All together, all together, still we meet,
Hearts and voices light as ever, alma mater thus greet.
Friendship's links may never be broken, bright is its chain, the parting words be spoken, though the years we'll meet again.
A note from your
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The SJCAA Board of Trustees is pleased to bring you the Fall 2018 issue of The Valley Echo.

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

We hope you enjoy this edition.

-The Board of Trustees

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Greetings to all members of the St. Joseph College Alumnae Association (SJCAA)! The Board and I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for attending Reunion 2018 and for your support of our Alumnae Association throughout the years. We had a fabulous 121st Reunion weekend April 12-15, 2018 celebrating all classes ending in “3” and “8”. This was the 45th Reunion since our dear college closed in 1973. Many years have passed since we were young girls walking around on our beautiful campus at the foot of the Blue Ridge Mountains, and it is incredibly rewarding to experience the uplifting waves of friendship that are shared during Reunion weekend.

Highlights of the weekend included the presentation of the SJCAA Scholarship at Mount Saint Mary’s University to Mount students Isabel Ross ’19 and Katelyn Comeau ’20. Through your generous contributions, the SJCAA Scholarship at Mount Saint Mary’s University has been actively helping students work toward their educational goals since 2015. This scholarship will continue the legacy that Mother Seton started in the Valley so long ago. Her efforts to create an institution that would educate young women in a religious environment will continue as the students at the Mount reach for their dreams. Thanks to all of you for helping to keep our spirit alive for many more years through this scholarship.

Also, we had the honor of awarding the SJCAA Legacy Award to Mary Lou Ullrich Jones from the Class of 1964 for her work in the Association. The Class of 1968 enjoyed its 50th Reunion, and Mary Anne Kelly represented the class at the Saturday night banquet by speaking about many of the fun memories and experiences that were shared by her class members during their years at St. Joe’s. We have seven (7) Reunions left ladies, so on behalf of the Board, we urge you to attend while we are still having organized Reunion weekends at the Wyndham!

Please check our Website (www.sjcalumnae.org) for photos of the weekend. Also, if you haven’t been receiving emails from SJCAA, please contact the alumnae office (office@sjcalumnae.org) with your updated email address.

Through your support and financial generosity, this Reunion and all of the activities during the year are made possible. Even though our Association is small, it is mighty! It is time to start planning our transition to the Mount’s National Alumni Association (MSMAA) which must be completed by 2025. We plan to keep separate until after the 2025 Reunion. This will take time to do so we need to start now. Much of the work will be transparent to the Association since we will be continuing our own Reunions and The Valley Echo until 2025. The transition will be the focus of our September Board meeting. Work started on this last year and will continue through the next several years. We will keep you posted on our progress at the annual meeting at Reunion, through this letter, in The Valley Echo and through email blasts and updates to the class agents as we have more information.

This year is the first year we are seeing a significant drop in our membership. We compared where we are now to where we were a year ago and we have 60 fewer members. Our dues are down $2,000 from this time last year. Our plan is to keep the Association going until 2025, but we need dues to help get us there. Our operating budget is $50,000 which includes donations to local charities, The Valley Echo, and paying our expenses to run the office. Our budget is kept to a minimum because of all the work volunteers do for the Association including writing and editing of The Valley Echo, organizing Reunion, and working Reunion.

Thank you for your continued support of SJCAA, and please continue to pay your dues in 2019 as the number of dues paying members continues to decrease. With your help we should be able to keep the Association alive until 2025 so that we can all celebrate the 50th Reunion of each class that attended St. Joseph College.

Remember what we have said in the past: This is NOT like the closing of the college--the life of the Association is in OUR hands. WE ALL will determine how long we can keep things going--by paying dues and by helping out where you can.

Trudie

Trudie Mangiaracina Glazewski ’74
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ABOUT SJCAA
ANNUAL DUES

Active membership in the St. Joseph College Alumnae Association (SJCAA) guarantees an alumna will receive all Association mailings, including The Valley Echo, the Association's annual publication. Part of your dues contribution goes to produce The Valley Echo, which includes professional layout design, printing, and mailing costs. But that is only one of the items your dues support.

We budget our dues income at $50,000 in order to cover our main expenses. Our annual expenses include Charity ($11,000); Office Expenses ($7,000: printing, postage, office supplies, credit card fees, insurance); Website ($3,000, professional services for updating); The Valley Echo ($6,000); and our Management Services Contract with Mount St. Mary’s University ($23,000: Alumnae Liaison salary, telephone, computers and computer support, office space).

Dues are tax deductible as the SJCAA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Our charitable contributions are targeted to support those in the Emmitsburg community: scholarships for the Mother Seton School which the Administration distributes so several families benefit, Catoctin Pregnancy Center, Seton Center, and Masses for alumnae at the Basilica.

Because of your generosity, we have met our dues income goal each year. Although the number of alumnae contributing has declined, the average gift has increased. It is your generosity which will enable us to meet our goal of continuing until each class has had the opportunity to celebrate its 50th Reunion. We will continue to work to manage our finances as wisely as we can. ~ Claire Maurer ’64, Finance Chair

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 2018, the Association will send invoices or bills to all alumnae for their 2019 ANNUAL DUES. Annual Dues for 2019 are due at the time the 2019 dues invoice is received by an alumna. 2019 Dues sent to the office as late as June 30, 2019 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

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TOTAL 1,844 664 36.0%

36.0% participation from a solicitable base of 1,844 SJC alumnae – 664 alumnae paid $53,796.00
Ten years ago I didn’t think we would be here now…but everyone has stepped up to the challenge to continue to keep us alive! THANK ALL OF YOU FOR ALL YOU HAVE DONE TO GET US TO 2018. It is time, however, to start planning our transition to the Mount Saint Mary’s University National Alumni Association. This transition needs to be finalized by 2025.

We have taken some small steps toward the transition. The Mount archives has received items donated by SJCAA--the college seal, old editions of The Valley Echo, and yearbooks among other things. If you have some SJCAA memorabilia, please contact Kathleen Hollenbeck at our SJCAA office. She will see if it is something that can be used for the archives. In addition, one of our alumna and her MSM husband have made a donation to the Mount to add St. Joseph College memorable events to an existing Mount timeline which is a long mural of events in the Mount’s history. We will give you more information on that as it develops.

We will need to start making other changes between now and 2025 so that the transition is as easy and seamless as possible. There is a lot of support work that needs to be coordinated with and done by MSM staff, including entering our information into the MSM database. All this takes time and cannot be done quickly.

The board began discussions in September 2017 and will continue these discussions with MSM staff during the next several years. We will keep you updated through the yearly President’s letter, The Valley Echo, email updates, and mailings.

Something we as an Association can do now is to maintain and strengthen our use of class agents. Most of our current work will be absorbed by the Mount staff. The one function that will continue, however, is the role of the class agent. Class agents are the backbone of our current organization and will continue in that role after the transition to the Mount. Your class agent is the person who keeps you updated on what is going on in the class and keeps you cohesive as a group. Please support your class agent in everything she does for you, and if she asks for help, please give it. Some classes have multiple class agents to help shoulder the work which has proven to be very effective.

I am the class agent for 1972. I use ideas from other classes to help keep our class together. We have an ongoing email chain, which I got from the class of ’63, which helps us share news and events in our lives during the year. It has proven very helpful during the past year when classmates faced many serious challenges. The class of ’72 “family” shared their prayers and help for each other during those challenges. My class also has annual luncheons, an idea from the class of ’64. And each classmate gets a Christmas card from me, an idea from the class of ’65. All are effective in helping keep us together.

An idea that the class of ’72 would like to share--we have started Zoom sessions monthly where we see each other and catch up on news. This is a free feature you can set up for your class. I will have more on it in our class news in The Valley Echo. Anyone with questions, please feel free to contact me.

My class is more united because of all the work we have done to stay together--it is a lot of work but I am so greatly compensated by the joy our class has in being together.

Your class agents are key to keeping your class links going, especially as we age and as we merge into a larger organization--that link will be key. Now is the time to strengthen it and to give your class agent all the support you can--all of us greatly benefit from it.

So please talk to your class agent and see what you can do to help keep your class together during our final years under SJCAA. We are looking forward to sharing more details with you as things develop in the transition to the Mount. Thank you so much for all your support over the years. Please continue your generosity to get us through the next seven years. You have gotten the Association to 2018, and it looks like we will make it to 2025-- as long as the volunteers and the members continue to support the organization. THANK YOU for all you do.

-Karen Mattscheck ’72
Wow!! is all I can say about Reunion 2018! We were 165 alumnae strong this year! From the three who returned from the Class of ’48 for their 70th Reunion to the Class of ’73 for their 45th the number of returning alumnae exceeded all expectations. The Class of ’68 astounded with 57 of their classmates attending. The excitement was in the air. The Class of ’63 had 30 returning for their 55th. Many of the milestone classes reserved suites so they had a place to gather and reminisce.

Wine Social - The Thursday evening Wine Social hosted by the SJCAA Board, had a record 71 in attendance. It is a great start to our Reunion Weekend and a place to meet all alumnae from all classes.

Campus Tour - The weather was good to us this year. Friday the Box Lunch and Campus Tour had 80 in attendance. Merrill Sollenberg, our FEMA contact, does her best to show us around our College so we can recall the times we spent there. Many stayed after to enjoy the “Pines.” Norman Hubbs, husband of Candy Long Hubbs ’73 commented “I remember our first mixer in the Student Center, right here where we are now. I looked across the room and saw Candy. I asked her to dance, and 49 years later, we are still together.” Spending more time in the Student Center is something that was started last year and is catching on with the reuniting classes.

Class Dinners - The now traditional Friday Night Class Dinners at the Wyndham are a hit. Marge Bertoneie Barkocy ’68 says, “Everyone should come to their Reunion. You don’t know what you are missing. It is great sharing the experiences of life with these friends.” The Class of ’73 had 35 classmate, the Class of ’63 had 30, and the Classes of ’58, ’53, and ’48 had 21 total for dinner. Marion Schueler Werner ’48 said, “I am so pleased seeing all the friendly smiling faces.”

Saturday Breakfast and Annual Meeting - The Board changed the Buffet Breakfast and Annual Meeting two years ago to Saturday so more would attend. Boy, did we get our wish! We had 140 for breakfast Saturday morning. We were packed in and had to set more places as more than anticipated came. Our President Trudie Mangiaracina Glazewski ’74 introduced the SJCAA Scholarship recipients, Katelyn Comeau C’20 a Bio-Chem/Pre-med major, and Isabel Ross C’19 a History/Social Studies major. New Board members were sworn in and the finances of the Association were discussed. Trudie presented the fifth annual Legacy award to Mary Lou Ullrich Jones, ’64. Mary Lou has worked tirelessly for many years on the Liturgy Committee as well as countless years as the class news editor for The Valley Echo. Our speaker Dr. Dee Gallo gave us the history of the Daughters of Charity and dispelled some myths.

Mass at the Basilica, the highlight of Reunion Weekend, was celebrated by Rev. Kevin Farmer and the Jubilee Class of ’68 led the ceremony.

Reunion Banquet - The banquet is always a special time when we all come together as one. Mary Anne Kelly ’68 gave wonderful memories gathered from her classmates to paint a picture of their time at Joe’s. This year the Class of ’68 broke all records and raised $57,000 for their class gift. They designated $18,431 to the Seton Center and $36,977 to the Scholarship Fund. The Hassel Cup was awarded to the Class of ’68. They also won the Sister Mary Ellen Kelley Award. Just when we thought it was going to be a clean sweep, the mighty but small Class of ’48 won the Husbands/Friends Award by having a higher percentage of guests attending. Our Alma Mater was sung to close the evening.

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

Reunion Memories - Ellen Krieger Smelas ’63 stated “it was very relaxed. One of the best Reunions ever.” Joan Hurley ’48 remarked, “Reunion is wonderful. I am impressed with all the hard work to make it happen. I see so many happy faces.” Shirley Berrian Salzbrenner ’73, “I am so glad I came.” Faith Hawkins Welsh ’58 summed it up beautifully. “Reunion was a memory to keep for its joy, fun, and laughs. When life or the weather looks ‘sour’ remember your 2018 Reunion in Gettysburg for the two ‘summer’ days in spring, a gift from God for us all, as we greeted, remembered, rejoiced, hugged, sang praises, and held hands as our voices filled the room with ‘All Together.’ Take this and go forward remembering God holds us in the palm of his hand.”

Making New Memories - Mark your calendars for April 4-7, 2019. Come and renew friendships, reminisce about past memories, and make new memories. The Board is working hard to continue Reunions through 2025. This means only seven more. Come join us especially if it is not your milestone year.
MARY LOU ULLRICH JONES ’64 HONORED WITH LEGACY AWARD

Mary Lou Ullrich Jones ’64 received the annual Legacy Award for 2018 at the annual SJC Alumnae Reunion in April. The award was presented by Trudie Mangiaracina Glazewski ’74, president of the St. Joseph College Alumnae Association (SJCAA).

Mary Lou has served as coordinator of the Alumnae Mass at the Basilica on Saturday of Reunion weekend, working on developing the Mass and encouraging the alumnae of the milestone classes to participate in the program. She has led these efforts as the chairman of the Liturgy Committee. Mary Lou takes to heart the meaning of the Mass and does everything she can to make is as meaningful to all of us as possible. Every year following Reunion, Mary Lou critiques the process for improvements. This has taken a tremendous load off any Reunion chair and has provided many beautiful memories for all of the alumnae who attend this Mass.

Until 2016 Mary Lou served as Class News Editor and Coordinator of The Valley Echo. She received class news from class agents, formatted the news, and worked with editors to get the news reviewed and ready for publication. Her devotion and dedication to the task were enormous, and she analyzed to improve the procedure each year.

With love and dedication to the SJCAA, Mary Lou has been a loyal “behind the scenes” worker who has been a major force in The Valley Echo as a first class publication. Her work on the Liturgy Committee is irreplaceable. Her dedicated efforts ensure that our Mass celebrations observe the correct guidelines.

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 2018-2019

The St. Joseph College Alumnae Association (SJCAA) Scholarship at Mount St. Mary’s University (MSMU) is an endowed scholarship funded by alumnae and friends of St. Joseph College. At Reunion 2018, Katelyn Comeau and Isabel Ross were announced as the recipients of the scholarship for academic year 2018-2019.

KATELYN COMEAU is a rising junior who has been chosen to receive our Scholarship this year as our class of 2020 recipient. Katelyn is a Biochemistry major in the Pre-Med program at MSMU. Katelyn is interested in the study of cancer biology and biomedical disease treatment. She believes that research that also centers on the patient experience will be more effective in developing better and more patient-centered treatments for cancer. Katelyn is on the Mount’s rugby team, works as an Ecology and Environmental Science Lab Prep Assistant, is a Physics Student Instructor, and has been on the Dean’s list for the past three semesters.

ISABEL ROSS is a member of the class of 2019. She is a rising senior who was awarded the SJCAA Scholarship at MSMU during her junior year, and since she has maintained the required grade point average she will again be awarded the Scholarship for her senior year. Isabel has a double major as well, studying History and Secondary Education Social Studies. She 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. Isabel is on the Mount’s track and field team, works as a student worker at the School of Education and Human Services, and still has time to study hard and stay 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
From Left: Maryann Whalen Dunn '68, Jacquie Nemetz Van Meter '68, and Anne Tate Melians '68 at the Friday social hour.

From Left: Jane Ebaugh '68, Mary Brown '68, Janice Nelson Pflugfelder '68, and Cathleen Carroll Loy '68 at the Friday social hour. Stan and Ruth Lynch Buchwalter '68 are in the background.

From Left: Andra Miller Stewart '73, Martina Sabo '73, and Toni Doherty Kellison '73 at the Friday social hour.

From left: Maxine Wallish Gorman '63 and Susan Boland Southwell '63, and spouses at Friday social hour.
From left: Nicky Young ’73, Monica Lech Rebovich ’73, Jane McDonough Milne ’73, and Marie Glynn Thomas ’73 gather before their class dinner.

From left: Ruth Lynch Buchwalter ’68, Jane Ebaugh ’68 (hidden), Mary Husic Kuta ’68, Beverly Thompson Devine ’68, and Rose Jack Kroen ’68 update contact lists.

Members of the Class of ’68 show off their SJC Tote Bags.

Julie Geary Sullivan ’68 leads the processional into the Alumnae Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

From left: Marian Scheuler Werner ’48, Joan Cauley Hurley ’48, and Patricia Hultberg Hyde ’48.

From Left: Mary Louise Joyce-McDonough ’53, Mary Mohr James (guest), and Geri Cellura Becker ’53.
From Left: Mary Louise Chesley Cora '63, Mary Lou Williams Feeney '63, and Sheila Degnan McCarron '63

From Left: Jacqueline Wajcs Gibney '73 and Candace Long Hubbs '73

From Left: Sr. Clare Edwards '58, Anne DuVal Quigley '58, and Anne Meyer Feehley '58

From Left: Maureen Hinke Hahn '73, Leah Rosenbrock Birch '73, and Jacqueling Wajcs Gibney '73 in background

From Left: Pat Gavin Wynne '68 and Janice Chepaitis Cullen '68

From left: Cathleen Carroll Loy '68, Jocelyn Fritz Collins '68, Pat Burdinski Meeker '68, Judy McCarthy Meeker '68, and Jan Nelson Pfugfelder '68 present gifts to Fr. Kevin Farmer
Lector Mary Louise Libby Palm ’68

Lector Kathleen Kerrigan Russo ’68

Member of the Class of ’53 and guests celebrate at dinner

Maryann Lesso ’70 Acolyte and Anne Maher Gerdes Potter ’68 Crossbearer

From left: Candle Bearers Betsy Klunk Esposito ’68 and Paulette Keogh Yonker ’68
Members of the Class of '68 at the banquet

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Mary Anne Kelly ’68 accepts the Hassel Cup for the highest percentage of class alumnae attending Reunion and the Sr. Mary Ellen Kelley Award for the highest number of class alumnae attending Reunion from Claire Maurer ’64

The Class of ’48, celebrating their 70th Reunion, display the Class of ’52 Award for the highest percentage of guests attending with alumnae
The Class of ’58 celebrates its 60th Reunion

The Class of ’53 at its 65th Reunion

The Class of ’63 celebrates its 55th Reunion

The Class of ’73 celebrates its 45th Reunion

The banquet ends with all joining to sing the Alma Mater All Together
50th Reunion

Class of 1968
It is with a sad note that I begin this report as we say farewell to two members of our class. However, it is with great joy that I report that we have heard, once again, from all seven remaining members of our class. I thank each one of you for keeping in touch.

In January, I received a note from Karen Bird, daughter of Cathie Robitaille, saying that her mom had passed away on March 5, 2017. Cathie was a graduate of St. Joseph’s High School in 1943 and was considered a member of our class had she gone on to college. May she rest in peace.

In April I received a letter from Norma Walker Stec that she had heard from a niece of Judy Morris, Mary Rose Ortivein, notifying her that Judy had died on March 18, 2018. She said that Judy died peacefully sitting in her bedroom chair at the Linden Ponds Retirement Community. Judy had sent me a Christmas card relating another one of the antics of her three-year-old great-grandniece during one of her recent visits to the nursing home. Judy ended her note by saying, “May any aches and pains which we 90-year-olds seem to specialize in, be fewer and may your health be good enough to enjoy these wonderful days of this year and the many new days of 2018.” It is my prayer that Judy is now enjoying eternal happiness with the God she loved and served so well.

Betty Boggs Cunningham wrote that her children gave her an elegant party on her 90th birthday in May 2017. People from all over the country and Canada were there for a three-day bash! Betty added that nothing has changed much as she is still driving and living alone.

Irene Campbell Seitz said she so enjoyed reading our class column in the last Valley Echo. It was nice hearing news of classmates, although she was sorry to hear of deaths. However, she added, considering that many of us are at or close to reaching our 90th year, some of us still enjoy health and peaceful lives. Irene added that in other words, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton is still taking care of us.

Catherine Schneider Hinkey wrote that she is doing fine and living with her son Tom and his wife Sharon.

Molly Fitzgerald Lawson said that all is well and she is enjoying time with her various family members. She said it is hard to realize that her oldest granddaughter is 30 and the youngest one will be 18 in January. She was so grateful that the local families do keep in touch. She said she was still enjoying the football schedule and looking forward with optimism to better games than in recent years. Fortunately, she is grateful each day for the comfort and joy of good overall health. Her daughter Frances continues to care for all the household duties, the business administrative management, and some social life for herself. Frances makes sure that her mother is safe and well fed and that the dog is happy. Molly is now using a walker that makes her more mobile and much more secure. All the family members appear to be doing well. Several of them are in college and others in new positions following graduation. Molly looks forward to the next newsletter from the college and to hear what the remaining members of our class are doing.

Norma Walker Stec wrote, “I am getting older and older and consequently getting less and less accomplished. If I manage one job per day, I consider the time well spent and successful!” Frank and Norma do enjoy pretty good health for people as old as they are. Their friends and family had a surprise birthday party for her this past summer and it really was a surprise. Norma said her walking is fair in the house but she would not be sure of herself outside without her cane. Norma related that the population growth around them is still moving forward. Through the years, they have watched all the farmlands turned into developments. The last property now being developed has homes starting at $750,000 and townhouses starting at $550,000. Her deer friends are still frequent visitors, and Norma has resigned herself to the fact that their shrubs and plants are growing for their dinner. They devour almost everything. Norma said it is always good to hear from or about the remaining members of our class as we do not have many left. Norma ended her note by saying that she lost her sister on January 2nd. She was 97 and she misses her greatly.
I spoke to Jane Reiter Miller on the phone and she is feeling fine. She is still living in her apartment from which she enjoys a beautiful view of the Arlington area. She attended her high school reunion recently and found that she was the only one from her class. Jane added that at 92 there may only be a few members of her class left. She has a driver who takes her where she wants to go and she gets her exercise by walking from room to room in her large apartment. Jane said she would like to visit me until I told her that I was living in Albany and not in Emmitsburg. Albany is quite a distance from Virginia.

Cecilia Gallagher Pascuzzi wrote that things were about the same with her. She does not drive at night as she had an accident last year which was the first in her life. Three of her children have properties at Bethany Beach where she lives. Her daughter and family live there year round and it is a great help to her. Celi said her son Danny deposited a cat for her because she said she would like to have one after her poodle died. However, the cat was pregnant and now Celi has four adorable kittens to give away. Celi said she has three sisters. One sister graduated from St. Joseph's High School and died while another one is in a nursing home at age 98. The youngest one is fine and comes to visit often. Her six children are the same, and over the years she has had 14 grandchildren and four great grand ones.

During this year, I celebrated my 70th Jubilee as a Daughter of Charity having entered the Community on September 8, 1948. During the years, I have been on mission in nine hospitals from Boston, MA to Jacksonville, FL having served as a science instructor in a School of Nursing and in hospital administration, governance, nine years on our Provincial Council and lastly an Emergency Room volunteer for 10 years until I was missioned to St. Louise House in May 2014 following a serious illness. I am now using a walker in place of a cane following a fall a year ago, which makes my walking more secure. At present I am doing quite well for 91 years and am grateful to God for the health I do have. I still go out to lunch with friends and shopping, enjoy sports on TV, especially the Yankees, and read between activities here. We have a bible study course which has been very interesting and informative. I am glad to be your class agent and hope that you will continue to keep in touch so, God willing, I can continue to pray for our class members whom Our Lord has already called to their eternal reward.

1948

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Reunion this year was a happy and fun time for all. I’m sorry that I was not able to be there: health issues kept me away. Our class was represented by Joan Cauley Hurley, Pat Hultberg Hyde, and Marion Schueler Werner who led the procession carrying roses at the Memorial Mass on Saturday.

The Class of 1948 was awarded the Husbands/Friends Cup. They said that although they didn’t know any other classes, everyone was so kind and friendly.

I know that Theresa Dougherty Black is enjoying her family and travelling, but where is everyone?? Please keep in touch.

1949

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My dear “forty-niners,” my heart is heavy as I report that Jocelyn Gates McGlynn died on May 29th. Details are scarce but I understand that she was wheelchair-bound for a time. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and may she rest in peace. Amen.

When I called Alice McLaughlin O’Neill, she and husband Bill were packing for a trip to their beach house and looking forward to spending the summer enjoying visits from their children and grandchildren. They all enjoy sailing and several have their own boats. Alice said she is well for the most part but is dealing with glaucoma. Next year our class will be celebrating its 70th reunion, and Alice is hoping to attend as am I. So ladies, mark your calendars. I’m not sure how many classes have reached that milestone but we may go down in history! Mary Elizabeth (Betsy) Shlesinger and I had a nice chat and she told me how much she enjoys playing bridge...and she plays lots of bridge! She belongs to three bridge clubs. She said she made many friends at the Community Center when she moved to the area years ago and they introduced her to the game. We talked about our families and Betsy said she has three great-grandchildren.
Doris Roach Jakob was as bubbly as usual and spoke proudly of her grandchildren’s accomplishments but one granddaughter in particular, her youngest, is a marathon runner and will be attending St. Mary’s College in South Bend, IN this fall. Doris’ concern for Fred’s health was most evident and she is grateful for daughter Catherine’s help. Catherine is a nurse and provides her dad full time care. Doris still brings Holy Communion to Fred and several elderly patients after Mass on Wednesdays.

I spoke with Jean Barry Curran, another avid bridge player, who told me a cute story about her children insisting that, when they fly to Washington, DC for their annual family gathering, she use a wheelchair. She doesn’t need one but some of those gates are quite a hike even for much younger folks. Reluctantly, she “took the chair” and along the way she looked over at another wheelchair occupant and it was none other than the distinguished Henry Kissinger. Jean’s family has a 90th birthday celebration planned for her on June 24th. That’s not so old any more. She chuckled as she said, “You know, 90 is the new 70!”

Mary Catherine Whelan Justice called to tell me that she is doing much better with each passing day. Her progress has been slow but steady. Therapy has been very effective and living with her daughter has been a contributing factor to her recovery. When you are no longer able to drive, living alone can become very complicated. She sounded very upbeat and thankful for the assistance that her daughter provides. She and Nell Voltaire Davidson have been friends for many years and stay in touch. Nell wrote that no news is kind of good news because she is in good health and her main concern right now is essentially being on alert for this season’s hurricanes. Florida is in full preparation. Last year she had to take refuge at her son Rex’s house for four days. Thankfully, they only lost a few shingles.

A cheerful call from Rita Fenwick Gough made my day as we talked about our grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She has 16 grands and 13 great-grands. And the youngest grandson, who is very close to his grandmother, by the way, wanted to spend his 19th birthday bowling (duck pins) with his grandmother. And they did just that! Her family loves the beach but bowling took precedence on this occasion. Needless to say, Rita remains very active. Cecile Begnoche Kelly told me that the family is well and functioning. She still enjoys her discussion groups and the books she manages to read. She lives in the home that she and Bill moved into in 1968 and relishes the memories that surround her. Upkeep is a challenge these days but she feels blessed and still finds life an adventure…and very stimulating.

Sheila Ward McPeak was at home at the shore when I called her and she gave me the sad news about Jocelyn. She enjoys her summers there because her children and grandchildren manage to come throughout the summer for their vacation and she gets to see them more often. She has 14 grandchildren mostly college age. One of her grandsons stays with her. She enjoys the rest and relaxation that the shore provides but she stays active and gets plenty of exercise.

I regret that I have not been able to make contact with Rose Bravo. She has been in poor health for several years but she always managed to send me a note via email. This year she did not respond. I experienced a similar situation with Ruth Wyatt Sweeney. Her answering machine directed me to a telephone number where I left several messages but received no call back. The Alumnae Office provided me with a new address for Mary B. Wittmer Walsh -700 Port St., Bldg. 100, Easton, MD 21601. I haven’t been able to connect with Lucy McLaughlin Goedickie for several years now. (Our Alumnae Office notified me that Lucy had passed away on August 1, 2015.) If anyone in the SJC Alumnae family has any information on those mentioned in this paragraph, please call me or write to me.

My life is a B&B…Blessed and Busy. I have four children who are Senior Citizens, two of whom are grandparents…one with three grandchildren and a fourth due in September, and one with two grandchildren. I have 11 grandchildren. I bowl on a Senior League and have bowled most of my life. I live in Virginia but spend many weekends in Kill Devil Hills, NC, on the Outer Banks. I drive a well maintained 2000 white Chevrolet Monte Carlo SS with black trim, which I still love. I enjoy shopping, reading, and keeping up with medical/health issues, and church-related matters which are of particular interest to me. God is good!

Ladies, it is my duty to remind you, once again, that the Alumnae Association needs your membership dues to continue to function, and it guarantees all mailings from the Association, including The Valley Echo.

Please pray for our deceased classmates, spouses, and children, and for those with serious health issues. Father, we rejoice in the gifts of love we have received from the heart of Jesus, your Son. Open our hearts to share his life and continue to bless us with his love. We ask this through Our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.
Loving greetings to all! I apologize for our class news not appearing in the last edition of The Valley Echo. It was probably because of a massive senior moment. Such moments occur more and more often these days. Post-it notes help.

The Valley Echo has a new editor, Maryann Lesso, SJC’70. Former editor Mary Lou Jones, SJC’64 lives in Patricia Smith McArdle’s former parish in Ocean City, MD and enjoys seeing Pat when they happen to meet. Pat called from her new independent living home at 3701 International Dr., Apt. 523, Silver Spring, MD 20906. Her phone number is 301.598.5962. Pat celebrated her 90th birthday. She relishes independent living and she keeps very active. Pat has access to good bus service and went recently to Colombia, MD to have a grand mini-reunion with Virginia Schneider Kenney. Pat went to Florida in April to visit Mary Shea and members of the Class of ’51 and had a great time. She is not driving because her car no longer cooperates but she’s not letting any grass grow under her feet!

A second publication invites attention! Faith Afire is the exciting title of the magazine published by the Daughters of Charity of the Province of St. Louis. Based in St. Louis, MO the province comprises the four former U.S. Provinces of Albany, Emmitsburg, Evansville, and St. Louis. The Spring 2018 issue of Faith Afire inspires!

So does a group photo on page 14 of Daughters of Charity in Wilmington, DE. On the left is Sister Mary George Barlow, our dear Maddie! Her smile and dimples still light up the world! She looks blessedly happy and well! With the photo is this text: “The presence of the Daughters in Wilmington does not stop in the St. Peter Cathedral School but extends to other social services throughout the community. Sister Mary George Barlow serves as Moderator for the Cathedral parish’s St. Vincent de Paul Society in addition to her role of ten years at the parish’s Seton Center. Soon she will be handing the Center over to Sister Catherine Marie Lowe to continue its mission of providing assistance to those in need and supporting those who are seeking employment in the community.”

Sister Mary George has told Harriet that a new Seton Center is being built near the old center in Emmitsburg. In California, Emmitsburg, MD stands tall among the Daughters of Charity in the Province of Los Altos Hills. Five Daughters went to Santa Barbara from Emmitsburg in 1852 to care for orphaned and abandoned children. More about this later.

Lockie is the center of attention in the here and now. We played phone tag for a while but we caught up recently, and Lockie was excited about her upcoming birthday. Her 90th on June 6! All of her children and grandchildren had hotel reservations and were coming to Bethlehem, PA to celebrate! Lockie was on Cloud 90.

Anne “Penny” Prendergast Gibbs and I have a new little girl in our lives. Her name is Emma! Penny’s Emma is a great-grandchild and my Emma is a great-grandniece. Delights to share!

Harriet White Heffernan wrote that her daughter Cara attended the Metropolitan Museum of Art’s exhibit of 40 papal vestments and accessories from the Vatican. Described in the book Heaven: Bodies: Fashion and the Catholic Imagination, the collection is in the Anna Wintour Fashion Gallery until October 8. Harriet’s granddaughter Catherine will be a high school senior next year. Catherine and her mother Cara have visited a college every week. Harriet’s Cathy has three daughters and a son. Caroline does socio-psycho research at Sloan-Kettering Cancer Institute in Manhattan; her husband Aram is conductor of the Knoxville, TN Symphony. Harriet attended a concert of “The Music and Medicine Orchestra” in which Caroline played the violin. Doctors and other medical professionals with broad backgrounds were the musicians. “Fantastic,” Harriet said! Her granddaughter Cordi is in Reno, NV researching soil sciences and completing work on a Master’s Degree. Hope graduated from Cornell and worked there for two years. She has been accepted at Johns Hopkins to work on a Master’s in Public Health with the goal of working in India directing a health program for women. Harriet’s grandson David graduated from Sienna. He is working for a medical publishing company and hoping to play pro hockey.

Katherine Joyce Kelly emailed that her taxes were paid, her desk organized, and she would try to think of other news.

Awaiting additional news we can revisit Emmitsburg. Daughters of Charity left there in 1852 to go to California where natives of the new state of California were in
Evicted from the missions when Mexico sequestered Franciscan properties and funds, homeless Indian and Mexican families sought work, food, and shelter. Overcome by hunger or despair, some parents abandoned children. Where missions once thrived, missionaries were direly needed. Overwhelmed bishops asked the Daughters of Charity for help because of their charism of caring for abandoned children.

By stagecoach five Daughters went from Emmitsburg to New York then by steamer to Panama. By mule back they crossed the Isthmus where two of their heroic company died of cholera on the way. The remaining three took a large ocean steamer to San Francisco, then a coastal steamer to Santa Barbara.

Provincial leaders in Emmitsburg determined that no further missions would be sent to California until a railroad was built across the Isthmus of Panama. In the meantime, the Daughters in Santa Barbara settled in a shanty (so designated by a Vincentian priest) and welcomed their first orphans. Neighbors helped.

By 1858, a railroad in Panama enabled the Daughters to establish The Mission of St. Vincent's in Santa Barbara. St. Vincent's became a second home during happy winters in Santa Barbara's Mediterranean climate. When I told the Daughters that I had attended St. Joseph College in Emmitsburg they rolled out their red and magic carpet. They invited me to a lovely lunch -eon with my late friend Harriet Miller who was Mayor of Santa Barbara at the time. When they ushered me to the head of the table I suggested the mayor be there but she and the Daughters graciously held the chair for me because I was “… from Emmitsburg.”

At our places were glasses of wine imprinted with the logo “Seton Medical Center in San Francisco, Second Century of Care 1823-1993.” Centered in the logo was the portrait of a Daughter of Charity wearing a cornette. How that moved me! Our hostesses gave to Harriet and me each the gift of two of the wine glasses which I delight to use! I spent many happy hours at St. Vincent’s researching history with the archivist there.

Daughters of Charity in California constitute the Province of Los Altos Hills. They have missions in other locations and have been called to serve in Mississippi. The call went out to the 13 congregations of the Sisters of Charity Federation. A social worker, a prison minister, and an educator responded and moved to Durant and Lexington.

Daughters of Charity. Their ministries have cared for the poorest of the poor with thrift stores, schools, day care, nursing, midwifery and neo-natal care. They are heroically generous women in our blessed community of saints.

1951

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Hello to all, those I have been in touch with and those I have not. You can see I don’t have much to report. Actually no news is good news so I am looking at all this positively.

Bad news first - Katherine (Kitty) Lee Kemp died on February 17th in Asheville, NC where she lived her retirement years. Her Mass and burial were at St. Ignatius Church in La Plata, MD. We all remember that she lived on Poynton Manor Farm in Welcome, MD while a student at St. Joseph’s. She died of natural causes after a hip injury caused by a fall and surgery.

Kitty had an amazing life with the Foreign Service, retiring as a vice consul in 1990. She spoke Spanish, Italian, Portuguese, and French. She was stationed in Hong Kong, Manila, Rio de Janeiro, Ecuador, Cameroon, Nigeria, Rome, and Ankara, Turkey. During this time and after retirement, she traveled all over the world and had fascinating stories to tell.

I received a note from Myrtle Sullivan Phelps to tell us her husband Bob died on December 31, 2017. She said he left six children and their spouses, 15 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and her with so many wonderful memories. Their two daughters and one son live near her and the other three live in New Jersey, St. Louis, MO, and Germany. Myrtle, or Bunny as she is called, keeps busy with exercise classes, weekday Masses, and the Cincinnati symphony and Shakespeare theatre.

Anita Nevy Karwacki lost her husband Tom in November. He died of complications due to pneumonia and was buried from St. Francis Catholic Church in Haskell, NJ. They had a long life together with four children and ten grandchildren. Tom graduated from Loyola and was a World War II navy veteran. In
February Anita spent time in Bonita Springs, FL with her son and daughter. She hoped to get together with the Naples contingent but her time was limited.

When I think of Anita I think of Marie Cleary Kleber so I called her. She still has the same sense of humor. She had no news of importance--still spends much time in doctors' offices. (Don't we all?) She does have macular degeneration but is still able to drive locally and so still lives at the same address. I enjoyed our chat.

I checked the list and Terry Norris Schultze lives the farthest away (Colorado) so I called her. We caught up on her life. Her husband George is still living although he has severe arthritis and bladder cancer. Terry herself is fine. She has three sons, all living within an hour of her, and one daughter in Seattle. She is very proud of her daughter who has a PhD in chemistry. Among her grandchildren are two sets of twins. Terry said she came east regularly until ten years ago when her mother died. They also used to visit George's sister in Florida. It was like old times talking to her.

Margie Feeney O'Brien keeps in touch with Joanne Downey McManus who keeps her posted on her grandchildren in New Hampshire. Margie and Ed got away for a week at Boca Grande in Florida this winter.

Veetsie Frick Ryan is settled in her new retirement community in Boston, MA. Her address is 10 Longwood Drive, #142, Westwood, MA 02090. Her telephone number is 781.708.9498. She resides there from October 15th to April 15th. Her summers are spent at her place in New London, NH. Her address there is P.O. Box 275, Elkins, NH 03233. The telephone number there is 603.526.7310. Veetsie took her family to Aspen, CO to ski for Christmas and is planning to take three of her girls to Europe for a trip on the Danube River later this year. Although she doesn't live in Florida anymore, she did manage a week in Naples in March.

Speaking of Naples, FL, I spent two months there again this year. Only Mary Carr Shea and Nancy Johnson Koerwer are there now but Barbara McCrystle Miekle and Pat Smith McArdle came for a few days visit in April and of course we saw Veetsie in March.

About my family--my kids and grandkids are fine but there is one piece of news for which I am very grateful. My granddaughter Grace (my daughter Ellen's second child) is graduating from college. She was diagnosed with leukemia when she was three months old. She spent six months in St. Christopher's Hospital for Children and then six months on chemo. The protocol for children under one-year-old was new then and she had many side effects from it. However, she recovered and now after years of checkups at Children's Hospital of Pennsylvania (CHOP) she is 21 years old, cured of the cancer, and ready to get on with her life.

We still can't locate Joan Umstetter Matthis, Kitty Kelly Fitzpatrick, or Carolyn Eckenrode Sandherr so please, if you can help us, contact me.

This is the best I can do with news this year. As I have told you in the past, please keep me aware of any changes in your lives, and even if there aren't any changes I love hearing from you. Don't forget to send in your dues and remember that our 70th reunion is only three years away. Stay healthy and stay happy.

1952

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Greetings, friends! I heard from Dottie Green Mullen a couple of times. Paul is living in a small home about ten minutes from her and she visits frequently. She is also able to bring him home for a visit once in a while. She says life is lonely but you learn to adjust.

Claire Nelson Dale has a married granddaughter who is living in Gettysburg, PA and that brings Claire great memories including of her first date with Kieran on January 19, 1951.

Mitzi Evans Kilduff always writes a nice note. They escaped the California wild fires though they did lose electricity for a short time and were bothered by heavy smoke. She's had some falls because her sense of balance has deteriorated. She and Bill still take their daily walks.

“Chirp” Madlyn Marshall McPartland is doing OK. She did her usual extensive garden club work at holiday time. She was spending Christmas with her youngest son and his family in Annapolis. She also had two weddings on her schedule so she said life is definitely worth living sometimes—ha ha!

I have spoken to Betty Scanlan Wellner a few times. Her home and car have both been sold and she's adjusting to living in a retirement facility. Her oldest daughter has moved to Myrtle Beach, SC so that was a big adjustment. Betty's granddaughter spent a year in Paris as part of her college education. Betty's new
address is Saucon Valley Manor, 1050 Main St., Hellertown, PA 18055.

Beverly Barker Ament continues to do well with the help of good caregivers, and she sees her children often.

Talked to Ann Doyle O’Neill and she is doing better after fracturing her ankle and her wrist and having some healing problems. She had a granddaughter graduate from Drexel University this year. She says Suzann Bousquet Milligan and Eddie are doing all right. Ann’s new address is 516 Eaton Way, West Chester, PA 19380.

Mickey O’Donnell Taylor is doing OK--living in their condo--the address is 1219 Wynnewood Rd., Apt 615, Wynnewood, PA 19103.

The last time I heard from Dolores Liske Dixon things were about the same with her and Rollie.

Barbara Echols Williams and Carroll have slowed down some but are hanging in there.

Had a lovely birthday card from Alice McGrath Conway. Dave was getting ready to put his boat in the water for the summer season, which they really enjoy because their children come to visit. They had a daughter and daughter-in-law who had some health issues but they are recovering well. A granddaughter is getting married in the spring. Allie has some health issues but she says “life is still good.”

I’m doing OK. Getting ready to go to the Jersey shore for ten days with my daughter. I’m still playing cards, going to a lot of classes, have a good size vegetable garden, and generally keep busy.

I’ll keep you all in my prayers--stay well and keep in touch.

1953

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“Where have all the flowers gone?” Of course it’s a quote with a different interpretation of the Peter, Paul, and Mary song, but I’m sending the message out to all the classmates I have not heard from in quite some time. My attempt at humor may be questionable, but I really would like to hear from more of you, even if it’s just a quick note.

If you remember, five years ago, our 60th class reunion was attended by Suzanne Kiser Crock and Joan Billerbeck who carried roses down the aisle at the Memorial Mass for our class. This year, the Class of 1953 was represented by myself, Geri Cellura Becker, and Mary Martha James (who we asked to represent her mother, Mary McNeill Mohr). As we walked down the aisle, our thoughts and prayers were for all the members of our class, especially those who are no longer with us. It was also so very special to share the weekend reunion with Mary McNeill Mohr’s husband Ralph. He was our “shining star.”

The award for oldest attending class went to the Class of 1948, who had three members in attendance, while our class had only two, Geri and myself. Needless to say, we were somewhat disappointed, but in the spirit of the evening, we cheered them on our behalf. We topped off the evening by spending one very late night (and into the morning) at the Wyndham remembering happy times and the years gone by.

I could not have attended Reunion that weekend without visiting our beloved classmate, Sister Anne Black at St. Vincent’s Nursing Home in Emmitsburg. Geri and I visited with her briefly. I was not surprised to see that she still has that same wonderful smile. Her room is lovely and bright with lots of family pictures and “Baltimore Oriole” memorabilia. I’m so glad I went to visit with her. It was the high point of my weekend. God bless you Annie B.

When Geri Cellura Becker returned to Venice from Reunion, she immediately got back into Florida mode. She tells me that the Venice Theatre of which she has long been a member, is hosting the World Festival this year. This is a big event for Venice as 13 countries from around the world will be coming to Venice to perform, eat, educate, and of course enjoy the beach. She says she will be “up to her ears” with things to do. If anyone can do this, it will be Geri.

Joan Billerbeck reports that she is doing well, but still awaiting the results from a recent eye exam. She plans on visiting Suzanne Kiser Crock in the very near future. She and Sue used to be neighbors, but Sue now resides in a nearby assisted living residence.

I was thrilled to receive pictures of Mary McNeil Mohr’s granddaughter’s wedding. I also received the following email from her daughter, Mary Martha James, a few weeks ago. “On May 24, 2018, Meredith James married Stephen Alcala, lovingly witnessed by family and friends on a beautiful sunny afternoon in Oakland, CA. Meredith wore her grandmother’s wedding ring as her
‘something old.’ At the reception, in place of the traditional father-daughter dance, and because the couple wanted it to be a fun wedding, the dance was replaced by a game of catch with an autographed baseball from Adam Jones, their favorite Baltimore Oriole player.” This sounds like my kind of reception/party!

I always get a nice letter from Thelma Redding Wichrowski at Christmas. Because she no longer drives, her husband Dick runs errands and chauffeurs the grandchildren to their activities after school. She and Dick are in good health and enjoy keeping up with all of the girls’ activities. I have to agree that grandchildren are the best and have a way of keeping us younger longer.

At Christmas I always receive a card from Gertrude Cauwels. This year the card did not include any news, but I am always so happy to hear from her. The last time she wrote she told me she still enjoys playing bridge.

Mary Beth Kelly Fricano’s last news was when she had “one foot out the door” on her way to Europe, but I have not received an update.

Please send me any news you have about yourself OR any classmate you might hear from occasionally. If you have changed your address, let me know that as well. I will happily inform the Alumnae Association, so you can continue to receive your copy of The Valley Echo.

As for myself, I’m actually beginning to enjoy retirement. It took me a while, but I’m slowly finding that there is a life outside of rising early, commuting, going to meetings, and dealing with endless deadlines. The only frustration I experience most frequently now are those telemarketing phone calls that I occasionally still get! However, any phone calls from you would be greatly appreciated.

My prayers go out to each of you; keep well and let’s continue to stay “All Together.”

1954

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This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad. What is so rare as a day in June? Then, if ever, come perfect days. Days of our lives. A day in the life of…Those were the days! Our days are numbered. The Lord’s Day. Count the days! See how many we have left. Make each day count. I hope you are all having wonderful days. It is, indeed, a wonderful day when I hear from you. In the last year our days saw many changes, some happy, some sad. Here are a few of the happy ones.

Marie Melroy Munkacsy in Ship Bottom, NJ, sounded great over the phone. She and Mike are busy with their activities and family. She is actually thinking of making another quilt.

Marian Christe Calcagni is always cheery and bouncy over the phone. She doesn’t email, but if I want, I can send one through her husband Dante. They keep in touch with Dante’s family in Italy and always enjoy holiday visits from their kids.

Since I hadn’t heard from Mary McIntyre Gray, I used my extra phone minutes to call her. She sounded great and said she and Bill are very active in their community and church activities in Shepardstown, WV. They attended a grandchild’s graduation in Philly recently.

Claire Kirchner Lawless attends her grandchildren’s graduations and weddings. She tries to keep in touch with Nancy Black Connor. Besides occasional weekends at the Bay or Lake Anna, VA, she attended her grandson’s law school graduation from Boston College on Memorial Day weekend. In late July she was in Wildwood, NJ.

Recent emails from Jo Tierney Bleimeyer in Ft. Myers Beach, FL and Roselyn McCarthy Borrosso were welcome additions to my “mail.” Claire saw Jo while she was in Florida. Roselyn spent four weeks in Florida with her son, then to Idaho with the rest of the family. While they skied, she had fun at the wine and cheese bar.

Marguerite Bourdeau Byrne and Barney are doing fine in Virginia Beach, VA. Their children visit frequently from Charlottesville, VA and other places. She reminded me that our Freshman Logic teacher was Mr. Weldon, who told us what a syllogism was. My own grandchildren were arguing about logic one day, when I tried to enlighten them about going from the universal to the particular to the conclusion. “How do you know all that stuff, Grandma?” one of them asked. “From college,” I answered. Logic has gone the way of cursive writing. I signed my little granddaughter’s birthday card and she said she couldn’t read it! She wondered where I’d learned to write like that. However, she didn’t question the birthday money I’d enclosed!
Pat Brady Hines is busy as usual at St. Francis Home near Columbus, OH. She helps replace misplaced library books and escorts folks to their various destinations. Her many and far-flung children and grandchildren are never far away from her thoughts.

Pat McGrath Jones is active as usual in Coronado, CA. Bridge and golf take up most of her time. When I was there in 2014 I visited Pat. Since then, my sister Jacqueline SJC '57 has had the chance to see Pat and her own classmate Carol Knauer Pastor who also lives there.

A note from Joanne Gates Popoff from Seattle, WA described how she volunteers at her retirement center. Several times I've tried to reach Norma Wootton Murphy in Jupiter, FL, but to no avail. After her husband Doc died last year I had a long chat with her, but since then I haven't heard from her.

In February, while visiting my sister Jacqueline in Scottsdale, AZ, we saw Juanita Maguire Tryon and her husband Dennis. They had recently moved there to a retirement community. We had a nice lunch with them at their place and a great visit, catching up after over 60 years!

Last September my two daughters and daughter-in-law and I took an Alaskan cruise—girls only! Now I can't wait to go again! When my children call, I answer. In March my son and his family and I took a 33-hour train ride to Salt Lake City, UT where my daughter Ann lives. We arrived at midnight. My daughter Mary and her family from Colorado drove up, and two grandsons, not wanting to miss out, flew out from Illinois. For the next week we drove every day to Park City, UT where they all skied and I did as RoRo did—sat in the wine bar sipping and chatting. The return trip was another 33 hours, leaving at 3 a.m., so we got a sleeper for the two-night trip. Daylight lasted until 7:30 p.m. so we saw the beautiful canyons and cliffs, the pretty Green River—we called it "Moon River" because of the creative boaters along the shore. I could write a book about the characters on the train whom we observed and overheard. Dr. Wasilifsky would be astonished. Ralph Roister Doister? Tom Jones? Do you think he was preparing us for life? My granddaughter Alison spent her Loyola junior year in Vietnam, and my son and oldest grandson paid her a visit, sending back tales of tunnels and leftover "remnants" of the war—1968. Echoes from the past! Along with many of you, I too have just attended a grandson's college graduation and a granddaughter's graduation from high school.

OK—now how about the rest of you? I know you're out there.

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Greetings to my 1955 classmates! Just after submitting our class column in 2016, I learned of the death of Jackie Hemler Cummings on June 3, 2016. Later I was privileged to read Jackie's obituary and learn of her many volunteer activities in her church and community. I also heard from her sister Jill Hemler Charbonneau SJC '58 who emphasized Jackie's joy as a devoted wife and mother of five whose husband of 61 years Ed was always referred to as her "best friend."

On August 24, 2017 we lost Sonia Ziolkowsky McLaughlin. Sonia's daughter Janice wrote to say how much St. Joe's and all of you meant to Sonia. Both Jackie and Sonia were remembered with Seton Shrine Mass cards. May perpetual light shine upon them and on all our departed classmates. Lux aeterna!

Clarebeth (CB) Maguire Cunningham wrote from her independent complex in Denver, CO. She is blessed with the nearby presence of her son Michael, his wife Courtney, and the two grands, ages eight and ten. She continues to travel domestically to her six siblings who live in "well-placed locations" and she enjoys her life in Colorado.

Barbara Henner Keogh is always so faithful with her Christmas letter and collage of family pictures. She has settled into her new home, all on one floor, though her office is upstairs so she still gets some good exercise. After 46 years in the Colfax house, she states "we had accumulated a lot of things and junk." Thanks to her family's help she survived the move! "Moving is not for the faint of heart!" she warns. Thanks, Barb. I haven't moved in 55 years! I'll look to you for inspiration as I try desperately to downsize.

Pauline Lisella Raftopoulos always has a positive attitude in spite of rheumatoid arthritis. Thanks to physio therapy and her faithfulness to wellness exercises she remains active. When I spoke with her in May she was sorting through her collection of fabrics to sew some summer items for herself. Three of her adult children live with her and, in her words "there is lots of love in her house."

Margaret Swett Langley spoke of being slowed down by breathing problems but she was full of joy as she shared her great Mothers' Day with her children, grandchildren, and greats!
Thanks to the miracle of cell phones, I reached Carol Murray Fuchs in East Greenwich, RI at her son Michael’s home. Carol is as outgoing as ever and has developed a large circle of friends there and has no trouble keeping happily busy while her family is at work. She had been at her son’s for a while, though, when we spoke, and she was eager to return to her home in New Hartford, NY.

Monalee Overdorf Welliver shared her tale of a late night “herding of cats” which led to a bad fall and a broken femur. Repair and rehab went well under the watchful eyes of her loving family. When we spoke, she was looking forward to attending her grandson’s choral concert and applauding his solo. One of her granddaughters is a harpist and treated Monalee to gentle healing performances.

Audrey Vogel Emley has dreamed of visiting Greece ever since her high school freshman year and an ancient history class that piqued her curiosity. Her dream will become reality in July 2018 when she and 10 members of her family travel to Greece and then cruise up the Adriatic to Venice. What wonderful memories!

Betty Brown Shea was visiting her son Kevin and family in Leesburg, VA when I called. Betty used this opportunity to visit Audrey Vogel Emley around Mother’s Day, former neighbors at Landsdown Woods, they have much to share. Betty enjoys her mahjong group and keeping up with her grand kids and their many sports activities. With the arrival of summer, Betty will be back in New Jersey ready to welcome the family at their beloved shore. Betty and Audrey were making plans to drive to Staunton, VA to visit Monalee Overdorf Welliver. I can’t wait to hear and share the details!

Cathy Connolly Persons’ beloved husband Bob passed away in July 2017. Cathy is still in their home but has been considering neighboring condos. In the “small world” category, Cathy mentioned that she attended the same elementary school in Brooklyn and was a classmate of Tom Curnin, husband of Miriam Johnson Curnin. Miriam and Cathy met recently in New York City and attended Hello Dolly together. Cathy’s daughter Jeanne lives just ten minutes from Miriam so when visiting Jeanne, Cathy often enjoys a visit with Miriam. For Miriam and Tom, this was a big year for graduations--one grandson from college, two from high school, and one from 8th grade. All these milestones at once found Miriam appreciating the fleeting quality of time. Tom and Miriam are well and looking forward to another summer in the Berkshires.

Dolores (Dee) Nevv McMullen was bubbling over with joy from the recent wedding of her granddaughter. The wedding was at the Mount and the reception in Frederick, MD. It was a truly memorable family reunion! Dee and Miriam Johnson Curnin keep in touch by phone--and that’s a good thing! Keep it up!

Virginia Ohlmuller Rooney and husband Bill had just returned from Florida when we spoke. She shared how fortunate they were that their condo had incurred no damage from Hurricane Irma, in September, even though their home is right on the beach. When they returned to Marco Island in October they were gratified to learn of the many Good Samaritans who had come to the aid of those in need. Virginia is especially proud of her daughter who is a lector, like Virginia, and of her 17-year-old granddaughter who is a Eucharistic Minister. How wonderful to hear of the next generations embracing the church’s liturgical ministries.

Betty Barbieri McClellan’s Christmas letter was a celebration of family, feasting, fun, and travels! A gift needlepoint kit reignited a past hobby. That, plus bridge, Bible study, neighborhood meetings, and exercising keep her out of trouble. In May 2017, she joined her daughter and son-in-law Kathy and Ross and granddaughter Anna for a ten-day visit to London and the English countryside. Anna had spent her junior year of college studying near Cambridge so she was the perfect tour guide. Anna was also grandma’s roommate, which made for a memorable blending of generations.

I had spoken with Ileana Soler Torruella after the devastating Hurricane Maria in September and learned that her family had flown her to daughter Nana’s home in Miami for safety. Fortunately, Ileana’s home in Ponce was not damaged. Now, she joyfully awaits the births of two new grandchildren in the fall. She recently attended a grandchild’s French play which brought back fond memories of Sister Margaret Flinton, our beloved French teacher. Ileana is always positive even though her MS causes her to be dependent on others for everything. She often dreams of getting in a car and driving herself! Ileana and I have both tried to reach Maria (Mapy) DelPilar Irizarry in Bayamon, PR. Mapy’s phone is always busy, but we think it is just not yet functioning.

Our congratulations to Sister Mary Martha (Mary T) Gardiner who recently celebrated her 60th Jubilee as an IHM Sister. Her family joined her for this special occasion on April 15th. When the party was over, on April 17th, Mary T underwent open heart surgery to repair a mitral valve prolapse. Her sister, also a nurse, stayed with her for two weeks. Recuperation and rehab
have gone well and she is thrilled to be free of pain and shortness of breath. We join her in a heartfelt prayer of gratitude!

After many attempts to reach Florence Moore Murnane, her daughter-in-law answered my call. She had just stopped by to pick up the mail. Florence had been hospitalized for heart issues and was presently in rehab. Our prayers go out to her and to all our classmates with health challenges.

We are now only 21 in the class of 1955 but I still could not reach everyone. Margaret (Jill) May O’Donnell’s and "MK" Scully LeMens’ phone memories were full and Pat Cleary Lannon did not answer my email.

August 2017 found me, Marthe-Marie (Martie) Methot Meadows, with a new knee and an introduction to nursing home life for rehab. After two weeks, I was home and lovingly cared for by various family members. I felt truly blessed! In 2016, I shared my surprise reconnection with Carol Maher Beckman, SJC’56. This year, it is with Sue Garner McNulty, SJC’63! Sue and I met in 1956 when she was a sophomore in high school and I was a new bride in Potsdam, NY. Sue was in my religious education class. Until I heard from her this Mothers’ Day, I had no idea that she had attended St. Joe’s. Her lovely note erased the 62 years that have passed, and we now look forward to actually seeing each other. My weekly book group has been reading Sister Joan Chittister’s The Gift of Years. To the many topics discussed, I would add the joy of past friendships rediscovered and the faithfulness of friendships of 63+ years. As we celebrate our octogenarian status, let us stay connected with each other. We are gifts to each other!

With prayers of gratitude for YOU—Martie

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How encouraging to be able to report about nine of us! That leaves 17—and I hope you will use snail or email to contact Nona or me before our next deadline with your news!

Nona had a left knee replacement in May and is recovering very well. Daughters Sallie, Evie, and Pauline sprang into action to aid this process. Nona was part of a study with a new type of medication to prevent blood clots after surgery though she does not know whether she received the med or a placebo. She may face another knee replacement but plans to attend our next big reunion in 2021! Nona traveled to California for a niece’s wedding where she visited with all her siblings.

Rose Kelly (Sister Margaret John) has seen Nancy Meskill several times when Nancy came to Emmitsburg, MD or Albany, NY to visit some sisters. Rose reports that Fran O’Brien Baldessarini had some bad days after she began to tango with an escalator in a department store. Though seriously hurt, she got through it and is well. She and Ross are delighted with being grandparents and are great with the children.

Rose enjoys reading a lot. For the past two years she has been part of a three-member team of Daughters of Charity who are translating a two volume French history of the Daughters. She says that it is strange that this global topic of the development of a community through four centuries and its vast array of human services and Church leadership appears not to have been published by English-speaking scholars. She has also done a few presentations of Vincent DePaul as a feminist which went over well with different audiences.

Maryann Radzievich Pagano and husband Dan enjoy living on the East Coast. They volunteer with their community’s education committee, a not-new shop, and pet therapy at the nursing facility. Dan is in the Catholic Council and sails with a son-in-law on the Chesapeake Bay. Maryann says the best part of living in Pennsylvania is being so close to their youngest and oldest daughters. Middle daughter and two sons still live on the West Coast.

Connie Ehrsam Hollowell wrote that last October she and Jim moved from the Chesapeake Bay to Cape Elizabeth, ME, a small town ten minutes south of Portland to be near their son and two youngest grandchildren. Connie loves snow and saw plenty of it last winter. Portland is a lovely city and the Hollowells have found plenty to do. Their six-year-old granddaughter and her friends have converted the guest room into a clubhouse; in addition they cheer their grandson in his many sports activities.

Anne Christie Calcagni wrote that Toni had some back problems which were improving. She says he still goes to work each day. In April they spent a week in Florida
to attend a granddaughter’s college graduation and to celebrate their 56th wedding anniversary with family and friends. Another granddaughter finishes a Peace Corps assignment in Tanzania this summer; another grandson has had a job transfer to Japan. She hopes to stay well enough to see everyone at reunion 2021! Agree to that, Anne!!

Every so often an email with a pithy comment or a thoughtful idea comes from Carmita Argueta DeArmas.

As for me, I became a great-grandmother twice in recent months! If grandchildren are fabulous--and I believe they are--greaets are way over the top! Emery Rose Craft is ten months old as I write and her cousin who lives in the next town in Ohio, Austin Michael Waters, is four months. And they live a little less than 4 ½ hours away! In May my daughter Mary and her husband Kevin Schuck and I visited Paris, Nice, Monaco, Arles, Carcassonne, Andorra, and Barcelona. It was a great trip. Mary and I took French classes in the spring and had great fun with the language.

Be well and stay in touch! And put 2021 on your mental calendar for our 65th reunion!

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A special thanks to all who have responded to my request for news. I know there are still some out there who love to hear from and about their classmates but feel they don’t have any “NEWS.” Not true! We’d love to hear from you.

Sadly, we must first report the passing of Joan Meehan Noble, on August 31, 2017, and Mary Ann Williams Swaine on October 20, 2017. Joan was preparing for a move to her retirement residence when she succumbed to a bad fall. Mary Ann is survived by her husband Frank. Betty Ann Kenney Sheridan and Bill attended the service, and recently Bill met with Frank for lunch.

A special inquiry to those in the path of last autumn’s hurricane brought a note from Joe Paoletti that Barbara is in a Memory Care Home in Florida. He asks for our prayers. From Houston came word from Betty Griffin Schreiber that she and Bob were fine but her daughter’s home had some flooding.

After retiring from DuPont Jeanne Sledz Moore and Dan moved to Delaware where five of their seven children live. She began doing secretarial and financial work for her church as well as maintaining the flower beds. The pair had a delightful Danube River cruise but find airports a bit of a hassle nowadays.

Joan Stovicke Hutchison says since retiring from two different jobs she is on her second Grandma’s Flower Garden quilt with three others in progress. Good thing as she just welcomed her first great-grandchild, Harriet King. Her energies are also directed toward helping the homeless and conducting a St. Monica devotion at her parish to bring back the faithful who have strayed.

Like many of us, Mary Alice Kappler Brockman has some health problems but she still manages to attend several senior groups each month. Her legacy is six kids, 15 grandkids, 11 already finished college, and four great-grandkids plus one on the way. After her husband passed she traveled for 15 years with her sister and aunt, exploring Europe by river boat, but now it’s mostly church, friends, and family.

Betty Ann Kenney Sheridan and Bill are gearing up for another granddaughter wedding. This one will be March 19 in Seaside, FL. The ceremony will be conducted by Fr. Sam from MSM. The Sheridan’s have close ties with the Mount so it’s not surprising they have chosen to rest there eternally. But meanwhile, they are excited to announce the arrival of their very first great-grandchild, a delightful little boy.

Gloria Carpinello, who left our class in ’55 to join the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary, was stationed for 20 years in West Africa. There she taught secondary school as well as Women’s Projects with the Department of Agriculture. Upon returning to the states she worked as a chaplain and as head of Mission Advancement in the Rehabilitation Center.

Jeanne Mitchler-Fisk loves her work and still sees clients. Among other things, she runs a program for abused/neglected children and supervises social work students and volunteers. But there’s still time for travel. She enjoyed her annual visit to Florence and Venice. Summer plans include a trip to England where her church choir has been invited to sing at three famous cathedrals. As a board member of the Young Concert Artists, Jeanne will accompany them in September to a music festival off the coast of Germany with a side trip to Berlin. Oh, and she’s welcomed her fifth great, a little girl.
"One of the best things I’ve done recently" is how Carol Knauer Pastor described taking her three college grad granddaughters and their moms to Hawaii for a spring break. In September she and daughter Tamara will go to Europe. When at home Carol’s life is crazy busy! She retired after three years as president of Coronado Friends of the Library. At the annual Police Officers dinner she received an award for her assistance in raising funds, and was chosen Volunteer of the month. The local paper recognized her many contributions to the community with a full-page spread.

A short note but big news from Adelaide Burroughs Campbell in that she moved back to Pennsylvania from sunny Florida. “Everybody thinks I’m crazy, but I need to be near family.” She got a dog, named him Tucker, and says she is doing well. Maybe not so crazy?

Lucille Marano fled snow and ice to spend a few weeks in Florida with her sister. While there she had a phone conversation with Betty Savino Spinelli whom we hadn’t heard from in years. Acting on her tip, I called Betty and found her well and engaged in community activities in Boynton Beach. Sadly, her husband passed away shortly after the move south, but daughter Nancy is nearby. Lucille finally fulfilled her bucket list--she bought a piano. But not just any piano—a Steinway!!! When not tickling the ivories, she can be found teeing off on the golf course.

Margaret Hayner Atkins and Bill hosted English cousins at their home in Albuquerque for a month last fall and toured them around the Southwest. Later they flew to San Francisco for a granddaughter’s Bat Mitzvah with side trips to visit friends in Texas. While in Arizona for the winter season they volunteer their many skills to help seniors prepare their tax returns.

Mary Elizabeth Riscassi and Lou plan another season on Cape Cod when the kids and grandkids visit. With seven of each, Liz has plenty to keep herself busy while Lou enjoys the occasional card game. Liz says she has lingering problems from an old accident that affect her balance and curtail vigorous exercise. She is still as effervescent as ever and always up for a long chat.

Mary Deane Broderick Malloy covered about 50 years in one long paragraph. After Jack retired, they took a fabulous trip back to Southeast Asia where he served as a doctor in Vietnam and they had lived for two years. Her memories of racing through Bangkok traffic in a three-wheeled Tuk Tuk was hilarious. No word since Jack was scheduled for knee surgery but imagine travel is curtailed for a short while. It was nice to hear they had visited our classmate Mary Ann Williams Swaine and took her to lunch before she passed.

Suzanne Hixon has emailed a few times that she enjoys hearing about our class, but I wanted to know more about her life in the convent. She sounds very relaxed and youthful. Sister Sue taught high school for 50 years. In Tampa, where she resides in an apartment, she has, for the past ten years been doing volunteer work for her community.

The Woelkers continue to enjoy good (enough) health. Richard and I hosted several friends and relatives in March for Spring Training, and I was forced to attend a game. Did enjoy the hot dog, though. My sister Romaine, SJC’54, came from Chicago, and we visited her classmate, Juanita Maguire-Tryon, who with her husband resides at a retirement resort in Scottsdale. A testament to college ties, they hadn’t seen each other in 65 years but talked nonstop for several hours. In April I had the pleasure of lunching at the Golf Club on Coronado with Carol Pastor and Pat McGrath, SJC’54, who had just won a golf tournament. By the time you read this, the Woelkers will be preparing to leave for a Viking Cruise tour of Vietnam and Cambodia.

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Hello everyone. I am happy to be your new Class Agent, and I regret that I was unable to be with you at our 60th Reunion this past April. I received the following information from Carol Lewis Redmond regarding the event. Fifteen members of our class attended our 60th Reunion weekend at the Wyndham Hotel in Gettysburg, PA. Also in attendance were five spouses and two daughters of attendees. Attending were Katherine Kofron Collins; Sr. Claire Edwards, DC; Anne Meyer Feehley; Dolores Sicilia Fitzgerald; Mary Sheridan Flynn; Marciana Calhoun Hearn; Carol Holtz; Mary Lou Haidle Kime; Mary Liz Crenshaw Leitch; Anne Duval Quigley; Carol Lewis Redmond; Angela Rocks Shriver; Faith Hawkins Welsh; Marcia Mehl Campbell; and Helen McHugh White. Sr. Lawrence Marie Callahan, DC joined us for the Eucharistic celebration in the Basilica of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg on Saturday. She was a member of our freshman class in 1954-55, entering the order the following year and now in retirement at the Villa. Many of us enjoyed a class dinner in the Wyndham restaurant Friday evening. Others arrived for the
Saturday breakfast feast and annual meeting and later the Mass and the major Banquet which followed. Bill Leitch, Mary Liz's husband, took several pictures and copies are being sent.

Fortunately in this digital age, we connected via cell phone with Jill Hemler Charbonneau and Therese Charles Lane who celebrated with us from afar. Thanks to Mary Jane Shaughnessy Beaulieu and her iPhone, several of us were able to share a video of Mary Jane and Patricia Weber McShea singing the SJC Alma Mater and our class song from Patricia’s home in northern Virginia. Just prior to the Reunion, Judy McNally Rea; Bernadette Maucher McKay; and Sr. Anne Graham, DC sent their best wishes to attendees and regrets that they would not be able to attend.

In other news--Marcia Mehl Campbell has moved back to the East Coast to Leesburg, VA. Carol Holtz shared that she had heard from Helen Duffy Ortega who asked to be remembered and also asked for prayers for her daughter. We had lost contact with her and were glad that she had connected with Carol. We will add her request to our prayer circle. Anne Meyer Feehley is selling her home in Baltimore and downsizing to a condo. Marciana Calhoun Hearn is still working as a visiting oncology nurse for Holy Cross Hospital in Silver Spring, MD.

Helen McHugh White was looking forward to Sr. Claire’s visit with her in North Carolina before Sister returned to Louisiana. Sr. Claire, formerly in the medical field, is now part of parish outreach services and loves it.

Dolores Sicilia Fitzgerald has proposed a fall luncheon reunion again at the Shamrock Inn. At this point the date is October 6, 2018. Email her if interested. Carol Lewis Redmond is now planning short trips instead of treks; she and her husband will visit the Berkshires for five days in late July. June Danaher volunteers at her community center, assisting in computer work, and is looking forward to summer weather and the pool in Bel Air. Marge Meyer Cantanno is attending grandsons’ graduations from college and elementary schools in New York and then traveling to New Hampshire and Maine for the summer.

I am looking forward to a trip with a travel friend to Ireland in July. I end on a sad note and pause to remember Emily Marowski Conway who died February 21, 2018 in South Bend, IN. Please keep her in your prayers.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY to all of us from SJC’59 who have become members of the 80s club this year, as I did on July 21st, or to those gals who had already reached this milestone, previously. Where did the years go since we were all in the Valley together?

Sister Marian Hamwey celebrated 80 years in February and writes that she had a mild stroke in the retina of her left eye, leaving her without vision, but with good care has now recovered peripheral vision on the outer side of the eye. To add a little spice, she has been experiencing bouts with sciatica. In May, Sister celebrated her granddaughter’s high school graduation with her brother’s family in Billings, MT. Her granddaughter plans a career in medicine specializing in neuroscience and psychology to study the brain. Scholarships are paying her tuition, minus $50, for attendance at the University of Montana and the University of Washington. Sister will also spend some time with friends at the Lake House in Albany, NY, a retreat on the Hudson River, a meeting of the DOC in St. Louis, MO, and a week of R&R in Cape May, NJ. She is still very engaged in her work at two shelters during the week with opportunities for one-on-one counseling with residents giving her the experience of being a part of their progress. Sister sends her love to all.

Mary Fran Kelly Dillon celebrated her 80th birthday with her children and grandchildren at a lovely party given by her dear husband John. She keeps busy with a neighborhood book club and with her aerobic exercise. Mary Fran is looking forward to coming to our 60th Reunion in 2019.

Noreen Smith Reid reports that she attended the college graduation of her last grandchild. Her 80th was in February. She and Dennis visited Russia on a riverboat cruise and plan a trip to the Holy Land in the fall. Both are well with Dennis volunteering at church and Noreen volunteering at the hospital once a week.

Helen Lilly Johnson states “nothing exciting here,” but she is enjoying her new house, gardening (shrubs/flowers), and meeting new neighbors plus going down to the beach with a good book. My husband and I enjoy exchanging many emails with her, regularly.
Ann Dodd Dooling sends birthday wishes. Her husband has been declared cancer free for now, but suffers from a broken femur. Ann is plagued by a difficult ankle ulcer. Her oldest grandson lives in Austin, TX with their 19-month-old great-granddaughter, while her oldest granddaughter has a full ride to the University of South Carolina. A grandson is at Indiana State and two other granddaughters are in fourth and fifth grades, respectively.

Barbara Torrance Knowles reports that she and Helen Fitzgibbons Carmody spent a few weeks in Morocco in January, which included a camel excursion and a stay in a tent in the Sahara complete with a sand storm. What fun!

Joan Mehl Tolle relates that she celebrated 57 years of marriage to Robert Tolle. They have three children and five grandchildren. The oldest married in April of this year, and she feels so blessed to have most of the family so close! After 27 years of moving around the world with the Navy, they have retired in the Washington, DC area and enjoy the annual Navy Day celebration at the Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg, MD that honors the two Navy sons of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton.

Virginia Simon Koontz and Frank send their best wishes. Audrey Carr Shields remarks that “turning 80 this year was a bit of a shock, but I am learning to accept my age and its attendant anxieties. I practice yoga and meditation and do some aqua aerobics each week, without which I would be much less mobile I am sure. I have two married sons who live in the area with their wives and young children. I try to participate in their activities at least once a week. My middle son has a condo in Northwest DC, and I visit him a few times a year for long visits. I love spending hours at the National Gallery and shopping at the Dupont Circle farmers’ market. My son was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis about ten years ago but works full time and carries on quite well. Downsizing for me has involved dismantling a library of about 2,000 books that my husband and I collected over the years. It’s like giving away bits of my life. It would go more quickly I am sure if I weren’t tempted to read or at least reference each one as I take it off the shelf! Mainly life is good, except for the sadness in losing dear friends. Reunion does sound like a good idea.”

Patricia Horn O’Brien writes that she and John just drove from Connecticut to Lake Tahoe, CA and back again from June 16th to July 10th, “I’m proud to say, I drove at least 250 of those miles!” Pat adds that their three sons, their wives, our six grandkids are fine, as is our great-grandson Aiden on his way to two years old. She feels that retirement isn’t very retired. She is staying busy with her position as Old Saybrook Poet Laureate and active on our Acton Library Board. Currently she is taking a summer poetry workshop on Death and Dying. (What was I thinking!?) John stays involved with the town as an elected member of the town’s Finance Board. Keeping fit, she walks, goes to the Y a couple of days a week, and is amazed each day that she wakes up. She tries to get to the beach for a swim every summer day—-that’s where I know I really am alive. For those moments, I’m happy to say, death seems a long way off. Recently, Pat wrote a memoir at the invitation of her son Richard whom she surrendered for adoption in 1962 and whom she found in 1982, The Laughing Rabbit: A Mother, a Son, and the Ties that Bind (available on Amazon). Pat states that she is putting April 4-7 on her calendar, God willing!!!

Marge Menton Lynch reports that her family has grown with two great-grandchildren and is spread out from Spokane, WA to New York City to Dallas, TX and Florida.

Mary Jane Scott Foster is enjoying life with activities at Oak Crest Village in Baltimore, MD but has slowed down after the death of her dear husband Gene in 2015. When possible, she sees her family in Emmitsburg.

Elizabeth Massey writes of the sudden passing of her husband in March 2015 from bladder cancer. Betty has seven grandchildren from her three daughters who live from Massachusetts to California to New York to Naples, FL. Her oldest granddaughter, a graduate of SCAD, is getting married during SJC’s Reunion weekend, so Betty will not be able to join us.

When I learned from the Baltimore Sun paper about the passing of Ann Houlihan Kennedy, I spoke with Helene Coffey Bowes to let her know about her roommate and friend, Ann. Helene informed me that she and Joe are doing well in retirement and enjoying visits from their eight grandchildren. The youngest is seven months old. I visited Ann’s family at the Mitchell-Weidefield funeral home and offered my/our condolences to Ann’s daughter and two sons. It appears that she had a bad fall at Christmas 2017, and decided to go to live at Stella Maris retirement community in Towson, MD. However, her family said that she continued in poor health until her death. To my knowledge, Ann, a graduate nurse and a graduate pastoral counselor had become an excellent therapist to those in religious life in the Baltimore, MD area.
On another sad note, I received an email from Eleanor Barnes O’Connell’s daughter informing me of Ellie’s rather unexpected death in April 2018. I sent my condolences and informed our SJC Alumnae representative, but I have been unable to speak to any family members, personally. Ellie used to send us many beautiful email pictures, which I sent on to our classmates.

In addition, in a conversation with Marcella Gibbons Wilding, she related that she and Jim entertained Ellie and her husband for dinner at their house, last year. Marcella was shocked to hear about her passing. In a telephone conversation, plus a note from Marcella, she tells us about her enjoyment in giving her lectures in workshops for seniors entitled “Your Memory Needs Your Help.” I was fortunate to be able to attend the lecture series when Marcella gave them in Howard County, MD. She and Jim are happily seeing some of their grandchildren who live nearby in North Carolina. Pat Horn O’Brien and John are due to visit them in fall 2018.

Don Schatz, widower spouse of Lee Groeinger Schatz has called several times to let us know that he is doing well in his new retirement quarters and appears to be adjusting somewhat to the loss of his beloved Lee.

I caught Tom Conway, Kathy Potter Conway’s spouse, on the phone and he told me that they have enjoyed several great trips to Ireland and Italy, last fall and spring. Kathy appears to be keeping busy, and was enjoying a “paint night” when I called them.

In a telephone conversation with Nancy Shaunessy Tache, she talked about her work as an elementary school teacher in the rather depressed area of Fall River, MA after the demise of their restaurant business from a terrible fire. Shaun enjoys the children in the area.

Caroline Hart Desola relates the sad news that her husband passed away after a difficult illness. Another family member, a child died several months before her husband. Caroline is keeping busy with her large family.

Joan Ahern Lemp reports that she and her husband are spending time between their places in Rhode Island and Florida, visiting her children and grandchildren plus occasional stops to see friends in Washington, DC. Joan is actively pursuing her interest while her hubby is busy reading and writing medical research papers. She is hopeful to make Reunion 2018.

In the past year, I have heard from Norma Carosi Godwin, who has been dealing with the passing of her second husband; Delia Gautier Slight, who talked about her wonderfully supportive family in Texas; and Jacqueline Jewell Hamilton, who spoke about the cold Maine winters and her children, plus her trips to Florida to visit family.

As for me, I too, can’t believe that I am a member of the 80s club. My husband and family arranged a small gathering of relatives and friends at a restaurant near us, which was great. Last Saturday we travelled to Lancaster, PA to see the Beach Boys Concert. I guess I can still dream of being a “California Girl.” Almost as great as riding a camel in the Sahara dessert. LIFE IS EXCITING, RIGHT NOW. Jim is going to have a full shoulder replacement next week “God Willing” at 91 so he can play golf, next year. He is in remission from the bladder cancer and lung cancer right now. We are going to have an interesting next few months, but “Where there is a will there is a way.” My children, four, are doing well with a few minor adjustments and the grandchildren, seven, with an additional six step-grandchildren are all doing a great job of getting ready for life. I’m proud of all of them. I just had a visit to Villanova University with my oldest granddaughter who is a junior in high school. Her mother went there and it took me back to St. Joe’s. What a change, especially tuition! I still work with women in recovery from drugs and alcohol. I have six, right now. Keeps me busy. HOPE TO SEE ALL OF YOU AT REUNION 2019-- Love, Mary Lou

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Get ready to enjoy a visit with classmates from SJC’60! Our class has certainly covered the far corners of the earth as well as GREAT trips here in the states. WAY TO GO!!!!!!!

Also, a BIG year for most all of us…we’re turning; I can’t say it. Suffice to say we’ll be celebrating our 60th Reunion in two years. Do you believe???

Perfect person to begin with—Sally Grabe Poux. Sally and Jerry more than enjoyed a week’s Caribbean cruise this past winter; then topped it off with a few days in
Florida happily visiting with Liz Phelan Burmaster and Dick. Additionally, Sally and Jerry recently visited Kate and Dan and their families in Seattle. Sally says, “They have moved way too far from their mother!!!!!!” The nicest thing to happen to Sally, of late, was that her children and grandchildren gathered together to celebrate her 80th birthday.

Kate White Eustice is busy busy but enjoyably so. She goes to a senior exercise class twice a week, Curves three times a week and line dancing three times a week. Kate is presently on a riverboat cruise from Paris to Normandy. She is still a Red Hat Lady and recently toured Marjorie Merriweather Post’s home in Washington, DC, which she claims is a “must see.” She is willing to share all her information on the trip.

Talk about travels--Maxine Hansen Olsen shares this with us. The pinnacle of her “fun for the year” was a week-long rafting trip down the Colorado River through the spectacular Grand Canyon (a wonderful gift from Curt last Christmas). She says, “This was a to-do on my bucket list since forever.” “How thrilling it was to sit in the ‘bathtub’ as it is affectionately called.” That is the very front of the raft which gets the major water splashes as we run the rapids. Maxine, we must comment, you are one tough lady. Are you sure you’re the same age as the rest of us????

Now, how lucky was I to have found Matilda Ramos Suarez at home the day I called her. We chatted for too long, me enjoying every minute of it. I knew Matilda had moved to a condo in New Milford, close enough to her kids that she can still play Gramma; that is when she’s not playing cards or eating out. She tells me she has mastered the art of eating out. You Go Girl!!! Oh, and Matilda and I couldn’t help but reminisce about all the times Ann Moran McCabe arranged for us northeasters to get together. Yes, Ann’s passing indeed left a void. But Matilda and I vowed to meet soon in Greenwich or New York City.

Nancy Williams Yeager and Bill have a year of graduations this year. Then, in September, Nancy and Bill will be going to Ireland for 12 days on a trip sponsored by Bobby Byrne (Irish singer and entertainer) who they have travelled with before. Ireland is very special to Nancy as three of her grandparents were from there.

There is much to celebrate in the Healy family--Linda Ryan Healy’s oldest granddaughter graduated from Yale University, Magna Cum Laude, and she and Tom were there en route home to Saratoga Springs, NY from Venice, FL. Also celebrating this month with Liz and Dick Burmaster--both their wedding anniversaries being June 2nd. 56 years!!!!!! Mazel tov.

Vicki Gomez Scott shares with us the news that she and David moved to a 55 and over community just ten miles from where they used to live. The house is not that much smaller but all the outside work is taken care of by the Homeowners Association and that’s a Big stress reliever. Her new address is 5118 Niagara Drive, Chapel Hill, NC 27517; her cell is 919.491.4396. Vicki and David are totally looking forward to their yearly family vacation at the beach, Emerald Isle, NC.

Charlotte Duffy Kain--I have to say, gets the award for keeping in touch the most. Last winter, for their 56th wedding anniversary Charlotte and Tom gifted themselves with a new kitchen. OMG! Charlotte, that means you have to cook!!!! Charlotte says, “Her life is kind of a welcome sameness--bridge, out to dinner, lunch with her daughter then repeat.” She claims not a lot has happened unless you want pictures of the tree that tore down the fence around Tom’s garden (second big storm; yes, we all know which one). It was a priority repair so he could start his garden as soon as the weather got nice.

Gina Smith Shahade reports that she and Al spent an enjoyable time wintering in Florida. Presently, they’re vacationing in Ocean City, MD returning to boring New Jersey by the end of June. Gina reports that she and Al spent an enjoyable time wintering in Florida. Presently, they’re vacationing in Ocean City, MD returning to boring New Jersey by the end of June. Gina reports that she and Al spent their 56th anniversary last December with their daughter Beth and the beautiful sisters at the Shrine of Saint Joseph. Pleases Gina and Al that their Beth teaches algebra in nearby East Orange.

Where to begin reporting on Nancy Gill McShea--let me begin by telling you how pleased I was when Nancy called me; indeed she made my day!!!!!!! Though Nancy has been dealing with a bad hip and too much illness around her, she sports a noteworthy past. She has spent 40+ years writing tennis articles about the game’s stars--pros, collegians, juniors, league players, officials, volunteers, and USTA Eastern’s Hall of Fame profiles. Additionally she co-authored the book Tennis in New York with Dale Caldwell. To showcase these stars, Nancy has connected with the sport’s legends throughout the country receiving award after award. Notably Nancy was inducted into the USTA Eastern Hall of Fame. That’s big time, Nancy. Be sure to visit www.sjcalumnae.org to see picture of Nancy and her good friend John McEnroe.

A quick note from southern Maryland, Beth Addison Moreland. If you remember, Beth moved to her new home the summer of 2016 and has been adjusting to the change after so many years in one spot. She loves the
neighborhood and all the neighbors. It’s small, which she likes, and is quite attractive. Now, that’s good news, Beth. Continue to enjoy!!!!!

Kathy O’Donnell O’Brien reports that all is well in the O’Brien household. They never tire (why should they?) of all (more than 20 of them) vacationing on the Cape in Chatham, MA. Her Marnie and Tigger have a big ole house that accommodates all of them. Aside from vacations Marnie practices ophthalmology in Bethlehem; Kathy relates how all her old friends tell her Marnie did their cataract extractions. Daughter Kathy is retiring after a GREAT career with Unilever as VP of marketing for North America. Anne has her hands full with Riley while working in the film industry in Los Angeles. Brendan and Beth live in Rowayton, CT and are busy busy busy with young ones as Kathy says, “like we were 100 years ago.” Courtney and Chip are happy in San Francisco; they left New York ten years ago and have never looked back. Erin and Christian have been in Atlanta since Mercedes moved their home office there; they are forever trying to get the O’Briens to move south. So far, no takers. In conclusion, Brendan and Kathy do see the Quinlans regularly and Sue Anderson often joins them. She says they still act silly, like they did back in their SJC days. Ah, such fun.

And now I’ll share Liz Phelan Burmaster’s news as surely she’ll share mine right after. Liz sends greetings from the beach in Duck, NC. All 24 of them are celebrating Dick’s and her BIG birthdays and 56th wedding anniversary. As always, having fun together. Liz and Dick had four graduations this year and didn’t miss a one, Ryan from Palm Beach Atlantic University, Cal from The Kings Academy High School (both in West Palm Beach), Matthew from Immaculata Grade school (Durham, NC) and Fagan from St. James Academy Grade school (Monktown, MD). The Burmasters will be heading home and will be catching up with Linda and Tom Healy to celebrate their mutual anniversaries.

Almost in closing, let me tell you of the amazing trip Gerri took late January to Israel. She did this trip with Bishop Serratelli, Bishop of Paterson, and David, surely the “bestest” Jewish tour guide. What a blessing this trip was to visit all the places we’ve grown up hearing about. From Tel Aviv to the River Jordan to Jerusalem and Bethlehem, just to name a few. Her only complaint was that what with all the walking and climbing she needed physical therapy upon returning home for an uneven gait. Yes, this is a trip to do when “you’re young!!!!!!”

Many of you will remember Barbara Rahuba; she was in our Big Sister class. Barbara died two years ago and I recently read in the newspaper that Ed died recently. I remember both of them well.

The saddest part of this news is the death of Stephen Michael Bailey, Marion Fries Bailey and John’s son. Stephen may’ve spent his life dealing with Muscular Dystrophy; the same diagnosis that took his brother Tom’s life years ago. The Bailey family were outstanding in their care of Stephen along with the MD Society. God Bless you Stephen. Your strength and spiritual giving are a tribute to you and a blessing to all of us.

In closing, I more than enjoyed visiting with each of you; hope you feel likewise. Always remember TO THINE OWN SELF BE TRUE.

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Attending our 15th annual mini reunion on Longboat Key, FL were Eileen Keefe Bonhag, Maureen Dugan Coozza, Pat and Joanne McNally Downnes, Rosie Aellen Dunning, Bud and Phyllis Mack Gillespie, Joanne Fontana Kini, Elizabeth Strezeski LaFrance, Moira Hanlon Little, Ann Fallon Lynch, Bern and Peggy Claudius McCormick, Jim and Margie Weidner Phillips, Barbara Redding, and Annette Krak Salvage.

Anne Sheelen Gerwig had a good year. Youngest grandson Brendan graduated from Georgia Southern University and is working as an engineer in Alabama. They continue with lots of golf, and John maintains a garden with fresh produce in season.

Joanne McNally Downes and husband Pat travelled to California in June visiting son Michael and family in Los Angeles, then up to Folsom for a two-day stay visiting Anne Maum McLaughlin. Joanne Kini came up from San Francisco to join us. Joanne Kini spends a few days with Anne every four months or so. They
watch their favorite shows, eat out and have some really good laughs. Anne is struggling with many health issues but retains her sense of humor. Anne's granddaughter Margaret graduated from Oak Crest H.S. and is a freshman at William and Mary, Donald III started high school, and sister Claire is doing well. In Folsom, Gregory is also starting high school. Another proud grandmother is Lynn Murray with Julie, 19, a junior at Humboldt State University in northern California renting a farmhouse with four other girls. Carly, 18, is a sophomore at Cal Lutheran. David II, 15, is a freshman and is a basketball player. And Lynn, regaling in our “All Together,” keeps on keeping on. Joanne Downes had a grand visit with Lynn during the California trip. Never stopped talking. The Downeses have downsized from Ridgewood, NJ to a townhouse in nearby Wyckoff, NJ.

Peggy Claudius McCormick reports that a year after her quadruple by-pass she is fully recovered and is doing great. The McCormicks expect to remain in their home in retirement (not that Bern will retire), as it and its location are perfectly suited for them. It is near everything and near three of their four children. “Still living! Still swimming!” is how Alice Bartlett Sencindiver describes her status these days. Good on all accounts. The Downeses and Dan and Muriel Cuddy Reeves got together during Christmas week. Dan’s family surprised him with an 85th birthday party and the McCormicks and Downeses were guests. The Reeves enjoyed a cruise to Alaska in June. Big news for Bob and Millie Gleeson Grady. Bob has retired. They had a visit to Massachusetts last summer and caught up with relatives and friends.

In April, Strez had a lovely phone visit with Monica Deihl Anello. For the past few years, Monica has been very involved in caring for her husband Joe. Dr. Joseph Anello died on September 22, 2017, and Monica and their three children were with him. Many of our classmates contacted Monica with condolences. He had been dealing with Parkinson’s, but died from a rare angiosarcoma diagnosed on September 6th. Monica is renting an apartment in Jacksonville, FL, and the family home is on the market. She would very much like to renew relationships with our classmates. Monica’s address is 6000 San Jose Blvd., Apt. 6F, Jacksonville, FL 32217. Her email address is mdanello@att.net.

Jim and Margie Weidner Phillips travelled with their daughter Margie and her husband Jeff to Ireland, returning to Dublin where Margie the second spent a college semester. The Phillipses also visited Maui with Jim's brother and wife. In April, they visited our National Parks in southern Utah and Arizona, and then visited newly married granddaughter in Utah. Margie reports having a small tattoo (a Marguerite Daisy) on her arm—was she thinking about the “Daisy Chain ceremony?” What would Sister Mary Ellen say about that?

Dick and Maureen Dugan Cocozza will travel to Cape May, NJ in June for biking, beach, and the restaurant scene there. Maureen plays in a few bridge groups and is very faithful with daily exercises to keep moving. Oldest granddaughter Natalie is completing an internship as a school psychologist in Arlington County, VA, and granddaughter Alexandra completed the nursing program at Virginia Commonwealth University.

Elizabeth Strezeski LaFrance reports having a super time at our Florida reunion in February 2018. Moira Hanlon Little had some beds available, and Maureen Cocozza and Ann Lynch christened her new condo, and Strez housed Joanne Kini, Rosie Dunning, and Annette Salvage. Had fabulous warm weather the whole week. Strez travelled to New Jersey and Maryland for family wedding and visits with family and friends in early June. August to Shelter Island at the Gillespie compound, and in early September, with Moira Little and the LaFrance children—a visit to Oaxaca, Mexico. Moira and Strez stopped at Puebla and Mexico City. Strez enjoys the freedom of condo living and having the beautiful Gulf of Mexico so close by. Still miss family and friends up north, but with periodic visits, it is manageable.

Gail Commerford Callahan writes that her five children are scattered as are her 11 grandchildren. Larry is president of a K-12 Catholic school in East Baltimore. Gail and Larry travelled to London at Easter with their son Matt’s family, and then they all went on to Paris. Gail keeps active playing tennis and bridge. The sleepy town of Bethany Beach, DE, claims David and Ann Depenbrock Holmes as permanent residents. Their daughter Meghan and family love living in Tel Aviv and have extended their tour another year.

Rosie and her daughter Marie took a very enjoyable river cruise from Amsterdam to Basel in September/October. They were also able to meet with a cousin. Rosie is very proud that her grandson Jonathan is officially in ROTC and will owe a 10-year commitment! He loves his school in Vermont. She spends most weekends at the Cape with daughter Margaret. She and Rich have a thriving garden and enjoy it. Ginny Zebrowski Komar and Jack took their second trip to Alaska in July. They also combined a wedding in Hawaii with a vacation in Maui. She and Jack are holding their own. Their eldest granddaughter, graduated from high school in June and is attending
Seattle University on an academic scholarship. We missed Judy Sparrow and Ed last winter in Florida, but Judy writes that they bought a condo in Florida (in the area they have stayed) so will be spending the winters there. Hopefully, they will join the reunion in 2019.

Phyllis and Bud hosted many of our class members again this summer at Shelter Island, NY. They are wonderful hosts and everyone is so comfortable in their large and beautiful home. Joanne has a very busy family life in San Francisco with five grandchildren, within 1 1/2 miles, and the youngest is a little over one! She travels to Boston several times a year and was able to join the Shelter Island festivities this past July—combining with Boston. Florida is an annual trip.

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Kitty Fulcher Allen reported that she and Paul are both reasonably well. Travel during the past year included the UK and Ireland and Nashville, TN to meet five sisters and daughters. She shot Fireball with some younger ones and blew out her knee trying to line dance all night at the Wild Horse Saloon. In the spring they attended the graduation of their granddaughter Catherine from Kansas State University with a degree in Industrial Engineering. They are looking forward to a trip to Alaska with Kitty’s generation family members as well as an annual reunion trip to Nags Head, NC in October to meet with friends from a previous life in Virginia. She admits that she plays Bridge three times a week and loves that game. While playing Bridge, she is reminded of Monsignor Kline’s playing pick-up games with students in the Pines.

Vi Barkauskas continues to work part-time as a consultant. Travel during the past year included a visit with relatives in Lithuania and a few weeks in Florida as well as short trips to Mackinaw Island, MI and Chicago. DNA testing revealed some not previously known relatives in Virginia, and she spent Thanksgiving with 4th cousins and their families. She is looking forward to a fall destination wedding of a Lithuanian godchild in Palma de Majorca.

At Christmas Sr. Martha Beaudoin sent greetings from Emmitsburg. She has been there for a little over three years. She stated that this year has been a great year for expanding the work of the Seton Center in the county. She reported, “We actually have gotten some of the programs in Frederick to come up here to see clients. This fall we had a Job Fair, enrollment for ACA, and in January United Way is providing free tax service to our clients and anyone else in the area. Mount St. Mary’s University has reached out to us, and we are now collaborating on their entrepreneurship program.

The next time you visit Emmitsburg, you may find a new coffee shop, a bakery, and a micro brewery. We are in the process of building a new Seton Center in town, thanks to the Daughters of Charity. I am still in good health, and feel my work is just beginning.” Check her and her projects out on Facebook Setoncenterinc@doc.org.

After a broken leg with knee involvement last spring, Ann Boaman spent five weeks in a rehab facility where the PT and OT worked with her daily. She will head to Hilton Head, SC for granddaughter Courtney’s wedding weekend in June. She finds it hard to believe that she has been in East Tennessee for five years; she is still appreciating the climate and friendliness there.

Dianne Belden Brooks is still living seasonally in New Jersey and Florida. Kitty Dignan Chisman and her husband are adjusting to the Inner Northwest (Northern Idaho) near their daughter and her four kids. They are finding that it is really different after always living in Maryland.

Kathleen Seely Davis has had a busy winter with travel to Florida, Phoenix, AZ, Alabama, and France in 11 weeks! All is well in southern California and she will be off to New York City in June for family visits and fun, and then to Tanglewood, MA for the Boston Symphony summer program! Other family events include graduations in Kentucky and Los Angeles.

Ann Cantalupo Failla is enjoying Florida in the winter and actually ventured to Florence and the Chianti area in Tuscany in early spring this year. Six very active grandchildren keep Bob and Ann quite busy with their sport activities. Lacrosse, soccer, track, and baseball are just a few of the fun sports they watch. And golf in the summer!! She and Bob have been married 56 years and enjoy great health so they are certainly blessed. Their children Marita and Robert live 10 minutes away so they get to see family quite often. Ann retired from being Director of Development of Marylawn of the Oranges as well as her decorating business so she is enjoying the fruits of her labor! She states that St. Joe’s
will always be dear to her heart for its gift of education and the friendships formed. “We were all fortunate to be there even though at the time we didn’t think so.”

Maureen Monks Fazio and her husband Joe spent part of the winter in Florida having purchased in Bonita Springs and are hoping to have visitors. She just announced her retirement, so she invites calls to her at 973.897.3226.

Abigail Hausmann Love sent greetings at Christmas from Chesapeake, VA and Naples, FL. She reported that 2017 was a good year in the Love clan. Our kids, grandkids, and extended family have all been blessed with good health—we thank God for that good fortune every day. She and her husband Tom continue to love spending winters in Naples, and they welcome classmate to visit when in southwest Florida.

Cathy Schmid Nestor and her husband Barry were in Paris in May and took the high speed train to Amsterdam. These are two of their favorite cities, and Cathy says it’s such a joy to visit familiar sights and take walking tours learning more about different areas of both cities. They went on the French Revolution in the Latin Quarter Walking Tour and the Two Islands Walking Tour. On a beautiful day they made it to the Rodin Museum and gardens, Jardin du Luxembourg and Medici Fountain. In August they plan to go to Canterbury for a week and then onto London for another week. Cathy said they want to continue travelling while they’re still healthy and hearty enough, and their knees are holding up beautifully.

Anne Diller Welkener has had the worst year of her life. Within a week after leaving the 2017 St. Joe’s Reunion, she took Ed, her husband of 55 years, to the emergency room where it was discovered he had seven lesions in his brain. He passed away from cancer in late July. In October her brother-in-law died from cancer, and in February 2018, Missy Cullinan Rosson succumbed to cancer. Anne and Missy had been good friends since 1954 when they started freshman year of high school. Then in April Anne’s older sister Eileen died from a heart attack. During the last week in May, Anne was notified another close friend since high school was admitted to Hospice care. Fortunately Anne’s two daughters, two other sisters, and her brother along with their families as well as many close friends have all been a huge help and provided support. Maybe next year will be a better one.

Kathleen Carroll Kiefer and her husband Gus admit to slowing down, but are appreciative about now living on one level. They have celebrated many graduations over the past year and take joy in supporting their busy extended family. At Christmas writing, the family was praying for a miracle for daughter-in-law Christine who was undergoing chemotherapy for T-Cell Lymphoblastic Lymphoma.

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Our 55th SJC Reunion was a truly meaningful time. It is hard to express the special bond felt by the 27 of us who attended. Each of us found time with one another individually, and as a group we truly renewed friendships.

We knew beforehand that several classmates were unable to attend because of illness, either themselves or family members. We missed and remembered everyone!

Highlights—Our suite was decorated with photos of those attending and welcomed us with the banner “Reunited, and it feels so good.” A beautiful reproduction of Una’s “Daisies” was on display, and Jeannie Lentz won the drawing to take it home! Thank you to Maureen Codey Caputo, Joan Codey Durkin, and Mary Lou Williams Feeney for our SJC’63 gift bags. They also decorated the suite with yearbook photos and provided such a personal space for us to visit, relax, and remember.

Friday was the SJCAA picnic outside at our SJC Student Center followed by a campus tour, both enjoyable with sunshine and warmth. There was wine served in the Student Center—a first. We walked down to the Log Cabin too.

Saturday morning during the SJCAA breakfast, we sold raffle tickets for the lovely quilt that Kaywood Greeve Fuqua made. We collected $460 to be split between the Seton Outreach Center and the MSM Scholarship Fund.
The highlight was the Memorial Service for our deceased classmates led by Mimi Chesley-Cora. The service itself combined hymns and readings. We gathered prayerfully in our suite where there was a photo of each and daisies offered as each one was named. We were truly one as we sang and prayed—for the deceased and for all our classmates. Pat Lieb Mudd helped compose the service, and Jane Metze Freeman thoughtfully arranged for the daisies.

At our class lunch at the Carriage House, we played SJC trivia, thanks to Mary Lou’s encore efforts. Sister Judith Parkin and Mary Ann Krastell Yahn joined us there. Once again, Mary Ellen Gill Purkis arranged for this special event.

Photos from the weekend are on a shared site, thanks to Sue Garner McNulty. For ongoing help and suggestions, we thank the members of the Reunion Committee: Linda Carr Kenny, Susan Williamson Swartz, Maryanna Freiberger Keller, Cathy Parrott Kryzanuska, and Julie Rowe.

And all those who attended brought their presence!!! Here is their news:

Mary Fran Smith Horne and Cathy K arrived together. Unfortunately, Mary Fran could only spend Friday because her husband is recuperating from surgery. Cathy is enjoying her two grandchildren, Henley, and the youngest Sloane. Mariellen Halberstadt Marchione had moved to Springfield, VA last year to be nearer her girls’ families. Our deepest sympathy to Mariellen and her family on the death of her husband Joseph.

Marjorie Roberts Tautkus, Mary Lou Spurrier, and Joyce Schauer Kim are lifelong friends, along with Claudette Coulon Thibodeau, and have visited over the years. Margie is writing children’s books, with a religious theme. Mary Lou loves bridge and is feeling healthier than ever. Since she has moved back to her hometown of Chestertown, MD, Joyce has enjoyed being close to family and rediscovering the history of the Eastern Shore.

Ronnie Carroll Donnelly delighted in seeing everyone after so long. She has six children and four grandchildren who live nearby. Ronnie is the executive director and past president of the Hispanic American Foundation. The mission is preservation, appreciation, and promotion of Hispanic culture. This year the annual fundraiser Noche de Gala raised more than $60,000 in scholarships to assist both high school and college students.

From the DC area, Maxine Wallish Gorman and Susie Boland Southwell brought lots of enthusiasm, and both their spouses. Susie’s family is well and will spend another summer vacation with all 15 on Emerald Island, NC. Really involved with her large extended family, Max remembered to bring along laminated photos from our 50th that she had stored away.

On our campus tour, Mimi and Jeannie remembered swimming in the SJC pool and playing basketball on the tiny court. Jean enjoys her 55+ community and expects to stay there. Mary Lou’s life is her parish where she is the music director, prayer group leader, and heart of the women’s activities. She certainly brought that to us with our Prayer Service.

Miraculously, Andy Brophy Marchal was able to join us on her way to Michigan for a funeral. She came to dinner Thursday evening at the Dobbins House. Since Andy’s family is spread out, she and her husband are on the road so they do not miss any family events.

Kaywood traveled the farthest, from California, and went first to Sheila Degnan McCarron’s home. Kaywood has many interests and activities—her quilting has won awards, and we all admire her talent. Sheila is an officer on the National Catholic Youth Board and travels to participate actively. She and her family spend a month each summer at their Connecticut beach cottage.

After the weekend, Kaywood and Sheila visited St. Michael’s and Easton, then visited Ro Moran Marquette. Ro’s grandmother was in the first graduating class of Maryland General Hospital in Baltimore, and became an Army Contract Nurse during the Spanish American War. A generation later, Ro followed in her footsteps.

Bill and Linda continue their tradition of travel with the nine grandkids. They are taking last twosome Rachel and Kaitlyn to Alaska in August. They have two graduations this year—Zachary from Rider and Helene from Sarah Lawrence. Last year they enjoyed a Smithsonian tour of Portugal and Spain. Linda arrange all the area luncheons for our Reunion Committee.

Matt and Alanna have moved to Ashby Ponds an adult community, in Ashburn, VA. Their oldest grandchild Meghan is a lawyer now practicing in Roanoke, VA. The Christmas photo shows their beautiful family, on last year’s trip. The entire clan, their three daughters and families, will travel to Bermuda this year.
Susan’s granddaughter Alex graduated from Villanova this year with an engineering major. Her sister, Samantha, swims for Lafayette College and just completed her freshman year. Susan’s guidance made our Quilt raffle a real success.

Jane flew in from Amelia Island, with events with Neal in DC planned too. Jane travels often with her grandchildren, and last year went from Paris to Normandy, via the Eurotunnel to London. Their sons’ families live in New Jersey and Colorado and daughter Kate lives closer by in Florida.

A real eye-opener for Tobie was the Kino trip with her parish, a four-stop informational tour on the plight of immigrants. They walked through the barbed wire border at Nogales, followed the trail through the desert, lunched at the reception area in Mexico with the returnees, and listened to an area rancher. Much to advocate upon their return.

After Reunion, Maureen spent an active week with her daughter Kate and her three young ones near New Market, MD. Back home, two of Maureen’s sisters have moved back to the area and they are enjoying the proximity. Sue has three small grandchildren who live close by, so there is plenty happening with the family. Sue is always walking, hiking, or biking, Chicago weather permitting. Her adventure legacy with Tobie and Maureen is hilarious, whoever tells the stories.

In June, Joan and Maureen will travel to Ireland and Portugal, continuing their travel abroad tradition. Now that Joan lives in Point Pleasant, she commutes to her position as chief of the Essex County Tax Bureau in West Orange. Susanna Molinari spent a week with Joan last summer, sent on news to all of us about the wildfires close to her California home, and traveled to Puerto Vallarta for Christmas. Lucky that Maureen will remain in the area after she and Franklin move to a condominium in South Orange in June. They love babysitting daughter Marisa’s children in Cranford.

Earl and Mary Lou visit their grandsons Miles and Graham in Philly to share all family occasions--concerts, sports, and school events. Son Doug and his wife live in Arizona and manage not to miss much with frequent visits home. Mary Lou scoured our yearbooks to create a fun trivia game for us at Reunion. We send her a special hug.

We were all sorry that Mary Ellen had to miss Reunion with Ray’s serious hospitalization. She had done so much planning, and we texted her photos over the weekend, but it didn’t quite replicate the actuality.

To keep fit, she’s at the pool several times a week. Now that summer is here, they relocate to Long Beach Island.

Mary Ann came to lunch at the Carriage House on crutches after an unusual surgery, an ankle replacement. She will relieve her grandchildren of all homestead and livestock duties this summer when she’s back to full activities. Recently she became a great-grandmother.

Now full circle from SJC’63, Sister Judith lives in the Villa in Emmitsburg. She was so happy to see all of us again, and not have to travel to do so. With religious life experience of 53 years, she had much to tell us about.

We missed Julie, Maryanna, and Pat who had planned with us. Julie has had much to deal with over the years, and we hope for better days. Our best to Maryanna and Pat both taking care of their husbands’ health. Kathy Johnson Raby was among those who wanted to attend. She and Tom did get to their Delaware condo last fall and spent time with their son Tommy and his young family.

We had good travel news from Tina High Goldsmith. She and her sister Brenda flew to Auckland where they sailed with Holland America for several days, anchoring at Sydney. In December she and a friend cruised the Hawaiian Islands. She and Brenda were vacationing in the spring again nearer home in Escondido, CA.

Jim and Ellen love family events with their seven growing grandchildren who live nearby. Matt will be in his third year at the Air Force Academy, and Olivia a freshman at George Washington University. High school and middle school activities abound for the younger five.

We appreciate the hellos from Nell Gelsinon Carvell, Carol Davis Denier, Margaret Collins Ervin, Judy Markey Gallagher, Claire Baril Green, Mary Higgins Haile, Sheila Driscoll Rosenthal, and Ellen Caulfield White. Nell, Margaret, Judy, Mary, and Ellen all report good family activities and health. Claire is recuperating from back surgery last October. We send Carol and Sheila our love, too.

On a sad note--Our class member Denise Driscoll Keane died in June. Denise was a nurse who joined our class in the summer of sophomore year. After having completed a bachelor’s degree, she decided that nursing was her vocation and served as a Veterans Administration nurse in New York City where she lived for many years. Our prayers for her.
Davis Speace

Bobbie Davis Speace wrote with wonderful news about her family. Her daughter Amy at age 50 had her first child…a healthy and happy baby boy, Huckleberry James Wood, born on March 16th…close to St. Patrick’s and our beloved St. Joseph’s feast days. Who knew, all the while remembering Sister Patricia reminding us to Dan, and her family were spending a week together in Bethany Beach, DE to meet this young man. I am sure it went well. Bobbie and her daughters have a wonderful “sunrise” habit. They are on the beach at five every morning with coffee in hand to witness their wonderful time together. This year baby joined them for the first time. I don’t think all the spouses were able to attend the beach week this year!! Huck has been introduced to a few famous friends of Amy’s-- Judy Collins, Stephen Stills and Willie Nelson. We now have a family member with a famous son!! Amy has been transformed into a wonderful mom…catching up on motherhood!

Bobbie and Dan’s oldest granddaughter is an incoming freshman at High Point University in North Carolina. Her brother Cole is 15. They used to live next door to Bobbie and Dan for many years. Hard to see them grow so quickly!! Bobbie is working just two days a week hoping to retire soon.

Anne McAllister Laboon suffered a serious broken hip back in March. She tumbled down a slippery grass plot, returning to her car after dinner. She spent time in the hospital as well as a few weeks in rehab, relearning how to ambulate carefully on her new hip…a long process. She was able to stay with her good friend Donna for recuperation. She received PT in Donna’s home. Anne had to move to a new home in her old neighborhood of Devon, PA because of some rather long stairs. Donna and family were amazing to Anne, retrieving her car from a hospital parking lot to bringing it back to Reading, PA. Donna and her family even moved Anne’s belongings from old location to her new "digs." Anne’s new address is: 40 Old Forge Crossing, 1027 Valley Forge Rd., Devon, PA 19333. Anne is so appreciative of our class for all the prayers and cards that she received during her “road to wellness.”

Mary Lou Ullrich Jones and Mike were glad to welcome their two out-of-town daughters to the beach for a week…including three 15-year-old boys who recently received their driving permits and one 13-year-old girl who is about to enter eighth grade. Their other two daughters live locally so there is one BIG Ocean Pines Party…Sound familiar Mary Lou?? ?? They will have an annual crab feast with their oldest granddaughter (23) and her fiancé. Mary Lou’s granddaughter just completed her first year of service with the Episcopal Service Corps. She will spend the coming year preparing for a wedding as well as going through the discernment process for the Episcopal priesthood. She believes that this is her calling. Her younger sister graduated from high school in June. Mary Lou and Mike are both well and looking forward to a trip in the fall with a cruise up to Canada and back. At the end of the trip, they will drive to Maine to visit their daughters for a few days, then home. Sounds like a great summer, since Mike is "retired!"

The many Florida residents and "snow birds" did get together for dinners and lunches this past winter.

Ann Casey Klarich and husband Chuck have moved to Chicago from Maryland to live near her only grandson Alex…the love of their lives. Their daughter and son-in-law have made room in their home for Ann and Chuck. They have lots to get used to and have become at home in the area, but winter is still to come to Chicago!! We miss you in Maryland, Ann!!

Bev Jones Wyatt and Renee Peters Stalter have visited me a few times in Bel Air, MD bringing delicious lunches. Renee and I have had similar surgeries recently. Renee takes care of her grandchildren often as well as substitute teaching. Bev often babysits in Bel...
Air, near me. Her daughter Kate has a new job which makes her happy!! Son Marc and family are travelling to Hawaii while Tracey and family are in Iceland…busy kids!!!!

I have been in the hospital and rehab for the past eight weeks…in a boot with my foot elevated and on a scooter or a walker with a sling holding my right leg up--non-weight bearing. Five more weeks in the boot then hopefully I will be able to put a bit of weight on my foot. Pat has been amazing…rehab was a great education in strength building and endurance on the walker etc. Fortunately, the rehab hospital was only 10 minutes from home!!

My friends and neighbors formed a group, the "ya-ya" sisters, about 10 friends with each one bringing dinner each night. We are so blessed by our family and friends. Pat was in charge…receiving the food and bringing it to me…in the living room…on a tray…perfect temperature always. I am so grateful to have him with me through this "adventure!!!!!

Looking ahead to a wonderful 55th Reunion April 4-7, 2019—Chrystie.

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The New Year brought post-holiday travel plans with the lure of warm sunshine beating snow and cold any day! Mary Brandon Rummele encouraged everyone headed south to meet and nine classmates gathered for lunch in Naples, FL in early March. Maggie Quayle Bellow and Mary McIntyre Lear were hostesses for the event. Attending were Barbara Merson Tyne, Helene Brown Hess, Marsha Martinell Moffitt, Sherrie Simonds Wain, Didi Bremer Corrigan, and Mary Beth (MB) Boissere McDonell. Kathy Murphy Clarke joined the group from Oklahoma thanks to FaceTime. Didi proclaimed the “hostesses were magnificent” and everyone is looking forward to meeting next year.

Kathy Kearney Walczak was in Naples in May helping her daughter Mary Katherine and her family. Kathy now has a granddaughter Collins Katherine who joins big brother Chapman James.

Cindy Clark Cannon met Didi and Larry for a Florida riverside luncheon early in March. Cindy continues to travel the globe and remains as energetic as ever. Didi was in northern Virginia in June for family graduations. MB Boissere McDonell, Didi, and another girlfriend will travel to Marian shrines in Portugal, Spain, and France later in the year. Sherrie Simmonds Wain’s daughter Elizabeth will be married at Sherrie’s farm in the Shenandoah in October. “It will be magical,” according to the mother of the bride.

The “Philly Girls” met in early June and enjoyed a four hour lunch! Maggie Quayle Bellow, Jane Manning Brennan, Janet Welal Klan, Eileen Hayes Hurley, Mary McIntyre Lear, and Noreen Collins Martin shared family pictures, especially of grandchildren who are all “accomplished and good looking.” Noreen stayed overnight with Maggie. Neither Re Hussar Sohony nor Kay Ehringer Mufall was able to attend. I talked with Kay in mid-June and she wanted me to convey how appreciative she is of the cards, notes, and phone calls received after Chuck’s death. She was pleased Chuck visited the former SJC campus on one of their trips to see Kay’s aunt in Hagerstown.

Sally Callahan Sullivan, Sue Flanigan Conrad, and Jane Manning Brennan met for lunch in mid-March. Jane keeps very busy with a number of community activities. She will be travelling to Chicago this summer to attend the National Convention of the League of Women Voters. Daughter Jenn has secured a job with the local school system and Jane’s grandchildren love to visit “Grammy B”! Jane, Jane Currie Sutton, Barbara Hogan Sullivan, and Sharon Callison Brady attended the SJC 2018 Reunion. The Class of 1968 did an outstanding job and presented record-breaking class gifts to the Seton Center and the Mount’s SJC Scholarship. For those of you who like to plan ahead: 2020 Reunion—our 55th— is scheduled for March 26-29, 2020. Save the dates!

Sue Flanigan Conrad’s husband John fell in March and sustained a complicated fracture of his right humerus and a “shattering” fracture of his right wrist. The treatment was complicated and healing will take time. He continues to have PT and OT to assist his recovery. Sue’s daughter Katie has been teaching for 26 years. This is quite a remarkable career for a special educator! Son Rick and Uncle Jerry Flanigan (Sue’s younger brother) cheered on the Washington Capitals during their championship season. The Conrad grandchildren range in age from seven to 13. They are all in the Baltimore area, including three Conrads who returned from Nashville, TN this past year.

Marlene Brown Strattan and Eileen Hayes Hurley attended internment services at Arlington National Cemetery for Mary Frese Peschka in May. Kay Mufall
was scheduled to join them but Chuck’s illness forced her to cancel. Marlene and Larry were visiting family in the area. Eileen and John live in Arlington. Marlene noted that Mary’s family and sister were pleased SJC friends attended. Summer plans for Jean Tierney Terza include a family reunion in Pennsylvania and a “girls’ weekend” in the Berkshires. New granddaughter is thriving at two months. Jean is pleased the baby’s brother is finally beginning to give Jean some recognition. It’s been “Pap-Pap” who enjoyed most of the attention until recently. Jean and her sister-in-law are planning a trip to Murphy, NC next year. Margo Honey Keesler and Gene have settled into their summer home in Glenville, NC for the season. Their growing season began with lots of rain but Margo was finally able to plant her prize-winning dahlias. The Keeslers enjoy the summer activities in their resort area then back to Florida before much cooler weather.

A special summer travel award will likely go to Diane (Dede) Koudelka Rogers who will leave her Emerald Isle, NC home to visit son Peter and his family in Mozambique. Peter and his wife have been engaged in missionary work for many years in that beautiful but rather remote area of the world. Diane is “not a world traveler” according to her most recent message; however, she was getting ready for the experience and looked forward to seeing the grandchildren again. We all remember praying for grandson Noah when he came to the US seeking medical treatment. Sister Carol Czyzewski had a full summer. The Franciscan Federation Conference and the chapter meeting of the Franciscan Sisters of St. Joseph were held in upstate New York. In August Sister celebrated the 50th anniversary of her group’s final vows. She then planned to head to Eugene, OR and enjoy ten days with her sister and family. She returns to Maryland and begins her fourth year of ministry at St. John the Evangelist Parish in Hydes, MD in September.

Carol Donohue Miller and Ed are expecting another grandchild. Son Stephen and his wife Sarah expect their fourth child on Christmas Day. Carol’s daughter Kristine and her husband are in the process of adopting another girl from China. They expect a 13 year old as soon as all the proper forms are processed. This brings their household to five children. Maggi Mullahy Yates’ twin grandchildren are heading to first grade in the fall. And yes, Maggi still runs in half-marathons! The Yates offspring are fine. Mark and Kathleen do a fine job parenting the dynamic duo (the twins). Bill is in the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn and Jeremy is in California “helping solar power heating become more of an everyday thing.” Cape Cod had some wicked weather during the winter which resulted in flooding. As Maggi noted “flotsam and jetsam surfaced.” In short, all kinds of articles with unknown origins emerged. One item stood out: a political poster from the 1972 presidential elections. Do you remember who was running on the Democratic ticket? Hint--George M… and Eunice Kennedy’s husband aka Maria’s father! Maggi and Bob met Nancy Boemanns Fratini and Al for lunch in Connecticut in late June. Dee O’Connor Cosquer and Armand travelled from New Jersey to join them.

California, Hilton Head, and Ocean Beach, MD are Charlotte O’Donnell Fedders’s summer destinations. Charlotte stays “knee deep” in grandchildren’s school and sports activities. Add a few dance recitals and you get a good idea of her busy calendar. This past spring, she was in a local production of The Wizard of Oz. “Our” Charlotte was a Munchkin and one of the Wizard’s guards! “Hysterical experience!” is a concise summary of her stage debut. Oldest granddaughter will be married in October and, yes, Charlotte will head to New Hampshire for the wedding! Carolyn Walker Rathman should be in Minnesota in August. She is already planning an extraordinary Christmas with all of her children and their families in Tallahassee. This will be a first time event and Carolyn adds she “may be shell shocked come January 1.” Eileen Sekerak Sullivan’s granddaughter made her First Communion in May. Thanks for the lovely pictures; it looked like a nice sunny day in Connecticut!

Ann Smith Flynn and Pat planned a week in Florida for the end of May. I hope the Hurricane Alberto did not interfere with travel plans. Their grandson Joseph Marsicano earned Eagle Scout honors and was confirmed on the same day. Quite an accomplishment and the Flynns are proud of his achievements. The snow was finally melting in Maine when I heard from Nancy Shepard Long. The Long “children” are spread all over the country--Texas, Maine, Maryland, and Minnesota. Nancy and John will be heading to Spain and Portugal this summer. Anne Sacchet Payne planned to visit New York in September. She spent part of the winter in Arizona. Barbara Gaver is spending a good deal of time helping Catholic schools raise scholarship money to support promising students who would not have the means to attend Catholic schools. Margaret Kiel Sottosanti and John celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in August. They planned a dinner with family and friends in Boston followed by a New England coastline cruise. The cruise ends in Nova Scotia. Anne Nichols Gildea and Jim celebrated 50 years of marriage in 2017. They enjoyed a trip to Washington state and Mt. Rainier National Park. A Viking River Cruise was on the calendar in April and
they have “memories full of tulips, windmills, castles, and the snowy Black Forest.” Daughter Sarah is hunting for a new job; son James is still in New York City.

We had splendid news about Sister Mavis Jewell. The Sister Mavis Jewell Medical Respite program opened in 2017. The much-needed respite is housed at St. Mary’s Hospital in Troy, NY and accommodates short-term residents in need of a safe 24/7 environment while recovering from illnesses or hospitalizations. The individuals served are part of our homeless and otherwise needy populations. Please “google” Sister Mavis Jewell Medical Respite program and read about this tribute to one of our classmates. If you haven’t already guessed, this special program became a reality due to the persistence of this ’65 SJC nurse!

Dues are due! Keep the SJCAA moving toward keeping us “All Together.” Remember to pray for each other and those who love us on Thursday mornings. Plan to meet a classmate, somewhere…sometime…and enjoy! Note: I only have one address. No more ADK bears to scare away from my birdfeeders--just Georgia chipmunks but that’s another long story!

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While serving as interim executive director at her local arts center in Camden, SC Rose Serio Sheheen was diagnosed with breast cancer. Finished with surgery and radiation she has begun hormone treatment. Along the emotional journey she made friends and shared laughs and tears. Twin grandsons Austin and Joseph just graduated from Clemson University. Rose is taking a Rhine riverboat cruise in August and is headed to Charleston’s Spoleto Music Festival. She and Carol Sheheen Pappas have enjoyed lunches and the ballet. Carol’s daughter Venetia recently went on a Caribbean cruise.

Mary Steigelman Samuels and husband Mike in Edina, MN celebrated their 50th by taking their son and daughter and their families to the Big Island of Hawaii and visiting Volcano National Park before the major eruptions. They have six grandchildren; the oldest has graduated college and has a job. She and Mike winter in Venice, FL. Last year, they visited New Zealand and this year it’s Iceland. Mary does 40 tours a year as docent at the Minneapolis Institute of Art.

Barbara Kennedy Hudak enjoys spending time with grandchildren Logan and Emma in Virginia Beach. Barbara still works in real estate there. Boston grandchildren are Sheena and Rory. Her South Carolina grandchildren are Mary and Grace. Teaching in a poor, rural area Mary saw that involvement in drama could improve the children’s situations so she wrote and won an $18,000 grant, which funded a sound system as well as provided money for production rights to offer plays for the community. Barbara’s children Meg, Matt, Michele, and Maureen are enjoying their careers, respectively, at the Greenville Hospital Systems, at UPS, in the Legal Department at MIT, and at the Virginia Aquarium. Barbara says Maureen is “happy as a clam.” (Ouch)

Diane Bernarden Holmes of Morgan Hill, CA and Dan will celebrate 50 married years this December by taking children and their families on a 10-day Alaskan tour in July 2019. Daughter Christi has advanced degrees in Genetics, in Genetic counseling, and nursing and works at the UC Davis Medical Center. Diane teaches sewing at the Learning and Loving Education Center (run by the Presentation Sister Order) and has been involved with trying to keep the High Speed Rail from going through Morgan Hill.

While on a cruise to Bermuda Jean Moriarity from Michigan enjoyed swimming with the dolphins in a large natural area where they come and go at leisure. With smiles permanently fixed on their faces and jumping up to give kisses, dolphins were the highlight of her trip.

Valerie Kochis Werzyn in Centennial, CO will be heading in June with husband Tom to MSM for his 50th reunion. She enjoys sewing and quilting projects plus gardening while Tom is busy with the local Vietnam Vets chapter activities. He addresses high schools throughout the metro Denver area on the war. Daughter Christine is travelling to Poland, Vietnam, and London for work.

Cathy Cohill Gallagher in Aurora, IL enjoys townhouse living near a pond. She volunteers full-time at the
Science of Spirituality outside Chicago. It’s nondenominational and serves as an international center to assist people with free programs and vegetarian meals. Her college senior granddaughter has already been hired as an engineer in Colorado.

Jay Moody in West Virginia has frequent trips back to Fairfax County to visit daughter Jean and children but still likes returning to the serene beauty of the mountains. She and hubby spend February on the Isle of Palms, SC, which is near son Joe and his family. Jean has joined a camera club in Capon Bridge, WV at the River House, a local community arts center and cafe. She helps with the Artisan Markets.

Melinda Bloom in Fairfax, VA plays bridge and volunteers. Most of the time she is seeing or busy planning to see grandchild Penny in Bloomfield, NJ.

Cathy O’Hara Evans in Chino, CA is reminiscing about adventures at SJC with Loretta and Carolyn. Her youngest just had a Miracle Baby. After surgery for fibroids and endometriosis her daughter was told she had only a five percent chance of conceiving. And the miracle happened. Fortunately, Cathy’s daughter lives across the street so Cathy gets to see Ben every day. She and husband Mike went on a Panama Canal cruise last December and have been traveling to Maine in the summer.

Dale Gilbert Bock reports that she and husband Allan just celebrated their family’s last First Communion with their four children and 13 grandchildren in Wake Forest, NC. They live in Freedom, PA and maintain a “farmette” in Taylorstown, PA 60 miles away. They’ve had the property for almost 30 years as a summer getaway. With 14 acres they garden, but don’t farm. Thinking back to the loss of her mom a year ago she says it was the last of the older generation for both her husband’s and her families. She says that we are now the older generation.

Kathleen Smith Franke and husband John live in St. Michael’s, MD and Bethany Beach, DE. They are travelling this summer to Illinois for a family reunion of her grandparents’ descendants, many of whom barely know one another. She promises a full report at the next BBB Class Reunion, September 2018.

Mary Ellen Stolfi moved last September to a 55-and-over community in Goodyear, AZ. The house and resort amenities plus other residents are grand but she misses the East Coast restaurants and vibes. She is surrounded by desert, and there is no public transportation. She needs a knee replacement soon and extends an invitation to all who travel to Arizona to visit her. She’ll be back in New York City for a few weeks in August.

Brenda Nalley Feehan in Merced, CA and husband Ed are celebrating their 50th in December. Ed is a retired pediatrician and Brenda was a substitute teacher then principal at the local Catholic school. Grandchildren are graduating from Ole Miss, Mississippi State, and one is a senior in high school.

Sister Nirmala Abeyasingha and Sister Aelred Sampayo are still in the Good Shepherd Order. Sister Aelred is quite sick in Sri Lanka. Since 1976 Sister Nirmala has been doing missionary work and has been stationed in Madagascar and Hungary. Since 2017 she’s been residing at the Mother House in Angers, France coordinating the Spirituality Center. She welcomes all who visit France to stop in at Mother House of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd, 3 Rue Bail, 49045 Angers Cedex, 01, France. Her telephone number is 0033241721296 04 0033 751419227.

Judy Fleck Shahiri of Villanova, PA proudly boasts that at last she is a grandmother. Her son and his wife had identical twins April 25. A whole new world has opened up for her with Claudia and Gloria needing to be fed, changed, and loved…and changed.

Judy Brittingham Ward enjoys spending time at Bethany Beach with husband Bill. On Mother’s Day her oldest granddaughter graduated from The Mount making her a third generation Mountie. Judy and Bill recently reserved an apartment in a continuing care community to be built in Bel Air, MD where they live.

Jane Davis Marden in Falls Church, VA continues to care for pups in her home, play tennis regularly, and volunteer weekly at a horse rescue facility near Leesburg, VA. She enjoys gardening and growing gardenias. After 20+ years at MicroStrategy son Michael left for K2M, which makes titanium rods for back surgeries. Grandson Davis likes lacrosse and his Cyber Security Club as a freshman in high school. Recently, Jane finished renovating the kitchen, bathrooms, and closets at her Sea Colony, Bethany Beach, DE cottage.
As you may have read in the last issue of The Valley Echo, we (Rita Gisriel Cole and Mary Alice Friede Mauser) are your current Class Agents! We’re very much looking forward to this opportunity to reconnect with many of you and pass on your news to other class members.

First, we want to express appreciation to Ann Wyllie Mulroy for the many, many years that she kept us “All Together” through the newsy articles she wrote and her involvement with the SJC Alumnae Association. Also, many thanks to Florence DeLessio Marchetti for serving on the present Board of Trustees, continuing the great work of keeping us informed and connected. Flo was the keynote speaker at our 50th class reunion in 2017 and cleverly took us down memory lane with so many precious stories.

We've heard from several of our classmates and here is the latest news!!

Mary Rosenberger Lynch and her husband Larry stay active through programs supported by their local parish. Larry has professed in the Secular Franciscan Order and now serves as Minister of their local fraternity, “The Five Franciscan Martyrs.” Mary is involved with an all-volunteer, nonprofit organization called Helping Hugs, Inc. The current focus is to help their twin parish, St. Joseph in Côtes-de-Fer, Haiti, in the areas of medicine, education, water, and construction. Having journeyed to Haiti to visit the parish twice, Mary is currently the corresponding secretary of the organization. She would love to hear from others who are involved in similar activities. The Website is www.helpinghugsinc.org.

After a 38-year career, mostly as a critical care nurse, Norma Bertolini Hass has retired and now lives with her husband Michael in Coral Gables, FL on the same street as her childhood home. She has two married sons, one living in San Diego and the other in Hong Kong. Prior to her son’s relocation to Hong Kong, Norma and her husband spent four months in London caring for her granddaughter. Norma also mentioned that she was pleasantly surprised to hear from Fermina DeLellis Evans last year and enjoyed catching up on class news from her.

Kathy Gleason Madzula reports that after she left SJC, she earned a degree in Spanish and taught in high school in Newtown, CT. She and her husband John have a daughter living in Florida and a son living in Newtown.

Margo (Cookie) Fissell Donahue writes that she and her husband are very happy to be healthy in their seventies. They have travelled to various National Parks as well as to Scottsdale in the winter and to Florida in the spring, following the National’s Baseball team. Cookie recently saw Lynn Moore Lobosco on one of her trips.

Beth MacPherson Rowe shared exciting news in that she has recently released her first CD: Love Stories… For Better or For Worse. To learn more about Beth’s storytelling, visit her Website: www.Storytellerow.com.

Ginny Werber Hartmuller and her husband Roger have moved to Selbyville, DE but are maintaining an apartment in Columbia, MD to be close to family. They have two sons and four grandchildren and will celebrate their 50th Anniversary with their families. They plan to cruise Australia in March 2019.

Sue Geho Rymer and her husband Jim recently cruised Greece and Venice, enjoying fabulous weather throughout. Sue mentions that with son Michael and family living in Georgia, and son Keith and family living in Pennsylvania, they find themselves travelling “north and south” quite often.

Mary Kay Wall Oliver continues working as a nutrition consultant for patients and staff in long term care environments.

Ginny Hartmuller and Sue Rymer were honored in March for 50 years as members of the Maryland Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. In October, Ginny, Sue, and Mary Kay will receive “the 50 year award” from the National Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.

Ginny Green Murphy and her husband Pat are enjoying proximity with family. They are particularly thrilled to have two granddaughters after raising three sons. Ginny and Pat have travelled twice to Belize where they have ministered to the needs of the poor in Punta Gorda as part of the Cross Catholic Outreach.
In June, Ginny Hartmuller, Sue Rymer, and Ginny Murphy and their husbands attended the Washington Archdiocese Mass at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception to celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversaries.

Rosa Diaz Schmid and her husband Karl live in Austin, TX and are both doing well following a challenging year medically. She promises to be in touch with more news in the future.

Kathy Skidmore Philipp and her husband Bill celebrated their 50th Anniversary by travelling to an all-inclusive resort in Mexico with their family. All had a great time, especially the grandchildren. They also renewed their wedding vows last year in Cana of Galilee, and this year have plans for trips to South Africa, Israel, and Jordan.

Marg Cloney Wood and her husband John live in Burtonsville, MD. In their local parish, Marg participates in the hand bell choir. She enjoys monthly outings with her Red Hat group, visiting unique attractions in the area and continues to be an avid reader. Her health and wellness have been a priority for her over the past year and she is already looking forward to our 55th reunion.

Carroll Ebaugh Fox and her husband Jim are currently living in Las Cruces, NM but spend half the year in Winston-Salem, NC where they will soon move permanently to be near their sons and families. In New Mexico, Carroll is a volunteer teacher of English as a Second Language. Carroll and Jim also lead a Bible Study for foreign students. They host a Dreamer (DACA program) in their home and are hopeful that legislation will soon be passed to allow Dreamers a path to citizenship.

Peggy Sullivan Carr writes that her granddaughter Katie Frank is a freshman at Davidson College. Peggy says that if any classmates have “grands” at Davidson, it would warm her heart if they would search out to Katie and say WELCOME.

Maggi McGrath Yerkes and her husband Tony stay busy volunteering in their community and parish in Minnesota. Their daughter, who lives in Amsterdam, was recently granted a teaching fellowship in Italy where Maggi and Tony were able to visit her and her family. One of the highlights of the trip was seeing the replica of the Shroud of Turin on Good Friday. Maggi underwent back surgery in January and is recuperating with lots of therapy and a positive attitude.

A brief note from Kathy Kelleher Sohn announced the birth of her second grandchild, Katherine Mae. Kak promises more news in the future.

Ann Thompson Hogg and her husband Ched currently live in Ellicott City, MD. Many of you will remember that this area experienced two devastating storms in two years, causing floods to homes and businesses. Although Ann and Ched escaped damage to their home, they were sad and distressed for their community. Ann volunteers at the Walters Art Museum in Baltimore, giving tours to school children. Ann and Ched enjoy spending time with their son and daughter and their families, who live nearby.

Janice Warehime Alegria and her husband Fernando have relocated to Hoover, AL and have retired to the “good life” where “every day is Saturday!” Janice is involved in several community programs through their local parish. Besides leading a Bible Study group, she participates in the Feeding America BackPack Program, which provides nutritious and easy-to-prepare food as well as basic hygiene items to underprivileged children.

Kathleen Flynn Gaffney retired in June after 34 years as a nursing professor at George Mason University. She plans to continue volunteering as a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner for low income families in Northern Virginia. She and her husband Mike look forward to spending more time with their children and grandchildren.

Sandy Buono Sedam and her husband Bob spend precious time helping with childcare for their five grandchildren. They currently live in Olney, MD.

Mary Alice Friede Mauser and her husband Fred celebrated their 51st Wedding Anniversary this past summer. They spent a week at Deep Creek Lake with their children and grandchildren. Fred is still active in the diaconate and Mary Alice assists him in his ministry.

Rita Gisriel Cole and her husband Dennis live in Columbia, MD. Rita enjoys volunteering at her granddaughter’s school and serving lunch at Our Daily Bread, a soup kitchen run by the Archdiocese of Baltimore. She and her youngest daughter Elizabeth went to Italy on a pilgrimage with their choir. A highlight of the trip was singing at St. Peter’s Basilica at an outdoor Mass celebrated by Pope Francis.

Anne Marie Gillespie (Gip) enjoys travelling and spending two months in Florida each year with family and friends. She also enjoys working on her golf game with friends in New York and Florida.
Kathy, Sandy, Mary Alice, Rita and Gip enjoyed their annual trip to Lake Monticello, VA. Since the deadline for this article coincided with their gathering, Rita and Mary Alice solicited help in the fine tuning of paragraphs. It was great fun laughing and reminiscing over glasses of wine.

Many thanks to all of you who answered our “call for news.” During the year, feel free to contact us whenever there is something to share. Encourage others you may see during the year to write to us as well. We look forward to hearing from you!!

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Greetings to the Class of ’68. By the time you’re reading this, Reunion has come and gone and we’ve moved on, although the glow lingers from our time back together and the new, old friends we made there in that too-short weekend.

Reunion began Thursday with our classmatess meeting at the front desk as they checked in or at the Wine Social. It seemed that every time we looked up there was a new sort of familiar face at the door. While nothing formal was planned for Thursday, most folks had dinner at the hotel restaurant. The campus tour was Friday afternoon and our class buffet was Friday evening. The team of Dottie Hemler Monteith, Betsy Klunk Esposito, and Carol Healey Haran coordinated with the hotel to plan the menu and decorate the tables. Everyone agreed the food was delicious and the table decorations—a two-sided picture frame with the picture of us running across the field on one side and the Poem of Allegra, written by Mary Husic Kuta, on the other side, and a vase of spring flowers—were beautiful. Sr. Anne Higgins, DC and SJC’70 came in briefly to tell us the interesting story of the real reason the school closed, which she had researched for a conference. Gina Shableski Crumbaker distributed SJC bags that her company had made and classmates had ordered in advance. She brought extras but those were quickly sold out.

Saturday we were on our own for most of the day. Many folks spent time chatting and snacking in our hospitality suite, which was coordinated by Dona Mulvihill Kopenhaver who did an outstanding job ensuring we would not starve or die of thirst. Class members contributed snacks and liquid refreshments, including water, and Kate Graham and Joan Bruno contributed a case or more of champagne. Saturday afternoon and evening were the highlights of the weekend—the Mass at the Basilica of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and the banquet at the hotel. Kate coordinated the liturgy of the Mass with Mary Lou Jones, SJC’64. The Mass was beautiful and made even more so by the heavenly voices of Kate’s friend Eloise Downing and her niece Rachael Graham-Luscombe. Kate assigned “jobs” to many of our classmates, which made the Mass especially meaningful to us.

The Reunion almost filled the hotel and wait staff at the banquet had to really hustle to get us all fed, but the food was good. Ruth Lynch Buchwalter caused a gasp in the audience when she announced how much our class had raised for the Class Gift for scholarships for Mount students and the Seton Center in Emmitsburg. We raised more than double the previous highest gift amount! And more money flowed in after Reunion. Thanks to everyone who contributed.

The weekend ended Sunday with folks heading home and over 20 of us having brunch in Frederick. After a lovely, warm spring weekend, Sunday was rainy, cold, and dreary and it was not much fun exploring downtown Frederick. Everyone went into the stores just to get warm. Thanks to Pat Gavin Wynne for picking up copies of a Frederick City/County tourism magazine for us to see what Frederick has to offer.

Classmates who couldn’t make Reunion sent messages, which we compiled and left in the hospitality suite for folks to read. Mo Dwyer wrote from Hawaii that the years at St. Joe’s really changed her life in ways she is forever grateful for. She wrote that this is an exciting time to be alive and she hopes and strives in whatever way she can to be part of the healing, balance, and solution on this planet, starting with her own humble world. She awakes with gratitude every day and before she closes her eyes at night she says Thank You. Susan Romanowski Redding and I called Mo from the Reunion banquet but there was no answer and we left her a message from our class.

Norma “Sam” Corristan sent a message to Gina and me saying she was sorry she couldn’t make it to Reunion because she is the primary caregiver for her mother, who turned 97 this past spring, and couldn’t leave her. Sam has many memories of our time at SJC, including: “the impact Dr. Antolin and Mr. Reilly had on my thinking
and analytical processes; their guidance was enormously important to my continued scientific training. The sharp wit and humor of Lorraine Miller. Becoming enamored with liver and onions and cooked rhubarb. The beauty of the A, especially in fall and spring. Trips on the bus and snowstorms. Sister Serena. Dancing in the Student Center (Baby Love, I Can't Get No Satisfaction, etc.). Trying to remember all the rules, since many of them didn't seem to make sense (e.g. no pants allowed for horseback riding). Getting shots in the rump. Late night cramming sessions. Our football team.” She adds “there are so many memories but mostly I remember feeling lucky to be at St. Joe's with so many decent, bright, people.”

Lorna LaChapelle wrote “I will be at Reunion in my heart, and with the class picture I will almost feel as if I had seen everyone that I feel reconnected to on Facebook.” Sr. Maureen McGuire “enjoyed seeing the names of all our classmates and watching all the effort you and others have given to planning Reunion and inviting us. I wanted to be in touch to let you know that there were several reasons why I can't come, but I will be there in my heart and with prayers for a wonderful experience for everyone. Thank you so very much for what you have done. With wonderful memories and with all good wishes for Reunion, I send my thanks.”

And now we congratulate our classmates who started getting married before we even graduated and are now celebrating their 50th anniversaries. Sheila Kelly Vertino and Al are part of that fortunate group, and Sheila says that while she's been married to the same man for 50 years, Al has been married to many, many women—as he has patiently dealt with her changing interests and projects through the years! Although they have a June anniversary, they celebrated in mid-July, when their entire family could attend. Keeping it small and casual, they planned a crab fest on their screened-in porch. While they were going to put the adult “kids” up at the inn down the road for the night, all five grands were going to stay with them at their house—a real treat for the grands, their parents and especially Sheila and Al. Later in the summer they planned a trip to Provence with a possible meet-up in Paris with Beverly Eagan and Larry Tuteur.

Susan FitzMaurice Gibson has good memories of Reunion, where she particularly enjoyed spending time with classmates she didn’t know very well during our college days. What a gift it was to rediscover these interesting people fifty years later! Susan and Paul celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with family and close friends in Boise in July. In October, they planned to fly to Victoria, British Columbia for a couple of days and then drive five hours to the western coast of Vancouver Island to the Wickaninnish Inn in Tofino on the Pacific coast.

Patti McKay Bufalino, who planned to attend Reunion and had registered for it, had to cancel at the last minute due to unexpected eye surgery. Although she was disappointed to have to miss Reunion, she enjoyed the pictures posted on our Facebook SJJC 1968 closed group. She hopes to attend future reunions.

After Reunion, Susan Gibson, Carol “Casey” Kakalec Kohn, Carol Landry, and I went to Annapolis to see that part of Maryland. The weather remained cold the few days we were there and when we found ourselves in front of an alpaca store, we went in and left with at least one sweater and a scarf or shawl to go with it for each of us. We also got massages and had dinner at nice restaurants in the area. Susan, Casey, and I headed home on Wednesday while Carol spent about a week visiting a friend on the Eastern Shore. Her friend lives not far from Barbara Beshel, and the two of them were able to get together for lunch. Later, Carol spent about a week at my place in Charlottesville and for the rest of her trip she visited with her sister Peggy at Carol’s house in Arlington where Peggy lives.

Last October (2017), Beverly and Larry were at a bistro in Paris when they found out through Facebook: first, that their neighborhood in Santa Rosa, CA was near the extensive wildfires; a couple hours later, that the neighborhood had a mandatory evacuation order (a five-minute order, at 2:00 am Pacific time); and finally, that their neighborhood and condo townhouse were completely destroyed. Figuring that it was best to remain in Paris rather than immediately return to Santa Rosa, and chaos, they stayed and conducted recovery business—insurance, finding a place to stay, etc.—from Paris. They felt very fortunate to be in Paris with their cat and dog (whom they had considered leaving at home). Their neighbors are still traumatized by the sudden warning in the middle of the night to leave and then seeing the flames approaching as they ran out. Most only had time to get their pets and left in their pajamas. Their loss was total but Beverly and Larry are grateful to have each other and their pets. When they returned to California, they stayed at various rental apartments in towns outside of Santa Rosa. As of June, construction had begun on their townhouse but it will not be finished for a long time so they decided to return in September to their beloved Paris and live there for a year. They are able to do so because their homeowners association will continue the work on the townhouse while they’re gone. Beverly was excited both about the upcoming trip.
to Paris and by the rebuilding. They enjoyed making decisions about major changes to the original design including moving walls, upgrading, and making “aging in place” changes. This catastrophe has had the benefit of bringing together the 14 owners who lost their town-houses; and former acquaintances are now friends who have gone through this disaster and recovery together.

On her annual trip north, Carol Carluccio Griffin met with an orthopedic surgeon in Boston to have one new knee implant and a review of a painful implant done in 2013. She and Jack are taking a cruise in January 2019 on Celebrity’s new state-of-the-art ship, Edge, on one of its first sailings. They are frequent Celebrity passengers and look forward to this new adventure in travelling.

After Reunion, Ruth and Stan took a short trip to New York where they saw Hamilton. Later in the summer they planned a trip to Normandy and Scotland. Upon learning that some of our classmates were Army nurses who were stationed in Vietnam, a neighbor of Ruth’s asked her for information about their time there because she was going to be part of a panel on that era at her 50th college reunion. Ruth referred her friend to Mary Jo Rice-Mahoney and Jacquie Nemetz Van Meter, both of whom were stationed at the same hospital at the same time and were able to provide her with good information. She and her husband agreed her panel was the best at the reunion. She had worked for the American Red Cross then assisting the military and their families. In talking with Jacquie, she learned that Jacquie’s husband Terry had been one of her clients and that another nurse was a mutual friend. Mary Jo said, “as Kate Graham would say, it’s that SJC connection!”

Don’t forget to pay your dues. For a class as large as ours, our participation rate is pretty low. Our dues keep the SJC Alumnae Association going and doing its good work keeping us together through Reunions and The Valley Echo.

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Fifty years….Yikes! April 4-7, 2019 are the dates for our 50th reunion. Mark your calendars now and plan your trip to Gettysburg. So many of us have remained in touch over the years and have enjoyed mini-reunions in various spots around the country. But a reunion in Gettysburg is the only time we gather together as a whole class. As Jean Givens Denney has shared, “I am always amazed how much I have in common with ladies I never knew at school.” We have so many shared experiences from our four years in the valley, and it is wonderful to renew those memories at Reunion.

By the time you receive The Valley Echo, I hope you have received a call from a classmate to confirm you’ll join us in April. Jean Givens Denney, Joanne Azzarello Letnaunchyn, Becky Snyder Peters, Linda Dumbroski Wivel, and Pat Ziegler Conley attended the 2018 Reunion and have gotten plans started for our 2019 event. All of them and a few others have been working to make our four days in Gettysburg/Emmitsburg fun and memorable. We’ve reserved the Presidential Suite at the Wyndham just for our class to gather, reconnect, laugh, and enjoy each other. There will be wine, drinks, music, photos, and snacks. Of course, there will be the usual Reunion activities--Friday night Class Dinner, Saturday breakfast, campus tours, Mass, and banquet. But the key to a great Reunion is YOU. The last 50 years have taken us in many different directions, and we’ve all had an incredible variety of personal experiences. It will be wonderful to connect and share our life adventures--both good and bad. We had a total of 34 attend our 45th Reunion in 2014 and I’d love to double that number.

News from classmates doesn’t arrive by email anymore… you have to log onto Facebook to know what everyone is up to and where they are living/traveling. Through Facebook, I know that we are mostly retired, traveling, enjoying grandchildren, hobbies, and volunteering. We do have an SJC Class of 1969 Facebook page if you want to post something that can be seen by just our class. We would love to hear from you.

So, lock in those dates--April 4-7, 2019 and plan to be in Gettysburg. Time passes but friendship stays.

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Happy 70th Birthday to all of us!! What a milestone we have reached.

In June Ginny Hammond Conmy’s children threw a surprise 70th birthday party for her in Richmond, VA. Carol Ervin Sharkey and husband Paul, MSM’71, travelled from Charlotte, NC to help celebrate and surprise Ginny.
Sr. Anne Higgins hosted “The Class of ’70 Turns 70” party at Mother Seton’s White House in Emmitsburg in July. Those who were able to make the event were Alberta Johnson Baker, Christine Roos Mehl, Leslie Henze Blackstock, Susan Stay Valenti, Carol Ervin Sharkey, Sue McKenna Clifford, Carmen Richardson, and Maryann Lesso. Wine, politics, food, and family were the topics of the discussion. It is wonderful to see that we have held on to our activism of the 60s.

Marci Stuck Duryea and husband Pete, MSM’68, were in Emmitsburg in June to celebrate Pete’s 50th Reunion from the Mount. They met up with Maryann Lesso and Susan Stay Valenti for lunch at the Carriage House.

Joanne Cartagena Windle spent the week after Easter in Napa with her sisters, Mari, SJC’72, and Teri and their husbands. Had a great time, the wine flowed and oh so good! Joanne said that a highlight of their trip was visiting with Mary Ann Wiberley Shattuck and husband Paul who live in Walnut Creek. “It had been forever since I was there. They are great hosts. We all loved spending time with them in their beautiful home, drinking more good wine, and eating yummy food.”

Back at home in Maryland, Joanne is spending a lot of time babysitting her youngest granddaughter. She is at her daughter’s house three times a week until July watching the baby. Joanne says she loves it but is tired at the end of the day. Her other two grandchildren are five-year-old Maddie who is just finishing kindergarten and three-year-old Graham who goes to nursery school.

Alberta Johnson Baker hosted a mini-reunion on June 5 at her home in Gambrills, MD while Helen Burke Rasmussen was visiting from North Carolina. Joining Alberta and Helen were JoAnne Cartagena Windle, Clarice Tomino Custer, Fran Boscia Dummett, Kathy McNaney Younkin, and Maryann Lesso. As the wine flowed, everyone shared the losses and joys in their lives. Alberta’s father Edward P. Johnson died at the end of October 2017. “He would have been 95 on December 8th. He had a special devotion to Mary since he was born on the feast of the Immaculate Conception.”

Fran Boscia Dummett has been retired for four years from being a middle and high school counselor in Howard County. She taught ASPO/Lamaze Childbirth Classes and Midlife Transitions for 15 years. She travelled to Europe with family and People to People Student Ambassadors. Fran worked during 15 summers at Social Security Administration as a Summer Aide Counselor. She is still mentoring at her last high school, as well as attending multiple art history classes at the community college and visiting a myriad of art museums in Washington, DC and Baltimore. Fran loves gardening and has two beautiful rain gardens subsidized by the county and is honing her skills in photography and iMovies. Her children, Austen (38) is a Web developer. Alex (35) is an internal medicine doctor for Kaiser in California. He and his wife Sumaiya and child Zara (3) will be moving back east to join East Coast Kaiser at Holy Cross in Gaithersburg and Silver Spring. Beth (28) went to Brown University and married Aaron. She is an elementary school counselor in Howard County and during all their vacations they travel the world, before they have kids. This year has been terrible for Fran. Her husband Brian died unexpectedly and her brother John died of multiple myeloma six weeks after Brian. Her mother also died in June at the age of 97 after being in hospice at Fran’s home.

Also heard from Candice Van Holen Chesno--What a small world that she would end up visiting Fran’s mother as a volunteer for Gilchrist Hospice. Candice is most happily retired from a most happy nursing career of 30 years. She practiced Pediatric and then Post Anesthesia Care at St. Agnes Hospital for 30 years. She volunteers at Gilchrist Hospice and at Baltimore Center Stage. Candice enjoys singing in a chorus and is a member of the Embroiders Guild of America. She depends on yoga to keep her focused and grounded. Candice and husband Thom will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in November. They have been blessed with four children and nine grandchildren.

Patty McEwan Branson and husband Bob, MSM’70, recently took Patty’s 93-year-old mom on a trip to Paris!

Barbra McCune wrote from England in May that she was on Day 9 of a walking pilgrimage from Winchester to Canterbury with her husband Rich. “Jane Austen, Charles Dickens, Chaucer plus all my Anglican/Catholic heroes accompany me on this journey!”

Kathie Robinson Moritis remarks that it seems like almost everyone she knows is retiring this year! Kathie’s husband Alan has finally fully retired. Their daughter Julia now owns and runs the dental practice. Kathie and Alan now have two adorable grandsons: Wesley, who is three years three months, and Thomas, who is 16 months. She says, “God willing, my mother will turn 100 years old on June 25, and I’ve planned a big celebration for her. Our whole family will go back for this one, and my mom will finally get to meet Thomas.”

A few weeks before that, Kathie and Alan have a 12-day trip to Germany, Belgium, Luxembourg, and the Netherlands planned. Currently, she says that their back yard is full of flowers, the sun is shining, and life is good!

Jody Snyder Caye’s sister Becky Snyder Peters, SJC’69,
helped out at Reunion in April and praised those of you who show up year after year to help with the Reunions, and to run them. Jody is now semi-retired. She works under a contract with one of the Centers in the UNC Chapel Hill School of Social Work, training child welfare social workers about Secondary Traumatic Stress, and with supervisors about ways to hold on the child welfare staff. She continues to tutor for the Chatham County Literacy Council. One woman is learning English, so that she can take classes to get her GED; the other woman (from Yemen) is working toward citizenship. Jody still rows, loving it just as much. She hopes to keep racing at least some…the age handicap you know! Jody reports that Libby, her spouse, is now working for the federal government (Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance) and is currently in Jordan. Jody’s son Brian and his wife Tina are in Alexandria, VA. Brian is still in the military, is now teaching soldiers to be analysts. Tina works for Capital One in marketing, and no, she has not met Samuel L. Jackson. Son Sean and his wife Azuza are back in North Carolina. He is the manager of the duty free shop in the airport. Azuza is an architect with a firm in Durham, NC.

Sister Anne Higgins is still teaching at the Mount and still loving it. She didn’t teach in the spring 2018 semester, though; she spent the month of March in Paris! She stayed at the DC’s Motherhouse in central Paris (right next to the Bon Marche!) and spent eight days in an International Retreat with 65 other sisters, and the rest of the time touring the city on her own! Before the trip to Paris, Anne spent a few days in Bel Air, MD visiting Leslie Henze Blackstock and her husband Bob, enjoying their lovely home and getting some valuable tips about Paris from one of their neighbors.

On a sad note—hate to report that Mary Ann Connolly Evans passed away on June 21, 2018. Please remember Mary Ann’s husband Bill and their children in your prayers.

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.etapistry.com/forms/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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Susan Roach Thomey wrote that SJC “All Together” carried on this spring in Galveston, TX. Those able to gather in this beautiful locale were: Debbie Neary Waters, Suzie Minsker Reid, Dee Verrochi Cary, Barb Nickels Gordon, Steph Slagle Shockites, Denise Fish Moxley, Mary Schrecengost Martin, Joanne Stahlhut Coppola, Ann Connair Cunningham, and Almarie Schultz Walczak.

Judy Frere Dement wrote that her granddaughter Ashton just received her BSN, passed her RN license, and got married on June 30th. She is the oldest grandchild of Judy’s 17!!!

Gina Sauer Cusson retired on June 1. John retired last year so they are now planning to spend more time with their spread-out family. They bought a house near Gina’s 94-year-old dad’s assisted living facility in Ocean Pines, MD and spend about half their time there. They get to see their son Jon and four grandchildren more often since they live in Baltimore. They also visit their other son Ben in Florida, especially in the winter. They will travel to Ireland in September to celebrate Gina’s youngest sister’s 69th birthday and are exploring a trip to the Holy Land in the spring.

Anne Bohan Seil’s big update is that she FINALLY retired from teaching (Reading Specialist for 30+ years) WOO HOO…freedom, right!! Her new adventures include piano lessons, travelling with John, reading, yoga, and of course…blowing bubbles and play dough creations with the grandkids.

Mary Carol Weigh Fleming wrote that her mother Mary Catherine Weigh went to her eternal reward on January 17, 2018. She was just 24 days shy of her 104th birthday when God called her home! Her mother lived with Jim and Mary Carol for 33 years, most of them very good, healthy, and happy years. They have no regrets and believe that the more they gave to her, the more they got back in return. They are still adjusting to being empty nesters at last, and off to a good start. They spent five days in Grand Cayman with two of their three grown daughters and are looking forward to having more flexibility in their retirement.

Donna Fitzgerald writes that in July she completed treatment for re-occurrence of breast cancer. Things are
going very well. Donna and husband TJ spent month of February driving west to Kentucky and then south to the Gulf. A very slow route along Gulf and Florida and then back north to their home in Thurmont, MD. Donna is in constant contact with Jane Garrett Nolan who now has six beautiful little grandchildren.

Marilyn Caruso Burlenski: We are thoroughly enjoying our two granddaughters—Charlotte, age two (Matt’s daughter) and Stella, age one (Jennifer’s daughter). Both children live in New York but are close enough to visit. John is still working full time. I’m working part time and playing a lot of bridge! Looking forward to seeing everyone at our 50th Reunion…Don’t know how that is possible, since we are all just 35!!

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As I write this, I am still living in Pennsylvania. I will email the class with my new address when I move. My cell number will move with me and I do keep my phone around now! So much has gone on with our class since the last Reunion. Email chains have been very effective in keeping everyone caught up with the news. Please continue to share events with me that you want the class to know about and I will get the news out ASAP. Your prayers have been very helpful to classmates dealing with natural disasters, serious illness, and losses of important people in their lives during the past year. Please continue to pray for our classmates. Since our class has been in continual contact over the past year, I am going to use our class section to talk about a new way our class is “getting together” monthly. There are a few notes for the class at the end of the article.

Classmate Maureen Maloy Biggers has suggested our class set up a monthly session with Zoom. This is a site where you can log in and once the session is started by a moderator, you can talk and if set up correctly, see the other people on the call. Maloy has a Zoom account for work, but for other classes, you can sign up on line and create an account to share with your class. It is free and you can have up to 100 people on a 40-minute conversation. You can either log in via your computer where you will be able to see other classmates and classmates can see you—a Brady Bunch opening showing the entire family—on steroids. If you prefer, you can just call in. You won’t see everyone, but you will be part of the conversation. From what I have heard from people who have used these sites, Zoom is about the easiest to set up and use as a shared communication vehicle. I am not technically savvy, and I was in within three minutes. You have to register the Website on your computer the first time, but once you are registered, you just click on the link and enter the session once the moderator has started it. A few classmates have had issues with security blockages on their computer, and another can make it work so she can hear us, and see us sometimes, but she can’t talk and we can’t see her. Her fallback right now is just to call in, and figure out before we talk next time. Zoom does have a technical group you can contact if you are having problems. For the most part, we get in quickly and just talk—it is hard to STOP the calls. If there weren’t a time limit, we might be on for hours!

We have chosen to have the calls once a month. Different classmates are on each call, and we get to share current events in each other’s lives and reminisce about the past. I have learned things that happened in college that I knew nothing about! We laugh and are supportive of each other during the calls, deepening the links we have had for the past 50, yes FIFTY years, since we met in September 1968. We have gotten close as a second family and those links just deepen every time we talk. During the calls we can see each other and classmates have taken the opportunity to share things on the video. We have seen Mary Morel Ingram’s paintings, the view from Jayne Bianco Cohill’s San Francisco apartment, and the house that Marykay Hughes Clarke just bought in Brick, NJ. We have shared challenges facing us as well as celebrating events in each other’s lives, such as marriages, births of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. We even had a conversation about names our children are using to name their offspring. We have great conversations sharing thoughts among women who have known each other 50 years. I send a summary of the call out to the class via our email chain so everyone who was not able to make the call can at least hear part of the conversation. It is a fantastic way to keep up to date with each other and have the benefit of seeing each other when we talk. Many of us toast each other with a glass of wine (or another beverage of choice). We time it so that classmates across the country can join in, planning it for 8:30 pm which is not too late for the East Coast but after working hours for the West Coast. For those of you who have not been able to come to Reunions lately, these sessions are a great way to get “back in the swing of things.”

We will have our annual class luncheon at the Red Brick Station on Saturday, November 3rd. The husbands will head over to Bar Louie, which is the new restaurant replacing the Tilted Kilt.
I want to thank you for being so supportive of the Alumnae Association. This year we thought might be our first year to lose money as an association. Even though the Alumnae Association membership has dropped dramatically, the membership that is still active has stepped up to make up the financial shortfall. Our class has been outstanding in financially supporting the association. This will help keep the association alive until our final Reunion in 2025—which will allow us to celebrate our 50th Reunion in 2022. You will have received your 2019 dues request by the time you are reading this article. Please continue to support the association as generously as you have in the past. Also, please remember the class gift we set up for our 50th Reunion, the SJCAA scholarship fund at the Mount. Many of you have donated to the fund, but we need more to do so to make our goal for our class gift.

Best wishes to all of you for a happy holiday season and a great 2019. See you on Zoom!

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Wow! What a wonderful group of women we are—and, what a great 45th Reunion we had. Thirty six of us, including a few for the first time, made the trip to Emmitsburg to reconnect. A special thanks to Candy, Maureen, Jane, and Leah for their assistance with Reunion. They helped make it a wonderful experience. News since then—

Trish Jenkins Cavoto wrote “I totally enjoyed reconnecting with friends and classmates at Reunion. I can’t believe 45 years have passed since we were all at St. Joseph’s. I promise to be at Reunion #46. The years have flown by as have our lives. Who would have thought that I would be a wife, a mother, and a grandmother? Between travels to Mass to see my sisters and brother and trips to Montana to visit with my son and his family I am kept very busy. Frank and I are still busy working with a goal of being fully retired in three years. I work part time in his accounting practice until the end of the summer. I also keep busy with my two daughters and their families who live close by. We love travelling and are heading to Alaska in August and probably another trip out west in October. In May we will be going to St. John in the Virgin Islands (if it is fully recovered from the effects of Hurricane Maria). Fingers crossed that the resort will be reopening in January as hoped. Life is good.”

Jane Parrish Richard wrote “Much has happened since the Reunion. On April 19, 2018, my fifth grandchild Evangeline Lucille Richard (Evie) weighing 5 lbs. and 5 oz. was born five weeks early. Her lungs were immature, she has blood issues since mom has A- blood and Rob is AB+. A few weeks of NICU’s loving care and she is now home, and doing well. Joe and I made a last minute run to Fort Bragg and surprised them. We are expecting to have the whole family together at the shore on the 4th, and a 100th Birthday party for dad on July 7th at our LaPlata house. Getting all of my ‘clutter corners’ tidied up and in ship-shape for the party. As well, Joe and I serve on a campaign committee for a personal friend running for re-election as a State Delegate. I am still with my parents every three to four days. They are both very healthy, but mom has Alzheimer’s, and dad’s memory started to slip at 99 1/2. We’ve been lucky to have many helpers. For those not at Reunion, we had a wonderful time at the College, with lunch in the Pines and nice walking tour. I felt like we hadn’t been apart for 45 years. We have such a strong bond from shared experiences many years ago. We missed you and would love you to join us in 2023.”

Angela Neilan wrote “I attended Reunion in the Valley in April and it was fabulous! Reconnected with old friends Monica Leck Rebovich, Martina Sabo, Jackie Wajcs Gibney, and others. Great to catch up on everyone’s news. The reception at the student center on our old campus, the tour of the Administration building, the cafeteria, and the gym brought back many fond memories. We talked about the very ‘modest’ gym suits we had to wear for exercise and swimming and the fun we had in fencing class! Many thanks to the organizers for such a good schedule. We had time to relax and absorb the ambiance of Mother Seton’s Valley once again. Personally, I am still on agriculture faculty at Virginia Tech. My current projects take me to Armenia, Republic of Georgia, Senegal, Morocco, Egypt, and possibly the United Arab Emirates again. In the past, I worked in Dubai and Doha with a design arts school for young women. Our current focus in many countries is food safety and security including agribusiness development and entrepreneurship. One project was on water
supply, which continues to be a huge problem in developing countries. Our newest project is in Afghanistan where we will be working to offer higher education opportunities for women and girls.”

Kathy Cramer Callahan wrote “Reunion was lots of fun. It was great to see some classmates who came for their first Reunion! It is always great to get together. Since then Tim and I are again travelling, this time to Europe, mainly Italy. To get here we took our first Atlantic repositioning. We went from Tampa, FL to Barcelona, Spain. We were surprised to find excellent speakers and I even took some watercolor classes! Photos of the first part of our land trip are on Facebook. We are completing the Rick Steves' portion (13 days) and have been so busy that photos will have to wait for our return on June 21. Our last five days will be spent in Germany visiting with friends made when we lived there. I'm ready to get back to the grands!”

Toni Doherty Kellison wrote “Reunion was of course wonderful. All the hard work and planning was evident. Seeing old friends is always a treasure. Our summer has started out with a trip of a lifetime. We went to Africa with my sister Denise and seven other friends. In addition to visiting Cape Town, Johannesburg, and Victoria Falls we especially enjoyed our time at Simbavati Game Reserve near Kruger. To be able to see the Big Five, and so many other unique animals, was a nonstop thrill. But, there's no place like home!”

Candy Long Hubbs wrote “Our entire family (13 total) will be vacationing in Rehoboth Beach, DE the end of June. It will be the first time that we have rented a house and will all be together--Norm and I, three children with spouses and five grandchildren, ages nine months to nine years. In the fall Norm and I are going on a two-week cruise on a British ship, the Queen Mary II to celebrate our 45th wedding anniversary. It leaves from New York and sailed up the coast and down the St. Lawrence River, visiting various ports on the way. I really enjoyed coming to Reunion in April and seeing everyone. It was the first time I attended all four days. Norm and I particularly enjoyed the tour of campus and plan to return for a more personal tour in August with our daughter and two grandkids. Hopefully Maureen Hinke Hahn will join us too as she missed the Reunion tour and she is Godmother to our daughter Kathryn.”

Maureen Hinke Hahn wrote “I am packing up 28 years of teaching at St. Ursula School in Baltimore, MD. My four children attended school with me, and my husband served the school in many capacities before passing away in 2009. It has been my home away from home for a long time, and this is a big move for me. The sun is shining today and gives me hope for a bright future, with lots of opportunities to catch up with old friends and make new ones--take care everyone!”

As for me, Christine Wiberley Goglia, I am also retiring this year--July 6, 2018 is my last day. I have cleaned out my office and have two weeks to train my replacement. I am very ready to move on to the next phase of my life. Family and travel will be a big part of it.

Remember, there are only seven SJC Reunions left--the last in 2025. Plan to come to any or all of those remaining.

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Well ladies, April 4-7, 2019 is coming fast when the SJC Class of 1974 will celebrate our 45th Reunion! Please put those dates on your calendar and plan to attend the party of the year at the Gettysburg Wyndham.

Our April 12-15, 2018 Reunion was our 44th and it was attended by Donna McCarthy Feld, Eileen “Irish” McAlarnen, Jean Connors Muller, Jackie Wajcs Gibney, and Trudie Mangiaracina Glazewski, who all had a marvelous time at the Gettysburg Wyndham. Jackie celebrated her 45th Reunion since graduating with the class of 1973. She was one of about a dozen students from the class of 1974 who stayed at SJC and earned her degree in three years. Reunion activities included a Thursday evening wine social, Friday lunch in the former SJC student center, and tour of the campus. (Side note: If you would like to take a small group on a tour of the campus, please contact Merrill Sollenberger, merril.sollenberger@fema.dhs.gov.) The Student Center Pub opened and we were able to “drink
on campus.” Following the Saturday morning Annual Meeting Breakfast, we attended Mass at the Basilica and the Saturday Banquet. Sunday morning there was a quick breakfast and we all promised to return for our 45th!

Kathy Oliver Kadilak’s daughter Alissa, received her certification as an NICU nurse, qualifying her to work with infants at the most critical (or high acuity) levels. Youngest daughter Christine is working on her PhD dissertation at Boston University and received a Humanities Award awarded to only two PhD students annually! Kathy’s husband Steve retired from his job as middle school principal, and they are planning a visit to Stone Harbor, NJ this summer and a visit to Arizona in the fall.

Donna McCarthy Feld and Eileen “Irish” McAlarne planned to vacation in Cape May, NJ in September and were joined by Jamie Lowe Huber and Trudie Mangiaracina Glazewski for a mini-reunion! Donna continues her work part time at the Grief Center, and she visits her daughter Rebecca and husband Cory in Virginia once a month. She just got the most joyous news from them that she is going to be a Nana!

In February, Barbara Callan-Bogia and husband David left for a 35-day trip to New Zealand and Australia starting with a 16-day Celebrity Cruise from Auckland, NZ to Perth, AU. They enjoyed the countryside, days at sea, and wineries. Debarking in Perth, they travelled on their own for 15 days flying to Melbourne, driving the Great Ocean Road, and flying to Alice Springs to see the Uluru Rock in the outback was “wicked awesome.” Onto Port Douglas to experience the Great Barrier Reef and then ended their adventure with a trip in Sydney. Barb is now awaiting the birth of her sixth great-nephew in June.

A small group of St. Joe’s girls still gather on Sunday nights for Prayer chat using iMessenger so they get to see and hear one another. Barb expresses what a blessing this has been. The group, who all met in 1970 at St. Joseph’s College, has stayed friends for more than 45 years, and it includes Mary Ellen Kirchner Pluemer, Cyndi Mountford Ogulewicz, Debbie Mitchell Kraponick, Rose Gatuuso Clayton, Nadine Brainard Smith, and Barb.

In September, Jane Davis Gallagher, Kathy Kerns Raubens, and their husbands went on a 10-day cruise in the Caribbean! Despite the ravage of Hurricane Irma, fun was had by all with much of the time spent at the Martini bar! Kathy and Jane also were able to spend time together in April in Venice, FL after Kathy and Harry’s trip to Key West, FL and Bonita Springs, FL.

Paula Koslowski Swetley and husband Mark are looking forward to celebrating the marriage of their younger daughter Nicole this December in Boca Grande, FL at the historic Gasparilla Inn. The Sweteys met fellow Mounties Xavier Declaire and wife Mari and Bob MacLean and wife Karen in October for a fishing tournament in Boca Grande, FL where Jane and Jim joined them for a day.

Kathy Kerns Raubens and husband Harry connected with former Joe’s girls, Rosie Fama Waugh and Maureen Sommar Milde at a wedding of a mutual friend’s daughter this year. Plans and promises were made to attend our 45th Reunion in 2019!

Mary Ann McWhorter Riley and husband Matt, MSM’73, spent the month of February in Naples, FL. They caught up with Jane Davis Gallagher, husband Jim, and other Mounties and their wives. Hilarious fun as always!!! They went to Palm Beach, FL, New Smyrna, FL, Hilton Head, SC, and Beaufort, SC before finally settling on Jekyll Island, GA for March and April. They filled their days golfing and riding bikes for over 525 miles! They hosted Lori Quinlan McCormick and husband John, MSM’73. In April daughter Katie Riley Portela, MSM’03, and husband Al, MSM’03, welcomed their second child and Mary Ann and Matt’s sixth grandchild Salvador Joseph Portela. In June, they attended Matt’s 45th Reunion at MSM where they reconnected with about 40 members of the class of 73! They have a busy summer planned with a couple of weeks on Cape Cod, MA and July and August in their home on Long Beach Island, NJ, and they plan on attending our 45th Reunion in the spring.

Beth Hurley Luers wrote a book Creating Light about three Holocaust survivors and what each has done to give back to a world that wanted them dead. Royalties go to Baltimore’s Jewish Community Services to help survivors with rent and medical expenses. If interested, check Amazon for ebook or sentiapublishing.com under history for print on demand book. In May, Beth visited Jackie Wajcs Gibney and spoke about the book at Collingswood High School where Jackie formerly taught. Afterwards, Beth, Jackie, and Pat “P.B.” Noto met for dinner.

Suzanne Arn McCarthy and husband Mike shared a wonderful Memorial Day weekend at their home on Cape Cod, MA with Margee Crystal Koffler and husband Bruce who travelled from Lexington, KY. “Oldest of friends and we never change! Looking forward to April 2019!”
Jean Conners Muhler is into her eighth year of retirement from teaching but still enjoys volunteering at her old school two days a week. Jean's husband Gary retired in January so they have been enjoying mini trips to Scottsdale, AZ in January, Tampa, FL area in February, Key West, FL in April, a week in Aruba in June, and a girls' trip to the Outer Banks, NC in May! She is beginning to dislike the winters here in the Baltimore, MD area more and more. Jean enjoys getting together periodically with fellow Joe's girls who are also from our class (Jackie Wacjs Gibney, Fran Loreto Redman, Elaine Smurlo Maliszewski, Beth Hurley Luers, Terry Barker McGoldrick, and Cathy Kiefer Tracy).

Jocelyn “Jojo” Lawyone has opened a Burmese Bodega Market, in Washington, DC where she offers Asian products and she cooks Burmese food. Check them out at tolimolidc.com. Also, Jojo graduated with her Masters of Arts in Liberal Studies from Georgetown University while her granddaughter graduated from pre-school and expresses “we are not sure who was more excited.”

Francine Loreto Redman is still working full time as a Family Nurse Practitioner in Lancaster, PA but planning to reduce hours to half time in 2019. Her children both attended MSM and she says that her attachment to Emmitsburg is even stronger now. Her grandchildren are the joy of her life with the fifth to be born in August!

Liz Baldwin Ewing is happy to announce that her fifth grandchild’s baptism in June was celebrated by her son Kevin, who was ordained in June 2017 and is now associate at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen in Baltimore, MD. She has four grandsons and “blessedly one little granddaughter” who are all healthy and good. Liz went to Disney this past June with her daughter's family and enjoyed it as much as her grandchildren! Liz and her husband recently sold their house and moved into a condo in Hartford County, MD. She is retired and spends her days taking care of grandkids for three days a week and the other days catching up with things around the house! Liz promises to try to get to our 45th Reunion in April! If she does, I sure hope she reenacts her famous rendition of “It’s my Party” by Lesley Gore! Hoping to see you there Liz!

Trudie Mangiaracina Glazewski and husband Rich are adjusting to the distance between them and their loving grandsons. Son Rick relocated to South Carolina with wife Jackie and sons Caden (seven) and Connor (four). Youngest son Matt, former NOAA Meteorologist, is enjoying teaching meteorology and living in Portland, OR. Trudie is beginning her 40th year in Special Education, working with students with Multiple Disabilities in Pennsylvania.

April 4-7, 2019 will be the 45th Reunion of the SJC class of 1974. Let’s make this Reunion the best ever! On Friday night we are planning a Class of 1974 dinner. Please start thinking of ideas for decorations and activities for the weekend. Remember to sign up for all of the activities during Reunion weekend so you get the best experience ever! On Saturday morning, please sign up for the Annual Breakfast Meeting so you can catch up on the SJCAA activities and hear about our Scholarship at the Mount award, Legacy award, and the transition of our Alumnae Association with Mount Saint Mary’s University! We are planning a fun-filled weekend, so we are hoping to have as many of us attend as possible!

Please remember to pay your SJCAA dues at the level you can afford and to contribute to our 2024-50th Reunion Class of 1974 gift by going online for the Class of 1974 Scholarship at http://www.sjcalumnae.org/ or to Mother Seton School at https://app.etapestry.com/onlineforms/MotherSetonSchool/SJCAA.html. 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 towards our 50th Reunion gift goal.

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

ALUMNAE DEATHS

1932  Grace Goss Heindl
1933  Marina Nieva Ramirez
1936  Dorothy Baffa Wagener
1937  Zeta McKnight Norris
1939  Kathleen Anna Topper Shorb
       Barbara Nesline
1940  Kathryn Herley Morrison
1941  Ellen E. Martz
1942  Sister John Mary Gurney
       Ilia Llompart Woicik
1943  Olga Aleman Dagger
       Jane Lieb O’Connor
1944  Marie E. Klos Zevnik
       Nelly A. Fuentes
       Rosemary Hulcher Farrell
       Mary Margaret O’Donnell
       Mary Mathews Rice
       Clotilde Gandulla Riola
1945  Margaret Alwine Blackburn
1946  Marian Leahy Lord
1947  Catherine Timmerman Hodge-Robitaille
       Judy Morris
       Mary Frances “Molly” Fitzgerald Lawson
1948  Carmen Gonzalez Rodriguez
1949  Lucy McLaughlin Goedicke
       Jocelyn Gates McGlynn
1950  Mary Jane McAuliffe
       Gloria Kelbaugh Trainor
1951  Katherine “Kitty” Kemp
1953  Sister Anne Black
       Rosemary Boyle Powers
       Mary Ann Muldowney Greene
1954  Helen Coyne Kane
1955  Sonia Ziolkowski McLaughlin
       Jackie Hemler Cummings
1956  Sister DeSales Wisniewski
1957  Margaret McKay Cahill
       Joan Meehan Noble
       Mary Williams Swaine
1958  Emily Marowski Conway
       Patricia “Bunny” Weber McShea
1959  Ann Houlihan Kennedy
       Rosemarie Braun Wirth
       Eleanor Barnes O’Connell
1961  Patricia Anne Morgan Warrell
       Karen Gantz Warren

April 4, 2017
August 5, 2009
September 30, 2017
September 28, 2013
June 29, 2013
August 18, 2017
November 9, 2014
November 28, 2017
January 2, 2018
November 23, 2008
February 5, 2016
January 17, 2002
April 3, 2007
March 19, 2005
February 14, 2007
November 28, 2015
April 27, 2017
January 8, 2018
July 16, 2016
July 22, 2011
June 17, 2018
March 5, 2017
March 18, 2018
August 22, 2018
October 11, 2017
August 1, 2015
May 29, 2018
July 31, 2016
August 20, 2017
February 17, 2018
August 22, 2018
August 25, 2017
November 15, 2015
July 31, 2014
August 24, 2017
June 3, 2016
September 8, 2018
August 24, 2018
August 31, 2017
October 20, 2017
February 21, 2018
August 16, 2018
March 27, 2018
December 12, 2017
April 11, 2018
January 24, 2018
January 24, 2018
1962  Sister Celeste Donohue                        October 16, 2017
      Frances (Missy) Cullinan Rosson                February 7, 2018
      Ellen Cassidy                                  February 27, 2017
      Lynn During Finn                               December 29, 2017
1963  Denise Driscoll Keane                        May 22, 2018
      Sheila Driscoll Rosenthal                      June 23, 2018
1964  Roseanne Patricia O’Brien (Anderson)        February 21, 2018
1965  Mary Porter Frese Peschka                    August 23, 2017
      Sister Claire Pedro                            April 2, 2018
      Sister Regina Ryan                            August 20, 2017
1968  Joan Bruno                                   September 1, 2018
      Shannon Bendel Robinette                      August 10, 2017
1969  Jane Borsari O’Leary                        April 23, 2017
      Jean Lowe                                      March 8, 2018
1970  Mary Ann Connelly Evans                     June 21, 2018
1972  Sister Mary Beard                            June 7, 2017
1974  Nancy J. Peters

FAMILY DEATHS

Sister of Norma Walker Stec ’47 – January 2, 2018
Robert Phelps, husband of Myrtle Sullivan Phelps ’51 – December 31, 2017
Thomas Karwacki, husband of Anita Nevy Karwacki ’51 – November 14, 2017
Bob Persons, husband of Cathy Connolly Persons ’55 – July 2017
Stephen Michael Bailey, son of the late Marion Fries Bailey ’60 – October 3, 2017
Dr. Joseph Anello, husband of Monica Deihl Anello ’61 – September 22, 2017
Ed Welkener, husband of Anne Diller Welkener ’62 – July 2017
James Donovan, husband of Pat Ryan Donovan ’62 – November 4, 2017
Joseph Sokolowski, husband of Maureen Semple Sokolowski ’62 – December 31, 2017
Joseph Marchione, husband of Mariellen Halberstadt Marchione ’63 – April 2018
Robert Higgins, brother of Alanna Higgins McHugh ’63 and Pat Higgins Brennan ’64 – February 2018
Steven Sohonyay (MSM’56), husband of Anna Marie (Re) Hussar Sohonyay ’65 – August 22, 2017
Kevin Hussar, brother of Anna Marie (Re) Hussar Sohonyay ’65 – July 31, 2018
George Martin (MSM’65), husband of Noreen Collins Martin ’65 – February 13, 2018
Martin “Chuck” Mufalli, husband of Kay Ehringer Mufalli ’65 – May 18, 2018
Eugene “Gene” Barkocy, husband of Marge Bertoni Barkocy ’68 – September 2, 2018
Mary Lucille Boisseree, mother of Mary Beth Boisseree McDonell ’65 – November 16, 2017
Edward P. Johnson, father of Alberta Johnson Baker ’70 – October 11, 2017
Beatrice (Betty) Bradley, mother of Bridget Bradley ’70 – August 19, 2018
Brian Dummett, husband of Fran Boscia Dummett ’70 – February 3, 2017
Dr. John Boscia, brother of Fran Boscia Dummett ’70 – March 23, 2017
Josephine Boscia, mother of Fran Boscia Dummett ’70 – June 23, 2018
Mary Catherine Weigh, mother of Mary Carol Weigh Fleming ’71 – January 17, 2018
Kathryn S. Klein, mother of Barbara Klein Manks ’72 – January 9, 2018

ST. JOSEPH COLLEGE FACULTY DEATHS

Martin G. “Marty” Galvin, Ph.D – August 6, 2018
Dr. Marty Galvin of Chevy Chase, MD was a much loved poet and educator who taught English Literature at St. Joseph College from 1967 to 1972.
DAUGHTERS OF CHARITY CELEBRATE
160TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE MISSION OF ST. VINCENT
IN SANTA BARBARA, CA

St. Vincent’s is celebrating 160 years of service to the Santa Barbara, CA community with their participation in the I Madonnari – Italian street painting festival. St. Vincent’s will have two drawings celebrating the outstanding ministry of the Daughters of Charity during these years.

The first illustration depicts the Daughters of Charity who established the first orphanage and English-speaking school in Santa Barbara in 1858. With the title “Open Arms” it portrays the heartfelt welcome extended by Sister to a little girl who is coming to her new home at St. Vincent’s orphanage. The second illustration, “First Day” depicts a Daughter of Charity welcoming a mother and her children to the St. Vincent’s Family Strengthening Program established in 1996.

The artist Rima Villarreal is a graduate of the St. Vincent’s Family Strengthening Program. Villarreal credits St. Vincent’s for helping her develop the fortitude to pursue higher education and meaningful employment. “My participation in I Madonnari is an opportunity to give back to St. Vincent’s and the larger Santa Barbara community.”

St. Vincent’s is dedicated to strengthening low-income families and seniors through programs rooted in the Social Teachings of the Catholic Church. Faithful to the charism of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, we serve our sisters and brothers by providing affordable housing, early childhood education, and family enrichment opportunities.

(Submitted by Mary Anne Kelly Zak, SJC’50)
Pat Burdinski Meeker, ’68 said “I am just so grateful to have had the opportunity to go to our college. I didn’t realize it at the time, but thinking back now, it was so wonderful.”

The Reunion Committee is hard at work planning another great weekend. We invite you to come back to the Valley to be “All Together” again! Help us celebrate with the classes ending in “9” and “4”. Remember that our Reunions are not just for these Milestone Classes, they are for all Alumnae! Contact your friends and classmates now to meet you at Reunion 2019.

Here’s the schedule.

THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2019

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 5, 2019

Reconnect - Visit SJC’s campus for a boxed lunch in the Pines 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 Maureen Smith, SJC ’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 6, 2019

Recharge - Your day begins with a Buffet Breakfast including the Annual Meeting. Enjoy an informal chat with Dr. Dee Gallo, the former 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 5 p.m. Alumnae Memorial Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. Milestone Classes participate in a rose 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 7, 2019

Our final event is a Continental Breakfast, before we bid farewell to friends and classmates.

Other Weekend Opportunities
Visit Gettysburg’s great shops and outlets and 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 4 - April 7, 2019 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 2019. Return your completed registration form to the SJC Alumnae Office or register online at www.sjcalumnae.org.


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