all your classmates in your prayers.

On Saturday, May 21st, Susan K. and Pat and Bill and I attended a ceremony at the Seton Shrine Meditation Garden to bless the brick we purchased for the Class of 1966. It was cold and raining, but the ceremony was lovely. We felt a special pride in our school and all of our wonderful classmates.

My news is that I am retiring from my position as class agent. I have enjoyed the job, but find it is time for someone else to take the reins. Jane (mardenjane@gmail.com), Jay (jem2011@aol.com), and Elaine (elainemetzger@gmail.com) have graciously volunteered to take over. Please help them keep us close together. Thank you all for your help over the years and especially with the Reunion.

Love,
Judy

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Greetings Classmates! Our 50th Reunion is only a few months away. If you are reading this and have not received an email or note by snail mail, please contact Flo. About 30 of our classmateshave responded that they are planning to attend. The Reunion starts on Thursday, March 23rd with a wine social from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. On Friday there is a box lunch in the Student Center followed by a tour of campus. There will be a reception at The Visitor Center at the Shrine on the MSM campus. Our Class dinner is Friday evening. We have a room all to ourselves.

Saturday morning is breakfast and the annual Alumnae Association meeting. The afternoon is free until the Mass at 4:00 pm. We need volunteers for the Mass to be Eucharistic ministers and be in the procession. The Banquet is at 7:00 pm. Details on all this will follow. The Presidential Suite has been reserved for the class to have informal get-togethers. If you haven't already

started, it's not too late to look for memorabilia or to jot some memories to share. Looking forward to seeing you!

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Greetings and happy 70th birthday to everyone in our class who is celebrating that milepost this year—some of you already have while others won't celebrate until next year. This year seems to be the year for folks, or at least women in our class, to visit Europe, especially Paris.

Al and **Sheila Kelly Vertino** took a *Road Scholar* trip to Amsterdam, Belgium, and Paris in May. While in Paris, they had dinner with **Bev Eagan** and her husband Larry Tuteur. Bev and Larry go to Paris annually where they rent an apartment for several weeks. They planned to end this year's stay with a weeklong trip to Barcelona. However, at the time the Seine in Paris was rising to flood stages and railway workers were on intermittent strikes, so she wasn't sure they could easily get to Barcelona. Bev was trying to decide where to celebrate her 70th birthday in December. Her original plan had been Paris because they have an apartment with an unobstructed view of the Eiffel Tower. However, after the complications with the weather, strikes, etc. from this most recent trip, they were less certain that they wanted to return in December when the days are short and the weather is cold, so her second choice was Manhattan.

Charlie and **Diane Ball Cooper**, too, traveled throughout Europe for nine weeks. They rented an apartment in Montpellier, France and made trips out from there.

Sue Fitzmaurice Gibson traveled to Paris, London, and St. Malo on the Brittany coast with Olivia, her 14-year old granddaughter, and her youngest daughter Maura, Olivia's aunt, who served as tour guide and driver. Sue and Paul promised to take each of their four grandchildren on a special trip and this first trip was with their only granddaughter, who loves art and music, is adventurous with food, and who Sue considers the perfect travel companion.

Joanne Ekhaml and Jim Gorman spent 10 days in Germany visiting their son, his wife and their two granddaughters. 2015 was a tough year for both of them—Jim had open-heart surgery to replace his aortic valve, and Joanne had back surgery to correct a fractured vertebra that was blocking a portion of the spinal canal and making it almost impossible to walk—but they ended the year in good shape and are grateful to their daughter and many friends for their support during their recovery.

After receiving my request for news, **Susan Romanowski Redding** replied from Dublin, Ireland that she and Bill were on their way by train to Killarney and then on to Galway. She retired in June 2015 from a palliative care consult service at the medical center but she still teaches, plus she offers Lifelong Learning classes at East Carolina University. Bill retired from healthcare and now enjoys making music, woodworking and volunteering with Habitat for Humanity. Their daughter Caroline is a designer with a company that specializes in green development and re-purposing building materials. She's a certified "Aging in Place" designer and focuses on designs that allow people to remain in their homes as they age—sounds like something we all should be interested in. Their other daughter Gen and her family are in Rumson, NJ, where she launched an online business with a friend from her New York City days. Their granddaughter Natalia is seven and keeps them young.

Greg and **Gina Shableski Crumbaker** celebrated their collective 70th birthdays in May (Gina's birthday is in August; his is in May) with family and friends at a nice venue in Seattle. There was a garden where guests enjoyed salmon and oysters and listened to music provided by the quartet that played at their son Pete's wedding. Gina and Greg welcomed their fourth grandchild, Dean Reginald Crumbaker, in March. Pete now has two boys and Matt has two girls. Pete and his wife Em went to France with baby Dean in June and left his almost-two-year-old brother Jackson with both grandmothers at Em's family's place in Duxbury, MA, which provided an excuse for Gina to fly back east. After her babysitting gig, Gina went to New York City for a few days during which she did a lot of walking, visited museums, and got together with **Phyllis D'Alessio Dixon**.

Paul and Sue Fitzmaurice Gibson went from Boise to Napa Valley in February to help celebrate **Carol "Casey" Kakalec Kohn's** 70th birthday along with many of Casey's family and friends, including **Carol Landry** and **Patsy Cowell Luddy**, who drove up from San Francisco. The four of them had a great time laughing over memories as they regaled the other party-goers with stories of what Joe's was really like.

Sue talks regularly with her sister-in-law **Virginia Gibson Johnson** who is doing as well as can be expected after the death of her husband Dave last year.

Lorna LaChappelle celebrated her 70th birthday at a Billy Joel concert in Virginia Beach, a gift from her daughter. She spends a lot of time babysitting her grandchildren, and she traveled to Connecticut for a couple weeks in late spring.

Last year Jack and **Carol Carluccio Griffin** celebrated the marriages of their daughter Michelle and son Sean as well as their 46th wedding anniversary, which they celebrated on a cruise to Bermuda where they met during College Week in 1967. All three of their children live in the Boston area, close to each other. Carol and Jack spent this summer at their New Hampshire Summer home.

Chuck and **Patti McKay Bufalino** are enjoying retirement. Their granddaughters—children of their middle child Michael and his wife Jamie—are growing up: Emma and Rachel are 14 and Lily is 16, and all three will be in high school next year. They live in Salem, OR, where Chuck and Patti visit them at least twice a year. Their youngest child Jeanne has been teaching English in Kobe, Japan; previously, she taught for two years in Beijing, China. Their oldest child Charles lives in Honeydew, a small town in northern California. Patti is looking forward to our 50th reunion.

Last year was a rough year for **Joan Bruno** who had a stroke in December 2014 caused by a bad mitral valve that caused a clot, but luckily there were few residual effects. However, after close monitoring, she underwent mitral valve surgery in April 2015 followed by a long recovery process with lots of rehab. An effect of that was that she lost her voice due to a partially paralyzed vocal cord from long intubation, and spent two months in rehab, learning to talk. She says "Me! ... learning to talk!!!" All the hard work in rehab paid off and she is back doing most of the things she did before the stroke, but at a slower pace. Joan adds that damage to the fourth optic nerve affected her vision somewhat so she doesn't drive much anymore and misses driving up and down the east coast to visit family and friends. Planning ahead, she's concerned about how she'll get to our 50th Reunion.

I see Stan and **Ruth Lynch Buchwalter** regularly. They are having a house built in Charlottesville and plan to take possession of it in July. We see each other at OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) classes and occasionally get together for dinner. Most recently we had a picnic dinner at a local vineyard at its Thursday concerts where we experienced a brief rain shower followed by a beautiful rainbow and sunset. Ruth and Stan enjoy regular visits to Arlington where they are called upon for babysitting duties with their granddaughter.

I completed the Virginia Master Naturalist program, a 15-week program that ran from February through the end of May—every Wednesday for three hours—and included field trips to look at rocks, wild flowers, insects, frogs, etc. The program provides training for out-of-doors volunteer opportunities—educating the public about the environment, participating in butterfly and bird counts (like the annual Christmas bird count), taking children on tours of nature areas, monitoring the health of streams, participating in invasive plant removal, etc. By the end of the course, we each had an idea of what our focus was going to be—I want to work with the City Parks and Recreation folks to build and maintain a trail that circles Charlottesville and runs behind my house along a creek. Finally, I'm climbing on the bandwagon and planning to celebrate my 70th in Paris in September with my sister. J'ai hâte de cette célébration!

Make plans to come to our 50th Reunion in 2018.

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Hello Everyone! This note will be published in October, and it is the end of May as I start to write. So...much of this will be old news by the time you read it. There are many of us active on Facebook, and I encourage you to join if you are still holding out. It is a wonderful way to catch up and stay current and in touch. And we have a special page for the SJC Class of '69.

Can you believe that it has been 51 years since we arrived on campus in September of 1965? We all have many stories to tell about our adventures, experiences, and lives since then, and we would love to have you share your stories and wisdom gained with all of us.

I sent out a request for news and several classmates were good enough to share what they've been up to lately.

Micki Lipps Freeney says "My retirement from DC Public Library after six years there, which followed a 38-year career in Prince George's County (MD), was well-timed in 2015 as my husband has been treated for colon cancer since last summer. He's feeling quite well for now, thankfully. For fun, I continue to take ballet class on a regular basis (although I'm nursing a bad knee this week), and I have returned to my children's librarian roots by volunteering to do weekly story time for toddlers at a local library. Early literacy has been a soap box issue for me for decades; I hope you all are singing, talking, and reading to your grandchildren, nieces and nephews, neighbors, etc."

Helen Bursley-Fournier reports that she is "keeping busy now with preparing for our church's amazing 'yard sale'-goes by the name Joyous Junque and has been ongoing for 27 years. Last year, in the one weekend, the sales reached $100K. Items for sale include boats, furniture, appliances-large and small, pots/pans, books, toys, and linens. Other than that I keep busy with walking the dogs, spending time with husband and friends, and enjoying the lake environments."

Jean Givens Denney wrote—"I spent last week in New Jersey helping my cousin's 90-year-old aunt settle into a retirement condo. I failed in my one important job, to get her seen by the new doctor. Not ready for a retirement setting, everyone smiles too much and seems too happy. I enjoy my neighbors and like the change of seasons.

I get to spend most of the summer at the bay cottage, with some trips to the ocean with Kathleen and two weeks in the mid-west, cruising down the Mississippi and visiting my daughter in Chicago. I will check off Minnesota, Iowa, and Missouri and have four states left, Nebraska, Arkansas, Alabama, and Mississippi. I don't remember Oklahoma but Becky swears we stopped there on our way to Basic Training. One son's family does swim team and the other sports camps for the summer, so they no longer hold my calendar hostage. My youngest grandchild will start all-day Kindergarten in the fall, and I can choose when to visit, not be locked into specific days and times. Turning 70 seems OK. Except for February, I am looking forward to next year."

Wanda Robek Power and husband Mike retired last June. Wanda had been teaching HS and college science for years. Most recently she was teaching at Ridgewood HS in New Jersey, and it was mostly college level Environmental Science and different levels of physics. Besides retiring, they moved north from New Jersey to New Hampshire. They now live in Plymouth, right in the center of the state. She says, "It's a bit of a change. Our former house was over 100 years old, this one is new, so the problems are different! Anyone traveling through the area is most welcome to stop by."

Linda Mahar-Wivel messaged that "I retired in December after 45 years in the insurance business and haven't looked back at all. Although I enjoyed my years working, it's been great not having the stress of the job, early mornings and rush hour traffic. In April I went to the beach with **Pat Zeigler Conley** and **Joanne Azzarello Letnauncyn** to visit with **Patsy Garrity Prunkl** before she started her chemo sessions. We had a great time shopping, eating, and going to a movie. Please keep Patsy in your prayers.

In June a trip to Aruba with the family is planned and then a summer spending time with my grandkids. Hoping to travel to visit some friends. I reconnected with **Lynda Martin** late last year. We hooked up while she was visiting her sister in Maryland in November with some of the SJC girls. She is now living near Seattle, WA."

Tom and **Glenna McKay Pruitt** celebrated the 50th anniversary of their first date in Emmitsburg and were joined by Pat Conley, Linda Mahar-Wivel, **Cara Deegan**, and Mark, Maggie Deegan and Bob, Paul Flynn and Margie, Joanne Letnaunchyn and Steve, **Angie Scheerer** and Joe, **Diane L. Thompson** and Allen. They had a great evening reminiscing about all their fun times together.

So many of us have been hitting the road...or air or sea. Retirement is a time for traveling and we are on the move. Tom and **Helen Flatley Wallace**, who live in North Cape May, flew to Rome during Fall 2015 to board a cruise ship to Florence and then ports down the coast of Spain. They sailed to the Azores and then six days transatlantic to Nassau and onto Fort Lauderdale. It was a beautiful and restful trip. In May they headed to the Alps. Flew to Milan and toured Lake Como area then onto Switzerland and Austria with a day trip to Lichtenstein and Germany. They returned to northern Italy to visit Venice and Milan. Both trips were 13 days.

Joan Dennery Casey retired after teaching elementary grades. She and Dan had a wonderful trip to France hitting all the high spots—Moulin Rouge, Monet's Garden, Omaha Beach.

Dick and I have been standing in airport lines often lately. We make numerous trips to Chicago to visit Ashley and Peter who married in Chicago on August 29, 2015. Our big trip was to Dubai in February. A friend took a job at the American School of Dubai for

two years. She and her husband (who was our Best Man) encouraged us to visit while they were there. We had a place to stay, friends to show us around and a direct flight from Boston, so it was an easy decision. What a fascinating place—a real contrast of cultures that seems to work. A city full of skyscrapers, and they are still building. The shopping is amazing and you can do anything in Dubai—even downhill ski, which we did. We also travelled to Al Ain, Abu Dhabi and did some dune bashing in the desert. **Jean Murray Walker** lives in Falmouth MA, and we got together recently with some high school classmates and have planned a lunch get-together in Plymouth with husbands for mid-June before Dick goes in for a hip re-replacement. Had it done six years ago and now something is loose. So we will be close to home for the summer while he recovers.

I got to see **Lynn Koerner** often during the winter as we would meet to play pickle ball once a week. Lynn continues to work at Creative Office Pavilion and recently traveled to California and Aruba with **Mary Pat Cohill**. Mary Pat just finished an apartment project—new appliances, sink, faucet, counter and backsplash, and light fixture in the kitchen and built in desk and closet in entryway, so more storage (always needed in NYC apt!). She's now ready for a niece's wedding in June. The bride is also graduating from CUNY with a PhD in philosophy. One of Mary Pat's nieces is expecting her second baby in August, and that will make a total of six great-nieces and nephews for Mary Pat. She and Lynn are planning a trip to Stockholm and Copenhagen with two other Boston friends in September. But for now she is still working one or two days most weeks, so she has not been bored in retirement!

Beth Dignan Blumer reports that she is working part time for Williamsburg Counseling and is ready for golf and outside fun. Her son Patrick and his wife Beth are living with them temporarily until they find a new home in Richmond where Pat started a new job in February. Beth had a get-together with **Ann Mooney Kirmil** and **Faye Ann Stank** in March. Beth and Ann are both enjoying their funny and brilliant grandchildren. Ann and John live near Bethany Beach and love it. Faye built a beautiful new home in Richmond last year and she is doing contract work with Capital One.

Received this nice note from **Deirdre Aukward Redington** earlier this year. "We moved from Illinois to the Charlottesville, VA area in 2012 and are grateful to be living near our children and grandchildren and also closer to my six siblings and their families, most of whom live in the Washington, D.C. area.

"I have very fond memories of my days at St. Joe's even though I transferred in my junior year and graduated from the University of Maryland in 1969. I remember many more classmates from St. Joe's. Maryland was way too big for me. I have occasionally kept in touch with **Diana Callison Reing** and welcome the opportunity to get back in touch with other St. Joe's classmates. For many years I received the alumnae newsletter and read it from cover to cover. I have a nephew, Joseph Aukward, who lives in Bethesda and is a freshman at Mount St. Mary's this year." Deirdre's email is predington@gmail.com.

How wonderful to reconnect with **Nancy Erickson Muzzi** on Facebook. She recently shared, "Nine years ago, when I moved to Florida, I thought it would be a great idea to meet new people by working at Walt Disney World. At first it was a part time role which eventually grew to full time positions in various locations. I am happy to say that I have achieved my goal. I have made soooo many friends from all over the world and have enjoyed every moment of my journey. Happy nine years to me...May 24, 2016!! Looking forward to my 10 years!"

Final note—please send a donation to our Alumnae Association so we can continue to be in touch and gather for Reunions often.

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This summer marks 50 years since our class graduated from high school and prepared to begin our freshman year at Joe's. I found a letter from Sister Gertrude dated July 25, 1966, that stated how the college was preparing for our arrival. She asked the incoming

seniors to let Ann Wyllie, president of the student body, know if they planned to participate on the Orientation Committee. She asked the juniors if they had contacted their "little sisters" yet. She wrote, "Your letters have been going out to them regularly, I hope, and the contacts have been appreciated by them I know. I would like to hear from each junior by the end of July telling me whether you have heard from your little sister or not. Reminder—a little welcome note in each mailbox!" Do you all remember getting a welcome note from your big sister?

Sister Gertrude sent us another letter on July 22, 1966. "Freshmen are expected to arrive at Saint Joseph College on Sunday, September 11 before 5:00 p.m. The first meal to be served to freshmen will be at 5:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. When you arrive on campus, the Orientation Committee will assist you. You will first go to Kelley Hall to receive an envelope with your room assignment. I will be in Kelley to greet you and your parents. Introduce yourself and then your parents to me. A member of the committee will take you and your parents to Vincent Building to meet the President and the Dean of Studies, then she will take you to the residence hall and help you to get settled. After that you will find refreshments in the Student Center for the family. You will find our college community a very friendly one."

She goes on to tell us how much money we should bring and that we should open a bank account with the Business Office. She said $60 should cover our books!!!!! She ends her letter with "May God bless each of you as you take this very important step in your life. 'To educate a woman is to educate a family,' a subject for deep reflection, isn't it? This is what we expect of you as you begin your college career in a Catholic college, that you drink in all principles that will make you the ideal woman."

Sr. Anne Higgins asked us to share our memories of that first day and first weeks of Joe's. She remembered the unremitting rain and walking barefoot around the campus to avoid drenching any more shoes. **Alberta Johnson Baker** remembered being a little scared going away from home. Her brothers couldn't go past the line in front of the dorm. Meeting all her new "sisters" was awesome!

Terri Allocca Cullen said it was total culture shock for this public school Jersey girl! **Susan Stay Valenti**, another Jersey girl, agreed with the culture shock. "Called my parents to come and take me home! See how well that worked. So glad they didn't listen to me!"

Pamela Hackley Howton stated that her parents wanted her to go to Trinity in Washington, DC, and they were very upset with the lack of restaurants when they brought her to campus. They wondered what she could possibly do there. "Well I made wonderful memories and friendships to last a lifetime!"

Carol Ervin Sharkey said "It was an adventure for this shy girl from the South! It was an eye opening plunge into the late '60s! I grew up and blossomed at Joe's, in spite of the efforts of some who tried to contain us." **Kathy McNaney Younkin** wrote, "I met **Cathy Lisson** at a pre-freshman year get together at Marie Tontz's home, not realizing what a dear friend she would become. We ended up being in each other's weddings." **Lois Scheremeta Pitula** wrote, "I was thrilled to get away from my parents! Cut that cord well and began my own journey to adulthood, sometimes rocky and sometimes joyous. Survived..."

Eileen Murphy Karam shared, "Never heard of Joe's until my parents delivered me there with one suitcase of clothes and one suitcase of linens! Stood in line behind **Linda Watkins** and she, Susie Stay, and I became great friends. Although I did not get my degree from Joe's, I have lots of fun memories."

In other news...**Jeanne Pelletier Sanna** wrote that she is now a grandmother! Her son Matt and his wife now have a son, Elliot Spenser Sanna. Jeanne went out to stay with them in California for several weeks and then spent time with her daughter Meredith in Palo Alto.

Mary Person Hrbacek is part of our Facebook group. She is a professional artist living in New York City. She had an event on May 26th at Gallery d'Arte, 548 W. 28th St., #338a where she showed her new works. Anyone in the NYC area, try to connect with her and go see her art.

Sr. Anne Higgins has been very busy. She gave three poetry readings of her eighth book this year: at Café Muse in Chevy Chase, MD, which was attended by **Maryann Lesso, Patty McEwan Branson**, and **Jean Givens Denney**, SJC '69; at the Iota Café in Arlington, VA, which was attended by **Maryellen Baciackas Rogers**, SJC '69 and her husband Mike, MSM '70; and in Frederick, MD, which was attended by Kathy McNaney Younkin. Sr. Anne attended two poetry conferences and vacationed in Cape May, NJ in early June. She also spent a weekend with Patty McEwan Branson at the Branson vacation home in Rehoboth Beach, DE. The house has been newly renovated and expanded so that all the children and grandchildren

can be there at the same time.

Mary Ann Wiberley Shattuck wrote "Our son Tim is engaged and planning to marry October 22, 2016 in Hana, Maui. While we were excited about this news, our daughter Trish got engaged! So Paul and I will be deeply involved in weddings." In the meantime, Mary Ann said that she has been remodeling their cabin in the mountains near Yosemite.

We have sad news to report-**Carol Sue Hemelt-Hansen** passed away on February 19th from cancer. Carol attended our 45th Reunion, and so many classmates expressed gratitude that they were able to spend some time with her on that joyous occasion. **Kathie Robinson Moritis** wrote to ask for prayers for her family as they mourn the loss of their son Eddie, who passed away in December 2015. We also had news that **JoAnne Cartagena Windle's** husband Ron lost his 13-year battle with pancreatic cancer. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all these families.

The following classmates have been added to our group on Facebook: **Mary Ann Connelly Evans**, who has moved to Fredericksburg, VA to be closer to her grandson; **Joyce Bernardon DelBorrello**; Eileen Murphy Karam; and **Peggy Soltis Rabenstine**. Click on their profiles to see what they have been up to lately. If you are not a member of our group at SJC, Emmitsburg, MD, just "friend" either Sr. Anne Higgins or me, and we will add you to the group.

I have officially joined the ranks of the retired! I am still trying to adjust but I have been so busy I wonder how I ever found time to work before. I will be attending a family wedding in New York City in August and hope to visit Mary Person Hrbacek's art gallery. In December I will be traveling to Durham, England to help my niece Kristen move back to the states with her new Master's degree in Anthropology from Durham University.

Our 50th Reunion in 2020 will be here before you know it. Don't forget our class gift to Mother Seton School. Jennifer Buchheister, Director of Advancement at Mother Seton School, has set up an online donation form for us to use. You can donate by installments or all at one time.

Please visit:
https://app.etapestry.com/onlineforms/MotherSetonSchool/SJCAA.html and donate. Don't forget to put Class of 1970 in the comments section so we can track our class gift.

In closing, remember to pay your dues!! Please keep your address up to date with us-**that includes your email address**. Enjoy the rest of 2016, your 50th high school reunions, and Happy 50th Anniversary on September 11th of our first day at St. Joseph College. That's all for now—Maryann Lesso

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The class of 1971 celebrated the 45th Reunion in 2016...**Kathy Corley Murray** enjoyed seeing everyone and noted that classmates remained the same, even though life has brought various adventures. Mass on campus was meaningful, especially with **Marilyn Caruso Burlenski** lectoring, **Jane Garrett Nolan** singing, **Debbie Neary Waters** and **Stephanie Slagle Shokites** bearing gifts, and **Sue Roach Thomey's** brother Tom presiding. Remembering deceased classmates with roses was also very moving. **Lynn Gloeckler Reis** provided all of the memorabilia for the weekend. **Lori Tontz Walker** in the SJC beanie was quite a vision!

Lynn Gloeckler Reis stated that the 45th SJC Reunion was great fun as old friendships were renewed and new ones forged. The only sad time was at the Mass on Friday in the college chapel, remembering classmates who have passed on. The college tour brought back many fond memories. The campus grounds are very well kept and looked almost exactly like they did 45 years ago. The class dinner provided the opportunity to mingle with fellow classmates and catch up on their lives.

Joan Durante Beaudry remarked on the amazing turnout, especially from the nurses-"All Together" and always a close-knit group. Despite the cold, blustery weather, hearts were warmed, catching up with dear friends.

Jill McCabe has set up a group Facebook page-St. Joseph College Class of 1971. Please join if you are interested in sharing news and events.

Ann Connair Cunningham thought Reunion was just great and loved seeing everyone, particularly having the time to actually connect. Congrats go to Molly for still looking like she was 18! **Mary Beth Webb** arrived with

all kinds of memorabilia, and she actually wore an SJC blazer!

Steph Shokites, **Barb Gordon, Suzie Reid, Dedee Cary**, Super Thomey, Debbie Waters, **Mary Martin, Joanne Stahlhut Coppola**, and Ann Connair Cunningham had lunch in Gettysburg on Saturday. Wearing scarves in solidarity, they all greeted **Denise Moxley**, who was undergoing chemotherapy for breast cancer. For this tearful and empowering moment, Barb Gordon had ordered the scarves, which were then given to Denise for her use. Denise was so happy to reconnect with **Debbie Zemanick**, her buddy from their time in Spain.

On Sunday, May 15th a group of classmates attended the **Mrs. Margaret Kenney** Memorial Library Dedication Ceremony at Seton Keough High School in Baltimore. Margie taught there for 35 years and had just retired. The accolades from students, and colleagues were amazing! There was a special shelf with Margie's picture and her favorite books. Margie's stone reads - "the mother of three sons, the mother of thousands of daughters." John Kenney spoke eloquently at the dedication.

Karen Nugent Borek graduated from St. Joseph College in 1971 with a B.S. in Home Economics and currently is enrolled in the Master of Philosophy program in Liberal Arts at the University of Pennsylvania. In May 2014, she received her Master of Liberal Arts from the University of Pennsylvania. Her son is married, and she has two grandsons, Parker, nine and Ethan, eight. Her former husband Mike (MSM '70) became an osteopathic physician in 1976.

Joanne Stahlhut Coppola found that the campus tour brought back many memories. She credited the National Firefighters Association for saving mementos from SJC and adding other beautiful monuments. The reception in the new Visitors Center at the Mount was outstanding, and the highlight of the weekend was being "All Together" again.

A realtor on Cape Cod, **Cathy Kavanaugh Jones** has four wonderful grandkids, three who live in California, and the youngest, her little sweetheart, lives on the Cape. Since she and her husband have no intention of retiring, they travel four times a year. Lately they've been cruising and love to visit different islands in the Caribbean.

Class Reunion organizer, Susan (Super) Roach Thomey notes that the love, respect, care, and concern that was fostered during the days in the Valley continues. It didn't end the rainy May day when we graduated. It didn't end after we saw friends marry. It didn't end when we met our friends' children. It didn't end after any Reunion or informal gathering. It didn't end after weeks of being "All Together" in various wonderful locations. It didn't end as we tearfully bid final farewell to dear friends. "What we have is something so special I don't even know what to call it - spirit, soul, sisterhood?"

This is what motivated her to gather so many SJCiennes together for the 45th Reunion. It's what urged her to plunge right into the planning of a memorable weekend for all. The visit to campus was awesome. "The weather cooperated so we could experience the blue skies and warmth of early spring as we toured our campus. Only wish we could have lingered longer."

A miraculous Reunion, Marilyn Caruso Burlenski noted that there is something special about getting together as the years progress. Miracles never cease... her son was married last June, and he and his wife are expecting her first grandchild in early July. Their daughter will be married in late July. It will be a very busy summer in the Burlenski household!

The class started a Class of '71 scholarship fund with the raffle of two SJC plates donated by **Suzanne Knipfing Smith**. This fund will grow with donations by the 50th Reunion when it will be presented. The Alumnae Office is in charge of collecting the donations and putting them into the Class of '71 scholarship fund at Mount Saint Mary's. Donations in any amount - $25-$50 - will add up fast over the next several years.

Please plan to be at the 50th Reunion. It will be a lot of fun and great to see you!

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Hello, class of '72. Yes, I do have a new cell phone. Yes, I do have it turned on and with me most of the time. You can now text me, no problem!

Mary Leatherman Mindel retired from Baltimore County Public Schools as of July 1, 2016. To celebrate, husband Iver and Mary met up with friends in England and travelled to Cornwall for hiking and sightseeing. She said seeing Stonehenge was amazing. They even went to Port Isaac where the British "Doc Martin" television series is filmed, and they were able to watch the actors during filming. Mary now has more time to read and visit with her four grandchildren.

Mary Bohan Kelly said that she and husband John enjoyed a visit from **Susanne Palmer** for dinner. Susanne looks great and is enjoying retirement. She came to New Jersey on a new consulting job. Bo was looking forward to a Speicher family wedding (Sandy Cardella Speicher). Sandy's daughter Stephanie is the bride.

Kathy Trzecieski Beecher and husband Gordon are keeping busy in retirement with all of their volunteer activities. Kathy is on the Board of Trustees of St. Martin's University in Lacey, WA, and after one meeting they put her in charge of the Enrollment Committee. She is also back as the College Counselor at Tri-Cities Prep where her mentor is Armandino Batali, the father of Mario Batali. Kathy got to meet him at a gala they had for the college. In her spare time, Kathy counsels people from all over on how to get jobs. Kathy and Gordon are also mentors to a young boy from Pasco who does not have a father or mother, and Gordon is a certified Dispute Resolution Coordinator. They still find time to travel and spent three weeks on a river cruise in France and will be going in October to Eastern Europe and Poland. Kathy will finally meet some "Trzecieski" relatives! Their son has been at SAS Institute in Cary, NC for eight years and loves his time in North Carolina. Kathy does welcome visitors to eastern Washington State!

Linda Ciborowski and **Mary Morel Ingram** had a mini West Coast reunion. Cibby and Rich enjoyed a fabulous visit with Mary and Kevin and gathered back-yard fruit with mad abandon! Mary was the "hostess with the mostest" in the spring. Kathy Trzecieski Beecher, Sandy Cardella Speicher, and Mary Bohan Kelly and their husbands all visited Mary. Cibby and husband Rich have been traveling around, first to California, then Japan, shuttling between mothers in Maine and Tennessee, then to Paris. Rich has an international symposium to mark his retirement. To celebrate, Cibby had dinner for 50 in their small condo! She has also decided to start her own business to wind down toward retirement-Hub Condo Real Estate. So far the winding down has been minimal and the ramping up maximal!

Nancy Nugent Clapp wrote that she is retiring AGAIN - she is taking the summer off to drift in the pool, then to look for a volunteer job in the fall.

Awilda Arenas de Pla writes that she is still working at her daughter's store and asks that any classmates visiting Puerto Rico let her know so she can arrange a meeting--she'd love to see you. Awilda plans to attend Reunion 2017.

Jo Ketner Gallagher and husband Dick are moving to a more temperate climate, from the rugged mountains of West Virginia with its lake effect snow blasts to the balmier climate of Hanover, PA! Jo and Dick are having a new house built and hopefully should be starting to move in during the Fall. I have volunteered to help--Jo has a LOT of stuff since she decorates for all holidays.

Pat Walsh Bader reports she and husband Ray are now first time grandparents to Adella Marie Bader, born January 16th in Aurora, CO. They are having an "over the moon" experience and are becoming frequent flyers to Colorado. "Maloy, Walsh promises to catch up with you sometime!" Pat, still busy with her geriatric and faith community practices, also volunteers with the retired priests in their parish and diocese. Husband Ray is now semi-retired and is getting back into golf.

Hope Heaven Hatch reports son Jeff was in Hollywood for a while and co-stars in a movie "Brutal" which came out in May. He is currently a marketing director and is living in New Hampshire. Daughter Jen is an RN in the local hospital in Virginia where she lives with her husband and four children.

Kathy Cahill Leslie says that things in Fort Myers have been very busy since her retirement. They are travelling, including a trip to Ireland this past June with her sister and husband. Husband Frank is still busy with the dealerships. Their daughter Erin has been doing an amazing job as a single mom, raising grandson Aidan

since the loss of her husband. Kathy enjoys seeing them a lot since they live so close. In February they traveled to Stockholm, Sweden to meet their newest grandchild. Son Kyle and his wife live there with their daughters, Roice, 22 months and Kit, three months. Elin is with Accenture Corp, and Kyle recently left there for a position as global head of knowledge management with Ericsson. Son Brett and wife Alex live in Houston where Brett is head of corporate travel for Frosch Travel. Their children are Lola, six and Dylan, five. Kathy saw **Ellie Spadola** when she visited her sister and brother-in-law who are snowbirds. Ellie and Kathy enjoyed an afternoon of reminiscing and catching up. Kathy and **Bonnie Lueddeke Sheppard** also stay connected with birthday phone calls.
Jayne Bianco Cohill wrote that she and husband Mike went to the annual gala in San Francisco to support the DeMarillac Academy. The K-8 school is in the Tenderloin district and dedicated to the assistance of those children whose families are unable to obtain a quality education for them. This event supports the children financially with tuition, books, and uniforms. The Cohills enjoy attending school functions and hearing the chorus.

Jane Clifford wrote that her brother Mark died on December 4, 2015. He had been in a tragic car accident in 1966 at age 17 and was a patient in many different facilities for subsequent $49^{1/2}$ years. Throughout all these years, in spite of numerous procedures, Mark's spirit was unbroken, and he always had a smile on his face. He lived in the moment and accepted all the blows of life with grace and dignity to the amazement of all who observed. Our class was represented at his funeral by Mary Bohan Kelly and Jan Flanagan, and in spirit by Maureen Maloy Biggers who was recovering from surgery.

Ro Maher Curran wrote they have a new granddaughter, Dorothea Beatrix, born last September in Colorado to her son and daughter-in-law, Captain Brendan Curran and Carrie Arnold, Ph.D. Carrie recently received her Doctorate in Educational Leadership, Research and Policy from the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs where she is a member of the faculty. Ro cares for her four-year-old granddaughter frequently. Daughter Bridget and husband Joe de Leon are in Timonium, MD. The opera singer Mary Claire has been busy performing in Baltimore and DC, and teaching music, but is planning to head to NYC in late summer. Steve and Ro enjoy their condo in Ocean City and travelling. Ro had one piece of news--during a medical procedure, when she met her doctor, it was none other than Mary Kay Leatherman Mindel's son, Dr. Jeffrey Mindel!

Finally, I heard from **Mary Ann Carter**. Carter, Mari **(Maria Elena Cartegena DeCaire)** and Mari's husband Xavi continue to get together at least every other month. Mari has five wonderful grandchildren--all girls! Carter is working in healthcare in Philly, and both she and Mari are trying their best to stay healthy and in good shape. Should you happen to be traveling in the Chestertown, MD area some weekend, don't be surprised if you see them kayaking or stand-up paddle boarding down the river! They are both looking forward to Reunion.

We are in the midst of planning Reunion 2017, and we should have a GREAT crowd there, probably our best attendance ever. Please plan on coming and reconnecting with classmates. Everyone has such a good time, and friendships are made each time with people you really didn't spend time with in college. I personally have so many more friends than I did at SJC and love seeing everyone! And the husbands have a fine time also! We have a great group, so come to celebrate our class. It will be a sapphire reunion, and we will be contacting you with more details as we get closer. The dates are Thursday, March 23-Sunday, March 26. I will plan some type of dinner for those who are there on Thursday.

Thanks for supporting SJC, please continue to pay your dues. We want to be financially solvent so we can celebrate our 50th Reunion in 2022. Happy holidays to you and your family and have a great 2017.

SEE YOU IN MARCH FOR REUNION 2017!

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Steve and **Toni Doherty Kellison** are still working on their bucket lists. In June they go to Cuba. This year is

their 30th wedding anniversary, and they will be going to Hawaii for two weeks, as on their honeymoon. If you are visiting Orlando, she would love to see you! **Trisha Jenkins Cavuoto** and Toni got together when she was in town recently.

Dr. Nancy Trumbell Lee has retired after 39 years in public education both elementary and college level. She is enjoying her grandchildren, hobbies, and volunteering in the community.

Kathy Kramer Callahan is going to Italy in May. They just returned from the Bahamas, snorkeling for Kathy, diving for Tim. Then came a trip along the Mississippi with stops in Nashville, Memphis, Vicksburg, Natchez, and New Orleans with a detour to Paducah, KY to visit the National Quilt Museum. Son Matt and wife Cori are expecting twins in August. Son Brian and wife Kaylinn are expecting a baby in December. They are blessed that both boys live close by. In March Kathy went home to Maryland to visit family and had a mini reunion with **Maureen Hinke Hahn, Candy Long Hobbs**, and **Cathy Adams Nace**.

Candy Long Hobbs and Norm are now retired, Norm two years, and Candy, one. They have lived in northern Virginia for 21 years and hope to move back to Pennsylvania for their retirement years, planning to build a house in the Mechanicsburg area. They are empty nesters with all three children finished school and married. They have grandchildren: Shane, seven, Leyna, four, and Danielle, three, and they enjoy being with them, lots of fun and never boring. Candy and Norm will spend several weeks this summer at Rehoboth Beach, DE.

In June 2016, **Maureen Hinke Hahn** finished up her 25th year as a middle-school math teacher at St. Ursula School in Baltimore, MD. Even though challenging at times, she enjoys teaching as it forces her to keep up on technology. Maureen's 8th graders are very tech savvy and usually rescue her when she gets stuck!

Leah Rosenbrach Birch is still working as Nurse Manager of the pediatric unit at York Hospital. She is eligible to retire this year, but still loves her job. Leah plans to work another year or two, but grandbabies do keep coming! Son Chris and wife Melissa have an 18-month-old boy. Daughter Emily and husband Travis are expecting baby number one, a girl, in July. Leah's husband Mike is still practicing law and remains busy helping Chris with his farm.

Sue Christman Williams just returned from a visit with her grandchildren in North Carolina while their parents took a break. The family has spent the past year battling her daughter-in-law's breast cancer, including 20 weeks of chemo and a double mastectomy. The long-term prognosis is fabulous. Lauren, six, and John, four, have weathered it well. Soon Sue will be in Ohio and Michigan for a week with the other two grandkids - Thomas, seven and Nathan, five, and then again in October when Drew and Rachel head to West Point for their ten year class reunion. Sue formulates educational programs for the Maryland General Assembly and substitutes in a Special Education Center. She also volunteers as a Master Naturalist at Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary.

Martina Sabo is enjoying a new chapter of life teaching at a preschool three days a week and in the Arlington Public Schools the other two. She enjoyed a week in Costa Rica marking her 23rd country to visit. La Paz Waterfall Park was fantastic as Martina is a birder. She enjoyed many species, especially hummingbirds. She went zip lining for the first time and hopes to do it again somewhere that isn't 108 degrees.

Barbara Pios Werschkulus will be in the DC area along with son Jason and wife Danielle and son Chris for a family funeral and reunion. Chris and Barb will travel to Clarksburg, WV for the interment of her aunt, and then visit Gettysburg and Emmitsburg. She is looking forward to a trip to France in the early fall, traveling from Paris to Nice through the Loire Valley, seeing ancient cave drawings, then to beautiful Provence, Nice, and Monaco. She is taking a conversational French class in preparation, and some of the old high school French is coming back!

Dotita Cartagena Kafka retired early from teaching special education and now works as an interpreter with the Spanish-speaking people in the area. Eric is also retired so they have been traveling abroad and visiting the kids. Their daughter Sara, a stay at home mom, has two girls and a boy, five, three, and one. Their youngest Katie works as an OT for a travel company, currently in DC, but heading to Hawaii this summer to work in a school for a year. Guess they'll travel to visit her this winter. Eric's son Evan, a professional photographer, lives in Asheville and has a girl, ten and a boy, six. In May they got together with **Pam Hull Reilly** and her husband in Cape May, NJ. She has been in touch with **Maria Cola** and Martina Sabo.

Last September, **Nicky Young-Rachis** visited her son and his wife in northern England and plans to return

in the spring. Nicky just returned from a 65th birthday cruise to Alaska with her family. After returning to work, she was laid off due to downsizing. She has lived in Arizona for 28 years. So, she is decluttering her home and catching up on quilting projects. Her son is coming home for a week before he goes to Baltimore to teach. Nicky spent Memorial Day weekend with both sons, Danny and Mike.

After two years in Celebration, FL, **Anne Fischer Beattie** is happily back in New Jersey. She and Craig are so proud of son Joe who graduated from Coastal Carolina University with a marine science degree and is now pursuing his dream in the Coast Guard. **Donna Costandino Rochetti** and Anne get together often.

Pat Thornton Boulay became a grandmom! On May 25th, her oldest daughter Jennifer Boulay Conlon gave birth to Matthew Liam Conlon, six pounds, 12 ounces at birth, 20 inches long! Baby, Mom, and Dad Christian are doing well. They live in Gaithersburg, MD, which is close to Pat in Ellicott City.

Darryl and **Marie Glynn Thomas** visited Key West with **Gail Scavongelli** and her husband last year. Still English majors at heart, they had drinks at Jimmy Buffett's Margaritaville, visited the homes of President Truman and Papa Hemingway, and Hemingway's favorite bars, lunch at Sloppy Joe's, and a visit to Captain Tony's. They then went to Naples and drove through a section of the Everglades, took boat rides through the mangrove swamps and the bay, and a tram ride through alligator territory. Darryl and Marie spent a week in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia where they saw the wildfire that burned over 10,000 acres of the national park. They saw an entertaining play at the American Shakespeare Center in Staunton, VA and attended a dinner mystery show where their table won a prize! They also enjoyed a winery tour.

Gail Scavongelli won a silver medal in women's doubles at a pickle ball tournament in Naples, FL in February 2016. She retired in 2011 from the FBI as the executive in charge of computer operations and plays pickle ball every day. She spends the winter in Naples and the rest of the year in the Arlington, VA area where she and Marie Glynn Thomas are neighbors.

Pat McLarnen reports that her sister Eileen has enjoyed the SJC Reunions the past two years, and she is hoping to attend one of these years, at least for our 45th. She retired in 2014 after 20 years as an elementary school principal at the same school, with a total of 35 years in education. She has lived in Phoenix for 40 years. She and Michael have been married for 26 years and have a son Patrick who graduated from the University of Arizona in 2015 and is a grad student at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore studying for a PhD in math. Pat's main interests are birding and photography, and her husband created the site where you can see some of her photos at www.mcalarnen.com/birds.

Roseanne Szczur Montanaro's daughter Katie has a new baby, Colvin, who is such a delight. Last year grandson Jackson joined the Reading Buccaneers Drum and Bugle Corp and plays the baritone. At the awards banquet he received the award for the most improved and was chosen to be one of three drum majors for the marching band. Jackson was nominated by his high school music director for the Army all-American marching band. If chosen, he will go to San Antonio, TX on January 2nd to perform at the Army Bowl Game. Roseanne plans to go with Sarah. Rocco is in middle school and his artwork was displayed at the senior high school's art festival, as was Rosella's.

Mimi Ghosh Mangrobang moved to Hawaii 37 years ago with her family. They have no plans to move back to the mainland, as the weather is so much better there. Mimi has been working at Kapiolani Medical Center for Women & Children for 36 years in financial services. Her husband Bernardo is retired, and their two children Tim and Beck both work and live there. A professed Secular Franciscan, Mimi is active in her church in the Religious Education and Lector ministries.
Shirley Berrian Salzbrenner and husband Dick have a growing family, including a new dog. Daughter Becky and husband Connor adopted a little boy in February, an addition to their three children. Son Jeff and wife Christine have twin girls. Son Brad is still single.

Chris Wiberly Goglia is still working but planning a trip to Twain Harte, CA in August and to Hawaii in October for a nephew's wedding. Her son Kevin and his family are fine. Annabella, 11, and Ben, seven, are growing up fast.

Mark your calendars now for our 45th Reunion– Thursday, April 12 through Sunday, April 15, 2018 at the Wyndham Hotel, Gettysburg. Also, consider attending Reunion on a non-milestone year. Please continue to support the Association by paying dues.

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Hello to the ladies in the SJC Class of 1974! **Trudie Mangiaracina Glazewski, Jane Davis Gallagher, Paula Kozloski Swetley**, and **Barb Callan Bogia** are our class agents so please contact any one of us if you have news to share or contact information updates! Everyone has had a great year, and we would like to thank all those who have contacted us with your recent news.

Members of our class had an awesome time reconnecting at our 2016 SJC Reunion, and as always, there was lots of story sharing and laughter. This year **Kathy Fleming Glennon, Kathy Oliver Kadilak** and **Rosie Fama Waugh** made an appearance and were welcomed with open arms. It was just wonderful seeing them again, and they left with promises to return and to bring more classmates with them next year. Also in attendance were **Eileen "Irish" McAlarnen, Donna McCarthy Feld, Kathy Kerns Raubens, Jane Davis Gallagher, Paula Kozloski Swetley, Mary Ann McWhorter Riley, Mary Ellen Kirchner Pluemer,** Barb Callan Bogia, and Trudie Mangiaracina Glazewski. On Friday night we had a FaceTime appearance from **Patty Morel Murphy Lynch** from Cape Cod, and she promised to put next year's date on her calendar to join us. We had a great weekend touring the SJC campus, attending Mass at the Basilica, partying at the Banquet on Saturday night, and celebrating every moment in between while renewing friendships and having the best time ever!

Following the Banquet, the class of 1966 invited our class to join them in their suite where they asked us to share our story about how we experienced the closing of Joe's and how it impacted our lives. Both classes agreed that we return because it was a special time and place in our lives, and the friendships and bonds that continue to exist are a result of our shared experiences during our college years. The class of 1974 members will continue to support the Saint Joseph College Alumnae Association financially and with our presence in order to keep the SJCAA "Stayin' Alive!"

Donna McCarthy Feld says that she has the best news year this year because daughter Rebecca will be getting married this fall in Cape May, NJ. Donna is currently closing a chapter as a social worker but will continue at the Common Ground Grief Center working with children, teens and surviving parents. Future plans are traveling and some fun with Eileen "Irish" McAlarnen in Cape May this September.

Nadine Brainard Smith has had an exciting year as she retired from nursing in 2013 and finally let go of her Retired Nursing License last year. This past year daughter Julie delivered her second set of twins, and their other daughter MaryBeth got an adorable Golden-doodle puppy, bringing a total of seven grandchildren under age five and one big puppy. Nadine and husband Gary spend much of their time with the grandchildren, entertaining family, and traveling to Savannah, Myrtle Beach, and New York City.

Kathy Oliver Kadilak is thrilled to report the birth of her first grandchild Edith Christine, who was born on January 4, 2016, one day before Kathy's birthday. The best birthday gift imaginable!

Jocelyn Law-Yone and her daughter Simone Jacobson have pioneered a business in Washington, DC called Toli Moli, which features falooda, a favorite dessert drink of Jojo's youth in Rangoon, Burma. She invites all to stop by.

Mary Garrott Taylor is having fun keeping up with St., Joe's gals on Facebook. She is presently living in Virginia and plans to attend Reunion next year. It's been 43 years since she has seen anyone from Joe's, but this year she got together with former roommate Rosie Fama Waugh as well as Jane Davis Gallagher in Florida. Mary has been married to Rich for 35 years, and they have two daughters. Kristy, 34, who lives in Richmond, VA and has 11-month-old twin boys and Nikki, 31, married in May 2015, owns Sweet Ladies Bakery. Mary taught Special Education for severely and profoundly handicapped for seven years. She has taught Jazzercise for 30 years and owns the franchise, but is currently

cutting back. She and Rich bought a small home in The Villages, FL and are testing it out this year, but she is still not sure if she can stand to be away from the twin grandsons for longer than a few weeks.

Lynn Kemp Mack says that seeing all the old pictures on Facebook of us as "babies" was really amazing and touching and plans to attend the next Reunion. Lynn expressed that life has been quite a ride. After 42 years, four kids, four college tuitions, four weddings, 11 house constructions, a few extra moves for good measure, 9/11 survival, a stroke, and nearly losing two of her kids to health crises, they are in the process of yet another move. Lynn has seen Steve and **Roseann Curran** often socially, as they are mutual friends with Frank and **Mary Carol Lidinsky**. Rosie was one of her bridesmaids back in '73, and Lynn is looking forward to getting together with her in the fall.

Mary McFadden Molinaro informed us that through the generosity of a friend two years ahead of us at MSM, a substantial amount was placed in a fund at the Mount, titled the Joseph S. Molinaro Scholarship, awarded the last two years to an accounting student. Mary was really touched as Joe really valued education.

Barb Callan Bogia has been busy with her management consulting work and is involved in her new church and community in Massachusetts. Barb and husband Dave enjoyed spending 11 days in Aruba and two months in West Palm Beach in the beginning of this year, and in the Spring enjoyed another adventure traveling the Grand Circle Majestic Tour of the National State Parks. They had fun meeting up with Ray and Mary Ellen Kirchner Pluemer in Aruba and Florida. Barb and Dave stop over at Mary Ellen and Ray's when they leave their Florida escape and travel home to Massachusetts.

Barb has also joined Trudie, Jane, and Paula as a class agent and is leading the way to help encourage donations for the Class of 1974 gift for our 50th SJC Reunion for 2024. An email addressing our 50th gift was sent out to everyone with a current address in April 2016 so if you did not receive it, or if you would like more information, please contact any of your class agents at the emails above.

Paula Kozloski Swetley and husband Mark (MSM '73) have been enjoying their retirement, traveling to Florida several times a year. During a recent trip to the west coast they visited their daughter and family in Safety Harbor and celebrated their grandson Jack's sixth birthday. They also took a day trip to see Jane Davis Gallagher and husband Jim (MSM '73) at their winter home in Venice where both couples enjoyed a beautiful day at the beach and a delicious lunch. Paula and Mark vacationed in Aruba in June.

Jim and Jane Davis Gallagher spent their third winter in Venice, FL enjoying the many activities of the warm weather. They were able to visit with Matt and Mary Ann McWhorter Riley as well as Mark and Paula. Facebook connected Jane with Mary Garrott Taylor, and they were able to enjoy a glass of wine together and reminisce about their days in Emmitsburg as well as their newfound love of pickle ball.

Mary Ann McWhorter Riley and husband Matt (MSM '73) are celebrating their 42nd anniversary, while reminiscing about their memorable college days at Joe's and the Mount and being thankful for so many friends. They are quite busy keeping up with five grandchildren, wintering in Naples, FL, traveling to Jekyll Island, GA and enjoying their 30th summer on Long Beach Island, NJ.

Patti Touhey Bargnes and husband Oscar found a house they love on Cape Cod last year, stay there as much as possible during the summer, and hope to retire there in a couple years. Patti and Oscar visited Rome, Prague and Budapest in the spring with fellow St. Joe's alumna **Becky Rutherford Dacey**. Becky and Patti spent a month backpacking through Europe 40 years ago after they graduated from college and will spend Memorial Day in Rome for their 40th European Reunion Tour. No backpacks this time!

Kathy Kerns Raubens returned to "what should have been" her 40th SJC Reunion. A member of the Class of 1964, celebrating her 50th reunion, explained that the SJC Alumnae Association was independent of the Daughters of Charity, whom she held responsible for the way the college was closed. This was an "Oprah" moment for Kathy who decided to support the SJCAA and the class of 1974 by returning to as many Reunions as possible to reconnect with the wonderful girls she met in Emmitsburg in the summer of 1970.

Ray and Mary Ellen Kirchner Pluemer have adjusted to retirement wonderfully and spend most of their time doing home projects and traveling. Recent trips include Alaska, Ireland, Southern Caribbean, the Outer Banks, and Florida where they spent time with Dave and Barb Callan Bogia. They have also enjoyed playing with granddaughter Alexis and volunteering for various people in need. Mary Ellen's involvement with

a garden club has been fun, and her son, a landscape architect, has helped with a large remodel of the Children's Garden at Cromwell Valley Park in Baltimore County. After 40 years in the Baltimore County school system, they are able to do whatever they want, whenever they want!

Sue Arn McCarthy and **Margee Koffler** shared a wonderful five days at Margee's home in Lexington, KY. "Old friends are the best friends. We had a wonderful time!" Sue and husband Mike welcomed their sixth grandchild, Maren McCarthy Hopper, on May 10th and consider themselves blessed to have a healthy and beautiful granddaughter.

Trudie Mangiaracina Glazewski and husband Rich continue to enjoy grandsons Caden, five, and Connor, two, who fill their lives with so much fun, laughter, and activity that it keeps them on their toes. Trudie is happily beginning her 38th year in Special Education, working with multi-ply disabled students in Pennsylvania.

Have a great year, everyone, and don't forget to pay your dues and contribute to our class gift! Also, please join us at the next SJCAA Reunion on March 23-27, 2017. Save the date, attend Reunion weekend, and have a great time reconnecting with our Class of 1974 Joe's girls! Hope to see you there!

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We regret we did not receive news from the Class of 1975 for this issue of *The Valley Echo.*

IN *Memoriam*

1920's AND 1930's

Elizabeth Beckman '24 (01/01/1985)
Anna M. Eckenrode '28
Anna Agnes Joseph '31 (03/04/2013)
Agnes Lind Kaufman '31 (07/31/1989)
Helen Vanier Knott '33 (05/07/2001)
Ruth Hoke Koch '35 (07/20/2010)
Claire Krug '35 (01/10/2009)
Anne Mahoney '36 (09/01/1976)
Elizabeth Roach McIntyre '36 (12/20/1992)
Nora Dillon Crego '36 (09/08/2013)
Lillian Joan Boyle '36 (07/11/2015)
Margaret Gillelan Wood-Hays '36 (06/17/2015)
Kathleen McGarrity Taggart '36 (01/01/2008)
Katherine Murphy Damstra '37 (12/30/1988)
Margaret Dombroske Dudra '37 (03/21/1995)
Catherine McNanny '37 (08/01/1973)
Margaret Schuster Smith '37
Sara Olivia McDermitt Hoffman '38 (11/05/2012)
Catherine Jentzen Storms '38 (02/20/1990)
Julia Walsh Werner '38 (11/01/1980)
Eileen Canada Whitty '38 (05/13/2000)
Fern Burgess Wittstadt '39 (09/18/2007)
Rita Norris Remavege Priest '39, mother of **Rita Remavege Ford '65** (11/07/2014)

1940's

Ann Bertella Quinlan '40 (11/24/2015)
Monica Helen Bagiackas Moore '41 (12/19/2015)
Mary Jane McCaffrey O'Leary '43 (05/04/2013)
Johanna Marie Downey Hanson '46 (01/17/2016)
Teresa Jones Eller '46 (03/23/2016)
Eleanor Johnson Hararwala '47 (04/08/2010)
Margaret Ethel Barch Virgin '47 (03/04/2010)
Elizabeth Mullan Wynne '47 (2011)
Mary Magdalen Besche Pease '47 (12/25/2014)
Mary Theresa (Terry) Conover '47 (02/26/2015)
Sister Mary Jean Crumb, DC '48 (11/30/2012)
Sister Helen (Jo) Sigrist, RSM '49 (2016)
Bill, husband of **Cecile Begnoche Kelly '49** (08/2015)
Phil, husband of **Mary E. (Betsy) Shlesinger '49** (10/2015)

1950's

Martha Jean Doherty Dowd '50 (11/16/2014)
Antoinette Marie Savino '50 (03/20/2016)
Carolyn Murray McGreevey '50 (05/14/2016)
Rosemary Powers Booker '51 (07/05/2005)
Lois Hasenauer Treacy '52 (02/10/2016)
Harry, husband of **Rose Doran Brown '52** (01/2016)
Sister Catherine Witte, DC '52 (09/03/2013)
Joan (Jinx) Moody McCormick '53 (10/11/2010)
Eneida Gonzalez Barlow '54 (11/04/2015)
James (Jim) Burelbach, husband of **Romaine Smith Burelbach '54** (03/31/2016)

Mary Louise Rippey Egan '54 (05/01/2016)
Margaret (Peggy) Immer Rafferty '54 (05/21/2016)
Myrna Sepulveda Otero '54 (06/17/2016)
Jacqueline Hemler Cummings '55 (06/03/2016)
Bob, husband of **Betty Brown Shea '55** (04/17/2016)
Nancy M. Ervin '56 (10/28/2015)
Dora Andrews Wagner '56 (11/14/2015)
Marilyn May Olsiewski '57 (02/17/2012)
Maryon Wasilifsky Melvin '57 (11/03/2014)
Helen Mullaney Coyne '57 (12/12/2015)
Gloria Verdi Kane '57 (10/21/12)
Margaret Anne Drennan Platt '57 (11/13/2015)
Rebecca Gloyd Walker '58 (12/12/2015)
Sister Georgia Brezler DC '58 (01/19/2016)
Dorothy Wortman Anderson '58 (2009)
Sister Barbara McEnaney, DC '58 (11/17/2015)
Sister Carminelite Germinario, DC '59 (11/23/2010)
Husband of **Norma Carosi Godwin '59** (06/06/2015)

Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.
- 1 John 3:2

1960's

Ann McCabe Moran '60 (02/22/2015)
Sister Elizabeth Ann Baldino, DC '60
Sister Julia McKenna, DC '60 (04/11/2003)
Dr. John Scarpa, husband of **Gerri Gut Scarpa '60** (04/23/2016)
Jerome Shea, husband of **Nancy Gill Shea '60** (07/19/2015)
Nancy Hart O'Neal '61 (06/01/2013)
Sister Mary Matthew Mahar, DC '61 (10/16/2010)
Virginia Lee Novier Levin '62 (08/20/2014)
Amina Mendoza-Tio '63 (09/22/2014)
Sister Margaret Theresa Kobosinski, DC '63 (02/16/2009)
Sister Margaret Rose McLaughlin, DC '63 (10/30/2015)
Una Driscoll Meyer '63 (08/07/2016)
John Patrick McManmon, husband of **Elizabeth (Betty) Meagher McManmon '64** (10/13/2015)
Agatha Damico, mother of **Chrystie Damico Goles '64** (06/10/2016)
Sister Catherine Marie McGranary, DC '65 (06/18/2016)
Fred Sheheen, husband of **Rose Serio Sheheen '66** and cousin of **Carol Sheheen Pappas '66** (06/06/2016)
Sister DeSales McNamee DC '67 (11/30/2015)
Sister Evelyn McCarte, DC '67 (03/05/2016)
Sister Francis Marie Lanasa DC '68 (01/16/2016)
Patricia Walsh McKay '69 (03/09/2004)
Sister James Regina Rankin DC '69 (12/12/2015)
Maurice J. Conley III, husband of **Patricia Zeigler Conley '69** (10/12/2015)
Mary Joanne Palumbo Hutson '69 (05/09/2015)
Patricia Ellen Kiernan Lacefield '69 (02/21/2001)

1970's

Carol Sue Hemelt-Hansen '70 (02/19/2016)
Barbara Schneider Heilemann '71 (10/02/2015)
Catherine Donovan Tuominer '71
Mary Margaret Kysel Rubin '72 (09/03/2014)
Margaret Szczur, mother of **Roseanne Szczur Montanaro '73** (11/2014)
James J. Laughlin, husband of **Anne M. Steinour Laughlin '73** (06/19/2016)
Mary, mother of **Eileen Cassidy Hartman '74** (02/14/2015)
Linda Strohmeyer Harris '74 (09/16/08)

SJC Reunion 2017 *March 23 – 26*

Mark your calendar and make plans to attend SJC Reunion 2017!!

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 "2" and "7". Remember, 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 2017.

"Fabulous! We talked and talked and talked like nothing else. It is a step back in time to reconnect. Magic!"
-Jane Davis Marden '66

"Congratulations on a wonderful Reunion. The Class of '71 had a fantastic time recalling past times and creating new memories together. I had a smile on my face, being back in the Valley with everyone again."
Susan Roach Thomey '71

Schedule

THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2017

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, and then meet friends and classmates for dinner.

FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 2017

Reconnect - and take the opportunity to visit our former campus enjoying a box lunch in the Student Center, followed by an informal tour. Take time to read the bricks outside the chapel. **Have you left your footprint??**

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.

Rewind - with classmates at a Friday evening Class dinner prepared specially for each Milestone class. During the past five reunions at the Wyndham, groups large and small have held Friday evening class dinners there with great success. As Alumnae Joan Durante Beaudry '71 notes "Had a fantastic time at the class dinner reconnecting with all my friends."

Class agents please contact Reunion Chair Jean Givens Denney '69 to arrange a private dinner.

SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2017

Recharge - with a SJCAA Buffet Breakfast and the Annual Meeting. Enjoy a bit of history with an informal presentation by Dee Gallo, Archivist for the Daughters of Charity, on the role of St. Joseph's and the Daughters of Charity during the Civil War. 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 of our Golden Jubilarians. Photos of Milestone Classes and all honorees will be taken following the banquet.

SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2017

Enjoy a quick continental breakfast 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" with your classmates in the Wyndham as you view yearbooks.

Remember ~ Reunion weekend is the time to reconnect!! We look forward to seeing you March 23 – 26, 2017 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 2017. 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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