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The Class of '62 marks their 55th Reunion

The Class of '72 together for their 45th Reunion

50th Reunion

The Class of '67 celebrates their 50th Reunion

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We hope you enjoy this edition!

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Welcome to The Valley Echo 2017

I hope that everyone had a fun summer and enjoyed time with family and friends.

The St. Joseph College Alumnae Association (SJCAA) 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 2017--and not dip into our savings to meet expenses. Thank you for your continued support through tax-deductible dues, donations, and bequests.

Another key to continuing our association, especially reunions, is volunteers. Thank you to the loyal alumnae who work so hard throughout the year to manage our finances, maintain 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 t**hank you** to all! Without our volunteer corps, we could not sustain our association. We continue to be amazed that we are still running strong 44 years after the closing of our college in 1973. Our alumnae are really quite a dynamic group!

The classes of '47, '52, '57, '62, '67, and '72 had a wonderful time at Reunion 2017. The rooms were filled with excited alumnae reconnecting so many years after their days at SJC. We are counting down the SJCAA organized Reunions--eight to go until 2025. It is wonderful to see that classes are beginning to return even in their non-milestone years in order to celebrate their years together at SJC. We invite all of the classes that have attended Saint Joseph College, no matter what year, to return to Reunion 2018, to be held April 12-15 at the Wyndham Hotel in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

During Reunion 2017, we awarded our third group of SJCAA scholarships for the 2017-2018 school year to an incoming junior and an incoming senior at Mount St. Mary's University. Thank you for your generous donations to this scholarship fund at the Mount. 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. Please direct any questions to our alumnae liaison Kathleen Hollenbeck in the Alumnae Office at office@sjcaa.org or 301.447.5075.

Our SJC Alumnae Association is strong and headed toward our remaining years thanks to the tireless work and dedication of your former president, Karen Mattscheck. Karen continues as vice president of the association, and I would like to thank her for her continuing support and work with SJCAA. I believe, along with every SJCAA board member and committee member, that we will be able to continue thriving as an association until our goal of 2025.

Finally, a huge thank you to all of the volunteers who make *The Valley Echo* possible--the class agents who supply the news, the contributors, the proof readers, and our managing editor, Maryann Lesso '70, for coordinating content and readying it for design, printing, and distribution.

My best wishes to all for a beautiful autumn, a joyful holiday season, and a healthy and happy New Year.

Trudie

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GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT SJCAA ANNUAL DUES

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

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

The invoice indicates

a. The year for which dues are being collected; and
b. The date that the dues are to be received in the SJCAA office

An example to explain the SJCAA's dues procedure:

In **October 2017**, the Association will send invoices or bills to all alumnae for their **2018** ANNUAL DUES. Annual Dues for 2018 are due at the time the 2018 dues invoice is received by an alumna. **2018 Dues sent to the office as late as June 30, 2018** 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

2017 DUES PERCENTAGES

Class	TOTAL	FY17	Percentage
1928 Total	1	0	0.0%
1932 Total	1	0	0.0%
1933 Total	1	0	0.0%
1935 Total	1	0	0.0%
1936 Total	1	0	0.0%
1939 Total	5	1	20.0%
1940 Total	1	0	0.0%
1941 Total	5	2	40.0%
1942 Total	3	0	0.0%
1943 Total	10	1	10.0%
1944 Total	9	1	11.1%
1945 Total	9	3	33.3%
1946 Total	9	2	22.2%
1947 Total	13	9	69.2%
1948 Total	19	9	47.4%
1949 Total	21	8	38.1%
1950 Total	20	10	50.0%
1951 Total	23	8	34.8%
1952 Total	25	10	40.0%
1953 Total	17	4	23.5%
1954 Total	26	11	42.3%
1955 Total	21	11	52.4%
1956 Total	26	16	61.5%
1957 Total	34	13	38.2%
1958 Total	45	21	46.7%
1959 Total	44	12	27.3%
1960 Total	40	17	42.5%
1961 Total	64	32	50.0%
1962 Total	53	17	32.1%
1963 Total	78	37	47.4%
1964 Total	107	53	49.5%
1965 Total	96	41	42.7%
1966 Total	94	27	28.7%
1967 Total	106	38	35.8%
1968 Total	154	56	36.4%
1969 Total	145	45	31.0%
1970 Total	127	49	38.6%
1971 Total	109	33	30.3%
1972 Total	83	41	49.4%
1973 Total	101	28	27.7%
1974 Total	104	20	19.2%
1975 Total	58	0	0.0%
TOTAL	**1910**	**690**	**36.1%**

36.1% participation from a Solicitable base of 1910 SJC alumnae – 690 alumnae paid $52,927.00

KAREN MATTSCHECK '72 HONORED WITH LEGACY AWARD

Karen Mattscheck '72 received the annual Legacy Award for 2017 at the annual SJC Alumnae Reunion in March. The award was presented by Trudie Mangiaracina Glazewski '74, president of the St. Joseph College Alumnae Association (SJCAA).

Karen has been actively involved in the SJCAA for many decades. She served her first term on the board from 1999-2003, and has been active on the board again since 2006, managing the registration area at Reunion with her class since 2006 and serving as Reunion chair in 2010, as SJCAA vice president from 2011-2014, and president from 2014–2017. Karen has distinguished herself by her committed advocacy for our college and her class. As class agent, she has generated enthusiasm and (more important) her class's participation in the association--a real feat for any of the classes from the '70s.

Beyond her dedication to the association, Karen radiates a joy in doing so much for our school. As a result of her leadership and passion for keeping the SJCAA "all together," we are able to look ahead to many more Reunions for all classes and continued efforts for the many causes that the SJCAA supports.

In presenting the award, Trudie pointed out Karen's own words in describing what the association means to her, "Serving on the board has been a particular joy for me. I have made friendships outside my class which I will cherish for the rest of my life. Reunions have been a wonderful experience as I have met so many of you who love the Valley as much as I do."

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 2017-2018

The St. Joseph College Alumnae Scholarship at Mount St. Mary's University (MSMU) is an endowed scholarship funded by alumnae and friends of St. Joseph College. At Reunion 2017, Kathryn Tombs and Isabel Ross were announced as the recipients of the scholarship for academic year 2017-2018.

Kathryn Tombs is a member of the class of 2018. She is a rising senior who was also awarded the SJCAA Scholarship at MSM last year as a junior. Kathryn has a double major in Spanish and Theology and has a goal of doing mission service work with a religious order or Catholic organization. She is also interested in working in Hispanic faith ministry within the United States. Kathryn has consistently been on the Dean's list throughout her college career. She is active in the Mount St. Mary's Information Technology Support Center and works during summers for the PALS program for Academic and Leadership skills in Washington, DC.

Isabel Ross is a member of the class of 2019. She is a rising junior with a double major as well, studying History and Secondary Education Social Studies. Isabel is from Colorado and was drawn to the Mount because of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. She has a goal of becoming an educator who will encourage her students to think deeply and use critical thinking about the world around them. Isabel notes that there is a lack of empathy and compassion in the world today and would like to instill those characteristics in her students as they become the future leaders of the world. She is on the Mount's track and field team and a student worker at the School of Education and Human Services. Isabel has been on the Dean's list since her freshman year.

If you wish further information about the SJCAA scholarship program at MSMU, please contact Kathleen Hollenbeck in the Alumnae Office at office@sjcaa.org or 301.447.5075

REUNION 2017 PHOTO *Gallery*

Rita Gisriel Cole '67 and Laura Munch Gouthreau '67 check the yearbook for college memories

(from left) Fermina DeLillis Evans '67, Maryann Lesso '70, Florence DeLessio Marchettti '67, Susan Stay Valenti '70 and Nicki Norris Lingg enjoy a laugh at the Social Hour

Members of the Class of '72 celebrating their 45th Reunion

Members of the Class of '67 enjoy chatting at the Saturday breakfast

Dee Gallo, Daughter of Charity Archivist, accepts Honorary Alumnae recognition from Mary Ann Wiberley Shattuck '70 Reunion Chair

Suzanne Geho Rymer '67 carries the banner to begin the procession at the Alumnae Mass

Carol Vessel Auth and Anne Diller Welkener represent the Class of '62

Karen Mattscheck '72 accepts the 2017 Legacy Award from Trudie Mangiaracina Glazewski '74, SJCAA President

Debbie Curley-Reid '72 and Sandy Cardella Speicher '72

Cathy Homan Winslow '72 and Anita Codey '72

Nikki Norris Lingg '67 serves as Cross Bearer

Mary Kay Wall Oliver '67 and Louise Gorman Manetta '67

Linda Raudenbush '72
and Chris Mele '72

Kathy Kelleher Sohn '67 lights candles in memory of deceased Alumnae as Trudie Mangiaracina Glazewski '74 reads names and Jane Garrett Nolan '71, Cantor looks on

Candle Bearers Kathleen Flynn Gaffney '67
and Kathleen Sheehan Horn '67

All classes gather prior to the banquet

Fr. Michael Messaro is assisted by Deacon Fred Mauser, husband of Mary Alice Freide Mauser '67 as Server Maryann Lesso '70, and Eucharistic Ministers Rita Gisriel Cole '67, Mary Rosenberger Lynch '67, Suzanne Blauvelt Piccolo '67 and Jean Suelau Allman '67 look on

Members of the Golden Class enjoy the Social Hour

Class of ’67 enjoying the Social Hour

Another group of the Class of ’67
enjoying the Social Hour

The Class of ’74 at the Social Hour

Class of ’72 members at the banquet

Class of ’72 members at the banquet

Class of ’72 members at the banquet

Class of ’67 members at the banquet

Class of ’61 shares a table with the Class of ’63

Class of ’67 members at the banquet

Class of ’67 members at the banquet

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Class of ’72 members at the banquet

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Class of ’67 members at the banquet

Ann Wyllie Mulroy '67 accepts the Sr. Mary Ellen Kelley award for highest number of alumnae attending Reunion awarded to the Class of '67

◀ Karen Mattscheck '72 displays the Hassell Cup for the highest percent of class alumnae attending reunion while Maureen Maloy Biggers '72 displays the Class of '52 Award for largest number of guests attending

▲ Florence DeLessio Marchetti '67 pictures life at SJC when the Golden Girls were there

Guests of the Class of '72 with the Class of '52 Award

The Banquet ends with the traditional singing of *All Together* ▶

REUNION 2017

"All Together, All Together Still Still We Meet." These words aptly describe Reunion 2017. We had members of the milestone Class of '67 celebrating their Golden Jubilee along with the Class of '72 celebrating their 45th and the Class of '62 celebrating their 55th. We also had classmates not celebrating a milestone but coming to join in the fun of Reunion.

Wine Social - The Thursday Wine Social, hosted by the SJCAA Board, has become a great start to Reunion as more and more classmates are arriving Thursday to make it a long weekend. It is the place to find old friends, some returning for the first time, and meet new alumnae from other classes.

Campus Visit - Merril Sollenberger, our FEMA contact on campus, continues to provide a wonderful tour showing us as much of our old college as possible. It all starts with a box lunch in the Student Center. This year the Class of '72 decided to try something new. They arranged to stay in the Student Center after the tour, having the bar in the "Pines" opened and playing music on the jukebox recreating their memories of long ago. Linda Raudenbush '72 said "It was the best. A high point was time on campus, with our free form class meeting, going to so many buildings. Our guide, Merril from FEMA, is exceptional. The class is vital and I am very proud of all of us."

Class Dinners - Friday evening everyone was back at the Wyndham with the milestone classes hosting their individual class dinners. The Jubilee Class of '67 was decked out in gold for their Golden Anniversary. The Class of '72 enjoyed a video put together by Joe Doherty, MSM '70 and husband of Mary Mehl Doherty, '72. It was balanced, got the vibe of the time they were in college and captured all of their classmates. It was a joy to watch during their dinner. The Class of '62 was small in number but mighty in camaraderie.

Saturday Breakfast and Annual Meeting - The board changed the Saturday format this year to give more alumnae a chance to attend the Annual Meeting. Saturday morning was our big buffet breakfast, Annual Meeting, and our guest speaker Dr. Dee Gallo. New board members were sworn in, the finances of the association were discussed, and Dr. Gallo was inducted into our Alumnae Association as a member of the Class of '70 with all the rights and privileges. Her talks at our breakfasts have become a highlight of Reunion as she dispels some of the myths we learned while at Joe's.

The Mass at the Basilica was celebrated by Rev. Mike Messaro, MMSC and, as always, the Jubilee Class of '67 led the ceremony.

Reunion Banquet - The banquet is always a special time when we all come together as one. Florence DeLessio Marchetti, Class of '67 gave a wonderful speech titled "Picture This" as she told of times long ago in the '60s and times now in 2017. The Hassel Cup was awarded to the Class of '72. The Class of '67 won the Sister Mary Ellen Kelley Award. The Husbands/Friends Cup was won by the rowdy group of husbands from the Class of '72. To say they were thrilled is an understatement! Our Alma Mater was sung to close the evening.

Sunday morning was a farewell continental breakfast. Time for goodbyes and also promises to keep in touch and return to the Valley once again.

Reunion Memories - "Anyone who missed this, missed the time of their life" a sentiment expressed by Cathy Homan Winslow '72. Mary Morel Ingram '72 said "It was wonderful, I cried so much! I'll be back! Anita Cody '72 added "I would recommend Reunion to all as an opportunity to meet older and younger alumnae who attended SJC. It was great talking to other classes who were at Reunion." From the Class of '65 Jane Brennan said "as usual Reunion was wonderful. Dee Gallo's talk was great." Sharon Grady and Jane Sutton agreed it was great having the Annual Meeting on Saturday instead of Sunday and also loved Dee Gallo. Ann Welkener '62 said "it was a great Reunion. Fantastic! And Chris Roos Mehl '70 said "This was the best Reunion yet! We did a lot of catching up in a short time."

Making New Memories - Mark your calendars for April 12-15, 2018. Come and renew friendships, reminisce about past memories, and make new memories. Remember, the board is working to continue Reunions through 2025~which means only eight more. We would love to see you all at Reunion.

Class News

1947

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Congratulations to the members of our Class of 1947 on our 70th Anniversary of our graduation from St. Joseph College. It was on Tuesday, June 3, 1947 that 38 of us received our Bachelor degrees. Bishop John M. McNamara, D.D. presided, and Judy Morris gave the Valedictory address. She spoke on "The Modern Pagan Mind and How to Combat It." Judy was always ahead of her time, and I believe her words would still be very appropriate today.

Betty Boggs Cunningham wrote at Christmas that she still lives alone, still drives, and still enjoys her grandchildren. **Irene Campbell Seitz** says she now uses a cane because she has trouble with her balance. She is very thankful that otherwise she is enjoying good health. Irene has five great grandchildren now and loves them all. **Cecilia Gallagher Pascuzzi** wrote that she was not going to Reunion because she does not drive that far anymore as she will be 90 years young in January. Recently **Jane Reiter Miller** surprised her with a phone call, and they had a great "chat." Celie's family of six and their families were coming to celebrate her birthday, and she was delighted that even her son Patrick from Florida planned to attend. Celie said her life is great and her health is good.

Catherine Schneider Hinkey wrote that 2016 was a good year for her as she had a good report from her doctor and feels wonderful. She is hoping that 2017 will be the same. **Cathie Robitaille** said she thanks God for all she can do even though her movements are slower these days and she does not get much done. She did help at her church bazaar and was in charge of the "Sweet Shoppe." Her daughter Joyce comes down from Atlanta quite often and is a big help. Cathie uses a cane and moves along slowly and prays with every step that she does not fall. She ended by saying that she is grateful she can rise every morning and drive herself to attend Mass.

Norma Walker Stec began her letter by saying that her life with husband Frank is the same but they have gradually slowed down. Norma said she had worked for more than 30 years as an election judge and when she had the opportunity to sign up for the last presidential election, she pondered it for at least two weeks. She loved the job and hated to give it up but her common sense told her it was time to quit. Her walking leaves much to be desired, and she knew that with the type of crowds that could be expected, she would probably wish she had stayed at home, so she did. Norma said that the job gave her such a good feeling and was very rewarding, however the pay was rather meager. Norma said she is still treasurer of her garden club. At Christmas she completed their annual Christmas green sale that she has done for 30 years. Their yard still supports the deer family they have in their area who eat everything she tries to grow except the daffodils. Last year they had two sets of twins and a single fawn. Norma says: "They know they will not be harmed around us and consequently they stand and watch us frequently." Norma says that she and Frank are pretty much the same in all aspects of life-- keeping the doctors in business and doing what they like a lot of the time. She says, "Our health is very good for 'old people.'"

Judy Morris began her note with an update on her health. She seems to have beaten the odds with her congestive heart failure. The cardiologist told her that she needed open heart surgery for a narrowing aortic valve and without the surgery she would only have a year to live. This was back in December 2013 and today she is feeling fine. Judy said that after 40 years of worrying how the roof is doing, does the house need painting, and will the wind bring down the tree again in a neighbor's yard, she is most grateful for a place where she no longer has to worry about these things as she now lives at Linden Ponds Retirement Community. She says that there is such an army of walkers or upscale motor chairs here that a certain alertness is called for especially when she is heading for the dining room. Judy's older nephew George passed away but his daughter Shannon has moved to nearby Rockland, MA. Shannon brings her two-year-old daughter to visit every week, filling the place with childhood excitement and showing her precocity by twice pulling the emergency cord which brought security running en masse!

Molly Fitzgerald Lawson wrote that life continues to be pleasant filling her with good feelings inside. She said that if she had expected to reach 91 that she thought she would feel "old" but it hasn't happened yet. Her body is well except for both legs and some balance problems mostly due to the lateral scoliosis that has developed in recent years. Mostly she feels able to engage in all that is going on in the political realm and in the world today. Molly said her family keeps in touch and there were reunions at Thanksgiving and during the Christmas season. The grandchildren are all doing well in college and beginning their careers. Frances is still "my guardian angel" and makes everyday life so comfortable. She makes sure I am up in time to watch the Mass on Catholic TV.

I talked to Jane Reiter Miller on the phone. Jane is well and continues to enjoy living in her Arlington, VA apartment saying that she has wonderful living arrangements and is well taken care of. She has a person who lives in and prepares meals and takes care of minor chores in the apartment and a person who drives her wherever she wants to go. Jane has two grandsons and seven great grandchildren. She is supportive of the St. Joseph's Scholarship Fund as she realizes how important the financial assistance is for the students who have financial needs. Jane will be 92 in July and is most grateful that everything is fine in her life.

Recently I heard that God had called two more of our members to their eternal reward. E**lizabeth Fitzgerald Garner** died on June 21, 2015. She had attended St. Joseph's High School before coming to the College. Cathie Robitaille was in her class in high school. **Anita Coronel Jones** died on March 25, 2017 after spending several years in a nursing home in Frederick, MD. Please keep Betty and Anita in your prayers. Of our 38 graduates nine of us are still living at 90 years of age plus and are keeping in touch. On May 31st the last Daughters of Charity left Lourdes Hospital and the Binghamton, NY area. We had served there since 1925 in the hospital and later in two elementary schools, a high school, and in parish ministry. A Farewell Mass of Celebration was held prior to the end of May. I had hoped to attend but due to a couple of health problems decided it would be best not to go. I still use a cane and the energy level is not what it used to be. However over all, I am doing quite well for 90 years and am grateful to God for the health that I still do have. I still watch the Yankees and NASCAR on TV, read, go out to lunch, and shopping now and then. I am glad to be your Class Agent and hope that you will be in touch so that God willing, I can send another report next year. Let us continue to pray for each other as well as for those members of our class Our Lord has called to their eternal reward.

1948

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Greetings to the wonderful ladies of the Saint Joseph College class of 1948. I haven't heard from many of you in a while, and I haven't been too successful in making phone connections. I did have the opportunity to talk with **Sheila Broderick** who is recovering from a back injury. She had major disc surgery but is happily now back in the pool doing her laps.

Tree Dougherty Black was getting ready for Disneyland and Orlando, FL the following week with her family. She had therapy on her right knee and reports that she is doing well.

Pat Hultberg Hyde now has a pacemaker, and she experienced a bad shoulder around Christmas time. She says that she is in good health and enjoying many new friends in her community.

Marion Shueler Werner has announced that she has quit traveling and is now encouraging her family to come to visit her. She is still busy volunteering three days a week and chauffeuring her friends around town.

I just returned from Ireland~two weeks of fun all around the coast~beautiful!

So, let's hear it from all of you for next year—our BIG 70th. Will I see you at Reunion on the weekend of April 12–15, 2018?

1949

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Well, my beloved classmates, another year has passed and I am happy to report that I was able to contact most of the "forty-niners." We might be classified as elderly because of our age but based on the busy lives of some, I think senior citizen is a more apt description. And you can get the discount in many places at age 55.

Among the early responders to my call for news was **Nell Voltaire Davidson**, who is still in Orlando. She

said her youngest grandchild Carolyne, who just graduated from high school, is going to Princeton in the fall and will be playing soccer. Except for AFib, Nell is well and is living independently in her apartment. She told me that she enjoys reading about our classmates. **Mary Catherine Whelan Justice** wrote that she and Nell were in touch by phone recently and had a long chat. She is so much better than she was at the end of last year, and she credits physical therapy and her own determination. God bless her. We rejoice in her significant improvement.

Cecile Begnoche Kelly also responded and continues to live a busy life. She said she attended some inspiring and thought-provoking seminars last fall and winter on some great theologians and spiritual writers. The seminars are sponsored by her parish, and she appreciates being able to take advantage of them. She recommends a book by Nina Riggs, *Bright Hour*, which is reminiscent of her daughter's experience with cancer. Lastly, she said she has some major home projects to complete, and her sons will help her when they visit with their families. **Rose Bravo** was able to email me with a short message about her Parkinson's condition. She has been anointed and has received the Sacraments for which she thanks the Lord. She can't have visitors nor speak on the phone. She said she prays for all of us.

I spoke with **Ruth Wyatt Sweeney** briefly but we had a poor connection, and she was feeling just a little under the weather. She lives alone but she has a son who lives across the way from her, and he looks after her needs and takes her to Mass. **Doris Roach Jakob** is still her cheerful self in spite of her concern for Fred who has several debilitating health issues but she is thankful for daughter Kathleen's help. Fred is 92 and she will be 90 in July. **Sheila Ward McPeak** was at the shore when I called, enjoying life and relaxing at that lovely vacation home with her son Joe who lives with her there. I made several attempts to reach **Alice McLaughlin O'Neill** by telephone and email but without success. I trust that she and Bill are well and enjoying their life together. Hopefully I will have some news next year. This December they will be married five years. God bless them! If anyone has any information about **Mary B. Wittmer Walsh**, please let me know. Her phone has been disconnected and she may be living with one of her daughters.

Mary E. (Betsy) Shlesinger Miller told me that her husband Phil died on October 20, 2016. He had some serious health problems. She is doing well and her family is very helpful and supportive. Her children will be coming home this summer at different times to visit her and to vacation at the beautiful "Cape." She also shared some exciting news about her nephew...her brother's son. He has been named by Pope Francis to be Auxiliary Bishop of Atlanta, GA. God bless him! **Jean Barry Curran** and I had a long chat in which she told me she is still enjoying playing duplicate bridge, trivia, and casino with her friends. She travels to visit her children who reside in different parts of the country and looks forward to the gathering of her family in Washington, DC that occurs every February.

Jocelyn Gates McGlynn and I spoke briefly and she told me that she is okay and is celebrating the arrival of her fifth great grandchild. She sounded well and happy. Another ray of sunshine is **Rita Fenwick Gough**. She is happy and well but lives alone now and misses having people around. It doesn't get her down though because she goes to the Y regularly and vacations frequently with family members who have vacation homes in different locations, including Ocean City, NJ. I have not been able to contact **Lucy McLaughlin Goedicke**. It has been a number of years since I heard she had had a stroke and was hospitalized for a time. But that was the last information I had about her.

I am happy to report this time that another great grandchild has joined our family. Nicholas Edward Bonacci, born January 30, 2017, to Nicholas and Christine (Zaepfel) Bonacci. He is the fourth, and second boy. My life remains busy as weekends find me travelling in a northerly direction to celebrate a family Baptism, First Holy Communion, birthday, or anniversary, or heading south to the Outer Banks of North Carolina for R&R.

Here we are, once again, concluding the news about the Class of 1949. I continue to ask for your prayers for our deceased classmates, spouses, and children, and for those with serious health issues. The Alumnae Association needs your membership dues to continue to function and it guarantees all mailings from the Association, including The Valley Echo.

The Fatima Prayer: "O, My Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of Hell; Lead all souls to Heaven especially those who are most in need of Thy Mercy."

1950

We regret we did not receive news from the Class of 1950 for this issue of *The Valley Echo*.

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We begin with some sad news~**Rosemary Powers Booker** passed away September 17, 2016. I emailed those of you who have computers but it was too late to include in last year's *The Valley Echo*. Rosemary and husband Bill lived most of their married life in Schenectady, NY and they both loved coming to Reunions. Somehow, we always seem to associate her with **Ruth Murphy** as they went to grade school, high school, and college together. Rosemary and Bill were also very close to **Mary Jane Shaughnessy Beaulieu** and **Mary Liz Crenshaw Leitch** (SJC '58), and both were with her at the end. I also received a letter from the daughter of **Margie Wolski Karwacki** letting me know that her mother died on September 26, 2016. She had three sons, one daughter, and nine grandchildren. Her funeral Mass was held on October 3 at St. John the Evangelist Church in Towson, MD.

Beverly Isaac Turbeville called me on New Year's Eve and said all is well with her. She calls **Mary Cora Cunningham Velky** every New Year. **Elinor Ciccarelli Sciarillo** sent a note to say she and Joe are doing well. They have five children, five granddaughters, and seven great grandchildren. **Kitty Lee Kemp** has settled into her new home at Givens Retirement Community. Since she can no longer drive because of her eye problems, she is learning to use many of the shopping opportunities Givens offers. **Myrtle Sullivan Phelps** has asked for prayers for her 17-year-old grandson who is very ill. We are still trying to locate **Carolyn Eckenrode Sandherr**. She left Elmcroft where she had been living a year ago, and we have no further news of her.

Margie Feeney O'Brien fell in her driveway on Valentine's Day and ended up having to have surgery on her left elbow. She and Ed had to cancel their trips south. She lost her sister Eileen this year and her brother Joe had a stroke. Margie continues to keep in touch with **Anita Nevy Karwacki** and **Joanne Downey McManus**. Joanne has three great granddaughters.

Veetsie Frick Ryan has left Florida after more than 20 years. She plans to rent for a few months each year but her winter address is now 10 Longwood Dr., #142, Westwood, MA 02090. She will be close to some of her daughters in Boston, MA. Her summer address remains P.O. Box 275, Elkins, NH 03233 and telephone number 603.526.7310. **Barbara McCrystle Miekle** still lives in Clearwater, FL but spends time each summer in Michigan. Her granddaughter Paige graduated from dental school so she went up early this year. Two of her girls live in Michigan, and two live in Florida and one in Atlanta, GA so she gets to spend time with them all.

I spent my usual two months in Naples, FL enjoying wonderful weather. Veetsie moved north while I was there, but we managed quite a few lunches before she left. Barbara came for a few days and **Mary Carr Shea** and **Nancy Johnson Koerwer** are residents. Mary is a permanent Floridian now and loving every minute. She has two daughters living in Naples, FL and her son Michael spends half the year in Boca Raton, FL. She sees her three children who live in the Washington, DC area in the summer when she goes north or in the winter when they come south. Nancy spends her summers in Cape Cod, MA. Nancy reports that her family is doing well and that she is especially proud of her granddaughter Anne, a physician, who is currently working with a Maryknoll group in Tanzania, Africa with her husband, who is also a physician, and her two little children. They will be there for two years.

Thank you all for continuing to share your news. Please keep me aware of any changes in your lives or even if there aren't any changes I love hearing from you all. Don't forget to send in your dues and remember that our 70th reunion is only four years away! Stay healthy and happy~Peg.

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Hello dear classmates—this has been a sad year for us. We lost **Ellen Glynn Kenkel**, **Mary Jane Beurket Davis**, and **Loretta Teller Tiers** as well as Bill Taylor, husband of **Ann O'Donnell Taylor**. And, just as I was starting to write this news, I had a note from the daughter of **Margaret (Peppie) Smith Roohan** saying she died on July 8th.

I didn't get to the funeral service for Bill Taylor in Philadelphia but **Ann Doyle O'Neill** told me it was lovely and **Claire Nelson Dale** said it was a fitting tribute to him.

Ann Doyle O'Neill has moved into a smaller place but at the same senior living residence. Her new address is 516 Eaton Way, West Chester, PA 19380. She sent her usual Christmas card with her five great looking grandchildren on it.

Had a nice note from **Beverly Barker Ament**. She is still in her home with the help of three wonderful caregivers. With her family and friends she is doing well.

Claire Nelson Dale is unbelievable with her stamina. She is on a few local and diocesan Immigration Reform and Health Insurance committees. She was at the Jersey shore this summer.

From Mickey O'Donnell Taylor, I heard that **Jeanne** and **Joan Hanlon** see each other often and travel together. Mickey has moved in with her daughter since Bill died but I don't have an address.

Dottie Green Mullen wrote saying that her husband Paul had a stroke last fall and is still in a long term care home. He does visit home now and then. They have a new granddaughter born 3/3/2017.

I heard from Chirp~**Madlyn Marshall McPartlend**. She is still doing a lot of work with the Garden Club but was considering cutting back. She spent the holidays with family in Tennessee.

Mitzi Evans Kilduff and Bill are OK. They take several long walks every day and try to keep busy. One of their kids usually pops in on the weekend.

Betty Scanlan Wellner is in a senior living facility~a very nice apartment she says and they have many activities. She's going to sell her house. Her new address is Saucon Valley Manor, 1050 Main Street, Hellertown, PA 18055.

Talked to **Barbara Echols Williams** and she and Carroll are hanging in there. They're still in their big home but they do have someone to help them with the outside work.

Alice McGrath Conway said their winter was as usual~sort of a hibernation but when the nice weather comes they were looking forward to seeing a lot of family.

Sister Maria Cincotte is retired and living in Emmitsburg. She can't believe she's old enough to do nothing but has gradually adjusted to the slower pace.

I'm doing OK~still miss Dom a lot but have to keep going. Spent two weeks at the Jersey shore with family and a week in Canada at my daughter Antoinette's farm. I see my family often which is a real blessing.

Stay well~but I know that gets more difficult as the years go by. I keep you and yours in my prayers. As ever~Dee.

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You probably feel the same way I do when I ask "where does the time go?" Even though I am now retired, I wish I could put a "break" on the days that seem to go faster and faster with each passing year. Class news has been slow to reach me this time, so I hope it means you are all well and as busy as I am.

My grandchildren are no longer "children" but are full-fledged "adults." My daughter Kathleen's son, Tommy Kirk (he prefers to be called "Tom"), recently graduated from the University of New Haven with a degree in Criminal Justice. His brother Sean is going into his junior year at the University of Rhode Island. All my other grandchildren are spread out through high school, middle school, and elementary school. Because they all live in Connecticut I see them frequently. In the meantime, their parents manage to

keep their sanity! It all brings back so many memories of raising my own brood.

Speaking of being busy, I believe that has to describe life for **Geri Cellura Becker**. Her latest communique tells me that she is still very much involved in her local theatre group. Theatre has always been her passion and although she says she is "slowing down," it doesn't sound like it to me. Her granddaughter Kaitlin is attending graduate school at Harvard; majoring in Biology and Environment. **Mary McNeill Mohr** and Ralph's grandson Kevin is being married in Baltimore in October, and Geri hopes to attend. Grandson Brian just had his 30th birthday. Geri says she is too young to have a grandson that age. I have to agree. Her daughter Christine will be travelling to France in October to take classes with Jacques Dussage (a French hair stylist guru). Christine and her husband Jim have three salons that are ranked among the best in the country. Her son C.J. has moved to North Carolina and operates his business, "Mountainman Metalworks." Son Scot has launched a business called "Orthogolfer" for golfers. It's said to improve balance, swing, and improve their game. (I'll pass on this info to my son-in-law!) Geri keeps up with the many activities and accomplishments of her children and grandchildren and is looking forward to having them all at her house for Christmas. Early "Merry Christmas" Geri.

Joan Billerbeck says she is as active as ever. The summer weather hasn't been too bad in the Maryland/DC area compared to many other parts of the country. She too tries to keep in touch with members of the class and continues to provide much of the information in my newsletters. Thanks Joan. You are truly appreciated. Joan provided some additional news about herself. She is looking forward to spending lots of time this summer with her older brother who has taken up golf and will be celebrating his 90th this year. To celebrate, his family and Catholic U. classmates will be planning quite a large party at the Leisure World golf course. Also, her cousin and her husband who live in Pennsylvania, will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this summer. He is the "Homicide Hunter" in the TV show and both are fun to be around. Joan, please tell us more when you get back! Joan was able to gather additional news when she visited **Sue Kiser Crock** at Morningside House of Laurel. She misses having her as a neighbor when she lived in Leisure World. Joan said that Sue looks good, maintains her positive attitude and is adjusting well to her new environment. Her children live nearby and they have moved much of her furniture into spacious rooms along with her many cherished items and memories. She is doing so very much better than Joan's last visit. Sue would love to hear from you. Please drop her a line (her birthday is in September) at Mrs. Sue Crock, Morningside House of Laurel, Room 314, 7700 Cherry Lane, Laurel, MD 20707. Joan said that she also spoke with **Thelma Redding Wichrowski**. She and her husband Dick are slowing down somewhat, but continue to have their two granddaughters with them during the school year. The girls are active in sports and have high academic scores. In addition, they still ride their horses in shows and competitions and have won several blue ribbons. One granddaughter is first in the nation for "barrel racing" which is quite an accomplishment. Thelma no longer drives, so Dick drives them to their events. Grandchildren do have a way of keeping us young!

Just this evening I had a lovely, long chat with **Sister Anne Black**. Annie B tells us that her electric wheelchair has been replaced by one that requires her being pushed, and she is now not quite as active. The Daughters maintain a nursing facility for the physically "challenged" sisters at Emmitsburg. She still has her great spirit and happy laugh. Her older brother no longer drives so is no longer able to visit. She would love to hear from you, so if you have a chance, call her at 301.447.7152. She will answer the phone. I hope **Doris Brown Doussan** is continuing to do well after last year's knee replacement surgery. Wonder if she's still taking day trips with AARP and visiting casinos--my kind of "gal." Perhaps her motivation is her four-year-old great granddaughter. I asked Joan Billerbeck if there was any news from **Jean Topper Walter**. My last information was that she was in a retirement home in Gettysburg, PA. I hope she is doing well. If you know of any news about our "older" classmates, don't hesitate to drop me a line, call, or email me.

That's it for this time. Wish I had heard from more of you. Please continue to do well and stay well. Remember to pray for one another and "Stay forever young." ~ Louie

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In the beginning was the word...and here it is. Hello Class of '54! I have been gathering bits and pieces of your news over the past year and only wish more of you

had proclaimed your news. But, after all, we are 84! We have become the lame and the halt, and some are with us no longer.

Joan Paroni Neff died March 1, 2017. She had lived in Bethany Beach, DE for many years and the Mass for her was at St. Ann's there. At the time I learned this, **Claire Kirchner Lawless** wrote that she had just returned from the annual Mass at Holy Cross for deceased alumnae at which **Mary Louise Rippey Egan** and **Peggy Immer Rafferty** were honored. Peggy died May 21, 2017. Claire attended her funeral where she saw **Mary McIntyre Gray**. Bill and Mary were planning a cruise on the Mississippi River from Memphis, TN to New Orleans, LA; later they hoped to see their daughter in Kansas City, MO. Bill is Grand Knight of the parish Knights of Columbus and Mary gets involved, too. Claire had a short chat with **Nancy Black Connor** and Ray who are doing fine despite health issues. Claire has two college graduations this year, one at West Point, NY which she is looking forward to as she has never been there. Claire spent two weeks in Florida in February. She did get in touch with **Jo Tierney Bleimeyer** though they were not able to get together for lunch.

On May 7, 2017, I spoke with **Norma Wootton Murphy** in Jupiter, FL who related the sad news that her husband Doc (Charles) had died peacefully a few days earlier. Norma has had some health issues too and can use our prayers. I recently spoke with Jo Tierney Bleimeyer who celebrated her recovery from a recent illness by driving alone 600 miles round trip from Ft. Myers Beach, FL to Disney World! While there, she visited **Mary Louise Williams Thompson** who visits Disney World each year with her family.

Roselyn McCarthy Borrosso surprised me with a call from New York one day, and then recently with an email saying she had been in the Chicago, IL area for her youngest daughter's wedding. She promises to call me when she next comes to visit. Another voice, this time out of the south, came from **Marian "Honey Chile" Christe Calcagni**. She described the five-week trip she and Dante took to Italy and Sicily, an annual excursion to visit family. Back in Norfolk, VA, Marian and her sister Anne hosted some 40 people for their traditional Christmas breakfast. Marian keeps in touch with **Ann Chamberlain Tibiletti**.

Pat Brady Hines is very busy with her activities at St. Leonard's in Centerville, OH. Her life is so full there--escorting patients to their doctors, refurbishing library shelves, attending the musicals, concerts, and book reviews that it almost makes me want to retire there! But she still finds time to cheer for her ZAGS and watch her children fly off around the world while she stays home waving the flag on patriotic holidays. Besides that, she and I, along with **Marguerite Bourdeau Byrne**, keep up a stream of English major trivia which includes frequent references to Dr. Wasilifsky and yearnings for Fr. Kline's clear explanations of what we see and read. We even throw in a little Latin. Marguerite does the French. Marguerite and Barney had some especially bad weather this past year in Virginia Beach, VA--flooding and freezing, the worst in their 23 years there. But, like the rest of us, with cane and walker and a few pills, they survive. Her granddaughter, Judy, ran in the Boston marathon and her granddaughter, Katie, spent spring break hiking the Cumberland Gap.

From Coronado, CA comes word that our champion golfer **Pat McGrath Jones** has finally won a trophy after 41 years of playing golf. She has won tournaments before, but this is her first trophy. She says they'll have to pick her dead body off the golf course before she stops playing!

Way out here in "fly over" territory things are perking along. In March I took the train with my son and some of his family to Denver, CO and then to Winter Park, CO where they and my daughter Mary and family all skied while I watched from an upstairs window. Time was not wasted, though, as I read and observed the various gaits and postures of the trudging skiers toting their skis to the lifts. The trip from Chicago across the fields and grasslands of the Middle West reminded me of Steve Goodman's song, *The City of New Orleans*: "passing towns that have no name, freight yards full of old black men, junk yards full of rusted automobiles." In September my daughters and one daughter-in-law are hijacking me for an Alaska cruise--girls only. My next report will no doubt include how I was slipping and sliding on the glaciers and avoiding the bears! Both Claire and Pat have told me to "Go for It!"

So, as I come to the end of another *Valley Echo* offering, I offer you this: "Summer Is Icumen In. Loudly sings the cuckoo"--(Anonymous, 13th century). Remember, ladies, if you have any news of our "missing" classmates, please let me know loud and clear! Also, remember to keep up with your dues so you get *The Valley Echo* publication each year! Last of all, remember to smile--we are, after all, Allegra girls!

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Hello to the ladies of the Saint Joseph College class of 1955. In June 2016, I received news of the death of **Jackie Hemler Cummings** and recently I was informed of the passing of **Dorothy "Dottie" Stohlman Egan** on Dec. 9, 2016. When I called Dottie's husband Tom to offer my condolences, he was very generous with his time and seemed happy to share "Dottie" stories with me. A sympathy note went out to him from our class. Unable to get a response to my phone calls to **Gloria Ors Galaida**, the Spirit moved me to google her name. To my sad surprise, I learned that she had died on this past Christmas day. A note went out to her family also. "Many are the women of proven worth, but you have excelled them all." Proverbs 29.

Audrey Vogel Emley recently discovered yoga and, after the initial muscle aches, she felt great and enthusiastically recommends it to all! Audrey continues to enjoy her pottery hobby. She admits that her creations are never good enough to sell but she and others in the studio enjoy giving them away. It's a small world! In March, I had the good fortune to meet a newcomer to Oneonta, NY at a CCAL (Center for Continuing Adult Learning) gathering. Our small talk soon led to the discovery that Dolores had lived at Lansdowne Woods in Leesburg, VA and was very good friends with the Emleys--Audrey, Bill, and Billy! Dolores and I are now friends and take much delight in our link with Audrey.

With husband Bob's passing in April 2016, **Betty Brown Shea** gave up her Leesburg, VA apartment and is now settled in the New Jersey family home. She is an avid quilter and plans to attend a big quilt festival in Houston, TX in November--a "bucket list" dream for many years.

Virginia Ohlmuller Rooney was back in Delaware when we spoke. She and Bill spend six months at Marco Island, FL and six months in Wilmington, DE. Her comment that she is a lector at church had us reminiscing about Dr. Waters and his speech classes. How grateful we are for his loving but demanding ways! Virginia claims the honor of being the first female in her parish to serve at the altar. She and Bill also volunteer at the Health Center on Marco Island and find it very rewarding.
Last year, I learned that **Margaret "Jill" May O'Donnell**'s son lives in Chatham, NY. Having studied my New York State map, I informed Jill that I could get to Chatham and would enjoy meeting her there. I'll now add this to MY "bucket list." Jill also spoke of lectoring and serving as a Eucharistic Minister in her parish. How privileged we are to serve in these liturgical ministries. We've come a long way since the 50s!

Clarebeth "CB" Maguire Cunningham was scheduled for surgery on June 1 to repair a tear in her aorta and other related work. "Nerve racking!" was her only comment. She continues to enjoy the school and sports activities of her grandchildren--Flynn is nine and Lochlan is seven. She is blessed to have family beside her to cheer her on to wellness!

Sr. Mary Martha "Mary T" Gardiner is enjoying the "nice pace" of her life. She spent the Holy Week Triduum in Michigan with a long-time friend Sr. Mary Ellen Murich. They once lived together in Washington, DC when Mary T was at the Spanish Catholic Center. She is glad that she made the trip. She found the liturgies beautiful and moving. In early June, she and her siblings had a get-together planned in Maryland. Also in June, Mary T was to participate in a retreat directed by Sr. Chris Koelhoffer, IHM. I told her that I was envious! I've gotten to know Sr. Chris through her meditations in Living Faith. Mary T continues her hospice work but at a slower pace which gives her time for quilting and cross stitching. Sounds like a good balance of time and energy!

Dolores "Dee" Nevy McMullen's granddaughter and her fiancée both attended Mount Saint Mary's University and will soon be married in the Mount chapel. Dee and Jack are looking forward to this event. The Mount always holds a special place in the hearts of SJC alumnae.

Pauline "Pal" Lisella Raftopoulos suffers from a number of health issues but she has a very upbeat and faith-filled outlook on life. In the past year, she has emailed me some delightful videos and articles that were uplifting and timely and much appreciated.
Miriam Johnson Curnin was in full anticipation mode for another summer in the Berkshires. She and Tom love the activity of the area, its concerts and theatre. "It's a real treat!" she wrote. Tom was in Ireland with their son Kevin and his daughter Emma--Tom and Miriam's oldest granddaughter.

Florence Moore Murnane and husband Don wel-

comed their 14th grandchild Margaret Theresa in February. Son Jimmy and wife, the happy parents, also adopted a boy from Ethiopia. Jimmy and family live in Utica so Florence really gets to be a part of the children's lives. In a previous column, Florence introduced us to her stepmother Monica Bagiackas Moore SJC'41. This faithful alumna passed away in December 2015 at the age of 95.

Barbara Henner Keogh's daughters were able to convince their mom to move to a different house--all on one floor. After a two-year search--she did! The new house is in the same area she was living in. Her new address is: 21720 Heatheridge Lane, Northville, MI 48167. A virus attacked Barb's heart and left her with 20% efficiency rate. "Not good!" she says. She now wears a life vest for protection in case of a heart stoppage. Wow! Our prayers are with you, Barb.

Maria Del Pilar "Mapy" Irizarry's pride and joy are her children, her 14 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. One grandson just graduated from Northeastern University in Boston, MA and is headed for the field of medicine. A granddaughter attends Emerson College, also in Boston. The two cousins found great support in each other.

Ileana Soler Torruella recently welcomed her fourth great-grandchild Juliana Christina. Her "greats" are all girls, and Ileana never tires of their lively antics when they visit their "abuela" (Ileana) when she is in residence in San Juan. She says their fun-filled competition is "pure joy."

Betty Barbieri McClellan wrote that husband Bill's back surgery and her hip replacement were successful so they continue traveling. Their various itineraries read like an atlas index! Their "bucket" cruise to Spain, Portugal, Bordeaux, and London preceded Betty's hip surgery so the trip was not pain free. But, post-surgery she writes "My recovery has been miraculous and I am working on building up my stamina and strength. We can thank modern medicine for keeping our bodies going!" How blessed we are! In August, she will head to Hawaii with her Bridge Buddies. **Carol Murray Fuchs** claims six great-grandchildren--two in Syracuse, NY and four in Rhode Island so in whichever direction she travels, she can enjoy time with her "greats." Carol's granddaughter Hannah is a Speech Pathology student at Ithaca College. She'll spend the summer at a National Leadership Conference in Washington, DC and the fall in Scotland. What fun to watch the next generation spread its wings!

Sonia Ziokowski McLaughlin has developed difficulty walking so she is presently living with her daughter Janice and hopes to spend some time at her beloved shore. Sonia is still using the Warwick, PA address and loves to receive mail. Once the class secretary, the joy of hearing from classmates never leaves you! When **Monalee Overdorf Welliver** is not carrying out her church Altar Guild duties or volunteering at the SPCA Benefit Shop, she can be found dealing with the legal intricacies of placing her 65 acre "Herringstone" property in a conservation easement. Her goal is to keep the property in one piece and protect the wildlife who call it home. The bears and deer and other creatures will thank you, Monalee.

Catherine Connolly Griffin Persons and husband Bob have been wintering in Naples, FL but this year switched to Sarasota, FL where Bob happily connected with some Cornell friends. Bob has been in and out of the hospital and rehab. When I spoke with Cathy she was getting the house ready for Bob's return home. Our prayers are with both of them! Another "small world" experience brightened my life recently. **Carol Maher Beckman** SJC'56 found me! Several years ago Carol and husband Fred were on a tour of Italy when they became friends with another couple from Oneonta, NY. Carol eventually learned that her new friend Shirley knew me well! So, this year, Carol's annual visit to the Oneonta area included dinner together and much catching up after more than 60 years. We look forward to more visits in the future. Carol was president of Pi Delta Phi--the French honor society at St. Joe's, and we share an affection for and appreciation of Sr. Marguerite Flinton, our French teacher.

Margaret Swett Langley, Patricia "Pat" Cleary Lannon, and **Mary Kathleen "MK" Scully LeMense** remain elusive! If anyone has information to share I would be most grateful. We lost three classmates in 2016. We are only 22 now. Let's keep in touch! I am very grateful for the speedy response to my "deadline" letter. The phone calls, emails, and letters made my job easier and most enjoyable! My prayers of gratitude, Martie.

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Last November, **Nona Murray Duvall** and her husband Paul visited from Denver for the Notre Dame-Virginia Tech football game--a very cold day but a warm and wonderful visit here at Holy Cross Village where I relocated in April.

Rose Kelly (Sister Margaret John) realized that granddaughters of two of our classmates were graduating from Notre Dame University in May and put Kay Ayres Conover (daughter of our deceased classmate **Ann Ayres Mazzacone)** in touch with me. Kay invited me to her wonderful party where I met her family including 2017 Notre Dame University graduate Ann Ayres Conover. I also visited with **Alhen Ehrensing Green** and her husband Leo (MSM'54), their daughters Ehren and Gretchen, and Ehren's daughter, Notre Dame University class of 2017 graduate Niki Dirksen. The evening was so much fun as we talked about our Saint Joseph College experiences and shared so many wonderful memories.

Maryann Radzievich Pagano and her husband Danny recently relocated after 39 years in California to Maris Grove in Glenn Mills, PA. Maryann's new address is: 505 Newlin Point, Glen Mills, PA 19342, mpagano67@hotmail.com. Three children and six grandchildren are still out West, and two children and four grandchildren are on the East Coast. If you want to see how great Maryann and Danny look, go to YouTube and watch the video they star in called "Erickson Peace of Mind." What a wonderful video! Maryann and Danny also recently visited Rose Kelly in Emmitsburg for a catch-up lunch.

Memorial Day Weekend found me in Boulder, CO visiting my son Kevin and grandsons Devin and Michael. I spent the night with Nona and Paul Duvall sharing with them the fun I had at the Notre Dame graduation party!

Sharing news of classmates brings all of us such great joy! Do stay in touch.

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It is with honor and a bit of trepidation that I accept the role of Class Agent for the Class of 1957. I ask you to help me accomplish this task so that the spirit of SJC lives on in our memories. After 60 years we are still an active and vibrant group of SJCiennes as indicated by your recent emails and phone calls. I am sorry there is not time to contact each of you personally before this must be submitted, but be assured that you will hear from me as the year progresses. Your emails and phone calls are always welcome, even if it's just a friendly chat.

A nice long note from **Jeanne Mitchler-Fiks** was the first to reach me. Her grandson Adam will present her with a third great-grandchild in November. He already has two boys and grandson David has two girls. She will be in New York in August for the Battle of Brooklyn Reenactment (I had to google that). October will find her in Florence and Venice enjoying her favorite restaurants and staying at her favorite Hotel Saturnia where she and her partner have vacationed for 20 years. All this and still working? Way to go, Jeanne.

"A busy summer" sounds like an understatement for **Margaret Hayner Atkins** and Bill. In the space of a few weeks they saw two grandchildren marry, two graduate high school, and one graduate college. In March, she writes, they enjoyed a nice visit with **Jackie Smith Woelkers** and Richard at their home in Scottsdale, AZ. (We called it our mini-reunion since we did not get to Emmitsburg in March.) They are now looking forward to the annual Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta in October.

Betty Ann Kenney Sheridan and Bill were at the Homestead Resort in Hot Springs, VA this month for the wedding of their granddaughter Courtney. Hopefully, we will see photos of them in tux and gown as this is a very formal affair. Grandson Ben will make them great-grandparents in September.

Joan Meehan Noble fell and broke her femur while leaving an event where her new apartment was to be. After surgery she developed a bacterial infection as well as pneumonia from which she never recovered. Joan passed away on August 31st. In a typically one-hour phone call with **Mary Liz Lange Riscassi** we learn that she is as sharp as ever and still yearns to play golf despite poor balance. A summer trip to the Cape with daughters Catherine and Beth produced a pleasant surprise--a humpback whale beached right in front of their cottage. A later visit to her home state of Virginia included daughter Ami as well as other family members. Another golfer is **Lucille Marano** who worked so tirelessly to promote Reunions 50 and 60. She is now calling a time-out to enjoy a bit of leisure and hit the links twice a week with her sister.

On one of our many trips to San Diego, CA where our son lives, we managed a luncheon date with **Carol Knauer Pastor** and her granddaughter who was on leave from her work in Mongolia. It is a very interesting career move for a young person and one that has seen her experiencing the culture and learning the local language. Carol is very active in her community on Coronado Island and is an inveterate traveler.

After waiting a long time to visit Egypt, Richard and I took the plunge last October and booked a 12 day Viking Nile River Cruise with five days in Jerusalem. It was fabulous and we had no worry or problems anywhere. We saw all the biblical sites as well as pyramids and temples of the gods. Our eldest grandchild is entering college this fall, and her brother has just returned from a student trip to Italy. Accompanied by our daughter Kirsten, Richard and I traveled to Pennsylvania to research family history. While there we visited my childhood friend from Waldorf, MD who happens to be the great-granddaughter of Dr. Samuel A. Mudd. (History buffs will not need to google this Civil War era name.)

Many of us were disappointed that representation of our class at Reunion was left to one person, **Marian McLaughlin Williams**. Thank you, Marian. Let's start early and plan for our 65th in 2022. In the meantime, keep active and healthy and keep your emails, letters, or phone calls coming. God bless all and have a safe and healthy year.~Love, Jackie

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Congratulations are in order for our classmate **Sr. Anne Marie Graham, DC**. In the summer 2017 issue of *Faith Afire*, the Daughters of Charity magazine, Sr. Anne Marie is celebrated as a 60-year Jubilarian with a smiling picture and a significant professional profile. Since entering the order on April 7, 1957, she has ministered as an educator, director of adult education and social service, vocational director, and provincial councilor in four states, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, and Connecticut. She currently serves as the Assistant to the Community Superior caring for the senior Daughters at St. Louise House in Albany, NY.

This fall we remember our classmates **Theresa Allen Westover**, a previous Class Agent and 50th Reunion organizer, who died January 1, 2017 in New Jersey, and **Arlene Grubb McMenamy** who died June 4, 2017 in Florida. We also wish to remember the husband of **Anne Meyer Feehley**, Neil Feehley (MSM'59), who died in May 2017. Anne remains a resident in Baltimore, MD. Her children and grandchildren remain near.

The "midAtlantic" lunch group met in November 2016 at the Shamrock Inn near Emmitsburg. In attendance were: **Dolores Fitzgerald** and husband Tom, **Kitty Kofron Collins, Faith Hawkins Welch, Mary Sheridan Flynn** and husband **Charlie, Mary Helen Candee Smits** and husband Jim, **Carol Holtz**, and **Carol Lewis Redmond** and husband Ron. There was lots of food on the table and lots of laughter in the air.

Later in the year Kitty Kofron joined the great-grandmother club. Her granddaughter Jackie had a little boy Oliver. Kitty visited them in Ireland around Christmas time to meet the first great-grandchild.

As mentioned in previous columns, Dolores Fitzgerald's female family members get together each summer on what they refer to as the "Girls Cruise." Last year it was the Caribbean trip for 11. This year seven "girls" sailed to Bermuda in June. Then on July 2, Dolores's family celebrated the marriage of a grandson, Thomas III, which took place in Hawaii. The bride had grown up in Hawaii and had moved to California where the couple met and now reside.

Texas always answers the call to connect to the East Coast SJC news. **Bernadette Maucher McKay** corresponded with Dolores upon receiving news of Arlene's death. She shared that she, like so many our age, is a candidate for hip and knee replacement. Let's hope by the spring she may consider coming east for Reunion.

Although no longer trekking too far or too long abroad, Carol and Ron Redmond did make a 2016 city tour of Berlin, Germany, (and Potsdam) with Road Scholars. They had missed Berlin on their much earlier trip to Germany as the Berlin Wall was still up. Now, that city was a must see. In November they will take a tour of Barcelona, Spain, another "missed and must see city" for its art and architecture.

At this time, I wish to thank all of you for supporting Pat Carr, Dolores Fitzgerald, and myself during the last four years as your Class Agents. In addition, I thank you for your written and emailed responses for inclusion in *The Valley Echo* during those years. The three of

us are retiring. I am happy to report that **Margaret Belanger Zanghi** has graciously agreed to take on this task. Margaret's address is: 2 Onyx Dr., Penfield, NY 14526, 585.377.7291 (H), 585.309.0070 (C) m.zanghi@att.net.

The SJC Alumnae Association seeks to make our 60th a memorable Reunion. Working with Margaret, the Reunion Committee will communicate the plans and hopes for our 60th in the spring of 2018 in Pennsylvania. I am sure you will support Margaret as you have supported us.

Personally, I am looking forward to the 60th and hope that many of you are too. Until then~

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Warm greetings to the great "girls" from SJC Class of 1959. **Ann Dodd Dooling** shares a question from AND THEN IT IS WINTER, "I wonder where all the years went?" I think we all agree with that sentiment!

Fall of 2016 brought sad news with the passing of two treasured classmates, **Lee Groeinger Schatz** and **Barbara Schramm**. **Marcella Gibbons Wilding** called to tell me that Lee had been ill for some time and been moved to a retirement community. A celebration of Lee's life was held after Christmas with a crowded room of lifetime friends in attendance. Lee's husband Don delivered a moving eulogy on Lee's lifetime of love for all people and her endless work to enhance their lives, as a social worker. **Patricia Horn O'Brien** and Marcella also spoke of their dear friend. Patsy reminisced about sneaking off campus together, pushing each other on swings with blazers flying, lighting up behind the school and discussing the deep meaning of the smoking experience. Patsy is grateful for Lee's wisdom, their years of friendship, and her kind heart. Marcella was able to visit Lee for a few days before she passed away and expressed her gratitude for their 60 years of a loving friendship which became such a positive influence in her life. **Audrey Carr Shields** recalled Lee's bright twinkle in her eyes, her compassionate nature, and the fact the Lee won the religion award at graduation. **Cathleen McLoughlin** remembered theology discussions with Lee and Father Kline.

Joan Carraher Jensen informed me that Barbara Schramm's sister Majorie had notified her of Barbara's death. Joan and Barbara were roommates for two years, and Barbara was one of Joan's bridesmaids along with **Jean Bushey**. Joan remembers that Barbara was a radiant bridesmaid in her wedding. Audrey writes of her memories of "Schramie" driving her convertible down the Garden State parkway with her windblown hair wrapped in a scarf. Later, Barbara moved to live with her sister in the Midwest. Several other classmates, **Mary Howell Fritz, Helene Coffey Bowes, Norma Carosi Godwin**, and **Joan Ahern Lemp** conveyed their condolences. Joan Lemp, who spends five months of the year in Florida, writes that it is our cherished memories which make us strong as our friends slip back to God.

Concerning general news, yesterday I spoke with **Barbara Torrence Knowles**, and she had just returned from a beautiful trip to Lithuania, Estonia, and Russia with **Helen Fitzgibbons Carmody**. They attended three operas and plan to continue to travel while they are still able.

Rosemarie Braun Wirth relates that she is still driving, but needs to use a walker all of the time these days. She enjoys swimming in the community pool at her church and, as always, she looks forward to visits from classmates. **Mary Howell Fritz** sends thanks for keeping us all in touch and reports that "All is great with me and mine. Thank you, God!"

Helen Lilly Johnson writes that she has moved 20 minutes up the road to a brand new house. She loves having her own four walls and working in the yard. My husband and I receive great emails from Helen. **Ellie Barnes O'Connell** got together at Marcella Gibbons Wilding's home at Searstone Senior Living in Cary, NC, for cocktails and dinner where they remembered old times. Marcella and Jim are enjoying their youngest daughter and three wonderful granddaughters in addition to enjoying golf, book clubs, bridge, and table tennis. **Kathleen Potter Conway** reported that she and Tom were planning another trip to Ireland in the spring of 2017. **Joan Mehl Tolle** and Bob met us for lunch in Frederick, MD, and we had a great time. Bob sends Jim great emails. Recently, they enjoyed the Naval Academy Choir at Mass in Emmitsburg, MD for Navy Day.

Audrey Carr Shields enjoyed a three week trip to the Grand Canyon and visited her son in Washington, DC for ten days. **Jacqueline Jewell Hamilton** called to say

that she is still warming her feet at the fireplace in Maine and travels to see family in Florida in January. From our dear devoted **Sister Marian Hamwey**~she sends news of the "Open House" gala recognizing the 20th anniversary of the Daughters' of Charity Foundation's Catholic Charities' facility, the Roarke Center, and the honoring of the sisters for their years of devotion and innovation. Sister Marian experienced a bittersweet evening as she is retiring after nine years as the Coordinator of the Center. Sister said that she would be doing what she likes to do for the following three months before returning to a part time ministry, perhaps with the homeless in Troy, NY. Her travels have included trips to Emmitsburg, MD, Bladensburg, MD, and finally to Cape May, NJ for a week of seaside relaxation. In July, she traveled to Montana to visit family, followed by a trip to Quebec for a retreat with the French sisters of Montreal.

As for the **Castellano** family, Jim and I celebrated his 90th birthday in April with a trip to the 9/11 Museum and Staten Island, NY to visit relatives. He drove up and back. This year he has completed two years of bladder cancer treatment, and on June 12th he starts radiation for a stage one lump in his lung. The prognosis appears good. I am still volunteering with women in recovery from addiction, but I retired my license this year. My youngest son is getting married in Savannah, GA in July, so we may try to visit some of our classmates in the area. Many thanks to all of you who have contributed and who have thanked me for the class notes. From Ann Dodd Dooling: "Life is a gift to you. The way you live your life is your gift to those who come after. Today is the oldest you've ever been, yet the youngest you'll ever be. So enjoy this day while it lasts." Love to you all Mary Lou.

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Grab a glass of wine, a cocktail, or a cup of coffee and get ready to experience a visit with your SJC classmates. Amazingly we have lots of news to share. For starters...

Charlotte Duffy Kain claims bright spot in her and Tom's life is oldest grandson Chris. He's at Wichita State University majoring in aerospace engineering and has an internship with an aerospace company in King of Prussia awaiting him. Now, would you expect anything less of a grandson of Charlotte's?

Adee Bartoli McSherry and James just celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary this year with a trip to Glacier National Park. Adee wants to share that she and **Joyce Bissicumer Abelt**, SJC'58, are parishioners in same church, a small world.

Vicki Gomez Scott says her news this year could be summoned up in graduations. Her granddaughter graduates from Furman University and her two grandsons are matriculating at Williams College and the University of South Carolina. When not attending graduations, Vicki busies herself with book club, needlework, pinochle club, gardening, and most importantly, taking care of Benji her dog.

Now I pretty much think **Kate White Eustice** beats us all with the youngest grandchildren. She and Bob are celebrating 49 years of marriage this year and make it their business to be active in their grandkids' lives. Additionally, Kate is still a Red Hatter; she line dances three nights a week, takes a senior exercise class twice a week, and goes to Curves three days a week. Kate, you rock!!!!! Additionally Kate's planning a trip to Fatima and Lourdes in September with gals she regularly travels with. Wow! Take us all along.

Beth Addison Moreland recently moved. Her new address is: 130 Hawthorne Greene Circle, La Plata, MD 20646-5117. And here's an invitation to all from **Liz Thill Kidder** who lives in Missouri. Liz suggests anyone driving cross country stop and visit. Liz and Carl are more than enjoying the good life; they've spent two months in the sun, seven weeks in Cabo San Lucas, and several weeks in California visiting Carl's family. Her son Chuck is married and living in Perth, Western Australia. Liz is a big fan of FaceTime.

And talk about busy~**Kathy O'Donnell O'Brien** needs a personal social secretary. Her six kids and grandkids keep her and Brendan hopping. Brendan has dealt with a spot on his lungs, is managed by Penn and has reacted well to chemo; he's in a very good place. This summer Kathy and Brendan, kids and grandkids, will vacation in Chatham, MA where their daughter Marnie's husband Tigger, has an old family house with ten bedrooms!!!!! Surely there will not be a dull or quiet moment. Kathy is phasing out of her always "in"

Campus Peddler business.
Word just in from **Nancy Williams Yeager**...She and Bill just completed a cruise with her sister Mary Lou, SJC'63, and her husband aboard the Celebrity Equinox. They stopped in The Grand Bahamas, New Orleans, Key West, Cozumel, and Costa Maya, Mexico. The 11-day cruise included a three day stay in New Orleans. Nancy reports "lots of fun, great food, and a wonderful trip overall." She and Bill spent Mother's Day with their two daughters Anne and Kathleen. They missed seeing their boys Bill and Bob. Bob spent the day with his in-laws and Bill lives in Kirkland, WA.

Linda Ryan Healy and Tom are heading back to Saratoga after a great winter in Venice, FL. Their son Tom visited several times when he was on business trips. Daughter Kelly lives nearby in Sarasota so family had welcome "get-togethers." Erin, an attorney, writes grants to help returning veterans and the homeless, working with the Benedictine nuns. Granddaughter Sara will be a senior at Yale next year, Elizabeth graduates from high school and will matriculate at Brown University, studying engineering, and Nancy will enjoy her junior year in high school.

What a nice visit (via telephone) Liz and **Sally Grabe Poux** had; they connected while Sally and Jerry were in the Seattle airport heading home to Michigan after visiting with Jerry's grandchildren in California and Sally's in Seattle, WA. Sally's Katie has two daughters, ten and 12, and her Dan has two toddlers who keep him busy, busy, busy. Guess Sally pretty well ties Kate with the youngest grandchildren.

Sue Anderson happily reports she is retired and "loving life." She walks three miles every day around the Goucher College campus and even in her "busy-ness" she finds time to visit **Ann Houlihan Kennedy**, SJC'58, at the Stella Maris Nursing Home in Towson, MD where they "do lunch." Sue also reports she and Liz will be together at Lilly's (Liz's granddaughter) graduation party in Baltimore.

It's not been the best of times for **Nancy Gill McShea**. Her sister Kathy died in March of this year and her brother this past February, all this after losing Jerry two years ago. Nancy, know your fellow SJCiennes, class of 1960, in particular, have you in their thoughts and prayers. How fortunate were all three to have shared their lives with you. God Bless. And sadly, too, **Gloria Defina Chisholm** mourns Patrick's death from lung cancer, but they were blessed with 50 years of marriage. She recently sold her home and lives presently in an independent living facility. It was reported to us that **Maureen Helen Connery** died February 17, 2017 in Seattle, WA. Love and prayers to her family.

And me, **Gerri Gut Scarpa**, Liz's new cohort, sadly reports it's been a difficult year. John died a year ago, quite quickly; actually death was a blessing at the time but it doesn't make it any easier. In October I did venture on a religious trip with area priests to Italy (Rome and Assisi), Dubrovnik, Croatia, Medjugorje in Herzegovina/Bosnia, and Poland. John was with me every step of the way.

Now, allow me to share ALL "goings on" in the Burmaster family, **Liz Phelan Burmaster**, that is. We need to get back to happy thoughts. Heading north after wintering in Deerfield Beach, FL, Liz and Dick are hitting the graduation trail. Two grandchildren graduate the same day, the same day as Liz and Dick's 55th wedding anniversary. So, like exemplary grandparents, Dick will attend granddaughter Caroline Field's eighth grade graduation in Durham, NC, and Liz will be in Baltimore attending granddaughter Lilly's high school graduation from Maryvale Prep. Lilly will be attending Winthrope University in South Carolina in the fall. June 10th will be a BIG celebration in Rochester. Katie graduates and turns 21 and her brother John graduates, too. John was just named to the USTA Junior National Leadership Team and was recognized as athlete of the week in the Greater Rochester area. John will begin studies at Dartmouth College in August. Yes, indeed, the Burmasters are proud grandparents and deservedly so. And, there's more...granddaughter Catherine Field reports her high school Lacrosse team will play in the North Carolina State Championship game. But, you'll have to wait 'till next *The Valley Echo* for results. LATE ENTRY: Catherine's team WON State Championship!!!! Congratulations.

And, in closing, we would be remiss if we didn't remind you to attempt to pay Alumnae dues. If you recall, the Alumnae Association is working hard to keep active until the last class--the **Class of 1975**--is able to celebrate its 50th Anniversary/Reunion. That will be in 2025. Let us count on your financial help.

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Many of our classmates sent condolences to **Ann Fallon Lynch** on the death of her husband Dr. Patrick Lynch in January. Ann said that hospice was wonderful and her family was with her. **Millie Gleeson Grady**'s grandson Sean graduated from Southern Methodist University, both undergrad and grad. His brother Patrick is at UT Dallas. Pat and **Joanne McNally Downes** caught up with Millie and Bob last October when they visited New Jersey.

Alice Bartlett Sencindiver writes from her home in Hagerstown that all is well. Enjoying the great Florida weather were **Maureen Dugan Cocozza, Joanne Fontana Kini, Moira Hanlon Little, Rosie Aellen Dunning, Elizabeth Strezeski La France,** Bern and **Peggy Claudius McCormick**, Bud and **Phyllis Mack Gillespie**, **Judy Sparrow** and Ed Carroll, and Pat and Joanne Downes. **Eileen Keefe Bonhag** was not able to come when we were all there, but she did come down later on and visited Phyllis and Strez. Eileen said her family is all well, and the younger generation took over having Christmas. Peggy has two grandchildren off to college, Mary attends Lehigh and Sean is at Florida Atlantic U.

Rosie writes that her grandson Jacob is now an EMT. She will be travelling to Switzerland in September with her daughter Marie who has planned this as a gift. She enjoys spending time at the Cape in the summer with daughter Margaret and others. **Mercedes Suarez Pfeffer** spent a month in India and the Himalayas in late 2016. The highlight was reaching the top of the highest drivable road in the world, 18,520 ft. In June she traveled to Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia.

John and **Anne Sheelen Gerwig** welcomed a new member into the family. Son Bill married Christin Schnell. She is a delightful young woman who has brought much love and happiness into their lives. Anne and John enjoyed attending the Royal Dornoch Golf Club's celebration of 400 years of golf. It was an elegant time with the unique "British Touch!" Dan and **Muriel Cuddy Reeves** enjoyed their Caribbean cruise on the Queen Mary 2 last fall. Pat and Joanne were with them at Christmas at an elegant party hosted by their daughter Kelly. The Downeses visited Italy in June to see son Patrick and family. **Anne Maum McLaughlin** enjoyed a visit in the spring with Joanne Kini. Granddaughter Carina graduated from high school and attends a community college until she decides what she wants to do. Granddaughter Margaret will go to Rome with Oakcrest HS choir in December.

Ginny Zebrowski Komar notes that she and Jack are able to enjoy frequent travels. They sailed around South America and also visited the Philippines, Taiwan, and Japan last spring. The whole family will celebrate Jack's 80th in June in Hawaii. Brian and **Mary Anne Britt Murphy** have been living in Saratoga Springs, NY for a year. They were needed to support their youngest daughter Laura through some health issues and assist with youngest grandson Aidan. She is greatly improved now and will remarry in August, 2017. Mary Anne and Brian are moving to the Baltimore area in September and will be close to excellent medical care. They will be close to their daughter Colleen. They are enjoying the success of their grandchildren with HS and college graduations, and their eldest grandson Ben has been commissioned an ensign in the US Navy after graduating from Notre Dame in May. **Mary Kable Stockman** is faithful to her tennis game, Silver Sneakers, tai chi, volunteering at zoo and theater, and gardening! Their travel is limited to a show or movie. Chuck is doing well and works on his exercise machines and balance every other day! They have a great-grandchild and another one due soon.

Phyllis and Bud enjoyed their first long winter in Florida this year. During our annual get-together they hosted a fabulous dinner and tour of their amazing condo and view. Phyllis and Bud, who now own on LBK, have made Florida their permanent residence, but will maintain their home on Shelter Island. They are Florida residents and are done with winter on the East Coast!

Gen Chiusano Walsh wrote that they have been enjoying a few small trips within the states. They visit families up north often as there are many new babies. She and Tom are still enjoying tennis and have no

major health problems. They are enjoying their college age grandchildren. Their first grandchild will be married in October (a graduate of the Mount).

Joanne Kini has lived in San Francisco (Noe Valley) for seven years now and is very much at home. She has three daughters and four grandchildren living within one and a half miles. Her youngest Sarah is expecting her first in July, 2017. Sarah was one year old when Joanne came to our 25th reunion in 1986, and she seems to recall some surprise responses from "classmates." She feels she was lucky she could get away. Her eldest granddaughter Maraya graduated from Park Ridge, NJ HS in June and Joanne attended. She visits her two East Coast children and friends twice a year.

Moira and Strez flew to San Francisco in May and stayed for a couple of days with Joanne Kini. They enjoyed Joanne's charming neighborhood and met three of Joanne's daughters. From there, the three of them flew to Seattle to join Ann Lynch who lives in Mill Creek in a lovely spacious condo. Hit a few wineries, and then the next day the four of them departed by car for the Olympic National Park. On the way to Olympic, the three sturdy souls went whale watching on a boat from Puget Sound, and saw many Orca whales! Strez moved on to visit a niece in Washington, and a friend in Oregon, but Moira and Joanne returned to Ann's home for theater and additional hot tub/wine imbibing time. Strez traveled to Croatia and Slovenia in September, and she had a good visit with **Rita Werb Fasano**.

Judy Sparrow and her husband Ed seem to have become avid golfers during their winter stays in Florida. They are enjoying several major trips a year. **Marty Spadinger Kasnic** reports that they have a marvelous support system in Florida. Their children and families live in Houston, New Mexico, Maryland, and Virginia. They are very proud of their grandchildren who are all great young people! They are excited that UFGator softball is going to College World Series!

Betty Schwilk Corazzini is enjoying the activities of her granddaughter Ariana. Her daughter Lisa and Ariana spent spring break in China recently with her classmates (Chinese immersion program).

Some sad news from **Maureen Denehy McKenna**. Her son-in-law Dean (husband of daughter Colleen) passed away in December of 2015. Dean had been dealing with several serious medical issues for four months. Colleen visited Maureen and Joe earlier this year, and their son JP was there for the Christmas holidays. This summer Pete and **Mim Murphy Quaid** and daughter Molly vacationed in the Outer Banks. In December Mim and Pete joined Pat and Joanne in Baltimore after the Army/Navy Game and had dinner with the Downes clan.

Maureen Dugan Cocozza attended the wedding of a granddaughter, and another granddaughter received her MS degree in school psychology and will intern with the Arlington County school system. In February, Jim and **Margie Weidner Phillips** spent two weeks in Maui, listened to the ocean outside the condo, and played some golf. Three high school graduations this year and two college (grandchildren). They are taking Arthur Murray dance lessons.

Ray and **Barbara DeMott Holland** are retired and still reside in Bayside, NY. Three of her grandchildren compete in Irish Dancing in surrounding states and another granddaughter Julia is a business major at NYU. She still plays a little bridge and talked about bridge in the Pines with Fr. Kline. David and **Ann Depenbrock Holmes** are planning to move to Williamsburg, VA, and in the meantime are spending a year or so in Bethany Beach, DE while they wait for an apartment to be available in Virginia where their daughter Melissa lives. Their daughter Stephanie is in Utah and daughter Meghan is in Tel Aviv. Ann and David visited in May/June.

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Carol Vessel Auth, Geri Legendre Ralston, Missy Cullinan Rosson, and **Anne Diller Welkener** represented the Class of 1962 at our 55th Reunion last March in Gettysburg. From the "Welcome Social" on Thursday through the "Farewell Continental Breakfast" on Sunday, we all enjoyed a delightful experience and a great time catching up on all our family news since we saw each other in 2012. Carol and Geri had their husbands accompany them, so we ended up with six for our class banquet table. Anne said that while such a small group made for easy conversation, they all missed

being able to visit with other class members as well. Maybe it will happen at our 60th!

Kitty Fulcher Allen notes that things have slowed down for her. She is still active with the Twin Cities Woman's Club and plays bridge two to three times a week. "That is my exercise!" She and her husband are still in the beautiful Panhandle of Florida and are reasonably healthy. They are crossing things off the bucket list. Last fall they visited the British Isles and Normandy. Just in case any SJC grandchildren are in college, the Allen family is represented at Kansas State, the University of Kansas, West Virginia University, the University of Virginia, and next year James Madison University (Virginia).

Vi Barkauskas is planning a trip to Lithuania in summer 2017 to touch base with over 40 relatives of her extended family and to check on the development of academic nursing. She continues to do volunteer work with international high school exchange students and with various community and university groups.

Kitty Dignan Crismer was sorry not to get to Reunion. After a long, cold, snowy winter she and her husband think they are adjusting to living in the Inner Northwest. They took a break for the month of February and went to Florida! Karen and the four kids are busy and keep them busy. They were lucky to be near the other seven grandchildren when they were younger, and it is nice to be near this four. This was a great winter for ski resorts, and Schweitzer had a great season. This spring Kitty is coaching a girl's lacrosse team and has gone to Spokane to play against Carol Vessel Auth's sons' team.

It has been a busy winter for **Kathie Seely Davis** with travel to Florida, Phoenix, Alabama, and France within 11 weeks! All went well and she will be at home until mid-summer when she travels to Tanglewood, MA for the Boston Symphony summer program! Kathie recently talked with **Emily Rosensteel O'Neil** and Geri Legendre Ralston who are as busy as ever!

Vivian Wojcik Kurilla has been having back pain since her return from Slovakia and has been going to therapy to strengthen the muscles around her lumbar spine. She says what helped the most was a spine "stretching machine." She also has a new addition to her family. The SPCA asked them to foster a dog that would likely be sacrificed because of severe arthritis and skin conditions. So they became the foster parents of "Snoopy," an eight-year-old 110 lb. longhaired Rottweiler! After treatment and special medication (thanks to Costco's low cost prescriptions), he is now mobile, happy, and very gentle with their two other rescue dogs. He thinks Vivian's name is "Cookie."

Abby Hausmann Love has been doing a lot of travelling. In May she had a fabulous trip to New York City with her daughters, and her niece from Brooklyn joined them for one day. One of the highlights of this trip was Mass at St. Patrick's celebrated by Cardinal Dolan. Another trip she and Tom took included Mount Rushmore in South Dakota; Ponderosa Campground and Buffalo Bill's Irma Hotel in Cody, WY; Jackson Hole, WY; Pike's Peak, CO; and a Balloon Festival in Albuquerque, NM.

Mary Hamish Lynch had such a great time at our 50th Reunion and had been looking forward to the 55th, but was stopped cold in late September 2016 when she tore two tendons in her hip. There is not a good remedy for the problem other than a long, slow, healing process. She is gradually getting better and is much more mobile. Other than that, she is well. Her husband retired from his group practice several years ago, and he is now having a great time working a few days a week at the Veteran's Administration Hospital teaching plastic surgery residents. Her children and grandchildren are all well. They have one grandson out of college, a granddaughter about to enter, and three in high school. She says it's fun to watch them grow up. Since her retirement about 15 years ago, she taught theology to juniors and seniors at a Catholic high school in their area for three years and is on the board of directors of their local youth club. She has been chairman of their church finance committee for many years. A huge renovation to their church, parish hall, and education building was completed last year. She says that was a successful project but not without a few slings and arrows!

Cathy Schmid Nestor and husband Barry have called the last two years, the "years of our knees," since they've both had knee replacements. All four surgeries were successful and now they're set for the next 25 years! Cathy has started taking Tai Chi and plays Bocce every week, which is really fun. In May they had a wonderful long weekend in Tampa, where their granddaughter Riley made her First Communion. In late May they saw their son Brian and his family when they came to visit DC. In August they will see them again in Anna Maria Island, FL, where they'll rent a beach house before Riley and Brendan start school. Their other son Kevin will join them at the beach. In September they're really looking forward to taking an eight-day river cruise on the Rhone from Avignon to Lyon and then three days on their own in Paris.

Kathy Eckloff Price and her husband Bob moved in October 2016 from their home in Ocean Pines, MD to Riderwood Village in Silver Spring, MD. Her phone number is: 301.273.0927.

Missy Cullinan Rosson is taking care of her four-year-old granddaughter Ari for one or two days a week. Lately Ari has been discovering all the bugs, snails, and lizards in the back yard. She asks her grandmother to identify them, and Missy often designates them as "a teeny orange bug" or the like. Missy absolutely refuses to hold the snails although she is somewhat tolerant of the other species. Missy sings with the "show tunes" group, and they had four performances mostly at assisted living homes. In October 2016 she went to Chicago to see a performance of *Hamilton*. The understudy from the original starred. Missy states, "It truly inspires you with patriotism and admiration for the establishments of institutions that we take for granted in our country." That's despite recognizing the frailties of the founding fathers. While in Chicago the Cubbies were playing in the World Series, and the town was crazy everywhere you went. Even the lions in front of the revered Art Institute wore Cubbies caps to show their support. Her son Tom and family visited after Christmas, and her 12-year-old granddaughter Shanna spent time with her making decorated cookies and a 12-inch pillow in the shape of a heart. After the Reunion, Missy went to Williamsburg for an extended weekend and one of her favorite things was a presentation by "Thomas Jefferson" as the statesman and also as a young man. The town itself is easy to walk around in just so you dodge the William and Mary students who are jogging through. She spent one afternoon in the museum because it was pouring much of the day. Of course, the highlight of her trip east was the Reunion visiting with other classmates and sharing attitudes about life in general.

Gladys Gdula Waldron is still teaching parenting to the teen moms six hours a week. The girls keep her on her toes. She keeps very busy with the school board and finds it interesting work. She just got reelected to her 40th year! Her kids visit frequently and they have been wonderful since her husband Tom died. She has eight grandchildren that are great.

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Three of us attended our 54th Reunion--**Tobie Gibbons, Mary Ellen Gill Purkis**, and **Ellen Krieger Smelas**. As we plan for our own 55th, we appreciate all the work done by the Reunion Committee as well as the ongoing commitment of the SJCAA Board. Our dates are April 12-15, 2018.

The Saturday of Reunion weekend, Mary Ellen again arranged a welcome luncheon for our area classmates at the Carriage House. We had a good turnout and another memorable afternoon, catching up and remembering our college years. **Judy Markey Gallagher** traveled the farthest, from Lewes, DE. She loves living in a small town by the bay and the ocean where there is always something to do with family or friends. She has totally recovered from back surgery, and happy to be so.

Susie Boland Southwell and **Mimi Chesley-Cora** were spending the weekend together. Susie reports that her family is doing well. All 18 of them spent a week at Emerald Isle, NC in August. Following in Susie's footsteps, two of her granddaughters are studying nursing, one close by at Catholic University in DC. Later in the spring, Susie and Richard were off to Los Angeles to visit Richard's brother.

On December 17, 2016, Mimi's mother Constance Jones Chesley answered "a loving request to help with the Angel Choirs this Christmas." Mimi writes that her entire family has been exceedingly blessed to have her all these years. At the Parish of the Resurrection, Mimi directs the music program, leads retreats, arranges "Dining for Women," and immerses herself in all aspects of parish life. Life is a blessing and she is grateful for all who have crossed her path.

Also from the DC area, **Jean Lentz** really delights in her 55 and over community, with many activities, either impromptu or planned. A swimmer for many years, she loves water exercise class twice a week. This year, Tobie Gibbons went back to work for three months, took courses at Georgetown on the Constitution and the history of jazz. Travels took Tobie to London, where she also visited Bath and Oxford. On a more recent adventure she cruised the coast of Croatia on a Road Scholar trip with a lifelong friend, hiked and toured in beautiful Slovenia, then visited Sarajevo, which still bears wartime scars. Tobie volunteers with immigrants and spends lots of time with her extended family and friends.

Mary Fran Smith Horne and **Cathy Parrott Kryzanauskas** arrived together. For recently retired Midge, it is nice to be home permanently in their woodland setting where she and Henry enjoy watching all the wildlife–deer, fox, wolf, rabbit, groundhogs, possum, geese, ducks, wild turkeys, and a great variety of birds. The frogs in the pond provide a chorus every night. Cathy is spending much time with her beautiful new granddaughter Sloane, born March 13, and Henley, now two. She is taking a break after knitting baby blankets and sweaters for everyone. In May, she is off to the Outer Banks, and in July will cruise Alaska with her older "grandchildren" Cole, ten, and Julianne, seven.

In early June, Mary Ellen hosted another "Slumber Party" at her beach house on Long Beach Island, NJ. Tobie, **Linda Carr Kenny, Mary Lou Williams Feeney, Susan Williamson Swartz**, and Ellen had a sunny visit, a beach walk, lots of fine food, and extended time together. We've all known each other for 58 years, being together is timeless. At Christmas, Mary Ellen sent us all a photo of the Una Driscoll Meyer painting her daughter Jane had framed for her, which she has in a place of honor in LBI home. It truly illustrates Una's artistic talent and touched all of us. As Mary Ellen stated, "It was just like having Una with me."

Another special photo was from **Mary Lou Spurrier** of a happy reunion weekend in Virginia at **Joyce Schauber Kim**'s home. Smiling **Marjorie Roberts Tautkus** and **Claudette Coulon Thibodeau** completed the group.

The Christmas mail included photos, emails, cards and texts...

Matt and **Alanna Higgins McHugh** sent a beautiful family photo of their three daughters and their families, taken at a reunion at Woodloch in Pennsylvania. Their oldest grandchild Meghan is a lawyer in Boston specializing in litigation. The younger ones are still in school and doing well in their activities.

Life in Naples, FL continues to be a bit of paradise for Tom and **Kathy Johnson Raby** with a full calendar of activities at church and with family and friends. In the fall, they visited Delaware in time for the second birthday of their youngest grandchild Christina, their son Tommy and Eva's baby. The rest of the family, Margie, Karen, and Andy and grandson Drew flew up from Orlando for a few days. They had a full house with Kathy's sister Nancy and brother Dennis and their families as well. Sadly, just after Christmas, Kathy's sister Nancy, SJC '65, passed away.

A Christmas photo montage from Neal and **Jane Metze Freeman** captured the far flung family activities they enjoyed with their grandchildren: celebrating in NYC; gondola riding in Venice, Italy; victory lapping in San Jose, CA; touring Cape Canaveral; and golfing in Florida. Kate's son Harry camped in Estes, CO near the Rockies. Another shot shows the entire family in St. Augustine, FL.

Linda Carr Kenny's entire family, including all five daughters and nine grandchildren, surprised Linda for her 75th. This June sister Audrey, SJC '59, and her family are coming for a family reunion picnic. In the fall Bill and Linda will travel to Portugal and Spain. Over the years they have taken each grandchild on a special trip, ranging from Palm Springs to Yellowstone. Linda arranges our regional get-togethers, an outgrowth of planning for our 50th Reunion, and we have lively lunches twice yearly, anywhere from Spring Lake to Lambertville.

A Christmas photo arrived from Richard and **Pat Lieb Mudd**. This year they celebrated son Shane's engagement, grandson Ryan's Confirmation in Texas, and especially Pat's retirement. In 1959 Pat started her work at Catholic Charities as a secretary during high school, then continued in Children's Services from 1965-1972 when she left to raise her own three children. Returning in 1980 she became associate director of Social Services, then later created the Office of Victims Assistance. The list of her accomplishments merits a separate article, and the lives that she touched are innumerable. We salute Pat for all that she had accomplished personally and professionally.

In April, we prayed for **Kaywood Greeve Fuqua** who has since fully recuperated from heart surgery. Just after Thanksgiving Kaywood met **Sheila Degnan**

McCarron in Santa Cruz where they had a great time. At Christmas Kaywood sent news that her son Sean was reelected mayor of Chico, CA. His son Ashton is off to University of Nevada with a full ride football scholarship, and brother Zachary stars in his basketball tourneys. On December 14th Mayor Sean officiated at the marriage of Kaywood's granddaughter, and his niece, Morgan, high above Lake Tahoe, on her own mother's birthday.

Susie Molinari spent Christmas Day at the Taj Mahal and learned much about Indian culture and history from a most informative guide, who is also a movie star. A glorious experience, she liked the food, especially samosas, slept in an OAT tent village, saw lots of monkeys and deer and even a tiger. She returns to southern India in May for another visit. During the winter she returned to Puerto Vallarta and sent well wishes to all of us in the colder climes.

Fellow Californian **Tina High Goldmith** travels twice yearly with her sister Brenda, usually cruising and enjoying their timeshares. Last March they flew to Auckland and sailed to Sydney. In December Tina and her friend will cruise for 18 nights around the Hawaiian Islands. Closer to home, she will vacation at The Welk Resort with her older son and his family next spring.

Accompanied by two of her daughters, **Ronnie Carroll Donnelly** cheered for Roger Federer at the Indian Wells Tournament. Ronnie also had a family reunion in Charlotte, NC. After all these years she and Mary Ellen exchange greetings on their shared birthday in March.

The best 75th birthday award goes to **Maxine Wallish Gorman**. We circulated the photos of Max at the wheel of an 18-wheel rig that her family had leased to surprise her. Of course, her biggest problem was reaching the pedals and the gears. We can imagine the fun as her entire family cheered her on. We first heard of the birthday celebration from **Mary Higgins Haile** who says Max is the only celebrity she knows from Shamokin, PA. Don and Mary usually visit the Gormans when they travel north. In Raleigh, they are busy with seven grandkids, and life in general. They spent Easter in the mountains with Kate and her family. Sons Andy and Matthew and their families live nearby.

Missing Reunion 2017 for the best possible reason, Earl and Mary Lou Williams Feeney had a marvelous week in London with their entire family. Son Doug and his wife Laura from Arizona, daughter Beth and grandsons Miles and Graham and the grandparents rented a house for the duration, visited all the historic sites and had a splendid time. On Mary Lou's birthday, creative daughter Beth had the boys in Philadelphia '76er shirts, in honor of grandmom. On another excursion, the Feeneys cruised with her sister Nancy, SJC '60, and husband with stops at New Orleans, Mexico, and Key West.

We send our love to **Julie Rowe** who is recuperating at home from hip surgery after a fall. In April, Julie celebrated her birthday with her family and friends travelling to Metuchen to be with her. After the devastation of the fire that destroyed her condo and the long rebuilding process, Julie truly appreciates her lovely surroundings. She sends a sincere invitation to us for a summer visit.

In May, **Maureen Codey Caputo** and **Joan Codey Durkin** travelled to Switzerland and Italy to celebrate Maureen's 75th. The family stayed in a villa that Maureen's son Brian rented for the occasion. Maureen and Joan both have moved, with the Caputos staying in South Orange making it easier to babysit their young grandchildren twice a week. Still commuting north for work as the Essex County Tax Administrator and real estate broker, Joan has moved to Point Pleasant Beach, NJ, her summer home. Son Timmy lives nearby and visits often with his little ones. Joan is really on the go with her large family, many grandkids, and dual careers.

Susan Williamson Swartz is an honorary alumna of the College of St. Elizabeth since she participates in so many of their activities with her dear friend Alanna. Her oldest grandchild Alex will be a senior at Villanova, and sister Samantha will start at Lafayette next fall, both majoring in engineering. The rest of Jack and Susan's grandchildren are thriving.

All is well in Metuchen for Jim and Ellen and their beloved family. In May they travelled with their daughter Laura to Colorado to visit grandson Matt as he completed his first year at the Air Force Academy. It was such a special time with them, and a highlight was a trip to Pike's Peak snowy summit via the cog railroad.

We have also heard from **Margaret Collins Ervin, Claudia Mafera Fitzsimmons, Maryanna Frieberger Keller, Andrea Brophy Marchal, Mariellen Halberstadt Marchione, Sr. Judith Parkin, Anne Dondero Prinn, Ann Walsh Tedesco**, and **Ellen Caulfield White**.

With us in spirit are our many classmates who are currently dealing with serious issues.

Love for our classmates and for our college remains strong--come to Emmitsburg in April.

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Hard to believe that most of us will be three quarters of a century old--75!!! Shocking but so happy to be alive. This past year we had wonderful news from **Mary Jo Roos**--she found **Marge Donahue Stauffer**. Marge and Mary Jo live just blocks apart in the DC area. Can't wait to catch up--hopefully at our mini. **Barbara Vaganek Buck** brought me up to date with her family including us being together at a Mount play-off basketball game not knowing that we were each there. A missed opportunity to see each other!!! Some of her family attended the Mount. She has been able to attend First Communions and other of her grandchildren's activities.

Jackie Jermyn Azzarto seems to be setting Port St. Lucie on fire...directing the musical at the Cascades, being part of the traveling chorus at the Cascades. Jackie has developed a new "title" as a Fine Dining Chef, hosting many dinners at her home!! Glad to know that you are happy and bringing a bit of New York City to your new friends. **Joan Kludy** called Jackie while visiting **Cookie Kaheny Costanza**. They got to visit with **Mary Olivia Duffy Bowers**.

Mary Lou Ullrich Jones and Mike have traveled the world lately celebrating their 50th, including a repositioning cruise across the Atlantic from Barcelona to Fort Lauderdale. As a special 50th celebration, Mary Lou and Mike traveled to Alaska with many stops on their way to Vancouver, BC. Mary Lou has a new favorite "city" in Vancouver!! **Betty Meagher McManmon** travels often from her home base near Atlanta close to her son, traveling often up to New York to visit the rest of the family. **Carol Hammond Wagner** writes that husband John is doing well after being ill. They are grateful to welcome their new granddaughter. Makes for happy memories.

Claire Maurer settled in her new home in the Riderwood Community for the winter season while enjoying Ocean City, MD for the summer months. Claire was happy to share Christmas with **Jackie Melroy Shiring** and her family in Hawaii. Jackie and Paul will welcome their first grandchild soon. Their son John and his wife Christina are adopting Ian Yuel who was born in Seoul. They were able to meet him in May. Hopefully he will be in the US very soon to become grandson spoiled by his parents and grandparents. All that knitting was worth it, Jackie. Welcome to the Proud Grandparent Community. Congratulations after a long wait.

Kathy Flanagan Huber and Jim have wintered in Orange Beach, AL for the past 20 years. Kathy is blessed to be able to help out with their new granddaughter in Cincinnati. Their oldest grandson joined the Navy and is in Seals training. Wow, we are getting "older"! **Karen Coss Ridenour** and her husband Wells still golf weekly and are active in their church and community. Karen volunteers at the Shrine in Emmitsburg a few times a month. They winter in Naples, FL each year.

Judy Foley Furlong writes that she is well in California. She is active in her local Episcopal Church serving as a licensed preacher and running an adult education program. Judy's daughter Caleigh is a teacher in Warsaw, Poland (Judy calls Caleigh her gypsy). She has also spent a few years in South Korea. Judy is planning a long visit next year to visit Caleigh. Judy's daughter Amy is a social worker and just lives a short distance from Judy with her partner. Judy is so grateful that Amy is nearby. Amy's job is very important and very stressful, and Judy is extremely proud of her! Judy sees **Sharon Lazzaro Dougherty** often.

Lola Forns Reilly and Bob celebrated their 50th with an Anniversary Mass, followed by a catered dinner for family and friends. Their celebration was beyond their expectations! Thanksgiving was celebrated with family in Cape Cod...a mere dinner for 40...how special! Lola and Bob continue to usher at church, participate and lead church activities, and host B&B friends. All is well in the Reilly family, for which they are grateful.

Mary Lou Schreck Blumer writes to say that she and husband Jan enjoy having their son Jacques living so close to them in his own "first" home. Mary Lou continues to work part time at a homeless shelter helping with their computer system and anything else she can do for them. She loves the people with whom she works so it is difficult to "retire." Mary Lou was blessed to be with Lenny, **Dolores Vasquez Dougherty's** husband when Dolores passed. Mary Lou

was a faithful companion and friend to both Dolores and Lenny during the past few years visiting with Dolores often. Mary Lou certainly was a wonderful, faithful friend to Dolores. Dolores passed from a brain tumor on October 26, 2016, one day shy of her 74th birthday. Her funeral Mass was held at St. Vincent's Church which is on the campus of Timothy Murphy School for Boys where Dolores was an active volunteer. The St. Joe's "Ave Maria" was sung at her Mass, and Mary Lou was a pallbearer. She remains close to Lenny. In January, P**at Giblin Wolman, Joan Finn, Ann Miles**, and Mary Lou met in Tucson, AZ to celebrate Dee's life taking walks, playing pickelball, going to a concert, and just being together. What a wonderful tribute to SJC friendships.

We are saddened to hear of the death of **Barbara Marut Grella** and husband Bob's son. We will all continue to keep their family in our prayers.

As we look forward to our 55th Reunion in 2019, I pray for the continued strength for our class to continue in good health and for the strength to handle the years to come with grace and strength. We are hopeful to continue our Reunions until 2025. We do need the support of all of us to keep current with our dues to attain that goal. Happy celebrations for us as we enter the days ahead. Please keep in touch, Chrystie.

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The year began with renewed commitment to keep the momentum of our golden celebration in 2015 alive and at the top of our "to do" lists. **Mary Brandon Rummele** organized a Florida reunion before she and John left Wisconsin for their annual trip south. Mary teamed with **Cindy Crawford Cannon** and both women coordinated a luncheon for nine classmates in February. **Marsha Martindell Moffitt, Maggie Quayle Bellew, Mary Ann Gillotti Kelleher, Helene Brown Hess, Mary McIntyre Lear, Mary Beth Boisseree McDonell, Kathy Kearney Walzcak,** Mary, and Cindy gathered in Bonita Springs for food and conversation.

This Florida group also included another classmate who was unable to attend. They enjoyed FaceTime with **Kathy Murphy Clarke** in Oklahoma. Kathy planned to travel to Florida but her husband Mike needed her at home. He is currently progressing after injuring himself in a fall. He is glad to be home after stays in the hospital as well as a skilled nursing facility. Let's continue to keep both Mike and Kathy in our prayers on Thursday mornings. We know Mike is getting the best care possible; what else would you expect from an SJC nurse?

Dede Koudelka Rogers was to be included in a FaceTime visit but technical difficulties between Bonita Springs, FL and Emerald Isle, NC interfered. Dede's grandson Noah returned to Mozambique. Noah had been in the states for a number of months for medical care. He is doing very well and Dede is grateful for all of our prayers. She is pleased to report Noah has been accepted to the Rift Valley Academy in Nairobi, Kenya for his high school years. He will truly be "thousands of miles from home"! I just finished reading *Circling the Sun* and *Out of Africa* for my Atlanta-based book club so I will be interested to hear about Noah's experience in this historic valley. Dede enjoyed a houseful of family during Easter. She is looking forward to a Rogers' reunion in July.

Helene and Bob Hess hosted a small gathering when **Marlene Brown Strattan** and Larry visited Florida in April. Mary Beth Boisseree McDonell and Mary Ann Gillotti Kelleher attended.

Carolyn Fricke (Friction) Lattanzio and her husband Flip (Felix) are "living the life of Riley" in Summerville, SC. According to Carolyn "he plays a lot of golf…I play a little golf, read, waste time on the iPad, etc." The whole family spent the holidays together in Montego Bay, Jamaica. Eldest daughter Christine is now living in DC; daughter Kerry and her family are in NYC; and Tracy, husband and children are in Northern Virginia. Jennifer, the youngest, lives in South Carolina and is working on her graduate degree at The Citadel. She has written several contemporary romance novels under the pen name Jennifer L. Allen. She has published quite a few; check them out on Amazon.

Karen Langer Carr plans to enjoy a week-long visit with family on Sunset Beach, NC. Oldest grandson Brendan Carr has been accepted at UNC Chapel Hill

although grandfather Jim was rooting for his alma mater NC State. Karen stays busy with church activities and has completed her third year in the Catholic Bible Institute study, a four year program.

Remember when **Didi Bremer Corrigan** was a flight attendant? Well, she hasn't slowed down much nor has her love of travel! Her time is filled with family, friends, volunteer work at a Pro-Life Clinic, church and...golf! She spent a week in Hilton Head, joined by old friends from Panama on the courses. In July, she and George travel to Alaska for salmon fishing; in August, it will be time for a family reunion in Myrtle Beach. Early fall will find Didi exploring her French roots. Her great-grandparents went to Panama from France during the building of the canal to market their wines. "I come by my love of wines very honestly!" says Didi.

Judy McGrath Brenner reports Vince has decided to retire from teaching after 54 years of service at various universities. Their oldest granddaughter graduated from LSU in May and will be attending a physician's assistant program in Shreveport. Vince's health is better but Judy adds, "We both are starting to slow down." **Nancy Boemanns Fratini** has a new left knee! She is working on walking without a cane and is making progress. She, Al and Amy planned to visit **"A" O'Neil Ashburn** in VA in early June. The Fratinis will make their usual visit to the Connecticut coast later that month. **Susan Lowe Kayes** is improving. She is "not completely back to the old Susan" but she is getting there. She thanks everyone for the prayers. Susan and Bob celebrated 51 years of marriage in April. They have seven grandchildren ranging in age from three to 23 years.

Margo Honey Keesler and Gene arrived at their Glenville, NC home in mid-April in time to prepare their garden and flowerbeds. Weather was cool and there was even a bit of snow. I worried about the Keeslers during the exceedingly dry and dangerous late summer and fall of 2016. They did not have any fires in their area but there was plenty of smoke all through the mountains. She and Gene were planning a trip to Alaska in July.

Carolyn Walker Rathman and Gene enjoyed a three-month tour of the west in May. They traveled to Key West last October and spent Christmas in Georgia with Carolyn's son and his family. Summertime travel began in Missouri then onto Minnesota and Michigan to visit both of their families. Carolyn proudly shared they just celebrated the first birthday of their youngest great-grandson.

Parish life at Holy Cross keeps **Eugenia McAuliffe Kelly** busy, especially in the spring, but "it's all good stuff" according to Genia. Granddaughter Madison is ten years old and younger granddaughter Savannah is 18 months old. Savannah spends Wednesdays with Genia. Savannah is a runner and a climber so Genia's exercise schedule has expanded! The family is looking forward to spending time at the Deal Casino Beach Club this summer. Genia has decided she will need to "hire a runner" to keep up with speedy Savannah.

Maggi Mullahy Yates' twin grandchildren aka The Dynamic Duo turned five. They will be starting kindergarten in September and going to separate classrooms. Maggi finds the "twin thing" very intriguing. She, Bob and Oliver and Hannah's parents were at the shore watching them play. When they approached the pair, they realized the children had an elaborate "adventure" underway with characters, dialogue, and action. As Maggi says "it's like having a friend over to play 24/7."

Christmas mail brought news **Charlotte O'Donnell Fedders** moved to Lansdowne, VA. She continues to travel frequently to visit her ten grandchildren. **Karen Pingicer Rafalko** and Frank seem to be constantly packing and unpacking. Last summer they were off to Europe with grandson Trevor and this past Christmas they were cruising the seas between Santiago, Chile and Buenos Aires, Argentina. Travel also ranked high for **Anne Nichols Gildea** and husband Jim. They enjoyed the "beautiful west coast of Ireland" last spring and sipped tea in Dublin with an 88 year-old cousin. Jim's parents visited this same cousin in 1988. A church-sponsored trip to the Holy Land was "remarkable" but also "quite sobering." **Carol Donohue Miller**'s son Stephen is now affiliated with the Winchester (VA) Medical Center. Daughter Kristine and family settled into a new home in Leonardtown. With family now living in the DC area, Carol hopes to visit with **Sharon Callison Brady** as well as other classmates in the area. **Mary Ann Dore Carlson** sent lovely pictures of daughter Monica's wedding. The three Carlson granddaughters were the attendants at their aunt's wedding. Our northern-most classmate **Anne Sacchet Paine** sent pictures of a snowy trail with her and her lovable sheepdog enjoying the great outdoors in Alberta, Canada.

Sister Carol Cryzewski, fssj enjoyed an Oregon vacation with her family last year. She recently participated in the People's Climate March in April in Washington, DC and was impressed by seeing many

people of "all ages, creeds, races" from so many states. Sister remains hopeful that "goodness and justice will prevail...[in] hearts that ignore the needs of the poor and Mother Earth." **Barbara Wixted Hayes** and husband John celebrated 50 years of marriage last July. The entire Hayes family "kids, spouses, and grandchildren" celebrated the milestone with a cruise. Colorado draws **Jeanne Falcetta Schumann** and Bill with frequent visits to their son and his family. Back in Connecticut, Jeanne volunteers and continues to promote organ donations through Donate Life CT. She keeps in touch with Kathy Murphy Clarke and Cindy Crawford Cannon. **Margaret Keil Sottosanti** feels she and John have finally settled into their new California residence. Their photo Christmas card was taken from their rooftop viewing deck and it was a wonderful reminder their move meant proximity to three pictured grandchildren Tommy, Ashley, and Katelyn.

If you have reviewed the *In Memoriam* section in this issue of *The Valley Echo*, you note the inclusion of two of our nursing classmates as well as two additional classmates' siblings. In December 2016, **Nancy Johnson Bentley** died suddenly at her home in Bethany Beach. Nancy was a dedicated supporter of the SJCAA and a regular attendee (often wearing her class blazer!) at Reunions. She also served as a member of the SJCAA's board. **Sally Callahan Sullivan, Susan Flanigan Conrad**, and **Jane Manning Brennan** marked the passing of their close friend, colleague, and an endearing member of the Ya-Ya Nurses at the 2017 Reunion. **Sharon Callison Brady** and **Jane Currie Sutton**, Nancy's stalwart friends, were also in attendance. **Janet Welaj Klaer** and Dave joined the group for part of the weekend.

Another nursing student **Jane Stafford Duggan** passed away in January. Jane died in California where she had been living for a number of years. Her son mentioned in his notice to the class that his mother traveled widely to usual as well as out-of-the-way places. Her adventures included not only interesting geographic locations but their varied cuisines as well. Both Eugenia McAuliffe Kelly and **Birdie Garvie Hummell** lost their brothers during the past year. Sobering news always brings a reminder of how very meaningful our Thursday morning prayer time is for all of us. We have many classmates and their families who are handling difficult times. Please remember them at nine o'clock each Thursday with the Prayer of St. Francis and a Memorare.

We are almost at the end of another year. Remember to send your SJCAA dues and keep our wonderful "re-union" spirit alive. The "Sunshine Girls" of Florida and their snowbird classmates are thriving; our "Philly Girls" are going strong, too. Call a friend and make plans to meet for coffee or lunch. I promise--it will be fun! Happy harvest season to all and continued peace and joy in the days ahead.

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Clare Schombert Hawkins will be spending ten days in October in the Scottish Highlands with the Road Scholar program. Going solo, Clare will join a small 32-person group staying at one location and making day trips to experience history, birding, hiking, natural history...and maybe tasting the famous liquor of Scotland, Scotch. Daughter Sharon will undergo surgery at Cedars Sinai in Los Angeles, July 5 to replace her knee (the other was replaced last summer). Claire's son David will be minding their son at home while mom Sharon recuperates at Claire's. Last summer Claire was "activities director" for then four-year-old grandson and found it challenging.

Prayers please for **Julie Rupp** who has had medical challenges for the last two years, but is getting stronger. Buying a new house at 13009 Glenwood Hills Ct., Albuquerque, NM 87111 has been a real blessing. She feels very peaceful. She traveled to Virginia Beach, VA to see her sister graduate with a doctorate. Julie volunteers as a tutor for adult one-on-one literacy training at Reading Works in Albuquerque and as a "cuddler" at the newborn ICU in the University hospital. For years, she taught Confirmation classes at her parish. She enjoys hearing the '66 class news and invites anyone coming through New Mexico to stop by. She hears regularly from **Roxanne McCauley**.

Carol Sheheen Pappas' husband Harry had back surgery, which was successful. Her children John Frank, and Venetia, were confirmed in April.

Rose Serio Sheheen attended the Spoleto Festival, a two-week performing arts festival in Charleston, SC. She is soloing to the Grand Canyon in July. Grandson William studies at the College of Charleston. He works part time for the local 2A baseball team, The Riverdogs. Grandsons Austin and Joseph will graduate from Clemson in December and May, respectively. Austin will be traveling to Hungary with his anthropology teacher to hopefully dig up some antiquities.

Four in the class celebrated 50th wedding anniversaries in 2017: **Judy Brittingham Ward** (and Bill); **Pat Guryansky Valenzuela** (and Shy); **Karin Fischl Rennert** (and Ron); **Mellissa Hanscom McDivitt** (and Bandy).

Betty Depenbrok Martin, Elaine Metzger, and **Carol Kuzmack Bradshaw** enjoyed a mini-reunion at Carol's home for a BBB South reunion. BBB North - Bethany Beach Babes - meets yearly in September in Bethany Beach, DE where three classmates own homes, and **Kathleen Smith Franke**'s niece offers her home for dinners and festivities. Carol's three grandchildren were on hand in Sanibel, and Jennifer, Carol's daughter, prepared the meals.

In May, Carol and husband Joe vacationed in Italy. In Rome, they stayed at the Casa Maria Immaculate Convent run by the Sisters of Charity. Carol tried to explain to the sisters about her education at St. Joseph College founded by St. Elizabeth Seton but they didn't seem impressed. (Perhaps because there are so many Italian saints?) Throughout the convent there are pictures of St. Vincent de Paul and St. Louise de Marillac but none of Elizabeth Seton!

Kathleen Smith Franke's husband John and daughter Lisa along with Kathleen were at Johns Hopkins for what proved to be a miraculous happening. Lisa, a donor match, gave one of her kidneys to her father John. Both are doing well and thankful for all the prayers and well wishes. This followed a year of waiting, angst, and endless trips to the hospital to prepare for the organ transfer. John gave Lisa the gift of life and Lisa had the rare opportunity to reciprocate.

Pat Lessard Whalen broke her hip and is in a memory impaired home near her daughter. Her daughter tells Pat all the SJC news.

Barbara Kennedy Hudak, a realtor in Virginia Beach, VA reports that she has had to counsel clients about living through a tornado. This is new territory for Barbara who hails from upstate New York, but it apparently comes with the job. Her sister, a graduate of SJC '64 has three children, one of whom has gone from being an errand boy during the filming of HBO shows to graduating to a Netflix producer! Most recently, his work on "13 Reasons Why," which covers teen suicide, was premiered in Los Angeles and received rave reviews. Barbara says it was a huge production and is very compelling.

Valerie Kochis Werzyn, living outside Denver, wishes she lived closer to classmates. She generously offers a place to stay if ever you are in the area. Colorado Springs is only an hour away. Her husband Tom had an unexpected stay in hospital but is fine now. They visited their eldest granddaughter in Bozeman, MT recently.

Susan Kaiserski Keller has a grandson at the Air Force Academy whose acapella singing group performed on "America's Got Talent."

Melinda Bloom is officially a grandmother with the birth of Penelope "Penny" Rose Carfi, February 28th. Her daughter Nora had some complications and Penny entered the world six weeks early. As a child Nora had leukemia and a bone marrow transplant. Melinda and her husband were told that sterility might occur. So, Penny's from Heaven, literally, and a true miracle.

Celebrating their 50th, Judy Brittingham Ward and Bill went to Waikiki and stayed at the Sheraton, which faced Diamond Head. An anniversary dinner with sunset views over the ocean was followed by a nighttime tour of Honolulu. Flying first class from Dulles the seats converted to beds. On the return trip, she fell and broke her ankle on the jetway.

Susan Brummitt Roth passed in her sleep from complications associated with colon cancer on May 12. A celebration of her life was held at her home in Cary, NC on May 28th, where her husband Mike joined with relatives and friends to remember her.

From the rolling hills of Pennsylvania, at their farm, **Dale Gilbert Bock** proudly reports that their fourth grandchild Jessica will graduate from high school in June and will be attending SUNY Binghamton in the fall. Other grandchildren Matt and Kristen are at Penn State while Jonathan is at Kent State. Sadly, her mother Virginia Gilbert passed away May 30th at the

wonderful age of 94. Dale said that she was looking forward to joining her husband, Dale's father, who passed in 1996.

All are looking forward to renewing friendships starting September 22nd at BBB reunion in Bethany Beach, DE.

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Greetings fellow Golden Girls! Our 50th Reunion was wonderful. Those attending were: **Jean Suelau Allman; Rose Angelus; Judith Hyland Bowman; Diane Briggman; Margaret Sullivan Carr; Rita Gisriel Cole; Mary Lou Argientieri DeHoratius; Fermina DeLellis Evans; Kathleen Flynn Gaffney; Laura Munch Gouthreau; Virginia Werber Hartmuller; Ann Thompson Hogg; Kathleen Sheehan Horn; Eileen Brown Kerrigan; Monica Norris Lingg; Mary Rosenberger Lynch; Joan McCathran Mahaffey; Louise Gorman Manetta; Florence DeLessio Marchetti; Elizabeth Cook McAveney; Mary Alice Friede Mauser; Mimi Ceresa McGovern; Betty Ann McNeil, DC; Suzanne Martin Mohning; Ann Wyllie Mulroy; Virginia Greene Murphy; Mary Kay Wall Oliver; Katherine Skidmore Philipp; Suzanne Geho Rymer; Sandra Buono Sedam; Dawn Chadwick Shepherd; Kathy Kelleher Sohn**; and **Margaret Cloney Wood**.

Friday's box lunch in the student center gave us time to begin catching up on news. The campus tour, which followed, challenged our memories!! We continued reminiscing at our Class Dinner and later in the Presidential Suite where yearbooks, photos, and other memorabilia were passed around. There was a lot of laughter, and we even celebrated Kate Sheehan Horn's birthday with cake. As Board Members gave their reports at Saturday's annual Alumnae Association meeting, we realized that the organization is strong in spirit and financially sound despite our dwindling numbers. The Memorial Mass at the Basilica was beautiful, and our class participation made it even more meaningful. The Banquet dinner was delicious as usual but made more special when our class won the award for having the most alumnae present. Ann Wyllie Mulroy accepted the plaque for us. Ann was acknowledged earlier in the evening for her contributions to our class and also to the Alumnae Association throughout the past fifty years. All too soon it was Sunday and we reluctantly said our good byes with promises to keep in touch.

Mary Alice Friede Mauser and Rita Gisriel Cole have agreed to be our Class Agents for the next few years. Please send them news about yourself and your family from now on. I remain on the Association's Reunion Committee and plan to attend every year. Perhaps some of you who live close by will consider attending one or more events. Then of course there is always our 55th in 2022!!

Mary Lou Argientieri DeHoratius' comments summed it up best. "I had not been back to SJC since I left after my sophomore year in 1965. But last March, some 50 plus years later, I returned to the A and to the mountains I remember glimpsing in their autumn glory. On tour there was Seton Hall, my freshman fortress and Rosary Hall where **Joan Crowe** and I became forever friends. There was the Chapel and the library, but most of all there were my classmates who not only remembered me, but also welcomed me home, as if I had not left them behind in 1965. I had brought with me my student handbook, my freshman schedule, my tattered freshman compositions with Sr. Margaret Ann's distinct remarks in red, even my yellowed grade reports, proof positive that I had been one of them. But I needn't have. I was clearly one of them again; I was one of them still–a Joe's girl and a proud member of the Class of 1967."

I would add to that from my remarks at the Banquet. "Thank you for being my friends!"~Flo DeLessio Marchetti

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Greetings to the Class of '68. By the time you're reading this, we'll have about six months until we meet again for our 50th Reunion--50 years since we left the Valley and began our lives away from the security of our college and homes. I hope you've made plans to come to Reunion as this will be our last one (unless we have such a good time that we decide to go to a 55th, or we decide to have mini-reunions).

I'll start off with some sad news from two of our classmates, which I've already shared with those of you who still "do" email. **Pat Gavin Wynne** called me to tell me that John Sullivan, husband of **Julie Geary Sullivan**, died at age 73 on May 20th after a ten-year battle with Alzheimer's. Julie's sister lived with them and was able to help Julie with his care. The family held a memorial service and Mass for him on June 23rd.

Connie Nippert Walsh's only brother, Stephen Nippert, died of lung cancer in January; and his only child Jay Nippert, age 40, died, also of lung cancer six days later. Stephen had been driving Jay to his treatments and didn't know he, too, had cancer. Connie became concerned after speaking to him on the phone because he sounded very ill--he thought it was pneumonia. She flew to Newport and took him to the doctor; that afternoon they learned he had cancer throughout his body. He died less than two weeks later but was glad he wasn't going to have to bury his son because that "wasn't the natural order." Jay worked at Salve Regina University, and their president spoke at his memorial service. Connie and her family held Stephen's memorial service on June 3rd, in Newport, RI.

Joanne Ekhaml's Christmas letter announced that Joanne planned to retire in March. With her retirement, she and Jim looked forward to traveling, starting with a trip to Florida to visit friends during Red Sox spring training season. Last year, they went to Leipzig to visit their son David, his wife Katja, and their daughters, and to spend time with Katja's extended family. In October, the family celebrated Joanne's 70th with a visit to Budapest for four days and Prague for three days. In July, Joanne and Jim went on their annual "culture tour" with friends to Western Massachusetts (for dance, Shakespeare, and the Boston Symphony at Tanglewood) and then to Cooperstown, NY (for opera and a visit to the Baseball Hall of Fame). In August they visited Joanne's family in Charleston and had their "close of summer" celebration on Martha's Vineyard in September.

In her Christmas message, **Barbara Wilt Morgan** said the highlight of their year was a 70th birthday trip/pilgrimage she and Wally took to Italy--to Florence, Assisi, and Rome. The tour group was 38 people, most of them from their church. While they had known each other beforehand, the group really bonded on the trip. Pope Francis designated 2016 as the Year of Mercy, a good time for Catholics to visit Rome. And, while in Rome, the group got to see the pope! Their son Mike stays busy with his art and music: he works at the School of Rock in Norfolk where he gives drum lessons and does odd jobs; he was an extra in a movie shot locally and for a segment of the Travel Channel; he's been accepted by a local talent agency for roles; and he plays drums with four bands.

Janice Chepaitis Cullen sent a first-time-ever response to my request for class news. She says that, thanks to her genes, she has osteoarthritis all over her body, with her vertebrae being the most affected. She had just undergone her fifth spinal surgery, for bone spurs growing into her spinal cord, and was going to physical therapy three times a week to strengthen her legs so she wouldn't have to use a walker. Her neurosurgeon said it would take months and promised nothing because of the damage. Janice retired from teaching in 2006, and became certified by the American Nurses Association as a faith community nurse at their church, an unpaid, part-time job that she says is an incredibly rewarding nursing practice. She and Jim have two children--Jimmy in Atlanta and Kerry in Cary, NC--six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, ages six months and four years. They visit twice a month and attend their activities (basketball, soccer, lacrosse, dance competitions, debate club, etc). They traveled some after retirement, but had to cancel their last three trips due to Janice's surgeries. At the time she sent her news (May), she was supposed to be in Dingle, Ireland. However, despite the surgeries, Janice says, "I'll be there for the 50th Reunion come hell or high surgery!"

Janie Ebaugh is retired and lives in Rhinebeck, NY. Three of her children and nine grandchildren live in Rodgers Forge in Baltimore; the oldest was starting at Villanova University in September. Her 97-year old mom lives at Pickersgill Retirement Community in Towson. Daniel, her youngest, lives near her and has two children. He recently purchased a summer place on Paradox Lake in the Adirondacks--giving her a new place to explore. Janie's most recent journeys have been to Nepal (after the 2015 earthquake) and Zambia--both fascinating trips. She and her travel partner planned return trips to Nepal in the fall and Zambia in spring 2018. They planned to take a group of teens to Zambia to provide community service at a residential school for blind and albino children. Janie also works with the homeless in San Francisco with Care Through Touch. (Check it out on Carethroughtouch.org and see a picture of her.) She says retirement has been exciting and she hopes to see everyone at Reunion.

Mo Dwyer wrote from Hawaii in May that she was returning home to Vermont after being in Maui since March. This was her third year going to Hawaii, a period of time she says "is so nourishing for my soul and spirit."

As **Sue FitzMaurice Gibson** and Paul enjoyed a lovely Idaho spring at their home in the foothills over Boise, they also watched the melting heavy mountain snow-pack flood the valley leaving most of the Boise River Greenbelt under water. They've had several short trips around Idaho as members of the board of the Idaho Humanities Council, which she described as a fun learning experience. They flew to Indianapolis for their grandson's First Communion sandwiched between his and his brother's soccer games. On the way back, they stopped in Kansas to visit Paul's sister, **Ginny Gibson Johnson**. She is doing well and hopes to attend the reunion. In June, Sue, her sister, and her youngest granddaughter planned to attend the Sun Valley Writers' Conference. In July, she planned to do the second of her grandchild trips, a Road Scholar cruise around the Hawaiian Islands with 12-year old Evan.

Kate Graham retired the end of December from Prudential Financial in Newark, NJ, where she worked for almost 18 years, primarily as director of internal communications for the individual life insurance business. For 15+ of those years, she stayed with **Mary Jo Rice Mahoney** several nights a week in Westfield, NJ. Kate is glad not to be traveling the NJ Turnpike and now fills her gas tank far less frequently. She is busy upgrading and reorganizing her condo in Wilmington, DE and enjoying walks with her beagle, Buxton, who's happy to have her full-time! As a belated gift for Kate's "big birthday" in March, her sister Jeanie and brother Bob "sponsored" a trip for Kate to Charleston, SC, where the three siblings and sister-in-law Maureen visited at Bob and Maureen's home on Daniel Island and played tourist in the area. Jeanie and Kate spent a day at Middleton Place, a plantation, museum, and home to the oldest U.S. landscaped gardens. There, acting on a tip from **Ann Wyllie Mulroy**, SJC '67, Kate asked a guide if curator Mary Edna Sullivan was available. "Just tell her SJC," Kate replied when asked her name. A few minutes later the traveling sisters were warmly greeted by **Mary Edna Sullivan**, SJC '63. "Speaking with Mary Edna was like talking with an old friend," Kate says. "An SJC nursing major and Navy veteran, Mary Edna earned two master's degrees and launched her second career as a curator. Any alumna visiting Middleton Place should look her up."

Carol "Casey" Kakalec Kohn was looking forward to a Civil War trip in July with her San Francisco grandsons. The group was going to drive from Chapel Hill north to visit battlefields at Petersburg, VA; Harper's Ferry; Gettysburg; and Appomattox. They also planned a stay in Washington for sightseeing and other activities.

Ruth Lynch Buchwalter and Stan had an extended family ski vacation in Colorado in February and traveled to Japan with friends from New Jersey in April. Back home, she is busy with volunteer activities--helping seniors with their taxes and finances, and trying to find contact information for our "missing" classmates--and coming up with a landscape plan for the back yard of their new house. She and Stan are going to Mississippi this fall--one of two states she has not yet visited. After that, she can check that state off her bucket list.

Last November, a group of our classmates who live along the east-west I-64 corridor in Virginia had a mini-reunion in Richmond at Maggiano's. The group included Ruth and me from Charlottesville; Barbara Wilt Morgan and **Ellen Eisgrau Raffetto** who drove together from the Tidewater area; and the Richmond crew: **Connie Mitchell Salmeri, Lorna Lachapelle**, and **Sally O'Neil Kennedy**. Some of us had not seen each other since graduation so we spent some time reconnecting and talking about our big reunion-to-come.

Carol Landry flew east from San Francisco in April to visit her sister and friends, and to attend this year's Reunion with me. We were joined there by Kate Graham, and the three of us represented our class well getting ideas for our 50th Reunion next year. We met Pat Gavin Wynne and **Sheila Kelly Vertino** at a mezze restaurant in Frederick. After Reunion, Carol spent several days at my house and left by train back to the Washington area to see her sister and visit a friend who lives on Maryland's Eastern Shore. Her friend lives near **Barbara Beshel**, and the two of them met for lunch and had a nice visit getting caught up. Back in San Francisco, Carol reported that she broke her shoulder in May and was looking toward a long recuperation period.

Sr. Mary Fran Hildenberger, DC is in her fifth year at Elizabeth Seton High School in Bladensburg. Using her math education, she teaches an Algebra 1 class and serves as co-chair of the Math Department. She enjoys teaching and interacting with teenage girls again. She lives in a house adjoining the school with 11 Daughters and is near several family members. Last July, her family celebrated their mother's 100th birthday in Lynchburg, VA, where she lives with Mary Fran's brother Bruce and his wife. All ten children were present as well as nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She's in good physical health with some short-term memory loss and the beginnings of dementia. Sports fans, take notice: Mary Fran's nephew, Trevor Hildenberger, was called up to the major leagues as a relief pitcher for the Minnesota Twins and is now living his dream. Mary Fran says "feel free to root for the Twins anytime!"

I celebrated my 70th birthday in Paris in September with my sister on a Smithsonian tour. Having never traveled with a tour group before, we really enjoyed it. We were kept very, but not too, busy, with walking tours in Paris and day-trips by train to Rouen, Dijon, and Versailles. We had dinner with the group about every other night at nice restaurants and began each dinner with a Kir toast. Afterward, I decided I want to go on an overseas tour every year! This year's trip is a Viking River cruise along the Danube in August with **Mary Brown, Cathy Carroll Loy** and a friend of Mary's. Starting in Budapest, the cruise will end in Nuremberg and then we'll spend a few days in Prague.

Don't forget to pay your dues. For a class as large as ours, our participation rate is pretty low. Our dues keep the alumnae association going and doing its good work keeping us together.

Mark your calendars for **April 12-15, 2018**, call your former roommates and classmates, and make plans to go to Reunion in Gettysburg at the Wyndham. We'll have a great time reminiscing, talking to classmates we've never spent time with, sharing what we've gone through in the last 50 years, and laughing, laughing, laughing. Ruth and I look forward to seeing all of you there. And, don't forget your DAFs!

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It has been a privilege to be your class agent for so many years. I get to enjoy the stories of your life adventures first and then share them with all our classmates. Over the years, I've shared stories of advanced degrees, jobs, career changes, marriages, children, grandchildren, travel, mini-reunions, etc. Those stories are fun and easy. But it is very difficult to share news of someone's death--a spouse, a child, or a classmate. Unfortunately, sad news is becoming more common now.

Our classmate, **Jane Borsari O'Leary** died April 23, 2017. Jane had a life dedicated to serving and protecting animals, starting with her career as the first female animal control officer in Virginia Beach, a veterinary assistant at Greenbrier Veterinary Clinic for 24 years, and a lifetime of animal rescue. Jane spent considerable time in various pursuits including sewing, embroidering, knitting, cake decorating, scrapbooking, and card making. She leaves behind her husband of 48 years Larry, four children, and eight grandchildren.

Helen Flatley Wallace's husband Tom passed away on May 18th. Tom was a Mount '68 graduate and taught English and Theatre Arts for 32 years. Three classmates from Joe's were at the funeral in Cape May for Helen: **Lucille DeAngelis Ettore** and her husband Tony, **Pat McIntyre Burton** and her husband, and **Katie Franz Goldfarb**. Helen wrote that she would like to "thank everyone for the outpouring of love, faith, and friendship that has come to me since then from our classmates. Truly, 'friendship links may ne'er be broken'. "

Katie Franz Goldfarb has set a firm date for retirement at the end of 2017. Meanwhile she's busier than she's been in a long time--but looking forward to simplifying

life. With a home-based interior design business, she has rooms filled with catalogs, files, samples, and a 31-year accumulation of things. She and Stan love taking care of two grandchildren--five-year-old Julia and Charlie who is two and a half, and they'll continue to babysit one day a week for the next three years until Charlie starts kindergarten. "They give us such joy!"

Last summer **Peggy Small Spranzani** and Ron cruised in Portugal and attended a Vietnam military reunion in Ogunquit, ME. On the way, they visited **Pat Stanton** in Connecticut and **Fran Burkhart Kresge** and Ron in Maine. After 19 years as the chairperson of the Butler New Jersey Museum, Peggy resigned the position last December. She is still very active but with fewer responsibilities and having more fun. They are blessed to babysit their two-year-old granddaughter Sasha every Wednesday. As so many classmates have discovered, Peggy wrote, "This grandparent perspective to child rearing is so different than that of a parent. It is truly an enlightening and heartwarming experience." Peggy and Ron plan to fill this year with the wonders one experiences while travelling. In July and August, they will head to the Baltics for a 17-day cruise; in September to Colorado, and then drive to Deadwood, SD for this year's military reunion and then onto Minnesota. Finally, they travel to the Holy Land in November, returning just in time to celebrate Peggy's 70th on Thanksgiving Day. "And someone else can cook."

Fran Webb Cunzeman wrote that after her husband had passed and since they had no children, she was struggling to reinvent herself. About a year ago, she joined the Secular Discalced Carmelites. To quote Fran, "Well that changed everything!! It's written 'the Word of God is alive. It strikes to the heart like a two-edged sword.' That's exactly what happened!! I sold or gave away everything I owned except what would fit into three suitcases and decided to travel the world to find my place. Crazy, right? That was last November. Since then I've toured the Middle East and most of Italy and South America. They're all beautiful and highly recommended. I have been greatly blessed that I may have now found my place."

Maralita Lipps Freeny is totally adjusted to two retirements--first as library director in Prince George's County, MD and then as children's coordinator at DC Public Library where she worked closely with **Bridget Bradley**, SJC '70. Since retiring, Micki has done a weekly baby/toddler story time at a small community library. "Such fun!!!! Classmates, make sure all those grandkids have books and songs and conversations--from birth!" Micki also enjoys ballet, which she both teaches and learns with regular classes. Finally, Micki's husband Ray lost his two-year battle with colon cancer and died on June 9th.

Barbara Crouse Banaszynski says retirement is not in her immediate future. As the Senior Vice President of Program Operation at the National Headquarters of Volunteers of America, she travels nationally and internationally for work.

Mike and **Wanda Robek Power** have been in New Hampshire for two years since retiring and moving north from New Jersey. She reports that "being up here is like being on a permanent vacation. Each season is beautiful and now we have time to explore whenever we want. We travelled to the LA area in March to visit with our three eldest sons and had a wonderful time. California was amazingly green because of all the rain they had during the winter and the hills were reminiscent of Tuscany. Now I'm back in New Hampshire working on my garden. I'm starting from scratch after leaving my 35-year-old perennial garden in New Jersey. We have a lot more property up here, but also more challenges, so who knows how it will end up, but it's the journey that's important." Wanda welcomes anyone visiting New Hampshire. They are just a few minutes from exit 25 on I 93.

Grant and **Jean Murray Walker** have travelled to Machu Picchu, the Galapagos, taken a European river cruise, and trips to Minneapolis and Denver to see the grands. They live on Cape Cod and are getting ready to host the kids for their beach vacations. Jean's new "hobby" was a check off the bucket list as she was in the cast of the musical *White Christmas* at the local theater and she cannot wait for the next audition. She is also starting to work on the piano seriously again. Her 70th was a sunset cruise and friends getting the band to sing.

Maryanne B. Moser-Murray-Kulp is loving retirement, had a "NFW" 70th birthday, judges occasionally at AKC dog shows, is a freelance writer for national dog fancy magazines and lives in her dream contemporary home in the woods. She and **Audra Stuck Snyder** have plans to do dinner again soon and rehash old memories. In April, Steve and **Kathleen O'Donnell Ellis** connected with **Mary Pat Cohill** in New York City for dinner and a show. OD's daughter Mary Beth recently retired as a professional triathlete, moved to Andover, MA, and is awaiting the birth of her first child in September.

In June **Margie Metz Flynn** and **GAM McKay Pruitt** joined a dozen Mounties celebrating "The Class of 1969 turns 70." Lots of fun stories about time spent on both campuses. The guys in attendance will try again in two years to see if more Joe's girls will join in a 50th celebration. Please think about it.

Joanne Azzarello Letnaunchyn, Patricia Ziegler Conley, Linda Dumbrowski Mahar-Wivel, and **Patsy Garrity Prunkl** spent 16 days at the end of May touring Eastern Canada. They flew to Toronto and began nine days with Trafalgar Tour Company visiting Toronto, Niagara Falls, Kingston, Ottawa, Quebec, and Montreal. When they reached Montreal, they transferred to a Holland America cruise ship to visit Quebec; Prince Edward Island; Sydney, Nova Scotia; Halifax, Nova Scotia; Bar Harbour, ME, and Boston, MA. The trip celebrated their 50+ year friendship and 70th birthdays. "It was a fun time for the four of us. We will probably do something like it again."

Nancy Erickson Muzzi recently celebrated ten years working for Disney World in Orlando, FL.

Pattianne Lanshe Rogers lives in Las Vegas, has written several books, and recently has started a YouTube Channel known as Red Pat. Check it out: https://m.youtube.com/channel/UC5nELA4BjCI2EYL0iu1ix1w

Jean Givens Denney retired ten years ago to spend time with the grandkids and never regretted the choice. In the past four years she was away more than home, living out of a suitcase between different families and Crystal Beach. So last September Jean decided it was time to sell. She spent six months sorting, donating, selling, gifting, throwing out 40+ years of stuff. "Exhausting both mentally and physically but very freeing and rewarding." The house sold quickly and she moved to the Chesapeake Bay cottage half way between grandkids and New Jersey family. She is updating and winterizing it and trying to fit into 1,000 sq. ft. Jean's new address is: 16 Delaware Ave., Earleville, MD 21919-3123. Mobile is 301.801.7011.

As for me? Retired for six years and loving the lifestyle. I enjoy biking, skiing, gardening, yoga, and am so thankful that my body still supports all this activity. I volunteer for a local town board that keeps my head in a spreadsheet and involved in town government. Dick and I skied in Taos, NM in February and travelled to Havana, Cuba with our family in April. There are frequent trips to Chicago--even in the winter--to see Ashley and Peter. Hilary lives nearby and we see her often. **Lynn Koerner** and I try to connect frequently. Lynn is still working. She and Mary Pat Cohill are planning a September trip to France with another friend for their 70th birthdays.

Keep in touch and save the date: Our 50th Reunion April 4-7, 2019.

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Alberta Johnson Baker reports that her dad is 94 years old and mentally great. His body, however, is failing and Alberta has been busy helping her sister care for him. Alberta's husband Stan continues to have serious health issues, but at the moment is doing well. Alberta says that so far their three sons have given them four grandchildren. The youngest just turned one, and all are a great blessing. She continues to attend Jazzercise classes five or six days a week and is so grateful for good health. Alberta is involved in the Care for Creation Ministry at church with Fair Trade and a straw bale garden and bees. She continues to be politically active and has ramped up her activism recently. She has also started learning Italian, and is loving it!

Jody Snyder Caye reports that it's been a busy few years. She and Libby got married in October 2015. They had their reception in January 2016, which really marked 17 years they have been together. Libby took a break after five years as a gender specialist in Afghanistan. Now she's preparing for her next adventure, and she and Jody are waiting to see where and when.

Jody retired in January of 2014 and finished one major item on her bucket list--getting her PhD in Adult Education. Since then she's been teaching doctoral classes at North Carolina State and in the Master's program at UNC-Chapel Hill School of Social Work. She's done about one a semester. She's also doing some training with social workers in Child Welfare, working for the state of North Carolina. She says "I really like keeping my hand in--a little."

Jody's son Sean and his wife Azusa moved from Hawaii to North Carolina, and he finished his BS in Chemistry. He wants to work in a lab and is hoping to move into graduate school if possible. Azusa is an architect working in Durham, NC. Jody's son Brian is still with the military--due to be promoted to E-8 this summer. He and his wife Tina live in Alexandria, VA. Other than work, Jody volunteers teaching individuals preparing for citizenship; she gardens and continues to row crew. All good.

Sue McKenna Clifford is due to complete a three-year

grant project with her County Department of Human Services in September. She has been working on improving access to transportation services for adults with developmental disabilities. Once that wraps up, Sue may/may not stay on to work on other projects, but no more full time work for her. She says she's looking forward to winding down, although she'll remain active in community activities supporting inclusion and self-direction for adults with developmental disabilities.

Both of Sue's children are still at home (29 and 27). She says they do some traveling together--this year's annual baseball park trip takes them to Dallas and Houston. Sue spent some time with her brother in Florida in February, and she's traveling with friends to Germany, Cologne to Munich river cruise in October. She's always looking forward to enjoying the beach in summer, locally and at the Jersey Shore with family. She took a quick ferry ride from Cape May, NJ to Rehoboth Beach, DE last summer for a short visit with **Patty McEwan Branson**--great catching up!!

Sister Anne Higgins is still teaching at the Mount and still loving it. On April 5th, she commemorated National Poetry Month by reciting a selection of her poetry at the Curious Iguana bookstore in Frederick, MD. Sr. Anne read from several of her eight volumes of poetry, including her most recent book, *Life List*. The other poet featured was Bill Jones, brother of **Kathy Jones**, SJC '72. **Mary Lou "Scotch" Kincaid**, SJC '72, came to hear both poets.

On April 28th, Sr. Anne read her poetry and participated in a panel discussion on "Catholic Women's Voices" at a Conference on "The Future of the Catholic Literary Imagination" held by Fordham University at its Lincoln Center Campus. In the audience were Patty McEwan Branson, **Dr. Barbra McCune**, and former SJC faculty member Dr. Gary Vena! Great reunion!

Carmen Richardson writes that she and Gary are still living happily, and in relatively good health, in their friendly Pennsylvania community. She says that their family got a little bigger last August when their younger son Bryan married a lovely woman. All three children and grandchildren, ages eight, 12, and 15, live in the Washington, DC area. Carmen says that everyone is very busy but she and Gary see them fairly often.

Carmen is still very active in P.E.O., a group that provides grants and loans to women who want to further their education. This group also owns Cottey College in Missouri. She says that it's a women's college "coping successfully, I think, with some of the issues that forced Joe's to close." Carmen says that Cottey College and her relationships with P.E.O. women remind her of Joe's in so many ways. She says to let her know if we know someone who needs help.

(I wasn't familiar with P.E.O. and looked up the Website, which says "P.E.O. is a philanthropic organization where women CELEBRATE the advancement of women; EDUCATE women through scholarships, grants, awards, loans, and stewardship of Cottey College; and MOTIVATE women to achieve their highest aspirations." Sounds like a wonderful organization!)

Carmen also reports that she and **Jacqui Carter** had a very nice visit last summer when she came to Waynesboro for an art show. Also, **Coni Dugas** drove down to see Carmen for a couple days in March. Good sport that she is, Coni spent three cold rainy hours on a historic tour of Greencastle, PA that Carmen didn't want to miss. Carmen has tried to contact **Letitia Morgan Thomas** and **Gloria Carter**, but doesn't know if the last names or addresses she used are current.

Kathie Robinson Moritis and Alan are doing well. Alan will have sold his dental practice (finally!) to their daughter Julia (also a dentist, obviously!) as of July 1, to be official. Alan will continue to work one day a week for about another year before totally retiring. Kathie and Alan now have a second grandbaby Thomas born Jan. 2nd of this year. Big brother Wesley, now two years three months, is mostly unimpressed. Kathie's mom turned 99 years old on June 25, 2017. Kathie planned to fly back for the occasion. Kathie's mom is living in an assisted living facility in Essex and doing remarkably well. She and Kathie talk every day. Future plans for Alan and Kathie include a trip to the Normandy beaches and Loire Valley in France this fall.

Susan Stay Valenti retired after 30 years of teaching 1st grade and being a Language Arts Intervention teacher. She still volunteers at her elementary school one day a week. She is also very involved in a program called "Backpack for Humanity," which packs food for weekends/holidays for children of low income/ homeless families so they have something to eat.

Susan and Ron have four grandchildren, who played a big part in her decision to retire. Susan has recently become a member of our SJC alumnae board. She says that she has met and worked with some wonderful women who graduated from Joe's but the greatest part of this experience has been reconnecting with ladies

from the class of '70. She says, "Thank you for welcoming me back!!!"

Joan Sagneri Gamble wrote her first update to *The Valley Echo*. She retired in 2008 and currently is a volunteer with the Alzheimer's Aid Society and periodically helps out with special projects at church. She and her husband Steve have no children or grandchildren but do have nieces and nephews that they LOVE to spoil! Steve still works but they do have plenty of time to travel. Over the past couple of years they have taken land tours in Tasmania, Australia and New Zealand. They have enjoyed several Riverboat Cruises including one from Amsterdam to Budapest and another that started in London and afterwards included cruising along the Seine and the Rhone rivers from Paris to Monte Carlo. They are looking forward to visiting the Tuscany area of Italy. Afterwards they fly to Russia for a Moscow to St. Petersburg riverboat cruise. Thanks to Southwest Airlines they also periodically crisscross the country to visit Joan's sister in Sarasota, FL; her niece and her family in Evergreen, CO, and less frequently they do come to the Maryland and Boston areas where they still have some family and friends. They are both healthy and well, and, in fact over the last year and a half or so Joan has become somewhat of a "gym rat!" She has a Personal Trainer and a goal of being able to lift her own (usually overstuffed carry-on bag) into the overhead bin.

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. **Remember to pay your dues** and please keep your address up to date with us--that includes your email address.

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Hello from the Class of 1971. **Carol Dubel Womble** wrote that she now has a granddaughter, Isabella. She is 10 months old and just a joy. Carol retired as a nurse practitioner one year ago. She still works a little here and there filling in at clinics. Carol still lives in Greensboro, NC and would love to know if there's anybody that lives near her. She would love to hear from old classmates particularly **Rosemary Judge**.

Suzanne Knipfing Smith wrote that Brian finally and completely retired on April 14th!! They are adjusting to being together essentially constantly. All advice gratefully accepted!! They left Brooklyn, NY on Wednesday June 7th and drove to the Eastern Shore of Maryland, spending the night and following morning with **Molly Eglseder Johnson**...too short, but always great to be together. This was en route to their "second home" in Santa Fe, NM. They arrived on Sunday June 11th and planned to be there until after Labor Day, except for possible "tourist trips" around the Southwest. They welcome visitors (although not over night as they may be doing some renovations). There are many options in the area from major hotels to lovely B&Bs, and they are happy to act as "tour guides" and escorts! Suzanne hopes everyone is doing well.

Kathy Corley Murray wrote that she has been out of commission since mid-December 2016 when she fell backwards off bleachers at a high school basketball game. She shattered her left shoulder and left patella, both requiring surgery. After spending 45 days in rehab, she went home and started outpatient physical therapy for her patella. In April, she needed more patella surgery to remove the hardware that was threatening to poke out. Next week, she is having a third surgery to remove a part of the patella that did not fuse with the other pieces. **Sharon O'Keefe O'Brien** has been in touch throughout her recovery. She is thankful for friends like Sharon and she absolutely loves her three cats as well!

Karen Nugent Borek wrote that she received her Master of Liberal Arts degree from the University of Pennsylvania in May 2014. Now she is enrolled in the Master of Philosophy Liberal Arts Program there (which is between a master's and a doctor's degree). Also, she wrote an article, "Hugh Masekela: The Horn of Freedom," which was published in *Confluence*, the journal for the Association of Graduate Liberal and Professional Studies. This article can be seen online under *Confluence* recent publications. Karen wrote about how the music of South African Jazz Trumpeter Hugh Masekela impacted the freedom struggle of South Africa, exposed social injustices under apartheid, and helped free Nelson Mandela from jail. Also, Karen

has two grandsons, Parker age ten and Ethan age nine. **Chris Poth Tanner** wrote that even though she was very disappointed that she was unable to attend Reunion this year she still loves hearing about the goings on of all her classmates. She also wishes she could see everyone more frequently. Things are busy in her life. She is still working! As the owner of RE/MAX Flagship in Narragansett, RI, she finally put together an exit strategy for the business. Three years ago she was able to partner with a young, eager, motivated, honest young Realtor in the area. Since that happened, she has gotten enthusiastic about the business again. No need to worry about the agents in the office and what would happen to them if something happened to her. No kids to take over like many real estate brokers do. Anyway, she is in the process of acquiring a couple of additional locations in Rhode Island and RE/MAX Flagship is still growing. Chris is still single and living in Jamestown. Her sister (Nan Poth Bland, SJC '74) and brother-in-law are still in Martinsburg, WV, and her brother Mike and his wife are in South Carolina. Chris is thankful for her health and hates the "few extra" pounds that came after menopause! She hopes to see everyone at the next Reunion! If anyone is ever traveling near or through Rhode Island, Chris would love to meet for a spell and have a glass of wine.

Sheila Oates Gordon wrote that she and Wayne are healthy, happy, and enjoying life. They are working, travelling, and spending time with family and friends!!

For **Marilyn Caruso Burlenski** it has been quite a whirlwind over the past two years for our family. Our son Matthew married our daughter-in-law Erica in June 2015. They had our FIRST granddaughter Charlotte in July 2016. In case you are wondering, she is the most wonderful little baby in the whole world. What a difference "grandmotherhood" makes!! Two weeks later, our daughter Jennifer married our son-in law Steven in July 2016. They are expecting our second granddaughter in July 2017. Both kids work in New York City. Matt lives in upper Westchester County, and Jennifer lives in Long Island City. John is still working full time. I just joined a national consulting firm in Minnesota. I will be working with 150 other consultants in post-acute care management. John and I continue to live in Connecticut, from where I will continue to be working...part time, I think.

Would love to hear from more of our classmates. Please feel free to send me an email at mburlenski@burlenskiconsulting.com. Hope everyone is planning to attend our 50th Reunion in 2021–just around the corner.

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What a fantastic Reunion 2017. Thirty of us joined together to celebrate our 45th. and agreed this was our best reunion ever. We started with the SJCAA wine reception Thursday afternoon, adjourned to our own suite to socialize and figured we needed dinner–so we headed over to the Brew Pub (two tables of us). Friday we went back to campus, enjoyed a great lunch, a two-hour tour, and then had our first "legal" drink on campus–the pub at the student center was opened for us. There was a juke box there and a group of us did the Joe's walk–we need a refresher AND practice...and to get the right song. **Maureen Maloy Biggers** was the most "with it" and I was the worst! Friday night we had our class dinner with great food and enjoyed Joe Doherty's 45 minute DVD of memories from 1968 to present. Then back to the suite for more socializing. The suite did allow us to mix, and we enjoyed spending time with people we never really knew in college. Thank you again to the donor who made the suite possible and had great refreshments for us–and thank you **Awilda Arenas de Pla** for the mojitos with Puerto Rican rum! Saturday after the annual meeting, everyone split up to do some touring, but most of us ended up in Emmitsburg for lunch. The Carriage House and the Ott House did a great business. Then on to the Mass at the Basilica and back to the Wyndham for our banquet. Our class won TWO attendance awards this year–one for the highest percentage of the class in attendance and the other for the most guests attending Reunion (those husbands really came through). A nice touch was that the award for the guests was donated by the class of 1952–and **Joanne O'Donnell (OD) O'Connor**'s aunt was in that class. OD called her to let her know we won it. Thanks husbands, for enjoying Reunion with us!

All of this sparked discussions about what we are doing over the next few years. The class will be donating to the scholarship fund for our 50th class gift and are already planning use of the suite for our 50th Reunion. We also decided that we need another class trip–so 2019 will see us travelling to Puerto Rico where Awilda is already organizing places to stay. More in next year's article on this trip. We will also be having our annual class luncheon in Baltimore on November 4, 2017.

Memories flowed during Reunion, and I thought it would be interesting to share them. I also got some memories from people who couldn't be at Reunion. **Marykay Hughes Clarke** talked about friends, cafeteria raids, and keggers. She remembers hiding in the closet to get out of academic convocations, using baby oil and iodine at Kelly Beach, haircuts by **Karen Stuck Johnson (Biff)**, and **Cathy Homan Winslow's (Planet)** knees giving out. **Kathy Jones** said her biggest memory was returning to her Marillac dorm room freshman year and finding all her furniture was gone (make that all her stuff). **Leslie Fulton Weatherly** remembers the elevator scenes (i.e., OD and **Rosemarie Hughes Uram)** staging a study scene as the elevator opened. The water fights in Kelly were interesting and of course our junior year keggers in Kelly and the kegger #3~the surprise root beer kegger. Kelly Beach was another highlight for Leslie, and she fondly remembers finding **Mary Louise Kincaid "Scotch" Asaki** asleep in her closet! **Pam Harrison Anderson** has fond memories of the many friends and laughs during the year. Kelly Beach was mentioned and sunbathing on the roof of the Home Ec House. Scotch had a LONG list~Dr. Blanche (who recently passed away) and his dog Blik. **Ruth Donellan** SJC '71 singing "Bill, I Love You So" on the top of the pool table. Kathy Jones was assigned to get Scotch up every morning freshman year (Scotch was hard to wake up, as was **Mary Pat Dignan**~for Mary Pat, we set all our alarms in her room while she was asleep~they all went off at the same time and she DID get up). Scotch also remembers listening to the guys (including Kevin Ingram, husband of Mary Morel Ingram) jam at Flynn, giving back "full blown roses" after four years, and climbing on the roof of Seton with **Jane Zeller**. Awilda Arenas de Pla remembers orientation week, picnics at the log cabin, skating on the pond, and the crazy dorm life! **Elaine Prendergast McGovern** reminisced about studying in the library and socializing in the student center.

Mary Pat Bohan Kelly remembers the crazy dorm time, the keggers, all the songs, and the nurses' bus to DC. Joanne O'Donnell O'Connor (OD), mentioned **Noree Dolphin** shooting out the light in the Student Center with a water pistol, all the pranks we pulled on each other, Noree as Fall Weekend Queen driving around the powder puff football field in the security jeep, panty raids, and Rosemarie Hughes Uram go-go dancing on the desk in Kelly.

Cathy Homan Winslow talked about the raids on the kitchen at midnight. **Debbie Curley-Reid** has great memories created by caring, good, and talented women who through the years have a wonderful sense of respect and concern for each other. **Sandy Cardella Speicher** remembers Mary Pat Bohan Kelly frosting her hair before **Pat Walsh Bader**'s wedding~they called her "white owl." She also remembers when Bohan and Walsh threw her in the fountain when it was turned on and the dean was looking out the window. Sandy also got all her furniture moved out from 3rd Marillac freshman year. She also remembers a few classmates visiting the cafeteria to "borrow" some ice cream and Bohan wouldn't eat any of it! **Linda Raudenbush** has fond memories of the friendships.

Pat Walsh Bader's favorite memory is the hanging of the "Out of the Zoo in '72" banner from Kelly~not a favorite moment with the SJC administration. Pat thinks of that as our class slogan and remembers us chomping at the bit to graduate. What I didn't know is that we got the slogan from the Merchant Marine Academy T-shirt where Pat's husband Ray matriculated.

Marcia Minton Bollwage's favorite memory is moving to Kelly junior and senior years and the music playing all the time. So many of us had the same albums. We were also able to talk to anyone in the lounges anytime...and find a pinochle partner!! Now seeing classmates we weren't as close to back then, we can sit and talk and just pick up where we left off. Maureen Maloy Biggers remembers our suitcase picture by the "A" freshman year. She also remembers the mixers at the cabin, getting her nurse's cap, and the great feeling every year when she returned to campus.

Hope Heaven Hatch remembers sledding down the hill by Kelly on cafeteria trays when it snowed and going to O'Connors' in Florida in Jane Clifford's Volvo. Some of my memories include going up to Chubby's every Friday night for dinner freshman year and most of the class going to the pizza place in Gettysburg on Friday nights senior year. Another favorite memory is of Mary Pat Dignan losing her contact freshman year and her sister Beth SJC '69 coming over and finding it~Mary Pat had put both of them in one eye! But most of all what I remember is all the friendships made during the years~I seemed to get new friends every year as I had new classmates as dorm neighbors!

The one comment everyone made was that it doesn't seem like 45 years ago since we graduated. Everyone was able to pick up from the last time that we saw each other. And the best part~we had a suite to ourselves so we could walk around and mix with everyone~classmates just didn't spend time with the alumnae they were friends with in college~old friendships continue to improve and new friendships with other classmates

continue to blossom. The consensus is--the class of '72 is a really special class AND has some great spouses who enjoy time with us also!

So start planning to come back to our 50th in 2022. Our 45th was great and the 50th will be even better. We already have plans to improve our time together which was too short. I will continue to send out class news via email as I get it. Thanks for all you do for SJCAA. Please remember to pay your dues to help get us to 2025 (and 2022 and our 50th). And I'll see many of you in Baltimore on November 4, 2017 and, I hope, many of you in Puerto Rico in 2019.

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Chris Carrigan Natali wrote that she is experiencing the joy of having a grandchild. Luca Thomas Natali blessed their son David and his wife Colleen with his presence on 11/1/16. **Leah Rosenbrock Birch** is still working full time--for one more year.

Toni Doherty Kellison took her dream trip and bucket list item to Antarctica in January along with Steve and daughter Lexi. "After crossing the Drake Passage, considered the roughest on the planet, we made it to Antarctica. Each day we landed at different spots. I didn't know there were so many kinds of penguins! One day my daughter and I went kayaking in an inlet filled with large and small glaciers that had broken off from the Ross Ice Shelf. I would love to go again."

Angie Neilan is still working for the State of Virginia, moving from the Department of Environmental Quality back to Virginia Tech as the Director of a USAID funded project to strengthen the curriculum for the International Agribusiness University in the Caucasus and Armenia. She writes that they have just finished offering a Food Safety Systems Management course for 30 seniors at the Agrarian University of Armenia. Most had never looked into a microscope before. They were not fortunate enough to get the well-rounded education that we received at SJC! And "electives" were never heard of for these young people. The colorful but nasty microorganisms visible through the microscope scared some and fascinated others! After they looked in the microscope and observed how alcohol sanitizers killed many of the microorganisms, they were committed to safe food handling forever! They could change their behavior because they understood the "Why" which was never the method of the former Soviet system, they explained. Angie had worked in Armenia in the 1990s when the transition to market economy and participatory democracy was beginning. VT project sent many young leaders for a European and American education. Now they are running the country so our US investment has paid off in vegetable, fruit, wine, and brandy production. They make the most delicious dry apricots, and their brandy was Churchill's choice! Angie plans to retire to Pasadena, CA in another two years.

Shirley Berrian Salzbrenner's daughter Becky has three children and adopted a little boy. He is so sweet and they are so excited. Shirley has three children. Her son Jeff has two-year-old twin girls, and they just found out they are having another baby. So far, they think there is only one this time. Her youngest son Brad just finished his master's degree and has a serious girlfriend.

Andie Stewart Miller says Life IS good. She retired from nursing in August 2016 after 43 years. It was stressful but rewarding. She learned much from her coworkers and her patients. She keeps busy with hiking, knitting, and reading and is able to see and play with her two grandchildren, now three and six, much more often. She and Robby just celebrated their 43rd anniversary.

Marie Glynn Thomas writes that things at her end over the past few months have been relatively calm. One really enjoyable activity is that she and Darryl have seen several plays at the American Shakespeare Center in Staunton, VA. They have become real fans and go there whenever possible. They saw several holiday season productions and recently attended a long weekend of plays. Not all of the productions are Shakespearean, though. Some of the plays are from the 20th century and today as well so there's something for everyone. If you're in the area and have the time, you'd probably enjoy seeing a play or two.

Nancy Trumbell Lee has retired from education and spends time volunteering and enjoying grandchildren.

Kathy Kramer Callahan is an Oma to nine-month-old twins Keegan and Conor (son Matt and his wife Cori) and to six-month-old Lorelei (son Brian and his wife Kaylinn). She and Tim enjoy watching them grow and helping to care for the twins while parents work. Her travelling has developed a hitch as her left hip suddenly isn't bearing up to the challenges of walking trips. She will be getting a total hip replacement in early August and hopes to resume normal trip activity next year. She plans a short trip back East in October to celebrate her mom's 90th birthday. Her quilting is focused on small quilts for the wee ones with some larger ones to follow. She is also working on some small challenge pictorial quilts. Finally California's drought is over and plants are happy!

Ann Fischer Beattie writes that all is well in Spring Lake Heights, NJ. She finished another year as a crossing guard in town and still volunteers with the Marine Mammal Stranding Center-- busy with seal releases this time of year. She is looking forward to a summer on the beach! Her son has been in the Coast Guard for a year and is stationed in Portsmouth, VA. He loves it! Ann gets together often with **Donna Rochetti** and hears from **Jan Haymore** regularly.

Martina Sabo paid her house taxes; said daily prayers; finished her second year of substitute teaching and working at a pre-school; went to her daughter's wedding, and was dubbed the supernova parent, which was the most fun of all.

Candy Long Hubbs and Norm moved back to Mechanicsburg, PA last November. They are retired now and happy to be home. They were in Northern Virginia for 22 years. They are adding to the number of grandchildren this year. Norman V was born in March and Savannah Grace will be born in September making a total of five. Next year they hope to start travelling and seeing the country and are looking forward to seeing everyone at Reunion.

Pat Thorton Bouley's oldest daughter Jennie and her husband Christian Conlon had a baby boy on May 25, 2016. Matthew turned one last week. Pat babysits for him three days a week. He is a lot of fun and keeps her busy! They have travelled with Matt and Jennie to see Christian who is in the Army at USUHS but is doing clinical rotations. They had a great vacation when they went to Seattle/Tacoma. They saw many wonderful sites including Mt. Rainier and Victoria, British Columbia. Her younger daughter Becky moved to Philadelphia and is an event manager at the Westin, Downtown.

Maureen Hinke Hahn will begin her 28th year of teaching middle school math at St. Ursula School (her "home away from home") in September. Her four children are doing well, and there are three new grandchildren coming this summer, for a total of six. She attended the Mount Reunion in June with a fellow math major from the Mount, Gary Wojno MSM '72. She reunited with a wonderful group of classmates of her husband who were celebrating their 45th and was truly inspired by their camaraderie and sincere care for each other. She is really looking forward to our own SJC 45th Reunion next year!!!

Gail Scavongelli plays pickleball every day and competitively in Naples, FL and Arlington, VA. She was certified as a USAPA Pickleball Referee in May, 2017, one of seven certified USAPA Pickleball Referees on the East Coast. At the US Open Pickleball Tournament in Naples, she ran the Tournament Desk software and also refereed. She invites anyone interested in learning to play to contact her.

Nicky Young Rachin spent two weeks in June in northern England with her son and daughter-in-law. She started a new job with another hospice. Her youngest son is living in Phoenix, AZ. In August he is meeting up with Danny and Brittany in England. The three are going hiking and exploring Norway, Finland, and Sweden. Nicky is going to try to get to Reunion next spring.

Jane Parrish Richard and husband Joe attended Reunion this year. Jane and I had a great time reminiscing, sharing updates on family and travels. Jane and Joe have four active grandsons. She and her sister are the caregivers for their parents which keeps Jane very busy.

Rosemary Grosik Helton is working for the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence in the Security Policy Directorate writing DOD-wide policy on all aspects of information security (What is classified or controlled; How to mark it; How to safeguard it; etc.). Rosemary retired from the military after 27.5 years of reserve and active duty with the US Army as well as 30 plus years with Norfolk City Public Schools. Her goal is to retire for the 3rd time in 2019. She is the proud grandmother of Michael, Jr. (11) and Mackenzie Elizabeth (three--named for St. Elizabeth Ann Seton) by

her older daughter Bridget with husband Michael, Sr. Her younger daughter Jacquie was married a year ago on New Year's Eve to David--to date no little ones. Rosemary makes some time to do wine tasting, run races for charity, and travel when she can get away from the office. She travelled to Alaska with **Marella Colyvas** last August and more travel is planned.

While in Phoenix, AZ in May for a family graduation, my sister Mary Ann Wiberley Shattuck, SJC '70 and I had lunch with **Pat McAlarnen** and her sister Eileen SJC '74. Our mothers were 1942 graduates of SJC and lifelong friends. Pat is an avid birder and photographer and has assured me that she will be at our 45th Reunion next year. I am off to Russia in June--Viking River Cruise with a side trip to Helsinki. Though I continue to work full time, I still take time to travel. I am blessed to have two great travel buddies--my sister Mary Ann and our sister-in-law Angie.

Jane, Jane, and I appreciate the ability to be in contact with so many of you. Please continue to keep in touch--and remember--our 45th Reunion--April 12-15, 2018 at the Wyndham Hotel in Gettysburg. We look forward to seeing all of you there and will continue to communicate with you as plans are made. Take care, Chris.

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Hello to all of you fabulous ladies in the SJC Class of 1974! **Trudie Mangiaracina Glazewski, Jane Davis Gallagher, Paula Kozloski Swetley**, and **Barb Callan Bogia** are your class agents so please contact any one of us if you have news to share or contact information updates! We hope that everyone has had a great year and 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 2017 SJC Reunion in March and as always, there was lots of story sharing and laughter. For the past several years we have had many classmates who have ventured back to Emmitsburg, MD to share good times. This year there were five of us including **Eileen "Irish" McAlarnen, Donna McCarthy Feld, Mary Ellen Kirchner Pluemer,** Barb Callan Bogia, and Trudie Mangiaracina Glazewski. We had quite an amazing time this year, "partying" in our suite at the Wyndham each night before (or instead of) dinner and festivities. Activities included starting our weekend with fun at the wine social on Thursday evening, and we ended up staying in the suite with wine and snacks instead of dinner! Then Friday morning, we took a tour of the SJC Campus and enjoyed happy hour at the pub in the former "student center" where we drank beer on campus! That was followed by a trip to Gettysburg, PA on Friday evening. Then we all attended the Saturday annual breakfast meeting and Mass at the Basilica and the fabulous Banquet on Saturday night. On Sunday morning we enjoyed breakfast treats before saying our goodbyes. We celebrated every moment in between and had the best time just relaxing and talking!

Pat Thornton Boulay wrote to tell us that her first grandchild Matthew Liam Conlon was born May 25, 2016 in Gaithersburg, MD. Her daughter Jennifer went back to work part-time in September so Pat has been babysitting three days a week. Since retiring from Verizon ten years ago, Pat works from home at two part time jobs and expresses that time just flies but she feels blessed to be able to have this time with Matthew, Jennie, and son-in-law Christian. Pat's husband Bill is doing well and is still working full time and younger daughter Becky moved to Philadelphia, PA at the beginning of December and is a conference service manager at the downtown Westin.

Beth Hurley Luers announced that she had a book published in August 2016 called *Creating Light* about three Holocaust survivors and what each did to give back to a world that wanted to annihilate them. She spent a month in Paris and got to live like a local--this was her retirement present to herself!

Kathy Oliver Kadilak missed this year's Reunion but promises to attend next year. She shared the sad news that her dad passed away in January 2017 at the age of

91. Happy news includes her six month old granddaughter who is a delight and how much fun it is to rediscover the little things through a child's eyes. Kathy's activities include mediation work, and she has started an activist group of women locally who are promoting paid family leave, quality affordable child care, and equal pay for women with local, State, and National level political representatives. She says that she knows they have their work cut out for them.

Mary Ann McWhorter Riley and husband Matt, MSM '73, are celebrating their 43rd anniversary this year. They have been on the road for the past three months. They left Allentown, PA on January 25 and drove south visiting friends and family along the way for a month stay in Naples, FL where they saw many friends from Mount and Joe's days including Tony and Carrie Milanese, Jane and Jim Gallagher, Bob and Nancy Congdon, Dave Condron, and Bernie and Joelle Genevish. Mary Ann and Matt have been on Jekyll Island, GA since March 1st leaving to play golf, bike riding, and enjoying the beach with lots of friends and family visiting them. Mary Ann says that it has been an incredible time and that the weather is gorgeous. They will be spending most of the summer on Long Beach Island, NJ and Cape Cod, MA with the five grandkids. "Life is great!"

In November 2016, Donna McCarthy Feld's daughter Rebecca was married at Congress Hall in Cape May, NJ. In March 2017, the happy newlyweds vacationed with Donna and Steve in Aruba and they all spent the July fourth holiday in Long Beach Island, NJ. Donna is still adjusting to retirement and is planning a get together with Eileen "Irish" McAlarnen in Cape May, NJ in the fall. Eileen visited the Panama Canal on a cruise in November 2016. She flew from Fort Lauderdale, FL to Atlantic City, NJ to attend Donna's daughter's wedding. Then in February 2017, Eileen went to Florida to visit family and enjoy some perfect weather. Also, Eileen went to Cape May, NJ to visit relatives before attending Reunion this year. During the summer months, Eileen continued her traveling with a trip to Kalispell, MT and Glacier National Park in Montana.

Lori Quinnan McCormick says that life is good and she and her family are blessed. Lori and John live in Northern Virginia and are both still working. They have five adult children and a beautiful granddaughter named Emma, living in London with their oldest daughter and her husband.

Eileen Cassidy Hartman is currently living in San Diego, CA with youngest daughter Tara and her husband William as she is taking care of nine month old granddaughter Scarlett. Eileen's husband continues to work in Los Angeles, CA. Eileen is enjoying it so much while remembering when her three children were this age. She says that it "brings back sweet memories, but this time around I don't have the energy I did with my own children! It certainly is a young person's game but grandchildren are the best."

Paula Kozloski Swetley and husband Mark, MSM '73, continue to enjoy their retirement by travelling to Florida several times of year. **Patti Touhey Bargnes** and husband Oscar found a house they love on Cape Cod, MA in 2015. Jane Davis Gallagher and husband Jim spent their fourth winter in Venice, FL enjoying the many activities of the warm weather.

Trudie Mangiaracina Glazewski and husband Rich continue to enjoy grandsons Caden (six) and Connor (three) who fill their lives with so much fun, laughter, and activity that it keeps them moving and on their toes. Trudie is happily beginning her 39th year in Special Education, working with Multiply Disabled students in Pennsylvania.

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy year! Please remember to pay your SJCAA dues at the level you can afford.

In addition please remember to contribute to our 2024~50th Reunion Class of 1974 gift by going online for the Class of 1974 SJC Scholarship at MSMU by going to http://www.sjcalumnae.org/
or by contributing to Mother Seton School at https://app.etapestry.com/onlineforms/MotherSetonSchool/SJCAA.html
Please make sure you list that you are contributing to the Class of 1974 fund on both Websites. Thank you for any possible amount that you are able to give toward our 50th Reunion gift goal.

Finally, please try to join us at the next SJCAA Reunion on April 12–15, 2018 for our 44th Reunion of the SJC Class of 1974. 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!

1975

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

IN *Memoriam*

1930s AND 1940s

Mary Caroline Wachter Unglesbee '31 (06/05/2016)
Susana Margarita Pesquera Colon '39 (05/21/09)
Constance Jones Chesley '40, mother of **Mary Louise Chesley-Cora '63** (12/19/2016)
Eileen Roddy Groover '41 (08/01/2016)
Helen Moran Lindenfelzer '41 (07/27/2014)
Mary Jane Garner Marton '41 (08/15/2016)
Muriel A. Lafferty '44 (10/25/2015)
Sister Hilda Gleason '45 (03/28/2017)
(see note under Faculty and Staff)
Anita Coronel Jones '47, mother of **Kathleen (Kathy) Jones '72** (03/26/2017)
Elizabeth Fitzgerald Garner '47 (06/21/2015)
Sister Frances McSherry DC '48 (02/22/2017)
Anita Freyer Lyden '48 (02/21/2017)
Kathryn Gallagher McGill '48 (09/14/2017)

1950s

Rosemary Powers Booker '51 (09/17/2016)
Margie Wolski Karwacki '51 (09/26/2016)
Joan Schmelzer Doherty '51 (05/10/2017)
Ellen Mary Glynn Kenkel '52 (10/05/2016)
Mary Jane Beurket Davis '52 (12/23/2016)
Loretta Teller Tiers '52 (01/20/2017)
William (Bill), husband of **Ann O'Donnell Taylor '52** (06/16/2017)
Margaret (Peppie) Smith Roohan '52 (07/08/2017)
Margaret (Peggy) Immer Rafferty '54 (05/21/2016)
Joan Paroni Neff '54 (03/01/2017)
Charles (Doc) Murphy, husband of **Norma Wootton Murphy '54**
Dorothy Cahill Stohlman Egan '55 (12/19/2016)
Bob, husband of **Betty Brown Shea '55** (04/17/2016)
Gloria Ors Galaida '55 (12/25/2016)
Margaret Tyne Stoia '57 (02/07/2017)
Joan Meehan Noble '57 (08/31/2017)
Arlene Grubb McMenamy '58 (06/04/2017)
Theresa (Terry) Allen Westover '58 (01/01/2017)
Neil (MSM '59), husband of **Anne Meyer Feehley '58** (05/2017)
J.J. Quinn, husband of the late **Barbara Saganowich Quinn '59**
Husband of **Norma Carosi Godwin '59** (06/06/2015)
Margaret Lee Groeinger Schatz '59 (10/25/2016)
Barbara Schramm '59 (10/16/2016)

1960s

Jerry, husband of **Nancy Gill Shea '60** (07/2015)
Kathy, sister of **Nancy Gill Shea '60** (03/2017)
Brother of **Nancy Gill Shea '60** (02/2017)
Dr. John G. Scarpa, husband of **Gerri Gut Scarpa '60** (04/23/2016)
Maureen Helen Connery '60 (02/17/2017)
Patrick, husband of **Gloria Defina Chisholm '60**
Dr. Patrick Lynch, husband of **Ann Fallon Lynch '61** (01/29/2017)
Dean, son-in-law of **Maureen Denehy McKenna '61** (12/2015)
Sister Vincentia Goeb DC '63 (11/29/2016)
Dolores Vasquez Dougherty '64 (10/26/2016)

Sister Maureen Delahunt DC '64 (01/07/2017)
Edward J. Weld, brother of **Margaret Weld Whelan '64** and
Marian Weld Oviedo '64 (03/19/2017)
Sally Heiberger Cooper '64 (03/18/2017)
Nancy Ellen Johnson Bentley '65, sister of **Kathleen Johnson Raby '63** (12/27/2016)
Jayne Stafford Duggan '65 (01/02/2017)
Charlie, brother of **Eugenia McAuliffe Kelly '65** (01/02/2017)
William (Harry) Garvie, Sr., brother of **Barbara (Birdie) Garvie Hummell '65** (05/21/2017)
Patricia Mulvihill Carrell '66 (07/19/2016)
Susan Brummitt Roth '66 (05/12/2017)
Virginia Gilbert, mother of **Dale Gilbert Bock '66** (05/30/2017)
Mary Ann Wilding '68 (03/23/2008)
Stephen, brother of **Connie Nippert Walsh '68** (01/19/2017)
Jeremiah (Jay), nephew of **Connie Nippert Walsh '68** (01/25/2017)
John, husband of **Julie Geary Sullivan '68** (5/20/2017)
Sister Anna Marie Skurka DC '69 (03/01/2016)
V. Raymond Freeny, Jr., husband of **Maralita (Micki) Lipps Freeny '69** (06/09/2017)
Tom (MSM '68), husband of **Helen Flatley Wallace '69** (05/18/2017)

1970s Eddie, son of **Katie Robinson Moritis '70** (12/2015)
William Bradley, father of **Bridget Bradley '70** (05/16/2017)
Ron Windle, husband of **JoAnne Cartagena Windle '70**
Dorothy, mother of **JoAnne Cartagena Windle '70, Maria Elena Cartagena DeCaire '72**, and
Dotita (Dorothy) Cartagena '73 (06/25/2017)
Kathleen Harvey, sister of **Mary Lavin Whittaker '70** (03/2017)
Hannah George Hemelt, mother of the late **Carol Hemelt-Hansen '70** and
Linda Hemelt Moynihan '71 (06/29/2017)
Maureen Margaret O'Connor Evans '72 (06/30/2010)
Mark, brother of **Jane Clifford '72** (12/04/2015)
Joann Dearhoff (Kane) Esham '72 (03/22/2016)
Jane Cardegna Bury '72 (05/21/2017)
Erminio Scavongelli, father of **Gail Scavongelli '73** (05/18/2017)
Dr. Michael Rebovich, husband of **Monica Leck Rebovich '73** (05/09/2017)
Benjamin, father of **Kathy Oliver Kadilak '74** (01/11/2017)

St. Joseph College Faculty and Staff

R. Marie Long (09/01/2016)
Mrs. Long was a graduate of St. Joseph's High School, Class of 1954. She was employed for 35 years as a secretary in the Alumnae Office of St. Joseph College. She was the editor of the Alumnae Quarterly for 15 years.

John Michael Blanche, S.T.D. (02/18/2017)
Dr. Michael Blanche of Fairfield, PA was a professor of theology at St. Joseph College until its close in 1972.

Sister Hilda Gleason '45 (03/28/2017)
Sister Hilda served as President of St. Joseph College from 1954-1961.

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

SJC Reunion 2018 *April 12 ~ 15*

Mark your calendar and make plans to attend SJC Reunion 2018!!

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 "8" and "3". Remember that our Reunions are not just for these Milestone Classes-they are for all Alumnae! The Reunion Committee is hard at work planning another great weekend. Contact your friends and classmates now to meet you at Reunion 2018.

"Mary Morel Ingram '72 said "What a wonderful weekend with the dearest people in the world. We really did make lifelong friendships at Joe's, and it showed in outpourings of love toward each other after all these years. I will make every effort to get together as often as possible with any of the gang. Love, love, love."

Schedule

THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 2018

Return - and register at the beautiful Gettysburg Wyndham Hotel. Check in at the Reunion Registration desk, attend a welcome wine social, and then meet friends and classmates for dinner. A list of area restaurants is available at the Registration desk.

FRIDAY, APRIL 13, 2018

Reconnect - Visit SJC's campus for a box lunch in the Pines of our beloved Student Center followed by an informal guided tour of the campus. A self-guided Heritage Tour: St. Joseph's Valley and St. Mary's Mountain is available at the Registration desk 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 Reunions at the Wyndham, groups large and small have held Friday evening class dinners there with great success. As Alumna Maureen Smith, '65 notes: "Great food and service + no driving = a very relaxing evening." Class agents please contact Reunion Co-Chairs Christine Roos Mehl '70 or Leslie Henze Blackstock '70 to arrange a private dinner.

SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 2018

Recharge - Your day begins with a buffet breakfast and the Annual Meeting. Enjoy an informal chat with Dr. Dee Gallo, Archivist for the Daughters of Charity, on SJC and the Daughters during the Civil War. All are encouraged to attend, learn about new opportunities, and share ideas for the future.

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, APRIL 15, 2018

Our final event is a 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" at the Wyndham as you view yearbooks and class memorabilia.

Remember ~ Reunion weekend is the time to reconnect!! We look forward to seeing you April 12–April 15, 2018 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 2018. 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.wyndhamhotels.com/groups/saint-joseph-college-alumnae-reunion-2018, or by calling 717.339.0020 (press 3). Ask for Saint Joseph College Reunion 2018 Group Block

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