The SJCAA Board of Trustees is pleased to bring you the Fall 2020 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
Greetings to the alumnae of St. Joseph College (SJC). What an unexpected memorable year we have been through. The Board and I hope that all of your families are well and have survived the health crisis we have been through and that you continue to be in good health. We know all of your lives have changed drastically during the past several months—we all have concerns about family, friends, people working on the front line of the virus, and those who have been financially impacted by the loss of jobs or businesses because of the pandemic. Many of us have been sustained through this time through contacts with SJC friends. Those friendships have proven to be more valuable than ever during the quarantine!!

As you know, we had to cancel Reunion 2020. Classes from 1970 and 1971 are currently planning how they will share celebrating their 50th Reunions at our 2021 Reunion. They will be joined by all classes with years ending in 0, 1, 5, and 6 in this celebration. The Board is continuing to work with the Wyndham Hotel to see what changes might need to be made to comply with restrictions in place due to the COVID-19 virus. We will keep you posted on what changes might need to be made closer to Reunion.

A reminder—there are only five (5) Reunions left before the transition to the Mount St. Mary’s University National Alumni Association (NAA), so please consider coming in 2021 to help celebrate the special time for the classes of 1970 and 1971.

Thanks to each and every one of you for your continued support of the Association which allows us to continue holding Reunions, publishing *The Valley Echo*, and continuing charitable contributions to such groups as Mother Seton School and donations to the Seton Outreach Center. The current Board is committed to continuing its volunteer work for the Association through 2025 as long as members continue to support the organization financially. This year proved even more challenging in collecting dues since we did not hold Reunion. When we told you, the Association, that we were short $14,000, the response was UNBELIEVABLE. In a couple of weeks, we had more than enough to cover our budget for the year. The commitment of the Association’s members to the organization is very inspiring to the Board and continues to show how vital the organization is to its members. This is the highest dues total we have had in over 12 years—THANK YOU for your support. Our plan is to set aside dues income that exceeds our operating expenses this year into an interest-bearing account to use should we have future shortfalls.

In October you will receive a dues envelope for your 2021 dues. We ask that you continue to pay dues if possible as the number of dues paying members continues to decrease, as expected. With your help we will make it to the planned transition to the Mount’s NAA in 2025.

It has been in our hands to continue the life of the Association—you have all done an outstanding job in helping us “stay alive til 2025.” Please continue to do so for a few more years.

My best wishes for a happy holiday season and a healthy and happy 2021.

Karen
*Karen Mattscheck ’72*
*President, SJCAA*
**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 ($10,000); Office Expenses ($7,000: printing, postage, office supplies, credit card fees, insurance); Website ($3,000, professional services for updating); *The Valley Echo* ($7,000); 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 2020**, the Association will send invoices or bills to all alumnae for their **2021 ANNUAL DUES**. Annual Dues for 2021 are due at the time the 2021 dues invoice is received by an alumna.

**Dues for 2021 sent to the office as late as June 30, 2021** 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.

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### 2020 DUES PERCENTAGES

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Thank you to each and every one of you for your continued support of our St. Joseph College Alumnae Association (SJCAA). Your support, especially in this year of challenges, makes it possible for us to remain active through our planned target of 2025, when we will transition our Association to Mount St. Mary’s University (MSMU) National Alumni Association (NAA). Contributions allow us to keep planning Reunions and publishing *The Valley Echo* through this time. Your volunteer Board has committed to remaining in place to support these activities through 2025, as long as financial support of the Association continues.

Some transition is already in place. We have changed our mailing address to **St. Joseph College Alumnae Association, Inc., Mount St. Mary’s University, 16300 Old Emmitsburg Road, Emmitsburg, MD 21727**. We will continue to keep our PO Box open, however, that will be shut down at some point in the future.

Also, many alumnae have generously left bequests in their wills for SJCAA. These donations have been used to fund our charitable contributions. When the Association transitions, we still have the opportunity to keep the SJCAA name alive through our scholarship fund which will continue to accept donations. Please change the recipient of the bequest to the St. Joseph College Scholarship at Mount St. Mary’s University to avoid any confusion once the Association merges into the Mount’s NAA in 2025.

Our office liaison Kathleen Hollenbeck is working with the Mount staff to start transitioning the SJCAA database into the MSMU database so once we merge, we are “up and running” with no problems. The MSMU staff has been very supportive of SJCAA including assistance with financial work (i.e., filing taxes and keeping our accounts), coordinating Reunion, maintaining our archives in the MSMU archive area, and many other support areas. We will be transitioning other areas as work is completed so we have a smooth transition. I continue to have calls with Kathleen and her supervisor at MSMU Kim Johnson to review what is going on. We have also selected a legal firm to help us with the transition.

And the Board continues to plan Reunions. We have firmed up dates with the Wyndham, the Basilica, and FEMA (our old campus) for our remaining Reunions.

The dates are:
- 2021 – April 8-11
- 2022 – March 31-April 3
- 2023 – April 13-16
- 2024 – April 4-7
- 2025 – April 3-6 (FINAL REUNION)

When the transition is completed, we will not be requesting dues to keep the structure of our Association going--the Mount’s NAA does not charge dues. Instead, it asks alumni to support the university through financial donations to various charitable efforts there. This will include support of the SJCAA scholarship fund. Our hope is that alumnae continue to be generous to the scholarship fund so that it continues to grow and keeps our name alive.

MSMU continues to work on the potential use of a wing of the historical St. Joseph House (former Provincial House) for a new school of health professions. The Mount is even more committed to this effort with the recent COVID-19 pandemic--the need for health professionals, especially those trained to manage the mentally and spiritual challenges faced by providers, is even more critical now. The mission statement of the new school is “The School of Health Professions will develop ethical, mindful leaders with the passion and professional preparation to serve the health care needs of those at the margins of society.” It may be possible to have this school started within two to three years. The initial program would be a physician assistant, but other phase I plans include programs in applied behavioral analysis, dietetics/nutrition, exercise science, and athletic training.

MSMU is bringing the vision to life using its connection with the Daughters of Charity and their long and distinguished reputation in healthcare and working with Care for America to recruit students. The Mount is currently fundraising for the school, and the Daughters of Charity have discussed a substantial in-kind contribution for facilities and infrastructure as well as support for a Care for America scholarship in the first year of operation and renewable annually. The president of the Mount Dr. Timothy E. Trainor and the Daughters of Charity are in regular communication about this.

We will continue to update you as we learn more about the MSMU initiative which is so close to many of the majors at SJC.

We will continue to update you at the Annual Meeting at 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 have at kmatts1972@gmail.com or 16 Stratford Ridge, Mashpee MA 02649. See you at Reunion 2021!

- Karen Mattscheck ’72
  President, SJCAA
COVID-19 came in like a lion and caused the cancellation of Reunion 2020. We hope you all had fun sheltering in place in your jammies, eating popcorn and other comfort food, and watching old movies on Netflix, Hulu, and Amazon Prime. But we are optimistic, forward thinking, and enthusiastic about the future and Reunion 2021.

We didn’t meet in person but some things did occur that usually happen at Reunion.

- The 50th anniversary class the Class of 1970 exceeded its goal of $19,700 for its purse and donated $21,625 to Mother Seton School. The gift continues the legacy of St. Joseph College in the Valley and provides for tuition assistance to many families.

- The St. Joseph College Alumnae Association Scholarship at Mount St. Mary’s University was awarded to Stephanie Freniere and Roberto Sanchez for academic year 2020-2021.

- Elinor Starr from the Class of 1953 received the annual Legacy Award. Elinor died in 2013, and this award was sent to Mary Joyce McDonough, the current class agent for the Class of 1953 on Elinor’s behalf.

Hope is my theme song and I trust all of you and your families are well. **Plan now to attend Reunion 2021.** We invite you to rediscover, explore, reconnect, reminisce, and create new memories. Believe me we will have a lot to talk about.

The Reunion Committee is hard at work planning another great weekend. We plan to have double the fun in 2021. Help us celebrate with the classes ending in 0, 1, 5, and 6. 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 2021.

- Mary Ann Wiberley Shattuck ’70
  Reunion Chair
ELINOR STARR ’53
HONORED WITH LEGACY AWARD

Elinor Starr ’53 received the St. Joseph College Alumnae Association Legacy Award for 2020. Her classmates were thrilled that she was finally recognized for her devotion to her class and to St. Joseph College. “Today, wherever her classmates find themselves, they are clapping and cheering because this has finally happened.”

Elinor had been nominated by her classmates for the past few years and had quite a remarkable record of dedication to St. Joseph College. She served as the Class Secretary/Class Agent for the class of ’53 for 60 years from 1953 until her death in 2013 and is lovingly remembered by her classmates as their shining star. She strove to keep her class ACTIVE in the Alumnae Association by keeping them in communication with one another and informed about the lives of friends who met when they arrived at the St. Joseph campus so many years ago.

Immediately after graduation, Elinor worked as Assistant to the President of St. Joseph College, a position she held until she left to attend Ohio University in Akron where she received her master's degree in journalism. In 1959 she followed her sister Margot ’51 to Louisville, KY, when she took the position as Director of Public Relations at Nazareth College, now Spalding University. While at the university, she also taught journalism and served as Dean of Students, before being named Director of Student Financial Aid, a role she held for over 25 years. Her devotion to her students and her outstanding work as a financial aid professional brought her recognition on the local, state, and national levels with an annual award in her honor by the Kentucky Association of Student Financial Aid Officers.

At the 50th Reunion of the class of ’53 in spring 2003, Elinor presented each classmate with her “work of love” –a copy of A GOLDEN ALLEGRA. The publication was presented in a beautiful binder filled with stories, pictures, quotes, class directory, as well as a class history of the four years at St. Joseph College. This Golden Allegra continues to be treasured by her classmates.

The Legacy award was sent to Mary Joyce McDonough ’53, the current class agent on Elinor’s behalf.

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 2020-2021

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. Both Stephanie and Roberto maintained their high academic standards, and we are pleased to report that we have chosen them to continue with their scholarships for 2020-2021.

Stephanie Freniere is a senior and has a dual major, Elementary Education and Special Education. 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 December 2020, she would like to teach in Frederick County while working on her Master’s degree.

Roberto Sanchez is a rising senior. He is an Accounting major with a minor in French. 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.

Trudie Mangiaracina Glazewski ’74 with Roberto Sanchez MSMU ’21 and Stephanie Freniere MSMU ’20 who were awarded SJCAA scholarships for 2020-2021.
We are grateful to the members of the SJC Class of 1970 and their gift of $21,625 to provide for tuition assistance to many of our families. This gift continues the legacy of St. Joseph College in the Valley. We would also like to acknowledge the generosity of the St. Joseph College Alumnae Association (SJCAA) for its $10,000 donation for scholarships.

The Mission of Mother Seton School (MSS), a vibrant, Christ-centered community, is to inspire students to strive for academic excellence and dedicate their lives to love and serve Christ in the tradition of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and St. Vincent de Paul. Today, MSS, located less than one mile from the site of Elizabeth’s original school, is an important partner for many Maryland and Pennsylvania families as it continues the Seton Legacy of Catholic Education. MSS boasts an affordable, high-quality Catholic education (preschool through eighth grade) focused on the whole child and welcoming families of many faiths. Our outstanding STEM-based curriculum (science, technology, engineering and math) helps students develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills, preparing them to meet the challenges of the 21st century, while our award-winning music and arts program stimulates creativity and self-expression. As a certified Maryland Green School, MSS operates an ecofriendly campus, which includes a Monarch Butterfly Way Station, nature trail, gardens, and a solar energy station. Our 15-acre campus nestled in the Catoctin Valley encourages outdoor exploration and play, while our proximity to the National Shrine of our patron saint and foundress allows students to develop a strong sense of spirituality that is reflected in school liturgies, our Prayer Partner program, and community service.

COVID-19 has brought many challenges to us this year. We are offering full-time on campus and full-time virtual starting September 8. The students doing virtual will be logged into the classroom using Zoom for Education. Each classroom has to be equipped with a new camera and sound system so that the student at home will be connected in real-time to the classroom. The cost is $1,000 per classroom. We thank the SJCAA Board for its generous donation of $2,000 that will equip two classrooms. If you would like to help us fund this project please visit http://bit.ly/MSSTech2020. We thank you for your generosity.

Jennifer Buchheister
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301.447.3165
Mary Ann Wiberley Shattuck ’70 and JoAnne Cartegena Windle ’70 compare then and now.

Susan Stay Valenti ’70, Lea Verta ’70, Mary Ann Wiberley Shattuck ’70, Maryann Lesso ’70, and Carol Ervin Sharkey ’70 enjoy Social Hour together.

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Carol Ervin Sharkey ’70 and Sue McKenna Clifford ’70 remember when!

The Class of ’70 enjoying their Class Dinner.

(from left) 1970 classmates Sr. Anne Higgins DC, Christine Roos Mehl, Leslie Henze Blackstock, and Kathleen Noll Hillyard enjoy the Welcome Social Hour.

(from left) Leslie Henze Blackstock ’70, Alberta Johnson Baker ’70, Connie Mauro Barnett ’70, Helen Burke Rasmussen ’70, and Kathleen Noll Hillyard ’70 catch up at the Banquet Social Hour.
(from left) Kathleen Noll Hillyard ’70, Leslie Henze Blackstock ’70, Carmen Richardson ’70, and Christine Roos Mehl ’70 smile for the camera.

(from left) Barbra McCune ’70, Bridget Bradley ’70, Mary Ann Wiberley Shattuck ’70, and Alison Russell Kavanaugh ’70 at the Banquet Social Hour.

(from left) Betty Jo Cappuccino Brechka ’70, Alberta Johnson Baker ’70, Helen Burke Rasmussen ’70, Mary Lavin Whittaker ’70, Joanne Snyder Caye ’70, and Judi Siani O’Connell ’70 gather at the Banquet Social Hour.

Members of the Class of ’70 at the Banquet of their 45th Reunion
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Class of ’70 - 45th Reunion Photo

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Class of ’65 - 50th Reunion Photo
Margaret Patton Dalton ’55, Pat Smith McCardle ’55, Virginia Schneider Kenney ’50, and Elizabeth McAllister ’50 awarded the Class of ’52 Award for highest number of Family and Friends in attendance at their 65th Reunion.

The Class of ’60 at their 55th Reunion

(from left) Mona Lee Overdorf Welliver ’55 and Marthe-Marie Methot Meadows ’55 celebrate their 60th Reunion.
50th Anniversary
In 2019 I reported that I was one of the three remaining members of the Class of 1941 from SJC.

I am sad to report that Mary Phyllis Eby Ebaugh passed away on October 21, 2019 and Elaine Garner McCloskey Todd passed away on February 8, 2020. I am now the last member of the Class of 1941.

The last Reunion I attended was our 65th in 2006. In 2021 the Class of 1941 will celebrate our 80th anniversary. Please remember us in your festivities.

In November 2019 I received a letter from Frances Lawson, daughter of Molly Fitzgerald Lawson, who lives in Richmond, VA. Frances wrote that she went online and was able to find the obituary of Betty Boggs Cunningham. Betty had been a dear friend of her mother through the years. Betty died on February 11, 2019, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, in Chicago where she had lived since 1977. Those who knew her during the years said that her Catholic faith was of paramount importance in her life. Betty was predeceased by her husband Francis and daughter Kerry. She was survived by her son Francis Cunningham and daughter Kristin Panek, five grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. A Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated at St. Paul's Church, Portsmouth, VA on February 16, 2019. Her burial took place in All Saints Catholic Cemetery in Portsmouth alongside her husband whom she knew and loved from the time they were students at St. Paul's High School. May God grant them everlasting happiness together in their heavenly home for their loving devotion to their family and for their service to others.

In December 2019 I received a letter from Tom Hinkey, son of Catherine Schneider Hinkey to inform me that his mother had passed away on September 10, 2019 at the age of 93. Cathy had been living at Brightview Assisted Living in Catonsville, MD for about a year and a half. Previously she had been living with Tom and his wife Sharon for almost three years. Cathy had developed heart problems. Soon after a pacemaker was inserted, she developed pneumonia and did not recover. Please keep Cathy in your prayers as she has been called to her heavenly home for a life well spent for others.

Irene Campbell Seitz wrote at Christmas that she had a bad fall in her apartment in June 2019 and was hospitalized for about a month. She said she did not break any bones, but her blood pressure was high, and it was difficult to get it down. Irene said she had quite a bit of physical therapy and was finally like her “old” self again. She said that her children Tim and Noreen and her six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren were keeping her interested in “life.” She ended by saying, “I love them all.”

Norma Walker Stec wrote at Christmas that this has been a very busy year. She ended last year going to physical therapy for a broken wrist. This year she had an x-ray of her right knee and found that the bones had shifted 90 degrees. Norma has now gone from walking with a cane from time to time to using a rollator all the time rather than getting a knee replacement. After three years of putting it off, getting hearing aids, she now has them. Norma said that both she and Frank are finding their property too much work that neither of them feels like doing or physically cannot accomplish. Frank has lived in their home since he was nine months old and does not want to go to a “Nursing Home.” Norma said she is ready to have someone else prepare meals, shop, and the other good stuff we do to keep living. She cannot do her gardening which she loves for the last many years. Norma ended by saying she has no aches or pains anywhere—“just let me stand up and reach for the rollator. It is a blessing.”

I spoke with Cecilia Gallagher Pascuzzi on the phone. She said she is doing pretty well going shopping and being active in a Senior Center where she enjoys...
playing dominoes and card games. At 93 she takes a walk every day when she can. Her family has been well, and in December she went on a cruise with seven members of her family. Cecilia said her oldest son is 70 and her youngest is 50. A daughter who has seven children, the youngest is 18, is the biggest help to her.

Last year I talked to Jane Reiter Miller on the phone but this year when I called her several times there was no answer, nor did she or anyone else return my call. [Editor’s Note: Jane Reiter Miller passed away on December 28, 2019.]

As I write the report in June all of us at St. Louise House have been confined to our rooms since March as a preventive measure against acquiring the Coronavirus. Our meals have been served to our rooms until a week ago. At that time four round tables have been put together to allow four persons to social distance from each other. Now we can once again enjoy meals together. In March we watched Mass every day on TV, first on EWTN because our TV in the chapel was not working. Our Chaplain would offer Mass and then one of our sisters brought Holy Communion to us in our rooms. Then we had a storm with severe winds that knocked down one of our large trees. The tree apparently hit a TV cable and once again we were unable to view Mass every day on our TV. A couple of weeks ago the chairs in our chapel were rearranged to allow for social distancing and now we are back in the chapel each day for our Eucharistic Liturgy. My brother who moved to Virginia from Florida a couple of years ago died in April after a brief illness. His wife had died seven years ago, and he leaves six sons, three daughters-in-law, 11 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. Neither my brother nor I have been travelling so we used to visit by phone each week. I miss those visits as he was the last member of our immediate family. Thank God that to date all at St. Louise have been well. I hope and pray that all of you have been and are well. Let us continue to pray for each other and for the members of our class that Our Lord has already called to their heavenly home.

1948

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I hope all is well with you. I think of us all as survivors.

I have heard recently (from Christmas 2019) from Irene

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Nothing spectacular to report, but all are well and happy. Same with me.

1949

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Well, my dear "forty-niners," it is that time again. When I called, you answered. I guess that was no surprise since we are all on some kind of lockdown due to the virus. Everyone answered except Nell Voltaire Davidson who emailed me instead. In Florida, they are preparing for hurricane season also. They are checking their food stock so they don't run low on anything...provided the stores have it in stock. TV and reading are her mainstay but she misses sports. She watches EWTN which is Catholic and broadcasts from Alabama 24 hours a day. I watch it also for the Mass every day and all the Catholic programming that it offers. She is grateful for all her blessings and is glad everyone in her family is working or attending college. She is still driving and is adapting well to her apartment. She sends her good wishes.

I found out that Sheila Ward McPeak fell and broke her hip. It was pretty serious and she is still recovering with help from her daughters. I spoke with one of them Grace because Sheila had some difficulty with her hearing, which also caused the accident. There was one bright spot in all of this and that was the birth of a new baby in the family, a great-granddaughter added to the three great-grandsons she already had. What a blessing! Get well, Sheila, so you can enjoy those little ones! I had the pleasure of chatting with Mary Elizabeth (Betsy) Shlesinger who is happy that her daughter Katie, who is single, moved in with her. Betsy walks very slowly because of Raynaud's, as I mentioned previously, but is otherwise well and very cheerful. She also had other family visiting when I called...her son and family. She is happy that she can get her hair done again after a couple of months of lockdown. She misses the bridge games but is able to read a lot and shop for groceries.

Jean Barry Curran said she is well but misses getting out due to the virus. She told me about the successes enjoyed by her family. The youngest grandchild just finished high school, a nine month old was just adopted, a UVA graduate got a job with the Marriott organization, and a GMU graduate now works at the
Pentagon. You know she loves bridge and trivia, but can't play right now so she reads a lot and talks on the phone, which helps pass the time. Last but not least, Jean is looking forward to going to Rhode Island with family. Rita Fenwick Gough told me about going with family to the Outer Banks on vacation. While she was there, some friends of her son were also there. The girlfriend of one of them is a graduate of our Alma Mater, St. Joseph’s College. Not only that, but she is working on the history of Elizabeth Ann Seton as part of her job on the staff of the company she works for. Talk about coincidences! Right now, with the governors urging us to remain at home as much as possible, Rita is making good use of her treadmill. She is also being treated for macular degeneration in one eye. Otherwise, she is doing well.

Mary Catherine Whelan Justice says her daughter is taking good care of her. Mary Catherine isn’t physically able to get out very much but her daughter is doing a great job taking care of her. Fortunately she talks and texts and otherwise keeps busy reading, especially from her Kindle. She talks to some of our classmates often so it affords her a chance to keep up with them. She has macular degeneration but seems to be coping. She is doing well and is in very good spirits. Sad to say, after such a cheerful encounter with Mary Catherine in June, she passed away on August 3, 2020 peacefully, at home and surrounded by family. She was in good spirits until the end. Eternal rest grant unto her, oh Lord.

I had the good fortune to speak with Alice McLaughlin O’Neill. She and Bill are in a well-run assisted living home and they love it. She had nothing but praise for the management of the place. Meals are brought in promptly, all their needs are taken care of efficiently, and they have had no incidents with the virus. She has macular degeneration and glaucoma but is able to read with the help of what she calls, a blind machine that a friend gave her. She loves to read! She tries to exercise her legs daily, too, because she uses a walker and it strengthens them. She and Bill are visited frequently by a nun they know from DC.

Doris Roach Jakob lost her beloved Fred on March 12, 2020. May he rest in peace. He was ill for quite a while and her daughter Kathleen who is a nurse was helpful beyond words. She relies on her a lot. When he was buried, only the family could participate. She has some trouble with her balance and spinal stenosis but uses a cane to avoid falling. She still takes Communion to an elderly friend from Church. She is very upbeat and I enjoyed talking with her. Last but not least, my final contact was Cecile Begnoche Kelly. She is doing well and like the rest of us is remaining secluded as much as possible. She lives alone and stays in touch every day with a son who lives on the west coast. She calls every day and leaves him a message that she is OK. All her sons live far away. She is one of three girls, but she recently lost one of her sisters and one is in assisted living. She drives around town and uses the Beltway without hesitation and shops for groceries but doesn’t drive on a long trip anymore because she gets drowsy.

Talking to all of you made my day, believe it or not. It is such a joy and privilege. Stay well. As you all know, our Alumnae Association closes in 2025 but needs your support until then. Please continue to pray for our classmates and Association members, living and deceased, and their families. The following prayer reminds us all that God is always there for us. It is a repeat but in this day and time, very appropriate and necessary:

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.

1950

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Mary McLaughlin Camarda “Lockie” reached out to the entire class and gathered the following news:

Kitty Joyce Kelly has retired from driving around the streets of Chicago! We wish her well! Betty Farr Wood continues to help her church by working with collection envelopes. I had a Christmas card from Harriet White Heffernan and all is well. I had a nice long letter from Regina Mullen Hill who is staying active in Moneta, VA. She is part of the Sunshine...
Committee at her parish church where she writes birthday cards—about 1,400 a year!! She plays in several card groups, loves to read and do jigsaw puzzles.

Sadly, we have lost some classmates. **Sister Anna Walkaukas** passed away several years ago, and **Eleanor Smith Weiss** passed away in September of 2019. I had a Christmas card from **Ginny Schneider Kenney** in 2019 and was so sorry to hear she just passed away on September 4, 2020.

God bless us all. Stay safe, and stay well.

### 1951

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This is a disjointed letter due to the Coronavirus and my being in lockdown. I look forward to the fall issue of *The Valley Echo* anyway. Since this year’s Reunion was cancelled the class of ’50 will celebrate its 70th with us next year. The Board is already planning it to be held from Thursday, April 8th to Sunday, April 11th.

I have bits and pieces of news to share with you. Last October I heard that **Elinor Ciccarelli Sciarrillo’s** husband Joe had died. I called her and had a long chat. She is doing OK. Joe was a practicing physician for 49 years. He and Elinor had four sons, one daughter, five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. They were married for 68 years.

November brought a response to my email from **Anita Nevv Karwacki**. She is fine and at that point was planning a trip to Florida to visit her son and daughter in Bonita Springs. I don’t know if she went or not. She had spoken to **Marie Cleary Kleber** who is doing well. I also talked with Marie.

Also in November I received a note from **Joanne Downey McManus**. She had fallen and broken two bones in her left leg. She was getting therapy after surgery. And December brought a Christmas card from **Myrtle Sullivan Phelps** to say she had also fallen and broken her wrist and femur. But she was walking independently again and said she was doing well.

**Bev Isaacs Turbeville** called around the holidays to say she was still around. She keeps in touch with **Mary Cora Cunningham Velky** who is also still around. **Barbara McCrystal Miekle** had called me to tell me she had fallen and broken an arm and hand and had moved. She is now living in a retirement community in Lakeland, FL. Her address is: Estates at Carpenters Way, 1001 Carpenters Way, Room 146, Lakeland, FL 33809. Her cell phone number is 770.243.9650. The telephone at the main office is 877.849.7815.

**Nancy Johnson Koerwer** has also moved into a retirement community in Naples. Her address is The Glenview, 100 Glenview Place, Apt. 201, Naples, FL 34108. Her telephone number is still 239.594.9706. Speaking of Naples, **Mary Carr Shea** is doing well—is having cataract surgery on her second eye. Her daughter Sheila will come down to help her for a few days and of course her daughter Mary is nearby.

I have spoken to **Margie Feeney O’Brien** several times. Her daughter Margaret was diagnosed with lymphoma and then thyroid cancer a year ago. Thanks to excellent medical care and prayers by so many she is doing well and they are grateful for the prayers. Margie was to have a 90th birthday luncheon around March 18th but had to reschedule it because of the virus epidemic. It was to be April 24th but of course had to cancel that also.

I was lucky. My kids had a luncheon for me last summer to celebrate my 90th. It was so much fun. St. Joe’s was represented by Margie and Ed O’Brien and **Hazel Devers McKenna**. My brother Andy was the only one of my two siblings able to come. Jack and his wife are not able to travel and Lois, Andy’s wife, is in a wheelchair so could not attend. My brother Bob’s widow Linda came but she is much younger than the rest of us. All the cousins from New York came and had a wonderful time with my gang. Andy was in good health but started to fail a few months later and died in January.

Mary Carr Shea’s family came down to Naples to celebrate her birthday with her, and we celebrated **Nancy Johnson Koerwer’s** back in April also in Naples.

So now we think about 2021 and Reunion. I have talked to Margie and Ed O’Brien and **Veetsie Frick Ryan** about coming and bringing a daughter (or two or three). I already have my Ellen committed to driving me and spending the weekend at Reunion. I am hoping Barbara will come—she always brings a couple of daughters with her. Anita and Marie—you have daughters to take you and Mary in Naples—your Mary would come I am sure and the sisters in DC. I hope you, Bev, would come with
Mary Cora. It could be such fun. I will contact Pat Smith McArdle to see if she and her daughter(s) would come and also Ginny Schneider Kenney and her daughter if she has one.

That covers all. Please think about coming to Reunion. Our 70th is next year. And there are only four more after that. Please send in your dues if you haven’t already done so. Would love to hear from you. And I am still looking for Carolyn Eckenrode Sandherr and Kitty Kelly Fitzpatrick.

1952

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Dear Friends—Hope you are staying home and staying well—that’s what I am doing.

Our last newsletter started with a note about Beverly Barker Ament hanging in there. Somehow I was not notified that she died on August 3, 2019. Through the kindness of Ann Doyle O’Neill and Claire Nelson Dale I got the news but only in June of 2020. Sister Maria Cincotte passed away in April 2020. She had multiple health problems and died at the Mother House in Emmitsburg. Like so many other families, hers was unable to participate actively in her funeral service.

Barbara Echols Williams is now in assisted living where she says it is very nice though they’ve been “locked down” like everyone else. Her new address is 761 Alliance Dr., Apt. 215, Virginia Beach, VA 23454. Her new phone number is 757.716.2632.

Ann O’Neill keeps in touch with the class better than I do. She’s had emails from Alice McGrath Conway, Dolores Liske Dixon, Claire Nelson Dale, and Jeanne Hanlon Smith and they seem to be fine. Ann’s son has cancer so he and his family could use your prayers.

Claire Nelson Dale has been surviving the isolation well with Zoom meetings, lots of books, and staying informed on the many social injustice violations making the news. She also finds great comfort in daily Mass. She had a nuclear stress test scheduled to check for blocked arteries. Her good news is that she’ll be a great-grandmother in late September.

Talked to Betty Scanlan Wellner lately and she’s doing OK except for the same problems we’re all having. Her family is OK but could not visit her because she is in assisted living.

I’m surviving like everyone else—lots of reading and watching TV. I’m fortunate that my children visit often and even bring me food. Saw them all on my 90th birthday which was June 7 and was even treated to a haircut by my daughter.

So my advice is like everyone stay home, stay connected, and stay well.

1953

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I am very apologetic that I have not been more communicative during the past year. I did not submit Class News to The Valley Echo; the first time in many years since I took over from our dear Elinor.

Unfortunately, or perhaps fortunately, I was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in April and underwent surgery. The good news is that my surgeon has declared me cancer free and expects me to live to be 100!! I do consider myself to be blessed. Although I do tire easily, the doctor says that I expect too much of myself and should give myself at least a year. Patience has never been one of my few virtues.

BUT, enough of me. This posting is meant to send some wonderful news. I have nominated Elinor Starr’s name (AGAIN and again) to the St. Joseph College Alumnae Association for the Legacy Award AND SHE HAS FINALLY received the award!! Joan Billerbeck and I have been invited to go to the SJC Reunion in March to accept the award on Elinor’s behalf. Our determination has finally paid off, and I happily accept this award on behalf of our classmate, Elinor Starr, Class of 1953.

But, that was then, and this is now. Our country is fighting a historic battle against this Coronavirus. At the present time no one can assure us of when it will end. So, it looks like we’ll have to postpone singing “All Together” for a few years. In the meantime, keep safe, hug your loved ones if you can, and I pray that God and His Blessed Mother keep you in their care. Until later, just know that I love you all—Louie.
In this age of quarantine and COVID-19, it has been difficult not being able to move around as one would like. So this is one way to keep in touch.

Claire Kirchner Lawless reports that she spent a long weekend at Lake Anna near Richmond with a daughter and her husband. She is planning to go to her granddaughter's wedding which was postponed until next year. Claire finds time to walk every day in her neighborhood to keep fit. She also likes jigsaw and word puzzles. A daughter who lives close by delivers her groceries. When she wrote, she was anticipating cataract surgery which I hope has gone well.

Joanne Gates Popoff writes that her oldest grandson Andrew is now a pharmacist and the youngest Greg graduated from the University of Washington. She said she is doing okay for an old lady!

Pat Brady Hines writes from her community near Columbus, OH that she is OK and safe from COVID-19. She has been enjoying virtual things like Bible study and public library book discussions. For two months she played book bingo.

Marguerite Bourdeau Byrne is enjoying life in Virginia Beach and feels lucky to have helpful neighbors and a convenient farmers' market on her walk to the beach.

Romaine Smith Burelbach spent a week with her family at the Outer Banks, NC. They drove past Emmitsburg but didn't stop. While in Maryland she drove past her childhood home in Waldorf, ate lots of crabs, and visited her grade school and high school in Bryantown and St. Peter's Church in Waldorf where she and Jim were married.

Please keep sending me your news and I will save it until next time.
got delayed, then cancelled due to COVID-19, an interim treatment with "chicken oil" was offered. "So far so good!" Barb wrote of the death of her beloved sister-in-law Joan and of her cancelled memorial; and then of her new great-granddaughter Isobel whom she had not yet been able to visit and to hold. A September family wedding is on hold but a March 2021 wedding in Raleigh, NC has Barb and family eager to finally gather and celebrate! Her parish has been live-streaming Masses so she has been happy to participate from home. She shared the desire of so many of us—to meet for lunch or dinner with our women friends and renew those precious ties!

As COVID-19 arrived in New York in early March, Miriam Johnson Curnin and husband Tom left their Larchmont home for their summer home in the Berkshires. Though Tanglewood and its beloved musical programs are not available this summer, they are still enjoying the serenity of North Egremont, MA and plan to stay for a while. Reading and working on her flowers fill Dolores Nevay McMullen's days with pleasure and keep her well in mind and body.

Pauline Lisella Raftopoulos' many health issues don’t dampen her good humor and strong faith. She loves to cook and especially to bake and her three adult children living with her and the daughter just five miles from her delight in her culinary efforts. When not in the kitchen, she has found joy making an afghan from scraps accumulated over the years. She thinks the four of them had the Coronavirus but they never got tested or treated. They cared for each other and are all well. We join her in giving thanks!

An email from Carol Murray Fuchs's daughter-in-law provided Carol's new permanent address: Victoria Court, 55 Oaklawn Ave., Cranston, RI 02920. Carol's memory loss issues are being well cared for and she has the advantage of having her son Michael and family nearby.

A lengthy email arrived from Virginia Ohlmuller Rooney in early June. She and Bill were just returning from their Marco Island home. Florida was less restrictive than Delaware but they were so grateful to be safely home again and back with the family. Her pastor at San Marco suggested that reciting the Our Father offered perfect timing (20 seconds) for the important washing of hands. She and Bill enjoyed walking the beach at sunset time praying the Rosary together. Her life is one loving prayer of gratitude! To all her classmates of '55, she offers her fond best wishes!

A recent earthquake, though located in Ponce, PR did not affect Ileana Soler Torruella. Her MS limits her activity but she is well cared for in her beautiful home. She enjoys periodic day trips to San Juan to visit with her sons and their families. Ileana stays in the car and they come to her and the grandchildren get to see their "abuela."

When I couldn't reach Maria (Mapy) Del Pilar Irizarry with the phone number in my records, Ileana was able to provide the new number. I was happy to hear Mapy's voice but it was garbled and faint so I had trouble making out her words. She evidently could hear me plainly! All I can tell you is that she is well and very proud of her children and grandchildren.

Sr. Mary Martha (Mary T) Gardiner feels that the Coronavirus has changed our lives and in many ways for the better. As our world unites in fighting a common enemy she believes that we feel responsible for others as never before. She delights in walking around the IHM campus and experiences a bonding with the many neighbors who are using the property to bring their children for exercise and to enjoy Mother Nature. She hopes and prays that we all use this blessed time to take stock of our lives and to deepen our connection with God and neighbor.

Monalee Overdorf Welliver and I chat weekly. Monalee shares her home with her son Sean and fiancée Angie and, as of June, her new dog Dancer. Monalee has had some serious heart issues but, faithful to her exercises, she is well. Thanks to our mutual friend, Sue Garner McNulty (Class of 1963), we have been visiting via Zoom on Sundays. I guess we have COVID-19 to thank for this innovation in our lives!

Once again, I was unable to connect with Margaret (Jill) May O'Donnell. Her phone memory was full and my email went unanswered.

In my January 2020 letter, I shared with you the loss of Margaret (MK) Scully LeMense at the end of December 2019. Now, I bring you the sad news of yet another classmate—Margaret Swett Langley who died on April 6, 2020. Her daughter Mary was kind enough to call me with the news. Margaret was a Navy wife and was to be buried at Arlington National Cemetery. Memorial cards were sent to both families along with notes of sympathy.

I was so eager and so ready for our 65th Reunion, this year and so disappointed when it had to be cancelled. I'm working on my enthusiasm and energy for 2021 and I pray that health and world events will make it
possible. The dates are April 8-11, 2021. Hope to see you there!

I have used this COVID-19 isolation to weed out my vast collection of three-ring binders and files from my many years of language teaching, liturgy planning, Scripture classes, etc. It is not an easy task but a necessary one and the gift of time has been a blessing. My chiropractor and my acupuncturist keep me functioning. My family and my two women’s groups keep me socially connected. The phone, Internet, and Zoom gatherings are much appreciated! My five children remain employed and well and I am ever prayerfully grateful! Know that you are always in my heart and prayers.

1956

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Sad news: Rita Weaver Foye died on May 2, 2020. Lou cared for her for many years where they lived in Southern Pines, NC. A happy memory: our whole senior class attended their wedding. May she rest in peace.

Nona Murray Duvall has had an incredibly sad year. Her sister Lyn who graduated from St. Joseph’s in 1961 died on New Year’s Day. Many of Nona and Paul’s children accompanied them to the funeral in California. Husband Paul died on February 24th. Now Nona is recovering from hip surgery. Her fake steel hip became infected, was replaced with a “spacer,” and will eventually be replaced by a stainless steel hip. Rehab will follow that. Nona lives in Harbor Chase of Prince William Commons in Woodridge, VA. She has not seen the children since Paul’s funeral. With her indomitable spirt, she plans to attend our 65th Reunion next spring! We can keep both Paul and Nona in our prayers!

Jeanne Beurket O’Connor writes from Sarasota, FL that there is not much news. She says that she is staying put behind her mask until July when she will hopefully attend her brother’s funeral in Binghamton, NY. Jeanne’s health is okay thank God and her family is doing well.

Talking to Betty Taylor Claypoole in Cranford was fun (I love hearing that Jersey accent)! She is thrilled to be a great-grandmother and keeps up with her 10-month old granddaughter by video. Betty and Nelson’s three children are working from home and all are well. They have a Mickey Mouse in their front window, and the neighbors keep backyard lights on to honor nurses. Their pastor told parishioners that they had a moral obligation not to come to church. One wonders what this poses for the future.

Anne Christe Calcagni writes from Norfolk that news is scarce since, like everyone else, “we’ve been cooped up for SEVERAL weeks.” The best news is that she and her family are well because they wore their masks. Anne got the garden planted and has had time to read books gathering dust on the shelf. She looks forward to returning to her Silver Sneakers class. Ann feels bad about those affected by the pandemic and says we have so much to be thankful for. If their health cooperates, Anne and Toni will make Reunion.

Mary Ann Radzievich Pagano and Dan are delighted that their five children can all work from home. Each child had two children and Mary Ann laughingly wondered if that was planned! Their retirement community has taken good care of them, delivering 20 meals a month. Dan is a great cook and takes care of the rest. Maris Grove in Glen Mills, PA has had many safety restrictions. However, their old dog Romeo enables them to get out for walks, even though he would prefer to stay home. Mary Ann still deals with COPD using lots of inhalers.

Our link to Emmitsburg, Rose (Sister Margaret John Kelly), notes that we are all having difficulty getting through all the loss and uncertainness of life today. She says, “We are living in great insecurity here in the east as more and more is revealed about the situations, health-wise, socially, and economically. I guess this is one situation where we keep in remarkably close touch with the Lord. We have had no issues with our sisters here. We recently were able to have Mass and that was a wonderful day. But the uncertainty remains for all and that is perhaps the hardest part of all.” She hopes we will make Reunion 2021 a great final event.

Chica Godbee Golibart writes from Cape Charles, VA that she has been busy with family visiting. She says she is so lucky to be living in her small community with family close by to help keep her safe. Chica is still fortunate with no major health concerns. She has not been able to go to Emmitsburg since December but hopes to go in July.

Carol Maher Bechman was hospitalized from April 7 to 11 with COVID-19. When we spoke in late June she
was still recovering with shortness of breath and needing a walker, but her appetite was returning! Husband Fred has had dialysis twice a week for two years. Their children are all able to work from home. Two live nearby and two farther away; they have eight grandchildren.

Being a great-grandmother delights Carmita Arqueta de Armas, now in Miami, FL. Arlen Rafael is the son of her granddaughter Cristina and Brian Anderson. Carmita says he has brought a lot of love and happiness to her family. Her children and their families are well. Five grandchildren are part of the work force having finished their MBAs, doctorates, etc. The youngest is in middle school. Carmita is fighting colon cancer, having had a second surgery, and is doing well. She says, “Apparently neither the Lord upstairs nor the devil downstairs want me in their premises, so I seem to be doing well on this planet.” She hopes we will be able to meet again for our 65th and sends blessings to all.

Mary Fran Kane came back to Palatine Bridge, NY later than usual from Coco Beach, FL where she spends winters. She is fortunate that two nieces live near. She is mobile though she did give up golf this year. A niece has taken over the vegetable garden under Mary Fran’s expert tutelage. The Mohawk Valley in New York has not had many cases of the Coronavirus. Mary Fran told me that Betty Lloyd Metzger died a few years ago.

Fran O’Brien Baldessarini is grateful that Ross retired after 50 years of psychiatric research at Harvard. They live in Waban, MA where Fran stays put while Ross does the shopping. A son lives in nearby Framingham and a daughter is near Baltimore. The four grandchildren are close in age and enjoy going to Fran and Ross’s house on Cape Cod. Fran hopes to resume PT soon as she continues to recover from a shoulder injury a few years ago.

Retired school nurse Joan Greco Gies lives in Pennington, NJ (that accent again)! Her five grandchildren range in age from 10 to 28. Three live nearby and two are in Virginia. She has been doing a lot of reading lately and misses a long-standing date with a card club and going to the library. She and her sons and their families are all well.

Nancy Meskill relocated to Nottingham, MD to an independent senior living community. She still has her car and does a lot of driving including taking folks to medical appointments. “I never acted my age. Why should I start now?” she laughed. Her sister died in November. Remember that Nancy played the trumpet? She plans to bring her Irish tin whistle to Reunion and promises to sing and play for us!

Joan Kerr Benjamin has moved to a senior living facility. Her new address is 2525 Pot Spring Rd., S333, Timonium, MD 21093.

An email came from Fran Gillchrist Quitzau on July 14, her 64th wedding anniversary. She and Bob were forced to move a couple of years ago when Hurricane Harvey flooded their home. They now live at 23 Wyndehaven Lakes Dr., Katy, TX 77494. It is a town west of Houston where you occasionally see a cowboy with boots and spurs. Fran says that many things were lost, but they realized that losing all that “stuff” freed them to live more simply. All the children are employed, their health is okay, and they get out to walk, garden, and do simple things. Fran is enjoying Mass online more than she thought she would. Volunteer work with Charity Guild of Catholic Women has come to a screeching halt but may resume in the future.

I drove to Ohio February 2 to celebrate great-grandson Austin Waters’ second birthday. He welcomed a brother Beau on December 9th. Their cousin Emery Craft will turn three in early August. FaceTime and Zoom meetings have supplanted visits with my three greats, five grands, and three children. Everyone in my family is well. Daughter Mary brings groceries once a week. I still walk and exercise every day. My COVID-19 project has been creating photo albums for my children, grandchildren, brother, sister-in-law, nieces, and nephews.

Just a reminder to pay dues. That is what keeps The Valley Echo coming. The latest figure I saw had 30.4% of the class of 1956 as contributors.

If you have news of any classmates not mentioned, please send me an email, or call me!

Note that our 65th Reunion will be April 8-11, 2021. Please God let us be able to travel to Gettysburg and Emmitsburg safely and in good health! It is on my bucket list! Meantime, blessings and love to all of you.

1957

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It saddens me deeply to report that our dear classmate Barbara Kelly Paoletti passed on April 15th. Her husband Joe said she went peacefully, comfortably, and
without pain. Barbara had fought a lengthy battle with Alzheimer’s disease, and Joe was at her side every step of the way. Referring to her as “one of God’s finest works” he said she dearly loved SJC.

Also, it is with a heavy heart I send word of the death of Margaret Hayner Atkins’ beloved husband Bill at the age of 90. They had been married for 60 years and have seven children and 17 grandchildren. Family and friends gathered in Albuquerque to show love and share memories of a life well lived. In recent years the couple had spent winters in Arizona where they also have many friends and activities. My husband and I enjoyed their company for an occasional lunch and a boat ride. Margaret stays busy tending her flower garden and taking daily walks. One grandson likes to visit G’ma and help with chores around the house.

Mary Elizabeth Bustamante Anderson touched base to say she and Bill are doing well and are just trying to adjust to a new way of life during this pandemic. They are very pleased with Riderwood, their Senior Living community outside DC. She says the staff is doing everything possible to keep them safe. She volunteers with Meal on Wheels and finds the work is uplifting and heartwarming.

After losing touch with Sue Hixson, who joined a religious order after college, I finally tracked her down at The Collenade, an assisted living/memory care facility in Tampa, FL. We had a nice chat but it soon became obvious that she had dementia. When I asked how she spent her days she answered, “I get up in the morning and go to school to teach.” I’m sure she was a lovely teacher.

Carol Bon Tempo Glennon responded quickly with her news. They sold their home on Cape Cod where they had enjoyed 40 years of great family gatherings and memories. Plans to attend their oldest grandson’s graduation at the University of Colorado in Boulder had to be scrapped due the current situation. Today she spends time making masks for her grandkids in California.

Knowing that not everyone uses email (my favorite means of communicating), I started to phone a few classmates. Kay Taggert Kane was genuinely happy to receive a call and eager to talk. She and Francis, MSM ’57, have been happily married for over 60 years and live in Conklin, NY. They have 11 grandkids and are doing well. When I mentioned that I occasionally see Carol and Margaret she exclaimed, “Oh, I do remember them well.” Margaret offered to make a few calls but found that many of the numbers are not in service anymore.

One she did reach was Mary Ann Stallings who is mostly home bound at this time, but enjoys a weekly dinner and cards with her daughter. She has four grandkids. She asked where have all the years gone?

Lucille Marana keeps us informed with frequent observations and books she has read and liked. With her twin sister Lorraine she gets out to lunch with friends and occasionally they take a limo into the city, but haven’t tried Uber yet. She is a great fan of Amazon Prime and Costco due to their delivery service.

A funny story arrived from Jean Sledz Moore. When she turned 84 her large extended family took her to dinner at the Riverfront in Wilmington, DE where they had lots of fun playing games and predicting the Election results. Someone suggested drawing on the paper tablecloth what came to mind when they thought of her. The funniest sketch was a picture of a church with Jean standing nearby, holding a rake with a hearse in the background. The backstory is that she was raking leaves to make the property look nice for a funeral the next day. Jean happens to be on the Parish Property Committee in charge of grounds, as well as her clerical duties. A very busy lady!

Joan Stovicek Hutchison sent a long and interesting profile of her life since college. For 15 years she was the Administrator of a Crisis Pregnancy Center where she was able to attend daily Mass and ask for guidance in saving babies from abortion. Now retired, she has time for her first love, quilting, which is a Godsend during this quarantine and social distancing. For many years her main health problem was falling. After many tests she discovered her meds were fighting each other. A bad fall in March tore her rotator cuff. An orthopedic doctor made a house call and helped but further treatment has to wait out the virus. Now she has time to finish those quilts for granddaughters and her first great-grandchild.

Betty Ann Kenney Sheridan and Bill are excited to announce that their two granddaughters, Courtney and Caroline, delivered babies a week apart. Other than the fury of a hurricane evacuation, Betty Ann says she loves her home, about two blocks from the ocean in Hilton Head, SC. Not even the occasional alligator that finds its way into their garage puts her off.

Miracles do happen, and last week I was pleasantly surprised to hear from Jean Gigliotti Kiernan who was a bridesmaid in my wedding nearly 60 years ago. She and John are doing well in Doylestown, PA, onetime home to James Michener, Pearl Buck, and Oscar Hammer-
stein. John is retired from the financial world while Jean
is a 25-year docent at the Philadelphia Museum of Art.
They are both active in the local music and art scene.

Adelaide Burroughs Campbell says that at first she was
optimistic that COVID-19 would go away quickly so she
travelled to Tennessee to be with her daughter. Months
later she is back home in Pennsylvania with the end still
in question.

The news from Coronado Island, CA is that Carol
Knauer Pastor has the cleanest house in town. Since
day one of the lockdown she has devoted hours to
cleaning drawers and closets. Unfortunately, she can’t
donate discards as the charity outlets are closed. Her
girls had to cancel their planned trip to Europe. A
granddaughter working in Australia was warned not to
go home to see family as she might not be able to return
due to entry restrictions. Carol is serving her 13th year
at the Coronado Police Department, second term on the
city’s Historic Resources committee and volunteering at
the museum and visitor center. She says her children
can’t believe some of her college pranks--Like stuffing
her bed with blankets and sneaking off to the bowling
alley for fun. Anybody else want to confess?

Jeanne Mitchler-Fiks was disappointed she couldn’t
make her annual trek to Europe this year. In February
she was in the hospital for surgery on her vocal chords.
She is still hoarse and needs another small procedure
that will have to wait awhile. She is working from
home and had to close the Child Care Center and fur-
lough the staff. Other community programs are on the
ropes until this virus is under control. To relax, Jeanne
takes long walks with her dog, CJ.

Mary Elizabeth Lange Riscassi took a bad fall in her
home and broke several ribs and injured her elbow.
She was unable to get up so the paramedics were called.
After the hospital she spent five days recuperating at
daughter Janet’s home. She is now back with her
husband Lou doing therapy three times a week
and hopefully on the mend. Very unfortunately, Liz still
endures pain from a terrible auto accident years ago
when she almost lost her leg. As an aside, she men-
tioned her son Thomas who was in Malaysia on business
and got stuck in a luxurious Resort Hotel unable to get a
flight home due to COVID-19 travel restrictions.

Jacqueline Smith Woelkers and Richard took a three
week ocean cruise to South America in December. The
trip included stops in Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina, the
Falkland Islands, and Chile. One of the highlights was
the cable ride to view the statue of Christ the Redeemer
high above Rio de Janeiro. We got drenched by the
spray from the magnificent Iguazu Falls. I fell in love
with the handsome Gauchos, and wished I could have
danced the tango. I spent my 85th birthday cruising the
Straits of Magellan and sipping afternoon tea on our
beautiful Viking Jupiter. We were very fortunate to
arrive home before the quarantine hit. Blessings to you
all. Stay healthy.

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We regret that we did not receive news from the Class
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Warm greetings to my fabulous classmates. Life in the
Valley was relatively serene, until the New Year of 2020
entered to be followed in later weeks by the introduc-
tion of the devastating COVID-19 virus, which has
touched many lives throughout our nation. The editor
of The Valley Echo suggested that the class secretaries ask
our classmates about their experiences related to the
virus in addition to any other personal information that
they wish to share. From several email notes and many
telephone conversations, I was able to glean some
information. In general, most classmates with whom I
spoke, have been following the suggested scientific
guidelines of social distancing, mask wearing, and
testing, when needed. Attendance at Mass is virtual
online or by viewing television.

Ann Dodd Dooling emailed me that her husband was
admitted to the hospital with a diagnosis of the virus
from the care facility where he was staying, and the
good news is that he recovered and was able to return to
the facility.

Helene Coffey Bowes and Joe are isolating and trying
to keep safe. Their oldest daughter, who lives nearby
and is the Principal of a high school, shops for them.
They do see their six children and eight grands.
Mary Fran Kelly and John are not planning to go out of their community, freely, until a vaccine is available. Some of their children bring in the groceries.

Noreen Smith Reid and Dennis have been spending most of the summer in the Poconos in Pennsylvania, and have managed to stay healthy during this virus crisis. Her family has stayed fairly well, and most are working from home. They are fortunate to be able to enjoy the out of doors while distancing from people. She visited with Pat Bianchi Gilroy over the Christmas holiday. Noreen and Dennis went on a river cruise in November through the Northwest on the Snake and Columbia rivers.

Jacqueline Jewell Hamilton reports that Maine appears to have the lowest incident of the virus in the country, but that it is bad in nursing homes, and Canada has closed its border. The economy has suffered from a lack of tourism, and schools lack enough computers for online home teaching. She suffers from neuropathy in her legs and has resolved not to fall. Her son lives in New York City and her daughter with two step children lives in Maine. Jackie recently attended a wood stacking party for fuel for the houses in her area and she brought food for everyone.

In our phone conversation, Helen Lilly Johnson has noticed the magnitude of people from the North coming to South Carolina. She likes to go out every day to ride a bike, lunch with friends, and/or to fish. At one point, she has been teaching secondary school math to pupils in need of extra help. Helen participates in attendance at Mass either virtually or in person, if available. Her South Carolina neighbor, Mary Howell Fritz, was moved back to the Scranton area by her children where she now lives in a retirement home. Helen lives near another SJC neighbor, Ellen Maher, who likes to stay at home and knit.

Marcella Gibbons Wilding and Jim report that their retirement community, CCRC, is treating them well. Meals are delivered at the door and some good entertainment is outside their windows, with bands, singers, etc. Sadly, she has yet to meet their first great-grandchild born in Indiana, some months ago. “We were so excited about his birth.” Marcella has been enduring chemo treatments for colon cancer and hopes all of us are staying healthy.

Sr. Marian Hamwey states that she has been in lockdown for four months in Albany, because her living quarters at the DePaul Residence is attached to the St. Louise Retirement House, which follows the state guidelines for nursing homes. Until March, she was volunteering at the front desk for the US Center for Refugees and Immigrants in Albany, which was a very wonderful experience. Sometimes, she was able to use her French and Lingala with Congolese or others from Central Africa. In addition, she volunteered at the clothing shop for the homeless. Beginning March 1st, that all was put on hold, as she was prepared for a knee replacement, with therapy and daily exercise. She thanks God, that she is doing wonderfully well, with no pain or discomfort. Her friends say it is because she has been exercising regularly for years. Sister is preparing for the Daughters’ General Assembly, held every six years in Paris, by attending local meetings to discuss topics particular to their situation in the US. It leads to the Provincial Assembly for the 45 missions of the St. Louise Province USA. This time it is all virtual so they have become quite adept with Zoom to cover three time zones, since no one could travel. Actually, Sister liked this process since it was quiet with no distractions in the midst of the discussions. Now, she is making her annual retreat with Zoom while she is with another Sister at their Lake House. Relative to COVID-19, Sister’s community has tried to do what they can to help those affected through prayer, food donations, staying informed, and trying to take every precaution. No one has been infected either among the Sisters or the staff. Each morning there is a temp check at the front door for those coming to work and for those returnees from MD appointments. Sister explains that as we know, “New York was the epicenter for the pandemic, at first, but now is among the lowest in the country for cases and fatalities. Our mantra from the governor has been and is New York tough, New York smart, New York disciplined, and New York loving.” She is keeping our classmates and their families in her prayers, and sends love to all.

Speaking of New York, Cathleen McLoughlin retired from her teaching position at NYU, is in good health, and lives in a small apartment, walks to the corner grocery store (has never owned a car), and continues to volunteer at the Morgan Library and the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Of particular interest to her is her tour of the Lindau Gospels, which were translated by St. Jerome and found their way to a monastery in Switzerland and on to Irish missionaries in Ireland. Cathleen has spent three Christmas vacations in Ireland and is New York tough, New York smart, New York disciplined, and New York loving.” She is keeping our classmates and their families in her prayers, and sends love to all.
they share with their grandson, who works in the city and does all of the grocery shopping. Kathy is doing well in recovery from cancer treatments.

Helen Fitzgibbons Carmody lives in Brooklyn, NY and tells me that she is staying safe and well. Her trip with Barbara Torrance Knowles to Norway and Lapland was postponed to fall of 2021. Barbara reports that her grandson graduated from college and that her two sons visited her. She has retired but has been Zooming in on classes and hopes to volunteer at the University of Missouri.

In a conversation with Joan Mehl Tolle, she told me that she had moved into an apartment in her daughter’s house after Bob passed away, last year. She appears to be feeling well, and especially likes her view from her window of the churchyard where Bob is buried.

Patricia Horn O’Brien reports that she and John are doing well in Connecticut. Her handsome grandson plays in a band which they are looking forward to seeing after the gathering restrictions are lifted.

Joan Ahern Lemp and Mike are still in Florida, with plans to return to Rhode Island in the fall.

I spoke with Audrey Carr Shields and she appears to be social distancing and misses seeing her triplet grandchildren and her son, who lives in Washington, DC. She enjoys reading.

Delia Gautier Slight from Loredo, TX explains that she rarely goes out and has been able to see some of her family who bring her groceries, each week. She really misses seeing two of her grandchildren who came individually to have lunch with her every week.

Nancy Shaughnessy Tache tells me that at this age they are staying safe, shopping in the early hours, but it feels like staying in prison. After the removal of a basal cell carcinoma of the eye and radiation treatment she has had to wear a face mask. Her son Peter works at home and her daughter teaches art in high school.

Jim and I are doing pretty well with COVID-19 and the aging process. We have been wearing masks, keeping social distance, going to Zoom meetings, going to the store once a week, keeping doctor’s appointments, missing our gatherings with friends and families, except for wave-bys with the local family. My granddaughter contracted the virus from a girlfriend after being home from U of SC for two months. Fortunately, no one else in the family was infected, and she had a mild case.

Many thanks for your information. Apparently, we have 36 living alumnae, with 26, who have passed away. I have written and called many, but people have moved with no forwarding address or phone number. If you know any information, please let me know.

PLEASE STAY HEALTHY AND SAFE and GOD BLESS AMERICA--LOVE MARY LOU.

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First of all, on behalf of Liz and myself I hope that you and your families and friends have gotten through these unprecedented times as safely and seamlessly as possible…Funny, if any one of you had asked me four months ago, say in March, what Zoom was, I would’ve thought immediately of a car far-exceeding the speed limit on the New Jersey Turnpike, zooming ahead. Well, LOL, I now am an expert on Zoom meetings and gatherings.

Here goes class news and most every item relates to the COVID virus pandemic to some degree.

Welcome Kate White Eustice. Kate’s usually crazy hectic life has slowed down considerably. She says, other than housework and a walk and lots of reading she’s not doing much, no trips out of country (which Kate is famous for). Kate and Bob are anticipating a visit from their daughter Julie and her family from North Carolina. Denver her oldest grandson is a junior at the University of North Carolina and Raina is a senior in high school. Both of Stacy’s children are in grade school. Gee, Kate, you must be a lot younger than most of us!!!!

Such welcome news hearing from Kay Saunders DeSilva. She starts off by saying “being a military family confined to quarters is not fun but we’re hanging in.” Both Kay and Phil are in reasonably good health. Phil is happy as a clam working at home with online resources, perfect with his dedication to genealogy research. On the other hand, Kate says she flunked retirement. Staying home is not her thing. Older son Gary works for Chase as a project manager and is a
Command Sergeant Major in the Army Reserves. His wife Sonja has been Zooming with her special ed students. Their Nick had a virtual graduation and is headed to the University of Cincinnati and younger Zach, a 10th grader, is experiencing his big disappointment--cancellation of his class trip to China. Maybe next year, Zach. Younger son Joe is a school administrator at Fort Meade, MD; he focuses on working with the children and families of active duty military and civilian personnel. His wife Meagan is a clinical social worker. Daughter Madeline, a 10th grader, lets it be known to everyone that she will one day be an environmentalist and her sister Amelia a super active second grader. Hmmmm, another “youngee”--a granddaughter in grade school! Kay finishes by saying she’ll see us all at Reunion next year.

And, from Charlotte Duffy Kain, I’m copying exactly what she says. “As you can probably guess, there has been NOTHING new in my life! Tom and I are home together-still alive--but bored to tears!!!!! Have been reading books that I would not have opened six months ago, watching too much TV, and playing bridge on the Internet. I want my life back!!!!! Thank God I can still order wine by phone from local wine store--a saving grace. Can’t go to Mass, no visiting my sister, and food shopping looks like a zombie convention. This has got to get better.” I could not have said this better. LOL.

Gina Smith Shahade and Al cut short their time in Florida to be closer to Beth. Beth teaches remotely here in New Jersey and fortunately has a signed contract for next year; this Gina attributes to all the praying she did at SJC. Gina says books and Netflix were her salvations. Gina, I’ll be in touch, we MUST do lunch again.

Have not heard from Nancy Williams Yeager in too long so I just called her. Like so many others she felt she had nothing to report but she did. She has gotten very proficient in FaceTime and she was pleased kids did a Drive By birthday salute to Bill. In March Nancy took a bad fall and fractured the radius in her upper arm. Unfortunately because of the pandemic, PT was not ordered, but it healed well and Nancy waiting to get out and about.

And now, Maxine Hansen Olsen. Maxine rates high in the category of classmates who keep in touch routinely. After a sad 2019, Maxine, through prayerful thought and practices, has emerged as a person of hope and promise. She’s happily living now with her youngest son Roy and his darling daughter Paisley. Together they took a day trip to the Arizona mountains (8,000 ft) then back to the desert (2,200 ft) enjoying every bit of the beautiful Arizona scenery. She commented on how Roy is very protective; he kept her safely sequestered every mile of the way. Maxine was almost to Gettysburg this year for Reunion; Reunion 2021 definitely in her plans.

Because of the unusual times we are living in, our lives have changed dramatically. Along with the cancellation of Reunion, Vicki Gomez Scott and her daughter Krissy had to cancel a planned trip to Boston and the Cape. What’s keeping Vicki busy is her new puppy she adopted last summer. Training was busy but fun and now Daisy accompanies Vicki on long walks. Additionally, Vicki always loved gardening and during the pandemic she’s more than enjoyed the extra time. So, too, Vicki recommended a book to me and now I will to you because it was a good read--The Paris Seamstress by Natasha Lester.

Sally Grabe Poux didn’t have her “bestest” winter but then again, maybe she did. Through a cardiac catheterization it was discovered Sally had two blocked arteries, and because of where they were located, stents would not work. So, one week before COVID-19 surrounded us, she went in for surgery. That was March 4th; home on March 9th. Phew! That was close. Jerry’s daughter Janet and Sally’s daughter Kate came to get her back on the road to recovery and they did a good job. Sally’s fine, walking a mile and a half a day. Cardiac Rehab still not open in Michigan. Sally ever so sad neither of her children and their families will be coming to Michigan this summer. They all live in Seattle and are following the rules, not flying. Granddaughter Oona, 15, said, “I have come to Lake Michigan every year of my whole life!” Says Sally, “I am missing them so.”

I more than enjoyed a personal phone conversation with Carol Gorman Hogan. Carol and Bill are doing well, still living in Ashburn, VA. Bill, especially, is doing better. So glad to have found a chiropractor who does laser treatments greatly reducing back and hand pain. Their oldest daughter Kathleen lives at home with Jeff and specializes in “dog walking”. Stephen is out on his own now and Jack is in his senior year of high school. Trish, like her sister, lives in Ashburn, VA with a friend. Youngest sister Alison lives in Frederick, MD and is presently in training to become a massage therapist. The Hogan family has reason to celebrate big time come August. Mary Beth’s son Patrick Rowles will be marrying Maria DeSantis in Pittsburgh and then will move to San Antonio, TX where he will be completing graduate school seeking work as a psychologist in the business field. His sister will be attending Benedictine College in Kansas on a track/running scholarship. And Carol and Bill’s oldest Bill, Jr., a pediatrician, lives in
the center of Opus Dei as a celibate member, in Houston, TX.

What a nice visit I had with Sue Anderson; I think it’s now called “teleconversation”. Sue wishes she had something more interesting to report; heh, Sue, I think your reporting is quite interesting. She was sitting on her porch reading Chesapeake by James Michener and loving life. She had two “non” graduations this year. Grandson Brandon headed for Villanova. Go Wildcats!!!! Granddaughter Elizabeth graduated from Loyola University and will continue in their graduate program for speech pathology. She may even choose to live with Sue. Good Gramma. Additionally, Liz tells me Sue walks daily at Goucher College, enjoys both cooking and gardening. Like so many others, Sue makes note that nothing keeps any of the Class of ’60 from scrambling up to E-burg next year. Sue’s already looking forward to enjoying time together with classmates.

What a nice surprise--a call from Marty Spurlock; this indeed made my day. Last August Marty fell and broke a hip; surgery ensued and after much PT she’s doing well, now only using a cane. She’s living in a condo in Bordentown, NJ and her daughter and two sons are nearby. Meg’s daughter Arden working on having a career singing in The City. Right now that’s “on hold”. Louis’ children: Matthew lives in Los Angeles; Mitchell just graduated State College of New Jersey and is going on as a New Jersey State trooper, and Michaela is to begin her sophomore year at Stockton College in New Jersey. Marty’s third child John: his oldest daughter Amanda who just graduated #1 in her class and is going to Hofstra University in New York to study to be a Physician’s Assistant. John’s youngest Anthony will be attending college in New Jersey. Marty mentioned she sees Sue Corcoran Bruswitz often. Sue retired a few years back after teaching in the Catholic school system in New Jersey for 50 years. And, do note, Marty retired after 30 years after a more than successful real estate career. In closing, Marty was genuinely happy, looking forward to her first bridge game in four+ months next Monday.

Linda Ryan Healy reports that her oldest granddaughter Sarah is working in Boston in the Neuroscience field. Elizabeth is beginning her junior year at Brown University majoring in engineering and her youngest granddaughter Nancy begins her sophomore year at Tufts University heading toward pre-med.

Mary Crawford Beltran--Heh, “Pudgy,” your turn. I hear you had to cancel a trip to Paris with your granddaughter? But you’re hopefully rescheduling. Pudgy’s son lives in San Diego and her daughter in Huntington Beach so the west coast is well covered in California anyway. Long long trip but she’s heading for Gettysburg next March. A note to all: Pudgy is no longer Pudgy; she answers only to Mary.

Brendan and Kathy O’Donnell O’Brien were celebrating their 59th wedding anniversary as we spoke; lots of Mazel!!!!! And, Kathy and I have been talking lots in past six months. Kathy had a reverse shoulder replacement in early March and she’s doing so well she’s already attempting playing tennis. You Go Girl!!!! Like so many others of us, the O’Brien’s had to cancel their annual vacation to Cape Cod with all the family. Grandson Wescott just graduated from Tufts Phi Beta Kappa. And Marnie’s daughter is at Richmond University. Anna’s daughter Zoe graduated from High Point College in North Carolina and had the distinction of being the #1 runner in the Southern Conference. Second daughter Emmy is employed now by ADP, and Riley works in the movie industry in California. Kathy’s oldest daughter Kathy has retired as VP of marketing from Unilever and spends any free time playing tennis. So, you see, all good with the O’Brien’s.

All’s good in the Quinlan household; Pat Cannon Quinlan reports she and Joe are just fine. Smiling, she reports her son Chris and daughter Jeri check on her and Joe every weekend to be sure they’re OK. Oldest grandchild Abi is studying film production at London School of Film; Mollie just graduated from Tulane; Julia just finished her first year at Rhodes College in Memphis, and Joie just finished middle school.

In the midst of writing this news of the SJC Class of 1960, I hadn’t heard from her, so I called Elizabeth Nelson Bailey, “Iddy.” We talked too long; no, nothing like a visit talking can be too long. Id continues to enjoy life in Palm Desert, CA. Her almost yearly trip to Hawaii with her sister-in-law Diane Bailey had to be put on her calendar for 2021. Now, that’s something more than nice to look forward to. Color me green! Id. And, too funny, nearing the end of our conversation we got to saying how computer literate and phone literate we are. Left us giggling…ten minutes after we hung up, I FaceTimed Iddy. Now, that was more than special. We decided we’d easily still recognize each other, other than Id needing a haircut. LOL.

Now, to the “newsy” Beth Addison Moreland. Life got more back to normal in Maryland earlier than most places. Beth was looking forward to but anxious about her upcoming hair appointment. She and her sister plan on celebrating birthdays together--in October when her
sister comes to visit. Disappointment in their family because of missed graduation of her dear niece's daughter's graduation from the University of Iowa. Beth nicely sent me picture of vase of violets and a writing by Laura Kelly Fanucci, which I will share with you all at the end of all our news.

Gloria Defina Chisholm--You can't beat what Gloria writes, hence her response to me verbatim. “You're right, Gerri, same old, same old. So, I'm not doing much of anything. Being in my apartment for weeks really affected my health, so when they finally allowed us out, I actually got a Fitbit and am trying to walk more; I started with two days, I'm now up to seven. I also bought books, clothes, and food online just to have packages to look forward to. How sad is that? I have four bookcases, all nonfiction most on the Civil War (ask me, ask me anything) and if this lasts much longer, I may need a 5th. I have spent more time on the phone since March than in the whole rest of my life. At least time outside with my friends has cut down on that. If this happens again in the fall, I’m flying to some remote place before they halt flights.”

Ta Da!!!!!! Gave up on hearing from her--Matilda Ramos Suarez but she came through. Yippee!!! Matilda still lives in New Milford, CT and is doing fine. She has no hesitation in saying “this pandemic is awful”!!! Very disappointed she had to miss her brother's 90th birthday in Puerto Rico. Her three children are nearby and have been keeping a more than watchful eye on her. Manuel, an attorney, has two teenagers; one in college in Rhode Island and the other in Vermont. Jose, a judge, has a son Nicholas (six) and a daughter Isabel (four). And Matilda's daughter Mati has a 14 year old in New Milford High School, Maria Sophia.

Dick and Liz Phelan Burmaster have decided to remain in Florida this year. They'll certainly miss Bolton Landing, NY with all its mountains and lakes but mostly they'll miss celebrating their wedding anniversary with Linda and Tom Healy; both share same wedding date! Their five college grandchildren along with all the others did finish school this year. Of particular note is that Catherine Field who, if you remember, tore her ACL while playing lacrosse at Villanova and had surgery, was named “female athlete of the week” in the Big East. She is now, after extensive PT, ready to take the field in the fall. Way to Go! Catherine. Oldest granddaughter Phelan Johnson works at Children's Hospital in Chicago as a nurse and plans to start online studies at Vanderbilt University in August toward a degree in Pediatric Acute care, thus becoming a Nurse Practitioner. Her Abby, who 16 years ago was born prematurely, just got her braces off and her driver's license in one day. And Liz asks for prayers for her Katie who is 23 years old and may need major back surgery.

And then there's me, Gerri Gut Scarpa. Where to begin? Well, not much. I was one of the few not bored during pandemic. Must admit I got hooked on Netflix, caught up on much enjoyable reading, and had ample time to devote to junior girls Golf Scholarship Foundation Boards. My oldest daughter Nathalie was named Associate Dean at Rutgers Dental School. Her oldest Morgan who was married last September to LTJG Dan, serving in US Navy as a pilot, just moved back home here for the eight months while Dan is deployed. Rachel, recent FSU graduate, enjoying her new life in Atlanta, GA. My second daughter Alison has been teaching remotely second grade. Her oldest Nicholas working mostly at home of late as a financial analyst in New York City. Her son Matthew supposed to have graduated from Manhattan College, presently rescheduling job interviews in the sports communication field. All's good with me now; had reverse shoulder replacement late December. Surely you read ahead, Kathy O'D had same surgery early March (she was envious of me; LOL). Here's a giggle…at one point I was picking her up in Pennsylvania and we planned on driving to Reunion together. Big disappointment.

I would like to end with this piece Beth Moreland shared from Laura Kelly Fanucci

When this is over,
may we never again
Take for granted
A handshake with a stranger
Full shelves at the store
Conversations with neighbors
A crowded theatre
Friday night out
The taste of Communion
A routine checkup
The school rush each morning
Coffee with a friend
The stadium roaring
Each deep breath
A boring Tuesday
Life itself.
Three of our classmates died this year. We lost Anne Maum McLaughlin, Lynn Murray, and Tina Dickerson Twarog. Maureen Denehy McKenna's husband, Joseph, Karen Gantz Warren's husband, Will, and Anne Sheelen Gerwig's husband, John also died. Our love and prayers were expressed to the families of our grieving classmates.

As I write in June 2020, our entire country and much of the world is coping with the Coronavirus. Everyone's stories are eerily the same. Let us hope that when you read this, it will all be over. Once again, in January we had a delightful week on Longboat Key, FL. Attending were Eileen Keefe Bonhag; Mercedes Suarez Pfeffer; Elizabeth Strezeski LaFrance; Phyllis Mack Gillespie; Joanne Fontana Kini; Rosemarie Aellen Dunning; Barbara DeMott Holland and her daughter Lorraine H. McNeill; Judy Sparrow and Ed Carroll; Bern and Peggy Claudius McCormick; Jim and Margie Weidner Phillips; and Pat and Joanne McNally Downes.

Peggy lost her brother, Dick, this year. Because of the virus, the McCormick's were not able to travel to Philadelphia for the funeral, but their daughter Julie videotaped the ceremony. Peggy and family watched it live. Muriel Cuddy Reeves and Pat and I visited at Christmas time, and had a lovely dinner in Muriel and Dan's new townhouse. Like most, they've been pretty much sequestered at home as they ride out the global pandemic. In late February, they spent two nights in Philadelphia attending a grandnephew's third birthday party and sightseeing. Other than that, she and Dan try to keep busy with chores and take long walks when the weather permits. Saying lots of prayers that all of our classmates and their families keep safe and well. Millie Gleeson Grady continues to have a full life with her children and grandchildren many of whom live nearby. Unfortunately, this past summer she lost her sister Alice and her brother Bill. Shortly before the deaths the Gradys came east and said their goodbyes.

Eileen Bonhag is lucky to have her three sons and lots of their children living close to her. Some of the grandchildren do her shopping so she does not have to brave the stores. They are there to help in any way they can. Her big news is that she became a great-grandmother to Ellis James Bonhag. Other happenings are oldest granddaughter Caitlin is engaged to be married, and grandson Colin graduated from medical school and is beginning his residency.

Anne Gerwig's husband John was brought home to West Virginia for burial. Anne and other relatives made the journey from North Carolina and accompanied him for the funeral.

If we ever get back to normal, Ann Leahigh Grau hopes to be playing bridge a couple of times a week. She counts money at church, does a lot of reading, teaches RCIA, leads a book group, and does Yoga at the Senior Center. She is still in her house. Her family is fine, no one has lost a job but she hasn't seen the grandchildren.

Barbara Holland's granddaughter Julia graduated from NYU School of Business. Barbara's children, Lorraine, Mary Katherine, and Raymond are all enjoying being home together and having more family time during the Coronavirus imposed restrictions. Barbara has returned to scrapbooking after an eight-year break and is very involved in a wonderful charity for families.

An 80th birthday celebratory trip to Hawaii for Ann Fallon Lynch with family was cancelled due to the Coronavirus, but rescheduled for September 2021. She and her family have plans to visit Lake Chelan, WA in June and Bend, OR in July. Ann keeps active and always welcomes out of state company.

Barbara Redding still works full time at the University of South Florida, Tampa. Since March, she has been working from home teaching an online Masters level course. Barbara is the Director of Nursing Education Concentration in the Master's Program. Maureen McKenna is very proud of the legacy her husband Joe has left. She has had some health issues in previous years, so she has been very careful about all the COVID restrictions. She said right now, it is a little difficult being alone, but knows that many of us have experienced this loss, so there is lots of understanding.
David and Ann Depenbrock Holmes are enjoying living in the Colonial Capital, Williamsburg, VA where David attended Law School at William and Mary. Daughter Melissa also lives in Williamsburg, Stephanie, has relocated to Scottsdale, AZ, and Meghan and family are in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia as guests of the Foreign Service.

The highlight of the past year for Maureen Dugan Cocozza was the totally unplanned and amazing adventure when she accompanied her son Mike on a business trip to France. The best part was being able to enjoy “quality time” with a son at this stage. She joined the “Great-Grandmothers club” on April 22. Margie and Jim miss having direct contact with their seven-month old great-granddaughter Marguerite Justine. She is the fifth Marguerite Justine.

The SJC class of ’61 has been through numerous historic times. My goodness, we survived the Sixties. This very appropriate comment comes from Mim Murphy Quaid who writes that she and Peter are weathering the storm by staying close to home. They dance for 20 minutes every day for exercise and fun. All in all, much less sacrifice than was asked of our parents during the Depression or in WWII. Mim prays that we all make it to the Reunion next April.

Strez’s 80th birthday celebratory cruise to Portugal with family is now postponed to May 2021. We just squeezed by with a successful LBK reunion in February, before all the COVID restrictions came crashing down! She could not really complain during the worst times, because the beach remained open and there was a nightly sunset group that gathered with social distancing. When the pool reopened, that offered another opportunity for exercise, and human contact. Son Edmund and wife Stacey relocated to New Port Richey, FL, north of Clearwater, and two hours from LBK. She is so pleased to have some family closer. Daughter Jeanne-Marie and partner Eric continue to live in Baltimore. Strez’s March 80th birthday celebration with her children in Florida also fell apart, so when they are finally together again without restrictions, they will have a delayed party.

Jack and Ginny Zebrowski Komar are dealing with many cancellations including her birthday. They missed two high school graduations which were sans celebrations. She is looking forward to her volunteer group at Stanford Children’s Hospital to get up and running again. Her family is well and they are thankful for that.

Joanne Kini continues to live in San Francisco with three daughters and their families nearby. This has been a tremendous support during the COVID journey. She spent several weeks in Sonoma County at her daughter’s country house during the pandemic, quarantined with nine family members in mid-March. It was a very meaningful sharing between family members. “What a treat to have had the wonderful mini-reunion in February with classmates at Long Boat Key! It turned out to be amazing timing and my last plane trip for a long while! I miss my visits to my dear friend Anne McLaughlin. It was an honor to be able to attend her internment in Los Gatos, CA.”

Rita Verb Fasano writes that she is living in an assisted living facility in Batesburg, SC. Two of her daughters are about 30 minutes away. She is happy there and talked about her four daughters and six grandchildren who call her Mom. She now has five great-granddaughters and one great-grandson who call her Gigi! Rosie shares that she is surviving and actually enjoying some of the imposed quiet. Her grandson Jonathan graduated from Norwich University with no ceremony (Summa Cum Laude). In May he was commissioned in the Army and went to Ft. Sill, OK, for six weeks and after a break in August, on to Ft. Reilly, KS for four months. Jacob, his older brother, loves Utah and is pursuing an advanced EMT course. The rest of her family is working from home, and she and Rich got through the pandemic relatively unscathed. Her gardens have never been in such pristine shape!

Mary Kable Stockman has enjoyed watching the live video Mass from the White House at the Seton Shrine. Chuck is still remarkably independent and keeps mentally busy and enjoys their peaceful backyard and porch. Mary continues with yard work and multiple Zoom activities-Tai Chi, Yoga, and QiGong! A poignant message from Carol Rodgers Beaugard. She says that Gratitude, however, has been the thing that has made these past months bearable for her, during this pandemic. Memories and friendships from St. Joseph’s are right on top of the list, and she is blessed, as we all are, to still be connected to each other. We shared beginnings and endings then and we share them now. “Thank you, my friends; you have enriched my life in so many ways. I love you all.”

Pat and I miss travelling and we miss seeing our family, but we are carrying on. Thank Goodness for FaceTime and Zoom and the telephone. Hope you are all planning on our 60th Reunion April 8-11, 2021. I know our friendships will continue to allow us to get together frequently and to stay in touch as we always have. Please be sure to send your dues to the Alumnae Office.
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Kitty Fulcher Allen writes that she and Paul are both relatively healthy. Of course, their social life has been somewhat stymied due to the current situation. They are looking forward to their entire family coming to visit at the end of July. They managed to get in a January cruise and think it may be a long time before they have another one. She wishes us all a Happy 80ish Birthday!

Vi Barkauskas and co-secretary Anne Diller Welkener thank classmates for their continuing participation in class news. News for this issue reflects the strangeness and sadness of our times as well as the reality that this year is the 80th for most of us. With the virus, life has become simpler for most of us, and we continue to be thankful for our blessings, despite sacrifices. The unrest in our country reminds us about our continuing responsibility for our neighbors and that we always need to be open to new understandings and needs to change.

Kitty Dignan Chrismer admits this has been a crazy time for all of us! She and her husband are great-grandparents! Their grandson Michael Chrismer Patton and his girlfriend Hailey gave birth to Reagan Jean Patton. Michael and Hailey met at Cabrini University and she managed to be part of the class of 2020 and deliver her daughter May 9, 2020! All are doing well! Looking back, Kitty never planned to be able to live 24/7 with an MSM guy! But so far they have succeeded! She is thinking about writing a book about it! They are comfortable in the Inner Northwest! Beautiful scenery, many beautiful days and really nice people!

Kitty added another note: “Something I didn’t mention about these times. So many times, we have thought we were making inroads into the racism which exists only to be disappointed to still hear it in people around us. We raised our children in Howard County, MD (near Columbia, MD) a place where I felt people tried to do the ‘right thing’ and hold each other equal, so devastating to see all this. Maybe this time?!!”

Kathleen Seeley Davis and family are doing their best in San Diego to remain healthy and calm during these trying times. She (like most others) thought that we would be experiencing some semblance of normality by the summer. Her family is experiencing job layoffs and cutbacks, but no COVID-19, fortunately. She works with the San Diego Symphony, and they are struggling with cancelled spring concerts, cancelled summer Pops season, and uncertainty regarding reopening in the fall. Their Orchestra Hall and Stage were not designed for social distancing! On a lighter note, she has been keeping in touch with Emily Rosensteel O’Neil and Geri Legendre Ralston who are well. She wishes she could report some exotic travel around the world, but her limit is the Pacific Ocean in Del Mar! She extends Blessings to all--keep the faith!

Pat Ryan Donovan notes that many of the class of ‘62 will turn 80 this year. She is not surprised to be 80, but is just astonished at how fast she got that old! She went to Puerto Rico, as usual, for the 18th winter. A friend came to visit her there on March 11 and got stuck, because on March 15th, the Puerto Rican governor closed down the territory. So, they were quarantined and curfewed, but at least not alone. Pat and her friend finally flew back on May 28th, when Coronavirus statistics began looking better in Massachusetts. The central event of her life this year was a terribly sad one. Her bright, gentle, kind, and very dear grandson Andy died tragically at age 24. It was either a camping accident or suicide, and she is still having trouble wrapping her mind around the reality that he is gone. Coming less than two years after Jim’s death, it’s been hard for her. Some good things did happen, too. She had the great good fortune of getting tickets to see Hamilton in San Juan with Lin-Manuel Miranda in the lead in January 2019. Also, she had a wonderful three-week trip driving around Sicily last fall.

Pat notes that 2020 has been a tumultuous year—the pandemic and the events of the Black Lives Matter movement. She concludes that the USA is desperately in need of some good news.

Abby Hausmann Love writes that their lives still surround family and RVing. In September 2019 they took all of the clan, 22 to be exact, to Disney World. Wanting everybody together, they mandated that nobody would go if ALL couldn’t go. That meant changing appointments, cancelling sports (of which there are many scheduled activities), and doing without any significant others for a week and being willing to miss the first few days of school. Knowing it was going to be difficult to keep track of all these people, they purchased lime green t-shirts with Love Family Reunion logo on them. They flew everybody down and covered
their lodging expenses--it was by far the best large expense they’d ever had. Everyone had a FABULOUS time, made lots of great memories, and there was not even one minor spat. Abby states she was truly amazed at that accomplishment! The older kids were more than happy to help care for the younger ones, so it was perfect.

After Disney they headed back down to their little heavenly slice of Florida with their motorhome. They returned to their Virginia home in December for a Love Christmas. Tom and Abby got back to Florida just in time for Abby to return to Virginia again to wait for the birth of twin grandsons. That blessed event came on February 9th. Then it was back to Florida to spend the next four months waiting for COVID to lighten up just a bit before returning to Virginia on June 9th. Their plans for trips out west for this summer were cancelled for obvious reasons so hopefully next year they should be able to plan a fun time travelling to some of the National Parks that are on their bucket list.

Catherine Schmid Nestor and husband Barry are fine. Their big adventure this year was that after five years in Maryland they moved to Florida at the end of February. They bought a place in Canterbury Tower, which is a Continuing Care Retirement Community three miles from downtown Tampa and less than a mile from their son Brian, his wife Rachel, and family, the main reason for the move. While in Tampa for Christmas they made an appointment with the Sales Manager at Canterbury Tower who showed them an available apartment that they fell in love with and signed up then and there. Actually, they fell in love with the view from the balcony of Tampa Bay. As they started their drive back to Maryland that afternoon, they couldn’t quite remember a lot of the particulars about the inside of the apartment, but they loved the view of the water, the palm trees, and the beautiful clouds. They are in the independent living section which is separate from the medical center and are really happy and glad they came when they did. Their Maryland retirement community had about 25,000 residents, but the Florida community has only about 120 residents.

They moved in on February 21st and for three weeks were able to attend both grandchildren’s birthday parties, two events at their school and several of Brendan’s Little League games. Then the Coronavirus hit and they were all asked to wear face masks, wash hands, and social distance. Fortunately, in the independent living tower they have not had any COVID cases. The Director has been on top of everything to do with the virus and closed all activities, but over the last few weeks of June some activities have restarted. Early on, Barry and Cathy walked over to their son’s house and sat outside. Another time Brian, Rachel, Riley (11 yrs.) and Brendan (8 yrs.) rode their bikes over to their new home and they stood on our balcony and talked to them using their iPhones. Cathy says they now FaceTime with them and Zoom with their other son Kevin, who still lives in DC. They’re hopeful that Kevin will move to Florida at some point. Cathy’s new address is: 3501 Bayshore Blvd., #1001, Tampa, FL 33629.

Geri Legendre Ralston and Art remain active into their “old” age. Geri says that after a cold dreary spring she was thrilled when a warm, sunny June finally arrived. She has been gardening and taking long walks, enjoying sitting on the deck, and reading or doing varieties of Sudoku puzzles. Geri thanks God they are all healthy. Their daughter Shannon and granddaughter Maddie live in Jacksonville, FL and they have been worried about them due to the COVID situation. Their son Sean fell last October and cut his left hand on a piece of glass severing several nerves and tendons. After two successful surgeries and several rounds of antibiotics, hopes to resume therapy soon so he can move on with his life. Their son Mark lives nearby and is well. The bank that he works for has been bought out so he is facing an uncertain future. Geri is sure God will lead him where He wants him to be.

Beth Sewell Von Holle and her husband were trying to sell their home in Fairfax Station, VA during the pandemic and move into a smaller home in Vienna, VA. They were downsizing in place and doing renovations to the home in Vienna, hoping they could accomplish this goal while dealing with the COVID restrictions. Beth says she’ll let us know the results later on about how successful they were. She also hopes that everyone will take care during this crisis.

Anne Diller Welkener spent July and August of 2019 at her home in Punta Gorda, FL returning to Herndon, VA for September and October. Then it was back to Florida in early November, and her eldest daughter Karen and family celebrated Thanksgiving with her in the Sunshine state. Anne had decided that maintaining two homes was becoming difficult and it made better sense to make Punta Gorda her only home, so after Karen’s family departed, Anne and Karen started to look for a home in the area for Kelley, Anne’s other daughter. Anne says she was tired of the winters in Virginia and Kelley is cold when it’s 80 degrees. A home was found and settlement was in January of 2020. Anne returned to Herndon in early March to start the process of getting
her house ready for sale. This became a long, laborious, and overwhelming task as the “lock down” due to COVID ensued and she, at 80 with problems with sciatica and COPD, had to accomplish this without any help. Anne is hopeful that when The Valley Echo is published this all will be a distant memory.

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The Coronavirus has inspired remarkable correspondence from our beloved class of 1963.

This year we lost two of our classmates. Julie Rowe passed away on November 8, 2019 in Vermont where she had moved to be near her two sisters. Her passion was playing bridge, and we all remember the experts in the Pines with Monsignor Kline. For 38 years she taught elementary school, and, as a founding member of Adoration Society in our parish, prayed often during night vigil hours. We had so many happy times together with all the members of our 50th Reunion Planning Committee.

Carol Ballard Pressley passed away on May 20, 2020 in Albuquerque, NM, where she had lived for over 40 years. Deeply religious, she was an active member of the Women’s Guild at her parish, participated in a Renew Group, as well as the Little Rock Bible Study. Her two children Rebecca and Matt, their spouses, and seven grandchildren survive her. Susie Molinari’s tribute to Carol recalled funny times together in Rosary and their visit in Germany in 1965 where Carol had begun her career with the CIA.

Sheila Degnan McCarron’s husband Bill died peacefully on May 9. Sheila, her children Michael, Billy, Colleen, and the immediate family were able to have the Mass of the Resurrection in their lifelong parish. Ronnie Carroll Donnelly’s husband Fred passed away unexpectedly. Because of the Coronavirus, Ronnie and her family were limited to a prayer service. Meghan was able to get home from Hawaii, and Sarah from Los Angeles. Dennis, Andrew, Amy and Cathryn and their grandchildren live close by. Both families plan future memorial Masses. Sadly, in July Ray Purkis passed away—Mary Ellen’s husband was one of our best SJC ’63 friends attending almost every event and Reunion with her. The family had the Mass at St. Genevieve’s where they raised their family and Ray was a lifelong parishioner. We are united in prayer for them and all others who need our spiritual support.

Last year, Sheila and her daughter Colleen made a journey of faith and family history in the footsteps of her maternal grandmother to County Kerry, Ireland. This spring, Sheila is en route to open up her family cottage in Connecticut, a long trip from Virginia. Their summer tradition is to host the family there throughout the season.

Ed and Ro Moran Marquette enjoy living in Centreville on the beautiful Eastern shore. Their son Stephen is a great help, and his work in Washington keeps him close. Ro keeps in touch with Sheila, Kathy Johnson Raby, Susan Williamson Swartz, and Kaywood Greeve Fuqua. Ro and Ellen exchanged Baltimore memories. Kathy sent lovely Christmas photos of the next generation, her three grandchildren Drew, Christina, and Tommy. Her two daughters are in the Orlando area, and Tommy lives near Washington, DC.

At the beginning of the outbreak, Kaywood and her daughter-in-law Amber sailed on the Anthem of the Seas with an abbreviated trip to Bermuda. Last July she was in Norway on a cruise which crossed the Arctic Circle, then by car eventually to the North Pole, but no Santa Claus. Her grandson Ashton graduated from UNLV Summa Cum Laude after three years. Now he is off to Johns Hopkins on a scholarship, will play football, and work toward his MBF and MBA. Zachary will be teaching and studying online this fall.

In Metuchen Susan and Jack are active members of our parish and the Circle of Friends. Kate’s daughter Samantha attends Lafayette, not too far from grandmom. Needless to say, our area luncheons are on hold. But last October, Linda Carr Kenny arranged our lovely Lambertville meeting with Cathy Parrott Kryzanauskas and Maryanna Frieberger Keller and captured in photos we sent on.

Just before Coronavirus, Maureen Codey Caputo, Joan Codey Durkin, Ellen, and Mary Ellen Gill Purkis had a
special lunch together and visited Mary Ellen's lovely home in Berkeley Heights. The virus isolated their community for several months so they were meeting their family at the gate. Mary Ellen hears from Margaret Collins Ervin who lives near her children and grandchildren in the Annapolis area.

Still in Lewes, Judy Markey Gallagher loves her small town by the bay and the ocean, her friends, and her church. Judy admires how Carol B. went through life with diabetes. Her own three children have it, the girls since ages 11 and 13, and her son just diagnosed. She still misses Pete after ten years. Judy is looking forward to a family gathering in July with all seven grands at the beach.

Mary Lou Spurrier also loves life on the Eastern shore. The second cataract surgery was successful. Fortunately, her community gatherings are small enough to continue during the quarantine. Six to eight friends get together several times a week to play bingo, dominoes, and Phase 10. They have lunch together and make it a day.

From Ohio, Claire Baril Green writes of her family support during the pandemic. Two of her daughters live close by and have been amazing. Her doctor son in Virginia is on the front line in fighting the virus. Her other daughter lives in Manila under strict quarantine. They all communicate daily via FaceTime and Zoom. “Our time at St. Joe’s was so special…great memories.”

Jean Lentz’s schedule is an inspiration. She is still working part time as a real estate agent, and for over ten years, a Fairfax County Election Officer, and the Chief for her precinct. There was extra preparation for the Dem primary in June with PPE and six feet distancing. Jean also writes a weekly email newsletter and maintains the registry of residents. The water exercise classes for arthritis have been cancelled for months for Jean and her friends, the Mermaids. At last, she and her friends can visit outside in the garden area patio.

The Christmas photos were so happy for all of us to see. Jane Metze Freeman’s montage captures her family vacationing together, attending sporting events, and enjoying visits. Her French is flawless, as per our emails during the virus. Neal and Jane had a reunion lunch with Mary Ann Yahn and Mary Ellen and Ray last year in Spring Lake when the Freemans came to vacation with their family. Mary Ann is glad things are opening up a bit, especially her parish. She missed attending Mass. Sister Judith Parkin loves hearing from us and sends prayers from Emmitsburg.

Matt and Alanna Higgins McHugh’s family photo highlighted their annual summer family cruise. They continue to spend January and February in Florida, visiting their daughter Alanna, as well as seeing old friends. Their Buckman grandchildren attend Red Bank Regional, as do our Olivia and Ben. We all loved the photos of Anne Dondero Prinn’s 50th Wedding Anniversary.

After Christmas, Tobie Gibbons visited with Pat Lieb Mudd and her husband Richard. Pat is upbeat despite her husband's illness and her own health concerns. Being unable to visit the rehab center and in isolation, Pat communicates via daily phone calls. Her daughter Shannon and family have moved back to their former home after two years in Texas. Rick and his family live in Severna Park, while Shane and Andrea are very near in Greenspring. Her family is a great support.

During the isolation, Tobie continued with her online courses at Georgetown, remarking that technology brought together students from all over the world. She and Jane met for lunch in DC earlier in the winter. Tobie hikes for exercise, as do Sue Garner McNulty and Maureen Lynch Gucciard.

Maureen sent on the link to a virtual tour of the Basilica, so illuminating. Maureen's family is well, with two sons nearby, and Katie in New Market, MD with three grandchildren. Mike and Maureen visited their youngest son Jim who works for Apple in San Francisco and had a great ride north along the northern California coast.

Thanks to Sue, a group of us are attending the Mass that she recommends from St. Patrick's parish in Ravena, NY at www.tcosp.org. Father Scott VanDerveer is an inspiring priest whose homilies are timely and insightful. It is comforting to feel the presence of other classmates in this way. Sue's salvation is distance biking and hiking, and of course, visits to her grandchildren.

Susie Boland Southwell has the happy news that all 19 of her family will return to Emerald Isle, NC in August. They had five virtual graduations: Victoria graduated from Catholic University with a BSN, then three high school graduations with grandson Hunter, the valedictorian, and then Sarah from 8th grade also. Sue keeps in touch with Mimi Chesley-Cora who continues her mission of service to her parish and was instrumental in composing our Prayerful Remembrance of our beloved classmates.
Via her grandson Thomas, **Maxine Wallish Gorman** sent on an inspirational message for all of us—dream of heaven. Max expects that we may all meet there and thanks God for all His blessings.

**Mary Hannon Kelhart’s** email address communicates her love of counted cross stitching and crewel embroidery. With us for two years, Mary has kept up with all our news, and it was a delight to be with her for our glorious 50th. She and George progressed from driveway visits to porch visits with air hugs with son Kevin and daughter Maureen and their family.

Although her spring plans for a river cruise to the South of France are on hold, **Tina High Goldsmith** and her sister visited the Great Shriners of Canada, a pilgrimage led by her parish priest last October. With restrictions lifted, she will be back to her book club, bridge, volunteering, and family celebrations. Her concerns were for her oldest son who is with American Airlines.

Last October after spending two days in the Basque region near Bilbao, Spain, Susie Molinari travelled the Santiago de Compostela by walk, by bus, by bicycle. The Camino traverses small towns, big cities, and countryside and at each location the pilgrims get their passports stamped. Susie was thrilled to be able to walk through the walled portion of Pamplona without damaging her delicate knees.

**Nell Gelsinon Carvell** is alive and kicking down in Austin. Last year they travelled to Iceland, and this summer expect to come to Spring Lake for a family reunion. Active politically, Nell is writing letters to the editor and worked for the primary. In between she volunteers to walk dogs and is a bilingual greeter at the Animal Shelter.

Lots of news from Pennsylvania—Maryanna writes that she is happy to be in her comfortable, new apartment close to her family, who are in frequent communication. She keeps in touch with Nell and **Mary Higgins Haile**.

Cathy’s family is well, with her daughter Karen and husband working from home and taking care of the little ones. She talks with **Mariellen Halberstadt Marchione** every week and recently heard from Mary Frances Smith Horne. Mariellen FaceTimes often with her family in the area. She and Pat Mudd are in a prayer group together. Linda is compiling an album of her recipes, reading, and attending Mass on the computer. She and Bill had planned a cruise to the British Isles in May. They really enjoy the weekly Zoom with all the family at once.

Much welcome news from **Cassie Gillis DeBow** who until March was tutoring two-three days a week at a residential facility, St. Gabriel’s Hall. She loved working with her “bad boys of Philadelphia” and misses them. Having spent 39 years in Catholic and five in public education, Cassie continues her commitment, serving as vice-chair of the regional Catholic School Board. In addition, she and Jim are very involved in the local homeless shelter in Phoenixville. They moved to the area to be closer to their daughter and her family, then a year ago, her son and his family built a home just ten minutes away.

Up in Attleboro, MA **Claudia Mafera Fitzsimmons** asks for our continued prayers. Her husband died in May 2019 and then a dear sister the following month. Her 15-year-old Yorkshire terrier, a gift of her husband, passed away also. Her daughters are a constant support, as is her devotion to the Blessed Mother.

**Ann Kirby Clark** was with us for just one year on third floor Seton, but she has kept up with all our news and reunions over the years. Ann left to marry her high school sweetheart Dave and they had three daughters—Beth works for Wesleyan University, Melissa manages a Credit Union office, and Alison is VP of Experiential Marketing for TIAA. Ann’s professional life was managing law libraries for almost 30 years and now she focuses on the local Historical Society. SJC was a special time and her memories, as ours, are so vivid. “We had a sisterhood that never happened since.”

One of our other friends from Seton days is **Judy Dwyer Murphy** who left after sophomore year to complete her BSN at Columbia Presbyterian in New York. She lives on Splendid Oak Farm in Montpelier, VT. She and her husband spent ten weeks in NOMADS projects in Florida and Georgia, arriving home in late March to self-quarantine. They have downsized the farm to large raised beds for vegetables.

**Jo Barkley Cornelison** ranks SJC high on the gratitude list, mainly for the members of the Class of 1963. “I have relived many wonderful memories of my days there and how they shaped me for the challenges and adventure my life has been.” Her thought resonates with so many of us as we recall those days and understand the impact of St. Joseph College and our lasting friendships.

Jo has been raising two of her granddaughters, who are now 17 and 18. The oldest Emily is off to college in Pomona, CA next fall. She wishes she could just drive down the “A” and drop her off. Jo reminds Pat of their fun ping pong days in the Student Center. Jo has “much
to be thankful for, good health, good family and friends, and a continuing desire to see and experience it all.”

Fortunately for Jim and Ellen Krieger Smelas, our family remains healthy and close. Our oldest grandson Matt graduated from the US Air Force Academy. Then James and Ben from high school, and Nick from middle school. Technology was the miracle as our extended family joined in to celebrate from great distances. We are so proud of them all for their achievements and their resilience.

While much is happening with each and every one of us, our long-lasting friendships sustain us. This column for The Valley Echo marks 57 years since we graduated from SJC, and we are happily planning for our 60th in 2023.

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As this is being written, all of us are adapting to life in the COVID-19 era. Ever resilient, we find a way to make the most of what life presents to us.

Bobbie Davis Speace writes that support from family and friends sustained her during her husband Dan’s short illness and death in October. She was especially touched by seeing so many of her ’64 “sisters” at his memorial service. In January, she accompanied her daughter Amy to London where Amy was awarded International Song of the Year by Americana Music UK; what a thrill to share that honor with Amy! They then enjoyed a mother/daughter driving trip through England and Wales before COVID-19 brought travel to a halt. With COVID-19 preventing her working at the medical day care center, she took time to reflect and has chosen to retire. Her future will be focused on family time, watching grandchildren Huck (two) in Tennessee, twins Drew and Josie (11) in New Jersey, Lexie a junior at High Point University in North Carolina, and Cole a rising high school senior.

Jackie Melroy Shiring and husband Paul are spending this quarantine period decluttering and downsizing their home while making plans to move to a retirement community. Like all of us of a “certain age,” all their church ministry activities are on hold for now. Their son Jon with his wife Christina and 4 ½ year old son Ian are in South Korea at present (mid-June), waiting to adopt a 2 ½ year old little girl; they hope to return to Los Angeles sometime in August. Thank goodness for FaceTime!

Chuck and Mimi Ratke Cochran were able to complete their annual two month stay in St. Augustine, FL before the lockdown. While there, they enjoyed another annual treat: dinner with Steve and Olivia Duffy Bowers and Joe and Cookie Kaheny Costanzo. Last summer they had several visits with Mike and Mary Lou Ullrich Jones in Ocean City, MD. They proudly attended virtually their grandson Luke’s graduation from the Naval Academy. Luke’s brother Ben just completed his plebe year there and is a member of the Academy Glee Club. Mimi also had a good telephone conversation with Mary Lou Shreck Blumer. Mimi wrote that the SJC bonds are so special to her. She said, “My parents gave Ceci and me a wonderful blessing by very casually driving by St. Joseph College.”

Never daunted, Jackie Jermyn Azzarto got rescued from her Florida COVID quarantine by her businessman godson who transported her by private jet to New Jersey where she visited with his family in Rumson and her sons in Hoboken. While there, she visited with Bob and Bobbie Marut Grella at their home in Atlantic Highlands during which they called Sharon Lazzaro, who is a retired wine chemist in California. Bobbie visited with Sharon, Marty Keuhneman, and Judy Foley Furlong on a recent West Coast trip. Jackie reported lots of laughs and stimulating conversations.

Beverly Jones Wyatt says after coping with husband Maurice’s recent bout with Pancreatic Cancer which he survived and is now cancer free, thanks to Johns Hopkins doctors, COVID is a piece of cake! She laments with others the celebrations taken away from joyful occasions such as graduations, proms, or Beach Week for two grandsons recently graduated from high school. Grandson Jack is headed to UCLA while Wyatt will attend Florida University of Technology. Granddaughter Margaret, a high school junior, teamed up with a classmate to produce hundreds of First Responder Face Shields using their 3D printers for distribution to local fire, police, hospitals, and care facilities. Bev also reports that Joan Kludy Garcia is loving life especially enjoying kayaking on the waters of the Eastern Shore of Maryland.

Kathie Kennedy Incaprera enjoyed a gathering with Renee Peters Stalter, Claire Maurer, Jackie Melroy Shiring, and me for a delightful lunch which our gracious hostess, Bev Jones Wyatt prepared. Kathie’s family also attended a virtual graduation for her granddaughter Victoria from York College. One thing about virtual graduations is that one gets do-overs for good
photo shots. Kathie said they had to take about twenty shots before capturing both Victoria and her tossed cap in the air at the same time! Kathie and Joe also virtually attended grandson Ben's graduation from St. Lawrence Grade School in Florida and his Confirmation. Ben and family did come to visit Kathie and Joe after Kathie loaded up with Lysol wipes, hand sanitizer, and paper towels. While she protected them from COVID, she was not able to protect them from the poison ivy they contracted while working hard doing yard work during their stay. She has enjoyed weekly outdoor lunches with a group of friends in a nearby park or on the church parking lot. Everyone brings lunch, masks, and chairs to be placed six feet apart. Kathie regrets that another casualty of Coronavirus is the Mini-Reunion, usually held in September. She and many of us are already looking forward to the 2021 Mini.

Heather Laird Martin and Howard began lockdown by doing large jigsaw puzzles, moved on to six feet away cocktail hours on neighbors’ decks, took short road trips in the area to include stopping for take-out lunches, then threw in some cleaning out closets and drawers. Heather praises Zoom as it has made it possible to continue with her Yoga teacher of twenty years and have virtual wine time with friends and family. She didn’t make it clear but I’m fairly certain the wine was not virtual. Things she misses most include the summer visit from her daughter and family from Arizona, her friends, Bridge, eating out (she is not a fan of preparing three meals a day) and regular inside church but thinks the virtual is well-done. Things she appreciates: good health so far, spring flowers, Dr. Fauci. She hopes all are faring well and have a happy, healthy summer.

Renee Peters Stalter, prior to lockdown, was continuing as a substitute teacher, helping with grandchildren, enjoying local theater, and NCAA basketball. All, of course, suspended because of COVID-19. She is grateful for her children who have been making sure she had all the supplies she needed without her having to go out. There were two grandchildren graduations in the family: Riley from eighth grade and Maggie from high school. Renee had just started putting together a walking team to participate in the Alzheimer’s Association Annual Walk. Her daughter Katie started working for them in January. It’s a semi-virtual walk meaning one can walk alone or in a group, anywhere for two miles. Renee was planning to do hers in segments.

Claire Maurer reports that the retirement community where she lives did everything possible to make it unnecessary to leave one’s apartment as staff delivered meals, mail, packages, and orders from the campus convenience stores. With outdoor exercise available, she did take walks on campus. Like most of us, she was connecting more with friends and family to stay in touch. She remains active on the SJCAA Board, is on committees in the retirement community, and now serves as President of her Condo Association in Ocean City. Since the building has a major renovation project underway, that has required lots of time. In late June she decided to make her first visit to the beach, properly armed with masks, disposable gloves, and wipes, dedicated to maintaining six feet of separation.

There’s not a lot going on right now with Mike and Mary Lou Ullrich Jones. They cancelled their fall cruise so Mike could have his knee replacement (it was successful. Hurrah!), and they had another trip planned for this spring—a month-long “dream trip” sailing from Sydney, Australia through the Pacific to Vancouver, BC. Needless to say, that was cancelled, and right now future travel plans are on hold. Mary Lou’s big quarantine adventure was learning how to use Zoom. She said that every Zoom joke you’ve heard applies to her, but at least she’s able to meet with other people and see her out-of-state children and grandchildren, and that’s a blessing. Her only major grandchild news is that Susannah, the oldest, and her husband are moving to Tennessee so that Susannah can pursue an M.Div at Sewanee with plans to become an Episcopal priest. Also, grandson Jack was sworn in to the Marine Corps early entrance program. As soon as he graduates from high school in June 2021, he will head to Parris Island, SC for basic training. He has his eye on a career in counterintelligence. Thanks to the omnipresent virus, Mike and Mary Lou have not been able to visit with Chuck and Mimi Ratke Cochran, as they usually do when the Cochrans visit Ocean City.

Anne McAllister LaBoon appreciated friends who were brave and ventured out to shop for her once the lockdown began. Her office closed in March and had not yet reopened when she wrote in late June. Since the self-isolation era included Lent, she tuned into daily Mass and also found helpful guidance on how to pray from several sources, especially Dynamic Catholic. Like many others, she was able to declutter by parting with pictures and books and preparing clothes to donate to local charities. Anne is another fan of Zoom. She has used it for socially connecting for coffee or happy hours as well as to attend classes or lectures. A favorite was a concert by the Brothers Four organized by our son Greg for us and a group of friends. Then because COVID isolation wasn’t challenging enough, she got to enjoy life with a lantern when power was knocked out for four days! She was particularly pleased that Pat and I could drive up to celebrate my birthday by enjoying a
visit on her patio with masks and social distancing, catching up, singing SJC songs, and entertaining our dog Bella who joined us. Anne is eager to see classmates at our next opportunity to gather again.

Pat and I have had similar good services from our retirement community that Claire reported at her community; the staff here at Oak Crest has provided all needed services to our door. We recently relocated to a patio apartment which really makes it easy to walk Bella and get to the car which is parked nearby. As much as I have enjoyed being in touch with you and updating you on our classmates over the years, for health reasons, I reluctantly need to pass providing our Class News for The Valley Echo on to another. Fortunately, Mary Lou Ullrich Jones, who wrote this article for many years, is happy to do so again. I am so grateful to her and I know she will do a terrific job. Her contact information is mjoness45@mchsi.com. Her address is 25 Willow Way, Berlin, MD 21811, 410.202.9366. Stay safe, all of you, for when we next can be All Together. Love, Chrystie.

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It is a stranger-than-strange time; it is “the middle-time of enduring”…(from Images of Women, Lona Fowler). I found sheltering in place (or “being campused”!) challenging. Classmates were set to attend our 55th Reunion when COVID-19 hijacked the plans. We look ahead to 2021 and a combination 55th/56th Reunion! Add April 8-11 to your date book now!

Maddy York, Eugenia McAuliffe Kelly’s granddaughter, updated Eugenia’s Caring Bridge site recently and reports “although she is not 100% recovered, she is doing well.” The family has not visited Genia because of COVID-19 restrictions, but Maddy and her mom Deirdre talk with Eugenia daily.

The “Sunshine” group gathered at Didi Bremer Corrigan’s home in Palm Beach Gardens in February. Mary Beth Boisseree McDonell, Marsha Martindale Moffitt, and Mary Brandon Rummele stayed at Didi’s.

Cindy Crawford Cannon was nearby with family and joined the group. Maggie Quayle Bellew’s sister lives in the area so Maggie was also with her classmates. There was chatter as well as time to tour the Flagler Mansion and enjoy lunch at Il Bellagio. Mary said they “never ran out of conversation. I truly feel our years at St. Joe’s are a touchstone drawing us together. A rare sense of closeness exists between us as we share our memories…be they bitter or sweet. I encourage everyone to put next year’s Reunion on their calendar.” Mary heard from Marsha recently. Marsha retired from the ICU in a Fort Myers (FL) hospital at the end of March. She said there were a few COVID-19 patients when she left.

Sister Carol Czyzewski, fssj continued with her parish work from home during the quarantine. She received approval from her Franciscan General Minister and notified her Pastor she will retire from full-time pastoral ministry. She will serve part-time in several capacities including visits to the homebound with Holy Communion. She will also continue to work on the 200th Anniversary of St. John the Evangelist Parish. During the COVID-19 months, she reflected on a “fine September vacation” she had with her sisters travelling to Poland, their grandparents’ homeland, during one summer.

Margaret Keil Sottosanti and John had a “quiet year” in 2019. John is writing a memoir, something he has wanted to do for many years. Margaret and John were looking forward to a trip in June to St. George, UT to attend a family reunion and celebrate their eldest sibling’s 80th birthday. She was a bit anxious about going through with the plan, but decided it was worth whatever risk may be involved. Kathy Murphy Clarke was disappointed Reunion was cancelled but “will do my very best to arrange for next year.” Kathy has an aide who helps Mike a few mornings each week so she can get out. Her “girls” and grandchildren are doing well. Margaret’s youngest Meaghan earned an appointment to the Naval Academy in Annapolis. She was to start in June. Eileen’s eldest Clare is headed to the University of Arizona for biomedical engineering. Daughter Mary received her EdD in December. She is the elementary-age Director for Curriculum in Frisco, TX. She and her colleagues are starting an online business for young children in need of reading assistance. Norah and Ryan are busy. Norah’s practice added evisits and Ryan deals with ER patients. They have been very supportive staying away from Kathy and Mike, afraid of bringing the virus to them.

Ellen Pida Mathis was disappointed Reunion was cancelled but she received her refunds “pronto!” She is semi-retired from her property management business. She sold 60% of her rental units and a smaller number
of units is easier for her to handle. Two grandchildren will be married this fall; one in October and one in November. Ellen hopes travel and other restrictions will not interfere with the events in Texas and Kansas.

Nancy Boemanns Fratini, Maggi Mullahy Yates, and Dee O’Connor Cosquer were not able to meet at the Black Sheep in Niantic, CT for their summer luncheon. Dee is on the mend after a ten-day hospital stay. There will be at least a month of convalescence before our energetic classmate will get back to ballet routines. Maggi and family are doing well; everyone’s life is different but all is well. Jeanne Falcetta Schumann was included in the plan; good health wishes are sent to her from all. During the summer, Nancy learned via an Ancestry.com linkage she has five half-sisters and a half-brother from her father and his two other wives. Her new family is welcoming; there will be much to learn as time goes on. The Ohio Fratinis are pleased with their one-level home. Al’s arthritic back limits walking. Happily, there are no more stairs to navigate. Daughter Amy celebrated her 25th year of folding boxes at Papa John’s Pizza. All the Fratinis enjoyed Thanksgiving and Christmas in Chicago with children and grandchildren.

Nancy Nemith Haupt retired from nursing three years ago and was not working during the current health crisis. She was involved in Emergency Preparedness at her hospital and “was glad I did not have to man the Command Post.” Nancy lives alone in the house where she raised her children. It’s “just me and Sammy, my cat.” Her son and daughter live within 15 minutes in either direction. She has four grandchildren. Granddaughter Alexis will be attending Elon University (NC). Nancy stays busy knitting hats for the homeless and helping out at church.

Some sad news to report: Linda Knox passed away in December 2019. Kathleen Hollenbeck discovered the information. Linda was a quiet, gentle soul. She had a long career as a librarian in Baltimore County. Kathy O’Brien Poplowski sent a reply after the notice about Linda’s death. Kathy had back surgery more than a year ago. She recently had surgery for uterine cancer. Her family could not mourn the recent death of her sister because of the quarantine but she is “glad to have family around and, of course, the smiles of my grandsons bring me joy.”

Charlotte O’Donnell Fedders’ Christmas cards always feature grandchildren snapshots. The “grands” may need to move over because Charlotte is now Mom to a new Westie-Poo puppy named BINGO…as in “Bingo is his name O!” On a more somber note, Charlotte’s sister Susan is battling MDS (Myelodysplastic Syndrome) at Sloan-Kettering in New York City. She has not been able to have visitors due to COVID-19. Charlotte was in New York City earlier and made it out of there less than a week before the city was shut down. Let’s add Susan to our prayers. [Editor’s Note: Susan Lynn O’Donnell O’Toole ’67 passed away on July 5, 2020.]

Margo Honey Keesler and Gene have been at their North Carolina mountain house since April. She and Gene travelled to Aruba in December and, shortly after their return to Florida, were “terribly sick for two-three weeks”. They are wondering whether they may have had COVID-19; they will have antibody tests when they are more reliable. Margo had a stent inserted in her leg in January. “Equipment failures seem more the norm as we get older.” Family members are involved in healthcare professions and, of course, she and Gene worry about their safety. Gardening will occupy the summer/fall days for both of them.

Mary Ann Gillotti Kelleher and husband Mark moved to North Carolina to be near daughter Heather’s family. Daughter Erin has also purchased a home nearby and will move to North Carolina when her husband retires from the Army. Erin’s husband is at the Army War College in Carlisle, PA—not too far from Emmitsburg. Mary Ann is considering a “short run over during a Reunion weekend”. Judy Bromsey Murphy sent a note. She lives in Mooresville, NC and is glad to hear about all her classmates. Judy was diagnosed with a benign brain tumor in 2018. She has some forgetfulness but is doing well. Her husband Fletcher and Judy are surrounded by caring neighbors in Mooresville. Their three daughters are close by and very helpful. Cathy Scovitch Walsh sent Christmas greetings; she enjoys receiving class news. Judy McGrath Brenner and Vince sent a picture of their family at Christmas. “Who would have thought we would have such a large family!” Everyone looks well and happy so that’s good news! They were on the road again with trips to see family and friends. Kay Ehringer Mufalli had a phone visit with Birdie Garvie Hummell before Reunion was cancelled. Birdie planned to visit her two sisters around the holidays.

Mary Ann Dorr Carlson and Rick are settled at Ashby Pond. Daughter Monica and Alan are in Rabat, Morocco where Monica works at the US Embassy. Her husband works remotely for a company in DC. Son Tim and his wife Erika and their three daughters live close by in Reston so there are many opportunities to be involved in grandchildren’s activities. Rick has recently been diagnosed with a rare, progressive muscular disease, Inclusive Body Myositis. Getting up from a sitting
position can be problematic. They are grateful they downsized and are close to family.

Ann Smith Flynn and Pat have been going through boxes and containers “making progress” on items left behind by “the kids” (we all know about this!). Ann was sidelined with a lung infection last year. She and Pat were scheduled for their annual Florida trip but she ended up in the hospital for five days. The trip was rescheduled for January. Betsy O’Brien Marron and Mike moved to a condo a number of years ago. She agrees getting rid of “stuff” is a job.

Susan Flanigan Conrad called in April. She misses John terribly but is managing with the support of family and nursing “besties” Sally Callahan Sullivan and Jane Manning Brennan. Anne Nichols Gildea and husband Jim sent a holiday picture in hiking/trekking mode! It is the best place to be during troubling times. Son James moved to Jackson Hole. In September 2019 the eastern Gildeas travelled west to Montana and Yellowstone before visiting James in Jackson Hole. Daughter Sarah has a new job as library cataloguer at the EPA. Karen Pingicer Rafalko and Frank had an “unpredictable” year with knee replacement and therapy for Frank and a fractured femur for Karen. Karen’s fall on marble stairs in Vienna caused the break and their unscheduled early return to the US.

Susan Lowe Kayes had some setbacks but “things are improving slightly”. Carole Ferguson Harding Menges contacted Didi and they plan to get together. Fergie’s husband Jack is doing well. Barb Gaver is working with the Dominican Sisters of Nashville in fundraising projects. She’s also involved with Elizabeth Seton High School and the Archdiocese of Baltimore. Barb sets up endowments to finance Catholic School education for students from low-income families. Jean Tierney Terza had “a great chat” with Marlene Brown Strattan. They both look forward to Reunion next year and hope everyone is planning to attend.

Carol Donohue Miller continues her work with the Ambulance Corps. Her family added new grandbaby boys--Sean (Stephen and Sarah) and Brayden (Kristine and Caleb). Ed keeps busy with swimming committees, meets, and training officials. Pat Taylor Conroy is recovering; she was very ill but made it through with prayers and “trust in God”. After a lengthy hospital stay, she was in rehab for 6½ weeks. She’s gaining strength and sharp as ever. Husband Dave retired from NOVA Northern Virginia Community College. He was a member of the math faculty for 50 years—a record in higher education! In short, Pat feels God has truly blessed them all.

Dede Koudelka Rogers finds the world a brighter place thanks to cataract surgery. Son Peter and family spent three weeks with Dede in North Carolina before driving to Spokane to visit with Charity's family. Dede joined them for Thanksgiving. Grandchildren Noah and Renata flew back to Kenya for school in January with the rest of the family following later. Son Bruce and his wife Kelly have been busy repairing and refurbishing homes damaged by Hurricane Florence. Daughter Jennifer and family had a good year. Their son Evan is ten and continues to make progress.

Keep your news coming to Mary and me during the months ahead and especially at Christmas. We are all praying for an end to the pandemic and calmer, peace-filled times. Good health and blessings to all.

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Aggie Anderson Fleming is abiding by the virus guidelines. She retired July 1, 2019 then travelled to Colorado at Christmas, then the virus hit. Sister Sallie’s long-fought battle with cancer ended April 2, and Aggie asks for prayers for brother-in-law Tom who is challenged with Parkinson’s. Aggie’s daughter Cathy remains in quarantine in a group home. Aggie delivers meals, remains at a distance but FaceTime’s daily.

Suggesting that St. Elizabeth Seton might be the patron saint of quarantining, Micki McCormack recalls Elizabeth’s conversion to Catholicism in Italy that coincided with isolation precipitated by yellow fever. In retirement, Micki continues to write about her muse and inspiration, George Eliot.

Sally Dore Fierro was involved in a serious car accident after being hit by a red-light runner. With broken lumbar vertebrae and internal bleeding, Sally was wearing a brace in July and ready for PT. Grandson Sam has finally recovered from an 11-month battle with Lyme disease.

Brenda Nalley Feehan counts her blessings starting with St. Edward, husband Ed of 51 years, plus two children and six amazing grandchildren.

What Valerie Kochis Werzyzn misses most during the quarantining is serving at Sunday Mass. During the winter she completed two adult baptismal robes. She
and husband Tom are beginning to plan short trips to Wyoming and South Dakota.

After leaving St. Joseph’s in 1966, Sister Nirmala Abeyasingha has been serving in Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Senegal (West Africa), Mauritius, Madagascar, and Hungary. Since 2017 she has been at the Mother House in Angers, France. The lockdown has afforded her and other sisters time for contemplation and prayer.

Pat Cosgrove Messick and husband celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary last year at the Arizona Inn in Tucson. She enjoyed Mother’s Day with daughter Sarah who lives in Ocean City, MD.

Feeling very blessed to be healthy, safe, and sane, Elaine Metzger has been spending time walking her dog, working in her garden, and trying new recipes plus reconnecting with long-lost friends during these surreal times.

Diane White finds Zooming very important to enjoying yoga as well as Mass and the Rosary. As secretary of her church’s Liturgy Committee, she participates via Zoom. She’s coping better than she originally expected with the isolation.

Barbara Kennedy Hudak notices that friends, neighbors, and family seem to be more supportive and are taking good care of one another as the virus continues to cause chaos. She has the best garden that she’s ever had and has renovated her third floor. She recently bought a new car basically by avoiding the stress after an initial inquiry and waiting for them to contact her to offer a fabulous deal. Her youngest granddaughter made her First Communion during the pandemic.

Maura Roache Steed reminisced about the wonderful times at St. Joseph’s. She recounts all the opportunities at SJC that promoted community and provided lessons for the future because, “As citizens of the world, we’re all in this together!”

Jay Moody returned from February in South Carolina to face COVID-19 in West Virginia. She’s enjoying a variety of projects around the home and the beautiful countryside for long walks.

Cleaning out piles of photos, Terry Keffer Arcari happened upon a postcard from the summer of 1967 from Clara Humphrey Salloom. That summer, Terry joined SJC nursing students and other volunteers to venture into the hills of Puebla, Mexico. Clara had mentioned meeting her there. This was before the Internet, cell phones, GPS, or even landlines in that area. Clara had mentioned a meeting place in a neighboring town. Voila! They met. And eventually they shared a puddle jumper with a pilot and their riding on the floor in the back of the plane back to the town.

Sue Kaiserski Keller will be having hip replacement surgery on July 1. Asking for prayers Sue looks forward to a quick recovery. Her granddaughter Naomi gave the high school valedictory speech, which Sue heard through a recording. Naomi will be attending Mississippi State in the fall. Sue still treats massage clients with other modalities and looks forward to real hugs.

Deciding that life was too boring during quarantine, Kathleen Smith Franke decided to have a hip replacement! She is facing recovery with the mind of an 18 year old but the body “has other ideas.” She has recently graduated from a walker to a cane!

Last May Diane Bernardon Homes had surgery following a hysterectomy for a very rare form of cancer. Fortunately, she will not need chemotherapy and will have 25 days of radiation instead. Doctors are optimistic about her prognosis. She sees her children and practices physical distancing.

Instead of an actual gathering in Bethany Beach for 2020, the usual September reunion will consist of Zooms, probably on Friday and Saturday. In the wake of the virus periodic class Zooms are keeping us All Together.

Both of Carol Sheheen Pappas’s adopted children, John-Frank and Venetia, graduated high school, and, in the fall are off to Virginia Tech and Michigan State University, respectively. They will start on campus in August, come home for Thanksgiving, and then complete the semester virtually at home. Husband Harry after two back surgeries, requires constant help. Her son runs errands while her daughter works at the Zoo. Carol stays busy caretaking, cleaning, and cooking with occasional grocery trips.

Mary Stiegelman Samuels’s husband Mike had unexpected coronary bypass surgery last March in Florida and, in late June, is playing nine holes of golf! Mary and Mike focused totally on physical issues so their COVID-19 experience was very different from most. Back in Minnesota, isolation continues with family and friends physically distancing and socializing on the porch.
We are so grateful for your many responses and have found them to be quite an inspiration. Surely the values that we learned at St. Joe's have guided us well through our lives. As we have already or are about to turn 75, we find ourselves in a situation unlike any we have ever experienced. Our parents and grandparents shared their stories about WWI and WWII and living through the Depression, but never in our lifetime have we endured a global pandemic of this magnitude. There were many common threads in your messages...lots of reorganizing, exercising, cooking, praying, gardening, Zooming, virtual Mass, Spiritual Communion, and appreciating the gifts of nature. We all miss our families and especially hugging our grandchildren. So many of you have family members who have missed senior trips, proms, and graduations.

Many of us are enjoying the peace and quiet at home, and the less hectic pace that we used to call normal. The kindness and generosity of so many people around the world inspire us and increase our faith in humanity. We all seem to agree that contacting others is truly nourishment for the soul, and sharing our lives and experiences with each other has nourished us and kept us “All Together.”

It is fitting for us to start our news with a tribute to Ann Wyllie Mulroy who passed away this past April. Ann was the glue that kept us informed for over 30 years as class agent. Not only did she serve our class directly, she had many years on the SJC Alumnae Association Board of Trustees, as President and in other capacities. She had an accomplished career, eventually rising to Assistant District Attorney of New York County. Our sincerest condolences and prayers to her family.

Peg Abell DeGeorge writes that she has two granddaughters graduating from high school and one from grad school. She remarks that life is quieter but it is sad to be missing the graduations.

Florence DeLessio Marchetti continues nursing at the hospital sometimes caring for COVID patients. Thank you Florence! Her family is well for which she is very grateful.

Eileen Brown Kerrigan writes that she is thankful and blessed that her family is in good health. Her granddaughter graduated (with honors) from Dartmouth with a BA in Theatre Arts and will continue her acting endeavors through a fellowship in Vermont. Her grandson is at Haverford College in the field of design. Eileen’s youngest granddaughter is three years old and is a pure delight. They do “picture time” each day, and Eileen enjoys being told “come with me on an adventure!”

In February, Dawn Chadwick Shepherd became a great-grandmother and thankfully had the opportunity to see and hold her new great-granddaughter before the big lockdown occurred. She also mentioned that she, Geralyn King Jasina, Judy Hyland Bowman, and Sue Blauvelt Piccolo had hoped to cruise in May but the pandemic prevented their mini reunion. In talking to Sue, we learned that although Sue had been in contact individually with Dawn, Judy, and Geralyn, the others had not seen each other since graduation. In 2018, they went to Williamsburg for the weekend and this sparked the plans to continue to meet periodically. Hopefully, the reunions will continue once the environment becomes safe again.

Ginny Werber Hartmuller reports that she has spent some of the isolation time scanning old photos, especially those of grandchildren born before the digital age. Between that and other virtual experiences, the day goes by fairly quickly. Ginny now has a granddaughter at University of Maryland and a grandson graduating high school. Both were adversely affected by the restrictions. Sadly, her grandson missed his final year of varsity baseball. Rather than travelling this fall, Ginny plans to have a knee replacement.

It has been a difficult year for Rita Roshak Agustines as her husband John died quite unexpectedly in late January. In December, they were on an extended trip to the Philippines when he took sick. They returned home early and only nine days later, he died of metastatic gallbladder. Rita’s daughter, a physician, was very supportive. They have grown closer through this experience.

Jean Suelau Allman writes that Zoom has helped a great deal in keeping them connected with their five children and 13 grandchildren. At their Easter Zoom, each family member provided some sort of entertain-
ment and it was great fun. They have one grandson who graduated high school (without the stage, of course) and two other grandchildren in college, all who wonder what the fall will bring. Jean’s son Matt, a priest serving in the Caribbean Island of Dominica, was unable to come home for a family vacation, due to travel restrictions. Jean has phone-visited with classmates, Joan McCathran Mahaffey and Mary Carroll Ebaugh Fox.

Mary Carroll Ebaugh Fox is living in Las Cruces, NM. She reports that although the virus case count is low in their part of the state, half of the cases are on the Navajo Reservation. Many of the residents there are impoverished and therefore challenged to cope with such an outbreak. Mary Carroll has been able to continue teaching English (through What’s App) to a Chinese gynecologist and her husband, who are temporarily in our country. She also writes that her son, who is bilingual, works as a Nurse Practitioner in Harrisonburg, VA where he is the designated translator for the Spanish speaking patients. She states, “I am learning to be content” as St. Paul said in Phil 4:11.

Sue Plummer Veremakis is now living in Jacksonville, FL in a retirement community with the full spectrum of care. They are just two miles from their oldest son who works at a local PBS station. Their second son who has two children, lives in Fresno, TX and works in oil as a construction manager. Sue visited them when they lived in Alaska and was impressed with the beauty of that area. Sue’s daughter, living in Atlanta, GA, works as an interior designer.

des Anges Cruser is currently writing a novel and has anonymously incorporated some stories from college days. She, like many of us, has a granddaughter missing a traditional graduation. Her oldest granddaughter was married in April but will be waiting for the celebration gathering until the “all clear.” des Anges does healthcare consulting and has been able to continue (in these times) virtually.

Mary Rosenberg Lynch continues her role as Corresponding Secretary for Helping Hugs Inc. for their twin parish in Cotes-de-Fer, Haiti. She also states that their home is currently on the market and the extra time to clean out closets and downsize has been invaluable. In June 2020, Mary and her husband Larry will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Kathy Skidmore Phillip writes that their family is well and she has been grateful for the gift of time at home. Besides catching up on many household projects, she has appreciated the rejuvenating aspects of spring “more than ever.” Like many of us, Kathy has missed seeing her family but hopes to vacation with everyone in North Carolina in August 2020. Kathy remarked that the online services at the Church of the Nativity in Maryland were a favorite during the isolation.

Nicki Norris Lling, living in Emmitsburg, volunteers at the local school where she spent many years of teaching. She and others pack and deliver food for needy students to cover their weekend meals. She and her husband Gene celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary in June. Nicki relates that during a year of chemo treatments for their daughter, she cared for their infant grandson who, she states, is “truly the light of our life.” The good news is that her daughter is now cancer free. Nicki promises to light a candle for all of us once the Grotto and Seton Shrine reopen.

Clara Smiley Kircher, who left St. Joe’s during our sophomore year, went on to earn a degree in Public Administration and worked on Capitol Hill for 30 years in the US Senate, retiring as Deputy Chief of Staff to U.S. Senator Patrick Leahy from Vermont. She has five children, 11 grandchildren, and one great-grandson. Clara has written a book of her memoirs, The Girl from 32nd Street and is currently working on another, Christmas Letters from Grandma.

Kathy Flynn Gaffney and husband Mike are doing well in northern Virginia with their family spread out in Virginia, North Carolina, and California. She is currently working on a memoir of her time in India using the letters saved by her parents and by Laura Munch Gouthreau. She has continued her weekly voice lessons on Zoom, personal training in her backyard, and hiking all the trails in and around Greensboro. She FaceTimes weekly with Sue Albin Watson, who is living in a retirement home in Burlington, NC.

Rosa Diaz Schmid and her husband Karl are living in Woodlands retirement community in Texas. She is a great-grandmother via her stepdaughter and loves being called GG. Last year she travelled to Bolivia to visit her family and although she was not able to see Miriam (Chiqui) Ardaya in Trinidad, she reports that Chiqui is doing well.
Beth Macpherson Rowe welcomes “visits from old friends.” Beth is a professional Storyteller and is looking forward to resuming her stories in libraries, schools, and festivals. Each summer she gathers at the lake with Anne Marie Gillespie, Mary Kay Wall Oliver, and Rita Gisriel Cole. She and her husband John continue acting in community theater. During this pandemic one director took on the ambitious goal of presenting one scene from each of Shakespeare’s plays. Beth performed as Margaret from Henry VI which can be viewed on the following website. https://www.facebook.com/eastlinetheatre/videos/1354303858182726/UzpfSTEzOD-kxMjMwODc6Vks6MTg1NDIxMzE1ODA0MjE0Mg/

Peggy Sullivan Carr is grateful that her husband has finally retired after 47 years of owning a gardening business. Although this decision was a disappointment to many, she was gratified to see what his company meant to their community. Her son-in-law is an ER physician and like so many medical personnel has been directly impacted by the pandemic. Her granddaughter who attends Davidson College is one of several ambassadors giving virtual tours to prospective students.

Marg Cloney Wood has used her free time recently to return to playing the piano. She is using adult coloring books with a psalm verse on each page, composing music for each psalm, and plans to put this together in a book. Her husband John took a nasty fall recently but has shown great improvement after rehab and in-home therapy.

Sister Betty Ann McNeil has been enjoying her time in Chicago at DePaul University as Vincentian Scholar-in-Residence with the Division of Mission and Ministry. She is doing historical research, writing, and giving presentations. She developed an online course, entitled “Notable Vincentian Women: Elizabeth Bayley Seton.” She received an honorary doctorate from Niagara University for her work in Vincentian studies. She recommends a new biography of Mother Seton, Elizabeth Seton: American Saint by Catherine O’Donnell. She also commented on the Living History program at the National Shrine in Emmitsburg. More information can be found on the Seton Shrine Website under Events and Tours. Betty Ann recently connected with Bobbi Coker Gooding, who lives in Taneytown, MD and is a volunteer docent at the Seton Shrine.

Suzanne Geho Rymer is still working as a nutrition consultant to medical daycare facilities, but states that she is almost retired. She and her husband Jim are living in a 55+ community which provides lots of physical activities as well as outdoor socially distant Happy Hours. She continues to participate in dog competitions with her Vizsla. Sue reminds us that we left St Joseph College on 6/7/67 as “young aspiring women given gifts to share through our faith, family, friends, and colleagues.”

Maggie McGrath Yerkes sends greetings from northern Minnesota after cutting short their Mexican winter getaway. She lives in a rural area where the weather is always an adventure. Although there are few cases of COVID, she writes, “There is a silver lining somewhere in all of this and things will be better.”

Ann Boley McLamb began her letter with the lyrics of our Alma Mater. She then reminisced that 57 years ago we met “all together” in Seton Hall!

Rita Gisriel Cole is excited to announce that her daughter Kristen is expecting her first baby in October. With three teachers in the family, high school band director, high school business teacher, football and lacrosse coach, and elementary school special education teacher, she has seen firsthand the impact this pandemic has had on our educators, students, and their families. Her biggest pandemic projects have been converting slides to digital, including St. Joseph College graduation June 7, 1967, and a major landscaping project with the help of her son and daughter. She has been corresponding with Rosa and Chiqui through What’s App.

Mary Alice Mauser now lives in Ocean View, DE and is enjoying the change of scenery. The well-designed walking trails in her community have sparked a daily commitment to get outside and view all the new shore birds and marshlands nearby. She plans to see her family in July 2020 on vacation at Deep Creek Lake, MD. In February, she and Fred joined Kathy Flynn Gaffney, Rita Gisriel Cole, Sandy Buono Sedam, and spouses for a luncheon gathering at a local Maryland restaurant.

As we close, we remind you that if you have photos to share, they can be posted on sjcclassof67.shutterfly.com.
Greetings to the Class of ’68! This year’s news is very different from that of other years. We have very little control of our lives as we write this; as a result, what you are reading is news as the end of June from people who have been quarantining for several months due to the Coronavirus pandemic. This, during a catastrophic financial crisis and then the international Black Lives Matter (BLM) movement that started in Minneapolis with the horrific murder of George Floyd by the police. Rather than reading news about what we’ve done and where we’ve gone, we have news about how we’re coping with social distancing and missing family.

Al and Sheila Kelly Vertino’s daughter Sarah, single, unemployed, and living alone in Brooklyn, was diagnosed with COVID-19 via telemed during the height of the pandemic there. A doctor and a therapist checked in on her every other day and by June, she had fully recovered. Sheila trained to become a contact tracer to track, remotely, COVID-19 cases in Jefferson County, WV. After difficulty with the science modules, she requested help from our class; nursing major Mary Ann Rector Dougherty offered support if needed. Sheila expected to begin contacting the beginning of June, but at month’s end, she hadn’t received any assignments, which was good. Sheila, Al, and the rest of their family were fine and healthy. Son AJ was laid off the end of June, but had a severance package; other son Scooter’s contract expires in December, and they had their fingers crossed for him.

Mary Louise Libby Palm, Bill, and their family avoided COVID-19 and communicated via FaceTime until early June, when they began outdoor visits. Outings were weekly trips for groceries supplemented with vegetables from their garden. Bill had surgery on his lumbar vertebrae in March, before elective surgeries were cancelled. The surgery went well; progress in rehab was slower than he wished, but he made steady progress.

Carol Carluccio Griffin and Jack celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in April without a big celebration. Carol enjoys “travelling” around the world looking at photos posted on the FaceBook group “View from my window” that a Belgian woman started when quarantining began; within a few months it had over 2.3 million members. Carol and Jack’s “view” was the swimming pool in their lanai.

Jocelyn Fritz Collins and Mike were COVID-19 free in Needham, MA where they’ve lived since moving from New Jersey two years ago. They enjoy exploring Boston and have had two gentle New England winters. Needham is a friendly town where neighbors staged weekly “Pandemic Porch Parties.” Mike volunteers with Habitat for Humanity and the food bank. They are near their daughter Alicia and visit other family in New Jersey and DC. Another daughter Jessica lives in Denver. Their nine grandchildren range in age from 2 to 19 years.

Kathy Carroll Loy and her family of 13 vacationed at the beach in Florida in late June, just as Coronavirus cases there were spiking, but they took precautions to stay protected and made it home safely after a week.

Julie Geary Sullivan and her sister Margaret, who was diagnosed with uterine sarcoma in November, were together when quarantining began and were focused on chemo, radiation, and hysterectomy recovery. When treatments ended, they waited on a CT scan and for a meeting with the oncologist, hoping the sarcoma was found early enough to eradicate it. Two months into the quarantine, they began spending time with the same five to eight friends—usually having two or three over for cards or drinks outside. Julie expected 26 family members for a visit in July. She and Margaret anticipated seeing them only on the beach as Margaret was still compromised. Julie and Pat Gavin Wynne talk often and, when they do, it seems like 50+ years never passed. She and Barbara Beshel have also been communicating.

Sue FitzMaurice Gibson passed the quarantine with Paul on their patio enjoying the view, the wildlife, and the serenity. One of her 2020 resolutions was to spend more time with Paul instead of attending multiple meetings. Because of the quarantine, she found staying home was tranquil, and she still managed to have meetings through Zoom.

While Sue followed the BLM movement news, she didn’t attend demonstrations in Boise, which were largely peaceful because the police played a guardian role, keeping demonstrators and counter-demonstrators safe. COVID-19 cases were rising in Idaho the end of June, and she and Paul stayed extra vigilant.
A luxury Mary Jo Rice-Mahoney has enjoyed biweekly for 25 years--manicures--ended with the quarantine. After three weeks and chipped nails, she decided to give herself her first manicure. Having been in war zones, she thought how difficult could it be to polish one's nails? She bought polish supplies, prepped as if for major surgery, and began. After three hours some of the polish ended up on her nails. The result? She scheduled a professional manicure and intended to stay at the salon as long as possible admiring her perfectly manicured nails.

Mary Jo said she and our classmates--Jacquie Nemetz Van Meter, Nancy Faller, and Maureen “Mo” Dwyer--and Nancy’s sister Mary Faller Duxbury (SJC '69) either arrived at, or left, their posting in Vietnam 50 years ago this year. Working with them made her year there easier than it would have been otherwise.

Our other classmates who joined the Army or the Navy before graduation are also celebrating this same anniversary. Thank you for your time in the military, which changed many lives--yours and those you served.

In France, Beverly Egan and Larry Tuteur spent the first part of the quarantine under strict rules. When they went outside, they had to wear a mask and carry a form with name, birthdate, address, time, date, signature, and one of five approved reasons for leaving home. They were allowed one hour out per day for exercise, alone, and at most one kilometer from home, with fines for noncompliance. While this seemed onerous, Bev enjoyed it because their groceries were delivered; and via Zoom or Skype, she could participate in Paris activities she missed and talk with her French conversation partners and their teacher. People grumbled about the confinement but agreed it was necessary. That phase ended May 11th. Afterward, only masks and social distancing were required.

To date, her biggest difficulty was qualifying for medical insurance. After submitting almost identical files, Larry was immediately insured but she wasn’t. Bev, or rather French bureaucrats, had a problem with her middle name, which is spelled Jane on her birth certificate and Jayne on every other document. This was unacceptable to the French, who say all paperwork must be perfect. After futile attempts dealing with this snafu, she finally got an appointment at a consulate, where a notary/consul quickly resolved it. While her French isn't improving as quickly as she would like, Bev is learning to work the French system, probably a more important skill.

Barbara Wilt Morgan and Wally were dealing with serious health issues. Wally’s cancer and years of treatment were hard on him; they expected upcoming radiation to be worse. Due to colitis, Barbara weighed under 120 pounds. After a fall, she was diagnosed with hyperreflexia and cervical spondylosis with myelopathy (her vertebrae had grown bone and were closing in on the spinal cord). The surgeon wanted to operate but she was reluctant because she had no pain. Wally retired in March when quarantining began and his business closed after 40 years. Following the isolation rules, Barbara's outings were to the grocery store and her church where she volunteers. Their son Mike helps on weekends with yard work and other chores. An artist and musician, he teaches art and music via Zoom. He also has a part-time job doing graphics for a printing business. Barbara and Cecilia McCarthy Wendel talk and reminisce about their time at SJC.

Andie Archdeacon Howard and Bill are coping with the changes Bill's Alzheimer’s has brought. Andie stays busy gardening, reading, and cooking. They enjoy their lives and are grateful for the last 30 years they spent travelling, making wonderful memories, and having a rewarding life.

Gina Shableski Crumbaker and Greg's son Matt's family in Portland were locked down because of his wife Tricia's genetic lung issue. Matt worked from home while their two girls created fun activities--transforming the house into a shopping mall and creating timed obstacle courses in the backyard. Peter's wife Emelie in Seattle plastered her car with signs and took the children on a driving protest and for a walk through Seattle's autonomous Capitol Hill Organized Protest (CHOP) zone. Gina didn't go to the protests but honked her horn and raised her fist through her sunroof. She walked through the CHOP zone which appeared more street festival than protest, with music and vendors. Peter transformed Misty Mountain (makers of our SJC canvas tote bags) into making face masks--with company logos or school insignias as ordered, or to donate to shelters and food banks.

Anne Maher Gerdes Potter requested prayers for her son Joe Gerdes and her husband Bill Potter who both have health problems. A benefit from quarantining was reconnecting with Anne Ratke McDonough, Jeanne Staib Elwood, and Karen Paule Marinelli.

Pat Harris Miller and George’s daughters surprised them with a golden wedding anniversary celebration last fall. In April, Pat learned of the unexpected death of her younger brother Scott who lived alone in rural Idaho. Because of quarantining, there was no viewing,
no funeral, and no burial. Pat and her sister will collect his ashes and handle his estate when they feel comfortable travelling.

Patti McKay Bufalino had back surgery in July 2019 and returned home in April 2020 after going from hospital to rehab three times with complications. She felt her rehab regressed with each return to the hospital. The pandemic motivated her to work harder with therapy; she met her goals and was discharged April 5th. At home, she used a walker and a wheelchair on the lower level, and did online workouts twice daily. She expected to walk independently and climb stairs by mid-summer. Patti’s granddaughters will be in college this fall; one will follow in the footsteps of her two grandmothers and major in nursing.

PJ and Reil downsized and moved to a new home but remain in Carmel, IN. PJ is still working at the local high school but says this is her last year. In late May, she broke her foot which required surgery and no weight bearing for seven weeks! All is fine now.

OD travelled to Massachusetts in June for the arrival of a new grandchild. She was able to get away to spend an afternoon with me and Lynn Koerner at Lynn’s cottage in Westford, MA.

Beth and John Blumer stay busy on the golf course in Williamsburg, VA. In August, they spent a week with family and grandkids on Bald Head Island, NC, and survived hurricane, Isaias.

Joan Dennyer Casey helped her significant other recover from two knee replacements--each just two months apart. Her daughter is attending law school at Rutgers Camden campus and returned to live with Joan during the quarantine. This summer Joan started pickling an abundant crop of cucumbers and zucchini. Have any of you found some new hobbies while staying at home?

My daughter Hilary and her fiancé had planned a big weekend wedding in Rhode Island for the end of May. Initially, we postponed to July 25th and thought we’d be OK. But in early June, it did not look good. As it turned out, we were able to have a smaller but absolutely lovely wedding in our backyard on the same date in July.

Grant and Jean Murray Walker moved from Cape Cod to Colorado late in 2019 to be closer to family. They took a trip to Cuba in late February with Suzanne Sullivan who lives nearby in Colorado.

Liz Reaves Ellison has maintained just a few clients for “telemedicine” video or telephone sessions. She has been keeping busy with lots of projects that her crazy schedule never let her get to. Her husband David continues to teach his special ed students online and attends lots of Zoom staff meetings. Her youngest Ryan and his wife Ashley had a baby girl the end of July.

Please remember to send in your dues to keep our Alumnae Association active. Our class had only a 27.6% payment rate, and I know we can do better than that. Also, your news is always welcome. So shoot me an email at gmhawn@gmail.com and let me know what you’ve been up to and how you are coping in these strange times. Best to all…. 
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Thank you Coronavirus for ruining our 50th Reunion. We were on the way to a really good weekend. We did, however, meet and exceed our purse to Mother Seton School. We were able to donate $21,625 to the school. It is not too late to donate to our purse. Please visit: https://app.etapetry.com/onlineforms/MotherSetonSchool/SJCAA.html. Don’t forget to put Class of 1970 in the comments section so we can track our class gift.

Helen Burke Rasmussen writes that this spring has been challenging for us all, I’m sure. She was happy to be able to continue some tutoring of middle school and high school students in ELA and English courses, especially for writing assignments, thanks to Zoom. Helen is working with them more during the summer. She knows, of course, we all enjoy having more time to read. She has read again each of my poems and always discovers something new. Also, Helen is a huge fan of Broadway musicals and thoroughly enjoyed watching again the movie versions of her favorites. Some of the large Rasmussen clan will be returning for their annual gathering at Hilton Head, SC in July. Instead of 52 of them, there will be 28 this year. They are coming up with clever ways to gather in small groups and to reinvent their annual traditions, so they can stay healthy. Helen is praying that we can all return to the Valley next spring for our delayed 50th Reunion.

Alberta Johnson Baker writes that January, February, and the beginning of March were filled with family events, church work, and fun trips such as the Philadelphia Flower Show on March 2nd. Maryland shut down on March 16, and Alberta hasn’t been anywhere since. Luckily, she is able to do Jazzercise on line and also continue with Italian lessons on the phone. She has been reading, talking on the phone, visiting in the backyard, and tending to her garden. Alberta has missed six trips so far, including our 50th Reunion, but she and her husband are safe and staying well. She is always grateful for her health! Alberta met up with Kathy McNaney Younkin for a walk at a nearby state park wearing masks and staying six feet apart. Her Oberammergau Passion Play trip is rescheduled for July 2022! She hopes, by then, we will be able to travel to Europe!

Mary Ann Wiberley Shattuck hopes that everyone is staying safe and healthy. Contra Costa County where she lives is on home quarantine. She can go out for essentials but otherwise she is home with husband Paul and her dog Theodore. The dog is loving it as he gets walked more than once a day! In May Mary Ann’s sister Christine Wiberley Goglia SJC’73 lost her son Kevin to liver failure. Please keep the Shattuck and Goglia families in your prayers. Mary Ann is hard at work making preparations for Reunion 2021.

JoAnne Cartagena Windle gives a big thank you to Carol Ervin Sharkey for facilitating our Zoom meetings. She says that it has been fun seeing everyone and listening to what is going on with them. As for JoAnne, the biggest joy came when after two months of isolation she was able to see, touch, hug, and kiss her grandkids (who only live 15 minutes away)! Her little one, almost three years old still tells her when she sees her, “Abuela I can touch you!” JoAnne will never take a hug for granted!!!! Daily walks around her neighborhood have been her daily exercise during COVID, as it has been for many other folks. Because of COVID, she hasn’t met many people in her community she didn’t know before. The community has also managed to have social distance happy hours on open spaces—bring your own chair and beverage. JoAnne has learned to play pickle ball and says it is a lot of fun.

Many members of our class celebrated their 50th wedding anniversaries this year: Carol Ervin Sharkey, Kathy Young Farley, Connie Mauro Barnett, and Susan Stay Valentini. I think we can also add Marcia Stuck Duryea and Barbara Ruffing Greaney.

Carmen Richardson reports that her new grandson Gabin Paul Goubeau was born on March 25. They are well but had to wheel chair out and so are quarantined for two weeks to protect Carmen and family from anything they may have been exposed to in the hospital. Lauren didn’t stop working until March 20 and said they were gearing up for an influx of COVID patients. She is an NP on the pulmonary intensive care unit at Medstar Washington Hospital Center and is hoping that she won’t be called back early from maternity leave. Carmen took care of Maya for five wonderful days before Gabin was born because her day care was closed. It was fun but she knows for certain why 71 year olds don’t have two year olds. Whew! Carmen looks forward to seeing everyone next year for Reunion, if not before.

Leslie Zelles Calvelli did a terrific job in getting the nurses to register for our 50th Reunion. Thirteen had signed up to attend. I hope they are planning to repeat in 2021.
Jody Snyder Caye has been using Zoom to teach her citizenship class, as well as tutor two women in English. She remarks on how useful it is. Her rowing coach also runs them through virtual workouts.

Sue McKenna Clifford reports that all is well with her and her family. They have been home binge-watching TV, cleaning out closets, and walking the boardwalk whenever possible.

Lois Scheremeta Pitula and daughter have been taking a cooking class on Zoom. That is what birthdays in the age of Coronavirus have come to.

Jean Davis found a letter from Robin Davitt from 1974 and decided to check her out on FaceBook. The two had lost touch after the late 1970s.

Kathy McNaney Younkin reports the ordeal of her daughter and the Coronavirus. On March 12 her daughter and husband flew home from Utah. On the night of March 17 she felt so bad that she almost went to the ER in the middle of the night, but didn’t. She also has seasonal allergies, (so maybe it’s just that) was coughing and was using her inhaler to help her breathe. On March 19 she called her doctor to get a test, but they said “according to the CDC” she didn’t have enough symptoms. Kathy had been to her doctor for an unrelated checkup and she talked to her about the Coronavirus and she had tests. So on March 23 Julie had a FaceTime appointment with Kathy’s doctor who said “well you have three symptoms” and authorized the test. It was a drive-up test on March 24, with results in a week. She’s been quarantined in her bedroom the whole time, and no one else in the house had gotten sick. Yesterday she said she was finally feeling better and able to breathe easier. It’s not been all bad; the family has been making her coffee in the morning and making the meals. She met her husband outside and they went on walks, six feet apart.

Susan Stay Valenti reports that her son and daughter-in-law think they have the virus. She says think because they still can’t get TESTED!!! They have most of the symptoms so they are treating it like they have it. Their companies started working at home on March 13. They had stocked up on food so they were good. Susan knows they will be fine but they both are really suffering. Both have said they have never felt so bad but it could be worse! On March 31, Susan said, “When I talked to Patrick this morning (on FaceTime), he did look a little better.”

Susan and husband Ron are fine. She admits it is getting harder every day, not staying inside, social distancing, or wearing a mask, it’s all the idiots who won’t follow the rules. They are going to make it worse for the rest of us. So far 90,000 souls have died and they’re predicting it will be 100,000 by the end of May. She agrees that some things can be opened slowly and carefully but when she sees on the news the streets of Baltimore filled with people, no masks, no social distancing, with police helicopters flying over with bullhorns telling them to go home and no one listening?!!! Makes her sick and frightened. To add to her anxiety, they found out last week that granddaughter Sophia and their au pair Marie tested positive for the virus. Dylan was negative. Marie started getting sick about two weeks after Patrick and Gina started to feel better. Patrick and Gina haven’t been out of the house, food delivered, etc., except Patrick walks the dog. Sophia, thank God, doesn’t have any symptoms. If she was out and about, she could be spreading it like crazy. Marie, who has had this for almost two weeks, is feeling much better.

Carol Ervin Sharkey and family are all OK in Charlotte. Husband Paul has turned the dining room into his home office, and Carol has turned a spare room upstairs into a classroom for homeschooling Violet, six and Jonas, four. Carol admits to be out of her comfort zone with this homeschooling. She laments, “Do you know how boring it is to sit through a class of four year olds show and sharing something red?? On a computer!!!!” Carol was not an elementary ed teacher!!! She taught seniors Western Civilization and psychology. The kids aren’t too fazed by their new normal. Carol is sure if they were teenagers it would be different.

Mary Reeves Valentine and family are OK in Connecticut. Like many people she has been spending quite a bit of this surreal time sorting, straightening, and cleaning-- a major project was rearranging the cabinets that contain her favorite china and glass pieces. Mary has kept one piece in particular--a treasured vase some 54 years. It was September 20, 1966 our freshman year and Mary was feeling pretty sad. No one knew that it was her birthday. Little did she know that her sister Liz, SJC’69 had told Buns, Patty, and several more of her new friends who walked into town and chipped in to buy the vase at the drugstore. They managed to find a cake and candles too. It was wonderful!

Barbara “Buns” Kest Brown reports that all activities have been cancelled but the golf courses have remained open so husband Lyle is happy. There have been many adjustments to the game to limit the spread of this virus. One course has been dedicated as a walking only course.
The governor has ordered a stay at home until the end of April. Buns ventured out to the grocery store during senior hours yesterday and was surprised to see how crowded it was...people wearing masks and latex gloves. She was ready for a major panic attack!! Buns and Lyle keep busy by doing those dreaded household chores such as cleaning the garage, the closets, and tile grout (yep tile grout).

On March 28, Carol Ervin Sharkey began Zoom meetings with some of us. We meet on Tuesdays at 6:00 pm every other week. Some who have participated are: Carol; Alberta Johnson Baker; Joanne Snyder Caye; Connie Mauro Barnett; Carmen Richardson; Christine Roos Mehl; Leslie Henze Blackstock; Kathey McNaney Younkin; Mary Ann Wiberley Shattuck; Maryann Lesso; Susan Stay Valenti; Sue McKenna Clifford; JoAnne Cartagena Windle; Corinne “Coni” Dugas; and me.

Karen O'Callaghan Baughman is hunkered down in the house or in her yard. Many projects keep her busy. She has more cuddle time with her darling dog Sporty.

Patty McEwen Branson’s kids have consigned her and Bob to Rehoboth and prevented them from seeing any of the grands (who are also quarantining themselves so they can come there). Patty loved the slide show of our years at Joes. Great skin, great smiles, so many costumes, such innocence (really? We did not think we were), but how blessed we were to attend our minuscule academic microcosm for four years and never to appreciate it, and to grow among friends, and possibly to have learned something that carried us into our careers and to create new friends and new families.

Patty has been walking miles and miles and miles to absorb the sun and to burn some calories, cleaning, and discarding, reading, listening to Bob opine about everything...she misses all of her girlfriends, but the various groups are Zooming and using an application to play virtual bridge. Certainly on-line liturgies are just a shadow of the real one. We have to find a priest who gives a good homily.

In February Christine Roos Mehl, Susan Stay Valenti, Leslie Henze Blackstock, and I met for lunch in Havre de Grace. Sometime in March or April, Leslie fell at home and broke her ankle badly. Leslie reports that her ankle and her beloved dog Keedieh’s leg are just about back to normal, so they can at least go for a walk when it’s not raining. She has been sheltering in place for many weeks now. She and husband Bob are in a groove, not going anywhere is the new norm. Bob shops for groceries every seven to ten days and that’s it. She was thinking about joining him on one trip but not if folks are abandoning masks/distancing; it would be reckless to undo all those weeks of restriction just because she’s bored.

I’m in the same quarantine mode as the rest of you... classes at the Mount went totally online on March 11, so I’ve been working at home since then. I’ve sat through many online training sessions from the Mount, learning how to use Zoom in the classroom. The Daughters of Charity Provincial Assembly (chapter) held every six years was held on Zoom in mid-July with about 200 delegates. The garden has kept me relatively sane--I’m out there most mornings at dawn, spending an hour before the heat takes over. It rewards me with great beauty. I’ll be back teaching at the Mount in August... just one class, but I’m teaching it completely online. The students are returning, but classes will be hybrids of in classroom and online. I live in the “Big House” and thanks to the very rigid restrictions, no one has come down with COVID-19. Our very vulnerable sisters in skilled care are still OK. I was sorry but glad to hear Michelle Obama say she lives with low grade depression for a number of reasons at this time. I do, too!

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Ann Connair Cunningham wrote that she has been Zooming with Almarie Schultz Walczak; Suzie Minsker Reid; Mary Schrecengost Martin; Debbie Neary Waters; Stephe Slagle Shockites; Dee Verrochi Carey; Joanne Stahlhut Coppola; Denise Fish Moxley; Barbara Nickels Gordon; and Susan “Super” Roach Thomey on Friday for cocktails since the shutdown. They have had a great time and feel more connected than ever. Suzie made beautiful facemasks embroidered with a daisy chain and "All Together." Ann spent the winter in Florida with Almarie and Rob as neighbors! Fun times. They were scheduled to have their annual get together in Connecticut on the beach at Almarie's son's house but that is on hold during these uncertain times. They are all staying safe and moving from day pajamas to night pajamas! Super shared that the SJC Zoom Happy Hours have made the weeks of the pandemic endurable.

Marlene Giorello Johns shared that the family has been safe and well during these crazy times. They have a new
granddaughter who was just born in February. Their three grandsons are 18, 12, and four. The oldest grand- son will be graduating from high school and has decided to attend Duquesne University. Marlene is looking for- ward to seeing everyone at our 50th Reunion next year!

Kathy Corley Murray retired from Notre Dame of Maryland University, deciding that 47 years in educa- tion was enough. In April, she was scheduled to spend a week in Paris with her brother's family, but COVID nixed that. Right now, she is downsizing to move into a continuous retirement community called Fairhaven in Sykesville, MD. It’s 2.5 miles from her current house; the only thing that will change is her street address.

During the pandemic, Kathy had the pleasure of joining weekly in a Zoom call hosted by Mary Roberts James in Georgia. Included on the call have been Judy Caratenuto in Virginia; Lynn Gloeckler Reis in Maryland; Debbie Rabatini Thomas in Washington state; Debbie Zemanick Dorsey in Maryland; and Ann Bohen Seil in California. From time to time, Kathy has lunch with Sharon O’Keefe O’Brien who lives nearby. Kathy hopes that everyone is staying safe!

Regina Sauer Cusson and her husband celebrated their 50th anniversary on June 6. They were supposed to be in Scotland with their children but the pandemic changed that. Instead, they had a quiet celebration at home—but then again, who needs a lot of fanfare if you are sharing with your best friend and love of your life.

Jayne Conrad Gallaher shared the sad news that her mother Veronica Conrad died on April 17, 2020. Two of her sisters live in New Jersey and one sister was in Florida for the winter, so she and her husband took good care of their Mom. The Funeral Mass was streamed. Jayne hopes we are well and surviving the quarantine. She says that the quarantine is not as strict in South Carolina as in New Jersey but she and Jack are staying home, walking in our neighborhood, and wearing masks if they go out to the grocery store.

As for me I am very excited about our 50th Reunion next year. It will be April 8–11, 2021 at the Wyndham Hotel in Gettysburg, PA. I’m hoping everyone will be able to attend the fantastic celebration that is planned. I am now fully retired! My sister lives in New York City, but has been with John and me since March 13, 2020. It’s been 56 years since we have lived together. We are really enjoying each day together… Happy Hour each evening helps! John and I have four granddaughters: four, three, two, and one. Both our children live in New York (City and Westchester) so we haven’t seen them since COVID arrived.

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During the shutdown, Mary Leatherman Mindel started a class conversation with an email saying she had seen a 50th anniversary announcement of a Spring Weekend concert at MSM featuring Jefferson Airplane. Mary also remembered attending a concert by Dulaney and Bonnie and Friends, and concerts by Gary Puckett & The Union Gap…or some similar group. That started the memories flowing among the class. Nancy Nugent Clapp, Chris Mele, and Julie Lombard remembered listening to it on the lawn. Leslie Fulton Weatherly and Mary Bohan Kelly also attended (as I did). Mary Kay Hughes Clarke asked if anyone remembered a party at the pink house that featured garbage cans of grain alcohol and some fruit punch. Linda Ciborowski also asked, “Didn’t Melanie come through as well? We seem to have been able to see a lot of concerts for being in such a small town.” Debbie Curley-Reid remembered Martha and the Vandellas coming through freshman year. Mary Louise Kincaid Asaki remembered the concert AND a party afterwards… Kathy Jones supplied more details. She spent the night in Mr. Milbrath's barn. After the concert, someone came into the barn to tell the partiers (lots of people) that the Airplane was jamming in the farmhouse. Kathy also remembers Richie Havens at MSM and Dick Gregory at SJC. Julie Lombard remembered the barn party at Milbrath's--she also reminded us of the time where his cat wet on our exam papers and he gave us all As. She remembers the Melanie concert and everyone sitting on the floor with their coolers.

Good memories, now on to news. Paul and Kathy Brode Smith sold their home last year. Their new address is 4518 Village Run Drive, Glen Allen, VA 23060. They remain busy volunteering for several ministries at their church. They are co-coordinators for the Appalachian Twinning Ministry (ATM). ATM provides various areas of support to a small parish in Southwest Virginia comprised of four different churches located in Grundy, Pocahontas, Tazewell, and Richlands and to several nonprofit organizations, which provide services in these areas. Also, they are involved with the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Mary Mehl Doherty and husband Joe are handling the stay at home orders well. April 18th was Mary’s 70th birthday and despite the social restrictions it was a great day. Earlier in the morning, Jim and Mary Kay Hughes...
Clarke decorated the front of the house with balloons and left a plate of donuts with a candle--safe distancing was observed. Later in the day a caravan drive by of friends from their parish honored Mary, and son Brian and his family stood out front to wish mom the best. On April 28th they celebrated their 47th wedding anniversary. They used the event to move their dining experience from the kitchen to the dining room! Their dining room is so appropriate…it is marked with the sign Mary “borrowed” from the Emmet House/Bucher's/Carriage House establishment. The statute of limitations has expired, perhaps!

Kathy Trzecieski Beecher reported that she and husband Gordon are surviving the shutdown well also. After a lot of travelling last year, they had both trips for this year cancelled and have no idea when they will be going abroad again. One trip was rescheduled for June 2021—the Baltic Sea trip they are going on with Gordon's three sisters. They were going to see six new countries, and Kathy is over 50 countries now! Kathy DID make it to Hawaii before the shutdown. Kathy had a great year with the 35 seniors she mentors at Tri-Cities Prep HS—they got into Yale, Columbia, Princeton, Brown, three into the University of Notre Dame, Pepperdine, the University of Pennsylvania, Purdue, Case Western, the U.S. Air Force Academy, Gonzaga, and all the other northwestern colleges in the area. And St Martins University is keeping her busy working with its admitted students and writing Thank You letters to those who have contributed. She is missing the Trustee meetings and Graduation this year and knew so many students in the class of 2020. Kathy says that being a Trustee is the greatest experience she has ever had. Kathy has been cleaning all the closets and drawers and basement and is never buying anything again—has too many shoes, purses, and clothes! But she has lost 35 lbs and is working to lose more—so may need some clothes down the road. Her son John is doing great in Raleigh—got his first international assignment this year (Canada) but they are not allowing him to travel back there until next year now.

Cathy Homan Winslow said she is now a full-time homeschooling grandmother for her oldest grandson Nate. His mom is a nursing director of ED/ICU in Baltimore and his dad is a manager at a nursing home. So he’s in her clutches, and they are learning 4th grade math together!!!!!

Barbara Klein Mank said that she and husband Greg discussed how their trip to Great Britain and Ireland last year may be the last trip they ever take that requires an airplane because of the new challenges of safe air travel in the era of (and post) pandemic! They had made reservations for a week in Sedona, AZ and an additional week driving to various national parks in the Utah, Wyoming, and Arizona area this coming September—but are 99% sure now that’s not going to happen. Sad (but they are staying healthy and that’s what matters most!).

My SJC roomie during sophomore and junior years, Karen Haggerty Socha, wrote that all continues to go well. Grandson Paul got a scholarship to play soccer at Huntington University in Indiana. John and Eli are juniors in college. Karen and Gerry’s eldest son Gerard and wife Erin went to Vietnam for their 25th anniversary to revisit places they saw when adopting their sons. Younger son Chris is majority staff director for the foreign relations committee on Capitol Hill (boy am I jealous!). He travels a lot so Karen and Gerry help with the grandchildren.

Maureen Maloy Biggers sent a great photo card of her grandchildren over the holidays. They range in age from 13-grandchild #8 coming in May! Maloy said that Bob retired but continues to do locums and works one week per month in Albuquerque. Maloy loves her Shaklee business and got to take a cruise to Italy, France, and Spain with her team.

Carmel Kenney sent a nice card from her and kitty Noel reminding me that she used to live on the Cape, just north of where I live!!!

Chris Mele went to Cuba last May and had a great time. She had a couple of trips planned this year, but they were cancelled due to the shutdown. Chris and I have shared a few phone calls during the shutdown sharing experiences (or lack thereof) during those days.

Linda Raudenbush had her annual sojourn in Australia during the holidays. Linda said it was hot, but she wasn’t affected by all the wildfires there. The stay-at-home orders didn’t affect Linda’s work habits since she has done most of her work virtually for quite a while. She is now spending some time applying for several federal grants to assist with the pandemic in her field of training, education, and coaching. She also spent time chatting with some friends outside of the US to discover how their countries are handling the pandemic. She does not plan any international travel for 2020.

Nancy Nugent Clapp wrote that she heard from Mary Bohan Kelly that she and husband John were in touch with a restaurant in New Jersey that was only open for carry-out to seniors in need. So, she and John have sent a couple meals to some friends who are wrestling with a
non-COVID-19 health challenge at home. She also said they bought gift cards from a friend’s restaurant. It will help him out now and they’ll enjoy dinner there later. Nugent thought both were great ideas. So, she and Jim surprised a couple of their more senior friends who live alone with dinner brought to their doors. Uber Eats makes it pretty easy to do.

I have talked to **Noree Dolphin** a few times over the past year. She is doing well and appreciates all the classmates who contact her during the year.

**Veronica Duggan Flynn** wrote that she and Dick had a year in 2019 they won’t forget. In April Dick had pneumonia and then was put into a drug induced coma. They finally figured out he had Legionnaires Disease… once they diagnosed, he was treated and went back to normal. Veronica and Dick went to New England in October to visit friends and were very happy to see the "Nats” win the World Series!

Mary Pat Bohan Kelly wrote that 2019 was filled with good health, great travel by plane, train, and ship… including a trip to the Christmas markets of Germany, Austria, and Hungary.

**Susanne Palmer** travelled to Machu Picchu and the Galapagos in August and said they were spectacular sites. **Mary Rita Cantalupo Wetmore** came down for a visit and they explored southwest Florida.

Linda Ciborowski wrote that they had over a foot of snow on the ground for over a week before Christmas… Cibby and Rich went to Mexico for their winter hiatus but returned to the US early because of the virus. I was supposed to visit Cibby in the spring to go to a peony farm, but that didn’t happen--maybe next year?!

**Jane Ramsey Elfring** reported that her volunteer activities were affected by the virus. Their Meals on Wheels deliveries were curtailed to twice a week. Also, their Habitat for Humanity house rehab was slowed down, no volunteers were allowed in. Jane and Frank went periodically to work on the house as did the single mom who is to get the house. Jane and Frank also think their travelling days are over. They had planned an RV trip this year which is cancelled. They really want to do a river cruise.

**Marion Wirth** wrote that she was doing well and starting to take small steps back to normal.

**Jo Ketner Gallagher** had lots of news. They had a very busy 2019. Trips abounded--a January Irish cruise; February saw them in Rehoboth visiting friends; March was Hilton Head; May they travelled to St. Augustine to visit their nephew; June was a trip to Scandinavia (I was on the trip) with an extension to Copenhagen; August a cruise on the Danube starting in Budapest and ending in Prague with an extension to Poland; September a visit to Jo’s home town of Pottsville for her grade school's 55th reunion; November/December they were in a Christmas Market tour from Switzerland to Amsterdam. WHEW!! I think Dick knew they would be homebound this year! And in October, to pass the time, they closed on selling their house in West Virginia, so they are now down to one home. They are taking this year to rest from all of their activities. I want to thank Jo and Dick--they have been generous in sharing their home with me in my transition to Massachusetts AND in my travels back to the area. Jo also flew up to help me settle in to my new home…that was a heavy work week, we got a lot done. Thanks again, Jo.

And my news, I did sell my house in July and moved to Massachusetts. I moved permanently to the Cape in December and am loving life here. Fortunately, the condo community I am in does a lot of walking so I have ‘met’ neighbors on the roads.

So all in all, a challenging year for the class of ’72, but everyone made it through OK. We are looking forward to our 50th Reunion celebration in 2022. I will be asking classmates to come to Reunion 2021 so we can start planning that celebration. My best wishes for a great end to 2020 and a happy and healthy 2021.

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**Jane McDonough Milne**’s older brother Jack McDonough died on November 7, 2019. Jane writes that Christmas and New Years were very sad. Since COVID she and Steve haven’t killed each other. They have
been walking most days because they don't want to go stir crazy. They had been very involved with their youngest grandchildren Julia and Benny on a daily basis and it is difficult not seeing them. They make soup, chili, cookies, brownies, or cakes, and take the food over every two or three days, and talk from the car. Jeremy and Neilly have done a good job home schooling the kids. They also take food to their 11-year-old twins Jack and Charlie and daughter-in-law Christine a few days a week. Their daughter Ellen and husband Erik work from home in Connecticut, and they visited in June and July.

Roseanne Szczur Montanaro has another beautiful granddaughter Alana Lauren Montanaro born in April to her son Josh and daughter-in-law Kristin. Roseanne has four granddaughters and four grandsons.

Kathy Kramer Callahan wrote that all their travel plans were cancelled. They planned a visit back East and the virus roared back. They have a family trip planned for spring! Kathy watches the grandkids three days a week. They have five now. The four-year-old twins are great help baking and working on Duplo train layouts. Their baby sister is home with mom as she works from home. Kathy finds it more challenging with the three year old and her ten-month-old brother. Kathy doesn't remember it being so hard with two! She is busy with the quilt guild doing things remotely. She made masks at the beginning of the pandemic and now is working on quilting projects!

Barbara Pios Werschkul wrote about the birth of her first two grandchildren--fraternal twins born two and a half months early weighing three lbs each. They spent two months in the NICU. They are home now with Barbara's oldest son Jason and wife Danielle in Meridian, ID where they moved in January. Isaac and Jacob are over 11 lbs and doing well! Her younger son joined them in Idaho in March and lives nearby in Nampa. Kathy is spending time there frequently!

Marella Colyvas is considered high risk for COVID, so she is staying low and not going into stores, ordering all food and necessities online. She still works for a small consulting firm that contracts with the Veterans Administration. The work is interesting and pays well. Marella has been doing home projects rearranging and getting rid of things. It's hard to declutter not going to Goodwill or thrift stores and without pick-ups. She misses travelling to see friends and family. Four of her cousins had COVID but all have recovered. Marella was happy she was able to attend our SJC 45th Reunion. She is going to be a godmother again, this time via FaceTime. She continues to work on her spiritual life via online classes, calls, writing, and reading books.

Cynthia Parker Sims writes that although she didn't graduate from SJC, she did attend for a while. She finished college in California and received her teacher credentials. She taught for 20 years, retiring last year. Cynthia lives in Half Moon Bay, CA near San Francisco. She has two children and eight grandchildren. Andie Miller Stewart reports that life is good. Being retired and an introvert couple has made staying at home tolerable. She would like to visit some out-of-state relatives. She is comforted that none of them has been struck by COVID-19. Her governor in Michigan has been organized, science driven, and persistent in leading them through the pandemic. They have been able to have visits with their grandchildren, which have done much to boost spirits. Andie wants to see all of us at SJC's last Reunion!

Toni Doherty Kellison thought that 2020 sounded so special...LOL. The year started out great. She and Steve have a bucket list to visit all the National Parks. In January they went to American Samoa, which was a challenge! You can only get there from Honolulu and the flights go twice a week. It is a beautiful island and not commercialized. They enjoyed their time there and had no idea it would be the last trip for a while. They have 18 parks to go.

Mimi Ghosh Mangrobang retired this past March from the Financial Services Department of a Honolulu hospital after working there 40 years. It was right before the COVID pandemic escalated! She enjoys being retired and keeps busy, especially at church where she is involved in several ministries.

Maureen Hinke Hahn is staying healthy and distant! She is busy helping to care for her mother and sell her house. She has done a little tutoring and tax work and babysitting grandkids. She misses doing volunteer work for church where she sees friends. But God is good and she is praying more these days, especially for those affected by COVID-19.

Cathy Adams Nace's older brother passed away in January and was in hospice care at Christmas so there wasn't much celebration. His wife of 52 years has lived with MS for 30 years, so Cathy helps her one day a week. Cathy's granddaughters are growing and doing well. They have twin girls who are 13 and sorely missed the routine and activity of school especially since they are both in middle school Fife and Drum corps and had events that were cancelled. Her daughter's girls are now
ten and eight. The ten-year-old is going on 30 of course! Thankfully they have all been blessed with good health.

Martina Sabo writes that it's been a struggle living without the safeguards of The Constitution of the United States. This fall in Richmond late term abortion, six-nine months, plus the right of the doctor and the mother to kill a newborn baby on the delivery table, if they decided to, is on the docket again. She remembers in grade school China practiced infanticide and how horrified we were that would happen and mostly to female babies. If the Second Coming of Jesus Christ is not on the horizon we have lost our vision.

Candace Long Hobbs and Norm were planning a trip out west in July to many of the National Parks and also Alaska in August. All were cancelled and they hope to possibly get there next year. They did have a chance to spend a week in Rehoboth last month. They hope to return to the beach in September. During the quarantine they kept busy with projects and accomplished a lot. They miss seeing their children and grandchildren but FaceTime has helped.

Sue Koch Corwin has been blessed with nine grandchildren--seven of whom live near her in New Hampshire. She has worked through the pandemic as case manager on an acute rehab floor at a local hospital. They don't take COVID patients so she has felt safe. She is also the wedding coordinator for her parish--her fun job! Most summers they spend a lot of time at the beaches in New Hampshire and Maine but restrictions are making it trickier this year! Sue's daughter is a US attorney in Baltimore. She lost a daughter in the eight month of pregnancy, and then they were lucky enough to adopt a newborn Native American baby boy. Her older son, also an attorney, is the city planner in Lebanon, NH and busy with five kids! Her youngest son joined NYC police after returning from Iraq. He is now a policeman in Derry, NH and has two girls.

Nicky Young Rachin is in Phoenix. It is supposed to be 116 degrees this weekend. Heat does not kill the Coronavirus. If heat would kill the virus, Phoenix would not have rapid upsurge in cases. Because of her past medical history, she cannot nurse in hospitals. She has been making masks, which she can sew in her sleep. Nicky did go to San Antonio, TX in June to visit her sister and brother. Half the plane was empty. She has plans to go to Baltimore for her grandson's second birthday, Thank goodness for Skype. In August, she is going with her brother to Glacier National Park and hike for four days within the virus restrictions. Next spring, she and her sister are going to Hawaii to whale watch.

Dotita Cartagena Kafka's husband Eric passed away in December 2019 from pancreatic cancer.

This year has been difficult for my family. My son Kevin passed away unexpectedly on Memorial Day. It was a devastating loss for us, especially his wife Beth and my grandchildren Annabella and Ben. I spend one-two days per week with the kids while Beth works and help where I can. It is an adjustment for all of us. I keep busy with a yoga class and art class on Zoom, and my garden is in great shape. I have made Roman shades for five windows in my living and dining rooms.

Thank you for keeping in touch. Remember to please pay your dues to help keep us “All Together” until 2025. Remember Reunion 2021 is scheduled for April 8–11, 2021 at the Wyndham Hotel in Gettysburg. Our 50th Reunion is April 13–16, 2023. Please plan to attend.

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PRAISE GOD WITH JOY AND HIGH HOPES= MIRACLES! Those are the words that were repeating in my head during my waking moments this morning! I believe that inspiration was meant for me to share during these uncertain times, and I hope we can all absorb and become inspired by them!

Greetings everyone! Let me start out by sending positive thoughts and healing energy to everyone who needs it today. These are trying times but I believe that we all know what we need to do to protect ourselves (masks, social distancing, washing hands, etc.) and I pray that a vaccine will be developed soon and put an
end to this COVID-19 National Coronavirus Pandemic. Now let’s hear from some of our classmates and see how they are doing!

**Pattie Morel Murphy-Lynch** wrote that her family remains healthy through this pandemic. “Why not bake bread to share and have Zoom cocktail parties and just gain weight? It is amazing to wake up and question what day it is because you have nothing planned to do!” Pattie just restarted driving for Meals on Wheels and always enjoys seeing one elderly gentleman who consistently greets her at the door in his underpants! She shares, “But aren’t many of us asking the question… When do we change from nighttime pjs to daytime pjs? When do we have to start wearing bras again? Early on I did get out my glue gun and started some projects (candle holders with collected oyster shells) but now I’ve given them away, so pretty much trying to read and binge-watch Netflix/Amazon Prime.” Her neighbors are big puzzle people so they have been doing puzzles and playing Scrabble too. Pattie’s youngest son Daniel and his wife Merrill are in Sao Paulo with two young children and they have been quarantined since early February in a 17th floor apartment. Thank God they are all healthy but very limited in getting outside at all. And they cannot come home right now of course, as the virus is very prevalent there right now. They are grateful for FaceTime phone calls! Pattie expresses that she, “Prays that we will be able to elect healthy, strong, and ethical leaders to guide this troubled country through this horrible time.”

**Barb Callan Bogia** conveys that this is a strange and mysterious time for all of us. Before the COVID-19 pandemic hit, Barb and husband Dave went on a January sojourn south to visit friends in Florida and spend two weeks in Aruba. They visited with **Nadine Brainard Smith** and husband Gary in Seaside, NC on their trip north this past March and had a great time visiting Fort Moultrie, the longest serving fort in American history. They also stopped in to see **Mary Ellen Kirchner Pluemer** and husband Ray in Baltimore and had a great time catching up with them and their children. Barb misses seeing her great-nieces and great-nephews. They retuned just in time to shelter in place and Barb has managed to keep herself busy these days. She started a Prayer Shawl ministry at her church via Zoom. The Stewardship Committee Barb chairs introduced online giving which was perfect at this time. Barb is learning to knit a cardigan sweater for her soon to be three-year old great-niece. Like most of us, she has been baking up a storm and even shared her sourdough starter with three neighbors and started them on their sourdough baking adventures. In May Barb was elected to her Condo development’s Board of Trustees. And to top it off, Barb started recording articles for the Valley Eye Radio in the Pioneer Valley for those who are blind, visually impaired, and disabled listeners. The project she is currently working on is CDC FAQs for COVID-19. Never a dull moment.

There are nine of Barb’s group of close friends from SJC who stay in touch via iMessenger these days, and they continue to support each other in joys and hard times. The ladies get together every now and then online so they can see each other. Those nine friends are planning on having a mini-reunion in October at Kathy Whalen’s family place in Pennsylvania. “May it be so.”

**Kathy O’Brien Carlton** says that like everyone else her biggest problem is not being able to see and hug her grandchildren. She is grateful that her family is healthy and says that being retired during the quarantine hasn’t changed her life much except that now shopping occurs weekly with her daughters. A big joy has been their walks. It was a cold spring in Massachusetts with only a few days higher than 70, so bike riding wasn’t so much fun but they enjoy going to parks and hiking all the trails they can find up to seven miles. Watching the trees and flowers come alive has put a lot in perspective—nature always has a way of bringing peace. Kathy’s mom passed in February and we all send our deepest condolences to her and the family including her sister, Margaret O’Brien Jansen, SJC class of ‘71.

**Jamie Lowe Huber** has been talking and Zooming with her besties college “seestors” and has connected back with many high school friends on Zoom as well as some old work friends too. She has been trying to walk more now after being retired almost two years. Jamie does miss some type of work so is planning to get back out into the working world as soon as possible. She says that staying at home has been a perfect time to work on getting the family photo albums going and has made good progress along with organizing and cleaning out and trying to stay busy. Jamie hopes that everyone has stayed safe and that our old normalcy is not too far away. She is also missing her grandkids hugs!

**Eileen Cassidy Hartman** says that before all this COVID-19 she was down in San Diego helping with her two grandchildren but because daughter Tara is a nurse in the ER, she thought it safer for Eileen to go back home in Thousand Oaks, as she is more at risk at 67 and Tara couldn’t live with herself if she put Eileen at risk! Eileen’s husband is still teaching high school and finished the year online so they are both home. Their three-year-old granddaughter Scarlett calls on FaceTime every morning about 6:30 AM, and Eileen and her
Mary Ann Mcwhorter Riley from speaking every morning with her kids and grandchildren. Eileen says that she actually got the idea of purchased his first house, calls for interior decorator ideas! Eileen says that she actually got the idea of speaking every morning with her kids and grandchildren from Mary Ann Mcwhorter Riley who has coffee every morning with her daughter virtually, “Thank you Mary Ann!”

Paula Kozloski Swetley and husband Mark have hunkered down since March. They started daily walks of about three-five miles since gyms are closed. They cleaned out clutter and organized their junk but definitely have more to take care of. It was a blessing that they sold Paula’s mom’s house at the shore even though it was a bittersweet time. Fortunately, her mom (97 years) is doing okay at an assisted living facility. She has been there for almost two years. Since the end of April they have been taking care of six-month-old granddaughter Anna. Daughter Nicole and her husband Danny moved to New Jersey from Queens, NY and are only about 15 minutes away. Nicole went back to work after her maternity leave, and they are the lucky and happy grandparents to care for Anna. They feel so blessed! Paula and Mark’s other daughter Kristin and her family are still in Florida. They hope to be able to see them soon. Grandson Jack is now ten years old and they miss him terribly—and Kristin and John too!

Paula and Mark enjoyed some Zoom calls with the MSM class of 1973—Mark, Xavi, Hokie, Dave McCullen, Tom McKeever, and Jimmy—Kevin Kelly would join on FaceTime. Then…the boys expanded their list, and they had Jamie and Kerns on too. Jane and Paula had the privilege of all the calls. Gook, (AKA George) had been a part of some calls too! Paula says it is really so nice to keep in touch with these friends who were a meaningful part of our lives! Paula always ends her letters with what is becoming a class motto: “Joes is love!”

Belinda Lowry Jaffee is staying home in Naples, FL and says, “Thank goodness I enjoy quilting/sewing and have a stash of fabric and supplies to keep me busy.” She now has an iPad so is able to FaceTime family and friends while still on lockdown. It’s a great way to see the grandchildren.

Patty LaNeve Mullaney celebrates “one more retired RN in March (just picked a random date)...sheltering ever since but so grateful to be well and not having that drive to metropolitan DC!! Please keep praying for our medical professionals and front liners! Hope to see you soon, SJC sisters!!”

Jean Connors Muhler hopes that everyone is well and safe. A year ago June, Jean’s husband Gary was diagnosed with a form of bone marrow cancer. He went through chemo, then radiation, then thanks to his niece being a 100% donor match, he was able to have a bone marrow transplant in November. Jean says that they have been basically quarantining themselves since last July to avoid infection, so they were already used to it! Things are going well. God is very good. Jean and Gary look forward to when things will be back to somewhat normal, for him, and the world. They are looking forward to being able to resume their dearly missed Key West vacations. “But, until then, we are safe at home. Take care, everyone.”

Kathy Oliver Kadliak and husband Steve have been hunkering down but have been doing what they can to support those less fortunate: they undertook a local effort to write notecards to every resident of the local nursing home. With the help of volunteers, they managed to write notes to over 130 residents and provide handmade birthday and thank you notes for staff. Kathy and Steve also support the local food bank and Feeding America (a nationwide food distribution nonprofit). They are currently engaged in writing postcards and letters to help get out the vote in November and to assist in registering voters. On the health and fitness front, they are enjoying regular bike rides and Kathy has been attending virtual yoga and Pilates “in an attempt to keep this ‘old’ body flexible! LOL.” Kathy expresses her hopes that all of our classmates are well.

As for me, Trudie Mangiaracina Glazewski, I retired this year! After 41 years in the field of special education teaching students with multiple disabilities, I decided that 2020 was a good year to retire and had been counting down for many years! It was very difficult to leave my wonderful students, especially now with the pandemic and the unpredictable future of school in the fall. Teachers began online instruction on March 13 at our district thinking that it would only last for a few weeks. As the end date kept being extended, we began to embrace and implement Distance Learning as our new teaching method. It was such a joy to be able to see my students online with their parents or nurses every day! Students and families enjoyed participating in our daily Microsoft Team meetings in both group and individual sessions. The silver lining, as stated by one of my parents, was that parents and families got to witness directly all the amazing things that their students are
capable of doing as we addressed IEP goals during our lessons! It was a strange way to end the year for sure and of course I cried on the last day of instruction and celebration. There were Zoom happy hour retirement parties, retirement parades, and lawn signs, as is now the new normal way to celebrate virtually or from a distance and I will never forget it. I believe I am ready for what everyone is calling “the next chapter” and I look forward to every day and the adventures I will find! In the meantime, I continue to stay in touch with family and friends through Zoom calls each week, and have been able to include early morning walks into my daily schedule! My future plans during retirement include watercolor painting outdoors, photography while I explore nearby and far away nature scenes, discovering my dream of writing children’s books, and, of course, TRAVEL!!”

Well that is it for The Valley Echo news from the class of 1974 everyone. Our next Reunion will be April 8-11, 2021 and it will be our 47th Reunion!! Let’s get as many of us to come to any or all of our remaining Reunions while the SJCAA is still planning organized Reunions until 2025--only five more Reunions left!

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

Alumnae Deaths

1939 Margaret L. Polley July 13, 2020
1941 Mary Phyllis Eby Ebaugh October 21, 2019
Monica Bagiackas Moore December 19, 2015
Elaine Garner McCloskey Todd February 8, 2020
1947 Elizabeth “Betty” Boggs Cunningham February 11, 2019
Catherine Schneider Hinkey September 10, 2019
Jane Reiter Miller December 28, 2019
1948 Joan M. Dodd Pool February 7, 2019
1949 Mary Catherine Whelan Justice August 3, 2020
Virginia Schneider Kenney September 4, 2020
Elizabeth “Betty” McAllister May 24, 2020
1952 Beverly Barker Ament August 3, 2019
Sister Maria Cincotte April 2020
Evelyn Teresa Callahan Edmunds July 23, 2016
1953 Mary McMullen Baily October 1, 2020
Mary Swett Langley April 6, 2020
Mary Kathleen Scully LeMense December 29, 2019
1955 Margaret McCormack Bixler February 25, 2003
Rita Weaver Foye May 2, 2020
1957 Barbara Kelly Paoletti April 15, 2020
Marilyn J. Olsiewski Urban January 14, 2019
1961 Anne Maum McLaughlin January 2020
Lynn Murray January 1, 2020
1963 Janice Beth Jaeger Burns September 22, 2019
Carol Ann Ballard Pressley May 20, 2020
Julie Anne Rowe November 8, 2019
1964 Georgia Ann Allnutt Stapleton July 30, 2020
1965 Linda Knox December 20, 2019
1966 Julianne Rupp Hultzen May 14, 2020
1967 Ann P. Wyllie Mulroy April 2, 2020
Susan Lynn O’Donnell O’Toole July 25, 2020
1969 Patricia Reed Finch January 24, 2019
Mary Stiles St. Pierre July 18, 2019
1974 Judy-Ann M. Rosa June 26, 2019
1975 Ivanka Antolin June 14, 2020
Family Deaths

Dr. Leo LaRow, brother of Sister DeChantal LaRow '47 – April 26, 2020
Fred Jakob, husband of Doris Roach Jakob '49 – March 12, 2020
Joseph Sciarrillo, MD, husband of Elinor Ciccarelli Sciarrillo '51 – October 17, 2019
Paul Esch Duvall, husband of Nona Murray Duvall '56 – February 24, 2020
William R. “Bill” Atkins, husband of Margaret Hayner Atkins '57 – October 4, 2019
William Beaulieu, husband of Mary Jane Shaughnessy Beaulieu '58 – November 30, 2019
John Gerwig, husband of Anne Sheelen Gerwig '61 – April 24, 2020
Joseph McKenna, husband of Maureen Denehy McKenna '61 – February 19, 2020
Will Warren, husband of Karen Gantz Warren '61 – 2020
Frederick James “Fred” Donnelly, husband of Ronnie Carroll Donnelly '63 – May 11, 2020
William McCarron, husband of Sheila Degnan McCarron '63 – May 9, 2020
Raymond J. Purkis, Jr. MSM '63, husband of Mary Ellen Gill Purkis '63 – July 31, 2020
Susan Ullrich Fleming, sister of Mary Lou Ullrich Jones '64 – September 18, 2020
Robert C. “Bob” Panepinto, husband of Denise Schmidt Panepinto '64 – March 13, 2020
Daniel Coulson Speace, husband of Bobbie Davis Speace '64 – October 1, 2019
Paul Stapleton MSM '64, husband of Georgia Allnutt Stapleton '64 – September 14, 2020
John B. Fahey, brother of Maureen Fahey Sullivan '64 – August 4, 2020
Thomas G. Fahey, brother of Maureen Fahey Sullivan '64 – August 28, 2020
John Wilmer Conrad, Jr., husband of Susan Flanigan Conrad '65 – November 7, 2019
John Augustines, husband of Rita Roshak Augustines '67 – January 27, 2020
Rita Randazzo, sister of Mary Alice Friede Mauser '67 – November 10, 2019
Patrick Sean Murphy, son of Ginny Greene Murphy '67 – May 9, 2020
Bradley Watts, son-in-law of Sandy Buono Sedam '67 – February 3, 2019
Scott Harris, brother of Pat Harris Miller '68 – April 2020
Veronica Conrad, mother of Jayne Conrad Gallagher '71 – April 17, 2020
Florence O’Brien, mother of Margaret O’Brien Jansen ’71 and Kathleen O’Brien Carlton ’74 – February 17, 2020
Virginia Curran Gilliss, sister-in-law of Ro Maher Curran '72 – July 2020
Kevin Goglia, son of Christine Wiberley Goglia ’73, grandson of Dorothy Drummond Wiberley ’42, nephew of
Ellen Wiberley ’69, and Mary Ann Wiberley Shattuck ’70 – May 25, 2020
Eric Kafka, husband of Dotita Cartagena Kafka ’73, brother-in-law of JoAnne Cartagena Windle ’70 and
Mari Elena Cartagena DeCaire ’72 – December 3, 2019
Jack McDonough, brother of Jane McDonough Milne ’73 – November 7, 2019
Harold Adams, brother of Cathy Adams Nace ’73 – January 9, 2020

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

- 1 John 3:2
Her life personified commitment—to her parents, sisters and brother, husband, friends, professional colleagues, and the church—and to SJC, her beloved undergraduate alma mater.

After graduating from St. Joseph College in 1967, Ann Wyllie earned both masters and law degrees at Fordham University. Yet, she remained steadfastly devoted to St. Joe's, where she once led the student government (CGA) and collaborated with the Daughters of Charity to relax some restrictions and enhance the college experience for the student body.

Ann passed away on April 2, 2020 after suffering from a host of concurrent illnesses and during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic in the New York metropolitan area. She was 75.

For many years she had faithfully gathered news and authored a column for her classmates in The Valley Echo. She was a member of the SJC Continuation Committee, comprised of students, alumnae, and faculty members, which attempted to stave off the college closing in 1973. And later, to ensure that a strong, vibrant SJC Alumnae Association would prevail for years to come, she served on its board of directors and then as president of the group.

She also researched and authored much of the SJC Website content prior to its launch, and initiated fund raising via donations of beautiful gift baskets offered at many annual alumnae Reunions. When Betty Daly McFann ’60, then head of the SJC alumnae office, broached the idea of formally separating the SJCAA from the Daughters of Charity, it was Ann and her husband Martin B. Mulroy who stepped up and leveraged their knowledge of the law to help Betty form an independent 501(c) (3) nonprofit corporation.

Ann's more than 50 years of generous service to our Association followed a path forged long ago by other SJC women who also offered their time, talent and treasure to help perpetuate the legacy of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in the Valley of Emmitsburg. She did so without fanfare or expectation of thanks or accolades, and always with warmth and a sense of humor.

Ann Patricia Wyllie Mulroy was born in Brooklyn, NY, on St. Patrick's Day 1945 to Charles and Marie Tolan Wyllie. She grew up in River Edge, NJ, and followed her older sister Mary Ellen Wyllie ’64 to SJC in the fall of 1963. Their younger sister Carol Wyllie Blakeslee ’75 came to campus in the fall of 1971, only to learn that the college would close in 1973. (Carol continued at SJC, then graduated from Mount St. Mary’s in 1975.)

Ann worked at the Ford Foundation prior to attending law school. She then practiced maritime law at Hill Rivkins LLP, where she met her future husband. She and Martin married in 1984. Later, Ann served as an assistant district attorney for New York County. After retiring, the Mulroys moved from Brooklyn to Bridgewater, NJ, where both served the church, Ann as a Eucharistic minister, lector, and religious education teacher, and Martin as a permanent deacon.

Ann travelled extensively in Europe and loved to attend the ballet, theater, and museums. She and Martin also enjoyed visits to France, sometimes accompanied by their Standard French Poodle Albert, and time with special friends in England.

Ann is survived by her sisters Mary Ellen Wyllie and Carol Wyllie Blakeslee (Edward), her brother Charles Wyllie (Christine), her nieces Alison MacLaren (Ridge) and Brigid Blakeslee (Jared Otto), and nephews Charles and David Wyllie. She was predeceased by her parents and husband.

Due to the global health crisis, funeral services were private, but a memorial service for Ann will be held in the future. For those wishing to do so, the family suggested donations in Ann's memory to The National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, 339 South Seton Ave., Emmitsburg, MD 21727-9297, or the Daughters of Charity, Province of St. Louise, 4330 Olive St., St. Louis, MO 63108-2622.
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, 1, 5, and 6. 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 2021.

Here’s the schedule.

THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 2021

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, APRIL 9, 2021

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 desire a more comprehensive walk down memory lane.

Rewind - Join 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 McPartland Smith ’65 notes: “Great food and service + no driving = a very relaxing evening.” Class agents please contact Reunion Co-Chairs Christine Roos Mehl ’70 or Leslie Henze Blackstock ’70 to arrange a private dinner.

SATURDAY APRIL 10, 2021

Recharge - Your day begins with a Buffet Breakfast including the Annual Meeting. Even if you decide not to participate in the Breakfast you are still invited to attend the Annual Meeting. All are encouraged to attend, learn about new opportunities, and share ideas for the future.

A highlight of the weekend is the Alumnae Memorial Mass at the Basilica of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton at 4:30 p.m. Milestone Classes participate in a rose procession and ceremony honoring our college, Mother Seton, and our deceased alumnae.

Remember - Return to the Wyndham for a social hour, then go on to our Banquet and listen to memories of our Golden Jubilarians. Photos of Milestone Classes and all honorees will be taken following the banquet.

SUNDAY APRIL 11, 2021

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 relax and reconnect!! We look forward to seeing you April 8-11, 2021 at the Wyndham Hotel in Gettysburg, PA.

Making Reservations

Two registrations are necessary, one with SJC, and one with the Wyndham. SJC registration forms will be mailed to you in early January 2021. Return your completed registration form to the SJC Alumnae Office or register online at www.sjcalumnae.org.


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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.”