A note from your
SJCAA BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The SJCAA Board of Trustees is pleased to bring you the Fall 2019 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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The Board meets twice a year – in September and in the spring during Reunion weekend.
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 2019 and for your support of our Alumnae Association throughout the years. We had a fabulous 122nd Reunion weekend. This was the 46th Reunion since our dear college closed in 1973. It’s hard to believe how many years have passed since we were young girls walking around 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.

Your generous contributions have enabled us to continue to offer the SJCAA Scholarship at Mount Saint Mary’s University (MSMU), which 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 to educate young women in a religious environment will continue as the students at MSMU reach for their dreams. At Reunion we awarded scholarships to Stephanie Freniere, a rising senior majoring in Elementary Education and Special Education, and Roberto Sanchez, a rising junior majoring in Accounting. Thanks to all of you for helping to keep our spirit alive through this scholarship.

Reunions and all the activities during the year are made possible because of your support and financial generosity. The SJCAA continues to make strides even though the years since we were in college have lessened the number of our members.

It is impressive how the alumnae remain loyal and committed to our Association. We could not exist without our volunteers. Here at Reunion you have been mingling with the volunteers who keep this organization and our Reunions going. Among these volunteers are your class agents who keep you informed about SJCAA activities, updates on classmates, and help organize the class activities for Reunion. The Board of Trustees—members from the classes of 1964 to 1974—all volunteer their time by supporting functions such as overseeing our finances; working with the day-to-day operations of the office; spending six months planning, editing, and publishing The Valley Echo; and updating the SJCAA Website and sending email blasts to keep you informed about Association activities. These activities include: scholarships awarded to Mother Seton School and MSMU; donations to the Seton Outreach Center; class get-togethers; club get-togethers; planning for Reunion; and then our memories of Reunion weekend.

We have six (6) 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!

Thank you for your continued support of SJCAA, and please continue to pay your dues in 2020 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 we can.

Trudie Mangiaracina Glazewski ’74
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GENERAL INFORMATION
ABOUT SJCAA
ANNUAL DUES

Active membership in the St. Joseph College Alumnae Association (SJCAA) guarantees an alumna will receive all Association mailings, including 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 2019, the Association will send invoices or bills to all alumnae for their 2020 ANNUAL DUES. Annual Dues for 2020 are due at the time the 2020 dues invoice is received by an alumna. 2020 Dues sent to the office as late as June 30, 2020 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 31st 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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34.9% participation from a solicitable base of 1,776 SJC alumnae – 620 alumnae paid $51,687.00
Thank you for your continued support of the St. Joseph College Alumnae Association (SJCAA). The SJCAA Board continues to work with Mount Saint Mary’s University (MSMU) to plan our transition to the MSMU National Alumni Association (NAA) in 2025. The financial support of our membership will allow the Association to stay vital until each class has had the opportunity to celebrate its 50th Reunion.

Please note that the Association has changed its mailing address to St. Joseph College Alumnae Association, Inc., Mount Saint Mary’s University, 16300 Old Emmitsburg Road, Emmitsburg, MD 21727. The PO Box is still open but will be closed at some point. We ask that anyone who has her dues on auto pay change the address to the street address above. We would also ask that if you have SJCAA in your will that you change the address to the street address above. Also, in your will, if you could make the beneficiary the St. Joseph College Scholarship at Mount Saint Mary’s University, there will not be any confusion after the Association merges into Mount’s NAA in 2025.

Based on the current alumnae support and volunteer support, we plan to continue SJCAA Reunions through the 2025 Reunion and publish The Valley Echo through 2025. Over the past eight years, our Alumnae Association has had the advantage of support from many MSMU departments. We benefit from support from the financial office, from the Alumni office, and from the archives (we have already moved SJCAA mementoes like the SJC seal there). The whole transition process has been an education for the Board and me. The Mount’s NAA structure is different...for the most part, what you see the SJCAA Board doing is work done by the Alumni office staff at MSMU--Reunion planning, the publications, and the Website. The work done by the SJCAA Board and by our office liaison needs to be transitioned into the Mount databases and system, and that work is what we are focusing on now. I have monthly calls on the transition planning with Maureen Plant at MSMU who supervises our office liaison, Kathleen Hollenbeck. The SJCAA Board also spends most of our September Board meeting discussing the transition. We have selected a legal firm to help us in the transition, including doing the filings to dissolve the Association in 2025.

One thing that will definitely change—The Mount’s NAA does not charge dues, instead it asks alumni to contribute to MSMU to continue to develop the university. That requested contribution would include support of the SJCAA scholarship at MSMU, and we hope that our alumnae continue to be generous to that scholarship after our dues end when SJCAA dissolves.

I am not sure what changed in the past 50 years--MSMU or me, maybe both, but MSMU is not the college I remember from the early 70s. The Mount has a large presence in the community, supporting several charities that SJCAA supports--Mother Seton School through interns, the Seton Center, and the local food bank. It is good to know that groups that SJCAA has supported with charitable donations will continue to be supported by MSMU after our Association dissolves.

Finally, we learned that MSMU has been talking to the Daughters of Charity about the possibility of using a wing of the historic St. Joseph House (former Provincial House) for a new school of health professional services. This is still in the development stages. MSMU should know if this school is a viable option by the end of 2020. The idea was broached earlier this year based on the interests of students applying to MSMU. These potential students have a propensity to serve, and health care is an area that is not well covered by the local universities and colleges. MSMU has met with the Daughters and has walked the potential site--and so far everything looks good. The majors in this school could lead to degrees/certificates in physicians’ assistants, social welfare, nutrition, and physical therapy. The Mount has discussed modeling this program after “Teach For America” and has purposed the domain name “Care For America.” The Mount is currently looking for potential donors to the school, availability of faculty, and researching what accreditation would be needed for the new school programs. The next step is to work with consultants. We will share what we learn with the Association as it becomes available.

We will continue to update you at the Annual Meeting during Reunion and in The Valley Echo with our progress in transitioning SJCAA into the Mount’s NAA. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have at kmatts1972@gmail.com. See you at Reunion 2020!

-Karen Mattscheck ’72
The Class of '69 attended its 50th Reunion in force. There were 52 classmates with 15 guests. It was wonderful to see so many returning and some for the first time! All other Milestone classes '54, '59, '64, and '74 added to Reunion with their numbers and their stories of life at Joe's when they attended. We had 123 alumnae at the Wyndham and things were hopping. Many of the Milestone classes for 2020 have started to reserve Jr. Suites so they have a place to gather as a group.

**Wine Social** - The Thursday evening Wine Social hosted by the SJCAA Board had its largest number to date. We had 80 attend and this time we had lots of husbands. More and more are making Reunion a long weekend by coming in Thursday to start the festivities.

**Campus Tour** - This was a year for record numbers. We had 91 sign up for the campus tour. Because of this, our wonderful FEMA contact Merrill Sollenberg enlisted helpers. The tour included visits to the dorms, the gym, the Chapel, and Vincent. Alumnae commented how memories came flowing back. This time on campus has become a special part of our Reunion Weekend. A Box Lunch was provided in the Student Center before the tour and then the “Pines” Pub was opened at 3:00 pm for us to spend the afternoon.

**Class Dinners** - The traditional Friday Night Class Dinners had 139 attend. Each Milestone class had its own room to have a quiet dinner with classmates. Jean Givens Denney '69 said “I thoroughly enjoyed Reunion. It always passes too quickly with not enough time for conversation with people I don’t stay in touch with.”

**Saturday Breakfast and Annual Meeting** - In 2017, the Board changed the Buffet Breakfast and Annual Meeting to Saturday. This has become a wonderful opportunity for all to hear what is happening with our Association as we wind down to 2025. Our President Trudie Mangiaracina Glazweski ’74 introduced the SJCAA Scholarship recipients Stephanie Freniere MSM ’20 and Roberto Sanchez MSM ’21. New Board members were sworn in, and Karen Mattscheck was sworn in as our President. Chrystie Damico Goles ’64 received the SJCAA Legacy Award for her service to the Association as a member of the SJCAA Board of Directors, President of the Baltimore Club, and Class Agent for the Class of ’64.

Pat Morel Murphy Lynch ’74 shared “The 45th anniversary of our Class of ’74 has been an amazing weekend for all of us, some who have not seen each other since 1971. The closing of St. Joseph College was a devastating event for our class, as we made such strong friendships in that first year. How beautiful it has been to be together, tour the campus, pray together in the Basilica, and stay up late catching up on each other’s lives. How blessed we are to know such love and friendship that has lasted all these years.”

Bobbie Davis Speace ’64 said, “I will add my thanks and appreciation for another memorable weekend spent with some of the best women I know…It never ceases to amaze me that after 55 plus years we still have the most awesome, compassionate, and loving friendships whose bonds just continue to grow stronger. We all truly enjoy being All Together.”

**Making New Memories** - Mark your calendars for March 26-29, 2020. Come and renew friendships, reminisce about past memories, and make new ones.
CHRISTIE DAMICO GOLES ’64 HONORED WITH LEGACY AWARD

Chrystie Damico Goles ’64 received the annual Legacy Award for 2019 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).

Chrystie has served as class agent for the Class of 1964 since 1989, 30 years of staying in touch, seeking out the “lost,” urging folks to attend milestone reunions, and cochairing the Class of 1964’s 50th Reunion.

Chrystie’s devotion to SJC does not stop with her class. She served as president of the Alumnae Association from 1999-2001, chaired the 100th Anniversary Reunion of the Alumnae Association in 1997, and currently chairs the Baltimore Club and arranges for its annual Mass and luncheon on St. Joseph’s Feast Day. Additionally, Chrystie has served on the Board of Trustees continuously for many decades and continues to serve.

Chrystie’s term as president included some “ups” as well as “downs.” Her quiet confidence and kind attitude kept everyone on an even keel. When faced with conflict, Chrystie’s reaction would merely be to hesitate for a moment and then smile. She has a way of accepting challenges and finding solutions easily.

Through the years, Chrystie has continued to give her time and talents to the Association. For many years she

and Anne McAllister LaBoon ’64 ran the Registration Desk at Reunion. Chrystie would often take a day to travel to the old alumnae office and assist in packaging Reunion programs and event/activities tickets for distribution at the event.

Whatever task Chrystie takes on, she does it with quiet competence. She is a delight to work with. No matter what the complication, she always finds a way to resolve it. She stays focused on the objective yet adjusts as needed. She encourages others to participate and assist and is never concerned about getting credit. Chrystie gets the job done regardless of any glitches with calm, relaxed assurance.

Chrystie’s classmates and other SJCiennes treasure her warmth and friendship, her devotion to her family and faith, and her enduring ties to our Alma Mater.

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 2019-2020

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 2019, Stephanie Freniere and Roberto Sanchez were announced as the recipients of the scholarship for academic year 2019-2020.

Stephanie Freniere is a rising senior and has a dual major, Elementary Education and Special Education. Stephanie lives in Emmitsburg and attended Catoctin High School. She began her college career at Frederick Community College where she spent two years on the Dean’s list. She was president of the College Honor Society, Phi Theta Kappa, during that time. Stephanie transferred to MSMU in the fall of 2018, was on the Dean’s list during her first semester, and is a member of the National Society of Leadership and Success. Stephanie's grandfather has two sisters who attended St. Joseph College—Mary Jane Scott '59 and Alice Scott '61. After Stephanie graduates from MSMU in 2020, she has a goal of obtaining a job in Frederick County as an Elementary or Special Education teacher while working on her Master's degree.

Roberto Sanchez is a rising junior. He is an Accounting major with a minor in French. Roberto attended Bladensburg High School in Bladensburg, MD. He plans to continue attending MSMU at the Frederick campus in order to become a certified public accountant. Roberto has been on the Dean’s list twice since entering MSMU and states that attending the Mount has encouraged him to grow even more confident in his capabilities. He is motivated to continue applying himself to his schoolwork so that he can reach his full potential. Roberto’s goal is to join an accounting firm that will allow him to practice the valuable skills he is learning at MSMU.

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.
Members of the Class of ’69 relax together in the Student Center.

Lunch is waiting!

Several classes enjoy lunch in the Student Center.

(From left): Malinda Lester Cleary ’64, Karen Coss Ridenour ’64, Lola Forns Reilly ’64, and Patricia Giblin Wolman ’64 reminisce at lunch.
(From left): Nancy Nugent Clapp '72, Betty Nugent Lynott '72, Karen Mattscheck '72, and Mary Bohan Kelly '72 enjoy their box lunches.

(From left): Lee Ann Clement Frankel '64, Kathie Kennedy Incaprera '64, and Jackie Melroy Shiring '64 catch up.

Trudie Mangiaracina Glazewski '74, SJCAA President, presents Roberto Sanchez MSM '21 and Stephanie Freniere MSM '20 as 2019-2020 SJCAA Alumnae Scholarship recipients.

Becky Snyder Peters '69, Barbara Siddons Harris '69, and JoAnn Skillodge Martz '69 enjoy social hour before their Friday class dinner.

Members of the Class of '59
Helen Wallace ’69
leads the entrance procession.

(From left): Mary Lou Dingle Castellano ’59
and Sr. Marian Hamway ’59

(From left): Mary Rocks ’64
and Kathie Kennedy Incaprera ’64

(From left): Claire Kirchner Lawless ’54
and Mary McIntyre Gray ’54

(From left): Eileen McAlarnen ’74
and Donna McCarthy Feld ’74
(From left): Gerri McGuire Hawn ’69 and Jean Givens Denney ’69

Maryann Lesso ’70 carries the cross followed by Candle Bearers Diane Callison Reing ’69 and Linda Dumbroski Mahar-Wivel ’69.

(From left): Jean Givens Denney ’69 and Gerri McGuire Hawn ’69 place roses at Mother Seton statue.

(From left): Msgr. Thomas Mullelly, Celebrant, Maryann Lesso ’70, Acolyte, and Patrick Goles MSM ’64, Deacon
Frances Webb Cunzeman ’69 delivers the first reading.

Judy Nilsen Geiman ’69 lights candles in memory of deceased alumnae as Trudie Mangiaracina Glazewski ’74 reads the names.

P.J. Heaven Reilly ’69 and Patricia Hamm Garner ’69 (hidden) present gifts to Msgr. Mullelly.

Attendees receive communion.

Members of the Class of ’69 at the banquet

Members of the Class of ’59 at the banquet

Members of the Class of ’69 at the banquet
Members of the Class of ’69 at the banquet

Members of the Class of ’70 at the banquet

Members of the Class of ’64 at the banquet

Members of the Classes of ’54, ’65, and guests at the banquet

Members of the Class of ’69 at the banquet

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Members of the Class of ’64 at the banquet
Gerri McGuire Hawn ’69 speaks of the Memories of the Class of ’69 of their college years.

Maureen Plant, MSM Director of Parent and Family Engagement, accepts the contribution from the Class of ’69 to the SJCAA Scholarship Fund at Mount St. Mary’s University from Jean Givens Denney ’69.

Mary Ann Wiberley Shattuck ’70 presents the Sr. Mary Ellen Kelley Award to Gerri McGuire Hawn ’69 for the class with the highest number of members in attendance.

Mary Ann Wiberley Shattuck ’70 presents the Hassell Vase to Mary Pat Cohill ’69 for the class with the highest percentage of members in attendance.

Roselyn McCarthy Borrosso ’54, Claire Kirchner Lawless ’54, and Mary McIntyre Gray ’54 accept the Class of ’52 Award for the highest percentage of guests in attendance.

The banquet ends with all joining to sing the Alma Mater All Together.
The Class of ’54 at its 65th Reunion

The Class of ’59 at its 60th Reunion

The Class of ’64 at its 55th Reunion

The Class of ’74 at its 45th Reunion

50th Reunion

Class of 1969
1941

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I am Angela Donahoe Hast and one of three remaining members of the Class of 1941 from SJC. As far as I know Mary Phyllis Eby Ebaugh is still living. The latest address I have for her is 615 Chestnut Ave., #1407, Towson, MD 21204. I have not been in touch with her in recent years.

Elaine Garner Todd was a member of our class, but did not graduate with us. She was, however, still included in our class. I checked with her son recently and he said she will be 99 on June 30th.

I was 99 in April and still try to keep track of our classmates. The last Reunion that I attended was our 65th in 2006.

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Two months after sending our report for last year, I received a note from Frances Lawson, daughter of Molly Fitzgerald Lawson, saying that her mother had passed away on August 22, 2018. Frances said it was unexpected. Molly suffered a massive rupture from a brain aneurysm on Sunday August 19, 2018. She was getting up for the day. Until that moment she had been the full of life person she had always been. Frances said that they were blessed that Molly did not suffer. Three days later she was called peacefully to her eternal reward with the God she loved and served so well as wife, mother, and grandmother. Molly often mentioned to me in her letters that she watched the Mass on TV each day and she recited the rosary in honor of our Blessed Mother each day. Actually, Molly died on the Feast of the Queenship of Mary.

Catherine Schneider Hinkey sent a Christmas card with wishes for joy and peace at Christmas and throughout the New Year.

Irene Campbell Seitz wrote that she was well except for her balance which has been affected. She is using a quad-cane that assists her in getting around. Irene thanks God that she has wonderful children, Noreen and Tim. They have wonderful spouses and very precious children including grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Irene asked to give her love to our class in this alumnae letter. She ended by wishing love, peace, and good health in 2019.

I spoke with Cecilia Gallagher Pascuzzi on the phone. She said she was 92 and most likely one of the younger members of our class. She is fine and has begun using a hearing aid that is not working well. This seems to be a “normal complaint” for those of us who have them. Cecilia said that she and four of her five children and their families are going on a cruise together in December and that she was looking forward to it. In July her grandchildren and great-grandchildren are coming to visit her in Bethany Beach, DE. She also said that her sister who is going to be 100 years old in August is in a nursing home in Havre de Grace, MD. She is fairly well and uses a wheelchair to get around.

I also called Jane Reiter Miller on the phone. Jane said she is 93 and all is well in her life. She spends some time working on crossword puzzles and going to the drug store for shopping. There is a park across the street from where she lives where there is a Marine concert every Wednesday evening. Recently she invited several friends from her apartment house to a Marine dinner on a Wednesday evening and it was enjoyable. Jane invited me to come sometime for a Wednesday evening concert and then remembered that Albany is too far for me to come. Jane ended by saying that she is reasonably healthy and continues to enjoy living in her 14-unit apartment house that she owns.

Norma Walker Stec wrote a Christmas card saying that this year has not been uneventful to say the least. She said sadly that she had lost her sister on January 2nd. She had no idea that the serious illness would be fatal. Her sister, however, always said she was not afraid to die, and it is comforting to know that she is now with God.
On October 7th Norma lost her balance, blacked out, and fell. She suffered facial injuries and broke her wrist in two places. Since then she has had many doctor office and therapist visits for her wrist and balance, the fall being due to low blood pressure. Norma said she is doing well at home in general but outside is another story and added that despite all her negative comments, she is getting better. In May her husband Frank had a CT scan that showed a nodule on his thyroid which proved to be malignant. Because of his age and difficult previous surgeries, the doctor is going to watch to see if there is any progress before deciding how to deal with it. Frank says, “We are getting old.” I replied, “We are old!”

Perhaps some of you remember Helen Dodd from the class of 1946. Helen entered the Daughters of Charity following graduation and was known in community as Sister Helen Edward. Her last years were spent at St. Louise House. I used to see her each day and although she was not able to communicate, whenever I tried to sing our Alma Mater, “All Together,” her face would light up. She would smile, and I believe she may have been remembering her wonderful days at SJC. Sister Helen Edward died peacefully at St. Louise House on January 8, 2019.

Each year I always hear from Betty Boggs Cunningham at Christmas but did not this year. I called her house a couple of times but there was no return to my call, nor to a note I sent asking for an update in her life.

Another year has passed quickly and thank God I am fairly well and still able to get around with a walker. My brother who has spent many years in Florida finally moved to Virginia after his wife died and is living in an assisted living facility. He is near five of his sons who live in Virginia. We keep in touch by phone as neither he nor I do any travelling now. A dear friend whom I had known since first grade died this past year. She was in a nursing home and we kept in touch frequently by phone and I miss those visits. Every year Albany, which was settled by the Dutch, has a tulip festival. Several of us went to Washington Park to view the tulips this May. They were beautiful, all colors and varieties. It is the second largest tulip festival in the US next to the one in Holland, MI. I enjoy being your class agent every year. I hope to continue as long as I am able so please keep in touch. Let us continue to remember each other in our prayers and also the members of our class who our Lord has already called to their eternal happiness in our heavenly home.

I was surprised and delighted to hear from Irene Garrett Anderson at Christmas time. It’s been years! She is quite active with her bridge games, travels to Mexico at least three times a year, plus a river cruise in Europe. Also she is much involved with her five children, 15 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, plus three step-great-grandchildren most all living in Spokane, WA.

Theresa Dougherty Black, our retired school teacher (and missing it), keeps busy with her family of three children and their families. She has a daily schedule that astounds me. As Theresa says, “Never a dull moment.” And I agree.

I spoke with Pat Hultberg Hyde who continues living in a university community in Glen Mills, PA so has made many good friends. She was so happy to have participated in our 70th year Reunion. Pat has had heart surgery and is on a pacemaker, doing her physical exercises using a trekking pole, and enjoying life.

I also checked in with Marion Shueler Werner. She is still volunteering at the local hospital. She is the Perle Mesta of the emergency room. She also had a wonderful time at Reunion with Pat and Joan Cauley Hurley. Shu promised to be back for our 75th. Let’s all plan to be there, too. Have a happy and healthy year.

My dear “forty-niners”, there are 12 "strong" left of the Class of 1949. We started out in 1945 and four years later—70 years ago—we finished with 35. We were one of the smallest classes but without a doubt one of the toughest.

Unfortunately, I haven’t been able to gain any information on Rose Bravo. Until a couple of years ago, I was in contact with her but have not heard from her since. Mary B. Wittmer Walsh is now residing at 700 Port St., Bldg. 100, Easton, MD 21601. I have not communi-
cated with her since getting the address but I plan to contact her by mail soon.

I spoke with Alice McLaughlin O’Neill while she was in bed with an infection that requires that she stay off her feet while it heals, and she is otherwise doing very well. She told me that her husband Bill had been to the reunion at the Mount. No one made it to ours unfortunately so we were not represented, but that’s okay. We’re still here. As far as I’m concerned, we are making history for St. Joe’s. We’re all in our 90s and still kicking. Alice said summer for them means getting to see their kids and grandkids. She and her husband live in Wilmington, DE in assisted living and they love it. Elizabeth (Betsy) Shlesinger Miller said she is still playing bridge with her friends. She walks slowly due to having Raynaud’s Disease but it doesn’t hold her back. She drives, is still active, and loves the game. Her children and grandchildren are coming for the Fourth of July holiday and she is looking forward to it. She has three great-grandchildren. They all live some distance from her.

I was able to speak with Cecile Begnoche Kelly at length about her late husband. She misses the times they spent together because she said he was such fun. But she keeps busy, her children come to visit and the son in Singapore will be coming with his wife and children in August. Her three sons all live far away but one of them has her call every morning to make sure she is okay. She laughed about how she has stories to tell about the "old days" such as at the beauty shop when she gets her hair done, and they just don’t understand how much things have changed. She still uses her computer and enjoys being able to look up different subjects. I called Doris Roach Jakob and first spoke with her daughter Catherine who is still taking care of her dad full time. She is a nurse who gave up a full time job to take care of her dad. Doris is still taking Communion to parishioners who are homebound. She remains active although she has a pinched nerve in her shoulder for which she is taking therapy. Her doctor calls it OLN, Old Lady's Neck. Her gait is off and she uses a cane. But she keeps on going. Like the old saying, "Never judge a book by its cover." I call her the Energizer Bunny! God willing, Fred will soon be over the infection he sustained.

I finally got hold of Jean Barry Curran after playing phone tag with her. She is a busy lady and had trouble catching up with her. She was 90 last year and had a fantastic birthday celebration. She is still driving but is dealing with macular degeneration. Remember, she is the one who reminds me, and all of us in our 90s, that "90 is the new 70." She loves her bridge and trivia games and gets much enjoyment out of playing with her friends. She gets together with other widows every Friday. She told me about her daughter going on a 98-mile pilgrimage in Spain, The El Camino Way. Also, she has a grandson who is now a state trooper. Altogether she has eight grandchildren. Mary C. Whelan Justice is doing well. She counts her blessings but has had her share of sickness. She is anemic and they are running tests to find the cause. She is weak but is hanging in there. Her activities are somewhat curtailed but she still feels blessed. Living with her daughter has been a godsend and she feels that it has helped her a lot. She sounded very chipper, and my hat is off to her. She is such an inspiration.

Nell Voltaire Davidson is another inspiration. She is well although short of breath with atrial fibrillation, better known as AFib. She sounded happy and she enjoys Sunday dinners with her son and his family. They are only eight minutes away and getting together with them makes her day. Her daughter-in-law is very attentive and looks after her. She sounded happy and content with her life near them. Rita Fenwick Gough was telling me about her aerobics classes...no jumping but dance moves which she loves and can do easily. She has had pneumonia several times this past year and thinks she may have picked up germs from the little ones, you know, those little grandchildren who have a way of bringing germs home from school. After all, she has 16 of them so need I say more. One son also had pneumonia, so who knows where she got the bug. Also, vacation with the family at the Outer Banks is a done deal for her in July. It would be wonderful if we are able to get together.

Sheila Ward McPeak doesn’t get out too much but she is self-sufficient. She takes charge of most of her necessities but she is looked after by her family, at home. She has had to deal with anemia and the ensuing weakness that it causes but she told me that a shot of B-12 really did help her regain some strength. She seemed very content and happy and takes whatever supplements she needs to keep her going. Good for her! She sounded very upbeat.

As for yours truly, your humble correspondent, I had a stroke while celebrating Thanksgiving with my daughter’s family. That was November 2018. I didn’t even know it but suspected something was wrong when I couldn’t write a check legibly a few days later. Talk about the silent killer! However, I guess I dodged a bullet because I am mobile, I have my full senses, my handwriting is legible again thanks to occupational
therapy, and I have resumed most of my activities. My son takes me wherever I need to go...church, shopping, and the doctor. Friends pick me up for lunch or dinner at least once a month. I get to see my six great-grandchildren on occasion, three boys and three girls. The oldest is ten and the youngest is one year old. I have 11 grandchildren and most are young adults now. They all live out of town. I have a daughter and two sons who live out of town. I still make it to the Outer Banks year round and hope to meet Rita Fenwick Gough there this summer.

Remember to send in your membership dues so we can continue to fund the Alumnae Association until it closes in 2025. Please pray for our ill and deceased members, their spouses and children, and for any who have serious health issues.

Trust Me when dark doubts assail you, Trust Me when your strength is small, Trust Me when to simply trust Me seems the hardest thing of all.
Trust Me, I am ever faithful; Trust Me for My Will is best, Trust Me for My Heart, dear child, Is the only place of rest.
Trust Me, then, Through rain and sunshine; All your cares upon Me cast, Till the storm of life is over, And your trusting days are past.

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Nonagenarians are we! Marveling to have all these years, we may not hear, see, remember or think as clearly as we did as octogenarians. But we count blessings!

Our youngest classmate Margaret Patton “Peg” Dalton joined our departed classmates last year at the age of 88. Peg had been unwell for some time but emailed regularly about the pleasure of having mobility therapy with a Mount Saint Mary’s alumna. Peg was a generous hostess, meeting and entertaining those of us who flew or trained to the DC area and driving us to and from Emmitsburg reunions.

 Barely a month earlier, our dear Maddie, Sister Mary George Barlow, died at 89. Her unexpected death on the Feast of All Souls was a shock. Maddie joined the Daughters of Charity in 1948, served for 69 blessed years and never stopped smiling as verified by the photo in her obituary. She served Our Lord with holy laughter and humility. Maddie had degrees in math and social work and developed state of the art group homes for the elderly.

Thanks to Katharine “Kitty” Joyce Kelly, we have Internet links to Maddie’s and Peg’s obituaries. Sister Mary George’s is https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/name/sr-dc-obituary?pid=190588800. Sister’s obituary can be read aloud if we click the right button. Peg’s obituary contains a lovely photographic biography of Peg and all of her family. You can read it at https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/springfield-va/margaret-dalton-8083302. Kitty emailed that she has joined an investment club and planned to go to the racetrack with her Covenant community. She noted that there’s more than one way to lose money. Kitty thinks that she and I may be related because her Kellys and mine appear to have come from County Waterford. One of Kitty’s sons has taken up her mantle as family genealogist, and my Sara has done likewise here for the Zaks in Suffield.

June 1 brought memories of Mary Jane McAuliffe who always celebrated the anniversary of our SJC graduation with a happy email. The last time Lockie called MJ at her Florida home, MJ was no longer there. The phrase “no longer there” gives pause when we try to phone classmates at their residences. Officials at care centers cannot provide information. I regret not having located Helen Hansen Orlando, and I’m sorry not to have reached Lockie, Reggie Mullen, Betty Anne Gorman and others. I’ll try again later but want to advise all that my memory and my hearing are not always on duty. I keep lists, post it notes, lists and reminders, and can’t always find them!

Patricia “Pat” Smith McArdle and I have talked. She did not go to Florida this past winter but has been in touch with Virginia “Ginny” Schneider Kenney and Elizabeth “Betty” Farr Wood.

Christmas communications brought welcome news. Elizabeth “Betty” McAllister has remained active in her parish, attending Mass every day and serving as lector several days a week. It was rewarding to see Betty in a Reunion Mass photograph in last year’s The Valley Echo.

Anne “Penny” Prendergast Gibbs gets a Busy Life Blue Ribbon. She still drives except on interstates and still
goes to Thurmont periodically to visit relatives. Penny was taking two interesting courses at her senior center—one in history and one in the arts. She goes regularly to Washington, DC with friends for shows and concerts. Penny keeps in touch with Mary Denise “Denny” Sullivan White. Denny retired from her B&B career some time ago and settled on the first floor of her home near one of her daughters.

Following a year-long hiatus, Lockie (Mary Teresa McLaughlin Camarda) and I have caught up with each other and established her new e-mail address. She is well as are all of her children and grands. They all gathered in Bethlehem last year to celebrate her 90th birthday. Cas has failed considerably and Lockie has 18-hour help for him. Her daughter Clare lives and works as a librarian nearby and visits every day. (Lockie's grandson works at the same library.)

Speaking of driving, I gave it up over the winter—a good time to do that and relatively easy because Sara chauffeurs me when I need to go out. A godsend, Sara has lived in my condo here since I moved to Suffield by the River three years ago. Having her help is wonderful; she’s a great manager! Sara writes for the local monthly newspaper The Observer for which I’ve written a column twenty years. I’m also writing residents’ biographies and RIVULETS (reflections) for our in-house monthly. On the local Suffield scene, my son Michael has been extremely generous to the town. Thanks to him, our renovated library reopened. On September 22, there was a Donor Reception celebrating the Grand Reopening of the Kent Memorial Library with the Mary Anne Zak Entrance. Counting many blessings, and overwhelmed.

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I sat down to call Margie Feeney O’Brien to see if she had any news for this column when my phone rang. It was Nancy Johnson Koerwer calling from Naples, FL. In April while I was there Mary Carr Shea fell and injured her back so I only saw her twice. (Nancy was calling to report on her progress.) Margie had a mini stroke in February but is ok and doing well. We did get to a luncheon for Nancy to celebrate her 90th birthday. Yes that big birthday hits most of us this year (and a few next year). Hard to believe! How are you celebrating—if you are celebrating?

Two pieces of news—Sister Mary Raphael (Myriam Collazo) died on October 21st. We always spent time with her when we went to Reunions. She was such a happy, content person. The other news is not recent but new to us. Joan Umstetter Matthís passed away on March 10, 2017. Her husband John from Mount Saint Mary’s and one daughter had died before her. She had five children total, 11 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Her funeral Mass was held at her parish church in Moorestown, NJ.

Talked to Barbara McCrystle Miekle who has moved. She has not been well, has given up her apartment and moved to her daughter Ellen’s. Her address there is 3430 Silver Meadow Way, Plant City, FL 33566. Her telephone number is still 727.204.8060.

Anita Nevy Karwacki must be fine because I received an email from her regarding the Mount commencement speaker being a pro abortion activist.

The Alumnae Office and I compared our address lists and it had contact information for Pat Day Aichele. We have not been in touch with her for years. The address the office has is 117 Blue Heron Dr., Portsmouth, NH 03801, a phone number 603.373.8635 and an email address paichele@gmail.com. Would love to hear from you, Pat.

I received a note from Deborah Tekdogan to inform me that her mother Carmel Meehan Tekdogan passed away last December 6th. There are no details. Carmel celebrated her 90th birthday a year ago and had lived with her daughter for the last three years.

Any other classmates we have spoken to are fine (relatively speaking) and have no news. We are still looking for Carolyn Eckenrode Sandherr and Kitty Kelly Fitzpatrick. And would love to hear from you with family news or no news just to know how you are doing. Remember to send in your dues if you haven’t already. As of spring 2019, 37% of our class have contributed. And finally, stay healthy and happy—that 70th Reunion is only two years away.
Our class news keeps dwindling.

**Beverly Barker** (amen!) hangs in there with the support of family and caregivers. Her address is 1431 S. Ocean Blvd., #2, Pompano Beach, FL 53062.

**Alice McGrath Conway** says Dave has his old fishy boat in the water for another season, and they look forward to family visits in the summer. Their granddaughter had a big wedding in July.

Had a card from **Joan Orndorff** and Gerry but no message. **Marilyn Evans Kilduff** wrote that her husband has failed a lot--has Alzheimer’s. Their children help out a lot and they use a senior taxi service called GoGoGrandparent.

Four of our classmates lost husbands in the past year--**Dolores Liske Dixon**, **Dottie Green Mullen**, **Mickey O’Donnell Taylor**, and **Barbara Echols Williams**. I only talked to Barbara and she is planning on selling her big house. I do know that Mickey is living with her daughter Annmarie McShea at 669 Fernfield Cir., Stratford, PA 19087.

**Madlyn Marshall McPartland** has cut back a lot but still does some work with her local Garden Club. She spends holidays with her children. **Anne Doyle O’Neill** is settled in her new home. She sent her usual and very welcome picture of her and her grandchildren.

Had a lovely note from **Suzi Bousequet Milligan’s** family saying their mom had died and they were working hard to keep their dad in the family home.

Talked to **Betty Scanlan Wellner**. She had a mild stroke in March but is recovering well and happy in her apartment. Her granddaughter graduated from New York University this year.

**Claire Nelson Dale** is very good about writing. She has moved to a lovely apartment--432 Evans Mill Lane, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034. Her telephone number is 609.781.7488. In June she wrote she made a 3,300 mile eight state visit to three of her sisters, three nieces, two cousins, and many others. Her sister Karla’s death in May prompted the trip, and Claire’s son Kerry led the "Driving Miss Daisy." She also visited Ann O’Neill and Mickey Taylor in the spring, and she will be at the Jersey Shore this summer. Events of the past few years have deepened her commitment to justice and outreach issues and she serves on many committees.

I’m trying to keep going. I play a lot of cards, read a lot. Now that summer is here I have a vegetable garden and plant some flowers. I keep in close contact with my family and see them frequently… I plan on going to the beach and to Canada to visit my daughter this summer.

Stay well and keep in touch.

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Summer 2019 will be behind us by the time you read this. I hope it has been a good one for you. Thanks to **Claire Kirchner Lawless** for her great description of Reunion 2019, which I emailed to you. I have talked to or emailed **Marie-Paule Melroy Munkacsy**, **Norma Wootten Murphy**, **Mary McIntyre Gray**, **Christe Calcagni**, **Pat McGrath Jones**, **Joanne Gates Popoff**, **Patricia Brady Hines**, **Marguerite Bourdeau Byrne**, **Jo Tierney Bleimeyer**, and **Ro McCarthy Borrosso**. They all send greetings.

Marguerite says she was not even IN Virginia Beach when the hurricane hit. She was on a plane returning from Massachusetts where she oversaw Barney’s burial in a family plot. Mary says she and Bill are "still doing our thing" in their adopted town in West Virginia. They went to the Holy Land in May with their pastor and 30 other people. They became grandparents again in their "old age" when their son Tom married a girl from Columbia S.A. Bill and Mary are taking guitar lessons, and Mary is still knitting and making afghans for the grandchildren. Jo Tierney Bleimeyer says it’s very quiet in Ft. Myers Beach now that the summer visitors have left. Pat Jones still enjoys golf, bridge, and bingo. She says her weekends would be dull were it not for football and golf on TV. My life would be dull too if my son and his family next door didn’t keep the “path to learning” worn down between my house and theirs. They check on me every day, and we sit around sipping wine while I amuse them with tales of our escapades at SJC.

It seems like months ago, but it was only in March, that I spent a week at my daughter’s in Louisville, CO, then...
a week at my other daughter’s in Salt Lake City, UT. They each have two girls, the youngest of my 12 grandchildren. We visited the dinosaur museum, saw lots of red rocks, went to gymnastics, and otherwise sat in cafes overlooking beautiful mountains. Last month I spent a long weekend at my son’s in La Crosse, WI. They have four high school and college age girls. My ride up and back was with my son’s high school best friend, born in the Philippines, whose grandfather had been a prisoner of the Japanese.

Please keep up your news to me. Our classmates look forward to hearing what we are up to. To keep my balance, I go twice weekly to a fitness class. We’re all about the same age, and we hold on to the backs of our card table chairs when we kick our legs left and right, “Side By Side.”

Vincent Qui Se Vincent. She conquers who conquers herself. A man in the grocery store once asked me what that meant when he saw the phrase on my SJC sweatshirt. I reciprocated by asking him about his Vietnam Veteran cap. Another time, a woman walking along the street was wearing a "Bethany Beach" shirt. Naturally, I stopped her to chat. You never know what interesting conversations might ensue. Talking to a man in the auto shop once, I found out he had been in Vietnam, and he and his friends had all returned. These are "memories" you can use to write about your own life. My daughter told me yesterday not to throw away all my old letters! This includes letters I wrote home from SJC complaining about everything! They said it was the “story of a life.” So, I guess I’ll keep them. Some of your names are in there too. Would you like to know what I said about YOU?

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Dear classmates--my Easter letter worked its magic! Thank you to all who answered my call for help and responded so quickly.

Miriam Johnson Curnin’s email was the first to arrive. She was full of joy with the college graduations of two granddaughters. Miriam and Tom are also excited with their plans for yet another summer in the Berkshires with a "sheaf of Tanglewood tickets in hand" for a season of music, dance, theater, and family visits. Miriam was eager to tell of her visit with Cathy

Connolly Persons. After two months in Florida, Cathy was visiting her daughter in New Rochelle—only ten minutes from Miriam in Larchmont so a delightful lunch was enjoyed by the two classmates. Cathy appreciates the ease with which she can take a train into New York City. She had recently visited the 9/11 Museum and plans to check out the Tenement Museum.

Betty Barbieri McClellan’s email was a welcome postscript to her Christmas note. Opera continues to play a major role in her life. In January, she was in New York City. In August, she’ll be at the Santa Fe Opera, and in October she and Bill will take a paddle wheeler down the Mississippi with opera buddies. Local plays and concerts and maintaining connections with friends and family make for a rich and satisfying life.

About to join the "85" Club, Sister Mary Martha Gardiner has decided not to renew her RN license. She has traded her hospice nursing for tutoring a Mexican woman in English. "Mary T" welcomes this opportunity to keep up her Spanish honed during her many years in Peru. Age hasn’t slowed her down! During Holy Week, she drove "solo" the 150 miles to Connecticut to spend Easter with her sister and husband. This was her first long trip after her heart surgery and it restored her confidence in driving. Congratulations!

Maria Delpilar Iriarry surprised me with a phone call! "Mapy" was filled with gratitude for her wonderful family—six children, 14 grands, and 23 great-grands, and she counts two MDs among them. The impetus behind her call was to inform me of the death of Ileana Soler Torruella’s sister Emma on April 30. Emma had preceded Ileana at St. Joe’s in the Class of 1943 and was very much the reason that Ileana joined us in Emmitsburg. Condolences went out to Ileana from our class. I did speak with Ileana who remains ever so grateful for the support of her family.

My call to Betty Brown Shea on May 15 found her preparing for a Viking Cruise with daughter Meghan to Budapest on the Danube. Betty was eager to share her road trip with Audrey Vogel Emley as the two friends connected with Monalee Overdorf Welliver for lunch in Staunton, VA. Mini reunions like this are always heart-warming! Bravo to all three for making it happen! Last year, Audrey was planning a family trip to Greece and the realization of this dream included a cruise up the Adriatic to Venice. Memories of this adventure will brighten Audrey’s days as she now faces chemo for ovarian cancer. Our prayers are with you Aud. A week of camping with a dear friend at Natural
Chimneys Park in Mt. Solon, VA in 2018 was so much fun that Monalee repeated the experience this May and has booked another stay for August. A family friend sets up the RV and the two women just "hang out" and enjoy each other's company and the beauty of this regional park.

I'm always happy to see Barbara Henner Keogh's smile at the center of her Christmas family photo collage! When not celebrating her family's accomplishments, Barb can be found playing bridge, swimming, or dining with her Friday dinner group or various lunch groups. Barb certainly has found the secret to a well-balanced life!

Clarebeth Maguire Cunningham's letter was returned to me but an email to her brought clarity: "CB" had recently moved in with her son Michael and family. She is no longer driving and "not cooking very much" but she is enjoying her two grandchildren Flynn, 12, and Lochlan, nine. "All's well!" she says. You'll find her at: 720 Garfield St., Denver, CO 80206.

Dolores Nevy McMullen enjoys frequent phone chats with "CB" and Miriam and relishes their long friendships. "Dee" is giving some thought to our 65th Reunion! We live in hope!

An email from Virginia Ohlmuller Rooney informed me that she and Bill were back in Delaware after their six months in Marco Island, FL. I loved reading about their roles in various Holy Week services. What a vibrant parish! "In season, we have nine weekend Masses," she wrote, "and great attendance at daily Mass." How wonderful!

Pauline Lisella Raftopoulos continues to deal with an endless array of health issues but her outlook is always upbeat. She and her late husband Spyro used to walk five miles a day and she misses that activity. The Raynaud's disease makes walking difficult. I was in awe of her memory as she recalled some of the classmates from our early years. She led me down memory lane!

Carol Murray Fuchs's letter also bounced back, bearing a new address: The Seasons, 5 St. Elizabeth Way, East Greenwich, RI 02818. A phone call from Carol described her new living arrangement--not far from her son Michael and family. A subsequent email from Michael explained that Carol had fallen and broken her hip 18 months ago and had come through rehab well but that dementia had set in so she is now in a memory care focused assisted living community. Our prayers are with her.

Florence Moore Murnane's husband returned my call with the news of Florence's death on June 10, 2018 after a long illness. When the children were grown, she earned a degree in Social Work and worked many years for the Oneida County Social Services where she became supervisor for Child Protective Services until her retirement in 2001. She had six children and 14 grandchildren. May she rest in peace!

Letters did not return from Patricia Cleary Lannon, Margaret Swett Langley, Margaret "Jill" May O'Donnell, and "MK" Scully Lemense and follow-up phone calls yielded only "full mailboxes" or unanswered messages. A disappointment, for sure!

As for me, the undiagnosed scoliosis of my youth now in maturity, governs my days. A dedicated chiropractor's expertise keeps me functioning. Several small groups, concerts, lectures, and visiting family keep me active. A small plaque, inherited from my mother, greets me every morning: "Keep me going, Lord!" it reads. Most days, it works and I am prayerfully grateful. Sister Marian Hamwey, class of 1959 and a native Oneontan was in town in late May to visit her 93 year old aunt. She blessed me with a visit, and she shared memories of her recent 60th SJC Reunion. Her enthusiasm feeds my resolve to attend our 65th celebration March 26-29, 2020. Hope you will join me. Until then, may the Lord keep us going and may we always find a nugget of gratitude in each day.

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Astute readers will realize that Nona Murray Duval has a new address. In August 2018 her husband Paul suffered a stroke, aspiration pneumonia, and viral meningitis all at once. That he recovered is nothing short of a miracle. Part of the recovery was the need to live at a lower altitude than Denver; thus, the move to Northern Virginia near where they used to live and near many of their family. I visited them in Denver in November just prior to their move and was so happy to
see how well Paul was doing. Taking care of Paul gave Nona a muscle tear and two slipped lumbar discs, so she is on the injured list at present. Adjusting to less independent living is presenting challenges, but Nona’s sense of humor is ever on target! She plans to be very well for our big reunion in 2021—and daughter Joan plans to bring her.

Anne Christie Calcagni says the good news is that she and Toni are well, trudging along, albeit slowly. She has a small garden again, but a shoulder with “Ole Arthur” slows her a bit. She and Toni live very close to the tragic shooting in Virginia Beach and pray that such an event never happens anywhere again.

Also, from Virginia, though Eastern Shore, Chica Godbee Goldbart wrote: “My story: Am now 86!” She exercises three times a week and is doing well. She has one married granddaughter. Three grandchildren are college grads, two of whom are following her into the medical field, one in nursing and one as a physician assistant. Chica says she is so lucky to have amazing children and grandchildren in Emmitsburg and Frederick, MD, Cape Charles, VA, and California who are so supportive of everything she does and needs. Last winter she had a quick visit with Rose (Sister Margaret John Kelly) in a grocery store in Emmitsburg.

Rose writes that life goes on in Emmitsburg at amazing speed, although her productivity doesn’t seem to match it. (I don’t believe that!) She continues to work on the translation project: a two-volume French history of the Daughters of Charity from 1633 to the early 1900s. She wrote that Vincent de Paul and Louise de Marillac were insistant that the sisters maintain community archives, so the author of the history had access to very relevant material. “One marvels that the community was able to survive under some of the national and international conditions. It also humbles the reader to see the scope of medical and social services they rendered 400 years ago and their survival when under attack by the governments they lived under.” Rose enjoys musical programs and lectures in Emmitsburg and the new biography of Mother Seton.

Mary Ann Radzievich Pagano said that she and Dan are getting along just great despite a not so great winter. Dan recovered beautifully from his quadruple bypass, but she picked up the slack. Her COPD got worse and Afib arrived. But all is well, and she suspects that the potholes in Pennsylvania will probably do them in before health issues!

Carmita Arqueta de Armas wrote that her granddaughter Cristina will be presenting the family with a baby boy in mid-October. This will be Carmita’s first great-grandson and she is looking forward to the event! Victoria finished her MBA and her two youngest grandsons will start college in August. Carmita needs colon surgery again and was making plans in late June. By the time you are reading this, hopefully that will be long behind her!

Noel Steward Mahoney Rupprecht and I had a lovely conversation. Recovery from back surgery in April is taking longer than hoped for. Daughter Betsy who survived that horrific car accident is confined to a wheelchair; she lives half an hour away, so Noel can relieve Betsy’s husband on a regular basis. Noel now has four great-grandchildren. She volunteers four days a week at Saint’s Place, which provides services for immigrants and refugees.

I drive to Ohio every couple of months to see Emery and Austin, my great-grandchildren (as well as their parents, grandparents, and uncle). In June I was in Colorado with my son Kevin for grandson Devin’s graduation from the University of Denver. In late July younger brother Michael (16) goes to Ireland with me for his trip. Mary and her husband Kevin are three miles away from me, so I see them on a regular basis. I volunteer weekly at St. Margaret’s House, a day center for women and children under 12, and at St. Augustine’s soup kitchen where I am the soup-maker once a month. For the past year I’ve been on the steering committee for Faith in St. Joseph County. Members of many Christian, Jewish, and Muslim congregations and citizens concerned about social justice are making an impact on issues of incarceration, immigration, health care, and education.

A reminder about paying dues. Kudos to our class with a 47.8% rate of participation (exceeded by only two other classes). Active membership guarantees all mailings, The Valley Echo in print, support of the Annual Reunion, and philanthropy to Seton Outreach Center, Mother Seton School, and the SJC Scholarship Fund at Mount Saint Mary’s.

Blessings to each of you. And remember spring 2021 will be a wonderful opportunity to be “All Together” again when we celebrate our 65th Reunion!
When my college roommate **Mary Elizabeth Lange Riscassi** and I talk on the phone it’s like “deja vu all over again” to quote Yogi Berra. She recounts memories I’ve long forgotten. Liz says she has peripheral neuropathy in her feet and took a header on a concrete sidewalk. She fell hard on her face and looked a mess, but attributes her speedy recovery to good genes. Daughter Catherine visited before the incident along with her young son Cooper. An older son is at the Merchant Marine Academy on Long Island. Also, daughter Beth flew in from California for a month long vacation accompanied by her six year old. Liz and her husband Louis always look forward to family gatherings during balmy summer beach days.

**Margaret Hayner Atkins** says she and Bill are staying healthy and busy. They attend church and social functions regularly, as well as the gym. With friends in Albuquerque they have been getting together for potluck suppers, full of fun and chatter. The whole family will gather this summer, 2019, for their 60th wedding anniversary and Bill’s 90th birthday. Many of their 17 grandkids are grown and venturing to various areas at home and abroad for further degrees or work. It’s always a pleasure to visit with Al and Bill when they winter in Arizona. At lunch they described their early years together, travelling to Japan and South America and learning to converse in Spanish.

At home on Coronado Island, **Carol Knauer Pastor** is involved in many aspects of the community. Having just completed her seventh consecutive year planning and supervising the Coronado Police Volunteer Banquet, as well as instructing eight new recruits to the program, Carol will head to Vermont and her much needed vacation with cousins. Accompanied by daughter Tammy, an Air Force retiree from Ft. Bragg, they will tour several New England states and maybe pop in at the annual Blue Grass Festival. In September they will travel to Germany. Carol says she is so proud of her family. Her youngest granddaughter applied to 13 colleges, was accepted at ten and chose Yale as the best offer. Another granddaughter has been accepted to med school in Arizona. Robbi, who spent several years in Mongolia, is looking at future options in art or photography while JoJo who fell in love with Australia while on assignment there would like to return.

**Mary Deane Broderick Malloy** described the lovely cruise she and Jack took to Spain and Portugal last spring. They visited Fatima and were much moved by the crowds of tourists. This past April all six of their children, plus spouses, significant others, and all 13 of their grandchildren gathered in Healdsburg, CA to attend the wedding of their eldest grandson Brendan Deane.

**Betty Ann Kenny Sheridan** is happy to report that she and Bill are doing well despite rushing around like a whirling dervish when hurricane season hits Hilton Head Island, SC. In May granddaughter Caroline was married in a Seaside, FL ceremony that featured a steel drum band. The happy couple took a 17-day African safari honeymoon. Later this year another wedding will take place in Baltimore, MD when grandson Sheridan ties the knot. Bill’s hobby is making walking sticks but that didn’t save him from a bad fall resulting in major shoulder injury. Consequently, husband and wife both took tests to assess their balance. Guess who scored 100%?

**Mary Elizabeth Bustamante Anderson** wrote that she and Bill sold their home of 49 years and moved to a Senior Living facility called Riderwood. Bill has moderate dementia but with her care he can manage the basics of daily living, eating, bathing, dressing, etc. They have wonderful support from their parish, St. Camillus, where she is the coordinator of Meals on Wheels, something she can do from home. For 40 years they have been active in a married couples group which her husband seems to enjoy. In December Mary E was surprised and honored to receive the St. Francis medal for her contributions to the advancement of ideals and values of St. Francis of Assisi. They can’t travel anymore but are fortunate to have son Jim and family in the area. They have arranged for their final resting place to be St. Francis Grove, at the Mount, where their journey began so many years ago. She closes with an invitation to lunch with her at Riderwood, #414, 3125 Greenfield Rd., Silver Spring, MD. Her telephone number is 301.755.1722.

At **Lucille Marano**’s urging, a surprise note arrived from **Carol Bon Tempo Glennon**. She had not responded to earlier requests for news, but now she says she’s eager to join the conversation. She and Dan live in Milford, MA and also have a home on Cape Cod that they are thinking of selling after 40 years. Her grandkids are John Daniel and Annie in San Diego, Matteo in Colorado, and Nick on the Cape. With a daughter in Florida, the family covers the US, east to west. This past year she and Dan embarked on a memorable...
18-day cruise from Boston, down the coast with stops in Florida, Columbia, the Dominican Republic, Costa Rica, and through the Panama Canal, ending in San Diego. Carol tells us she is in touch with Jean Boyce McLafferty daily as they play “Words with Friends” on computer.

Mary Alice Bockman admits that her busy classmates make her “feel like a loafer.” But with her six children, 16 grandkids and five greats she’s anything BUT! Church, family, and friends keep her somewhat active, while health issues have taken their toll. Walking is difficult and the travel she enjoyed for so many years is no longer possible. Jeanne Mitchler-Fiks writes that she had a fabulous trip to Germany to attend the Music Festival in Usedom on an island in the Baltic Sea which is where Werner von Braun developed the V-2 rocket. While in Berlin she was excited to see the famous bust of Queen Nefertiti having missed it 50 years ago when she went to the wrong museum. Upon returning from abroad Jeanne underwent voice therapy to correct a hoarse and raspy voice that made her sound like Mickey Mouse. All is fine now. In the fall her daughter came from San Diego to celebrate the newest great-granddaughter Amelia’s birthday. Loving her work with Family Services, Jeanne easily puts in 20+ hours per week with no plans to retire.

A dedicated “hand sew” quilter is how Joan Stovicek Hutchison describes herself. “I often think of Kathy O’Brien and her love of quilting” she muses, remembering our deceased classmate from Rochester, NY.

Prayers are requested for Barbara Kelly Paolletti who suffers with Alzheimer’s disease and is in a Memory Care Home in Florida. Her husband Joe writes that there are really no changes and that Alzheimer’s has its own rules. They pray a lot and recently discovered St. Dymphna, the Irish patron saint of mental and nervous disorders. Joe is constantly by Barbara’s side to capture what he calls “in the moment times.” He sends blessings to the Class of ’57.

Jacqueline Smith Woelkers and Richard had an amazing journey to Vietnam and Cambodia. With my arm in a cast from a recent fall, we experienced the charming colonial French culture of old Saigon alongside modern mopeds speeding in current Ho Chi Minh City. We then boarded a Viking riverboat for an eight-day cruise up the Mekong Delta to Angor Wat, site of the largest complex of ancient Hindu/Buddhist temples in the world. Along the river we stopped to engage with the villagers, visit their markets, and experience travel in ox cart, sampan, rickshaw, and cyclo. We found the food phenomenal and the people welcoming and industrious. In Phnom Penh as well as Hanoi and Saigon, we saw the prisons, tunnels, and death camps associated with the war. We attended grandson Ryan’s graduation in May. He will attend UC in Colorado Springs, CO. Granddaughter Emma is premed at Creighton University while two other grands are still in high school. Reading, crossword puzzles, and walking are my favorite pastimes as I try to improve my memory and balance.

With Peggy McKay Cahill’s passing last year it behooves us to keep in touch with those who touch our lives. Peggy is remembered for her shy humor and demure dignity. With love and happiness to all.

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Mary Liz Crenshaw Leitch and Mary Jane Beaulieu, both from Schenectady, NY, had a very nice class of 1958 reunion with Sister Anne Graham in May at the (Menands) Albany, NY, motherhouse for the Sisters of Charity. They had lunch at the sisters’ dining room and went to mass with Sister Anne. They had a nice day, and Mary Liz also met a nun at lunch who knew her aunt, Sister Genevieve Miller, who was a sister of charity for over 70 years.

Mary Liz and her husband also celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary last fall with a weekend at Lake Placid, NY, with their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. The foliage was beautiful, and they had a great time.

Carol Redmond and husband Ron celebrated 59 years on May 14th. In the fall of 2018, they went to Norway and saw “the northern lights” while travelling by ship up the coast from Bergen to the Arctic. Two more of their 12 grandchildren have graduated this year—two more to go. One grandchild is in the Peace Corp. in Paraguay. Others have graduated and are working in New York, Washington, DC, and Connecticut. Others, still in college, are at Auburn, Buffalo, Catholic Univ., and Virginia Tech. Carol and Ron will gather all for Ron’s 90th birthday in the spring of 2020. Carol is still making it to the Shamrock for lunch with our 58ers in both fall and spring but she misses her many dear classmates who died in 2018.
Margaret Belanger Zanghi is blessed with four daughters, six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. At home in Penfield, NY, she keeps busy volunteering with financial duties for her woman’s philanthropic club and her homeowners’ association board. She also enjoys her book club, her lunches with friends, and playing bridge. Last fall, Margaret travelled with a friend on a tour of the Basque region of Spain. Her group followed the path of the Camino de Santiago (Way of St. James), a very old pilgrimage path.

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Our journey back to the Valley for our 60th SJC Reunion 2019 was enjoyed by Sister Marian Hamway, DC, Barbara Torrance Knowles, Helen Fitzgibbons Carmody, Patricia Horn O’Brien and John, Kathleen Potter Conway and Tom, and Marcella Gibbons Wilding and Jim, plus myself and my Jim. During the weekend, we attended an Alumnae meeting which included an informative talk by Dr. Dee Gallo about the history of the Daughters and Sisters of Charity and the role they played in the United States, especially, under the leadership of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton. During our class party, we exchanged anecdotes of our adventures at SJC and information about our lives in general. To our delight, Patricia Horn O’Brien read her thought-provoking poem about Reunion. On Saturday, some of us travelled to the transformed former SJC campus, for a great tour. Afterwards, we attended the Alumnae Mass at the Basilica, followed by dinner with all of the Reunion classes at the Wyndham Hotel. As the evening ended, we bid our farewells with hope to attend one more Reunion before the finale. From information gleaned from Reunion attendees, emails, letters, and telephone conversations, I was able to gather the following information about some of our classmates.

Sister Marian Hamway reports that life in Albany has been a roller coaster between zero temps and 60 degree highs. Sister has been busy working in two homeless shelters in Troy and Albany, NY. She states that it is a wonderful opportunity to listen to those who are often brushed aside. Involved in music, she is part of the adult choir at St. Henry’s Church, near Albany. Her first travel places for 2019 were Emmitsburg and Gettysburg for our Reunion 2019, where she felt that we had a magnificent time sharing, laughing, and renewing the bonds of 60 years. After her return from Africa, Sister will attend the ordination of a young man that she knew during her years in Macon, GA. Finally, she will go to California for a retreat with “Our Sisters” in Los Altos, then on to Billings, MT, for a visit with her brother and family. Sister feels that the Lord has blessed her with good health, enabling her to travel and volunteer.

Barbara Torrance Knowles has been volunteering in a grade school for 12 years in the ELL (English Language Learning) program, helping children from foreign countries with the ins and outs of our tricky language. Many of the children have been living in refugee camps and do not know from which country they came. She loved our Reunion and shared with the group tales of her camel ride and night in a tent in the Sahara Desert during a sand storm with SJC classmate, Helen Fitzgibbons Carmody. Barbara thought, however, that our Reunion was bittersweet given our ages and unknown futures. Barbara travelled all the way from Missouri to be with us.

Helen Fitzgibbons Carmody enjoyed being with everyone at Reunion. She related that she and Barbara plan to visit Northern Greece, Macedonia, and Albania in 2019 with continued travelling in 2020. Her family consists of four children and 11 grandchildren, with an addition of a great-grandchild Collin who was born at the end of August, 2018.

Patricia Horn O’Brien’s three boys Richard, Michael, and Keith live close enough for occasional visits! Her six grandchildren and two-year-old great-grandson Aiden are all thriving, at some distance from Old Saybrook. Keith married a year ago on New Year’s Eve in New York City, on a twelve-degree night. The bride wore earmuffs, the groom a ski hat, for the ten-minute ceremony, while the guests stomped their feet to send warmest wishes to the newlyweds. Pat enjoys the title of Poet Laureate for her town of Old Saybrook and does all she can to promote poetry. Last year, Pat’s son Richard invited her to join him in writing a memoir of their adoption story. The book, The Laughing Rabbit: A Mother, A Son and the Ties that Bind, proved to be most rewarding. It is available on Amazon or directly from Pat.

Kathleen Potter Conway writes that she and Tom had a great weekend at Reunion getting together with our classmates and taking the tour of the campus, which she states “looks great and was terrific in helping them to reminisce.” Kathy sends thanks for the Reunion, the great pictures of our group, and for the Lourdes Holy
Marcella Gibbons Wilding states that “Our next big happening will be the birth of our first great-grandchild. He is expected in a few weeks, and we will then be off to Cedar Rapids, IA.” She and Jim are still adjusting to North Carolina as both of them had lived for 79 years in the Maryland/DC area. Having three grandchildren just ten minutes away continues to make the adjustment easier. Marcella is involved in book clubs, bridge games, discussion groups, and she still lectures on “Keeping our memories healthy.”

Cathleen McLoughlin explained her regrets about not attending Reunion. She had prior commitments at the Morgan Library and the Metropolitan Museum that prevented her from being free. In addition, she had just handed in the grades for her student teachers that she supervises at NYU, and her final watercolor class was having a party and she was in charge of the food. She appreciates our efforts to keep the communications open with our “59 classmates.”

Theresa Rybikowski Rooney sent her regrets that she was unable to make the trip to Reunion since she had just visited her sister last August. She is still working for Cherry Home Realty as an agent. Theresa enjoys her involvement with her children and grandchildren. She remembers that first Friday evening when our class of 70 first met in 1955 in the Pines.

Delia Gautier Slight sent me a lovely picture of her first great-grandbaby. “He’s just absolutely beautiful, and a ginger like her grandson,” says granny. Delia keeps busy with her grandchildren and tries to walk five miles a day. She reports that one grandson will be leaving for St. Mary’s University in San Antonio, where he will be playing basketball, and another grandson José will graduate from high school in 2020. Delia feels as many of us do, that they are all leaving the nest and we ask ourselves, “Where has the time gone?” She has learned to text to improve her communication skills. Seeing the Reunion picture, Delia said it took her back many years to memories of happy days in the Valley. She hopes to make Reunion in 2025, and thanks God that she doesn’t have any health problems. She says, “I really would love to see everyone. May God bless you all.”

Joan Ahern Lemp was unable to attend Reunion due to some real estate commitments in Florida. Joan reports that she and Mike are fine, now in Rhode Island, in reasonably good health, and are blessed that two of their three children live fewer than seven minutes away with their middle daughter building closer. Joan states, “Among the important things in life are that we have eight grandchildren...one with two children which makes us great-grandparents.” She reports that after failing retirement four times: starting journals, doing research, reviewing ophthalmology articles for journals...Mike HAS retired. Joan’s interests remain in the arts and gardening, as well as assisting and directing community landscape beautification. She laments that at our tender age, the best one can do is give back to family, friends, and community. She sends her love to all of her classmates.

Jacqueline Jewell Hamilton and I chatted on the telephone, and due to difficulty with health issues, she would be unable to travel to Reunion. She reports living in her family home in Maine by herself with a daughter not too far away and plenty of cut wood for the cold winters. She retired some years ago as Director for Services for the Blind for the State of Maine, and was struck, while on her retirement trip to Europe, with a serious neurological condition.

Noreen Smith Reid and I talked by phone about Reunion, but they had another commitment. Noreen related her enjoyment about her great ski trip last winter to Colorado.

Mary Fran Kelly Dillon and I conversed about her involvement with family and her regrets about not attending Reunion due to her husband’s health issues. Her son in St. Louis, who is a pediatric neurosurgeon, will be sending his daughter to start college at the University of Virginia, this year. Recently, she encountered a Benedictine sister at church who reported to her that Sister Mary Leo Wirth, from our class, is well at 95 and just celebrated 75 years as a sister. Mary Fran, also alerted me that she noticed the sad news on the Internet that Norma Carosi Goodwin had passed away. Ellen Maher sent news about Norma’s death and related that she went to grade school and high school with her. After the hurricane destroyed Panama City, Norma moved with family to Tallahassee.

Another sadness is the loss of Joan Mehl Tolle’s husband Bob. We enjoyed their friendship. Bob was career Navy and lived for many years with a kidney that his son had donated to him. Our sympathy to Joan and her family.

Mary Lou Dingle Castellano and Jim are doing well, aside from Jim’s health issues including remission from bladder and lung cancer, to say nothing of his full shoulder replacement, last fall, and bouts with anemia. He loves to go to lunches with his pilot buddies and friends.
I continue to do volunteer work with women in recovery from alcohol and drugs, plus involvement with my children and grands. My oldest granddaughter starts U. of South Carolina this year, with hopes of working for the FBI, and two grandsons are starting high school. Love to all of you.

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Thinking ahead to next year--2020 and our 60th Class Reunion. Do you believe???? Seems like just yesterday we were embarking on the “rest of our lives” after graduation in Emmitsburg. So, let’s see where many of us are or where we've been in the past year.

No offense to the very special Class of ’60 but the award for the “bestest” correspondent and the quickest goes to Charlotte Duffy Kain. Charlotte begins by saying we must all have the same condition--thinks often of classmates, but follow through? Not so much. Nice to know we all have company on the bus to “Forgetful Land.” Charlotte and Tom just returned from Wichita State University where their oldest grandson graduated with a degree in aerospace engineering. He’ll be working for Lockheed Martin. As I said previously, would you expect anything less from a grandson of Charlotte’s? The weather was dicey--they got delayed in Kansas and missed connections in Atlanta. She says now she knows why the Pope used to kiss the ground when his plane landed.

Gina Smith Shahade and I “did lunch” in January. Gina was getting ready to leave for the winter in Florida. Gina looks terrific; must be the good life she leads.

Talk about January; I was sitting, reading in awe of snow squall here in New Jersey when I get a phone call from Maxine Hansen Olsen in Arizona. Sadly, Maxine shared with me the recent (January 23, 2019) death of her dear son, John. John had been diagnosed with congestive heart failure a while back but then died suddenly at 54 years of age. He lived with Maxine.

Maxine, though understandably sad, found much hope in knowing he was in heaven with his dad, who he adored. She asked me to let you all know and to keep John and their family in your prayers.

Iddy Nelson Bailey reportedly broke a rib last winter after a fall and, though painful, recovered. She recently returned from Hawaii where she vacationed with her sister-in-law. Now I’d call that good Rx therapy, Id.

Liz recently spoke to Mary Alice Langley Umbel who lives in Thurmont, MD. And claims “it’s the best place in the world.” She and hubbie often visit Emmitsburg and Mary Alice told Liz the little schoolhouse across from campus is GONE. The Umbels are planning a family reunion June 15th. Mary Alice says she speaks to Jane Rohrback Eustace on occasion and all’s good.

Pleased me so to hear from Mary Ann Mosha Sutliff though her news wasn’t the happiest; she lost her beloved Gordon in April after a year in a health care facility. It leaves a great void in her life, however, she lives in a retirement community and is kept busy. Love and prayers, Mary Ann.

Thank you Beth Addison Moreland. Every class secretary should have a Beth in their class; Liz and I thank you. You always keep in touch and put us in touch with other classmates. Beth moved in to a new home three years ago and is happy, happy, happy in LaPlata, MD.

Sally Grabe Poux writes on the eve of her 81st birthday (gee, Sally, I never realized you were so much older than the rest of us; LOL). Sally was out in Seattle visiting her children while Jerry was at his cottage on Lake Michigan, getting into trouble. Without Sally’s watchful eye, Jerry fell off his ATV on the beach. He is doing fine, though. Sally is awaiting visit with Liz and Dick. More on that to follow. Stay tuned.

If you remember, last year Vicki Gomez Scott moved to a lovely new home in a 55 and over community in Chapel Hill and is more than happy. She asks, “Are we really this old?” LOL; YES. Vicki remains very active--water aerobics every morning, a member of a community garden, and volunteering in several places. Life has been fine with Vicki ‘til recently her beloved dog Benji died. So, she obviously attempts to keep very busy. She and David will be leaving for the beach late June with four kids and six grandkids; nice family reunion. Then in August Vicki and David will be travelling to and vacationing in Portugal.
Let’s do Liz Phelan Burnmaster and Dick now…they’re making the trip of a lifetime. At our age it is indeed the trip of a lifetime. They left Florida May 22nd, attended granddaughter Katherine Field’s graduation in Raleigh, NC. She will be matriculating at Villanova University, playing lacrosse. Next stop was Baltimore, MD. Granddaughter Charlotte Doyle recently graduated and will be attending Auburn University. From Baltimore, Liz and Dick headed west to Denver, CO to visit with daughter Kara and family. They plan to be back in Bolton Landing July 1st after visiting granddaughter Phelan in Chicago and Sally Grabe Poux on Lake Michigan. Phew! You’ll need a vacation after that.  

Kate White Eustice and Bob are getting ready to celebrate their 51st wedding anniversary. Their oldest grandchild Denver just finished his first year of college at the University of North Carolina; his sister Raina will begin her senior year of high school. Their two younger grandchildren are big into sports and though they live an hour from Kate, she and Bob attend many of their sporting events. Oh, and Kate just returned from a trip to Spain, Portugal, and Madeira.  

We’re so close and yet so far, Nancy Williams Yaeger and me. Nancy shares the very sad news of her dear sister’s death. Mary Lou Williams Feeney SJC ’63 passed away on November 9, 2018 after being diagnosed with colon cancer from which she never recovered. On a happier note, Nancy shares that her second oldest grandson graduated from George Mason University; he’s waiting to hear about a scholarship to go to Korea and get his masters. On another happy note, Nancy and Bill went on a cruise to the Caribbean with friends in January. Way to Go!!!  

And Linda Ryan Healy and Tom had a good winter in Venice, FL. They’re back up in Saratoga, NY now as Tom is being inducted into the Upstate New York Basketball Hall of Fame. All the kids and grandkids on hand to cheer Tom on. Nice honor, Tom. Linda’s youngest granddaughter will be attending Tufts University in Boston where her older sister lives and works now. Sister Sarah is a junior at Brown University. Phew! Good schools, Linda. Be proud.  

Carol Gorman Hogan just made my day! We’d been trying to connect, unsuccessfully, but we finally found each other home at the same time. It was like old times…hangin’ out with Carol. She tells me Bill is doing better; sure sounds like it; they’re getting around. The Hogans spent the Memorial Day weekend in Duck, NC, all of them. Daughter Trish presently living with Carol and Bill and oh! Such good help. Son Bill lives in Houston; is a pediatrician and lives in the center of Opus Dei. Carol tells me her brother Mike died unexpectedly in February, apparently of cardiac arrest. Carol and Bill had just attended their grandson’s graduation from the University of Steubenville in Ohio then had to go on to funeral in Corning, NY. And, now, color me green…Carol and Kate are meeting with John Bailey (Mary Alice’s brother and Marion’s husband) on July 15th.  

Liz shares the news of a GREAT reunion at Sue Anderson’s house. Sue did a luncheon for Pat and Joe Quinlan, Pete Driscoll, Eddie Grace and his wife and Neil Kenny. Now, get this, Neil taught Shakespearian literature at college and it just so happened that the day of this luncheon was Shakespeare’s birthday. Soooooooooooo, Sue bought a cake, they sang Happy Birthday…then ate the cake. Celebration must’ve been April 23rd!!!!!  

And now for a giggle…I was working on getting pictures from the four yearbooks (in preparation for Reunion next year) when I spotted what I was sure was a GREAT pic of Kathy O’Brien O’Donnell and Brendan but I had to be sure it was Brendan. So, I send it to Kathy with a note to get back to me. Here’s her answer to me, “I think we were 13 in that picture. Now I can send you a picture and show you what 80 looks like.” Trust me, Kathy, I don’t need that; I know all too well what 80 feels like. To show how old she really is, Kathy tells me their oldest daughter Kathy has retired as VP of marketing from Unilever and now spends any free time playing tennis. Grandson Riley works in California in the film industry and Emmy just graduated from High Point University and will be working in New York City. Grandson Wes is at Amherst and Marnie’s son is at Tufts. Brendan still has a little one Claire, nine years old, and Erin has a five year old Max who entertains them all. And, now get this…Kathy and Brendan have matching tractors and do a lot of cutting grass together. Picture that. Brendan does still play tennis; Kathy’s days of golf are limited.  

And now me…not nearly as exciting as Kathy just ahead of me. Recently walked the Brooklyn Bridge; be impressed! In May attended granddaughter Rachel’s graduation from Florida State University; to any of you who might watch Shark Tank, Rachel was interviewed by Mr. Wonderful and did go on to get a job with Tech Technologies but she’ll be relocating to Atlanta. Her older sister Morgan will be getting married in September to LTJG Dan Sarkesian, US Navy pilot. They’ll be living in Jacksonville, FL. Travelling is not my forte of late but I will make another trip to Sarasota for Dick.
Vitale’s 80th birthday. John and Richie grew up like brothers; my making the trip a must. An afterthought, I should’ve taken Tom Healy with me…him, the STAR mingling alongside the stars of college basketball.

In closing, more than enjoyed visits with each of you. Let’s look forward to “real” visits at our 60th Reunion next year. In the meantime, always remember TO THINE OWN SELF BE TRUE.

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Sadly, this year we lost Kathleen Karem Alderete of Kingwood, TX and Elizabeth Schwilk Corazzini of Potomac, MD within days of each other. Then we received word that Helen Landgraf Perkins died several years ago. Many of our classmates in the DC area were able to attend the wake and funeral for Betty, and condolences were sent to all families. Helen (Sunny) Stewart Gieske left us, also. Neil Fink, Lucy Mason Fink’s husband and MSM grad, died earlier this year. Barbara DeMott Holland’s husband Raymond died this spring, and Bernard, husband of Phyllis Mack Gillespie, died May 21. Phyllis and Bud flew home to Shelter Island, NY from their winter on Longboat Key about a week before. Attending Bud’s services were Ed and Carol Rogers Beaugard, Judy Sparrow and Ed Carroll, Eileen Keefe Bonhag, Mercedes Suarez Pfeffer, Elizabeth Strezeski LaFrance, Rosemarie Aellen Dunning, and Pat and Joanne McNally Downes. Bud was well known to our class as a master of the grill and a most gracious host. After our 40th Reunion starting in 2002, Phyllis and Bud hosted many gatherings at their homes on Shelter Island and on Long Boat Key. It has been estimated that about 40 classmates, plus or minus, have attended mini reunions at Shelter Island or LBK or both. I am still experiencing that love and support from our classmates, and saw it in full action at the May tribute to Bud Gillespie out on Shelter Island. Strez still finds it very sad to process the deaths of three nursing colleagues from our class. They were a tight knit group. The program was difficult—they had summer sessions and carried a lot of credits. SJC was a strict place, so they banded together and supported each other.

February 2019 found some of us in Florida enjoying the weather and each other’s company. First time attendee Monica Diehl Anello drove southwest to Longboat from her home in Jacksonville. Attending were Peggy Claudius McCormick and Bern, Strez, Margie Wiedner Phillips and Jim, Moira Hanlon Little, Phyllis and Bud, Mercedes, Eileen, Barbara Redding, and Pat and Joanne. At our age we have smaller groups, but those who come have an unforgettable experience. It is never too late to join us.

Bob and Millie Gleeson Grady came to visit Pat and me this summer. We had a good time remembering, reminiscing, and catching up. Her family, who are nearby, celebrated their grandson Jared’s high school graduation in June, and he will attend The University of Texas, Dallas. I called Tina Dickerson Twarog and heard about the 80th birthday party her family had for her this past April. Millie and Bob were there, as well as family and friends. Tina received many cards and phone calls from our classmates. In keeping with the fact that many of us turned 80 this year, in March Mary Ellen Taft Whitcomb celebrated hers at a family luncheon. Mary Ellen sent me lots of news. Jeannie Lapura Beall and her sister Ramona came to attend Mary Ellen’s birthday. Jeannie and Ramona will be with Mary Ellen again in July to spend time at Bethany Beach. Mary Ellen called Barbara DeMott Holland to express her sympathies on Ray’s death. She said it was like they talked all the time—had a great visit with lots of laughs. I, too, called Barbara, and we were on for a long time. Mary Ellen also meets for lunch occasionally with Gail Commerford Callahan and Mim Murphy Quaid. The last time they met, Lucy joined them. Mary Ellen keeps in close touch with Marie Farrell Wallace who keeps busy with her husband Phil’s and her granddaughters’ activities. Karen Gantz Warren is another close contact of Mary Ellen. She has been travelling all over the west visiting her children and grandchildren.

Alice Bartlett Sencindiver has moved into an assisted living community. She has some health issues and thought this would be the best plan for her. She sold her home and sold, donated, or threw away her possessions. She had been participating in activities in this community, so when she moved in she already knew a lot of people. She is quite happy with her decision.
Her address is 19800 Tranquility Circle, Unit 123, Hagerstown, MD 21742. Rev. Thomas Viviano, a grand nephew of Anne Maum McLaughlin, has been a priest for five years in the Philadelphia archdiocese, and he has received a scholarship to the Vatican to study and earn a Ph.D. Quite an honor for this young man. Anne is looking for an assisted living facility, but hasn’t found the right one yet. Dan and Muriel Cuddy Reeves moved this summer to the other side of Teaneck. She is enjoying retirement and is looking forward to their new home. We talk on the phone often, and had dinner in June at a charming Irish Pub, their treat in honor of my 80th. Muriel ran into Margaret Doyle this spring and this is how we learned about Helen’s death. They got together this spring for lunch, along with some other of their high school classmates. Annette Krack Salvage’s son David visited from Italy this summer.

The Downeses are all well and busy. Our son Patrick and his wife Jenny are building a house in Raleigh, NC, and in the meantime are renting. Patrick is enjoying his first civilian job and does some travelling to Jersey City, Bermuda, and the Midwest. Almost everyone (minus two) gathered in Philadelphia last December for the Army/Navy game. Grandson Gavin is on the varsity basketball team at St. Peter’s Prep, and since this is Pat’s Alma Mater his grandfather attends lots of games and is very proud. Our five families came for a week at the end of July. John and Anne Sheelen Gerwig journeyed by train to see To Kill a Mocking Bird on Broadway. Anne lives 30 miles from Raleigh, and we will plan to get together when we visit Raleigh. The Gerwigs took their annual trip to Scotland for golf, and they had a grandchild’s wedding. Anne told me that Kay Hisle Quinn attended Neil Fink’s funeral.

After his open heart surgery, Bern McCormick is recovering slowly but headed in the right direction. This undoubtedly due to Peggy’s TLC. She had lots of support and assistance from her children and grandchildren. He does go into the office for a time every day. To celebrate her 80th birthday, Eileen Bonhag took her three sons and their wives on a river cruise in Germany this summer. Maureen Dugan Cocozza reports that she has resumed bike riding now that winter is over. She and Dick will return to Cape May in late June for their annual getaway. Maureen still enjoys taking classes and playing bridge. Bet VanOver Gilligan headed to San Francisco in August for a visit with her son and family, and then joined up with Joanne Kini for a visit with Strez and Ann Fallon Lynch in Everett, WA.

A new address for Rita Werb Fasano: 1812 Crossbrook Rd., Columbia, SC 29212. Rita is living with daughter Rita Marie. She relocated to South Carolina this past spring, and two daughters live in South Carolina, another in Florida, and another in New Jersey. She is very happy to be with family, and keeps busy playing poker, going to the senior center, and visiting with the grands and great-grands. Moira Hanlon Little relocated back to Silver Spring, MD in late June. She will reconnect with old friends and her old neighborhood where she lived for many years.

Strez travelled in August and connected with Rosie in Cape Cod, family and friends in New York City and Washington, DC area, Ann Lynch in Washington, and with family and friends in Bend, OR. In August she travelled to Sicily, roaming around for two weeks. Her motto is-- "keep moving!" Mary Kable Stockman is still playing tennis and volunteering at the zoo. She and Chuck enjoy their back porch and gardening.

In San Francisco Joanne Fontana Kini participates in a weekly soup kitchen and an exercise class. There is always some program or party with her five grandchildren ages newborn to 12, and her daughter Sarah has presented her with a new grandchild. She will celebrate her 80th with a family weekend in Calistoga in November. Rosie and her daughter Marie are going to Switzerland to celebrate her one remaining cousin’s 90th. Her grandsons are well. Jonathan completed officer training at Ft. Knox, spent a semester in California, and will return to Norwich U. for spring semester. Jacob has relocated to Salt Lake City and is training as a paramedic. Cathy and her new husband were in Ireland for sightseeing.

Congratulations to all of us who reached 80 this year, and those who will attain that goal shortly. Please be sure to send your dues to the Alumnae Office. And resolve to return to the Valley for our 60th Reunion in April 2021.
Vi Barkauskas continues volunteer work with international high school students and the University of Michigan Retirees Association. Travel over the past year included a wedding of a Lithuanian cousin in Spain, a cruise around the Mediterranean Sea, and a tour of France. She is pleased that so many of the class of ’62 are optimistic about attending the final SJC Reunion if health allows. We will be in our mid-80s!

Sister Martha Beaudoin wrote that if anyone wants to visit Seton Center before the final Reunion and between Reunions, please let her know. She would love to see classmates and provide a tour.

Dianne Belden Brooks states that the older she gets the more she waxes nostalgic about school days and long-ago friends. It’s a happy thing that we still have a way of staying in contact through The Valley Echo and email. She and her husband have been enjoying winters for the past nine years in a community outside of a nice little college town in Central Florida. They have met such interesting and lovely people from all over and understand the true meaning of an “Active Over 55” community. They never realized that Florida has more to offer than Disney World, and have explored the St. Johns River and varied waterways, flora, and fauna, especially appreciating getting up close and personal with those friendly giants, the manatees, when they move into the warm springs when the temperatures drop in the winter.

Del enjoys golf with his group of duffers, though he enjoys it most on the days that he plays well. He is under treatment for a return of prostate cancer, but is still biking, walking, and trying to stay as active as possible. While in Florida, Diane has been taking classes with Bible Study Fellowship, an international women’s and men’s course of intensive study of Scripture. The lectures, class discussions, and homework lessons have been most enriching.

Their daughter Dawn still lives in Wellesley, MA, not far from son Chris who lives in Lexington, MA. Dawn and her husband Roger have had a summer beach house for several years at Cape May Point, so Diane and Del see them often during the summer. They recently purchased a home in Frankfort, KY to be used when they visit their grandson Michael, who will become a resident at the Stewart Home School in Frankfort this October. Stewart Home School is a residential school, founded by a Doctor Stewart, in 1895, which serves individuals with developmental or intellectual disabilities. Michael is a Downs Syndrome adult now, who ages out of his Wellesley program in October when he reaches 22. The beautiful campus and programs at Stewart are perfect for him to keep on learning, enjoying peers, and spreading his wings. Michael has attended summer programs there for three years and can’t wait to return each time.

Their oldest grandson Andrew graduated from Haverford College in Pennsylvania and works for Deloitte in Washington, DC. He is happily employed, doing interesting tech work that baffles the brain when he tries to describe it. Chris is CFO for a company in Woburn, MA. After travelling the world for years of adventure and misadventure, including volunteering with the Peace Corps in Siberia, he settled in Boston and the business world. He and his two boys, Elliot, 12, and Lucas, aka “Pookie Bear,” 10, will be spending 4th of July week with the Brookses in Cape May, making it a highlight of the summer.

Speaking of highlights, my lowlight this summer will be knee replacement at the end of July. I’m eager to get that over so I can walk on the beach again.

Kitty Chrismer and her husband find that living in the Inland Northwest is an adventure! Winter was mild until February and then it snowed, and snowed, and snowed. And the people there don’t use that as an excuse to stay home. It was beautiful! Except for the four grandchildren here in Sandpoint the rest are spread out from the state of Washington to Florida, with Pennsylvania and North Carolina in between, and one was on a gap year in Spain. They try to keep up with them and their activities. Kitty is playing bridge and mahjong and has met a lot of nice people. They have been trying to explore Lake Pend Oreille, ID and the area. One of her goals this year is to learn more about the history and culture of the native Indian tribes. Always a history person!

Ann Marie Gable Cronin died on April 29, 2019. You can read her obituary at https://www.legacy.com/
Pat Ryan Donovan had dinner with Lynn Durning Finn’s husband Joe last week and he is doing well despite missing Lynn terribly and suffering with two bad knees. She went to Puerto Rico for the 16th winter in a row this year and the town she stays in, Rincon, has recovered well from Hurricane Maria although much of the center of the Island has not. Her two youngest grandchildren graduated from college and high school this spring. Basically, all is well with her (although she states widowhood is a bummer) and with her family.

Kathleen Carroll Kiefer and husband, Gus, (married 56 years); three children and spouses; 11 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild--are “advancing in wisdom, age, and grace”! Only two left in high school (juniors); two graduated high school (one to college and one outstanding automotive Votech grad with full-time employment); and five continuing college. Isaac Baron, living in Phoenix, AZ, attends Seton Catholic Preparatory in Chandler, AZ which has a strong affiliation with Sisters of Charity by offering dual enrollment with Seton Hill University in Greensburg, PA. David Kiefer is a published author and illustrator of The Day – A Short Story about Anxiety for middle school students. He talked to classes and groups of middle school students about this book and its subject--very well received by them. His book is available at Amazon.com.

Kathy and Gus are now living in a northern suburb (Freedom) of Pittsburgh, closer to family and relatives--but then our Chris’ family moved to Phoenix, AZ. Many times, we miss the peacefulness of the forest, our beautiful log home that has so much of our own and family members’ sweat equity in it, and our great address--Tranquility Lane (a request of Kathleen’s when the area was setting up names of dirt roads for 911 dispatch).

Vivian Wojcik Kurilla is still volunteering to teach English at Literacy.com. She says it is rewarding, but takes much time in prep. She complains, but being in class is enjoyable and worth the effort. Vivian takes winters off because of the snow, and she almost decided to visit Florida this year. However, she realized that there is no public transportation on the west coast. She would have to rent a car, which she didn’t want to do, being one of the "old people" that younger drivers complain about.

Abby Hausmann Love says they spend their winters in Naples, FL and summers in Virginia or, if they’re up to it, they’ll plan on a motor home trip across this beautiful country of ours. This year their summer extravaganza was to take their clan (22) to Disney World for a week! Abby was SOOO excited and so were the rest of the clan.

Mary Homlish Lynch says they are in good health, busy, and enjoying a "semi-retirement." Her husband supervises residents in surgery two days a week at the Veterans Administration Hospital and loves that. She’s president of the board of directors at their local boys and girls club and just ended serving for seven months as executive director while they searched for a new director. The new man is finally on board and she is once again a free woman! She really enjoyed working with the young staff and the challenge of once again leading a large organization, but she’s glad to have it end. Their kids are all doing well and their grandkids are all high school and college age now. She misses having babies around, but finds teenagers lots of fun.

Geri Legendre Ralston writes that she and Art spent two weeks in Jacksonville, FL last May with their daughter Shannon and granddaughter Maddie. They were scheduled to spend Christmas with them this past year but severe muscle spasms in Geri’s neck made travel impossible. As a result, they haven’t seen them in almost a year, so that was a much-anticipated visit.

Anne Diller Welkener had a busy year dividing her time between her home in Punta Gorda, FL and her home in Herndon, VA. In early February this year she did have some health issues and spent a week in the hospital followed by a month of in-home care, but all is better now. During May Anne spent two wonderful weeks in Hawaii with her daughter and son-in-law, enjoying her first trip outside the continental US.
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Tom and Kathy Johnson Raby sent news and a great family photo from Florida as they were heading to Orlando for Christmas with their family. Daughter Margie works in pharmaceuticals and has a “Martha Stewart” touch at home. She lives near her sister Karen, husband Andy, and grandson Drew, the family thespian. Son Tom and Eva live in Vienna, VA with Christina and Tommy III. Even with Tom’s medical problems, the Rabys enjoy a variety of activities.

Matt and Alanna Higgins McHugh sent a wonderful family photo of their annual cruise to Bermuda with the entire clan. Their oldest granddaughter Meghan is an Assistant U.S. Attorney in Lexington, KY. Grandchildren Jack and Elizabeth graduated from high school and attended RIT and George Mason respectively. Allison and Ryan are active high schoolers while Eileen, Patrick, and Grace are progressing with much involvement in elementary school.

We were all so happy to receive the magnificent The Valley Echo 2018 with the Three Sisters stained glass image by Marian Leahy Lord ’46. Joan Codey Durkin has treasured that print for many years and she, Maureen Codey Caputo, and Mary Lou Williams Feeney reproduced it for our 50th Reunion golden scarves. The Alma Mater calligraphy completes an extraordinary work of art. In May, Joan and Maureen arranged a beautiful memorial Mass for Mary Lou at Our Lady of the Valley Church in South Orange, NJ where the three of them attended school. Later Maureen and Mary Lou taught there. Attending along with Mary Lou’s husband and sister Nancy SJC’60, were Mary Ellen Gill Purkis, Ellen Krieger Smelas, and Susan Williamson Swartz.

This summer many members of the Codey family will again travel together—the Dordogne and Loire Valley in France. Joan continues to commute to northern New Jersey from her Point Pleasant home to work directing the Essex County Tax Office. Franklin and Maureen babysit for daughter Marisa’s young children twice a week and enjoy the trips to Turtle Back Zoo and other fun sites with them.

We had a happier gathering in late May arranged by Linda Carr Kenny at Marcello’s in Bordentown, NJ. This time Cathy Parrott Kryzanauskas joined Susan, Linda, and Ellen for a long afternoon lunch. We promise not to wait too long to meet again.

After Linda and Bill spent time in Florida and returned home, Linda planned a surprise 80th for him, very successful with everyone gathered in their lovely home. During the summer the whole family will celebrate together in Williamsburg, VA enjoying the variety of activities.

Sad news—Denise Keane, Sheila Driscoll Rosenthal and her husband Al, the husbands of Claudia Mafera Fitzsimmons, Maryanna Freiberger Keller, Libby Odum Rodriguez, and Sue Garner McNulty, and our own beloved Mary Lou have passed away.

Many others are struggling with health problems, either for themselves or for loved ones. Sue Garner McNulty sent our “Ave Maria” for us to remember our classmates. She, Maryanna, and Claudia have written about the love and support of their families throughout, as well as the prayers of our class. Mimi Chesley-Cora writes that we are “in this place of saying goodbyes and celebrating lives.”

In the fall, Mary Lou Spurrier moved from Columbia across the Chesapeake to Chestertown, MD, a historic town. Classmate and close friend Joyce Schauber Kim had recently moved back to her hometown and encouraged Mary Lou to start a new chapter there.

In August Susie Boland Southwell and her entire family will vacation together again on Emerald Isle. The nursing tradition remains strong in her family with her oldest granddaughter in the Oncology Unit at Holy Cross Hospital. Her sons’ two oldest daughters are in BSN programs at Catholic University and Villanova—three nurses to care for them in the future. Thankfully daughter Kim is at the five year mark, cancer free.

Faithful correspondent Kaywood Greeve Fuqua keeps in touch with many classmates. Living in Chico, CA, she and her family witnessed the terrible Paradise fires
last summer. They provided shelter, food, and whatever assistance possible to the victims. Her son is the mayor of Chico, another level of involvement. Granddaughter Morgan, her husband, and mother-in-law lived with Kaywood for several months. The entire family ran off after New Year's for a Caribbean cruise and agreed it was the best ever. In the spring, Kaywood travelled to Avignon, Lyon, and Paris, arriving just before the destructive fire at Notre Dame Cathedral. She promises another quilt for our 60th Reunion.

Ronnie Carroll Donnelly sent a photo of her daughter Sara and her husband in front of Notre Dame that very day. Another treasure from Ronnie is with her USTA Team capturing third place in the national championship in Arizona. After that, she and her daughter attended the Indian Wells tournament together. She and Mary Ellen share the same birthday and still exchange greetings.

Mary Ellen sent a cute photo of her and two grandchildren at a joint birthday celebration. Ray has had serious medical problems, but they anticipate better days and sunshine at their summer home on Long Beach Island. Family and spiritual support helped them throughout.

On the same theme, Richard and Pat Lieb Mudd continue with his Parkinson's struggle and mobility. After a fall, Pat had hip replacement herself and manages to see Richard daily while he is in rehab. They sent a Christmas photo of their six growing grandchildren and had travelled to Dallas for Jack's graduation from high school last spring.

Mariellen Halberstadt Marchione lives in the same community and participates in Pat's prayer group and as well as other activities. Although it has been difficult since Joe died, Mariellen is happy to be closer to her two daughters Cara and Danielle and their families. We miss her up north at our gatherings.

Her lifelong friend Cathy enjoys her young granddaughters Henley and Sloane as well as her "adopted" ones. She and Mariellen keep in close touch and will cruise the New England coast in July. Later in the summer Cathy has booked a week on the Outer Banks and a trip to Minnesota to visit a friend. Her permanent haven is the condo in Rehoboth.

A long letter and photo collage from Ann Walsh Tedesco updates her family events. Her oldest son Mark and his family live in Houston where he works on the Orion project for NASA, an important component of future space exploration. Their daughter Erin married in August during a break from her second full year tour in Afghanistan then transferred stateside to Washington, DC. The entire family went to Oahu, HI for the beautiful beach wedding. Daughter Kim and Brian live in Tampa with grandsons Gavin and Grayson. Both boys play the piano and participate in other activities. Ann is very involved in helping with the boys and is active in St. Vincent de Paul helping families in need.

Still sporting a sling after shoulder surgery, Jane Metze Freeman met "marvelous" Tobie Gibbons for lunch in Washington, DC in the spring. Jane's grandson Will is a sophomore at Wake Forest in premed, Lily is a freshman at the University of Colorado, and Neal is headed for engineering studies at Purdue. Son James reports for the Wall Street Journal and contributes to Fox News. Jane's Christmas photos once again showed all the family members in a variety of venues--Colorado, Florida, and New Jersey with the grandparents sharing all the happy events.

Tobie spent a week at a respite center for families being released from ICE detention on the Texas border. The center, run by Rio Grande Catholic Charities, allows those released to eat, take a shower, get clean clothes, and rest a few days before heading north. It helps them book bus tickets and make phone calls. It was an intense, but inspiring week.

Tina High Goldsmith travels often with her sister Brenda. Last year they enjoyed a river cruise of the lower Mississippi and visited Norway. This year they will meet in Copenhagen to take a cruise to Iceland. Her family is fine and recently celebrated her youngest son's 50th birthday with family lip-sync contest.

In April Sheila Degnan McCarron will be travelling to Ireland with her daughter Colleen. Busy beforehand, she was taking Bill to granddaughter Lindsay's riding competition, then to Jenna's competitive cheerleading contests. Joshua continued the family tradition and graduated from the Mount in May. Sheila suggested a Prayer Remembrance for our deceased classmates which we will inaugurate soon.

Mimi Chesley-Cora celebrated 36 years in her ministry this year. She directs the parish music program, a mighty endeavor, and assists especially in women's outreach. This summer she spent a weeklong silent retreat at a historic convent in Cape May. Thanks for her help with our Prayerful Remembrance.
In Metuchen, Susan and Ellen enjoyed a family party with Julie Rowe in June, soon before she left to live in Vermont near her sisters, Betsy and Terry, and their families. Her new address: Maple Ridge Memory Care, 6 Freeman Woods #35, Essex Junction, VT 05452. Our dear Julie loves to hear from classmates and rereads all her cards often.

Jack and Susan will travel to Vermont for a family wedding this summer. In May they attended the graduation ceremony at the University of Southern New Hampshire where Susan’s stepdaughter Roberta received her masters degree posthumously. They were very moved by the personal response of the university to their loss, were seated in a special area and given priority in every respect. This has been a sad time for the family.

Besides the activities of our own family and growing grandchildren, Jim and I had a meaningful visit to Red Cloud Indian School in Pine Ridge, SD, the poorest region in the country. We talked with students in a life-changing environment, achieving academic and personal success in the Jesuit run school environment, an inspiration.

Always joining the conversations are Jean Lentz, Margaret Collins Ervin, Susie Molinari, Mary Ann Krastell Yahn, Ellen Caulfield White, Maxine Wallish Gorman, and Joy Schauber Kim.

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Our 55th SJC Reunion was a truly meaningful time for all of us!

It is hard to express the special bond felt by the 31 of us who were able to attend. We were grateful that we found time with one another as well as being able to be with the larger group, to rekindle and renew so many friendships.

We greeted each other with wine and cheese as a welcome to all who were attending…no matter when they were at SJC…big sisters, little sisters…and good friends…all happy to be together.

Thursday evening our class gathered in the 1863 Restaurant at the Wyndham Hotel…16 of us. We enjoyed dinner together. We never expected that so many of us would be able to be there. Claire Maurer spoke often with John, the maître d’ of the restaurant, to make sure that all would go well as our number kept going up!! After dinner many of us went to a special hospitality suite reserved for our class…snacks and, again, wine.

Friday, many of us had a box lunch in the Pines, along with a campus tour. Some of us were able to see our old rooms equipped with bathrooms!! Nice to see. We were able to stay in the Student Center Pub and enjoyed "drinking on campus. My how time has changed!!"

We enjoyed a delicious Class Dinner on Friday evening, then gathered again in the hospitality suite.

On Saturday morning, we had our annual Alumnae Association meeting. During the meeting, the two recipients of the SJCAA Scholarship at the Mount were introduced and spoke. Also at this meeting, I was surprised and honored to be awarded the SJCAA Legacy Award for 2019. What a thrill to receive it when so many of our class was there to share it with me.

Of course, that afternoon we attended Mass at the Basilica honoring the 50th year celebrants. Each milestone class was represented by members carrying a rose to the altar, a very moving sight!

Now for our class news…

We have Ginny Pittman Bosch to thank for the lovely picture card of three nuns…standing with red poppies in front of stained glass windows. The picture is framed by the words to our Alma Mater…Thanks Ginny!! Wish you had been able to join us.

Over 30 of us returned to the Valley to share so many memories. Contacting everyone to encourage attendance takes some planning. Bev Jones Wyatt hosted a lovely prereunion luncheon for our "Reunion team"…of course, Claire was there along with Jackie Melroy Shiring, Renee Peters Stalter, and Bobbie Davis Speace. Kathie Kennedy Incaprera, Mary Rocks, and Mimi Ratke Cochran also volunteered to make calls but could not attend the luncheon. We sat around the table at Bev’s and went down our class list. Each of us took some classmates names and made sure that each classmate received a personal call. We hoped to actually speak with each classmate and, for the most part, were successful. Even if they couldn’t come, they appreciated hearing from us. Claire kept us up to date
with Reunion news.

Our 55th was great!! **Barbara Tansey Bush** helped some classmates by becoming our SJC taxi service... from BWI to Gettysburg for **Jackie Jermy Azzarto** and **Betty Meagher McMannon**!! They all arrived together, checking in just in time for our Thursday dinner!! We didn't know that Barbara has been taking voice lessons for several years!! Way to go Barbara. Thanks for serenading us. Nice performance. Can't wait to hear how you have progressed by our 60th… opera perhaps?

Jackie is enjoying Florida. She has become a leader in several areas, from leading a singing group to helping to support Port St. Lucie play performances. I understand that **Carole Sokolik** and **Bob Bourbonnais** attended one of Jackie's plays in Florida and enjoyed it. Hope the coming season will be great. Jackie had a great summer visiting Mary and family in Cape Cod, then to Hoboken to visit with her son Matthew and her two youngest grandchildren. **Fran** is teaching in the Hoboken area. Jackie then went to New York City to visit other friends. Now Jackie is off to visit her brother and family in Washington State. Busy summer Jackie!!

Some individual news--**Georgia Allnutt Stapleton** and **Paul** have moved to North Carolina to be near their daughter Mary. Mary is able to be helpful to her parents. Georgia and Paul are able to continue to be together...supporting each other. She is so grateful to Paul for all he does for her!! So nice to have the help of a Mountie...They are blessed!! It was great for me to talk with both of them.

I was also able to speak with **Ellen Gregorec Potter**. She continues to knit prayer shawls with a group of women who distribute the shawls to hospitalized children and adults in their area. I remember receiving one from Ellen a while ago. It came in the mail, and I didn't know it was from her!! It was very comforting, and I still have it with me.

I was hopeful that Ellen and **Denise Schmidt Panepinto** were coming together from Connecticut. Unfortunately, timing didn't work for them. I was happy to have talked with Ellen and to know that Denise almost came.

Hopefully we will be together for our 60th. Just nice to be in touch.

**Mary Lou Schreck Blumer** brought us up to date. Mary Lou and Jan were happy to have their son Jacque living nearby. They were looking forward to a trip to Japan. Mary Lou and I had a nice visit after Reunion. She helped me organize some things in our downsizing process back at home. We relived some memories of our Home Ec house residence...Sister Madeline memories. We are sad to know of the passing of Sister Patricia (a few days after Reunion). Both Sister Madeline and Sister Patricia were our Home Ec teachers. We learned a great deal from them.

**Anne McAllister LaBoon** shared her move to her new home with us. Returning to familiar surroundings from her rehab after a broken hip was great for Anne. Glad she is doing well. Anne and I had a nice time together during Reunion. Anne was able to visit with Betty McMannon and catch up on her family news. Betty is now living in Georgia, close to her family.

News from Mimi Ratke Cochran--Mimi and Chuck are proud that their second grandson is entering his plebe year at the Naval Academy. His father is an Academy graduate. Mimi's husband taught for many years at the Academy. A family to be proud of, Mimi and Chuck!!

Bev Jones Wyatt had happy news to share. Bev fulfilled her lifelong dream of crossing to London on the Queen Mary 2. They were able to extend their visit for four days with friends. Then they boarded a cruise to Alaska with a grandchild. Hope you come back Bev!!

Renee Peters Stalter stays busy substitute teaching and helping with grandchildren. Renee and Bev came often to visit with me during my recuperation and always brought food!! I always looked forward to their visits. Thanks girls.

**Mary Lou Ullrich Jones** had some recent good news. Mary Lou's granddaughter Susannah was married in May. Soon after, Mary Lou's daughter Beth had surgery. Fortunately Beth's surgery was successful with negative biopsies. Mary Lou is grateful for the love and support from her "sisters" in our class.

**Pat Higgins Brennan** and her family are also in our prayers. They are also dealing with some health issues. Seems like our class continues to need our prayers as we get older.

Claire, Jackie Melroy Shiring, and I had a wonderful morning visit about a month ago. They brought hot donuts and all I had to do was make the coffee. I could do that but we didn't have any cream. Pat went out to get some but we all like our coffee black!! Jackie and her family are so thrilled to have their young grandson
Ian in their family, their first grandchild!! Jackie and Paul are very happy to be grandparents. They are able to go to the west coast to visit a few times a year. They are patiently waiting for a second child to join their family…Lucky children…lucky grandparents…We will keep you and your family in our prayers, Jackie and Paul.

Claire, Bobbie Davis Speace, and I had a breakfast get together last week. Bobbie's husband Dan is coping with some recent health issues. They seem to be coping well, as we knew they would. Bobbie is an SJC nurse. Very strong for her family. They were able to enjoy Bethany Beach family time this past week. Dan was feeling well enough to play tennis for a short time with his family, great for Dan and his son. Dan was in a program involving cyber knife radiation. Hoping for some good news. We continue to pray for them and their family. Their grandson Huck is almost two!! Huck keeps them all busy. Hard to believe, Bobbie. Thanks for a great visit with Claire. Hope you got to see the sunrise this past week, Bobbie, with your daughters and that you had your coffee on the beach.

I am grateful to Claire for always keeping our class together. Her work with The Valley Echo, keeping photos from Reunions in proper order with correct names under them…lots of patience. Claire also keeps our Association's finances in amazing order, enough to keep our Alumnae alive until the year 2025. By that date each class will be able to celebrate their 50th Reunion. Hard to believe that our SJC closed in 1973.

Pat and I will be moving to Oakcrest Village in Parkville, MD. We are on a waiting list for a particular unit. My mom lived there for 20 years and made great friends. We do know many families who already live there. In a few days, Pat and I will be leaving Bethany Beach after ten wonderful years. We had happy days of beach, boating, swim lessons, and crabbing. As our grandson Luca says that "days crabbing were some of the best days of his life!!!...so much fun."

Time to move on!

Happy, and healthy days ahead. Like many Joe's girls who married Mount men, I am so grateful for Pat's loving, giving support, and caring for me and our family through some difficult times. With love and gratitude, Chrystie.

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Isn't there a song "Cha-Cha-Changes"? It seems our class has heard it loud and clear this year and is making changes in lifestyles and residences.

Nancy Boemans Fratini and Mary Ann Dorr Carlson began the process of moving at the end of last year. Mary Ann and husband Eric moved to Ashby Ponds, a CCRC. Their new location is nearer son Tim and daughter Monica and their families. Nancy, Al, and daughter Amy moved to a one-story house nearer daughter Angie after 51 years in their "old" house. New address: 5316 Split Rail, Dayton, OH 54529-1963. Nancy et al. are planning their annual summer trek to the Connecticut coast. Dee O'Connor Cosquer and Maggi Mullahy Yates were looking forward to a Niantic, CT luncheon with Nancy and family. Jeanne Falcetta Schumann had to pass. She's been dealing with a virus that has attacked her transplanted kidney. Keep her in your prayers.

Dee O'Connor Cosquer and husband Armand were in Maine for the holidays visiting their son and his family (two granddaughters). Dee continues with her ballet class although "my old arthritic joints don't allow me to leap or jump very high!" Dee and Armand enjoy Paris as much as fellow French major Maggi Mullahy Yates and Bob. The Yateses were in Paris at the time of the fire at Notre Dame but home again in time for eldest son Bill's wedding in June. Their twin grandchildren have finished 1st grade. Son Mark runs marathons and Jeremy is playing live music with a group formed from a music class.

Mary Ann Gillotti Kelleher moved to North Carolina in June. New address: 350 Sunset Grove Dr., Pittsboro, NC 27312 (near Chapel Hill). Daughter Heather's husband retired from the Army and they live in the area with their children. Daughter Erin will move to the same area when her husband retires. Silas (Erin's husband) just returned from Afghanistan and teaches at the Army War College in Carlisle, PA. Grandson Silas
graduated from West Point this year. Granddaughter Gabi is at Rollins College. Mary Ann looks forward to connecting with classmates in the area.

Kathy O’Brien Poplowski has a new address in Burlington, MA. She had back surgery this winter and we hope she is mending well. Helene Brown Hess and Bob have returned to Maryland from Florida. They sold their St. Petersburg condo last fall and are now living in Maryland full time. They are hoping to move into a CCRC community before winter.

Our “sunshine reunions” continue to do well for classmates. In early March, the Florida group met for lunch and chatter in the Naples area. Enjoying the day were Maggie Quayle Bellew, Barbara Merson Tyne, Mary McIntyre Lear, Marsha Martindale Moffitt, Mary Brandon Rummele, Diane (Dede) Koudelka Rogers, Sherrie Simonds Wain, and Dede’s travelling companion Sandra. Maggie and Mary Lear were the hostesses and Mary Brandon Rummele made certain all our Florida classmates knew about the event. Dede Koudelka Rogers went to Mozambique in summer 2018 to visit son Peter and family. Grandchildren Noah and Renata go to a boarding school in Kenya. In October, she and five of her high school friends met in St. Louis and had a “great time”. Maggie is in touch with Mary Lear and Barbara Tyne regularly. The “Philly girls” had to cancel their scheduled May lunch but will reschedule.

Nancy Nemith Haupt began quite a flurry of responses from a number of classmates. Nancy heard that Providence Hospital was closing. Providence brought back many memories, especially from the nurses and those who lived in the Washington, DC area and recalled the hospital’s contribution to the community. Nancy Shepard Long keeps on her toes; she and her husband have a 15-year old grandchild living with them. Eileen Sekerak Sullivan survived the Big Family Christmas Party at the Irish Club in Connecticut. Summertime began with high school graduations for the Sullivans. Barbara Wixted Hayes met Karen Langer Carr in Myrtle Beach, SC in April. A little sunshine and golf lured the Pennsylvania Hayeses southward.

I was fortunate to have the opportunity to visit with Kay Ehringer Mufalli in Georgia. Kay was visiting her brother Hap and his family for a few days and we were glad for the time together. Yes, she is still The Hollyhock Gardener and has no intentions of giving up her work or her clients. Pat Brunning Martin and Cindy Crawford Cannon met for lunch in Vermont last fall. I always expect Cindy is on the road, in the air, or on the seas – travelling and enjoying every minute.

Margo Honey Keesler and Gene continue to enjoy the Carolina mountains in the summer. It’s back to Florida when the weather turns too cool. Margo still gardens and enters local flower shows.

Carol Donohue Miller travelled at Christmas to spend time with grandchildren and the rest of their family. Daughter Kristine and husband have a new daughter from China who turned 14 on New Year’s Day. Son Stephen and wife welcomed a little boy Sean Michael on December 17.

Judy McGrath Brenner and Vince are back in Florida and “Vince is better from his heart surgery but some residual effects seem to be hanging on.” She said she did not realize how much age would be a factor in recovery time. Let’s continue to keep Judy and Vince in our Thursday morning prayers.

Kathy Murphy Clarke reports Mike’s recovery is slow and complicated by his poor balance. She is not comfortable leaving him for any length of time. She’s doing well and reports “all the girls” are well, too. Margaret and a colleague opened their own law firm; Eileen is on faculty at U. Kansas in microbiology—“wouldn’t Sr. Juliana be proud!” Kathy adds. Mary is a school administrator and should complete her doctorate within the year. Norah is a pediatrician. Her practice has grown to include four MDs, a PA, and a NP.

Margaret Keil Sottosanti and John had a splendid celebration for their 50th wedding anniversary in August. Family members and friends from around the country began the festivities with dinner at Maggiano’s Italian Restaurant in Boston. The next morning the group of 20 boarded a ship for a weeklong cruise to Montreal. Back home (in California) and with feet firmly on the ground, their lively local family keeps the grandparents involved in many activities.

Mary Beth (MB) Boisseree McDonell is still riding high after the “fabulous” pilgrimage tour she and Didi Bremer Corrigan took in the fall. Mary Beth’s next trip will be Israel for two weeks. After that trip, she’s finished packing her bag for long jaunts and will visit grandkids and “stay home and paint”. Mary Beth and Didi met for lunch in the New Year with a high school friend of MB’s who was a former neighbor of Didi’s--small world! Didi and Larry travelled to Panama in early February.

Carole Ferguson Harding-Menges is back in Florida. She and Jack are sticking close to home. Jack has had a bout with cancer, and Fergie asks us to keep him in our
prayers. She has seven grandchildren. She no longer has the house in Blowing Rock, NC nor does she have a condo on the Jersey shore. “Fergie is strictly a Florida girl now!”

**Barb Gaver:** Barb’s sister Joan is now living with her. Joan had many challenges through the years including health issues. Barb and her family have surrounded her with lots of loving care. **Carolyn (Friction) Fricke Lattanzio** daughter Jennifer is now cancer free! She’s nearing completion of her master’s degree from the Citadel. Carolyn’s other daughters are fine. One is an occupational therapist, another an attorney, and another a teacher. “I can’t complain,” adds Friction.

**Sister Carol Czyzewski** continues with her ministry (Adult Faith Formation) at St. John the Evangelist Parish in Hydes, MD. She attended the national Franciscan Conference in Buffalo last June then met with her community in Hamburg, NY at the former site of the FSSJ “motherhouse”. In August she spent a week on retreat at the Jesuit Spiritual Center in Faulkner, MD. Later that month, Sister travelled to the northwest for her annual visit with family.

Mary Brandon Rummele and Bob travelled on a Viking Line river cruise from Budapest to Amsterdam in June. They anticipated exploring synagogues and monuments of remembrance for Holocaust victims in the area with Jewish travelling companions and expected very meaningful experiences during their visits. Mary has volunteered to work as a partner in class agent/secretary responsibilities. We are all grateful for Mary’s involvement in our Florida mini-reunions; she’ll be an asset to our class as we continue to keep “all together” in the years ahead. Here’s a note from Mary as she assumes her new role:

> “Having been a bit of a wallflower at St Joe’s I would not be surprised if your first response to my offer to help Maureen with the class news is ‘who’?

Through my search for Florida residents and Snowbirds for SJC reunion lunches, I have called on Maureen for help and have come to appreciate all she does for us. I will help her as best I can by receiving your emails concerning news and prayer requests, but be assured Maureen is still the last word--and there for you.

I will be grateful for any guidance you might have for me as we work to remain all together.”

Welcome and thank you, Mary! Remember our 55th Reunion is scheduled for March 26-29, 2020. Let us hear from you!

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Gathering in Bethany Beach, DE, September 20-22, 2019, for the 14th mini class reunion, the Class of 1966 appreciated the four hostesses--**Betty Depenbrock Martin**, Kathleen Smith Franke, Judy Brittingham Ward, and Jane Davis Marden--who opened their seaside homes to the 22 who attended.

We are happy to report that three recent knee replacement attendees--Judy Ward, Judy Fleck Shahriari, and Mary Ellen Flinton Sullivan--are doing well. Kathleen Franke and husband John, who continues to do well post kidney replacement, enjoyed a wonderful cruise to Cuba last December and one to New England and Nova Scotia in September.

Sad news to report--**Mary Ellen Schweitzer Stolfi**’s husband Ronald suddenly passed away in July. They would have celebrated their 50th in August.

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Greetings to SJC Class of 1967! We have heard from many of you and are excited to share your news.

**Mary Rosenberger Lynch** and her husband Larry continue their commitment to serve needy communities in Haiti. They were able to support the pastor of St. Joseph by sending 60 instruments for the music school. The Bishop of Jacmel was welcomed on St. Joseph’s feast day by the parish brass band. Larry and Mary continue to be involved with Helping Hugs which offers support in Education, Water, Infrastructure, and Medical Mission. Mary writes that “the uprising in Haiti on February 7th which lasted 10 days, caused us to postpone our medical mission.” The mission was rescheduled and hopefully was a success.
Louise Gorman Manetta is living in Oklahoma close to her daughter and grandchildren who are a big part of her life. She is working full time as a nurse practitioner with veterans in Tulsa, in addition to caring for her husband who has been diagnosed with dementia and is living at home. Louise has faced some very difficult challenges with her younger son who is recovering from drug abuse but tells us that “all of this trauma has brought me closer to trusting in God and trying to follow His plan. I appreciate my education and Christian experience at St. Joe’s more and more each day and each year that He has given me to be here.” She looks forward to her retirement someday where they can enjoy their summer home in Delaware.

Katherine Skidmore Philipp is a volunteer tax preparer for AARP during tax season. She also volunteers for the National Park Service, where she gives tours of the historic Ellwood Manor House in the Fredericksburg, VA area. If you visit this area, she encourages you to contact her and she will “help your grandchildren become Junior Park Rangers with our educational program.” Last May, she had the privilege of being a marshal on the fifth hole at the U.S. Women's Open in Maggie McGrath Yerkes reports that, having recovered well from back surgery, she and her husband took their annual winter trip to Mazatlan, Mexico where they “help with the orphanage run by the Salvation Army. The children are precious. They range in age from three to 16. We have known some of them for over five years, and they are growing into wonderful young adults.” They are also active in the parish there, San Judas Tadeo, leading hymns in Spanish for the congregation. They will be celebrating their 50th anniversary this year with their family in Minnesota.

Kathy Sullivan Stolzenberger sent a picture of herself with Ann Boley McLamb and Eileen Ball Cerne taken last February in Florida. Be sure to check out the website on Shutterfly to see them.

Ginny Werber Hartmuller and her husband Roger celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a cruise around Australia. While living in Selbyville, DE, they still maintain an apartment in Maryland where they visit family and friends. Ginny sent their picture at the Blue Mountains in Sydney.

Sue Geho Rymer writes that she is doing a little nutritional consulting but is basically retired, which allows her and her husband Jim to enjoy day trips together. They are looking forward to an upcoming cruise through France. Sue continues to enjoy golfing, bridge, and spending time with her grandchildren.

Jean Suelau Allman begins her letter to us in gratitude for many family blessings. She and Dan celebrated their 50th anniversary with a special Mass, offered by their son Matt. The family then continued the celebration at Sacred Heart Parish Hall in Baltimore. Jean retired last year after 30 years of teaching, primarily kindergarten. They enjoy their 13 grandchildren whose ages span from preschool to college graduate.

Rosa Diaz Schmid and husband Karl moved to the Woodlands retirement community, north of Houston and “are living a retirement life at last.” Rosa travelled to Bolivia in August where she visited Miriam “Chiqui” Ardaya.

Speaking of Chiqui, we (Mary Alice Friede Mauser and Rita Gisriel Cole) have been in touch with her through WhatsApp. She has retained her sense of humor and is excited to be reconnected with her classmates.

Kathy (Kak) Kelleher Sohn has had quite a year. She writes, “Took this year to go gray, get knee replacement…to cruise to the Panama Canal…attend Aunt Margaret’s (Sr. Margaret Ann) 100th birthday…attend the birth of my second grandchild…finish knitting a sweater (my first) for my five-year-old grandson Asa…attend operas with Sue Albin Watson…and in general, to enjoy the amazing life I have here. I don’t think I could be any happier than I am now.”

Marg Cloney Wood continues to enjoy many activities, including book club, Red Hat group, touring places of interest, and participating in the adult hand bell group. Through aerobic exercise, strength and balance training, along with good nutritional eating, she is proud to report her success with Weight Watchers. She has reached her goal and is maintaining. Marg and her husband John “do not do much travelling.” They “prefer to stay around the house doing this and that--enjoying the retiree’s life.”

Kathleen Flynn Gaffney and husband Mike continue to live in Oakton, VA. They enjoy adventures with children and grandchildren who are now living in California, North Carolina, and Virginia. The opportunity to get together now and then with Sandy Buono Sedam, Mary Alice Friede Mauser, Rita Gisriel Cole, and Gip (Anne Marie Gillespie) is a source of great joy to them, as well as many laughs.

Eileen Ball Cerne writes that this has been a busy year travelling with her husband. While in Alaska they saw...
lots of wildlife, including a Mama grizzly and her two cubs. They took a boat ride on the Erie Canal with friends; the men piloted the boat and the women managed the meals and “lounged around.” Another highlight was Iceland, where they saw the Northern Lights, something that was on Eileen’s bucket list. Eileen remains active in many directions—through church, through working with an outreach group for people struggling with substance abuse, and with book groups. She and three friends regularly visit museums, most of which are small and somewhat obscure. She says that they “have uncovered some amazing gems.”

We also received encouragement and well wishes from Beth MacPherson Rowe, Mimi Ceresa McGovern, Eileen Brown Kerrigan, des Anges Cruser, Geralyn King Jasina, Carroll Ebaugh Fox, Marta Aguado, Judy Hyland Bowman, Kathy Gleason Madzula, and Lyn Moore Lobasco.

Mary Alice Friede Mauser and husband Fred recently relocated to the Bethany Beach, DE area where they are enjoying a more relaxed pace of life. Mary Alice dusted off the golf clubs and also intends to re-engage in some familiar activities (reading, bridge, etc.) while checking out “what’s new” in the neighborhood. They look forward to frequent visits with family and friends in their new home.

Rita Gisriel Cole continues to enjoy her retirement spending time with family and friends. She especially enjoys the opportunity to spend time in the elementary school with her granddaughters.

We, as your class agents, thank you so much for sharing your recent news with us. So many of you mentioned your appreciation for the experiences at SJC, the friendships you made, and your desire to stay “All Together.”

Keep the news and pictures coming! Pictures can be viewed at sjcclassof67.shutterfly.com

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Greetings to the Class of ’68! Here is our news.

Mike Sullivan (MSM ’68) sent news that his wife, our classmate, Susan Brady Sullivan, died in May after a two-year battle with Alzheimer’s. Mike was on our class distro list and kept Sue apprised of our activities, especially news of our Reunion last year.

When Nancy Curran’s oldest granddaughter graduated from Peninsula Catholic High School in Newport News, VA, her diploma was presented by her grandfather (Nancy’s husband), an alumnus.

Maryann Whalen Dunn and Ed visited Mary Brown for two weeks in May at her home in Atlanta and her cabin on Lake Rabun in the North Georgia mountains. Cathy Carroll Loy joined them over Memorial Day weekend. Back home, Maryann and Ed watch their grandchildren before and after school several days a week.

Mary, her friend, my sister, and I went on a Rick Steves tour of Slovenia, Bosnia, and Croatia in May. Cathy would have gone but she was recuperating from back surgery. She enjoyed her beach vacation with her family and was expecting her seventh grandchild in September.

Celia McCarthy Wendel had a mini reunion with Ceil Hargy Garman who lives in Idaho near her daughter. Celia and Dan had a busy May with graduations—three high school and one college—and three first communions. Both still work and care for a 98-year old bedridden friend.

Dottie Hemler Monteith and Betsy Klunk Esposito live in Hanover and get together occasionally for lunch. After discovering that Chris Maley Harbaugh had moved to Hanover, and Dottie’s neighborhood, shortly before her husband Tom’s death earlier this year, they invited her to join them. The three of them had a great time catching up on many years of news. Another small world for SJCiennes!

Janice Nelson Pflugfelder travelled to Southeast Asia
last fall. Her son-in-law died in April after a two-year battle with melanoma. He was able to make it to Jan’s youngest daughter’s wedding in December on the beach in San Diego where he escorted Jan down the aisle. After his death, Jan went to Chicago to help her daughter and two grandsons. (Jan warns everyone to get their skin checked yearly.)

Anne O'Regan Brolley and Jim met for a second mini reunion this year with Pat Gavin Wynne and Denny, and Felicia Prestianni Lewis and Bill at The Villages, FL. These couples enjoy each other so much that they try to get together twice annually. Anne and Jim took a 13-day cruise down the Nile in March and were amazed at the serenity they experienced. Their seventh grandchild was due in July, and Anne was going to Portland, ME to provide grandparental services.

Sheila Kelly Vertino and Al went on a Heart of Italy tour in May to celebrate Al’s 75th birthday. Sheila shared her pictures on Facebook, which made everyone want to book their next trip to the Heart of Italy. Back home, the Vertinos, who are part of the Brolley-Wynne-Lewis group, were unable to join the group in Florida because Al was recovering from total knee replacement surgery.

Bev Eagan and Larry Tuteur leased an apartment in Paris until June 2020, which is when their condo that was destroyed in the 2017 wildfires in Santa Rosa, CA will be ready. They returned to California in June to apply for their next visas, this time for resident, rather than visitor, visas. While in Santa Rosa, they selected paint colors, cabinets, flooring, and finishes for the condo. They are torn between whether to return to Santa Rosa or to stay in Paris for the long term, a decision with many pros and cons.

Mary Louise Libby Palm and Bill had a mini reunion with Kate Graham in Providence, RI in January when Kate was there for the funeral of a dear friend. In April, Mary Louise and Bill flew to Paris, two days early for their Paris to Zurich Viking river cruise, and got together with Bev and Larry. Since this was their first trip to Paris, they visited the big sites--the Arc de Triomphe, the Eiffel Tower, the Louvre, and Notre Dame Cathedral, where they attended Palm Sunday Mass. They were horrified when they heard about the massive fire breaking out the next day, but they felt lucky to have seen it in its glory. The river cruise was interesting and enjoyable and they would recommend it. In September, they took a train trip through the Canadian Rockies.

During her New England trip Kate also spent an afternoon with Carole Direnzo Shores and Jim in New London, CT. She said she enjoyed getting to know Mary Louise better and seeing Carole once again. She looked forward to having two new knees by the end of the year, with the first surgery in August. In the end, she’ll be able to resume those activities that she’s been restricted from enjoying for quite some time.

Carol “Casey” Kakalec Kohn and Hal’s big news is that they got a Belgian Malinois puppy, Ilsa, and are crazy in love with her.

Sue Romanowski Redding and Bill spent their annual family vacation in June at Bald Head Island, NC. Both are in their third year of retirement although Sue continues on the Ethics Committee at the local medical center. Sue and Bill are active with the local chapter of the Sierra Club, particularly with efforts to reduce fossil fuel consumption locally. They are also involved with the local Moms Demand Action group to address gun control issues. As if she is not busy enough, Sue is active a bit in local politics. She recommends reading An American Sickness: How Healthcare Became Big Business and How You Can Take It Back by Dr. Elizabeth Rosenthal.

Andie Archdeacon Howard and Bill celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary, a year late, visiting national parks out west starting with Arches in Utah and ending at the North Rim of the Grand Canyon and with a short trip to Las Vegas. Upon their return home, they looked forward to grandparent duty when their son brought his triplets for a weeklong visit. In August, they were going to the Staunton, VA Music Festival.

Jocelyn Fritz Collins and Mike celebrated 50 years of marriage with an Odyssey tour through Portugal and Spain. Two highlights were Santiago de Compostela and Barcelona. Back home they are settling in at their new abode in Needham, MA. Family in New Jersey and Pennsylvania, and grandchildren in Washington, DC, Denver, and nearby Newton, MA keep them on the road. Jocelyn says guest rooms are available for classmates who are visiting near Boston.

Carol Carluccio Griffin asks for prayers for her daughter-in-law who suffers from what appears to be Sjogren’s syndrome and other autoimmune diseases. She is unable to leave the house, which is taking its toll on her and Carol’s son.

Nancy Spellman Sperling and family have had a great year. Her daughter Maureen, director of marketing for
Pandora Jewelry in Baltimore, expected her second son in August. Nancy’s son Colin graduated from medical school, began a urology residency at the University of Pennsylvania, and married Laura, an attorney in Philadelphia. His twin brother Aaron, an OR nurse in Denver, married Kate in August and the two are working at Ramstein Air Base in Germany for two years, which will be great for visiting. Nancy and Connie Nippert Walsh get together in Florida in February and March, and at Plum Island, MA in the summer.

Marge Bertoni Barkocy visited Ruth Lynch Buchwalter in Charlottesville this spring. They went to Richmond to explore the Fabergé egg collection at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts and were joined there by Connie Mitchell Salmeri. Back home, Marge, her brother, and cousin travelled to Italy where they enjoyed the countryside and ideal weather conditions. They started in Milan, then travelled to Usmate Velate, her father’s ancestral home, where they tried to research the family history. They were unsuccessful in discovering new material but they got contact information to continue the research from home. The last stop was Lake Maggiore, where they visited islands and enjoyed the food and local wine. While returning home and getting back to work was a quick reality check, Marge looks forward to another trip somewhere next summer.

Ruth and Stan, their daughter, and her family enjoyed a ski week in Utah in February, and were joined by Sharrie Hogan Della and Ray who were on a four-week ski vacation. In May, Ruth and Stan explored Santa Fe and Taos, NM, a state they can check off their list of states visited. Both have visited 49 states, but their 50th states are different--North Dakota for Ruth and Nebraska for Stan. This bucket list should not be hard to complete since only South Dakota separates the two. Never ones to stay home for long, their next adventure was South America in the fall.

Judy McCarthy Malin sent greetings from Scotland and Ireland where she was travelling with her fourth grandson on his special trip. She takes each grandchild someplace special and hopes she doesn’t run out of steam before the last grandchild’s turn.

I enjoyed our trip along the Adriatic with Mary Brown, her friend Dree, and my sister Alice. Although our grandparents migrated from Croatia, Alice and I did not feel a connection, but we did find the little town on a map. Maybe we’ll visit there on another trip.

Please remember to pay your dues. For a class as large as ours, the participation rate is low. Our dues keep the Alumnae Association going and doing its good work keeping us together through Reunions and The Valley Echo.

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What a wonderful 50th Reunion! We had a terrific group--55 of us--an amazing turnout. If you weren’t there--you were missed. So many classmates contributed time and effort to make the event memorable. It was wonderful to be “All Together” again. Thank you to everyone for such a fun weekend.

Jean Givens Denney wants to “thank our class for surpassing our target goal and donating $22,812 to the Joe’s scholarship at MSM. The past five years on the board have made me very proud of Mother Seton’s impact on education, especially for women. Her work can be seen today not only in our accomplishments but continues at the Mount through the Joe’s recipients. Although our school closed, our legacy will stay alive in Emmitsburg.” Thank you to all who donated. Your contributions will have a positive impact on the future of these recipients.

A few members of our class travelled to Emmitsburg again in June for the Mount’s Reunion. Gam McKay Pruitt, Margie Metz Flynn, JoAnn Skillodge Martz, and PJ Heaven Reilly. Pat Ziegler Conley and Linda Dumbrowski Wivel went for the day on Saturday. Ziggy said she was representing Maury, and Linda was her “date.”

Beth Dignan Blumer saw Barbara Anzelone Hoffman at the West Point 50th Reunion in May. Beth and John are meeting Joan Dennery Casey and Dan in Copenhagen in July where they will start a Baltic cruise together.

Ann Mooney Kirmil and John vacation in Maine each July and it’s been wonderful that they always plan a lunch stop at our home in Massachusetts on the way. This year Liz Reaves Ellison and Jean Murray Walker joined us. Jean and Grant will be moving from Cape Cod to Colorado to be closer to their son and grandchildren. She is not happy about leaving the beach and ocean but looking forward to the mountains. Their son lives a short distance from Suzanne Sullivan so she and Sully will connect. Liz Reaves Ellison is still working as
a Clinical Social Worker at a practice on the Cape but she has just cut back to three days per week.

**Dee Aukward Redington** sent a lovely note after Reunion and recommended a new book: *Elizabeth Seton: American Saint* by Catherine O'Donnell.

PJ Heaven Reilly and Reil were on the road this spring visiting their nine grandchildren. April took them to the University of Virginia and Georgetown, then Philadelphia. In May, they were in Cleveland for the youngest grandson’s Confirmation. Then in June, it was off to Milwaukee for a granddaughter’s AAU basketball tournament. As PJ wrote, “Not one of our varied trips was luxurious, but they sure were a lot of fun.”

Thank you also to all who have paid their dues. It is the best way to assure that remaining classes continue to celebrate Reunions especially classes waiting to have their 50th. Connections and friendships made at SJC have remained strong all these years. And some new friendships have developed from Reunions over the years. How lucky we all have been to share these experiences over the years with special women. Keep in touch!

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Our 50th Reunion in 2020 will be here before you know it. Make your plans early to meet at the Wyndham Hotel in Gettysburg, PA March 26-29. In July, 13 of us met in Emmitsburg and stayed in Mother Seton’s White House to start planning for our 50th Reunion. As your Class Agent, I hosted this rowdy bunch, but we really did get a lot accomplished. In attendance were: Maryann Lesso, JoAnne Cartegena Windle, Christine Roos Mehl, Leslie Henze Blackstock, Carol Ervin Sharkey, Connie Mauro Barnett, Carmen Richardson, Jody Snyder Caye, Sue McKenna, Kathy McNaney Younkin, Alberta Johnson Baker, Susan Stay Valenti, and me.

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.etapetry.com/onlineforms/MotherSetonSchool/SJCAA.html and donate. Don’t forget to put Class of 1970 in the comments section so we can track our class gift.

Alberta Johnson Baker reports that she is happily re-retired, as she did a five-month teaching job at her old school this school year, which reminded her why she had retired in 2014!

Alberta has been to Ocean City, MD recently with her retired Spanish teacher friends, and just returned from Assateague Island with two of her grandchildren and their mother. She is booked for San Diego at the end of June for the huge Jazzercise convention (50 years)! Then, there’s a family reunion in August. She is looking forward to getting together with many classmates in 2020!! She is so grateful to be in good health!

Jody Snyder Caye observed that this is the year of growing and life changes in the Snyder/Caye household. BOTH of her daughters-in-law are expecting: Tina, wife of Brian, is expecting in September, and Azusa, wife of Sean, is expecting in October. Both are girls. Needless to say they are excited.

Libby’s job with the Office of Federal Disaster Assistance has moved her to Miami for the next few months, and then possibly back to Amman Jordan for the winter/spring.

Jody has completed her work with the School of Social Work in Chapel Hill, but continues to tutor with their Literacy Council—a heartwarming process, which really affirms her belief about the pluses of bringing immigrants into the US.

She still loves rowing and racing, despite being slower than she used to be. Jody has been organizing rowing lessons with great help from her colleagues and has gotten a lot of interest. She says that a nephew from Texas has been living with them this summer, taking an internship (with Texas A&M) with a company in Raleigh. It has been delightful to have a younger person back in the house, bringing new ideas and conversation. She also remarks: “Look forward to 50th reunion! Wow, how did that happen?”

**Ann Faraday Hook** reported that last September a group of the nurses met on Cape Cod for a week. Marianne Grisez, Janet Orsini Kelly, Diana Moon Hylton, Kathy Boyle Coughlan, Valerie Klimas Rouleau, Lucy Feild, Pat Klinger Hart, and Ann spent a week together exploring the Cape, walking on the beach, and being together. They were treated to fabulous food prepared by Janet, an excellent chef. There was no shortage of wine as they reminisced,
laughed, and shared news of their current lives.

Kathie Robinson Moritis says that she's doing well, but she's sorry to announce her mother passed away last summer about six weeks after her 100th birthday. Kathie's whole family had flown back to Baltimore for the big birthday party that Kathy had arranged, and she got to see lots of relatives she hadn't seen in decades. But then she had to fly back a few weeks later to be with her mom when she passed away. Kathie says she had a feeling her mom had just been hanging around for the party! Thank goodness she was able to be there, along with her husband Alan and some of those relatives she had reconnected with.

Kathie says she never seems to have a problem keeping busy. She and Alan are doing quite a bit of travelling. She was given the opportunity in September to spend two weeks in Paris with three other ladies, and she had a really wonderful time. She got to see some of the attractions of Paris that aren't on the first- or second-time tourist's itinerary! Alan and Kathie recently returned from a two-week tour of Portugal, which was never on her bucket list, but the price of the tour made it irresistible! They have a tour to Egypt planned for November, assuming things stay peaceful in that part of the world.

Closer to home, Kathie volunteers at a French Immersion School about a mile down the road from her. She's been trying to resurrect her high school French, which occasionally comes in handy in their travels. She's enjoying expanding her French skills, which were never that extensive to begin with! Kathie also works in the library and with the Director of Development. Kathie and Alan are of course very much involved with their two grandsons, who are now four and two. Kathie says she is planning to attend our 50th Reunion next year, as it may well be her last trip back to the Baltimore area for a while. She used to go back every year to visit her mother, but now she doesn't have that incentive.

Carmen Richardson reports that she spoke to Corrine (Coni) Dugas a couple of weeks ago. Her cancer has spread to her adrenal glands. She remains positive, will be taking medication to try to arrest progressions but at that point was feeling pretty good and was still exercising. Please keep her in your prayers.

Cathy Hill sent a quick email: “Greetings from Dubai! I'm still working full time and will probably be here for another year. But I'm certainly looking forward to our 50th Reunion. It is so hard to believe!”

Lea Verta reports that after 20 years in West Virginia to be closer to her parents, they are moving back to Rhode Island where they have family also. Lea is cleaning out her parents' house, and they are doing a lot of driving since they are moving themselves. Family issues, health issues, etc. have made the moving process very slow, but they have enjoyed reconnecting to family and friends in Rhode Island. Lea and her husband are about to be great-grandparents this winter (are we that old?) so she is unearthing baby items she has had in storage. She is hoping to come to our 50th Reunion!

Mary Ann Wiberley Shattuck enjoyed a wonderful birthday party from her husband as she turned 70 in December!! They packed their bags, along with her sister Christine Wiberley Goglia '73, flew to New Zealand, and spent the next 26 days seeing the country. They took boat rides to see sea birds, fur seals, albatross, and penguins. One of their trips was to see the glow worms in caves. Her husband Paul hiked every trail he could find. They had the best trip.

In April Mary Ann was in Gettysburg for the 2019 SJC Reunion. “It is always fun to get together with my classmates.” Memorial Day weekend they were in New York for her cousin Robert's graduation from West Point. Then on to San Diego. Her son and daughter-in-law gave her tickets to see Paul McCartney in concert. Mary Ann says the last time she saw the Beatles live was in 1964 at Maple Leaf Gardens in Toronto.

JoAnne Cartagena Windle reports that her life continues to be filled with her grandchildren. This summer she'll have a few weeks of “Abuela Camp” with her oldest granddaughter Maddie.

JoAnne volunteers once or twice a week at Villa Assumpta, School Sisters of Notre Dame Motherhouse in Towson. She's a companion to the sisters when they have doctors' appointments. JoAnne really enjoys doing that and feels she's giving back to that order who taught her kindergarten thru 12th grade in Puerto Rico. This week she actually visited with the sister who taught her in 2nd grade!

On May 19, JoAnne had a wonderful afternoon at Clarice Tomino Custer's home. Clarice and her sister Lena made the best homemade pizza JoAnne says she's had in a long while, just like her mom used to make. She remembers what a treat it was when Clarice went home and brought some pizza back to Joe's. Yummmm! It was great spending time with Clarice. She is as much fun today as she was in college. JoAnne says, “I think I
have her convinced to come to Reunion. Yay! Fran Boscia Dummett was also there, so good to visit with her as well.

JoAnne will also be going home to Puerto Rico the last week of July and stay two weeks. All of her sisters are going at the same time so it should be fun. JoAnne remarks: “As you know I went to Reunion this past year. Always good seeing everyone. I encourage our classmates to come to our 50th!”

Pam Williams reports that after 34 years of service to Frostburg State University, she retired on May 1 as Emerita Associate Director of the Lewis J. Ort Library. Having benefitted greatly from scholarships while at SJC, Pam was very glad to learn about the established St. Joseph College Alumnae scholarship at Mount St. Mary's University in a recent newsletter.

Leslie Zelles Calvelli writes that husband George retired three years ago and is a very happy camper. He loves home improvement projects and is very good at whatever he puts his hand to. Leslie retired in November after six plus years of Hospice nursing. She definitely misses the patients and their families, but the night shift was getting to her. They added yet another grandchild three years ago, bringing the grand total to ten! George and Leslie babysit a great deal and act as chauffeurs for the older kids. They are blessed to have them all close by.

In September, they got together with Kathy Young Farley and husband Jim while they were visiting family in San Diego. So nice to reconnect as if it were yesterday! They are hoping to do some travelling together in the near future. George and Leslie are off to Sicily and the Aeolian Islands in July! They are definitely looking forward to new experiences, food, and wine!

I am beginning my 20th year of teaching at the Mount! Just one class this semester; I have definitely slowed down. I have, however, become an avid gardener, particularly interested in providing plants for bees and butterflies. I have developed an interest in herbs… no, not into Wicca! My ninth book of poetry, Not Only/But Also, is due out in mid-September. Here’s the title poem:

Not Only/But Also

The nuns taught us that pair.
Not only that one, but also
Both/and
Debby are still back east but we stay in touch and visit back and forth. Anne and I have been west coast gals for the last 30 plus years. She’s in California and I am in the Pacific Northwest (Lakewood, near Tacoma, WA). Jeff and I moved west because of his job at the Port of Tacoma, and I returned to teaching history and health after our two daughters Christina and Kelly started school. I retired from teaching in 2008 when we moved to Sicily so Jeff could set up a port facility there for his company. When we returned to the US, I started teaching Silver Sneakers at the YMCA to a group of seniors and am still doing that. As I like to say, I went from teaching 7th graders to 70-year olds. Speaking of dates, I just turned 70, and Jeff and I are celebrating our 40th anniversary this weekend. I am really looking forward to seeing everyone at our 50th Reunion! The last one that I attended was our 5th.

Carol Dubel Womble--Finally retired as a Nurse Practitioner. My husband and I will celebrate our 50th anniversary this summer. We have three sons who all live close to us, and one granddaughter Izzy. We are planning a few trips to celebrate our anniversary. I did catch up with Regina (Gina) Sauer Cusson last summer, and it was great talking to her and hearing about her family.

Anne Bohan Seil--My sister Mary and I (plus spouses) are going on a Viking cruise in November to Nuremberg/Budapest!!

Judy Frere Dement--John and I are proud great-grandparents of Cooper William Staniszewski, born May 4, 2019. Our first!!!!

Karen Nugent Borek--I started in Nursing at Joe’s in 1966 but went an extra semester to graduate with a B.S. in Home Economics in 1971. Also, I received a Master of Liberal Arts from the University of Pennsylvania in 2014. Recently, I am working on my Master of Philosophy in Liberal Arts (a bridge between a master’s and doctorate) at the University of Pennsylvania. I wrote an article that was published in the Association of Graduate Students (AGLS) Journal on the music of jazz trumpeter Hugh Masekela (Grazin’ in the Grass). It was titled The Horn of Freedom. After Masekela received a 45th birthday card from then imprisoned Nelson Mandela, he wrote the song "Bring Him Back Home Nelson Mandela." This resulted in an international movement to release Nelson Mandela from jail. Eventually, Mandela became the first president of South Africa in a free democratic election. I have two grandchildren Parker and Ethan who are ages 12 and 11. I married Mike Borek MSM ’70. Although now divorced, I kept the name.

Regina Sauer Cusson--John and I are spending half the year in Maryland near my 95-year-old dad and the other half in Connecticut since I retired from the University of Connecticut. We are planning a 50th anniversary trip next year to East Lothian, Scotland with our two sons and their wives. As golfers, that area is paradise to us. In the meantime, we enjoy spending time with our five grandchildren in Baltimore and St. Augustine, FL.

Joanne Stahlhut Coppola and Susan Roach Thomey--In March 11 of us went on a cruise to celebrate our 70th birthdays. Our SJC group of 11 continues travelling “All Together” yearly and sometimes twice a year. This year in March, we went on a Western Caribbean Cruise. Next gathering is in Bethany Beach, DE in September. The group includes: Susan Roach Thomey, Ann Connair Cunningham, Steph Slagle Shockites, Almarie Schultz Walczak, Barb Nickels Gordon, Suzie Minsker Reid, Denise Fish Moxley, Debbie Neary Waters, and Dee Verrochi Cary.

Marilyn Caruso Burlenski--John and I have three granddaughters and are expecting a fourth in August. I am “essentially” retired. John is still working. Still live in Connecticut, but I still am a Jersey Girl!! Our two children live in New York (City and Westchester). Can’t wait to see everyone at Reunion in 2021.

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First, we all remember Mary Ann Carter who died in May. In the email exchange, the class remembered she always had a smile and was quick with an infectious laugh that made everyone smile. We as a class have such a special connection which was shown in the email exchanges about Mary Ann. One classmate said, “Her gift to us is to keep us close and connected until only one stands!!! And then…you are on your own. We will be waiting! I know no other person who has the connection with college classmates like we do!” Her Memorial Mass had classmates from 1970-1973 in attendance, and her brother Joe gave each of us a white wooden rose to remember Mary Ann. Mari Elena Cartegena DeCaire was among the family and close friends who released a white balloon after the service to say goodbye to Mary Ann. Mary Ann, you will be deeply missed!
Lots of class news this year. **Mary Morel Ingram** and husband Kevin are in Denmark for nine or more months for Kevin's work. They will be in or near Aalborg, which is on the west side of Denmark around the Jutland peninsula and are enjoying touring around the area. Mary had to buy winter clothes for the move! They are renting an apartment near a fjord while they live there. I will continue to share Mary’s adventures through emails as she reports them.

The class has been doing a lot of travelling this year. **Kathy Trzecieski Beecher** and husband John were on a cruise through France and then went to Andorra and Barcelona. They also recently visited South Africa, Lake Como, Milan, Switzerland, and Austria and are probably in Spain and Portugal with son John, his wife, and in-laws as you read this. **Linda Ciborowski** and husband Rich are spending three months every winter in Mexico, mostly in San Miguel de Allende which is a gorgeous little city in the hills about three hours from Mexico City. **Cathy Homan Winslow** and husband Paul travelled to Saint Thomas. **Jo Ketner Gallagher** and husband Dick went on their Irish cruise, spent time in Hilton Head and Savannah in the spring, went to Scandinavia in June (I was on that trip), Hungary, and the Czech Republic in August and are planning a river cruise for the Christmas markets in November/December. **Linda Raudenbush** was in Australia for her annual visit to Australia and went on an African safari in May/June. **Gail Fickes Williams** and husband Bob went to Florida in the winter and saw **Chris Mele** and **Sandy Cardella Speicher** and husband Joe on that trip. **Susanne Palmer** went to Denmark, Norway, and Sweden last August. And **Maureen Maloy Biggers** was in Italy earlier this year. Lots of international travel!

And classmates visit each other during the year. **Jane Clifford** and husband Tom visited **Hope Heaven Hatch** and husband Paul. Hope and Paul no longer travel but their community offers lots of amenities that they enjoy. **Mary Leatherman Mindel** and husband Iver went to Upstate New York in early April for Iver’s senior ice hockey tournament. She is continuing to help care for her father at his house/farm. **Carmel Kenney** wrote that she enjoyed a great visit from **Barbara Klein Mank** and husband Greg in September. Susanne Palmer saw **Mary Rita Cantalupo Wetmore** during a visit to Philadelphia. **Jodi Youngstrom Henderson** has seen several classmates for lunches in New Jersey. I had lunch with **Elaine Prendergast McGovern** on a trip between my two homes. **Jayne Bianco Cohill** came east in the winter and had lunch with **Mary Pat Bohan Kelly, Julie Lombard, Jane Clifford, and Nancy Nugent Clapp.** And we had our annual November luncheon with Jodi, Nancy, **Mary Mehl Doherty, Bohan, Mary Louise “Scotch” Kincaid Asaki, Barbara Klein Mank, Betty Nugent Lynott,** and me in attendance (and Joe D was also there!) And six of us attended the SJC Reunion in 2019. Betty, Nancy, Linda Raudenbush, Bohan, **Leslie Fulton Weatherly,** and I enjoyed time together in the student center on campus. There were also FaceTime visits with Mary Morel Ingram, Maureen Maloy Biggers, and Jayne Bianco Cohill during Reunion. Finally, **Veronica Duggan Flynn** and husband Dick visited Kathy Bryan Baldwin in Albuquerque on a trip out west. And **Chris Mele** visited **Pat Bader Walsh** and husband Ray in 2018.

Classmates spend a lot of time with families…**Carol Rupprecht Turner** has two daughters, one stepson and nine grandchildren. They all live within an hour of one another. Maureen Maloy Biggers' three daughters live in Denver within a few minutes of one another, and Maloy is close, since she lives in Colorado Springs. Amy is a temporary single mom of two boys, five and two, for the years that Fred is deployed in Bosnia. Shannon stays busy with her three, ages 12, ten, and seven. She and husband Kent are very busy in real estate. Jenny is doing award-winning family photography. Charlie is three and she was having a baby this spring.

Sandy Cardella Speicher and husband Joe began their adventures in the land of retirement after selling their motel in February 2018. They can now visit Stephanie and Griffin and daughter Charlie as needed. Christopher is now stationed in San Diego. Joe drove out with Christopher to make the move, and Sandy flew out with Jennifer and Sloan. The whole family few to California to celebrate Christmas in 2018.

Jodi Youngstrom Henderson saw part of the family in October at Ravioli Day, an annual reunion of the Henderson family in Falls Church. The ravioli is made from scratch and it's a rite of passage for the young ones to crank the pasta machine. They also had a family gathering at daughter Kathy’s--three of her children and all ten grandchildren, ages six to 16—a loud group! **Karen Haggerty Socha** and husband Gerry said their oldest grandson Andy is 24 and just had a daughter Aurora--which means Karen is now a great-grandmother. Grandson Paul is graduating from high school and will attend Huntington College. His soccer team made it to the state finals! Son Gerard and his wife Erin will soon be empty nesters as the youngest two are sophomores in high school. Son Chris is staff director for the Senate foreign relations committee. Karen and Gerry go to Washington, DC at times to help with the grandkids.
Kathy Bryan Baldwin said her grandchildren are growing like weeds. Ryan is 11 and is involved in all things baseball, Aleena is nine and loves school and is very artistic. Mike is working for United Fire Group their sole New Mexico insurance rep. Nikka is enjoying working as a dental administrative staff manager. Kathy hosted Thanksgiving this past year and had a nice crowd there. Ro Maher Curran updated us about son Brendan, living in Colorado Springs, with wife Carrie and three-year-old Thea. Brendan is a major in the army. Daughter Bridget and her spouse Joe live five minutes away with their seven-year-old (Alice) and almost two-year-old (Colin). Their youngest Mary Claire lives in New York City. Marcia Minton Bollwage and husband Scott have four-day weekends and use some of them to visit their children. And Mary Morel Ingram and husband Kevin hosted Christmas 2018 at their house only to have daughter Katie go into labor and have the baby over the Christmas holiday! And Jayne Bianco Cohill and husband Mike will be moving east to Charlotte to live near her daughter.

Our 50th Reunion will be March 31 to April 3, 2022. NO EXCUSES FOR NOT KNOWING AHEAD OF TIME. We will be planning a class activity for Thursday, March 31, more on that later.

Finally, we are changing the site of our November mini get-together to location in Princeton, off Route 1. It will be on Saturday, November 2. There is a large plaza there with several dining opportunities for the class, and an alternate for the guys!

Thanks to the class of ’72 for continuing to support the association by paying your dues…let’s keep up our work as a class who has supported the association through the years. And remember our class gift fund. We are getting closer to our 50th Reunion. Let me know if you have questions. Enjoy your holidays and I’ll be in touch with future adventures of the class of ’72.

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Cathy Adams Nance--I’m retired and loving it! I’ve revived my love of knitting and usually have a project on the needles. My husband and I enjoy travel and are scheduling trips and local camping in our travel trailer. Our next trip is to Omaha, NE for a wedding in September. I read about healthy practices and alternative healing and am working to incorporate it into my life. I have four granddaughters, ages seven, nine, and 12-year-old twins. We are busy with dance recitals, basketball games, and concerts since the twins each play an instrument--violin and flute. They are the closest, with the others an hour away. Not sure about attending the Reunion in 2020. I do plan to attend in 2023 and 2025!

Rosemary Grosik Helton--I am working at the Pentagon for the undersecretary of defense for intelligence writing changes to DOD Information Security Policy related to Controlled Unclassified Information. My younger daughter is expecting her first child in August and will be named after her dad Thomas Bilodeau (MSM ’75), who passed away. My other daughter’s son is exploring attendance at the USCG Academy to carry on the family tradition of Coasties. He starts high school this fall. My granddaughter begins Kindergarten this fall. We are waiting for news about the commissioning of the new USCG Cutter Midgett, named after my son-in-law’s family--might be in Hawaii.

Attending charity races is my hobby. I have been “running” in a variety of them (Rock-n-Roll; Steel City; Hot Chocolate; Disney; Road Rage; J&A Racing). I will venture to Montreal in September. I just sold my house in Virginia Beach after 37 years of calling it home and moved from the Camp Springs, MD apartment to a townhouse in Centreville, VA. Not sure if I will make the Reunion in 2020--depends on work and family.
**CLASS NEWS**

**Gail Scavongelli**--am now a USA Pickleball Association Certified Pickleball Referee! I am one of ten USAPA-certified referee evaluators. You can see me on CBS Sports refereeing the gold medal matches held at the Pickleball US Open in Naples, FL.

**Sue Christman Williams**--Travelling to visit grandkids takes up my summer/fall. North Carolina family will be moving to Richmond, VA in the near future. I will get to spoil them. My son Drew and family moved to Argyle, TX last June. We visited over the holidays—a road trip from Michigan through Nashville, Memphis, into Texas. We got together with **Stephanie McQueeney Hunt** and family midway between Arlington and Argyle. Road trip back was 22 hours straight—escaping an ice storm in Texas and Oklahoma and snowstorm in Michigan. We had 24 hours between storms for clear driving. We did it and said “never again.” One more year with visitor programs at the Maryland State House—that is the plan. I work January-April five-days a week.

**Martina Sabo**—I finished a three-week trip in Nevada, Utah, and Idaho. I visited my deceased sister's husband (Kathleen Sabo SJC ’64) on both ends of the trip. He lent me a van for the 1,500 mile trek. I visited past renters and saw four of my faux grandchildren.

I did fun things including going to a Discovery Museum, watched movies, played Lego game, went on a trampoline for the first time, swimming, went to a parade, dined out, and also visited half a dozen temples in this area and enjoyed the surprise of seeing past co-workers from the Washington, DC Temple now closed for renovation. One of my own children has decided to reproduce, and the bundle will come to planet Earth in November. They don't want to know the gender so it will be a surprise.

I work on my genealogy, weed the backyard, and entertain myself during the summer with game nights with friends. I go back to the preschool for two days a week and substitute in the Arlington County Public Schools during the school year. Retirement is elusive. Remember, you are loved.

**Chris Carrigan Natali**—I ended my guidance counselor career and retired at the end of June, and my plan is not to have to plan. As we get closer to 2023 and 2025, I'll have a better idea if I'll attend Reunion. We're still in Northport, NY. Our son David, his wife Colleen, and two-and-a-half-year-old Luca live in Napa, CA. Luca’s world is about to be turned upside down. His brother or sister is due in a few weeks. For 20 years we’ve been spending time at our family house on the Tuscan island of Elba. Looking forward to spending more time.

**Nicky Young Rachin**—retired for two years and enjoy. On September 17, 2018, I became a grandmother. Harrison is my oldest son Danny's son. I have been to Baltimore twice and will return in September, and in August I will hike in Glacier National Park. I have been to San Antonio, TX to visit family and play nurse. I get to play nurse with friends and family including giving my dog an injection once a month. My sister and I are going to Hawaii in December for her 65th birthday. We went to Alaska for mine.

I have been catching up on my unfinished quilting projects. I became a foster parent to two three-week-old kittens—bottle-feeding every two hours, then every four, now kitten food every four hours. Reminds me of my kids as infants only now I am a lot older.

**Candy Long Hubbs**—Our daughter Rebecca had a baby girl Sydney in January and is sister to Savannah, 16 months older. They live in Dayton, OH. We see them every month. We vacationed in Rehoboth Beach last week with our other two children and four grandchildren. The weather was great with no rain. Norm and I will be home for the summer. I plan to attend Reunion next April—hope some of you will come too.

**Shirley Berrian Salzbrenner**—I'm coming home on July 26th for my dad's 90th birthday. My daughter Becky is coming and my son Jeff, his wife, and three kids. Brad will stay in Alb. with Dick.

**Angie Neilan**—I retired for the fourth and last time! Virginia Tech was good to me for 45 years. My project work in International development took me to the poorest and neediest places in the world. Most of my family, my 95-year-old father, my siblings, and niece and nephew are in Pasadena. I envision spending time there. Charlottesville, VA is my hometown and my base as I ease into consulting and personal travel. My first journey is to Prince Edward Island for classes in the Irish Drum and to participate in the Rollo Bay Fiddle Festival.

**Kathy Callahan Kramer**—I had heart valve replacement surgery three weeks ago—doing well and looking forward to resuming explorations in September. The grandkids are getting closer to the three-year mark, and my older son Brian is expecting a little boy in October. I continue quilting, mostly small things right now. Conor and Keegan (twins) got their big kid quilts in March. I have to start Lorelei’s soon as she will be a big sister!
Jane McDonough Milne -- August 31, 2018, I retired from my second job as secretary of Montgomery County FOP Lodge 35 and office manager. After 30 years of service with the Montgomery County Police, I worked for 14 years at the FOP. In September, Roseanne Szczur Montanaro and I took a Viking cruise on the Danube River from Prague to Budapest. She retired in August. The food was great, the ship was clean and comfortable, interesting tours, and met nice people. In June, I attended my 50th high school reunion--46 classmates from the Academy of the Holy Cross in Kensington, MD. The next day 13 of us joined the AHC Class of 2019, at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. I spend time with my four grandchildren, and volunteer at their schools. I am active at St. Elizabeth Church in Rockville, MD, serving in the Adult Choir and funeral ministry. I am involved with the Boomers Rock and Roll Chorus at the Smithsonian Institution.

My daughter Ellen was married to Erik Channell on May 1, 2019 and lives in Greenwich, CT. We hosted a party for them on May 4, 2019. Roseanne Szczur Montanaro, Mary Frances Vassiliou and husband Socrates attended.

Marie Glynn Thomas -- Darryl and I purchased a house in Williamsburg, VA. We have to sell our house in Great Falls and have a lot of packing. I spend several days a week there. It needs painting, repairs, and TLC. Darryl is working on the house in Northern Virginia to get it ready for sale. I’m learning more about house maintenance than I ever cared to know! I’m also meeting some very knowledgeable and nice people.

Christine Wiberley Goglia -- I spent January in New Zealand with my sister Mary Ann Wiberley Shattuck ‘70 and her husband Paul, travelling to both islands, hiking, seeing wildlife, and enjoying the country. I have enrolled in the Renaissance Institute at Notre Dame University of Maryland and take classes in Art, History, Bridge, etc. My granddaughter Annabella graduated from 8th grade and will attend Mont de Sales Academy in Baltimore. My grandson Ben is learning to play golf. I spent part of the summer in Twain Harte, CA with my sister Mary Ann golfing, relaxing, and visiting with family.


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Happy fall to everyone. I am excited to tell you that April 4-7, 2019 was a great success with 24 of our fabulous alumnae from the class of 1974 in attendance as we celebrated our 45th Reunion. Attendees included Patti Touhey Bargnes, Barb Callan-Bogia, Kathy O’Brien Carlton, Becky Rutherford Dacey, Liz Baldwin Ewing, Donna McCarthy Feld, Jane Davis Gallagher, Trudie Mangiaracina Glazewski, Eileen Cassidy Hartman, Jamie LoweHuber, Debbie Mitchell Kraponick, Elaine Maddox, Eileen McArleanen, Maureen Sommar Milde, Jean Connors Muhler, Pattie LaNeve Mullaney, Patricia Morel Murphy-Lynch, Mary Ellen Kirchner Pluemer, Kathy Whalen Quarles, Kathy Kerns Raubens, Francine Loreto Redman, Anne Curran Shira, Paula Kozloski Sweetley, and Rosie Fama Waugh.

Reunion activities included a Thursday evening welcoming wine social where many of us met and then enjoyed dinner at the Appalachian Brewing Company which is just next door to the Wyndham! Friday lunch at the former SJC campus in the former SJC student center, followed by an amazing and informative tour of the campus. (If you would like to take a small group on a tour of the campus, please contact Merril Sollenberger at Merril.Sollenberger@fema.dhs.gov) We had a meeting of our class and discussed our 50th Reunion in 2024 with plenty of suggestions and planning, and then the Student Center Pub opened and we were able to “drink on campus,” unlike the old days at Joe’s when we attempted to sneak kegs into the dorms without permission! Friday night we had our Class of 1974
buffet dinner and even more alumnae joined us! On Saturday morning we held the Annual Meeting Breakfast where the “Saint Joseph College Alumnae Association (SJCAA) Scholarship at Mount Saint Mary’s University” was presented to two wonderful students—Stephanie Freniere MSM ‘20 and Roberto Sanchez MSM ’21 (the first male recipient) and the Legacy Award was presented to Chrsytie Damico Goles ’64. For lunch many of us drove out to the Liberty Mountain Resort, formerly known as “Charnita” and had a bite to eat at a nice restaurant there Eagle and the Owl Public House. That evening we attended a lovely Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg. Afterwards we enjoyed Saturday evening with the SJCAA Banquet back at the Wyndham where we partied during and afterwards in our Class of 1974 Suite. Sunday morning there was a quick breakfast and many of us promised to return for our 46th! It was a great weekend and once again, everyone commented about how no matter how many years have passed, we always seem to just pick up where we left off the last time we met, even if it was during our wonderful days at St. Joe’s. Please know that even if you haven’t attended a single Reunion, we welcome you to come and experience the warm friendships that continue to keep us “All Together” as a result of the experiences we shared back in the 70s.

The following comments were made by your fellow classmates at Reunion 2019: “The class of ’74—the class that never got the chance to graduate together. The class that is remembered for interrupted education and new friendships that soon became long distance friendships. This class, our class, gathered together in Gettysburg, PA to celebrate our 45th college reunion, although we didn’t have the opportunity to graduate from Saint Joseph’s College in 1974. Gather we did, and celebrate we did, as though we never left each other.

A wonderful group of strong, smart women came together to reminisce and share our stories of where life has taken us since we started our journey together as Joe’s girls. As brief as our time together was, the bonds of friendship that we made remained strong through the years we were apart. We laughed, we cried, we sang old songs, we looked back at pictures of ourselves when we were young, and we celebrated Mass together. It is hard to put into words why and how we have this bond for each other and the school that brought us together remains so strong. Some of us were kind enough to try to express what this weekend reunion has meant to them.” Jane Davis Gallagher.

“The 45th anniversary of our class of 1974 has been an amazing weekend for all of us, some who have not seen each other since 1971. The closing of St. Joseph’s was a devastating event for our class, as we made such strong friendships in that first year. How beautiful it has been to be together, tour the campus, pray together at the Basilica and stay up late catching up on each other’s lives. Thank you to all who have worked so hard to keep these Reunions alive. How blessed we are to know such love and friendship that has lasted all these years. Thank you, thank you!” Pat Morel Murphy Lynch.

“The most wonderful group of women ever! Wish we all lived in the same hometown and could see each other every weekend. Loved every minute—it’s amazing how we can just pick up from where we left off 43 years ago! True friends forever. Love you all!” Patti Touhey Bargnes.

“True friends are like good beer. You savor them over and over!” Kathy Whalen Quarles.

“Joe’s is love! There is nothing like spending a weekend that brings back memories from 49 years ago—freshman year at Joe’s! There is something about “Mary’s Mountain” that brings us all back together.” Paula Kozlowski Swetley.

“Thank you to Trudi for stepping up and serving as President of the SJC Alumnae Association these last three years. You have kept the spirit of St. Joe’s alive for all of us. So proud of you. This 45th Reunion for our class was awesome!!!!” Barb Callan Bogia.

“Friendships link will ne’er be broken” is evidenced by us as when we get together it is as if we never left.” Francine Loreto Redman.

“A warm welcome was given to all even the lone husband!” Kathy O’Brien Carlton.

“All together, all together still, still we meet…just like it was yesterday! It’s as if 1970 was yesterday and the conversations were seamless! How lucky are we that we still gather together to celebrate our sisterhood? Thank you Emmitsburg and thank you St. Joe’s!” Kathy Kerns Raubens and Jamie Huber Lowe.

Donna McCarthy Feld and Eileen McAlarnen travelled to Ireland in May 2019 and had a fabulous adventure! Kathy Kerns Raubens also travelled to Ireland in June 2019 with husband Harry.

Kathy Oliver Kadliak had a mini reunion with Cathy
Glass and Kathy Fleming Glennon at her home in The Plains, VA. They spent a lovely, long weekend together reminiscing about their adventures at St. Joe’s. Kathy writes that they talked about the feeling of being on their own for the first time in life in such an idyllic setting. They remembered panty raids, Bucher’s, picnics in the quad, the Attic, and discussed the trajectory of their lives since that time, in disbelief that it was almost 50 years ago since their meeting. Cathy Glass retired after a career as a clinical social worker with a successful, private therapy practice and lives in North Carolina with her husband Denny, and Kathy Glennon now lives in a lovely home in Rehoboth, DE where she pursues her art including sculpture and furniture painting. She has two grandchildren.

Patty Morel Murphy-Lynch writes about how wonderful it was to see all those who attended Reunion 2019 since she hadn’t seen anyone since 1971. She loved every moment and promised to return for our 50th Reunion of the SJC Class of 1974. Patty visited her son and daughter-in-law in Sao Paolo, Brazil where she met her new grandson Bowie Aquinnah Murphy born May 4, 2019. Bowie has a three-year-old sister Poppy who speaks Portuguese and is able to translate her words into English for her grandmother.

Liz Baldwin Ewing is so grateful that she was able to attend Reunion and plans to return to as many Reunions as she can, especially the 50th! She writes that it was a fun rejuvenating weekend and she really enjoyed being with her old buddies and really looks forward to doing it again.

March 26-29, 2020 will be the 46th Reunion of the SJC class of 1974. Hopefully many of those who attended this year will return for this and every year until our final Reunion in 2025. That means that we have six more opportunities to gather together as classmates during an association planned Reunion. These are precious years, my friends, and I am hoping that you take this time for yourself to come back and join us in cherished moments together.

When you register please always sign up for the Saturday morning 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 ongoing transition activities of our Alumnae Association with Mount Saint Mary’s University! We always plan a fun filled weekend so we are hoping to have as many of us attend as possible!

Make sure you list that you are contributing to the Class of 1974 fund on both Websites. Thank you for any possible amount that you are able to give toward our 50th Reunion gift goal.

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Beth Weaver Maslowsky has moved to a beautiful "new" home in Beaufort, SC. Her son Brian was married this past spring in Florida, and Brittany and her husband are busy working and travelling.

I am connected to a number of the Joe’s girls on Facebook, and everyone seems very active and involved with grandchildren and travelling. Pat Creel Baltzley continues to jet around the US visiting her sons and their families, as well as, attending various math conferences! Pat and her husband Joseph Leroy Deveney reside in beautiful Gardiner, MT.

Ed and I are in the middle of selling our home of 30 years and moving into Ed’s father’s home since his passing in April of 2018. We are between houses, however, luckily both homes are in Oradell, NJ. Our daughter Brigid was married to Jared Otto last August in New Haven, CT. Beth and Bob Maslowsky joined us for the celebration! My husband Ed is busy working on his newest car project, and I am zeroing in on completing my MS in Library Science at Rutgers. Never too late to start a new career!

Wishing everyone a great year filled with good health and happy times!
IN Memoriam

ALUMNAE DEATHS

1939  Mary Ahl Heugel  April 6, 2018
1943  Dr. Carmen Judith Nine-Curt  Unknown
       Emma Soler Ramos Cloquel  April 30, 2019
1944  Etta Shuff Norris  September 28, 2013
1945  Marie Flanagan Halstead  September 2, 2018
       Eileen Rodgers Seaker  July 9, 2018
1946  Mary Silk Trzecieski  July 4, 2018
       Helen Dodd (Sister Helen Edward DC)  January 8, 2019
       Frances Heltzel  May 21, 2019
1947  Mary Frances “Molly” Fitzgerald Lawson  August 22, 2018
1948  Sheila T. Broderick  June 25, 2018
       Marie Beaudette Whipps  July 22, 2018
1949  Ruth Wyatt Sweeney  April 1, 2018
1950  Sister Mary Geroge Barlow  October 25, 2018
       Helen Boyle  January 22, 1999
       Margaret Patton Dalton  December 10, 2018
       Elizabeth Gorman Bond  October 16, 2018
1951  Sister Mary Raphael (Myriam) Collazo  October 21, 2018
       Mary Beth Kenny  July 16, 2018
       Joan A. Umstetter Mathis  March 10, 2017
       Carmel Meehan Tekdogan  December 6, 2018
1952  Suzanne “Suzi” Bousequet Milligan  June 6, 2018
1954  Nancy Black Connor  July 3, 2019
1955  Patricia Cleary Lannon  October 13, 2018
       Florence Moore Murnane  June 10, 2018
1956  Barbara Freshman Sweeney  October 9, 2017
1958  Judith McNally Rea  April 17, 2019
1959  Elizabeth Meehan Healy  May 16, 2019
       Norma Carosi Godwin  June 1, 2019
1961  Helen Landgraf Perkins  July 5, 2005
       Helen (Sunny) Stewart Gieske  July 4, 2018
       Elizabeth Schwilk Corazini  December 1, 2018
       Kathleen Karem Alderete  December 5, 2018
1962  Eileen Margaret Senderak Custer  July 27, 2018
       Ann Marie Gable Cronin  April 29, 2019
       Kathleen Mary Keane  June 16, 2019
       Janice Jaeger Burns  September 22, 2019
1963  Mary Lou Williams Feeney  November 9, 2018
1964  Roseanne O'Brien Anderson  February 21, 2018
1965  Mary Ann Cecelia Fogarty Zavadoski  June 17, 2017
      Sister Mavis Jewell DC  August 13, 2019
1967  Carol Susan Kinney deBlois  February 12, 2017
1968  Sister Jane Marie O'Herson DC  May 4, 2019
      Susan Brady Sullivan  May 13, 2019
1969  Joan Hansen Johnson  December 29, 1999
      Carol Roman  May 16, 2011
      Lillian Holmes Greaves  August 31, 2018
1972  Mary Ann Carter  May 8, 2019

FAMILY DEATHS

Sister of Norma Walker Stec '47 – January 2, 2019
Joan Hanlon Vogel, sister-in-law of Audrey Vogel Emley ’55
Robert Tolle, husband of Joan Mehl Tolle ’59 – April 23, 2019
John, son of Maxine Hansen Olsen ’60 – January 23, 2019
Gordon Sutliff, husband of Mary Ann Mosha Sutliff ’60 – April 10, 2019
John Neil Fink MSM, husband of Lucy Mason Fink ’61 – December 29, 2018
Raymond Holland, husband of Barbara DeMott Holland ’61 – March 27, 2019
Bernard Gillespie, husband of Phyllis Mack Gillespie ’61 – May 21, 2019
Albert Rosenthal, husband of the late Sheila Driscoll Rosenthal ’63 – May 2017
Dr. Jose Rodriguez, husband of Libby Odum Rodriguez ’63 – December 13, 2018
Paul Fitzsimmons, husband of Claudia Mafera Fitzsimmons ’63 – January 10, 2019
David Keller, husband of Maryanna Freiberger Keller ’63 – May 1, 2019
Thomas McNulty, husband of Sue Garner McNulty ’63 – May 25, 2019
Susan Mufalli, step-daughter of Kay Ehringer Mufalli ’65 – December 31, 2018
Ronald Stolfi, husband of Mary Ellen Schweitzer Stolfi ’66 – July 9, 2019
Jeanne Geho, mother of Sue Geho Rymer ’67 – October 25, 2017
Michael Gisriel, brother of Rita Gisriel Cole ’67 – January 29, 2018
John Kidwell MSM ’67, husband of Donna Asselin Kidwell ’67, brother of
      Mary Kidwell Aldous ’64, Eileen Kidwell Perkins ’70, Judith F. Kidwell SJC/MSM ’75,
      and brother-in-law of Diane Asselin Thompson ’69 – February 4, 2019
John Haran, husband of Carol Healey Haran ’68 – September 19, 2019
Tom Harbaugh MSM ’81, husband of Chris Maley Harbaugh ’68 – February 9, 2019
Husband of Kathy Moran Scheerer ’69 – January 2, 2019
Catherine Robinson, mother of Kathie Robinson Moritis ’70 – August 20, 2018
Elizabeth, granddaughter of Kathleen Hollenbeck, SJCAA Alumnae Liaison

ST. JOSEPH COLLEGE FACULTY DEATHS

Sister Sheila O’Friel DC – April 28, 2019
Sister Sheila O’Friel (Sister Patricia) taught the foods classes in Home Ec.
Speech was not an elective. Notwithstanding that, we sat mute in our seats, Mr. Water’s ablutions pouring over our uncertain selves.

Never mind, he said, that you know no one and days unfold in a whirl of unknown corridors and unfamiliar rooms. Never mind winter seems to be coming so soon.

Never mind you all are strangers. Before you can say it had been your intention, one day you’ll hear a laugh down your dormitory hall and you will know whose laugh it is. One day you’ll hear footsteps behind you on the stairs and know whose feet tap just that way on stairs. You’ll know her shoes and how she keeps a pack of Winston’s in her blazer pocket. How well she plays bridge.

You’ll know she’s been homesick and how she writes home more than once a week. From the end of the “A” you’ll spy a dot on the horizon and know with certainty her name. Her major. Her way with a hockey stick. But we never thought we’d know these row-upon-row of faces, so different and yet so like our own: women just beginning. How could we know anything but what we brought: our own history. Our fears. Our dreams. How could we know what true friendship means. Or how friends turn into family. But winters’ lessons at last brought it all home: we learned to know one another as directly as we began to know ourselves, our reflections in the mirror somehow now reflections of our friends as well.

Sixty years have passed since that day in June we said Goodbye! By now there’s barely a lesson life hasn’t given us to learn. And now, one more: how to live with silence where friends’ voices used to ring.

But even where the silence reminds us of our loss, we remember our four years together, sometimes as if just yesterday we were headed for the Pines, sometimes, as if a dream, with its echoes of laughter. Of voices in the hall.
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 “0” and “5”. 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 2020.

Marge Donahue Stauffer ’64 said “There aren’t too many events that can combine joy, compassion, fun, insight, laughter, and even learning into one wonderful weekend but we managed to do that and then some.”

Here’s the schedule.

THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2020
Return - 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, MARCH 27, 2020
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 who want 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 MARCH 28, 2020
Recharge - Your day begins with a Buffet Breakfast and Annual Meeting. Enjoy an informal chat with Dr. Dee Gallo, 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 4:30 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 MARCH 29, 2020
Our final event is a Continental Breakfast before bidding farewell to friends and classmates.

Other Weekend Opportunities
Visit Gettysburg’s great shops and outlets, the Emmitsburg Antique Mall, or play a round of golf. Relax at the hotel pool and exercise room. “Remember when” at the Wyndham as you view yearbooks and class memorabilia.

Remember—Reunion weekend is the time to reconnect!! We look forward to seeing you March 26-29, 2020 at the Wyndham Hotel in Gettysburg, PA.