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The SJCAA Board of Trustees is pleased to bring you the Fall 2022 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

The Valley Echo

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Welcome to *The Valley Echo* 2022

Happy fall to the alumnae of Saint Joseph College!! What a year--another memorable one for our association.

We had our first ever Reunion with three classes celebrating their 50th Reunion and many other classes celebrating their milestone years. The class of 1972 felt it was our best Reunion EVER!! From Bernadette Ackerman Benninger '72, "Reunion could not have been better. Looking forward to the next time we can be all together and share more fond memories." Sandy Cardella Speicher '72 wrote me after Reunion, "Still thinking of the wonderful weekend back with our classmates like it was 1972 again." And other classes agreed. Marilyn Caruso Burlenski '71 said, "We all had a fantastic time seeing each other and catching up with all the happenings." Anne Bohan Seil '71 sent me a note saying, "WOW is all I can say regarding the work done to make our Reunion so memorable and successful."

The Valley Echo is full of photos of 140 alumnae celebrating the friendships made during school years and afterwards--and a special bonus--with three 50th Reunion classes, there is a group shot of all of us together--as we were on campus together from September 1968 to May 1970.

We only have a few Reunions left--the dates are: April 13-16, 2023; April 4-7, 2024; and the FINAL SJCAA Reunion before we begin our time with MSM--April 3-6, 2025. The final Reunion WILL be a little different from current Reunions, we will be celebrating our association and all our years together. The Board will start planning Reunion 2025 soon and will keep you posted as we make plans.

A big THANK YOU to all of you who have continued to support our association with your dues. The dedication of the alumnae is so heartwarming to all the members of the Board--and makes our jobs as volunteers so much easier and so much more meaningful. It is a joy to spend our time keeping the association going for so many people who appreciate it. And your dues contributions help keep us alive. We ask that you continue to pay your dues if possible, as the number of active alumnae continues to decrease. You have been generous, keeping us in the black when we expected to be losing money. THANK YOU AGAIN!!

A heartfelt thank you to all the class agents who work to keep their classes together, and a special shout out to the SJCAA Board of Trustees, without your volunteer efforts--working for free for over a decade now--this would NOT be possible.

My best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a happy holiday season. I hope to see many of you April 13-16 back in the Valley again.

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. In 2021, this was exceeded significantly as we received $75,344 in dues income. This enabled us to care for some increases in our expenses rather than use invested funds. Major items in our 2021 annual expenses of $60,626 included Charity ($16,000); Office Expenses ($6,569: printing, postage, office supplies, credit card fees, insurance); Website ($3,143, professional services for updating); *The Valley Echo* ($9,400); and our Management Services Contract with Mount St. Mary's University ($25,887: 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 2022**, the association will send **invoices** or bills to all alumnae for their **2023** ANNUAL DUES. Annual Dues for 2023 are due at the time the 2023 dues invoice is received by an alumna. **Dues for 2023 sent to the office as late as June 30, 2023 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.

2022 DUES PERCENTAGES

Class	TOTAL	FY22 Paid	Percentage
1945	0	1	100.0%
1946	3	2	66.7%
1947	6	3	50.0%
1948	10	3	30.0%
1949	11	5	45.5%
1950	9	2	22.2%
1951	18	8	44.4%
1952	17	2	11.8%
1953	10	2	20.0%
1954	21	3	14.3%
1955	15	8	53.3%
1956	18	5	27.8%
1957	23	11	47.8%
1958	39	13	33.3%
1959	37	9	24.3%
1960	38	17	44.7%
1961	53	22	41.5%
1962	43	21	48.8%
1963	65	36	55.4%
1964	104	44	42.3%
1965	90	46	51.1%
1966	87	24	27.6%
1967	101	24	23.8%
1968	119	47	39.5%
1969	148	48	32.4%
1970	125	43	34.4%
1971	103	30	29.1%
1972	80	51	63.8%
1973	95	36	37.9%
1974	90	20	22.2%
1975	29	3	10.3%
TOTAL	**1,607**	**589**	**36.7%**

Beginning with class year 1945 - Total solicitable base of alumnae (with good addresses): 1,607. *Please bear in mind this number fluctuates with updated addresses, dues paid, and deceased.*

589 alumnae have paid dues for a total of $51,079.00 from October 1, 2021 through July 13, 2022.

TRANSITION TO 2025

Work continues on our transition to the Mount St. Mary's University (MSM) National Alumni Association (NAA) system. Staff there has entered our information into their database and we will be transitioning our Website to the MSM Website. You will still be able to access the SJCAA Website through your normal link--www.sjcalumnae.org--or you can go to the MSM Website to access SJCAA information. We will continue to publish *The Valley Echo* through 2025 (thank you Maryann Lesso) and continue our donations to the Emmitsburg charities we have supported for years. At the end of 2025, any remaining funds will be donated to those charities.

After we close the SJCAA doors, your undergraduate college affiliation will be with MSMNAA, which works differently. The Mount does NOT request dues, but asks that members support the University's charitable efforts annually. That includes our SJC Scholarship at Mount St. Mary's University. Because of your generosity over the past few years, we have an established fund set up at the Mount which will keep our name alive--the SJC Scholarship at Mount St. Mary's University. Our Finance Chair Claire Maurer reported at Reunion that our funds have grown over the years from the seed money the association donated--$36,000--to over $300,000. MSM manages the funds, and our investments have generated income which covers the scholarship and expenses and has allowed the amount to grow even more. This will be a legacy that lives for many many years and is a way to keep that last candle burning, after the last SJC alumnae. The two students who receive the award each year get over $5,000 a year OVER AND ABOVE any other scholarships they already have.

We have another opportunity to leave our mark on our Valley. The Mount is developing a Graduate School of Health Professions. The Mount is working with the Daughters of Charity to use a wing (42,000 square feet) of the former Provincial House (now St. Joseph House) for this school. The initial programs will use the first two of four floors, so there is room for expansion as the school continues to expand their offerings. Most will be graduate programs. The first step was to hire the head of the first program--physician's assistant--Mary Jackson. The Mount is working to get accreditation for the program and starting to talk to contractors to do construction work needed in the wing. The plan is to have the initial program in place by the fall of 2024.

Other programs are being developed, which include a possible masters in nursing. Beyond the actual school, there are two additional focuses of the program. The first is "Care for America," a program where the Mount recruits and provides scholarship support for underrepresented students. This allows those students to get a graduate degree. They then work in underserved communities that lack access to care, as payback for the scholarship. The program will also include creation of a Center for Holistic Wellness that will prepare students for the challenges they will face on the frontlines of health care.

MSM is doing fundraising for this new school and has already raised $15 million of the $50 million needed for the startup. The location and the focus of the school are near and dear to many SJCAA graduates. The Board has formed a subcommittee to discuss SJCAA's possible involvement in contributions to the program. The subcommittee will be presenting a proposal to the full Board at our September meeting. We will then update the association with our proposal for a contribution to the School of Health Professions--you very well may have something in the mail by the time you receive this issue of *The Valley Echo*. We ask that you give it a lot of thought as another way to keep our name alive in a place we loved so much. (We amaze people that our alumnae association is still alive and vibrant 50 years after the closing of the school.)

Thank you again for all your support during the past years and for the future three years we have together as SJCAA. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at kmatts1972@gmail.com or 16 Stratford Ridge, Mashpee, MA 02649. See you at Reunion 2023.

- Karen Mattscheck '72
President, SJCAA

REUNION 2022

Reunion 2022 was one for the books. It was a memorable weekend with no COVID allowed. It was so nice to be back in person helping three classes celebrate their 50th, 1970, 1971, and 1972. We finally got to be "All Together."

Highlights of the weekend included:

Campus Tours on Friday--Merrill Sollenberg, our FEMA contact, recruited several helpers this year, and they made the tour special. Kathleen Robinson Moritis '70 remarked that everyone was so welcoming. "It really did feel like homecoming…like the people who bought your childhood home welcoming you back to look around and listen to your stories."

Friday Night Class Dinners--alumnae from the classes of 1970, 1971, and 1972 were treated to special dinners with lots of reminiscing and special videos of their time on the SJC campus.

Saturday Breakfast and Annual Meeting

- The SJCAA Scholarship at Mount St. Mary's University was awarded to Margaret Widman MSM '22 and Angela Vodola MSM '23.
- Maryann Lesso '70 received the annual Legacy Award. Maryann has been a Worker Bee on the Alumnae Board since her election in 2004. She brought her marketing skills to the association running the Store and Basket raffles at Reunion. She served as Reunion Chair in 2014 and now Managing Editor of *The Valley Echo*.

Saturday Night Banquet

- Three classes gave short synopses of their time on campus. The speakers were Carol Ervin Sharkey for the Class of 1970, Marilyn Caruso Burlenski for the Class of 1971, and Karen Mattscheck for the Class of 1972.
- Class Gifts--Mary Ann Wiberley Shattuck presented a check for $22,700 from the Class of 1970 to Barbara Rupert a member of the Board at Mother Seton School. Barbara informed the class that their gift helped 34 students from 15 families. Marilyn Caruso Burlenski presented $6,000 to Mother Seton School from the Class of 1971, and Jo Ketner Gallagher announced that the Class of 1972 was presenting $32,728 to the SJCAA Scholarship Fund at Mount St. Mary's University.
- The Hassell Cup Award and Sr. Mary Kelley Award were won by the Class of 1972. There was a tie between the Class of 1951 and Class of 1955 for the Class of 1952 Award, also known as the Husbands' Memorial Cup, awarded to the class with the highest percentage of husbands and other guests in attendance.

There are only three Reunions left. **Plan now to attend Reunion 2023**--April 13-16, 2023. We invite you to re-discover, explore, reconnect, reminisce, and create new memories. The Reunion Committee is back to work planning another great weekend. Remember that our Reunions are not just for the Milestone classes who will be celebrating, they are for all alumnae! Contact your friends and classmates now to meet you at Reunion 2023.

- Mary Ann Wiberley Shattuck '70
Reunion Chair

(From left) Class of 1971--Kate Zrebiec Fleming, Susan Roach Thomey, Dee Verrochi Carey, Denise Fish Moxley, and Joanne Stahlhut Coppola at the Basilica

Peter Benninger MSM '70 and Bernadette Ackerman Benninger '72

MARYANN LESSO '70 HONORED WITH 2022 LEGACY AWARD

The St. Joseph College Alumnae Association (SJCAA) Legacy Award was established in 2014 and honors an alumna who has made a significant contribution to the association. A candidate for the Legacy Award is someone who conveys tolerance, warmth, kindness, and optimism, as well as leadership and service.

The award for 2022 was presented to Maryann Lesso of the Class of 1970. Maryann has been a member of the SJCAA Board since 2004. She used her extensive marketing experience to implement a new look for the Reunion store, updating merchandise and making a good profit for the SJCAA. She completely redesigned the basket raffle in an effort to run it more efficiently, and she spent countless hours in implementing said raffle and did a yeoman's job indeed! She served as co-chair of the 2013 Reunion and chair of the 2014 Reunion, and her attitude and efforts have always been outstanding.

Maryann's career prepared her for her work with SJCAA. She is a retired association executive with an extensive background in membership marketing and sales. She was the Director of Member Services at the DC Chamber of Commerce where she was responsible for planning, developing, and administering the Chamber's membership retention programs. She managed the relationships with the top Chamber members and served as the primary customer service representative.

Maryann also spent 15 years with the Telecommunications Industry Association (TIA) as Associate Vice President of Membership where she planned, developed, directed, and administered the association's programs for member recruitment and retention. At TIA she created, launched and organized the Supplier Diversity Summit at SUPERCOMM, TIA's annual trade show and launched the TIA 5K Run/Walk to support the efforts of the association's foundation. Prior to her association life, Maryann spent 11 years on Capitol Hill working with two former representatives from California, the late Mark W. Hannaford (D-34) and the late Fortney H. (Pete) Stark (D-09).

She truly found her niche when she stepped up to become the managing editor of *The Valley Echo* in 2017, when Maureen McPartland Smith '65 and Mary Lou Ullrich Jones '64 retired as editors. Maryann shows great fortitude while working on the monumental task of editing and coordinating *The Valley Echo*. She takes much care and pride with every page. She also has so much energy and brings new ideas and visions to each issue that she meticulously organizes so that it will be pleasing to the eyes of each and every alumna. Even when faced with the challenge of two cancelled Reunions, Maryann continued to accomplish the task with creativity and determination!

Maryann's classmates marvel at her memory and state that she remembers everything about St. Joe's and the Mount. She remembers the names of all of their former professors, she recalls who lived in which dorm and floor, she knows who everyone's roommates were, she can list "who dated who" at the Mount, and so many other things that happened during their college years that she leaves them in disbelief wondering how she can remember so much! (History major!!) Her colleagues remark that Maryann has a great sense of humor, a "GET IT DONE" spirit, and is an absolute joy to work with! She has a mind that explodes with ideas and a generous heart…and she is one heck of a funny lady!!

The SJCAA Board's Classes Committee encourages nominations for this award from Board members, class agents, and any alumnae.

SJCAA'S SCHOLARS ANNOUNCED FOR 2021-2022

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. This scholarship is awarded to a rising or transfer junior and/or senior who has a minimum Grade Point Average of 3.0, who demonstrates financial need, and who is recommended by a faculty member at MSMU or another accredited college or university. Consideration is given to the students' career plans, community services, and academic awards. This year's scholarship winners are **Margaret Widman** and **Angela Vodola**. We were delighted to honor Margaret and Angela at Reunion 2022. Each addressed the association at the Annual Meeting and expressed their thanks.

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PHILANTHROPIES - MOTHER SETON SCHOOL

As we begin the school year for 2022-23, we extend our gratitude to the St. Joseph College Alumnae Association members for your continued generosity by providing scholarships to our students. We are especially grateful to the SJC Class of 1970 for their 50th anniversary gift of $22,700 and to the SJC Class of 1971 for their gift of $6,000. Because of you, 34 students (15 families) received the financial assistance they needed for the 2021-22 school year. Thank you also to the members who have taken their philanthropy to the next level by donating their IRA charitable rollovers and appreciated stocks to Mother Seton School (MSS). Your commitment to continuing the educational legacy of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg will have an impact for years to come.

On June 8, our 27 eighth graders graduated at the Basilica of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. These graduates will continue their educational journey at 16 different high schools located in Maryland and Pennsylvania.

For the third year in a row, our enrollment has increased. New families are coming to MSS because of our reputation for strong academics and strong values, and thanks to your continued generosity, tuition is made affordable for them. Last year we celebrated many successes. MSS seventh grader Peyton Faller was selected as the Zaner-Bloser Handwriting Grand Champion-Grade 7, advancing ahead of all other seventh grade students in the nation. Emma and Sarah Simmons, also in seventh grade, competed in the 41st annual Frederick County Engineering Fair with their engineered device, *Portable Bronchodilator Delivery System for Equine Inflammatory Respiratory Diseases*. They won the overall Middle School Grand Prize, 1st place in the Middle School Biomedical Engineering category, The Broadcom Masters Top Prize, and several other awards. Our students continue to make us very proud, and we look forward to seeing the successes that blossom this year and sharing our good news with you!

For more information or to come and visit MSS when you are in the area, please contact Jennifer Buchheister, Director of Advancement, Mother Seton School, 100 Creamery Road, Emmitsburg, MD 21727 or by phone 301.447.3165 or email advancement@mothersetonschool.org.

Emma and Sarah Simmons show off their 1st Place Awards in the Middle School Biomedical Engineering category.

Mother Seton School 2022 Graduating Class at the Basilica

REUNION 2022 PHOTO *Gallery*

(From left) Deborah Curley-Reid '72, Carol Ervin Sharkey '70, Sue McKenna Clifford '70, and Mary Ann Wiberley Shattuck '70 catch up during the Friday Social Hour.

(From left) Marilyn Caruso Burlenski '71, Christine Poth Tanner '71, Lorie Tontz Walker '71, and Kathleen Broderick Denton '71 at the Social Hour before their Class dinner

Members of several classes were enthusiastic about the campus tour guides provided by FEMA.

(From left) Mercedes Suarez Pfeffer '61, Mary Keefe Bonhag '61, Elizabeth Strezeski LaFrance '61, and Rosemarie Aellen Dunning '61 at their Class Dinner

Joanne Snyder Caye ’70 and Carol Ervin Sharkey ’70 catch up at the ’70 Class Dinner.

Christine Poth Tanner ’71, Sheila Oates Gordon ’71, Dee Verrochi Cary ’71, and Barbara Abell Sariano ’71 ready for their class dinner.

Karen Mattscheck ’72 displays the hand-blown glass bowl presented to her by the Class of ’72 in appreciation of her class leadership for over 25 years as Class Agent.

Mary Mehl Doherty ’72 and her husband Joe who received recognition from the Class of ’72 for recording class history in both photos and videos over many years.

The Class of ’72 at their Class Dinner

Maryann Lesso ’70 is awarded the 2022 Legacy Award in recognition for her work with the alumnae association and for serving as Managing Editor of *The Valley Echo* since 2017.

Mary Pat Bohan Kelly ’72 leads the procession into the Alumnae Mass.

(From left) Marie Cleary Kleber ’51, guest Margaret Quinn, and Margaret McGowan Clarke ’51 represent their class in the Mass procession.

(From left) Elizabeth Phelan Burmaster ’60 and Susan Anderson ’60 represent their class in the Mass procession.

(From left) Monalee Overdorf Welliver ’55 and Marthe Methot Meadows ’55 represent their class in the Mass procession.

(From left) Nona Murray Duvall ’56 and Ronnie Malone ’56 represent their class in the Mass procession.

(From left) Eileen Hayes Hurley '65 and Ellen Pida Mathis '65 represent their class in the Mass procession.

(From left) Mary Keefe Bonhag '61 and Joanne McNalley Downes '61 represent their class in the Mass procession.

(From left) Katherine Corley Murray '71 and Susan Kaiserski Keller '66 represent their classes in the procession.

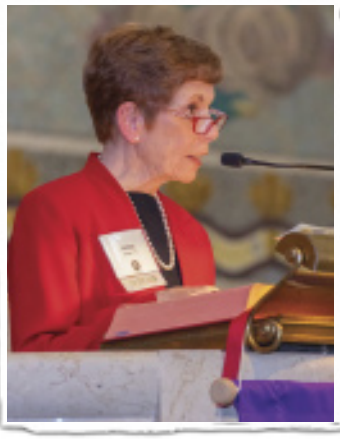
(From left) Flo DeLessio Marchetti '67 and Rita Gisriel Cole '67 represent their class in the procession.

(From left) Carol Ervin Sharkey '70 and Sr. Anne Higgins '70 represent their class in the procession.

(From left) Susan Roach Thomey '71 and Dee Verrochi Cary '71 represent their class in the procession.

(From left) Mary Kinkaid Asaki '72, Mary Pat Bohan Kelly '72 and Dee Verrochi Cary '71 accompany Karen Mattscheck '72 as she carries a vase of roses to the Mother Seton altar.

(From left) Karen Mattscheck '72 and Mary Kinkaid Asaki '72 represent their class in the procession.



Lector Arlene Seeber '70 delivers the first reading.

Lector Marilyn Caruso Burlenski '71 delivers the second reading.

(From left) Rev. Martin O. Moran III assisted by Deacon Patrick J. Goles MSM '64 presided at Mass.

Jane Ramsey Elfing '72 lights candles in remembrance of deceased alumnae.

(From left) Karen Mattscheck '72 listens as Kathleen McNaney Younkin '70 reads the list of deceased alumnae.

Jo Ketner Gallagher reads the Prayers of the Faithful.

(From left) Deacon Pat Goles and Fr. Marty receive offertory gifts from Sue McKenna Clifford '70, Maria Cartegena DeCaire '72, and Joanne Stahlhut Coppola '71.

Maryann Lesso ’70, Crossbearer, leads Candlebearers (from left) Chris Mele ’72 and Beth Dignan Blumer ’69.

Carol Ervin Sharkey ’70 shares highlights of the Class of ’70 college years.

Marilyn Caruso Burlenski ’71 remembers highlights of the Class of ’71 college years.

Karen Mattscheck ’72 highlights the Class of ’72 college years.

(From left) Marie Cleary Kleber ’51 and Margaret McGowan Clark ’51 at dinner

(From left) Ronnie Malone ’56 and Nona Murray Duvall ’56 at dinner

Members of the Classes of ’58 and ’60 at dinner

Members of the Class of ’61 at dinner

Members of the Classes of ’58 and ’64 at dinner

Members of the Class of ’61 at dinner

Members of the Class of ’67 at dinner

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Members of the Class of ’72 at dinner

Members of the Class of '73 at dinner

(Right) Carol Wyllie Blakeslee '75 with guest at dinner

(From left) Mary Ann Wiberley Shattuck '70 presents the Class of '70 gift of $22,700 to Barbara Ruppert of Mother Seton School.

(From left) Margaret McGowan Clark '51 and Marie Cleary Kleber '51 with the Class of '52 Friends and Family Award shared with the Class of '55.

◀ *(From left)* Karen Mattscheck '72 accepts the Sr. Mary Ellen Kelley award to the class with the highest number of members in attendance from Claire Maurer '64.

(From left) Marthe Methot Meadows '55 and Monalee Overdorf Welliver '55 with the Class of '52 Friends and Family Award shared with the Class of '51.

◀ Jo Ketner Gallagher '72 announces the Class of '72 gift of $32,728 to the SJCAA Scholarship Fund.

(From left) Karen Mattscheck '72 joyfully displays the Hassell Vase presented by Claire Maurer '64 to the Class of '72 for the class with the highest percentage of members in attendance. ▶

The traditional ending of the Banquet as all classes join in singing the Alma Mater, *All Together*.

The Class of '56 official Reunion photo

The Class of '60 official Reunion photo

The Class of '61 official Reunion photo

The Class of ’65 official Reunion photo

The Class of ’67 official Reunion photo

The Class of ’70’s 50th Reunion photo

The Class of ’71’s 50th Reunion photo

The Class of ’72’s 50th Reunion photo

The 2022 50th Anniversary Classes

Class News

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It is with a sad note that I begin this report as we say farewell to a member of our class. It is, however, with great joy that we have heard from the remaining four members of our class. I thank each of you for keeping in touch. In December I received a letter from Patricia Shannon Bray, daughter of **Mary Gardner Shannon** saying that her mother had passed away on August 17, 2021 at the age of 97. Mary was a graduate of St. Joseph's High School in 1943 and attended our freshman year of college. Mary had served as president of the Northern Virginia Chapter of St. Joseph College Alumnae for a number of years. We had last heard from Mary in the 2016 fall issue of *The Valley Echo*. May she rest in peace.

At Christmas I received a card and note from **Norma Walker Stec**. Norma said that she and Frank were still living in their home. Frank has had a difficult time with dementia especially in the evening which the medical profession uses the term sundown syndrome. Frank does have moments of memory visible, especially in the morning. Norma has difficulty with her balance, so she uses a rollator now even in the house. She said she is almost deaf. She got hearing aids two years ago, but they are worthless. Norma ended by saying, "We both have good appetites, so I think we are okay. We just take life one day at a time." Norma sent her wishes for all Christmas blessings and a Happy New Year.

Irene Campbell Cadden Seitz wrote a summary of her life from the time she came to St. Joseph College until the present which is interesting. It is as follows: "The day I came to St. Joseph's I had no idea what was before me. My name was Irene Campbell, and I had no idea the number of people I would meet and that many of them would have an important influence on my life. When I was in my twenties I suffered with a very sore knee and walked with a limp. I was referred to the University of Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia and was among the first five people to have a successful knee replacement. Ten years later I entered the same hospital and was the first person to survive a viral pneumonia infection in my leg. I am now one of four surviving graduates from our class at St. Joseph's. Although I left St. Joseph's in 1947, Mother Elizabeth Ann Seton has never left me. I was married to Thomas Cadden, and we had two children, son Tomas and daughter Noreen. My husband Thomas died of cancer in 1985 and we had been married for 43 years. Seven years later I married Edward Seitz and we were married for 20 years. He has been deceased now for 12 years. I am blessed with a wonderful son and daughter. My son has two children and three grandchildren. My daughter has four children and five grandchildren. All together I have eight great-grandchildren. They are all perfect." Irene ended by saying that, "Mother Seton is still with me."

I spoke to **Cecilia Gallagher Pascuzzi** on the phone and later she wrote to me. Celi said her large family is mostly living in Delaware. The grandchildren are married and having babies. She said she has lost count. Celi is still driving locally but not at night. There is an active Senior Center, and she goes there for Bingo, lunch, and bus trips. Two of her kids have had COVID but got over it quickly, which is a small number considering the large family she has. Celi lives about five blocks from the ocean. There is a trolley that runs around in the summertime so they do not have a parking problem in Bethany Beach. She said she is still able to live alone, go shopping, to the bank, post office, library, and Mass. A friend asked her to what she attributed her long life. Celi said, "Have a reason to get up in the morning." Her son asked her to write about her life and she realized she did many volunteer activities such as Meals on Wheels and Special Olympics and several others. However, her twenty years as a Special Ed teacher, that was not a volunteer activity, was very fulfilling. At that time there were not enough qualified teachers in Special Ed. Celi ended by saying that she went to a few Reunions and remembered one when we had our group picture taken only to find out that the photographer did not have film in the camera.

As I write this report this year life has been fairly normal at St. Louise. We were able to have all our Holy Week services in our Chapel this year. COVID is still in the area, but the number of cases is much reduced. We still wear masks when we go shopping or

to doctor's appointments. We all have had our booster doses of the vaccine. In the spring I had a case of acute bronchitis which lasted about three weeks. Otherwise I have been fairly well. After Mass and prayers, I spend my time doing correspondence, reading, and attending programs of our Activities Department. I still watch the Yankees on TV and am hoping that they may be in the World Series this year. There are now four members of the 1947 class, and I appreciate that we all have been able to keep in contact. If it is still possible, I will continue to be the class agent again next year. May God continue to be with each one of you and those dear to you. Let us continue to pray for each other and for those members of our class that our Lord has called to "our Heavenly home."

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I am going to do this alphabetically by name because my news is so fragmented and I have no news at all of some classmates so here goes. Read for your name--it is in here.

At the end of this letter is a description of our 71st class reunion which **Marie Cleary Kleber** and I attended. We had a great time--read all about it.

Pat Day Aichele--We haven't heard anything of Pat for many years. She is still at her same address as far as we know. We would love to have news of you Pat. The alumnae office gave me the following telephone number—603.373.8635.

Joyce McIver Byers--Our last letter was returned. Hope she is okay and would like to hear from anyone who knows her whereabouts.

Kitty Kelly Fitzpatrick--I finally found an obituary for Kitty who died on April 26, 2014. She taught most of her life. Left two daughters, one granddaughter, and one great-granddaughter. Her husband predeceased her.
Anita Nevy Karwacki--Anita is planning to move to Florida to be with her three children who are living there now and her fourth in Illinois who is moving there after retirement. She is in the process of making arrangements now so she will be living in Bonita Springs.

Nancy Johnson Koerwer--Nancy is doing well at her retirement place in Naples. I had lunch with her and **Mary Carr Shea** when I went there in April.

Joanne Downey McManus--I sent Joanne a picture of herself taken in 1947. (An alumna had sent it to me.) I got a nice note of thanks from her. She seems good and is staying in her home for now although she visits her son in New Hampshire quite often.

Nereida Rivera Mendez--Would so love to hear from her. Her letter has been returned. If anyone hears from her please get in touch with us. The alumnae office sent me the following for her telephone number—787.758.5631.

Barbara McCrystle Meikle--Just heard from Barbara's daughter Ellen that Barbara passed away on May 31st. There were no details, no obituary. Ellen just said it was peaceful and that "she loved you all."

Margie Feeney O'Brien--Margie lost her husband Ed last November. He died at home which was his wish. He had a long career on Wall Street after graduating from Fordham and then St. John's Law School. Margie had some health issues after his death but seems to be doing much better now. However they kept her from attending the Reunion which she had planned on going to. She keeps in touch with Anita, Joanne, and Nancy.

Myrtle Sullivan Phelps--I hear from Myrtle every year at Christmas. I passed on her news last year about the death of her sister. This year I didn't get a Christmas card from her but did get a note. She said that her granddaughter was getting married in North Carolina and that she was passing as it seemed too difficult for her to travel that far. Then she read about our return for Reunion and decided that if Marie and I could do that then she could go to the wedding. Good for you Myrtle. I assume you went and had a great time.

Veetsie Frick Ryan--Veetsie had planned to go to Reunion with her daughters but at the last minute had to cancel because they were not available. She sent me pix instead. I forwarded them to anyone who was in them--I think they were from our 40th Reunion.

Carolyn Eckenrode Sandherr--Finally found an obituary for Carolyn. She died on March 30, 2021. Her husband of 60 years predeceased her, and she left six children, eight grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Terry Norris Schultze--Terry's address is now the same street address but in Centennial, CO 80121.

Elinor Ciccarelli Sciarrillo--I hear from Elinor every few years but have not heard from her this year so far.

Mary Carr Shea--Had lunch twice with Mary this April while I was in Naples. Had also gotten together with her when I spent a few days down there at my son's place in October with my girls. Mary is one busy lady. She now has two daughters living in her court. Peggy bought one house and Mary was given another one.

Beverly Isaac Turbeville--Didn't hear from Beverly at the New Year. But then she called me to see if I had a telephone number for Mary Cora whose husband was very ill. I went on line to find he had died so sent the info to Bev along with a notice to Emmitsburg.

Mary Cora Cunningham Velky--Had a nice email during the holidays from Mary Cora saying she could not attend Reunion because she couldn't leave her 96-year-old husband. He died on January 20th. His memorial service was June 29th at Sacred Heart Church in Bowie, MD. A lovely obituary is on line for those of you who have email.

Judith Vilanova--My last letter came back with no message. If anyone knows the whereabouts of Judy please contact me. Her letters have never been returned before.

That concludes the class list. Now for Reunion--**Marie Cleary Kleber** and I attended. We brought our daughters with us who got along very well. Marie and her daughter Margaret went on Friday but my daughter Ellen and I just went on Saturday. As we approached the check-in station for the Reunion an alumna spotted me. She was Mary Jane Shaughnessy Beaulieu from the class of '58--a close friend of Rosemary Powers Booker in Schenectady. We had met several times and I was glad to see her. She said she had data from Rosemary that she would send to me--it was the pictures I forwarded to Joanne and Mary Shea.

We went to Mass in the Basilica. It was not as filled as usual and of course I could not hear a thing. The procession of reuning alumnae carrying roses was led by the class of '51 since we were the oldest class represented. Since Marie and I were the only two from the class we led the procession. Marie had her daughter with her for support and I had my oxygen and my walker. Talk about the old folks! I reminded Margie O'Brien that when we celebrated our 65th Reunion we were also the oldest class there and she and I led the procession--without help then.

At the banquet later we had a table to ourselves--the four of us. This worked out well because people would drop by to chat. A few said they had friends in the classes around ours and where were they. Mickey O'Donnell Taylor's friend mentioned did we know her. I said of course I live near her and where was she? She said she had medical issues. I can't get over that no one from any class around us was present. They can't all be having medical issues--but then maybe they can.

And finally--this was crazy. We won the cup for having the class with the highest percentage of guests present. There were two of us and we each had a guest (a daughter) so that was 100%.

Sunday morning we sat at table with alumnae from Baton Rouge, LA and Long Beach, CA. We all said we would be back for the last Reunion in 2025. Marie and I said we would be there but then later kind of hemmed and hawed between us. If we can we will go. Our daughters enjoyed the whole time and said they would go with us. Ever the optimists!

I sent you Class Address lists under separate cover. Keep them and you can make changes as you receive info from me. I have included Joyce, Nereida, and Judy even though we don't have current addresses for them. Please send in your dues and hope for a big class showing at the last Reunion. After all we will only be 95. Some of the recently deceased alumnae we prayed for at Mass were 100. We are a strong bunch--physically and mentally.

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[From the Editor: I received this letter from Romaine Burelbach's daughter Mary.]

Hello SJC Class of 1954. I am **Romaine Burelbach**'s daughter Mary visiting her from Colorado. I was in town to celebrate my mother's 90th birthday on August 24, 2022. She still lives at her home in Glen Ellyn, IL and her son Jim and family lives right next door.

Romaine is doing well but her eyesight/technology makes it more difficult to call or write or check

Facebook unless her scribe (me) is in town! She loves to hear from family and friends through phone calls. Her cell phone number is 630.442.3159. Her home phone is 630.469.3365.

If anyone has trouble getting through to Romaine, I can be called into service. Mary Burelbach Kolenda 720.201.3858. Although I live in Colorado, I visit frequently. While I have been in town this time, I have enjoyed reading the excerpts from *Allegra*. When I read aloud about her former classmates, she always says, "She was my good friend." Everyone was her good friend and she always has fond thoughts of all. St. Joseph College must have been an amazing place to attend school!

While in town, I unearthed a box "love letters" from 1957 from my dad to Romaine when the two were engaged and planning their wedding--he in Illinois and she in Maryland. We, the kids and grandkids, are getting a kick out of them!

Please invite friends who are still around to give Romaine a call and reminisce! If anyone sends an email, I should be included to ensure any info is shared verbally to Romaine. My email address is marykolenda@gmail.com.

I hope you can let all know that my 90-year old beautiful mom, Romaine, is doing well. As stated in *Allegra*--she "adds sparkle to everything!"

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My parting words to you in my 2021 column were, "See you in April!" I had high hopes! Then COVID-19! Know that our 2022 Reunion was not complete without you. You were missed as Monalee and I represented the Class of '55. We had the honor of each carrying a rose in the opening procession of the Mass in the Basilica. We didn't lead--that honor went to two members of the Class of '51. At the banquet, the two classes together '51 and '55 were awarded the Memorial Cup!

A call from **Dolores "Dee" Nevy McMullen** was a bright ray of sunshine on a cloudy, dark day! Dee was unable to attend the Reunion in April due to a bridal shower for a granddaughter. Dee was still feeling the joy of that family wedding. How blessed we are by these joyful occasions which fill our hearts and souls with gratitude!

I reached **Maria "Mapy" Del Pilar Irizarry** at her daughter Maria's home. Mapy was not comfortable chatting with me due to her poor hearing so I enjoyed a visit with her daughter. Mapy had been living with Maria in San Juan for the past month and was preparing to return to her own home in Bayamon which she shares with her eldest son Larry III. In last year's column, the family was preparing for the funeral of Mapy's former husband Larry. Both branches of the family get along well and the sharing of memories was appreciated by all.

My call to **Miriam Johnson Curnin** found her and Tom settled in their Egremont, MA home for the summer and preparing for their annual 4th of July family reunion. A gathering of 20 was expected at their Berkshire homestead. Miriam was scheduled for cataract surgery at the end of July. She was growing impatient! She misses reading. Tom enjoys his audio books but Miriam prefers "real paper" books even if she has to settle for large print.

Sr. Mary Martha "Mary T" Gardiner continues to teach English as a second language. Her young student is so enthusiastic that she insists on continuing through the summer--to Sister's delight! As a Telespond Volunteer and Companion, Mary T accompanies Sisters to their medical appointments. She plans to gather with her sister and brother this summer. Mary T reminded me that the Class of 1955 was the first of the four-year School of Nursing. The class started with five girls and ended with just two--**Mary Ladden** and Mary T. When asked how she stays emotionally healthy she shared her wisdom with the IHM Journey publication, "I try to maintain a positive attitude, live a balanced lifestyle of prayer, exercise, and work, and be of service to others." Great words for all of us to live by!

As of Christmas 2021, **Pauline "Pal" Lisella Raftopaulos** lived under the shadow of COVID-19. She and her entire household were affected but only one son had to be hospitalized. With deep faith and special prayers to Padre Pio and others in Pal's haloed community she and her four children survived to give prayerful thanks! Pal was a nutrition major in college and later got her nursing degree. She has high praise for Sr. Juliana who "made us want to learn." Pal remembers the excitement of dissecting a cat and learning how like humans they are. Want a bright spot in your day? Call Pal!

Clarebeth "CB" Maguire Cunningham has a new address: 3197 East Hinsdale Ave., Centennial, CO 80122. Her phone number is: 631.833.7622. This address is a residential home with only eight folks and is known as a Serenity House. There are several in the Centennial area. Hers has a wonderful staff from Nepal and an activities director who travels from house to house. In spite of being slowed by Parkinson's, CB enjoys Mahjong, going out to lunch with friends, and cheering on her two teen grandchildren Flynn and Locklan who live nearby. She is grateful to her SJC classmates Miriam, Dee, and Cathy who keep in touch.

My phone call with **Barbara "Barb" Henner Keogh** was a great Friday afternoon pick-me-up. Though she had just attended three funerals, she was upbeat. Two different orthopedic surgeons had concluded that her painful knee did not need surgery--just physical therapy. Barb's faithfulness is giving positive results. Barb's Christmas letter shared her disappointment at not being able to attend her grandson's wedding in October because of COVID-19 among the wedding guests. Barb is still driving and is grateful for lunch dates and Bridge friends. She credits upperclassmen at St. Joe's with teaching her Bridge. Her husband was also a Bridge player so she has grown the talent begun in The Pines. Her three children, 11 grands, and three greats add zest to her life as they "pop in and out" of her home and "sometimes stay a while." She is never lonely and is ever grateful for her full life.

Catherine "Cathy" Connolly Persons was filled with joyful anticipation of the wedding of her first grandchild at the end of June. She was also happy for her youngest daughter Liz who is presently living in Abu Dhabi with her husband and 11-year-old son. Liz and Cathy chat at least once a week, and Cathy enjoys keeping up with their exciting life.

Betty Barbieri McClellan was preparing for a 4th of July dinner and fireworks for 26 folks "to benefit Pacific Symphony's production of its annual opera." But--their caterer son Chip, had to cancel because of COVID. Betty's philosophy--"Roll with the punches!" A follow-up email found her thanking God for Chip's mild COVID…and for Costco! Betty had enjoyed her annual Met Opera trip in March but cancelled the planned Holy Land cruise in June—COVID caution! She and Bill count their blessings every day "being able to do stuff and enjoy life"--Bridge, local theatre, family visits, and dinner parties!

Virginia Ohlmuller Rooney and Bill had just returned to Delaware from their Marco Island, FL home. She thanks God that she and Bill are still enjoying life. She spoke of dear friends Carol and Bob, graduates of St. Joe's and MSM, and their strong friendship. Carol and Virginia are delighted that they were both former "Lilies of the Valley!"

A call to Cynthia, **Carol Murray Fuch**'s daughter-in-law assured me that Carol is happy and healthy and continues to enjoy the activities at her senior living residence. Carol's memory has failed but she enjoys outings, looking at family photos, and visits from her son and family who live nearby. Her newest great-grandchild was given Carol as a middle name to honor her.

Monalee Overdorf Welliver was driven to the Reunion by her son Sean and his fiancée Angie. While we were busy renewing friendships, they explored Gettysburg. Ever faithful Monalee continues to volunteer every Monday at the local SPCA Benefit Shop where "every penny earned goes to the animals." Monalee and dear friend Jo will once again celebrate summer with a week of camping at Natural Chimneys Regional Park where Monalee's family is preparing a camper for them. The Welliver dogs Dancer and Mandy will join them.

Thanks to dear friend Sue Garner McNulty '63 and her faithful orchestration of a weekly Zoom session, Sue, Monalee, and I have been joined by **Betty Brown Shea**. After many years in Virginia, Betty returned in 2017 to the family home in New Jersey. Besides memories, the home now accommodates Betty on the first floor and leaves the second floor to welcome family and friends eager to enjoy the Jersey Shore nearby. Though Betty was only at St. Joe's one year, she has fond memories.

Once again I was unable to connect with **Margaret "Jill" May O'Connell**. Phone messages were left and emails sent with no results. I pray that all is well.

Sadly, we've lost another classmate since the last *Valley Echo*. **Audrey Vogel Emley** passed away in February 2021 after a valiant battle with ovarian cancer. A Mass card from the Seton Shrine was sent to her family with condolences from the class.

At Reunion, Sue McNulty and Anne Marie "Tobie" Gibbons, also '63 adopted Monalee and me and saw to our every need, as our class gets smaller it is a special joy to expand our friendships. After the banquet, Mary Jane Shaughnessy Beaulieu '58 reintroduced herself to me. When she reminded me that she lives in Schenectady, NY we made plans for a visit when I would be nearby for my annual Women's Retreat at the Dominican Retreat House. We spent a delightful hour together with lots of

reminiscing and plans to meet again, soon. On Sunday, as we gathered in the hotel lobby for our "Goodbyes" my son Marc and family arrived from their Virginia home along with my "chauffeur" son Denis--in time to meet and greet my expanded circle of friends.

Soon after Reunion, Sr. Marian Hamwey '59 visited Oneonta, and she and I enjoyed a lunch date--a great opportunity for me to share Reunion 2022 with her.

I don't plan to attend the 2023 Reunion but I do have my heart set on the last Reunion in 2025.
God willing! Love and prayers, Martie.

1956

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Sad news to report--Nelson Claypoole, **Betty Taylor Claypoole**'s dear husband, went to his eternal reward on August 25, 2021. May he rest in peace. Betty and I spoke in August after she returned home to Cranford, NJ. She had been away with her son Kevin and his family including two great-grandchildren. Betty has a cottage on Lake Shawnee and Kevin's getaway is nearby on Lake Hopatcong. The families sorted themselves between the two and enjoyed gorgeous weather and pontoon boat rides. Daughter Beth Ann who lives in Palmyra, NY was due to arrive later in the month for a memorial Mass for Nelson. Betty is adjusting and she looks forward to trips with her theater group.

Nona Murray Duvall and I were the only classmates who made it to our 66th Reunion in April. Nona was accompanied by daughters Joan and Evie; my daughter Chris came with me. We five had lots of visiting time and so enjoyed seeing the campus again. I thought of Betty when we saw what has happened to the Home Ec house! One of our highlights was visiting **Rose Kelly (Sister Margaret John, DC)** who lives in the skill care section of the Villa in Emmitsburg.

In May Nona travelled from Woodbridge, VA to the Denver area for the wedding of her granddaughter Maile and the high school graduation of her grandson Noah. Present were six of Nona's daughters, two of her sons, and her sister and brother from California. Nona plays bridge daily and enjoys visits from daughter Joan who usually has dinner with her.

Mary Ann Radzievich Pagano and Danny Pagano planned to come to Reunion but Mary Ann had broken her ankle preceded by a fall in the shower. She was mending well but Danny threatened to encase her in bubble wrap! Two daughters live near their retirement community in Glen Mills, PA.

Retired nurse **Chica Godbee Golibart** had concerns about COVID and decided to skip Reunion.

Anne Christe Calgani and Tony Calgani planned to attend Reunion. They had recovered from serious bouts of COVID in 2021 and planned to test just before Reunion. Reunion managers required vaccinations, so they were unable to come. When I spoke with Anne in the summer, she was going to have a knee replacement August 3. Tony had recovered from ten days in the hospital. He has three stents, was feeling like a new man, and was back to work.

Noel Stewart Rupprecht responded to my query in late May that she had broken a hip on April 30 and was still working on that. She thought she would be walking soon. She still misses husband Ray Rupprecht with whom she had eight happy years.

Marian Daley Schmeling answered my note that she is retired and has the same home. Her husband passed away in April, 2019. She loves her family and keeps busy with her plants and word source books.

A mutual friend helped me track down **Nancy Meskill** who has moved. Her new address is St. Elizabeth Rehab/Nursing Center, 3320 Benson Ave., Baltimore, MD 21227. She is happy to be in a Catholic facility. When I spoke with her at the end of August, she had just been released from the hospital having fallen and injured her leg. She sounded very chipper!

My note to **Jeanne Beurket O'Connor** was returned as undeliverable. Attempts to reach other classmates: **Fran O'Brien Baldessarini**, **Joan Kerr Benjamin**, **Carmita Arqueta DeArmas**, **Joan Greco Gies**, **Alhen Ehrensing Green**, **Mary Fran Kane**, and **Fran Gillcrist Quitzau** were unsuccessful. I pray that they are all well.

I've been travelling again after receiving four vaccinations, and I wear a mask everywhere! In February I visited my brother Barry and sister-in-law Judy in Dallas. After Reunion, Chris and I spent a few days in Bethany Beach, DE visiting old friends. Daughter Mary and husband Kevin and I checked out lots of cousins in Ireland in May. I've been to Ohio a couple of times where I see 12 family members including Nathan Craft, my fifth great who was born July 7. In June my son

Kevin came from Boulder, CO, Chris and John came from Ohio, and Mary and Kevin live here so we had a great gathering to which my sister-in-law Kay came from Chicagoland.

Paying dues keeps *The Valley Echo* coming, so I hope you'll send dues to St. Joseph College Alumnae Association, Inc., Mt. St. Mary's University, 16300 Old Emmitsburg Road, Emmitsburg, MD 21727. May you all be well and healthy!

(From left) Class of 1956--Nona Murray Duvall, Sr. Margaret John (Rose Kelly), and Ronnie Merrill Malone have a visit at Reunion.

1957

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We are saddened to hear that **Eileen Regan Barrett**, beloved wife of Bill, suffered a massive stroke and passed away peacefully July 7, 2022, surrounded by their six children. Bill wrote that Eileen had loved nothing more than receiving news of her college mates.

On the same sorrowful note, **Carol BT Glennon** informed us that her husband Dan passed away in February. When she wrote, she was visiting her daughter in San Diego. In September she will visit her son in Colorado. Her message to us is "keep well and thinking of you all."

Mary E. Bustamante Anderson sent word that her husband Bill fell and broke his hip, one that had been replaced 12 years ago. He had surgery and the doctors predict three to four months of therapy. Mary and Bill are fortunate to live at Riderwood which has a continuing care facility so she can visit him every day. She asked for your prayers for a speedy recovery.

Adelaide Burroughs Campbell dropped a line that her daughter Addie now lives with her in Newtown, PA. Photos she included show them enjoying the ocean view with their dog Tucker on a visit to Key West, FL.

Jeanne Mitchler-Fiks says she is still working from home despite exhaustion some days. She hopes to get back in the office part time in the fall. She and the kids are feeling sad and upset that her former husband is near death.

Mary Ann Moore Stallings described a terrible fall she had when she stumbled down the steps and hit her head. She's on blood thinners since her stroke, and was bleeding profusely so went to the hospital where they did a CAT scan and discharged her with no lasting damage.

On July 9 I talked with **ME Lange Riscassi**. Her daughter Beth came from California with three kids to visit, but unfortunately picked up COVID on the flight. Liz quarantined them but it didn't last too long and after that everything was fine.

Never having heard from **Maria Priolo Behan**, I phoned because I was curious to see she lives in Covington, KY which was all over the news a few years ago. She has four children, three in Kentucky and one in Florida. She worked as a lab technician and got her nursing degree. She was 28 years at the Veterans Administration and retired in 2008 after which she volunteered at a local hospital. Her husband Vincent passed away in 2020, but while he was well they travelled to Alaska and enjoyed river cruises. Maria is currently involved with RCIA, a program for people who wish to convert to Catholicism.

Joan Stovicek Hutchison is another who has downsized. She finally retired after a long career at the crisis pregnancy clinic, sold her condo, and moved in with her son Matthew. She has eight grandchildren and two great-granddaughters. Grandson Andrew had a perfect SAT and scored a free ride to MIT where he plays on the football team.

Lucille Marano keeps in touch frequently to say she enjoys hearing news of her classmates. She keeps busy around the house and occasionally goes out for lunch with friends.

Al Hayner Atkins has been diagnosed with leukemia. She was in the hospital receiving chemotherapy, but has exchanged chemo for a pill dose now. She still takes walks, tends her flower garden, and has friends and family over for dinner.

Carol Knauer Pastor surprised me with a copy of *Coronado Magazine* which covers all important events in and around Coronado, CA. Each issue features an icon of the community and Carol rated two whole pages with pictures. After graduating from SJC, Carol married Dr. Morton Pastor. She helped him build his practice, but eventually he decided to attend law school, and she accompanied him there which led them to a life of business opportunities in real estate and entrepreneurship. Since Mort's death, Carol has devoted herself to community activities such as the police department, the library, the city historical society, and research and writing for two magazines. She serves on the commission for the preservation of old homes and when not busy does knitting for charities.

Richard and I are doing very well. After selling our industrial property we have more time to travel. This summer we were in San Diego to catch up with our son Doug and his family. Recently we flew to Colorado for a chance to see our USAF granddaughter Emma on her way back to med school after five weeks of OTS in Alabama.

1959

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Welcome back to the Valley dear Class of 1959 classmates. Many thanks to all of you who responded to my emails and telephone calls.

Marcella Gibbons Wilding reports that she and Jim had two special events at their home in Cary, NC. They celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary and had a wonderful family party, which included all 21 family members. They also celebrated the wedding of a grandson. Again, all of their family came and enjoyed with others a beautiful wedding. Marcella states that it has been a year of memorable celebrations.

Helen Lilly Johnson, who is responsible for some of the beautiful emails that I send, explains that there is not much interesting going on in her life these days, but she is still in the land of the living.

Delia Gautier Slight called to say that her family is doing okay, so far, with everyone there having had mild cases of COVID, except one grandchild and herself. Granny Delia reports that her great-grandbaby is growing up like a weed and that he is so cute. She hopes that we are all doing well or as well as can be expected. She wishes that she could see all of her classmates so they could see a picture of her great-grandbaby. In addition, Delia expressed her concerns for safety because she lives so close to the border in Texas.

Helene Coffey Bowes wishes that she had some news for us, but feels that she has nothing interesting to report. She and Joe see their daughter and her husband, who live close, frequently, and see the others, on weekends. They have young grandchildren who are delightful, and they enjoy them very much.

Joan Ahern Lemp states that it is the time of life for aches and trying to concentrate on our blessings. She tells us that yes, she and Michael are fine…to qualify… the hands, knees, and back act up frequently, having carpal tunnel surgery and a back brace, however, they love their new house, being the second owners, in a community for adult living. Their "Seashell," which was purchased 70 years ago by her parents is now an LLC with the family and is being leased. They are most fortunate to have their three children in Rhode Island. The last of their eight grandchildren heads to the University of Delaware at the end of August, and her sister finishes at the University of Charleston, next spring. Another sister is in New York City and just finished an internship at the United Nations and will graduate next year from the New School in New York City. They have two great-grandchildren, boys, six and four, and another granddaughter is expecting this January. They still move from Rhode Island to Florida, though no more driving except short runs to the market or out to dinner with friends or family.

Sr. Marian Hamwey tells us that the past few months have been affected by COVID, which hampered her style. She wanted to visit her aunt about 75 miles away, but had to postpone plans until March, but even then, her aunt did not want to go out. They ordered dinners and picked them up to enjoy at her home. Her aunt is 97 years old but in wonderful health with a bright mind. Since then, Sister has visited twice. The last time was to a wedding of one of her cousins. She feels that little by little, things are opening up for them. As for volunteering, she began again in January at an ecumenical center for refugees and immigrants, one day a week at the front desk, which gave Sr. Marian a great opportunity to use her language skills. Likewise in March, the government agency, USCRI for refugees and immigrants, opened for volunteers. She had worked there before the pandemic. She is primarily working with Afghan refugees and now a few Ukrainians. Here the case managers are from Afghanistan and so speak

the languages of the clients. Finally, she did some training to become a literacy advocate for tutoring, and began working with an Afghan woman in January, once a week which has been enriching for Sister as well as very positive for her student. Sister reports that her brother has been very ill for over a year. He lives in Montana where the COVID was rampant, so she only got to visit in late June, but it was a time to share a lot with him and to work toward moving him to assisted living.

In August, she will be making her annual retreat in Emmitsburg. This is the first time she has been there in five years! Sister understands that there have been a lot of changes for the shrine and the buildings. Mount St. Mary's is using one wing of the building for a health program. Finally, hopefully in mid-September, she will join three others from Albany to go to Cape May, NJ for a week at the beach. The Vincentian priests have a house available to her community in June and September. Sister is looking forward to fewer crowds and wonderful warm weather and water for a perfect time, and is most grateful for her good health and energy to enable her to volunteer.

Barbara Torrance Knowles called to wish us well. She related that she and Helen Fitzgibbons Carmody will be travelling to Norway and Lapland by land and sea in September. They are looking forward to it since it has been postponed three times because of COVID and are hoping this time they will be able to take off.

Mary Frances Kelly Dillon called to let us know that her dear husband John passed away in June. He had been ill for some time. Her family and friends are very supportive and she plans to stay in her house where she and her family have lived for many years. Please remember her in your prayers. Her address is 1106 Flor Lane, McLean, VA 22102.

Unexpectedly, my husband Jim, who is 95, was admitted to St. Agnes Hospital, last week, and I brought him home to Hanover, PA, yesterday. His doctor was concerned about his heart, blood pressure, and an infection, but he is doing better with no apparent life-threatening issues at this time. My grandchildren seem to be doing well, with three in high school, two in eighth grade, one in graduate school, and one in the work force. Their four sets of parents are all busy working. I am continuing with my counseling work in the addictions field.

Please mark your calendar for Reunion next year April 13-16, 2023 and our 65th Reunion in 2024. God bless everyone and please keep in touch with me. **Mary Lou Dingle**

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Well, you're stuck with me AGAIN!!! No one sought my job (LOL), and Liz didn't fire me. Where Oh! Where to begin…a GREAT choice, **Charlotte Duffy Kain**--She was first to respond to news of **Mary Edith "ME" Bailey Hines**'s death. Charlotte and ME were roommates at Providence Hospital. Charlotte went on to say she recently had a right knee replacement and it was NOT bad at all--but she's never going to have the left one done! I told her "no sympathy from me," I've already had two replacements and two revisions.

I spoke at length with **Gina Smith Shahade** the other day and she assures me she and Al are both well and still enjoy the two months they spend in Florida every winter. Back here in New Jersey she's in constant touch with daughter Beth who is a teacher in the Denville Township School District. We determined to meet for lunch as soon as Gina is recovered from cataract surgery. I told her I'm happy to wait until after her surgery so she can see how beautiful I really am.

Gloria Defina Chisholm reports she is still serving as Eucharistic Minister at BrightView…so she attends two Masses every Sunday. Other than that, not travelling, just playing Mahjong and pinochle and bingo. WAY TO GO! Gloria.

In addition to a long chat with **Sally Grabe Poux** she treated me to a newsy note. She and Jerry are in good health but not enjoying the Lake Michigan house during the heat wave. Jerry's daughter is there with her son. They came in from San Francisco and did not want Jerry to meet their plane because they were coming from a household infected with COVID!!! Sure enough, grandson, Henry, tested positive the next AM!!! Sally now just hoping her Seattle kids and their families will safely arrive in Lake Michigan in August. Sally comments, "sad to have missed Reunion but ever so

grateful to have received a FaceTime call from Liz, Susie, and Kathy" just as they were departing Gettysburg. MORE ON REUNION to follow.

Beth Addison Moreland always "keeps me posted." Her sister is presently living with her and their travels have been limited due in ALL to COVID. Plus four eye surgeries don't help travel plans. Beth anxiously welcomes the fall and hopes that she and her sister can travel then, if only local trips. They'll welcome just getting out.

Allow me to report on **Nancy Gill McShea**'s activities; I follow her on Facebook. Nancy is still the Queen of the USTA. She still hobnobs with the big names. Hurry up the US Tennis Open in Queens, NY.

Liz reports to me she had a good talk with **Kathy O'Donnell O'Brien**. Kathy and Brendan both enjoying good health. Kathy still enjoys playing tennis and some golf. Yikes! Even after two shoulder replacements. WONDER WOMAN!!!!! They took a last minute trip to Cape Cod in July to visit with their children in Chatham; had a great time.

Liz Phelan Burmaster, **Sue Anderson**, and Kathy O'Donnell O'Brien attended Reunion this year. They reportedly had a GREAT time just visiting with each other. And, they took Mary Jane O'Shaunassey Beaulieu '58 under their wing. Speaking of Sue Anderson…Sue had two graduations this year, both on same day, same time. Granddaughter Claire graduated from The Mount so Sue went to her graduation and immediately got into her car and drove back to Baltimore for Granddaughter Elizabeth's graduation dinner with the family. Elizabeth received her Master's in Speech Pathology from Loyola College in Baltimore.

Liz Phelan Burmaster and Dick had five graduations this year. Starting in April, grandson Calvin Johnson from Florida State. In May, Lilly Doyle from UNC Charlotte, and Memorial Day weekend, Matthew Field from Cardinal Gibbons HS in Raleigh, NC. Then up to Baltimore for Fagan Doyle's graduation from St. Paul's HS. Last graduation will be Aug. 7th. Granddaughter Phelan will receive her Master's degree as a Nurse Practitioner from Vanderbilt University. Added to the excitement, Phelan became engaged to Tom Weber in July. Lots to celebrate in the Burmaster family! Now, we all like to brag about our kids but Liz and Dick beat us all in this department. Their five daughters decided it was time for them to drive their parents north then back home this year. Soooooooooo Mary Beth started them off from Florida and drove to North Carolina; then Kara from North Carolina to Baltimore and Cape Cod; then Mary Beth and Shaun drove from the Cape to Loon Lake and again from the Lake to Rochester. Barb, then, to North Carolina, and their Florida Girl Trish from North Carolina back to Home Sweet Home. Liz and Dick can't say how much they enjoyed their time with each one individually and "it was a great trip."

I MUST comment on the above. My kids are good but not that good!!!!! How's 'bout y'all??? Oh, talk about my kids…all good, I think. Nathalie currently Dean at Rutgers Dental School in Newark, NJ and Alison, my youngest, recently retired from teaching and happy, happy, happy. My oldest granddaughter Morgan, married to a Navy pilot, presently living in Anacortes, WA, and my oldest grandson Nicholas married in April to a girl who graduated from Villanova University with him.

Kate White Eustace brought me up to date with her gang. She and Bob are fine but Kate tells me Bob has rewritten COVID rules and to date--all fine. Very recently Kate's daughters, Julie from North Carolina and Stacy from Maryland, both visited and together with grandchildren they "did dinner" at the "bestest" restaurant. BTW…Kate still does line dancing every Friday night and exercises via Zoom twice a week. Gee, she must be a lot younger than the rest of us. LOL.

Yup, I just heard from **Maxine Hansen Olsen**. After her son Curt died he set up a trust fund that allowed Maxine to stay indefinitely with his son and daughter. Just months later Roy, Maxine's son, and his daughter shared the habitat. This year Roy made an offer to buy the house, they agreed and they're all happily together. Now Maxine says, LET THE REMODELING BEGIN! Continuing…needless to say Maxine was looking forward to eight days in the North Woods of Wisconsin. (Anything is better than triple digits in the desert.) Son Eric rented a 24 ft. Pontoon boat and a cousin from Waukesha brought his power boat; so all enjoyed ALL kinds of water sports. Needless to say A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL.

Pudgie!--**Mary Crawford Beltran**--Your ears must've been ringing overtime today. **Marty Spurlock**, **Sue Corcoran Bruswitz**, and I "did lunch" at Seasons 52 in Princeton, NJ today and numerous times you were the topic of discussion. Not only were you missed at Reunion but you were missed today. As an aside, to the rest of us Class of '60…how many of you were aware Pudgie, Sue, and Marty have known each other from high school??? I regret not being able to include a pic of us today but if I have to say so myself, "we look good for 84 years!" Hard to believe we've added 62+ years since

Graduation Day at SJC. Yikes!

Allow me to close with a quote from Maxine Hansen Olson who religiously keeps me posted on her busy schedule always says, "I pray that the spirit of Christmas (2021 and 2022) will bring you peace. May the gladness of Christmas give each of us hope. And, may the warmth of Christmas fill you with love and may the Lord Jesus Christ pour out his graces and blessings so that you may receive the fullness of true joy. God Bless Us Everyone!!!" This well serves from December to December.

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There were nine of us celebrating the Class of 61's, 60th Reunion in April. It was an amazing opportunity to get reacquainted.

Mercedes Suarez Pfeffer writes that she is looking forward to a one month trip to East and West Turkey in October. She has had several other trips cancelled which we commonly hear.

Rosie Dunning is spending her time between her home at the Cape and North Attleboro. She is not doing plane travel to visit friends right now--because of the hassle at the airports. She loved our Reunion.

Ginny Komar was very sad to miss our Reunion but all their travel is on hold for now. Her oldest granddaughter Emma graduated from Seattle University magna cum laude and is now in graduate school.

Joanne Kini recently enjoyed a "girls" trip to Santa Barbara, CA with her youngest daughter Sarah and baby Aiden, four months. Also included was Delilah, 14, who just graduated from 8th grade.

Elizabeth Strezeski "Strez" LaFrance and Joanne plan to visit **Ann Lynch** in August for a mini-reunion in Everett, WA.

Mary Stockman spent a few wonderful days with **Bet VanOver** in DC after our April Reunion. In May, she visited Strez in Florida and enjoyed her cooking, friends, and the beach. In August, she will return to Florida to see a new great-grandson. Her big news is a safari in Kenya, with her friend, a photographer, in February 2023 to see and photograph baby animals.

Maureen Dugan Cocozza writes that winter months became a bit challenging after Dick fell on ice and fractured his left lower leg. Fortunately it's healing well. Spring's highlight was attending a granddaughter's wedding in New Hampshire. It was great to reconnect with many of Dick's relatives. She plans to enjoy a week in Cape May in August with her two youngest grandchildren. Can't believe they are both 20 years old and college juniors. Several books she read recently and highly recommend: *The Last Thing He Told Me* by Dave Laura; *Our Woman in Moscow* by William Beatriz; and *The Indigo Girl* by Natasha Boyd.

Ann Depenbrock Holmes is recovering from rotator cuff surgery and doing PT three times a week. All due to a bad fall in March when she tore ligaments in her shoulder. She is on the mend now and her young orthopedist tells her that her two-handed tennis back hand should be possible by the fall!!!! She is reading *Adriatic* by Robert Kaplan in preparation for a Viking trip to the Adriatic Sea in October. It is a story of the histories and cultures of countries fringing the Adriatic. She and David are keeping their fingers crossed that this long planned trip will be go. First grandson Nicholas is getting married in New York City in October, and they are looking forward to this family gathering.

Life in Williamsburg, VA continues to be a good place to land for Ann and David. David went to law school at William and Mary, and Ann worked in the public school system in the mid-70s. As TS Elliot said, "The end of all our exploring will be to arrive where we started. And to know the place for the first time."

Elizabeth Strezeski LaFrance writes that the October 2021 family cruise on the Douro River in Portugal was a great success and lots of fun for all. The small boat was half capacity, so only about 50 passengers on board. They even got upgraded cabins! Jumping through all the "COVID hoops" was an experience. She was grateful to have the younger ones, savvy with their phones, along to help out. Strez spent Christmas with

family members in Longboat Key. In May, Mary Kable Stockman arrived from Ohio for a week. They spent time on the beach, in the Gulf, in the pool, out to eat, excursion to the Ringling Museum complex, and managed to cram in lots of activities into one week of wonderful weather! In August she will travel to Cleveland, OH for a wedding, then to Bend OR, to stay with an old friend from Maryland, and on to Ann Fallon Lynch in Washington State. No exotic trips this year. Grateful for decent health and strength.

Ann Fallon Lynch states that it's been a quiet and lovely year. She spent the month of April in Palm Springs, CA with all children visiting. Grandson Nathan now an attorney working in Connecticut, was able to join them too. They had lots of pool time, and Nathan and Ann watched old classic movies. She totally enjoy doing that with him, and he seems to be happy to spend time with her too. In June, she spent a week at Lake Chelan with family except for Nathan. Kayaking, wineries, nice restaurants--Delightful! Ann continues to live in her condo at Trillium Court in Mill Creek, WA. They have a Ladies' Book Club, discuss a few books, and catch up on the neighborhood news. They have become friends and she feels blessed.

For **Marguerite Weidner Phillips** it was great-grand baby #2 born in late December, and he is as beautiful and fun as his older sister Mara. What a blessing to have them around. She has started their family gatherings again! Life is getting more normal all the time. Three of their four kids now live in Michigan—they all "hired" a pedal bar this past weekend and toured downtown Detroit for a couple of hours. Detroit is looking good! And the company was loud and enjoyable. Marguerite's vision difficulties are worrisome, but she is still golfing, and grateful to be doing so. She is planning their annual camping trips for this summer--but they are still not heading back to their favorite spot in Canada. They did a trip to Disney in November to cheer on their kids and spouses in the various marathons. They hope to get to Monterey to visit with Jim's sister and her husband.

Barbara Redding is teaching three online undergraduate nursing courses at the University of South Florida College of Nursing, and will complete that in August. She is also assisting the College with the planning of the 50th anniversary of the College of Nursing. In addition, Barbara is also the coordinator for Florida's Statewide Course Numbering System. The system provides a data base of post-secondary courses at public vocational-technical centers, community colleges, universities, and participating nonpublic institutions. (159 institutions participate, and the system describes course content to improve research, assist program planning, and facilitate student transfer.) Barbara has been serving as course coordinator for ten years.

Barbara is possibly the only gainfully employed classmate! Hats off to you Barbara!

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Unfortunately no Class of '62 members were able to attend our 60th Reunion this year. Since our 50th Reunion ten years ago was such a wonderful success, we hoped we could rekindle that spirit again this year. **Pat Ryan Donovan** and **Diane Belden Brooks** attempted to contact personally as many classmates by phone as possible. Diane and Pat learned that diverse circumstances were preventing many from making the trip again to the Valley.

However, **Vi Barkauskas** was able to organize a Zoom call in May after Reunion to allow classmates to catch up with each other. The following class members participated; **Phyllis Sanchez Aronow**, **Carol Vessel Auth**, **Ottolie Buonagura Baggett**, **Vi Barkauskas**, **Sr. Martha Beaudoin**, **Ann Bigler Bonner**, Diane Belden Brooks, **Aileen Callahan**, **Catherine Dignan Chrismer**, **Kathleen Seeley Davis**, Pat Ryan Donovan, **Maureen Monks Fazio, Vivian Wojcik Kurilla**, **Virginia Lardner Lindes**, **Germaine Legendre Ralston**, and **Beth Sewell Von Holle**. Diane Belden Brooks and Pat Ryan Donovan served as hostesses for the Zoom call while Vi Barkauskas fielded connection difficulties. Though life has buffeted many of us with physical problems and losses, there remains in all that lovely, hopeful, and valiant young woman who graduated June 6, 1962. Another Zoom Reunion will be planned in the fall.

Few updates were received in response to a call for news after the Zoom call. Diane Belden Brooks is spending the summer in her home of 50 years in Cape May, NJ. In 2010, the Brooks family decided that the cold northern winters were just not fun, so they bought a home in DeLand, FL. Diane's dear husband Del suddenly died in December of 2020, so she has been slowly, and by the grace of God, adapting to the new normal of being alone and of doing things she never did before. Last summer she ventured to Cape Cod to spend time with a dear friend and roommate, Pat Ryan Donovan. It seemed

like old times in Rosary Hall. "Friendships links may 'ner be broken. Bright is their chain."

Her family's sunshine boy, grandson Michael is 25 already and is doing very well at Stewart Home School, a special needs residence in Frankfort, KY, where he is able to continue life-long learning and to enjoy a well-rounded and happy environment on a beautiful campus with other Down syndrome students. His parents bought a second home in that area for frequent visits with Michael. He has also mastered the Cincinnati airport and often flies home to Boston by himself.

Diane's son Chris has two boys, Elliot 15 and Lucas 13, and four step children. The Brady Bunch family lives in Middleton, MA. Her new daughter-in-law has three boys and one girl, so she is learning how to grandmother a girl after years of all grandboys. Her daughter Dawn has, for 15 years, been a supervisor of a food pantry in Wellesley, MA. She gets great satisfaction from that and says it's the highlight of her week. Her husband Roger retired recently and enjoys daily golf. The entire gang met in Cape May during the summer.

Beth Sewell Von Holle writes that her family recently vacationed for a week in the Outer Banks of North Carolina. She stated that it was wonderful to be able to spend time together as a family composed of 15 people since they do not visit each other as frequently as they used to. In October, Beth and husband Bill will celebrate their anniversary in Williamsburg. Because of COVID they do not travel as much.

Vi Barkauskas states that she is slowing down, but still active on the Board of the University of Michigan Retirees Association and with the Health Ministry of her church.

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The class of 1963 anticipates a joyful time together when we celebrate our 60th Reunion on April 13-16, 2023. Over the years our friendships have deepened and our memories are more treasured.

This year **Sue Garner McNulty**, **Tobie Gibbons**, and **Sheila Degnan McCarron** attended Reunion, enjoying all the activities and the enthusiasm. We all remember Monsignor Kline's theology classes, as well as the wisdom that carried on throughout our lives. Honoring his memory, Sue and Tobie visited his grave at the beautiful Grotto.

That Monday, **Margaret Collins Ervin** hosted lunch in her home overlooking the Chesapeake Bay, as they Zoomed from there. Margaret has nine grandchildren who keep her busy with sports and school activities. Her oldest grandson Collin will be a junior at the University of Utah in the fall. She has two more graduating from high school. Brady will be attending Miami of Ohio for a business degree, and Riley is going to Clemson for engineering. All of her grandchildren are growing up.

The next day Sue, Tobie, and Sheila along with **Mariellen Halberstadt Marchione** met **Pat Lieb Mudd** for lunch, a wonderful reunion for everyone. Mariellen and Pat live in the same community and hope to see each other more often now that the COVID restrictions are lifted. Mariellen's two daughters and their families live nearby, and she enjoys all the family events. Our sympathy to Pat on the passing of her husband Richard in January 2022, after a long illness. So many of our classmates are dealing with suffering and loss, our prayers are with them.

Tobie's travels took her to various destinations. To Colorado for the memorial of her dear Anthony. To Spain for ten days on the spiritual journey of the Camino de Santiago. Fellow classmate **Susie Molinari** had also made this pilgrimage several years ago.

Three of our dear classmates passed away this year. In December **Carol Davis Denier**, an active and enthusiastic Reunion Committee member. Shortly after our 50th, she had suffered a stroke and could no longer communicate in writing. Then our beloved **Kaywood Greeve Fuqua,** so soon after our January Zoom conversation. Kaywood was always the first to respond with our class correspondence, always with news of the grandsons who shared her backyard. For our 50th and 55th Reunions, she contributed beautiful daisy quilts, and for our 60th, there is another to treasure. Then on September 1, **Ro Moran Marquette** passed away after

courageously struggling with a long illness. Ro was a leader and innovator in her role as nurse and dear friend. Recently, she had rediscovered our beloved Ave Maria and we all listened together on Zoom. We cherish our warm memories.

In May **Ronnie Carroll Donnelly** texted from Indian Wells with photos of the tennis tournament where she and her family had premier seating, thanks to her son in law. She remains active on the courts too.

Tina High Goldsmith echoes the joys of family. Her younger grandson is graduating in June from SLO with an electrical engineering degree, and in July the family will be flying to Minnesota for her great-nephew's wedding. She is happy to see her sister Brenda again as they are finally getting to go on their 2020 "Sensations of Lyon and Provence River Cruise."

Mary Lou Spurrier and **Joyce Schauber Kim** have spoken with **Claudette Coulon Thibodeau** who remembers her SJC days and is in good health and content in Brightview Memory Care.

After the challenge of downsizing, **Nell Gelsinon Carvell** has moved. She wonders where so many of our classmates are.

Matt and **Alanna Higgins McHugh** are happy in their retirement community. Daughter Alanna and Kevin have settled in Florida, and daughter Meghan continues as Assistant U.S. Attorney in Kentucky. In Virginia, Kelli and Paul's Elizabeth graduated from George Mason in May, Eileen is a sophomore in high school, and Patrick in 7th grade. The family spent Thanksgiving with daughter Meg and family in their new home in Monmouth Beach, NJ. Jack graduates from RIT, Allison is a sophomore at Scranton, Ryan a freshman at Ohio State, and Grace, a standout volleyball player at RBR.

Lots to catch up on when **Eileen Nead Riley** joined our July Zoom. She left SJC after sophomore year, earned her BA nearer home, then taught religious studies and theology for 19 years. She and her husband live in a rural area and have two children and three grandkids.

Loving their family Zoom, **Maxine Wallish Gorman** has 25 grandchildren and eight great-grands. **Kathy Parrott Kryzanauskas** keeps safe so she can visit her two young granddaughters, seven and four. **Ann Knowles Harmon** and her daughter interacted several times a week to support two close friends throughout the pandemic. **Andrea Brophy Marchal** and her husband spent Thanksgiving in Massachusetts with the new little one, Abigail, and her sisters Cecelia and Maggie. During the summer the rest of the families will visit. **Anne Walsh Tedesco** and her husband visited their daughter who is stationed in Italy with NATO. **Sister Judith Parkin** enjoys our correspondence and still needs our prayers. Her cell phone: 240.357.0239. From third floor Seton, **Ann Kirby Clark** who left after freshman year to marry Dave, sends hello to everyone and keeps up with our correspondence. Another Seton friend **Judy Dwyer Murphy** sent Christmas wishes to us all from Splendid Oak Farm in Vermont.

Our studies at SJC prepared us for professional lives, and many years later, we are learning of various paths taken…

Susie Boland Southwell states, "Our education taught us life lessons and how to live and serve." With the tools for life gained after four years, she grew in her nursing career and eventually became the Deputy Medical Director of the Peace Corps. Her education taught her how to treat and manage people and see the possibility in each person she encountered. The Trinity was with her at all times.

Continuing the tradition, Susie has three RN, BSN granddaughters. Kim's oldest is an Oncology nurse, and her third, Kelly, will be the first granddaughter to marry. Susie has a grandson in college at Northeastern in Boston studying engineering. Their gift to themselves and the kids is the vacation in Emerald Isle in August with 19 family members.

Just after graduation, Sue McNulty entered a Master's Program at Catholic University, but realized that she should practice nursing before teaching. After moving to Chicago, she worked in a medical-surgical unit, exposed to all different conditions and diseases and to other medical disciplines. While raising their two children, Sue taught in a nursing school, worked on the Chicago White Sox staff (mostly bruises and Bandaids), and completed her Master's in Nursing, eventually returning to hospital nursing. Her last stop was Home Care Nursing where she witnessed the importance of care and interactions with patients and families. Sue never regretted her decision to be a nurse and remains grateful to Sr. Mary Ellen Kelly who helped her change her major freshman year.

Another nurse, **Mary Ellen Gill Purkis** started her career in 1964 at Mountainside Hospital in Montclair, NJ on a surgical floor. She felt fulfilled by this first adventure in nursing and worked there for a year. After

she and Ray were married, she was employed by a Visiting Nurse agency. While raising her three children, she went on to work part time in a local hospital. She spent 25 years as a school nurse before retiring. All these experiences made her realize the wonderful background she had from St. Joseph's and Providence Hospital. "Thanks to my mother, I attended the baccalaureate program that St. Joseph offered."

By 1969 Sheila McCarron was married and the mother of three, alternating nursing weekends at Providence Hospital with **Jill Myers Audet**. In 1974 Sheila started on a 24-year path in two different Catholic dioceses. Initially, with the Office of Youth Activities in the Diocese of Arlington. After ten years she became the Coordinator of Leadership Training and Development for the Office of Youth Ministry of the Archdiocese of Washington. Sheila pioneered as the first woman on the National Conference of Catholic Bishops Youth Advisory Board, founding director of the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry and later the Catholic Youth Foundation. In 1994 Sheila took a new leap of faith, joined the National Council of Catholic Women as the national program director and subsequently the executive director. Sheila credits God, the constant presence of the Holy Spirit, and the example of her parents.

This summer Sheila and 13 family members visited Ireland together, honoring their heritage as they discovered her own grandmother's roots, the farm and church of her youth, then researched more at the Immigration Museum in Dublin. Her granddaughter commented, "It's not what I expected, but ten times better."

Tom and **Kathy Johnson Raby** welcomed their entire family to their Florida home at Easter. In May they streamed their granddaughter Christina's Communion in Virginia. Kathy is grateful that SJC provided her with an education that she was able to build on and most importantly provided her with unforgettable memories and wonderful friends.

As with other nurses, she started at Providence Hospital first in the pediatric unit, then in a variety of hospital settings. Ten years after graduation, she and Tom were living in New Jersey with three children when Kathy was accepted into the Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Program at Rutgers University. The concept of nurse practitioners was new at that time, and her own pediatrician was instrumental in mentoring, then hiring her. As a pioneer, Kathy was featured in interviews and articles. When they relocated to West Virginia, she worked at a teaching hospital associated with WVU in the Ambulatory Pediatric Outpatient Clinic. Integrated with a broad range of medical staff and participating in research studies and instruction, Kathy became the Nurse Manager of the Pediatric Ambulatory Outpatient Department, qualifying for prescriptive privileges as a Nurse Practitioner. "Patient care in that setting was very rewarding, and I was happiest when seeing my patients."

Claire Baril Green's family is looking forward to their annual family reunion. All four kids and their spouses plus 13 grandchildren gather at the beach for an amazing get together. This year 23 family members had a wonderful time in Surf City, NC. With everyone so busy and scattered, they cherish this time.

Claire had a varied teaching career. From 1963 to 1965 she taught at a junior high school in Maryland, then after marrying and having their first child, she was lucky to be a stay-at-home mom. In 1983 her husband Pete suddenly passed away. With four children at home, she found substitute teaching and worked at a preschool part time. When the kids were older, Claire discovered her best-loved position, 20 years teaching at-risk students at an alternative high school. "I truly enjoyed that population…it made you grateful for your blessings. My education at St Joe's enabled me to become the person I am today. Another true blessing."

Linda Carr Kenny credits SJC's teacher education program in shaping her career choices. She remembers student teaching at Garrison Junior High School in Baltimore, MD, an experience that helped her enormously in forming educational objectives in her lesson plans based on need and in interacting with seventh and eighth graders. She continued her education by earning a Master's in Special Education during her 27-year career as a New Jersey teacher addressing the needs of that population.

Linda is arranging another luncheon for our area classmates in the fall, and planning our 60th is sure to be discussed. Last fall, **Susan Williamson Swartz**, **Maryanna Freiberger Keller**, Mary Ellen, Linda, and Ellen had a lovely afternoon at the Lambertville Inn. This summer Linda and Bill will vacation in Cape May and Bethany Beach, then in the fall loop from Hyde Park, NY to York, ME visiting her sister in Connecticut and attending Parents Weekend for their granddaughter as well.

Jane Metze Freeman's reflections of a grateful grad… She lived in a very small hamlet in upstate New York with only 19 in her high school graduating class. Her

parents encouraged her and her brother to build bigger dreams. In freshman year, she fell in love with French and France, then had private tutoring at the advanced levels. Her English teacher suggested beautiful Mount Saint Mary's in Maryland, who referred her to our SJC.

"Images on my arrival and drive down the A
The beauty of the campus and the Blue Ridge Mountains in the distance
The utterly stunning and charming upperclassmen--their warmth, their eagerness to put us at ease and their preppyness
Sister Mary Ellen Kelly with her red face and easy laugh
The cheery Pines
The depressing single room in Seton Hall
And all you dear classmates who were so friendly and fun
Late night conversations in hushed tones
I loved every bit of it."

Also, the irresistible Sister Margaret Flinton who was her anchor and confidante with her smiling eyes and girlish laugh. The sight of the Daughters of Charity on campus with their aero-dynamic cornettes and large wooden rosary beads that transported her to France. The fast friendships that lasted a lifetime. "And most importantly, you, my dear classmates who taught me grace, humility and generosity, and who helped me deepen my faith. Thank you."

We all cherish our warm memories and our enduring friendships. Come to Sue's Zoom. Come to Reunion 2023--our 60th.

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Sadly, I begin by expressing our sympathy to **Pat Troller Seagreaves** on the loss of her daughter Beth in April, to **Pat Higgins Brennan** on the passing of her husband Jack in October, and to **Mary "Max" Gillespie** on the loss of her brother Bob on July 12th (yesterday, as I write this). Bob was an attorney in their hometown of Hazleton, PA. I learned of his passing through Facebook. Sometimes social media truly is a blessing.

Pat Seagreaves sends her deepest thanks to you all for your prayers and support over the five years of Beth's illness. Pat's family had five graduations this spring, and that has helped to keep her busy. Also, both of Pat's sons have installed pools, a grand way of gathering the families together. All of these activities have kept Pat at her condo in New Jersey but she was looking forward to spending the summer at her house in the Poconos.

Chuck and **Mimi Ratke Cochran** stay in touch with Pat Brennan. Those of you on our email list saw her picture as she visited the Cochrans when they were in Florida this winter. Also in that picture were Steve and **Olivia Duffy Bowers** who live in nearby Ponte Vedra Beach.

During the year, the Cochrans also visited with Joe and **Cookie Kaheny Costanzo** and Jack and **Judy Dwyer Brennan**. Mike and I are also blessed to visit with them when they visit their condo in Ocean City. Christy, their oldest, is soon to become a grandmother. Daughter Colleen bought a condo in Ocean City, so there's more space for the entire Cochran clan to visit. Their daughter Cassie and her husband have two sons currently at the Naval Academy and another who is a graduate. Their daughter will be a senior in high school. Mimi and Chuck's son's older child will attend William & Mary, and one of his classmates will be the grandson of Mimi's late twin sister **Ceci Ratke Homan**.

With COVID restrictions lifting, **Claire Maurer** has been able to visit with friends and family including a cousin, his wife and four children under the age of seven, as well as three friends with whom she worked right after college and who had been gathering yearly up until COVID. In addition to serving on the SJCAA board, Claire is president of her beach condo association. She is travelling to France in September where she will spend a few days in Paris and then will be on a river cruise visiting Provence.

Claire recruited **Bobbie Davis Speace** and **Jackie Melroy Shiring** to help at the Reunion registration desk this year as those who usually do that job were celebrating their 50th Reunion.

Bobbie wrote that while she was planning to give up her nursing license, she held on and is still working occasionally at an adult medical daycare facility. She said that many of the participants are younger than she is but have full-blown dementia or other chronic diseases, which makes Bobbie grateful for her good health. Her oldest granddaughter graduated in May from High Point University and her sorority little sister is the granddaughter of **Muff Van Ogtrop Locraft**. It's a small world, indeed.

Speaking of Muff, she noted that she and Matt have been married for 55 years and are blessed to have all five

of their children living within 30 minutes of them. They have 12 grandchildren. Matt has had some health challenges over the past several years, and Muff is also caregiver for her sister, so her nursing skills are still put to good use. Muff mentioned that she is still friends with **Mary Cook Purdy**, and the Locrafts and Purdys and one other couple have dinner together at least every three months.

Maria Druzgal Xenakis shared that she and John have given up their home of 42 years to live in a senior village about five miles away. The second week after they moved, Maria fell and fractured her pelvis. She said it could be worse, but it's very inconvenient.

Another traveller to Provence this fall is **Mary Edna Sullivan**. She continues as a curator for Middleton Place Foundation in Charleston, SC, and loves it. She has been blessed with a wonderful family that includes her late brother Fred's wife Polly, their four children, and now a great-nephew and two great-nieces. She credits Zoom gatherings for helping her to survive the pandemic.

Maggie (Marge) Donahue Stauffer and husband Barry completed part of the famous Camino de Santiago Compostela pilgrimage walk in Spain. They walked 236,000 steps and 85 miles in six days. It was challenging at times because it rained some part of five of the six days, but it was an amazing experience to be a pilgrim among so many others.

For **Jackie Jermyn Azzarto**, summer is a hectic time as she does grant work for the Treasure Coast Community Singers, mostly in May and June. Jackie is enjoying life in her 50+ community: water aerobics, bartending at the Tiki Bar, directing musical shows, hosting dinner parties. She has five grandchildren who she doesn't see often enough. For her 80th birthday, Jackie and her kids are going to see *Funny Girl* on Broadway and then go to dinner at Da Rosina's, her favorite restaurant in the theater district.

Marian Weld Oviedo and **Margaret Weld Whelan** are celebrating their 80th birthdays in July. Marian's five children and Margaret's six children came up with the idea. It will be a large gathering with lots of spouses and grandchildren. As Marian said, "It should be wild and noisy."

Judy Foley Furlong's 80th birthday is in July, and her daughters have promised a real blowout. Caleigh, Judy's older daughter, lives in Warsaw, Poland where she has taught English for eight years. She has gotten involved with assisting the Ukrainian refugees who have poured into Poland. Daughter Amy is a mental health therapist for Kaiser and lives just a few blocks from Judy. Judy is still active in her church--St. Paul's Episcopal in Benicia, CA. She is a Lay Preacher and is in charge of hospitality as well as a general factotum for the priest.

Another Californian, **Linda Bowman Shumate** and husband Bob live in Citrus Heights. Linda's career as an Army Nurse took her to Texas, France, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, and Hawaii. While on active duty, Linda earned her M.S. in Nursing at Catholic University. Bob and Linda moved to California in May 1971 due to Bob's employment. Linda was the Director of Religious Education in her parish for 13 years and was then invited to join the Department of Catholic Faith Formation at the diocesan level. She retired after 26 years. Bob is devoted to service with the Boy Scouts, and both of the Shumates are avid readers and cross-word puzzle workers. They also completed many jigsaw puzzles during COVID. They now have a son, two daughters, and six grandchildren who are "treasures."

Ann Miles and **Joan Finn** are moving from New Jersey to Arizona to a home they are building near Tucson. They've been wintering there for 16 years and finally decided to take the plunge and move there fulltime. When Ann wrote they had just returned from a 15-day Viking cruise from Barcelona to Venice that had been postponed from 2019. In August they were headed for two weeks in Scotland with six friends--another COVID delay.

Tom and **Jane Kendall Harrison** have been living in Alamogordo, NM for 15 years and are happy, healthy, and enjoying their life in the Chihuahuan Desert. They met when they were both living in Juneau, AK, spent 20 years in Naples, FL, and now are in New Mexico.

Carol Hammond Wagner keeps busy with volunteer work. They just wrapped up the annual Salvation Army luncheon. She is also busy with a relatively new non-profit--Unlimited Potential--which works with youth ageing out of foster care who are frequently ill-prepared to face the world they now have to navigate. Carol still plays bridge, loves to read, and enjoys time with their seven-year-old granddaughter Kennedy.

Bev Jones Wyatt checked in to say that this year for the Wyatts has been "different." With six out of eight grandchildren in college and working internships, it has been difficult to get together. But when they do, joy and craziness abound!

Howard and **Heather Laird Martin** are back in Norfolk at the Harbor's Edge Retirement Community, which is very much to their liking. It's a busy place and reminds Heather of the movie Cocoon, except no aliens. They even made it to the semi-finals of the corn hole tournament! Their oldest grandchild graduated from high school in May. That same month they flew to Arkansas to visit daughter Hilary and her family for the first time in two years.

Also in Norfolk, Butch and **Joan Zoby Christie** split their time between there and their home in the mountains of West Virginia. Joan started playing golf when she was 65 and loves playing with a ladies group as well as with Butch. She loves being outside and the friendship of the ladies, but the best part is sharing it with Butch. Their son, daughter, and five grandchildren are doing well.

Kathy Flanagan Huber writes from Cincinnati where she and Jim moved after her cancer diagnosis and year-long treatment. In July she was scheduled to have her five-year mammogram and hopefully put all of this behind her. Their older daughter lives in western Kentucky and has two grown sons--one a Navy Seal and the other a recent graduate of Auburn. Their other daughter lives in a Chicago suburb and has one child in college and one in high school. Their son lives in Cincinnati two miles from them and has two children aged five and seven.

Rita Welty Bourke is pleased that her second book, *Islomanes of Cumberland Island*, is doing amazingly well and will be out in paperback as well as an audio version in January. On a sad note, they cancelled a 15-day family cruise on the Danube and Rhine rivers due to the prospect of getting COVID while so far away.

Mary Rocks has been "Zooming" every Sunday with some nieces who live in North Jersey and Malvern. Every two or three weeks they Zoom with Tom, Mary's twin brother, and his wife Kathy as they are in Portland, OR. Tom has Parkinson's disease and will soon be moving to a small nursing home near their home. Mary is the family genealogist and is often adding new names due to births and marriages. She also Zooms with two other groups--a church group that discusses spiritual readings and a group of women with whom she was in the convent. She may be our Zoom expert!

Anne McAllister LaBoon is still employed part-time and is also active in her parish. She joined Walking with Purpose and finds the Bible study and discussions thought provoking as well as helpful. She also participates in meetings that are drawing up suggestions to send to the Bishop in preparation for the upcoming Synod. Anne and her friends are feeling more comfortable socializing and have started attending various social functions and visiting each other more. Anne stays in touch with the Goles family as well as **Mary Lou Schreck Blumer** and Cookie Costanzo.

As for the Jones family, we are well. Mike and I are looking forward to our October cruise up the New England coast into Canada--our first in four years! All of our six grandchildren are in school of some sort with our youngest entering her senior year in high school.

In closing I just want to remind you of our 60th Reunion in 2024 and our final Reunion as an alumnae association in 2025. They will both be huge celebrations!

I also want to remind you to please pay your dues as that's what keeps us going.

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We finally reached the lazy days of summer despite another harsh year of events beyond our control. We went from plain old 'RONA-on-the-run to trying to keep away from all of its multiple mutations like BA.5! Nonetheless, it's been a reasonable year.

Tipping the scales in a positive direction, **Mary Beth (MB) Boisseree McDonell** and **Judy McGrath Brenner** are settled in new locations and homes. For both Mary Beth and Judy, the moves brought them closer to family. Mary Beth returned to Virginia and is close to son Chris and family. New address: 10240 Hendley Rd., Apt 208, Manassas, VA 20110. Judy and Vince left Florida (Judy's home state) and headed back to Louisiana. They are not far from Baton Rouge where they lived for many years. New address: 36262 Toulouse St., Prairieville, LA 70769. Judy also has a new email: 1943jbrenner@gmail.com. Mary Beth hated to miss this year's SJC Reunion but she looks forward to returning to the Tampa Bay area for two months in the winter and

hopes to connect with classmates then.

Reunion 2022 was a memorable hoopla for the classes of 1970, 1971, and 1972 co-celebrating their special Reunions at one event! Judy and Vince Brenner made the trip north joined by **Ann Smith Flynn** and Pat who came from Ohio. **Cindy Crawford Cannon**, **Ellen Pida Mathis**, **Eileen Hayes Hurley**, and **Didi Bremer Corrigan** made for a very youthful, happy, and healthy group in a class picture. Eileen and Ellen carried the roses in the procession before the traditional Reunion Mass. Didi described the event as "awesome". A tour of the old campus with a well-informed guide "could not have been better". She was also pleased with the restoration work in the auditorium. Her family hoped to get together at a lakeside home in Virginia but put plans on hold. Didi continues to volunteer at a pro-life clinic and can also be found on the golf course. The Corrigans have a new puppy Buddy, a Brittany spaniel, who has "conquered our hearts". Long-term reminder: our 60th (yes, **sixtieth**!) Reunion is scheduled for April 3–6, 2025; it will be a BIG Reunion; keep that date in mind.

A different type of reunion occurred in February. **Anne Sacchet Payne** sent a lengthy email! Anne is still in Calgary, Alberta. She spends her days going to the gym and doing Tai Chi; she's the coordinator of the seniors' Tai Chi group. She continues her routine despite waiting for a knee operation; she is learning Spanish in her spare time. She enjoyed a Hawaiian reunion with her family in early December and is looking forward to seeing them again in Traverse City, MI for some lakeside fun. During the year, Anne tutors and freelances for several publications and writes features for art galleries and museums.

A wonderful update from **Jeanne Falcetta Schumann** received later than usual (USPS late delivery!). Jeanne and Bill are well and enjoy being with family and friends. Jeanne has been on home dialysis for some time and they have travelled "lugging all the equipment with us". They still live in Rocky Hill, CT. **Susan Lowe Kayes** asks for prayers for her sister Martha who is ill. Susan is doing "pretty well". At the start of 2022, Susan was trying some new medication and was having some difficulties. We will keep Susan close to our hearts; it has not been an easy year for many reasons.

Karen Langer Carr's husband Jim died in April after years of battling chronic kidney disease. She has the support of family and friends, and they honored Jim with meaningful liturgy and a farewell reception at their parish. "It was a celebration but it was hard" Karen wrote. She asks for prayers. **Margo Honey Keesler**'s husband Gene died in May from a massive pulmonary artery rupture. As you all recall, Margo and Gene were in the process of selling their North Carolina home-- where she grew all those gorgeous dahlias! The home and property finally sold and they went back to Florida. A few days after arriving home, Gene died suddenly. She is grateful their families are all close by; they have all been very helpful. We were wrapping up our Class News column when an early morning call from **Barbara Gaver** contained more sad news. **Elaine Dion O'Hear**'s husband Mike (Michael) died suddenly in July. Elaine and Mike were in Pennsylvania for Elaine's annual family reunion. Some of you may remember Mike from our Emmitsburg days. He was an instructor at the Mount. Another jolt came within days: Frank Rafalko, **Karen Pingicer Rafalko**'s husband died on July 13th. He had a stroke in January but was doing well according to Karen. They had just returned from a trip to Italy and the Greek islands when he had a fall on the way to a doctor's appointment and suffered a severe head trauma. Karen lost the love of her life and a good man; please pray of his soul.

Nancy Nemith Haupt continues church volunteer work and has become a companion volunteer for Hospice of Chesapeake. She keeps busy with jigsaw puzzles, knitting, reading, and word search puzzles. Her "dear cat Sammy" is her best buddy! Her granddaughters are all adults and busy with college and activities. She visited Emmitsburg recently. "I looked down the A…[and] thought of all the good times we had…we were lucky to be there." All of John and Margaret **Keil Sottosanti's** grandchildren have completed their secondary education at the Bishop's School in California. Granddaughter Ashley was hoping to join her brother Tommy, a student at Yale, on the East Coast for college.

Charlotte O'Donnell Fedders' June was "*bustin' out all over*" to borrow a line from *Carousel*. Charlotte's large family celebrated six birthdays, three dance recitals, one lacrosse championship, an 8th grade graduation, and three play performances starring *Charlotte*! She sang "I Cain't Say No" (from *Oklahoma*) in her community's Broadway revue. **Maggi Mullahy Yates** and family are fine; the twin grandchildren are now ten years old and going into the 5th grade this year. She is still running regularly but has adapted to a slower pace "a tad faster than walking". Husband Bob is no longer a hockey player; he does short runs for exercise. **Betsy O'Brien Marron** and Mike had a good and healthy 2021. Son John was engaged and his fiancée Christine has accepted a job close by at the University of Richmond. Son Tom is now an Associate Professor at Mt. Sinai School of Medicine. Betsy and Mary Beth Boisseree McDonell,

both Virginia residents, met for lunch in July.

Kay Ehringer Mufalli travelled to Italy in early July with family and friends. The group stayed at a farmhouse where gourmet cooking lessons were part of the package. Kay has been to Italy a number of times including the 1963 Beatification of Mother Seton. Her late husband Chuck had Italian roots and members of his family are still in Italy; time to visit with them was also on the schedule. Kay continues to manage her seasonal landscaping business but labor problems persist and cause delays. **Birdie Garvie Hummel** appears to be doing OK in her care setting. Birdie's daughters are very attentive and involved. We all hope Birdie feels comfortable and safe in her senior community.

The ups and downs of family life have been experienced by many during the past few years. **Dede Koudelka Rogers** and **Nancy Boemanns Fratini** had more positive news to send at the end of 2021 and we hope their good news continues. Dede anticipated son Peter and family would travel from Mozambique during July "if airlines permit". Granddaughter Renata graduates from high school in Nairobi and the family plans to fly to the US from there. Grandson Peter will leave for Bible College in August. The Rogers clan, Jennifer, Bruce, and Peter et al., planned to enjoy a grand reunion state-side at Lake Gaston, NC. News from **Sister Carol Czyzewski, fssj** from upstate New York. Sister organized a display for her FSSJ Sisters at a Polish American Arts Festival in Cheektowaga, NY; this is her order's 125th anniversary. She's been studying Polish and is pleased the classes will continue in September. She travelled to Oregon to spend time with her West Coast family and was in Maryland for the 200th anniversary of St. John the Evangelist Parish (Hydes, MD) where she served. Sister is "healthy but finding life in a retirement facility…challenging." If anyone happens to be in Western New York, she would love a visit!

Mary Ann Dorr Carlson and husband are comfortably settled in their retirement community. "While we have our share of ageing issues, we work hard at keeping positive and active". Excellent advice for all! **Anne Nichols Gildea** and Jim are also settled into their new retirement community home overlooking the Elizabeth River in Norfolk. Cindy Crawford Cannon has to be one of our most active classmates. She was one of our youthful and smiling classmates at the 2022 Reunion! She enjoys travelling and will continue for "as long as I can". Cindy usually manages some time at her family's summer home at Lake St. Catherine in Poultney, VT. **Carol Donohue Miller**'s son and family are back in State College, PA. Daughter Kristine's family continues to expand with two more grandchildren for Carol and Ed. **"A" (Antoinette) O'Neil Ashburn** planned to travel to Rome and the Amalfi coast in May with her church group. She was also looking forward to meeting a newly discovered (via DNA Ancestry research) half-sister in Connecticut.

Jane Manning Brennan's oldest daughter Jenn lives at home and has become more independent. She finally found the right vocational counselor and is making progress. She currently works as a cashier at a Giant Food store. Son Rob works for a firm that tests biomedical products; his wife Irina is an ER doctor in Alexandria. They provide Jane with several "grand dogs", the latest is a rescue lab named "Hell's Bell's"! Youngest daughter Pam, husband Mark, and granddaughter Lizzy are also in Alexandria. Mark has his own sausage business. He and daughter Lizzy made some cooking videos at the beginning of the pandemic. The videos can be found on **YouTube** at *Island Bwoy Cuisine*. Pam's twin brother Patrick, wife Maggie, and Jane's grandchild Eamonn live 45 minutes from Jane in North Wales, PA so Jane can attend some of Eamonn's baseball games. Jane is the scheduler for local Meals on Wheels program and has wonderful volunteers to cover last minute changes. She's been active in the League of Women Voters for a long time and encourages us to join this group to encourage people to vote. A family wedding held at the Hershey Hotel was Jane's post-pandemic outing. She felt like she was at a Downton Abbey house party! Jane plans to meet her sisters at their parents' gravesite this summer and celebrate their blessings with a picnic luncheon. Jane reminded everyone that Philly Girls get together for lunch every three months or so. Their most recent get together in early July included **Maggie Quayle Bellew**, **Janet Welaj Klaer** and husband Dave, and Jane. They missed Kay Ehringer Mufalli, Eileen Hayes Hurley and John, and **Sue Flanigan Conrad**. Next luncheon date is scheduled for the end of September. Anyone in the Philly area or who can travel there easily is welcome! Janet still has her sewing accessories business; she and Dave are living at Folkways Retirement Community and doing well. Maggie and family are also well; she and Bill enjoy two months in Florida each year. Maggie saw **Mary McIntyre Lear** while she was there. The "Bethany Beach" group plans to gather in September after a two-year hiatus. They meet at **Jane Mary Currie Sutton**'s home. **Sharon Callison Brady**, Sue Flanigan Conrad, **Sally Callahan Sullivan**, **Barbara Hogan Sullivan**, and Jane hope to be there.

The Beach crew will miss **Kathy Kearney Walczak** who lives in Florida near her daughter, son-in-law, and

grandchildren. Kathy loves being close to daughter Mary, husband Nick, and grandson Chapman, a recent kindergarten graduate, and granddaughter Collins, the "star" of her four-year-old dance recital. Kathy is sidelined by an infection around her hip replacement and an abscess behind her thigh. The hip replacement and abscess were removed and treated with an antibiotic application. She cannot put any weight on that leg and has been on complete bedrest at Mary and Nick's house since April. Healthcare providers come in during mornings to assist Kathy. She needs to wait for the surgical site to fill in and heal before a new hip replacement. Younger daughter Rosemarie's first child is due in December. She and husband Shawn will visit Kathy soon. Let's all send prayers for patience and endurance for Kathy who is now the patient, not the nurse.

Kathy Murphy Clarke does the lion's share of caring for husband Mike. Providers come in three days a week to work with him which is when Kathy can shop and do errands. She leads a yoga/stretching class for neighbors ages 70 to 85 on days when caregivers are with Mike and walks a mile twice a day to keep their dog healthy and her painful arthritic knee limber. She reluctantly had to let go of her volunteer work at the free clinic and finally let her RN license expire. Daughter Margaret lives about 25 miles away in Tulsa. Margaret's oldest daughter Molly graduated from college and is working in Chicago. Next daughter Meg was selected to attend the Naval Academy in Annapolis and as a junior will promise seven years to the Navy this fall. This summer Meg has spent time at a cyber conference in Estonia, interned at Los Alamos with Department of Energy, and will fly to Pearl Harbor to board a submarine and disembark in Washington State. Other Clarke grandchildren are in college, one studying computer engineering and interning at Garmin. Gemma, the youngest Clarke grandchild, is in seventh grade and into "climbing'; maybe rocks or boulders? That led Kathy to comment on athletics at SJC: can you imagine today's young women putting up with fencing and half-court basketball while wearing short aqua cotton dresses with matching bloomers? Kathy remembered after-dinner winter swims and the run back to the dorm in wet bathing suits with soaking wet hair under hooded winter coats! Add prayers for Kathy (and others) for patience and endurance as caregivers.

Marsha Martindale Moffit retired from her nursing career just before COVID showed up in the intensive care unit where she ran the night shift. She and her son share a house in Port Charlotte, FL. Marsha, Mary Beth Boisseree McDonnel, and **Mary Brandon Rummele** met in Venice, FL last February. **Barbara Merson Tyne** plans to spend more time in Florida so has moved to a larger condo unit with a garage. She has a 13 ½ year old Springer Spaniel named Tootsie. She enjoys golf as a chance to be with friends and visit. "Visiting" trumps getting a good golf score so she picks up the ball and carries when she is slowing things down! **Carolyn Walker Rathman** and husband Gene are in Tallahassee. Gene has slowed down with Afib. He is on medication but it is not helping. They are waiting for the VA to authorize treatment to bring the heart back to normal.

Mary Brandon Rummele is looking forward to seeing many of you in Florida in February 2023. Son Matt and his partner Mark are doing well in Phoenix. All three of her grandchildren will be in college this fall. Grandson Sam will pursue engineering at the Platteville campus of UW. The twins will be juniors, Frances in Madison; and Libby, two hundred miles away, in Menomonie. The girls are not identical twins and have different interests. Both are dating very tall redheads named Matt. If they are "keepers", Mary says, there will have to be nicknames. Mary has a good plan for labeling storage boxes. She lays out everything she plans to store in one box, snaps a photo on her phone, prints out the photo, and tapes it to the box. It helps!

Please plan ahead for the **SJC'65 FLORIDA REUNION** on **Wednesday, February 22nd or Thursday, February 23rd**. Most of the 65ers are in Naples, Ft. Myers, Port Charlotte, or Venice area. Mary Beth will be in Tampa and Didi is across the state in Palm Beach Gardens. Elaine O'Hear, please join us from Ft. Myers. Carolyn is in Tallahassee which, unfortunately, is a very long drive. If anyone can be in this area on these dates, please let Mary know. This has been a newsy year; let us hear from you! Mary and Maureen.

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Greetings, classmates! Thanks to all of you who shared some information with us to report.

Reunion 2022 in April was a great success. Over 140

alumnae across the classes from 1951-1975 were in attendance. The candle procession at the Basilica was led by a 92-year-old graduate of the class of 1951. She walked up the aisle with the help of a walker and oxygen, and her presence was an emotional and beautiful moment for each of us. Many alumnae were assisted by family members which was so heartwarming to see. We enjoyed a beautiful tour of our campus and found it comforting and exciting to know the education and service that continues on the campus of St. Joseph College.

Attending the Reunion from our class were **Kate Sheehan Horn**, **Ginny Greene Murphy**, **Katherine Skidmore Philipp**, **Suzanne Geho Rymer**, **Kathleen Flynn Gaffney**, **Mary Alice Friede Mauser**, **Florence DeLessio Marchetti**, **Sandy Buono Sedam**, **Rita Gisriel Cole**, **Ginny Werber Hartmuller**, and **Nicky Norris Lingg**. It was a time for renewing the bonds of friendship, sharing yearbooks, photos, and keepsakes with lots of smiles, laughs, and hugs. **A special thanks to Florence** for her continued support as a board member of the alumnae association, working tirelessly throughout each year. She told us of the fun and productive weekends spent in the "White House" with other board members. Flo continues to work full time as a nurse. With an abundance of experience and dedication, she has earned much respect and appreciation from others she meets each day, both on the floor and throughout the hospital.

Jean Suelau Allman reports that all is well with her family. Both she and her husband Dan are now retired, although Jean continues to substitute at the Catholic elementary school where she taught kindergarten for many years. Jean and Dan enjoyed Easter with extended relatives, all five of their children, their spouses and 11 of their 13 grandchildren. A highlight in her report was the invitation from her son Matt, a Redemptorist priest, to attend Easter Mass in the chapel of the Redemptorist House, located near Catholic University in DC. Dinner and extended visiting followed, making for a most memorable family reunion. Fr. Matt is presently preparing for his next assignment, located in Mexico City. He will be novice master for the Redemptorists of the Northern American provinces. Three of Jean's married children and their families live locally while one daughter and family reside in Michigan. Many of her grandchildren are either working or in the upper years of education. One granddaughter is a freshman at Mt. St. Mary's. And, to balance things out, one grandson is in first grade! Jean finished her letter with gratitude for all the blessings of her life.

We heard from Ginny Werber Hartmuller on the completion of a long awaited trip to Ireland. She said the trip was wonderful, despite some limitations she had due to wearing an orthopedic boot because of a stress fracture in one foot. Like many of us, Ginny has experienced some physical health challenges lately, but never seems to lose her energy to be a part of the many activities she enjoys. She and her husband Roger hosted family and friends throughout the year, Suzanne Geho Rymer and Ginny Greene Murphy and husbands included. Sadly, Roger's brother Jeff passed in March of esophageal cancer. It was a blessing that Roger was able to travel and be with his brother for an extended time during the last stages of Jeff's life.

Louise Gorman Manetta continues to lovingly care for her husband Edgar who "is suffering from the effects of Alzheimer's disease but is still active and is pleasant company." With 13 grandchildren living in three states, she alternates living between Oklahoma and Delaware so that she can be near her grandchildren "winter and summer". Louise spoke of the daunting job of managing all the finances, medical issues, and maintenance of the homes. She elicits advice from others, her children included, but "often feels the weight of responsibility". Amidst these pressures, she finds joy in working in the yard, being a member of a book club, taking daily walks, and attending nursing conferences virtually. She ends her letter saying, "Spending time with our children and grandchildren is the best of all."

Katherine Skidmore Philipp was in touch following Reunion to say that she and her husband Will were able to meet for dinner with Ginny Werber Hartmuller and Roger as they were in her area prior to their trip to Ireland. Kathy admits "we've missed travel!" Certainly many of us can relate--it is a welcome change to hear of opportunities for trips opening up again.

Peggy Abell DeGeorge sent a quick note to say, "Though I was only with you for two years, my memories and fond feelings toward those times and each of you are as strong as ever. Blessings and love to each of you."

Clara Smiley Kircher, another member of our class who transferred after sophomore year, writes that she is now a great-grandmother, twice! Her granddaughter (Clara) and her husband have a son (three) and a daughter (one). Clara says that, "Happy memories from my time at SJC with friends, I will always remember with love." She has authored two books, *The Girl from 32nd Street* and *Christmas Letters from Grandma*. Her next project will be writing a cookbook of family recipes on request

from her 11 grandchildren. Following a theme of many of the letters this year, Clara says that "smiles and laughs from her children and grandchildren lift her spirit and keep her positive". She ends with "Grateful to God for so many blessings!"

Suzanne Geho Rymer and her husband Jim enjoyed golfing in Florida this winter and are now taking day trips to places they've never visited in Maryland and the neighboring states. They continue to enjoy their grandkids with their many activities, and keep active with their 13-year-old Vizsla who still competes in dog agility. She sends her best wishes and prayers to our classmates unable to attend the Reunion, which she described as a weekend filled with "do you remembers." Suzanne and Jim plan to travel to Egypt and visit the Holy Land.

Kathy Sullivan Stolzenberger and her forever buddies **Jane Roth**, **Ann Boley McLamb**, and **Eileen Ball Cerne** recently had fun "all together" at her beach house in Lafayette, NJ. The weekend sounded so fun and she writes, "Jane tried to teach us how to play pickleball but we failed miserably. We still get a kick out of walking the boardwalk and playing dominoes even though Annie cheats relentlessly even while Eileen offers counseling services and Jane snorts and laughs uncontrollably." Kathy is working as a consultant for hospitals across the country to build better practice cultures for nurses. Her work helps organizations achieve national Magnet hospital status--a designation for nursing excellence. Kathy shared with us, "I lost my beautiful daughter a few years ago but take solace in the fact that I raised pretty amazing boys." Her three sons and four grandbabies keep her "busy and happy". She sends her prayers for health and happiness for all of our classmates.

desAnges Cruser self-published an instructional manual *Research Project Planning* for high school through graduate school students. The manual is a Comprehensive Guide for Non-Experimental Research in the Health Professions. It can be found on Amazon in both print and kindle formats, and will soon include a companion workbook. She is working on a novel about a psychologist struggling to oust corrupt leadership from the academic community while dealing with grief over her husband's death. She assures us that there's romance and twisty plots in the novel. She has three grandchildren in college and her oldest granddaughter is a chemistry teacher. desAnges and her husband Alan keep busy and energized by taking care of their two young puppies.

Beth Macpherson Rowe and her husband John came out of their COVID cocoons and travelled to Scotland. They visited the Clan Macpherson Museum in the Highlands, where she saw her "great-great-great-great-great-great uncle Jamie Macpherson's famous broken fiddle." They played the "Himalayas," an 18-hole putting golf course in St Andrews. Beth described the trip as "fantastic" and sends everyone the best in a healthier world.

During the weekend of our Reunion **Sister Betty Ann McNeil** was at the motherhouse in Emmitsburg for a conference and was able to come see us after Mass for a short visit. She continues to share her knowledge of Mother Seton at DePaul University in Chicago. She shared with us that Rob Judge, Executive Director of the National Shrine of Elizabeth Ann Seton, is the son of **Therese Kenny Judge**. What a small world!

Marta Aguado reports that, "I am doing well and lead a very private and tranquil life. I have no complaints." She has been in contact with **Rosa Diaz Schmid** and **Susan Albin Watson**. She sends best wishes and a warm hug. Rosa and her husband Karl are enjoying their new home in a senior community in Texas.

Miriam "Chiqui" Ardaya is in Bolivia and so happy to hear about all of our classmates. She last visited the United States when we celebrated our 25th Reunion and writes, "Oh, I loved my trip to the silver jubilee."

Peggy Clark Reiss now lives in Marco Island, FL. She writes, "Floating around in the pool reading a book (waiting until 4 pm when the sun is a little less intense) is a nice way to spend some afternoons." She and her husband are active members of a boating club and teach new members the skills needed to navigate the waters safely. Peggy is retired after 28 years as a hospice home care nurse.

Rita Gisriel Cole reports that her family is well and enjoying sporting events, drama shows, and vacations together again. Most of her volunteer activities have not resumed due to COVID, but she keeps busy with her precious new granddaughter Maeve. She enjoyed a trip to Albany where she had a wonderful visit with **Anne Marie "Gip" Gillespie**, Beth Macpherson Rowe, and **Mary Kay Wall Oliver**. The big news in the Cole household is that her oldest daughter recently got married, and the ceremony was officiated by Fred Mauser, husband of Mary Alice Friede Mauser. It was a wonderful opportunity for family and friends across the country to be together and celebrate.

It's been a year of transition for Mary Alice Friede

Mauser. She and Fred had been over-committed before their move to Delaware three years ago and took a much needed rest "under the radar" for a while. They were just beginning to emerge from the shell, so to speak, and COVID hit. So, back into the shell…Mary Alice became comfortable with that (introverted nature) and found it quite the challenge to re-engage once the crisis had passed. (Does anyone identify?) Anyway, she's back in the swing now, playing bridge, attending book clubs, meeting the many wonderful new neighbors and parishioners in her area and "getting normal" again. Fred also has re-engaged in the parish as a Deacon, mostly called from within due to observing the great need for help. A highlight of their travel in the summer of 2022 was Fred's officiating at the wedding of Rita and Dennis Cole's daughter Laura and her husband Scott. Three grandchildren graduations and the Canadian view of Niagara Falls were also memorable events in May, June, and August.

It is always great to hear from so many of you and be able to share your stories with the class. As all of you are aware, the last SJC Reunion will be in the spring of 2025. The alumnae representatives from Mt. St. Mary's met with us and have assured us that we will be a welcome addition to the Mt. St. Mary's Alumni Association but will continue to have our own identity. In speaking to several members of other classes we discussed the importance of getting together for "mini local gatherings" which many of you do regularly. It is so wonderful to hear about your gatherings and receive your pictures. If we could extend these gatherings to other classmates who live nearby then we feel that we will have a better chance to keep us "All Together." Travelling long distances will get harder in the coming years. We are working on an accurate and updated address and email list for our class. Please continue to send us pictures and let us know if they can be posted on our private shutterfly page. (sjcclassof67.shutterfly.com) In a world filled with sadness, tragedy, and anger, as we read your reports and share your stories we realize that the SJC Class of '67 is a group of strong women doing positive and amazing things for others. We can't solve all of the problems but we can make this a better world by continuing to spread the values we learned at St. Joseph College. God's blessings on each of you and your families. Please stay in touch and continue to send us news throughout the year! Stay safe, healthy, kind, and hopeful.

Enjoying Sanibel-Captiva Beach Resorts *(From left)* Anne Gillespie '67, Mary Liz Crenshaw Leitch '58, Rita Gisriel Cole '67, Beth Macpherson Rowe '67, Mary Jane Shaughnessy Beaulieu '58, and Joanne Stahlhut Coppola '71.

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Joanne Ekhaml spent much of the beginning of 2022 dealing with the illness of her three-years-younger sister Carol Ekhaml Hanges who died in mid-April of untreated colon cancer. From late January until Carol's death, Joanne and her three other siblings spent time in New York City with their sister at Mount Sinai and Covenant hospitals and tending to her affairs. Her husband had died in July 2019, and they had no children, so the family, who came from Massachusetts, South Carolina, Virginia, and Tennessee, tried to have someone there each day for her. Since her death, they have sorted and cleaned out her place as well as her mother-in-law's place in New York that Carol inherited when her husband died. While it was difficult to experience the illness and death of their sister, the siblings were grateful for the chance to be there to support her and each other and to spend time together in New York City learning their way around.

Their son David and his family, including granddaugh-

ters Anna ten and Zoey eight whom Joanne and Jim hadn't seen since Christmas 2019, were scheduled for a three-week visit to the US at the end of July from Germany, and Joanne and Jim planned to visit them in late October.

In the past year, **Diane Ball Cooper** and Charlie have had special family events, including their grandson's high school graduation and their granddaughter's college graduation. Charlie's Parkinson's disease was the main struggle this year, as they seemed to take two steps forward and three steps back. They don't get out easily or often any more, but have managed a few events and concerts. They were in St. Petersburg, FL for six weeks--the worst of the winter months--and spent quality time with their son, and Diane's sisters and their families who live there. They also connected with old friends. Diane tutors kids as a volunteer, helping them catch up on skills lost during the pandemic. She joined a book club for the first time, and was interested to see how that would go. She continues to bake (a good thing as a book club member), but was trying to cut back a bit since she and Charlie don't need to eat all those goodies. She's hoping for a decent year ahead and is taking life one step at a time.

In July, **Sheila Kelly Vertino** was recovering from a mild case of COVID and hoping she and Al would be able to go to Chautauqua in August, an item that's been on her bucket list for a while. They have a trip to Spain and France that was rescheduled from last year to this October. While there, they plan to meet for dinner with **Beverly Eagan** and Larry Tuteur.

Anne Maher Gerdes Potter expressed thanks to everyone who prayed for her son Joe when he had a brain bleed two years ago and requested continued prayers. The surgery to remove the clot was successful, and he is working to regain his physical strength. Despite further complications, he maintains a positive attitude and his fiancée Erin Healy has been his tower of strength. Anne reports that the couple plans to be married in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Harrisburg, PA on September 24, 2022.

Since **Nancy Spellman Sperling** had her three children a bit later than many of our classmates, she and Jeff are just beginning to enjoy grandparenthood. In July, they vacationed in Ocean City, MD with their daughter Maureen and her husband Kyle. She had a great time playing Nana to their boys: Jay, five; Liam, three; and Ben, three months. Maureen is director of Marketing for Pandora Jewelry in Baltimore. Nancy and Jeff's son Colin is a fourth-year resident in Urology at U Penn in Philadelphia. He and his wife Laura just had their first child Lucy. Colin's twin brother Aaron is an OR/Trauma Nurse in Denver. He and his wife Kate spent two years on a travel nursing experience at Ramstein Air Force Base in Germany. The family had hoped to spend time and travel with them in Germany but COVID prevented their plans.

They were planning to spend August at their summer cottage at Plum Island, MA, and the winter in Naples, FL, where they usually get together with **Connie Nippert Walsh** and her husband Steve. While Jeff has become a serious bike rider, doing 6,000 miles last year, Nancy enjoys more sedentary activities such as gardening, book club, bridge, and mahjong. She is also involved with the local Democratic Party and, like many, is distressed with issues such as gun control, the wealth gap, climate change, and the January 6th attack on the Capitol. She feels we all need to stay well-informed and involved so our children and grandchildren can inherit a healthy and safe country.

Carol Healy Haran's latest grandson Graysen John Gough was born in May to her daughter Megan and her husband Tim. Carol says it's lovely having a new baby in the family again, after more than eight years. She spent the first part of July with children and grandchildren at her house on Lake Winnipesaukee in New Hampshire where holding baby Graysen was everyone's favorite occupation. In March, she had lunch with **Carol Carluccio Griffin** and Jack at their home in Naples, FL while she was there visiting friends from back home in Lake Forest, IL. Then she went to New York for Megan's baby shower and on to Bath, OH for grandson Alex's Confirmation. Besides helping out in Connecticut when the new baby was born, she attended two First Communions for granddaughters Sophie and Hadley in Massachusetts. She raced from one church to the other as both First Communions were on the same day, but in different churches--one in Arlington and one in Marblehead.

For the rest of the summer Carol planned to travel back and forth from Lake Forest to Lake Winnipesaukee, visiting with more family, including her sister and brother-in-law and their extended family, John's brother and sister-in-law, and her New England children and grandchildren. A lot of travel but worth every mile. Carol Carluccio Griffin finds that as she and Jack age and slow down, it is more difficult to maintain their two houses--one in New Hampshire and one in Florida. The mountains of New Hampshire are quite refreshing compared to summers in Florida, but the house and land in New Hampshire require a lot of physical labor. She

reported on her lunch with Carol Haran in March and that they also visited while at their New Hampshire homes on Lake Winnipesaukee last summer (2021).

Because their son's wife can no longer tolerate winters up north, Sean has been renting a house near them in Florida since this past May but had not yet moved in. He planned to drive her down sometime in the summer, after closing on his house in Massachusetts. It was hoped that her health would improve with the change in climate.

Carol's grandchildren are busy with athletics. The two boys play on multiple hockey, lacrosse, and baseball teams and their dad Casey coaches. Amelia favors lacrosse and was awarded the "student athlete award" at her middle school. All three snow ski, water ski, and surf. Amelia will attend Pingree School in September and was being recruited for sports.

Carol's daughter Michelle adopted three shelter dogs, including a stray she fed on a beach in Colombia, South America. She took him to a local vet for medical care and had him delivered to Massachusetts after adoption. While their dogs limit the opportunity to get away easily, Michelle and her husband and Casey and his family managed to get to Florida in April to celebrate their parents' 52nd wedding anniversary.

Pat Burdinski Meeker and Mike's summer plans came to a sudden halt when Mike stepped off a ladder at the top of the stairs and fell down a flight of stairs backwards, did a flip, fractured his skull, and had a subarachnoid hemorrhage. His recovery was progressing slowly and he was going to need at least six to eight weeks before life returned to normal. With their plans changed, Pat played nurse instead.

In the past year, **Jan Nelson Pflugfelder** had COVID twice. Luckily the second time was short and almost without symptoms. This year, she welcomed the birth of granddaughter Kate Elizabeth who "happens to be one of the most beautiful babies" she has ever seen. Jan is amazed at how giving birth and newborn care has changed and wonders how "we didn't all kill our kids!" She has a great life with her three children, six grandchildren, her friends, and her home.

Carol "Casey" Kakalec Kohn and Hal have settled into their new home in McLean, VA where they moved in December. With both of them retired, they decided it was time to move closer to one of their kids. Hal's younger son Nick who lives and works in McLean, won, plus Casey grew up there. Now, they enjoy seeing Nick and granddaughter Naomi, who live within a few miles, regularly. Casey has also reconnected with a few friends from her past.

Their house has fewer square feet than their former home in Chapel Hill and they don't have a yard, so they take Ilsa, their Belgian Malinois, to a nearby park to play. Casey has taken over one floor of the house with two rooms: one is her office, with a messy desk where she pays bills and has things--books and such--unpacked and piled on the floor; the other room, where she dumped all her yarn, her sewing machine, and related equipment, she calls her studio. There, she pretends that she will, in her lifetime, work up all the yarn and finish the WIPs (works in progress).

Meanwhile, Casey and Hal are busy figuring out the healthcare and finding new doctors. Their dentist is the nephew of a high school friend of Casey's.

They took their first post-COVID trip abroad to Ireland in May--their first time there. They enjoyed it immensely; the weather was good, with some rain and the gardens were spectacular. The Irish people were friendly, their vaccination rate was in the high 90%, and the beer was great. They visited Dublin and Cork with day trips to the countryside and coast. Upon their return, they washed their clothes, repacked their suitcases, and headed in the other direction to San Francisco for grandson Kent's high school graduation. He'll be at Dartmouth next year. The other grandchildren are 16, 12, ten and nine, so it will be awhile before the last couple are in college.

Casey and Hal created a small family foundation: the Kohn Charitable Trust. Their intent is to "improve the long-term outcomes of individuals by supporting programs that improve human health, and to help academic institutions support research and scholarship in the areas of science, medicine, public health, and social justice." They are in the process of endowing professorships honoring Hal's family at the Ford School of Public Policy, University of Michigan (Hal's alma mater). The first professorship in social justice was awarded last fall. It is named for Hal's grandparents, Hermann and Amalie Kohn, who perished in 1943 in Sobibor, a concentration camp in Poland. (https://fordschool.umich.edu/news/2021/shaefer-inspires-students-salutes-mentors-inaugural-kohn-lecture)

Kate Graham finally had her knee replacement surgery after multiple cancellations due to COVID. She's working hard in physical therapy, her knee is strong, and she's walking well. It's a long process, but she feels she's

where she should be although there still are some things she can't do comfortably.

She and her brother Bob were planning to visit their sister Jeanie in July for a sibling reunion. Kate's beagle Mulvee was looking forward to Aunt Jeanie's fenced yard and meeting Uncle Robert. Mulvee loves Jeanie and follows her everywhere. Kate and Jeanie are planning a Viking River cruise in November.

Gina Shableski Crumbaker and Greg travelled to Duxbury, MA in August with their grandsons Dean (six) and Jackson (eight) for a visit with their East Coast grandmother. She expected that they would spend their time watching the boys' water play and sailing lessons. Their son Matthew and his family had many travel adventures this past summer, including Yellowstone, rafting the Middle Fork of the Salmon River, and camping. At the end of July, Matthew participated in the Portland Naked Bike Race. (*"Wearing a helmet is a great way to stay safe while bicycling—no one would argue with that. But what about the rest of a rider's attire? For the undressed masses who streak through Portland each year during the World Naked Bike Ride, accouterments are largely unnecessary. And besides, it's much more fun to bike buck naked."*) Their other son Peter (the one who went to Gettysburg College) spent his summer weekends camping and attending music festivals all over the Northwest. Gina and Greg planned to travel to Egypt on their first Overseas Adventure Travel (OAT) tour with two other couples in September. In the wake of the pandemic, they continue to take things gingerly.

Ruth Lynch Buchwalter, Stan, and their family went on a Utah ski trip earlier this year. Later they travelled to California for a family wedding and managed a trip to Yosemite to see how Mirror Lake is shrinking. In July, Ruth went to New Jersey where she visited with **Marge Bertoni Barkocy**. Marge still works fulltime but has enough time to grow gorgeous flowers through her yard and on her deck.

I receive a newsletter from the Daughters called *Faith Afire*. In the summer issue, there was a bit of news about our classmate **Sister Maureen McGuire** who was honored with the 2022 Lifetime Achievement Award by the Catholic Health Association after "serving Ascension as a leader and mentor for 18 years." Congratulations to Maureen!

Last October, during a lull in the pandemic, I enjoyed a Viking River Cruise on the Rhône River from Avignon to Lyon with **Mary Louise Libby Palm** and Bill; my ship roomie, **Cathy Carroll Loy**; and two Frederick friends who are sisters. We all had a great time. The Viking folks were so glad to be back at work and to welcome us: "We missed you!" they said. "We missed you too!" we replied. Everyone on the ship was PCR-tested every day and by the end of the trip, no crew and no passengers had tested positive. I'm still laying low, hoping not to get COVID (after President Biden and Dr. Fauci got it, I keep thinking that pretty soon, I'll be getting it).

In July, I joined my siblings and their spouses at the house of my brother Tom and sister-in-law Darcy in Crozet, near Charlottesville, for our first annual Boomerthon weekend. Activities were loosely organized for the three-day weekend, with no pressure to have to do anything. The first activity was Thursday evening: going to Stinson Vineyards just down the road for a picnic dinner and music, and, of course, some of Stinson's great rosé. It rained lightly just as the music started but everyone just sat there and got wet. Kayaking was planned for Friday, but it was too hot and humid to even think about spending any time outdoors, although we talked about going all day. We four siblings did go kayaking at a nearby reservoir Saturday morning, in the gentle rain, while our sisters-in-law worked on the flower garden in front of the house. No matter who did what that day, we all agreed we had a great time. After kayaking, we went back to the house for pancakes and naps (this was a boomerthon, after all). The only other planned activity was the low country boil Darcy prepared for Saturday dinner--a real feast, with lots of leftovers to take home! Sunday morning we hung out on the front porch and talked for a few hours and then all of us but Darcy went kayaking again at the same reservoir, again, under a light rain. After brunch back at the house, everyone packed up and headed home, already starting to plan the second annual Boomerthon.

In 2025, the alumnae association will hold its final Reunion. 2025 would have been the 50th Reunion for the last class that started at St. Joe's. (They were not able to graduate, although some of them come to Reunion and are active in the alumnae association.) In 2023, our class will have its 55th Reunion. If you can, please plan to come to these Reunions. After the last one, the alumnae association will be absorbed by the Mount's alumni association (where the offices of the alumnae association are already located). Please pay your dues to continue the good work of the alumnae association.

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Diana Callison Reing had a delightful visit with **Dee Aukward Redington** recently. She tells me Dee has a lovely home in beautiful Crozet, VA, with vistas of rolling hills and mountains. She and her husband Pat are well and live within a five-minute walk of their daughter and grandchildren. Diana also tells me that **Emily McDonald Filippi** has retired. *The Catholic Virginian* published an extensive article about her long career in religious education with a great photo of Emily. You can find it at https://catholicvirginian.org/news/local/vocation-as-catechist-was-love-at-first-sight. Diana recently had a wonderful visit with her granddaughter at Elon University in North Carolina. She finds it amazing that her grandchildren are now the ages we were at the end of our first year at Joe's.

Wendy Crann Newcomer moved to McKenney, VA last July. She is a widow with six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Pat Stanton toured Bryce and Zion last September along with Sedona, Monument Valley, and Las Vegas. In May she toured Nashville and continues to make up for not travelling during COVID.

Barbara Crouse Banaszynski recently sold their family home in Louisville, KY and bought a home in Hilton Head, SC, where they had been living since the pandemic started. They will still maintain a small place in Louisville as their four children, their spouses, and seven grandchildren all live nearby.

Mary Faller Duxbury is still in Carlisle, PA but she and Alan moved two blocks to a new home.

Katie Tallman Bracken has spent time travelling to watch granddaughter Grace who is 11 play at Interstate Volleyball Tournaments in Atlantic City and Lancaster, PA. Daughter Kassie continues her great work as a staff reporter/multimedia producer for *The New York Times*. Her coverage of COVID-19 and politics earned multiple Emmy nominations and the Edward R. Murrow award. They spend the summer on the beach at Belle Harbor and are looking forward to an October trip to St. Augustine including a football game in Jacksonville with their beloved New York Giants.

The weekly Zoom meeting started in April of 2020 still continues. When our schedules permit, **Beth Dignan Blumer**, **Lynn Koerner**, **Mary Pat Cohill**, **Kathleen O'Donnell Ellis**, **Ann Mooney Kirmil**, **Faye Stank Anson**, **PJ Reilly**, **Liz Reaves Ellison**, **Joan Dennery Casey**, and I spend an hour visiting virtually each week. It's been great fun and we've been able to connect in person also. When John and Ann Kirmil were visiting friends in Maine, they were able to spend a day at Lynn's cottage in Westford, MA and were joined by Mary Pat, Liz, and me. OD and Ann often enjoy lunch together as they live nearby. Liz, Lynn, and I spent a day together at the MFA in Boston. This is a group that has been on the move! Mary Pat and Lynn took a trip west starting in Las Vegas and visited the National Parks before finishing up on the Rocky Mountaineer train to Denver. Lynn is also going to South Africa and Botswana in September.

Liz Ellison finally retired in July and is travelling to Alaska with her sister to visit their brother who lives in Anchorage. PJ and Jim Reilly will cruise in October from Montreal to Fort Lauderdale with multiple stops in Canada, Maine, and Rhode Island. John and Beth Blumer, along with Joan Casey and Lynn Koerner will be visiting Egypt in January on a Johns Hopkins University tour.

Dick and I spent a few days in Las Vegas the end of April, taking in a Lady Gaga concert and then joined a bike trip through Bryce and Zion. We welcomed our first grandchild on July 2—Beau Richard Skapars. We must be the oldest first grandparents ever! Hilary and Derek live nearby so we look forward to spending lots of time with Beau.

Keep in touch, stay healthy, and don't forget to pay your dues!

Class of 1969 enjoy a summer lunch—*(Seated from left)* Mary Pat Cohill, Liz Reaves Ellison, Gerri McGuire Hawn *(Standing from left)* Ann Mooney Kirmil, Lynn Koerner.

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We finally got to celebrate our 50th anniversary of our graduation from St. Joseph College. It was two years late but wasn't our class always special?!!

We had 29 classmates make it to Reunion 2022. We enjoyed a hospitality suite hosted by **Alberta Johnson Baker**, **Helen Burke Rasmussen**, and **Kathleen McNaney Younkin**. It was a place to congregate and, of course, cheer on the North Carolina Tar Heels, loudly. At our Class Dinner Friday night, **Maryann Lesso** treated us to a colorful summary of our four years at Joe's.

Here are some highlights: "In the summer of 1966 Sister Gertrude sent us a letter saying she was looking forward to our arrival. She remarked how we were taking an important step in our lives. 'To educate a woman is to educate a family, a subject for deep reflection, isn't it? This is what we expect of you as you begin your college career in a Catholic college. That you drink in all principles that will make you the ideal woman.'

So--on September 11, 1966, 177 young women became SJC's Class of 1970. We came from 18 states and 4 countries with Maryland sending the largest group--57. We were assigned to the residence halls Seton and Marillac. We were a group on the cusp of real changes for women in our society. Not only were we future teachers and nurses, the typical careers available to females, but we were also future scientists, social workers, doctors, politicians, executives, and businesswomen.

A week after we arrived the academic year started. Class unity began as we prepared for our Freshman Response. We chose our class colors–Deep Burgundy and White; our patron saint-St. Francis of Assisi; our class flower-the lily of the valley; and our class motto--'What I am to be I am becoming.'

The boys from the Mount arrived the week after we did, and we all anxiously awaited the first mixer. It was held in our student center, and we gawked out the windows of Seton watching the freshman Mounties take that long walk from the 'A' to the student center. **Midge Burkholder** came back from the dance starry eyed and in love. She was well on her way to her MRS degree. She did not return for sophomore year.

The writer Tom Poak calls the years 1966-1970 the greatest time for music. We had Motown, Folk, Folk Rock, Soft Rock, Hard Rock, and Pop. Walking through Seton and Marillac you would hear the Beach Boys, Johnny Mathis, The Association, Marvin Gaye, The Temptations to name a few. We had it all. On Sunday afternoons we anxiously awaited **Sue Ettinger's** return from home with the latest line dances from Philly. We had the juke box going until curfew.

Every Friday and Saturday night there was something going on either on our campus or at the Mount. Anything to avoid becoming a member of the dreaded 'Dateless Wonders' club.'

On May 24, 1970 Sr. Margaret Hughes, Academic Dean, presented 136 of us as candidates for degrees--73 Bachelor of Arts and 63 Bachelor of Science. Sr. Margaret Dougherty, president, presided over the ceremony. Earl J. McGrath, Dir. Higher Education Center at Temple University was our speaker. He talked about education leading us to develop our intellectual powers while alerting us to our social responsibility and commitment. Graduation was over and we went home with our families. We have accomplished a lot. We went on to pursue careers, serve in the military, achieve leadership positions in business, raise families, redefine the meaning of family--not just a man a woman and children, and relocate all over the world. Our bonds of friendship have grown and deepened over these past five decades. We have shared the joy of marriage and children; the loss of classmates, spouses, parents, and children; the pain of divorce; the joy of remarriage and new relationships. We have become those women that we wanted to be." (If anyone would like a copy of the Memories from the Class of 1970 please email Maryann at maryannlesso02@gmail.com.)

At the Saturday Banquet, **Carol Ervin Sharkey** gave a short synopsis of the Class of 1970 and **Mary Ann Wiberley Shattuck** presented our Class Gift of $22,700 to Barbara Rupert a member of the Mother Seton School Board. Barbara informed us that our gift helped 34 students from 14 families.

In other news--over the year, some of the classmates conversed with each other on Zoom once a month. Thanks to Carol Ervin Sharkey for initiating these Zoom calls.

Barbra McCune wrote that she was delighted to attend our 52nd Reunion, only the second one she has been

able to attend. It was wonderful to see everyone and share memories. She said that when she got the class photo, her first reaction was, "Wow, we look really good!" Barbra continues to enjoy mountain life in Western North Carolina challenging herself with daily hikes and a tentative venture into mountain biking. They also have great music venues during the summer months. Barbra and her husband volunteer at their Latinx Center which is especially busy with many migrant workers passing through in the summer.

Her newest project is a memoir writing class where she is writing about her eight years in Honduras as a full-time physician missioner. She says they have an excellent instructor who line edits their 1,000 words of copy each week. Barbra had hoped to return to Honduras for some work for about six weeks but COVID has caused her to delay that trip. For now, she will continue to hike, read, write, and be grateful for the gifts of good health and retirement.

Kathie Robinson Moritis and husband Alan went on a two-week tour of Scandinavia at the beginning of June. They visited Denmark, Norway, and Sweden and had a great time. Kathie particularly noticed how well the countries were run, and the people there seemed really friendly and happy. Those would be wonderful countries to live in except for the long cold dark winters! But the fiord and mountain regions of Norway are absolutely breathtaking. Maybe even more so than Alaska, which is a pretty high bar (no pun intended!)

What is it about Scandinavia this year? Maryann Lesso also spent 10 days in Copenhagen in August. She travelled there with her sister Dorothy and niece Kristen who is working on her PhD in molecular anthropology and was attending a special course at the University of Copenhagen. Highlight of Maryann's trip was a Danish cooking class where she learned how to make Danish pastries from Pastry Chef Frederic Terrible at the Terrible Cooking School. She also travelled to Hamlet's Elsinor Castle, Ferry to Lund Sweden, excursion to Malmo Sweden, and back to Copenhagen across the Oresung Bridge Tunnel.

Mary Ann Shattuck and husband Paul took an amazing trip to Africa with their son, daughter-in-law, nephew and his wife. They spent 20 wonderful days starting in Cape Town, South Africa then flying to Zimbabwe and Victoria Falls. The rest of the time they spent on three different safaris--one in Zimbabwe and two in Zambia. It was the trip of a lifetime, and Paul and Mary Ann celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary there.

Alberta Baker travelled to Germany, Austria, and Switzerland for the Oberammergau Passion Play trip which didn't happen in 2020. Her husband Stan's brother Dion stayed with him while Alberta was gone. She also said that her son Grant and his family have been visiting a lot and helping out now that they are out of school. Alberta spent five days in May in Ocean City with Spanish teacher friends of many years. In August Stan and Alberta are going to California for their oldest son's wedding. Alberta remarked, "Of course, we had such great fun at our SJC Reunion in the spring!"

Christine Otten Hardyman's oldest granddaughter Julianna has just graduated cum laude from UNCW in Wilmington, NC. Her major is environmental science, so she has great plans to help the planet. Her brother Cole has finished his first year at Ursinus College in southern Pennsylvania. These are Chris' son Rob's kids. Her daughter Jessica has three kids. The oldest is CJ who has finished his first year at Bluefield University in Virginia. Son Parker is going to be a junior in high school, and the youngest Zoe will be a sophomore. Chris said she is very proud of all of them. Chris and her husband Steve are tapering off various activities and learning to "retire." Her 97-year-old mother lives nearby, and it is Chris' responsibility to organize her care. She closed by saying, "I have fond memories of St. Joe's and send best wishes to all."

Robin Davitt writes that her 98-year old Mom has been under her wings in Florida since May 2021. She fractured her pelvis but miraculously can now walk (albeit slowly) on her own two feet. They just returned from a pilgrimage to Fatima, Lourdes, and Barcelona (Sagrada Familia). Awe-inspiring! "No children or grandchildren to brag about but my only nibbling is a super nurse in El Paso with three bright and happy kids. I was saddened to learn of the death of Mike Luttrell MSM '70. My thoughts to his cousin, Maryann Lesso."

JoAnne Cartagena Windle went to Cabo San Lucas, Mexico in February. She went with two of her sisters and their husbands to celebrate the 50th wedding anniversary of one of their Puerto Rican cousins. Lizzie lives in Shelter Island, NY but also has a home in Cabo. It was wonderful, JoAnne had not seen Lizzie in more than 20 yrs. The most thrilling part of the trip was seeing whales up close. Wow! JoAnne also travelled to Puerto Rico twice-once for pleasure the other to take care of her sister. End of June brought the annual trip to Fenwick, DE. Four sisters, their spouses, children, and grandchildren. It is wonderful to see how close the grandchildren are to each other, family bonding week is terrific. JoAnne spent another week in Kennedyville,

MD at Mari's '72 river house with her granddaughters who went to canoe camp in Chestertown, MD. Fun time. They also went wild raspberry picking again this year on Mari's property. Although fun, once more a real respect to raspberry pickers, cannot imagine doing that for a living.

Jody Snyder Caye wrote that they are doing okay. Reunion in March was such a good time to see friends and catch up. Since then, Jody has been able to visit with her granddaughters, Quin and Aki, a bit more frequently. Rowing races have started up again, and she was able to race with her colleagues in Virginia and DC.

On a sad note **Patty McGucken Habersburger** informed me of the death of her husband Albert "Gus" Habersberger on June 11, 2022. He passed away from prostate cancer due to contact with Agent Orange in Vietnam. They would have celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary on July 18, 2022. Patty said that Gus' illness is why she has been unable to attend Reunions. Perhaps someday she will be able to make it back to the Valley.

I received a note from **Jane Fitzpatrick Padgett** stating that she is presently back in Memorial Sloan Kettering #4 this summer. Along the course of these stays she was hospitalized for bowel blockages, abdominal infections. She was on pretty rigorous antibiotic medication. In between when she could she would receive chemo. The doctor stopped the original chemo as her cells had mutated to the point that the drugs weren't working. He tried a new drug that had gotten very good results but unfortunately didn't work for her. After discussion with Kenny and their children and Dr. Santini they decided to stop chemo and go for quality of life for the end. Jane was transferred to Calvary for hospice.

Jane added an interesting note—"the first time I was admitted in June, the Friars who come around to distribute communion are from St. Catherine of Sienna. They are Dominican Friars. Anyway I got talking with Father Maximilian Kolb and turns out his sister is the, I think, Assistant Coach/Cross Country, Track and Field at the Mount (Catie Jaskowak). With chemo brain, my excuse, for forgetting everything is nice to have. Father M. was ordained in May down in DC. He had a summer assignment here in New York but apparently he left early to go back to DC to start a doctoral like program. He's a guy. Hoping his sister is the same. Anyway just a really great guy, very dynamic." Please keep Jane in your prayers. As she says it is powerful medicine. I later received a message from **Leslie Zelles Calvelli** informing me that Jane had passed away on September 4, 2022.

As for **Sr. Anne Higgins**—I have finished 40 days of Hyperbaric Oxygen treatment at Frederick Hospital. I am doing well and getting ready to begin my 22nd year of teaching at the Mount.

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It was so nice to see those of you who were able to attend our 50th Reunion in April. It was with great sadness though that we learned of the death of Susan "Suzie" Minsker Reid on January 13, 2022.

Chris Poth Tanner wrote that she was sorry she was only able to stay the first night of Reunion but she was glad she got to see everyone. She says that if anyone ever gets near Rhode Island that all are always welcome at her house and she can give you a tour of the area. She is still working and owns RE/MAX Flagship in Narragansett. She doesn't know what she would do if she didn't go into the office.

Suzanne Knipfing Smith said that Reunion was wonderful and that it was so good to see so many classmates as well as Joe's girls from '70 and '72!! Suzanne and husband Brian were in Rome…the Vatican Museum, Sistine Chapel, and St. Peter's Basilica (plus the climb to the top of the dome)! They did a walking tour of Ancient Rome, starting at the Coliseum. They also visited the Spanish Steps, Trevi Fountain, and the Museo Capitolini. They later started their two-year delayed, 50th wedding anniversary celebration…a Playbill Cruise from Rome to Barcelona with Audra McDonald as headliner!!! They spent most of the summer at their second home in Santa Fe. Suzanne is still trying to improve her golf game, while she says Brian plays more consistently. They also hike in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains. Suzanne says that Santa Fe is a wonderful city with many things to do. She and Brian would be happy to entertain anyone who'd like to visit "The City Different".

Susan Roach Thomey expressed that the campus tour was a highlight of Reunion weekend. She knows that it is wonderful to hear the joyful noise of our laughter at the hotel but to retrace our footsteps of our "Valley Home" is unrivaled.

At Reunion **Barbara Abell Sariano** found out that **Anne Bohan Seil** lives in Petaluma, CA, not too far

from where her son lives. So when Barbara went to visit him, she and husband Mike enjoyed having lunch in Sonoma with Ann and her husband. They had a great time. Ann was an award winning reading specialist, and gave Barbara a book recommendation for her kindergarten great-grandson. Also at Reunion, Barbara found out that **Kathy Broderick** lives within walking distance to her and they have run into each other while walking in the neighborhood. She said that when all of us were 18 or 22, we couldn't have imagined that we'd still know each other after 50 years. Amazing!

Anne Bohan Seil received a wonderful surprise from one of her SJC roommates, **Pat Dunn Crum**. Pat made a gorgeous lap quilt for Anne that she has been using every day. It is so cozy and just beautiful. Such a creative talent Pat has, for sure. It made Anne's day and was so appreciated.

Kathy Corley Murray took a wonderful walking tour of Paris, train ride to Versailles, and motor coach trip to Bruges, Belgium. Her favorite part was the evening boat ride along the Seine. Kathy says they had to wear masks except when they were outside, getting COVID tested in Paris before they started their tour and before they flew home--No problems.

For **Marilyn Caruso Burlenski**--We had a wonderful time at Reunion. I was sorry more of our classmates were not able to attend, but we were small but mighty! We donated $6,000 to Mother Seton School, which was great! John and I travelled to Italy in May to visit my sister, who was in Rome for six months on sabbatical. We took a tour from Venice to Rome and then joined her. We rented a car and drove to my grandparents' home towns in the mountains above Naples--what an incredible trip.

Class of 1971 enjoy an afternoon at Lake Lorelei, OH *(Back row from left)* Barb Nickels Gordon, Debbie Neary Waters, Steph Slagle Shockites, Ann Connair Cunningham, Joanne Stahlhut Coppola, and Mary Schrecengost Martin *(Front row from left)* Denise Fish Moxley, Dee Verrochi Cary, Susan Roach Thomey, Suzie Minsker Reid, and Almarie Shultz Walczak.

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Hello SJC Class of '72. WHAT A REUNION--to quote **Joanne O'Donnell O'Connor**, "Reunion never disappoints. Marty and I really enjoyed our tour of campus. Our guide was GREAT and it was such a trip down memory lane seeing so many things haven't changed! Oh, to relive those days!" The Class of '72 had its best Reunion EVER. Thanks to the Reunion committee **Jo Ketner Gallagher**, **Debbie Curley-Reid**, **Mary "Scotch" Kincaid Asaki**, **Mary Leatherman Mindel**, **Linda Ciborowski**, **Sandy Cardella Speicher**, and **Linda Raudenbush**. The room was great, we had enough food and refreshments (and then some) and we had great music to sing along to while we reminisced about college days and caught up on life after college. The husbands, as usual, were there in numbers and participated in everything--it was great seeing everybody.

We started Reunion socializing in our suite--it was a hub of activity from Thursday afternoon through Saturday night. We shared old photos, listened to music from our years at college, watched Joe D's video for the 50th Reunion remembering our days at SJC AND the music and events both national and local during our SJC days. We shared updates on our lives since the last time we saw one another. Thursday, we partied until the wine social for the association, helped drink the wine at the social, and then came back for more socializing. Friday many classmates went to campus and had their best tour ever. They were very impressed with the tour guide--they shared great information and the care that FEMA is taking of the campus and its dedication to education impressed many on the tour. One classmate told me she felt great that our old campus was in such great hands--they were continuing, in a way, the mission of education that had been established by the Daughters many years ago. Friday night, we had our class dinner--which was a great time. I gave my memories speech, more on that later. Then back to the suite…I must say I had NOT seen 2 AM for many years…and I saw it all three nights of Reunion!!!

Saturday many came to the annual meeting, then we all split up for activities. Many of us visited the Ott House, it hasn't changed. Then the Mass at the Basilica--and many from our class participated in the Mass. **Mary Pat Bohan Kelly** carried the banner leading the procession

into the Basilica, Mary Louise (Scotch} Kincaid Asaki and I were in the rose procession. Jo Ketner Gallagher read the Prayer of the Faithful. **Jane Ramsey** lit the candles commemorating alumnae who died since the last Reunion in 2019 while VP Kathy McNaney Younkin '70 and I read the names. **Mari Elena Cartegena DeCaore** was in the offertory procession, bringing up a box with the names of deceased classmates from '70, '71 and '72. And **Chris Mele** was a candle bearer in the Mass procession along with Beth Dignan Blumer '69, **Mary Pat Dignan**'s sister. We had invited Beth and Steve Bury (**Jane Cardegna Bury**'s husband) to Reunion representing our deceased classmates. Steve was unable to attend, he was sick that weekend. It was great to see Beth, and made us feel like we had a little part of Mary Pat with us.

The Saturday banquet was a little different with three classes celebrating their 50th Reunion. It was great sharing it with the classes of '70 and '71 who were on campus much of the time we were there. A member of each class gave a short speech of the highlights of their memories. And the class gifts were presented--and thank you class--we far exceeded our goal of $20,000. The Class of '72 contributed $32,728.77, which is one of the highest amounts any class has given. The donation went to the SJCAA Scholarship at Mount Saint Mary's. Congratulations, Class of '72 and the generous donors who made this possible. You never cease to amaze me.

And the night was topped off by our class winning TWO of the THREE awards--the Hassell Cup and the Sister Mary Ellen Kelly award--these were for the most classmates present and the highest percentage of classmates in attendance. We were happy to see the classes of 1951 and 1955 share the 1952 Cup with the highest percentage of alumnae with guests.

The night was topped off by a great photo--the three 50th classes together again--we crowded into the shot, but it was worth it. And our class went back to the suite for last goodbyes and promises to keep in touch--and we have been constantly in communications since Reunion--it really energized our class.

I thought I would make this newsletter a little synopsis of the events at Reunion, including my speech and activities we had. First, we have a new class member--Joe Doherty, MSM '70 was named an honorary member of our class and received a class shirt, a print of one of Mary Morel Ingram's paintings, and a pewter mounted Class of '72 mug. This was done despite a "cease and desist" order that came from some DCs, presented by Linda "Cibby" Ciborowski, objecting to his numerous videos of the Class of '72 cavorting, drinking, dancing--they wanted to know where the photos of girls with perfect posture studying? Joe has certainly earned his wings as a new member of our class. During our class dinner, we had a short ceremony in memory of our deceased classmates with a few readings and a video of them prepared by Joe D. Another activity before the dinner--a quiz using blue books on some things from our years at SJC--a few questions here (answers at the end)--what was the phone # of the Dean of Students which we were to use when needed? What was the name of the gym building? What was the name of the Carriage House when we were at SJC? What was Dr. Blanche's dog called? What did we call the statue on the mountain? What year was the school founded? What happened to our tests with Mr. Milbrath where we all got As? Joe D outdid himself creating a video for the class. I still look at it and smile and laugh. After dinner, I gave my class speech--but it was interactive. Some of the highlights from the speech…I may not use names, but the events will spark everyone's memories… We arrived on campus August 31, 1968. We met our big sisters and started activities immediately to get into the "SJC" groove. We had to wear beanies that first week--and one classmate wrote our class song to the Impossible Dream--with our motto "Our Limit Will Be Only the Sky." We prayed for the poor, the sick, the unemployed, the starving in Biafra. We played a sport that put 100 in the infirmary the first couple of weeks--field hockey. We had our first SJC-MSM couple that year. We went on our first bus ride to the Mount and had to get 30 signatures of Mounties. Our senior sisters took us to Cunningham Falls for a picnic and taught us all those songs we still sing that were NOT proper SJC songs (for example, I was a Virgin in my Freshman Year). We learned to do laundry and some of us shrunk our sweaters when we put them in the dryer. There were some challenging teachers who didn't speak English or spoke it very poorly which made it a challenge for us to understand them. And one teacher's favorite saying was "are you with me on that, girls" while another one's favorite expression was "n'est-ce pas". At least one classmate saw snow for her first time freshman year. We had the Kelly water battles and the bat in Marillac. Marillac had moveable phone booths which created interesting diversions for people outside the phone booth.

Freshman year was the year of a dress code. We saw a lot of people wearing gym outfits or raincoats (with PJs on underneath). But we had very well dressed classmates in Villager outfits also--there were several of them. We played pranks on one another--cleaning out someone's room and storing the furniture in the study

room, throwing water on couples saying adieu at the dorm entrance at curfew, putting baby powder into the phone booth fan.

We lost ten classmates freshman year but got three new ones at the start of sophomore year. The sophomore class traditionally got blazers their sophomore year, but we elected to get a T-shirt and pewter beer mug. We shared dorm space in Rosary, Seton, and Marillac with the Class of '73. The MSM panty raids started sophomore year and there was more than one classmate who got her underwear thrown out with her name on them!! We could finally dress as we wanted--the dress code was gone, jeans became the "in" thing. We had classmates who counseled others when they needed someone to talk to, we had others who danced in the halls or rooms or on their desk to their favorite music. Monsignor Kline gave our sophomore slump speech to reinvigorate us. We had kegger events and some inventive things taken--like the Grotto sign, or the doorknob to Sister Margaret Hughes' office-- which is now one of the door knobs at MSM. People used hair products to spiff up their hair, like Dippity Do, or rolled their hair in beer cans--others tried to straighten their hair with many bobby pins. We had one teacher teaching anatomy who opened the book up to the reproductive section, slammed the book shut and said "I am sure you girls know more about this than I do." There was a little roof climbing during the years also--some went on the roof of Seton, others on the Home Ec house roof to sunbathe junior year, and the nurses sunbathed on the roof of Providence Hospital.

Eighteen didn't come back after sophomore year--we kept dropping in numbers. We did gain six classmates junior year. The nurses left us for DC, staying at Laboure Hall at Providence. They had their own challenges--had a travelling "dummy" who ended up in bath stalls, and had nursing challenges--i.e., patient with no pulse since the nurse didn't have her stethoscope in her ears, sunbathing on the roof, had Stark, the German Shepherd guarding them at Providence. And they had their own "liquor event," having a social event at lunch and getting busted by Walsh's aunt! And the Home Ec majors were in the Home Ec House, where they could serve wine with meals if the guests brought the wine (so they invited people who WOULD bring wine). One classmate called home to get recipes to use. Some classmates went offsite for their classes junior year. We found inventive ways to hide the liquor (in sanitary supplies, in the ceiling, removing the tiles. One classmate had her parents drop her off…and the dog got loose. The father said "get back in here before they slap another tuition on me." That classmate had two sisters at SJC! We had the "hippie" looks and two classmates who were awarded the honor of an outstanding collegiate athlete of America in '71. We had a classmate who signed out overnight while her boyfriend drove her and a friend to the ocean to see the sunrise-- and then came back to campus for a normal life. And the big event--our two night kegger (with stale beer) and the third kegger in the spring with what???? Answer at the end.

Three classmates left at the end of junior year. Senior year--highlights were exercise sessions at night (after the subs were delivered); trying to keep the college open, with no success; elevator scenes of two classmates pretending to study; dancing on the desks; pinochle; time at Kelly Beach; and decorating the Christmas tree in the Student center and being serenaded by three classmates who couldn't sing--so they gave us their rendition of "I would like to Teach the World to Sing in Perfect Harmony." We had the saying "out of the zoo in '72" painted on the windows of the rooms facing the A. Many classmates got married between junior and senior year and during senior year--and graduated with us in May 1972.

Reunion 2022 was a time of renewal of old friendships from college AND friendships started since graduation. Now for a little current news. Classmates have started travelling again. **Cathy Homan Winslow** double booked events and was on a trip during our Reunion. Mary Pat Bohan Kelly, **Jane Clifford**, Sandy Cardella Speicher and husbands have been on the road since the last *Valley Echo*, visiting **Maureen Maloy Biggers** in Colorado, meeting **Pat Walsh Bader** in the Southwest and then taking another trip south, meeting **Ann Brummitt O'Brien** in Charleston. Debbie Curley-Reid had a three hour lunch with **Kathy Cahill Leslie** in Florida after Reunion. **Mary Kay Hughes Clarke** spends her time commuting between her home in New Jersey and her home in Florida. JoAnn O'Donnell O'Connor went on a river cruise in Europe last year. And **Kathy Trzecieski Beecher** and **Susanne Palmer** have written about starting to plan trips again. Linda 'Cibby" Ciborowski got to Mexico for a few weeks this past winter and was planning a trip to Paris and other parts of France to visit friends in the summer. So the class has the travelling bug on!

The class has talked about keeping together in the future. We are planning our luncheons again--splitting them between New Jersey and Baltimore. The first one is planned for September 17 in New Jersey. And we are talking about destination trips--the first one being planned is a trip to Charleston, SC to visit Ann

Brummitt O'Brien and Jane Clifford--scheduled for May 3-5, 2023.

And finally, we decided to attend the MSM reunions on our milestone years, the first one will be 2027 for our 55th. We were fortunate to have our newest classmate Joe D. at the meeting to describe the events--and MSM has told me there will be some type of event for just SJC attendees. So…the Class of '72 may have celebrated being "out of the zoo in '72" but continues to stay strong and stay in touch!!!

Now answers to the quiz--phone number was 447-2308 (you may have only had to dial the last 4 digits in Eburg!), the gym building Verdier, the Carriage House was Boucher's (where many of us had our first LEGAL drink when turning 21), Dr. Blanche's dog was Bleak, school was founded in 1809, and Mr. Milbrath's cat wet on our papers when they were scattered. He tried to cut the marks out, but that didn't work, we never got our tests back! Finally the kegger #3 was ROOT BEER!!!! It was bittersweet leaving our precious home for four years, leaving our newly made and dear friends to start a new life. How fortunate we were to have had these intense and lovely times together and discover that these friends would be friends forever. We are truly blessed. Thank you for your friendships during the past 54 years (from Mary Pat Bohan Kelly). Congratulations to the Class of '72 for being the best class ever (my opinion, I am sure the other classes feel differently--but we certainly are interesting!). To all, have a great 2022 holiday season and a great start to 2023. See many of you soon!!

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Maureen Hahn attended the MSM Reunion 2022 in early June as a guest of the Class of 1972--her husband's class. The spouses of deceased members of 1972 were invited to attend and celebrate with them. It reminded her of how special our own college years were and how blessed we are to be able to celebrate our own 50th Reunion and renew friendships...so here we go!!!

Sue Koch Corwin retired last year--July 8, 2021 and went on a family vacation with kids and grandkids to celebrate her 70th birthday. The week after they got back her husband Tim was diagnosed with lung cancer. It has been a wild ride for them. Chemo and radiation did not work so now Tim is trying Keytruda. Please keep Tim and Sue in your prayers.

Jane Parrish Richard had a fairly busy winter-summer. She lost her 103.5-year-old dad to COVID after a diagnosis of COVID Pneumonia. She and her sister decided their new hobby would be helping with the grandsons (13, 11 and seven) sports activities. The boys each play hockey and baseball. They have enjoyed travelling with the teams and interacting with other parents. Joe joins them when he is available. He has promised to retire for the second time. Jane can't wait to have her younger son and his family in Maryland. They have travelled to North Carolina to visit, hoping to see their other seven-year-old grandson play soccer, along with their only granddaughter, four and just have fun. Jane is looking forward to catching up with everyone at our 50th!

Trish Jenkins Cavuoto is hoping to attend our 50th. She and Frank are snowbirds, spending seven months a year in Sarasota, FL. They sold their home in New Jersey, but have not bought anything yet. So right now they are "homeless" in New Jersey.

Toni Doherty Kellerson and Steve are completing their bucket list to visit all 63 National Parks in July. Their last two are Voyageurs in Minnesota and Isle Royale in Michigan. It has been quite an adventure! Congratulations Toni and Steve.

Shirley Berrian Salzbrenner is planning a trip to Glacier National Park in August with her son Brad. Another trip to Pennsylvania is planned for September to see her dad and attend her niece's wedding. She is glad things are getting back to normal, although COVID is still out there.

Andie Miller Stewart and Robby are well. They work hard in their gardens and enjoy the beauty of the blooms. They are not really doing anything exciting, but a calm, healthy rut is an okay place for them right now. They are having each of their two grandchildren stay with them for a week while they attend Oakland

University's soccer camps. Having this time with each child is certainly special since the camps were cancelled the past two years.

Life is ever changing for **Leah Rosenbrock Birch**. She and Mike sold their farm and have downsized. Upkeep on the farm was more than they could manage any longer. Their son Chris was using the farm for his cattle operation but he has closed his business. He found that COVID changed many things…prices for one and he was having more difficulty running a 1,000 cattle operation alone. The time was right for them to make the move. They moved in June. It was very bittersweet after 40 years, but memories will last forever. Leah is still working some at the hospital in Employee Health. By default she is the Queen of COVID since she has been working with positive employees for over two years. She has case managed a number of long haulers. It is heart wrenching. Every time they think they are done, it bumps again. She does enjoy working with the employees and staying productive.

Marella Colyvas has had a fairly routine life during the pandemic. She caught COVID in June 2022 and immediately got the monoclonal antibody treatment due to health conditions and age. It was like a very bad cold that lasted about three weeks. She canceled a trip to see friends and family in Maryland/Virginia/West Virginia/Pennsylvania over the 4th of July this year--though she may visit later in July or early August. She has a tentative trip planned for camping in Montana with a good friend in September. Marella has narrowly escaped two wildfires recently while living in Boulder, CO, having to evacuate in March 2022. Since then, she has decided not to spend her senior years running from these fires and is looking to move to Frederick, MD, Virginia, or near our alma mater. She also wants to be a drive, not plane ride away from family. Marella finally retired in May 2021. She is working on building a small non-profit with alumnae from her former girls' high school in Maryland. It has been fun for her to meet younger schoolmates and reconnect with others who were in her graduating class or earlier. She is also involved with the Board of Directors of a cooperative apartment in DC. She still owns the original apartment where she lived as a child. She is also involved with the Homeowners Association for the townhouse community where she currently lives. It's interesting to see the differences of governance between a townhouse, condo community, and a DC cooperative!

Sue Christman Williams and husband Ray finally had a family reunion with their two sons (RJ and Drew) and their families. It had been four years since they were all in the same state at the same time. They met in the Richmond, VA area and watched their grandson John's All Star Baseball team win their district games. The next day they toured Monticello and Montpelier (do NOT recommend trying this in one day!) and then watched their oldest grandson Thomas and his Iron Horse LAX team (from Texas) completely dominate the East Coast teams to win the Championship LAX Legends tournament. It was a whirlwind time but much appreciated and enjoyed.

Meanwhile Sue is still on the western shore of the Chesapeake Bay loving her gardens, the birds, and retirement. She still occasionally does virtual tours of the Maryland State House but no longer does in-person tours. She spends much of her time promoting Native Plant gardening through Facebook groups and volunteering at a Native Plant nursery.

Chris Carrigan Natali is settling into retired life. It has been three years. Now she is no longer a slave to the school calendar and since it's safer to travel they have been to Napa for Christmas with their son and his family and are heading out for another visit soon. Their grandson (five) and granddaughter (three) are growing up much too fast. Their son David was promoted to head winemaker at Robert Biale Vineyards in Napa. He's been literally working his way up from the cellar to the top for years. They are very proud of him. She hopes to attend Reunion. Is it really possible that we graduated 50 years ago?

I also heard from **Dotita Cartagena Kafka**, **Candy Long Hobbs**, and **Martina Sabo** who are well and have agreed along with others to work on our 50th Reunion committee.

As for me, **Christine Wiberley Goglia**, I keep busy. I travelled to Albuquerque, NM in September, 2021 for Shirley Berrian Salzbrenner's surprise 70th birthday party. I was able to meet her three children and seven grandchildren. It was a wonderful, festive occasion. I was also able to spend time touring the city with Shirley. In November, my daughter-in-law and grandchildren took me to Williamsburg for my 70th birthday. It was a lovely weekend.

I joined the Daughters of the American Revolution in June 2021 and am now Treasurer of my local chapter! I have helped with car-pooling both my grandchildren, Annabella, 17 and Ben, 13 to school this past year. Annabella has her license now and will be driving herself in the fall. This summer I spend Tuesdays with Ben and am having a wonderful time with him. I also

take Ballet lessons, golf weekly in a league and work in my garden. I have finally gotten the deer to stop eating my plants, so I have color and flowers.

Thank you to all who submitted news and to those who continue to pay dues and support the association. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible next April 13-16, 2023 for our 50th Reunion. A group of ten of us will begin planning for this in August 2022. Look for more information as our plans come together.

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Happy fall everyone! As the leaves are turning their beautiful potpourri of color we hope you are all happy and healthy and full of energy! Many of us turn 70 years old this year and there has been a lot of celebration in our midst! It's surely a milestone filled with joy and wonder! Here is some news about what has been happening this past year in the lives of our classmates from the Class of 1974 at St. Joe's!

Donna McCarthy Feld writes that she and **Eileen "Irish" McAlarnen** travelled to Scotland together in May 2022. They had a memorable week. Lots of walking, eating, and of course, drinking in pubs while listening to music. Irish spent a few days in Norfolk with Donna before heading back to Arizona. Eileen adds that she is hoping to travel to the Jersey Shore, especially her favorite town of Cape May, NJ during the summer of 2022!

Rosie Fama Waugh attended the Patrick J. Milde Golf outing held in Hackettstown, NJ on June 17, 2022. Held annually, it honors **Maureen Sommar Milde**'s son Patrick, and it is a wonderful event which raised $90,000 in scholarships for seniors at Roxbury High School where Patrick attended. Maureen and Rosie and their husbands continue to vacation together each summer at Ocean City, MD. Although both are grandmas, their time together is kid-free!

Becky Rutherford Dacey and Rosie hope to participate in the Marine Corps Marathon 10K again this fall after two years of hiatus because of COVID. Both completed the event in 2019. They were proud and honored to receive their medals at the Iwo Jima Memorial from the young Marines who supported and cheered them on. Any other Joe's girls want to join them? They also keep connected sharing travel adventure stories of places both have visited. And they have their own two-person book club swapping titles of their favorite books.

Jane Davis Gallagher reminds us that 2022 is the year many of us from the Class of 1974 turn 70 years young! Due to COVID many of us haven't seen our Joe's friends in quite some time. So, turning 70 was so worth it as Jane's husband Jim Gallagher MSM '73, flew three former college roommates to Florida! Jim had originally made arrangements for **Kathy Kerns Raubens**, **Jamie Lowe Huber**, and **Trudie Mangiaracina Glazewski** to surprise Jane in January for her 70th birthday, however, a new strain of COVID emerged which postponed the trip until May! They arrived in Venice for five glorious days of sisterhood laughter! They visited some of Jane and Jim's favorite haunts such as Snook Haven on the Myakka River and Sharky's on the Beach. At Pop's Sunset Grill, Jamie attracted the attention of a few good looking guys at the next table by sticking straws up her nose!!! Jane also made arrangements to take them on "a three hour tour" of the Intracostal Waterway up to Lido Key! Dolphins jumping the wake of the boat motor was so cool! Needless to say, there was a great deal of reminiscing and "laughin and scratchin"! On the last night, after dining at the Dockside on Roberts Bay, the four friends were sitting on the couch watching Golden Girls; Jane looked over her glasses and declared, "If you close your eyes, it's just like being back in the Barn in 1974!" We all loved that quote and it made us all feel like we were all 18 again, sitting in our dorm/barn with our lives ahead of us! Just for reference, after leaving Saint Joseph College and transferring to Mount Saint Mary's College in 1972 when SJC told us it was closing, the women of the Mount all lived together in Pangborn Hall at MSM. Then during senior year Jane, Jamie, Kathy, Trudie, and **Pattie Holt Troy** were roommates when they lived in a newly renovated Barn called "The Barn" in Charnita, PA and they forged an even

closer friendship that continues to this day!

Their MSM Class of 1974 "brother" Jude Armitage, who has been a close friend from the SJC days and continues to Zoom with the group, was also supposed to join this visit to see Jane and Jim, but sometimes life just gets in the way. A future visit is in the works.

Jane, "Kernsie", Jamie, and Trudie also reconnected with **Barb Wurster Reiprish** during the pandemic who joins them in Zooms and reminds us how much they have missed her humor over the years when they were separated from St. Joseph College. It has been a gift to have her back! Barb is having a blast working at Knoebels Grove Amusement Park in the kitchen of the restaurant there, which specializes in chicken and waffles! She shares some of the recipes for soups they serve there and they sound fabulous!

In February **Paula Kozloski Swetley** and her husband Mark, MSM '73, took time from visiting their daughter Kristin in Safety Harbor, FL. to visit Jane and Jim and had a fun weekend spent reminiscing and catching up on family!

Jane Davis Gallagher's five grandchildren (ages 21 to nine) continue to grow up way too fast and are busy with school, sports, dance, driving instruction, and music lessons. Her oldest granddaughter Carolyn has been interning in Los Angeles, CA for a music company that is in partnership with American Idol. She has had the opportunity to meet some important artists while working hard and enjoying every minute. Carolyn will be graduating this August from Belmont University in Nashville, TN. Jane and Jim couldn't be prouder!

MaryAnn McWhorter Riley and her husband Matt, MSM '73, stopped in to visit Jane and Jim to have lunch on their way to Naples, FL. It was exciting to hear about their new home being built on Jekyll Island, GA. MaryAnn and Matt also caught us up on other mutual Joe's and MSM friends!

Barb Callan Bogia and husband Dave were able to get away for our two weeks in Aruba in February which was delightful. Barb's sister Kathi retired from teaching and was able to join them for the first time since they started going there over 30 years ago. What fun they had as Barb's other sister Regina was also next door to us in her timeshare. Barb has been keeping herself busy with lots of maintenance items in her Condo development and states that she is learning more about gutters than she ever wanted to! Two of Barb's nieces have moved home to Massachusetts and settled within 20 minutes of her—a real treat to spend time with them again. Barb says that her Friday afternoon Driveway Drinking group at her condo development remains ever strong. They started this in the pandemic and are having too much fun to stop.

Kathy Oliver Kadilak is thrilled to report that her younger daughter Christine has been awarded a PhD in American Studies from Boston University and is now employed at Harvard University. Kathy and her husband Steve are planning a trip to the Four Corners region of the country in the fall and are excited to finally visit the Grand Canyon and a few other beautiful National Parks and historic sites in the Midwest. She misses seeing her St. Joe's classmates and plans to attend the 2023 Reunion and is gearing up for the 50th (gulp!) in 2024.

Mary Berens Regan wrote to update us that her new address is at Bethany Beach, DE! They moved an existing house that they built 35 years ago and started over! She and husband Jim moved in just prior to COVID and it was a great place to "isolate." They are still working--Jim is a CPA and Mary works with him. She states that life is good. Most of their gang is in the DC area so they aren't too far away except one daughter who delivered baby #5 in October 2021. SO they make the trip to Long Island, NY frequently in the colder months and they come to visit Mary and Jim at the beach when it's warmer. Mary has connected with a ton of Mounties in the Delaware area recently. There are so many that a new chapter has been formed. In December 2021 some friends gathered to make "Wreaths Across America" and then went to a brewery afterwards. They caught up with **Pattie Laneve Mullaney** and husband Michael who only live a few miles away so they plan to get together more--it's a small world!

Mary Hennigan Gasper connected with Trudie recently and gave a beautiful accounting of her experiences at the time when Saint Joseph College announced their closing and how her life path was changed afterwards. Like all of us, she expressed that she was totally crushed when the announcement was made that the college was closing a year before we would graduate, but that news was compounded by the fact that her mom passed away in the first month of our freshman year. Due to Mary's hearing loss, which was severe/profound as a result of a high fever at the age of three, it was especially important that Mary attend a small college, as she benefited from small classroom settings. Thankfully she has the gift of being able to lipread exceedingly well and St. Joe's was perfect, a little over an hour from her home. Mary stayed two years, then transferred to College of Notre

Dame of Maryland in Baltimore. She did her student teaching at William S. Baer School in inner city Baltimore, MD and worked with a classroom of deaf children and was offered a job as long term substitute after she finished her student teaching experience. She worked at William S. Baer school from 1973-1976. Then she worked full time on her Master's in Deaf Ed. at Western Maryland College in Westminster, MD and did her January Term in 1977 at the West Virginia School for the Deaf in Romney, WV where she was offered a job and worked from August 1977-1985, with one year off after having her first son in 1983. In 1985, after her second son was born, her husband was transferred to Buckhannon, WV, as Soil Conservationist for two counties. Mary was the Teacher for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing from Dec 1988-June 2000 for a total of 22 years teaching in three locations. She retired to spend more time with her dad, who passed away on her final day of school. Many prayers to you and your family, Mary! Mary says she has many fond memories of her two years at St. Joseph College. She particularly recalls some of the songs that our "big sisters" taught us in the "Sub," some of the lyrics were real eyebrow raisers!!

Mary and husband Mike celebrated 40 years of marriage in December 2021. They spent a month in Charleston, SC, walking everywhere. In May 2022, they drove to Jacksonville, FL and left their Australian Labradoodle with a lifelong friend while they flew to Houston, TX for a week with their younger son Nick and wife Sara, granddaughters Emily, four, and new granddaughter Charlotte Kathryn, born April 15, 2022. Mary loves genealogy so made it her goal to get a picture of three generations together, which she says took six days to get six people in the same room, at the same time, dressed in presentable outfits! Mary says everyone was finally together, but all were barefooted except grandma, so she kicked off her sandals and said "Cheese"!! Their older son Chris and wife Jess worked at Snowshoe Resort in West Virginia this past winter, and signed up to work there for the first time in summer. They visited Mary and Mike for two weeks before the season and travelled to Florida to see Jess's family.

Since returning home June 5, Mary has been painting posts and beams of their log home, painted side porch floorboards, and she has a long list of more painting projects…log loveseat rocker, Adirondack chairs, and more! Mike has a miniature blueberry farm that yields blueberries for eight weeks of the summer, so Mary helps by screening and rinsing, selling some, and freezing others to be measured into quarts. She is never bored and wishes for longer days. Mike and Mary are healthy and she believes that having a "honey do" list keeps the marriage hopping!

Jean Connors Muhler turned 70 on July 24 and had a great time visiting with her brother and sister-in-law and a steamed crab birthday celebration in Rock Hall, MD. Jean and husband Gary are being cautious due to his stem cell transplant in November 2019, and although he is doing extremely well, they just aren't sure about how protected he is from COVID since his body produces no antibodies. He gets weekly infusions for immunizations. Jean had a nice visit with six friends in the Outer Banks but they all returned home with mild cases of COVID. She was able to keep it from Gary while she isolated for a week. Jean is reading a lot, recently reading *The Last Green Valley* which is an excellent WWII historical fiction and *The Boys* by Ron and Clint Howard both of which she highly recommends.

Liz Baldwin Ewing has been on the go, picking up grandkids from school two afternoons a week. She has five grandkids from ages four up to 12 years old. She is enjoying her retirement and finds lots to keep herself busy! She and her husband were happy to celebrate Easter at her daughter's house this year and had a great time! Son Kevin is now a chaplain at Towson University and really likes working with the college students. Mark, Jr. is a graphic designer and her daughter is already in her 20th year teaching at Notre Dame Prep! Lots to be proud of Liz!!

Kathy Kerns Raubens "Kernsie" and husband Harry had fun prepping their boat for summer fun this year, lots of work but so rewarding! Kernsie is planning a river cruise from Bordeaux, France on the Gironde River with high school friends in October and a trip to Portugal in March.

Jamie Lowe Huber has six grandkids and feels so lucky to have them nearby! She spends lots of time taking care of them and attending baseball, softball, and football games to cheer them on, and she swears she isn't a "soccer mom-mom!"

Trudie Mangiaracina Glazewski spent a few weeks in Cape May this summer, enjoying the warm sunny breezes and peaceful sounds of the seagulls and ocean waves. She makes frequent visits to the Seton Shrine in Emmitsburg where St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and the Blue Ridge Mountains continue to inspire her life. She will join her sisters Frannie and Margie for a trip to Palm Springs, CA in October and she and husband Rich will have a few get-togethers with family in Oregon and Tennessee in November! Thank goodness we can travel again!

That's it for *The Valley Echo* news from the Class of 1974 everyone. Our next Reunion will be April 13 -16, 2023 and it will be our 49th Reunion!! SAVE THE DATE!! So please contact all of your SJC Class of 1974 friends and encourage them to attend each of our remaining Reunions while the SJCAA is still planning organized Reunions until 2025--only three more Reunions left!

Wishing you all health and happiness as our world is opening up again. Stay safe everyone!

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Margaret Widman is a senior majoring in Criminal Justice. Margaret lives in Chesapeake Beach, MD and attended Northern High School. She is currently interning with the FBI and has worked as an FBI Workforce Trainee within various departments since the summer of 2019. Margaret plans to work with the FBI following her graduation. She has been on the Dean's list every semester from the fall of 2018. She recently received the Reverend James T. Delaney Award and is a member of the National Society of Leadership as well as Alpha Phi Sigma and Delta Epsilon Sigma. Margaret works with the juvenile mentoring program where she works with an elementary student who has been struggling academically, socially, and mentally due to challenges of the pandemic. Margaret also has participated in school-sponsored drives which provide materials to the local community. She has recently been elected Treasurer for the Criminal Justice Student Association.

Angela Vodola is a junior studying Elementary Education and Special Education. Angela lives in Sandy Hook, CT and attended Immaculate High School. She plans to apply for fellowships for her first year after graduation and hopes to become an elementary or special education teacher while attending graduate school. Since 2019, Angela has been a work study receptionist at the Center for Student Involvement and Belonging at the Mount. She received the Monsignor Hugh J. Phillips Prize and the Edmund Ryan Memorial Prize and has been on the President's list since her first semester at the Mount. Angela also is part of the CORE program in the Office of Social Justice, and leads service performing trips for other students to various locations such as the Grotto, retirement centers, and other charitable organizations.

For more information about the SJCAA scholarship program at MSMU, please contact Kimberly Herche in the Alumnae Office at office@sjcaa.org or 301.447.5075.

(From left) Margaret Widman '22 and Angela Vodola '23 are the recipients of the St. Joseph College Alumnae Scholarship at Mount St. Mary's for the coming academic year.

IN *Memoriam*

Alumnae Deaths

1941	M. Angela Hast	November 22, 2021
1944	Etta Mae Shuff Norris	June 12, 2022
1947	Mary Gardner Shannon	August 17, 2021
1950	Patricia Smith McArdle	May 26, 2022
1951	M. Carolyn Eckenrode Sandherr	March 30, 2021
	Kitty Kelly Fitzpatrick	April 26, 2022
	Barbara McCrystle Meikle	May 31, 2022
	Margaret E. "Peg" McGowan Clarke	July 29, 2022
1955	Audrey Vogel Emley	February 13, 2022
1957	Eileen Regan Barrett	July 7, 2022
1960	Mary Edith "ME" Bailey Hines	June 7, 2022
1963	Carol Davis Denier	December 11, 2021
	Kaywood Greeve Fuqua	January 29, 2022
	Rosemary Moran Marquette	September 1, 2022
1970	Jane Fitzpatrick Padgett	September 4, 2022
1971	Susan "Suzie" Therese Minsker Reid	January 13, 2022

Family Deaths

Ed O'Brien, husband of **Margie Feeney O'Brien '51** – November 2021
Paul J. Velky, husband of **Mary Cora Cunningham Velky '51** – January 20, 2022
Charles "C.J." Jerome Becker, son of **Geri Becker '53** – March 8, 2022
Jon Scott Becker, son of **Geri Becker '53** – July 2, 2022
Michael J. Munkacsy, husband of **Marie Paule Melroy Munkacsy '54** – February 11, 2022
Nelson Claypoole, husband of **Betty Taylor Claypoole '56** – August 25, 2021
Vincent W. Behan, husband of **Maria Priolo Behan '57** – July 28, 2020
Daniel Patrick Glennon, husband of **Carol E. "BT" Bon Tempo Glennon '57** – February 13, 2022
John Stanley Dillon, MD, husband of **Mary Frances Kelly Dillon '59** – June 23, 2022
Richard Mudd, husband of **Pat Lieb Mudd '63** – January 2, 2022
John "Jack" Brennan, husband of **Pat Higgins Brennan '64** – October 7, 2021
Karl G. Fahringer, husband of **Anne Shrader Fahringer '64** – November 24, 2021
Robert J. Gillespie, Jr., brother of **Mary E. "Max" Gillespie '64** – July 12, 2022
Elizabeth Seagreaves Murray, daughter of **Pat Troller Seagreaves '64** – April 1, 2022
Matthew Rocks, nephew of **Mary Rocks '64** – August 2, 2022
James "Jim" Carr, husband of **Karen Langer Carr '65** – April 6, 2022
Eugene "Gene" Keesler, husband of **Margo Honey Keesler '65** – May 2022
Michael "Mike" O'Hear, former faculty member of MSM and husband of **Elaine Dion O'Hear '65** – July 12, 2022
Frank Rafalko, MSM '65, husband of **Karen Pingicer Rafalko '65** – July 13, 2022
Beatriz Ardaya Salazar, sister of **Miriam "Chiqui" Ardaya '67** – January 19, 2022
Carol Ekhaml Hanges, sister of **Joanne Ekhaml '68** – April 11, 2022
Albert "Gus" Habersberger, husband of **Patricia McGucken Habersberger '70** – June 11, 2022
Peter L. "Pete" Benninger, MSM '70, **husband of Bernadette Ackerman Benninger '72** – May 4, 2022
Marie Hinke, mother of **Maureen Hinke Hahn '73** – March 5, 2022
Robert H Parrish, US Army Colonel (Ret.), father of **Jane Parrish Richard '73** – January 7, 2022

SJC Reunion 2023 *April 13 - April 16*

Plan now to attend SJC Reunion 2023!!

RETURN…RECONNECT…REWIND…RECHARGE…RELAX…REMEMBER…

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 3 and 8. Remember 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 2023.

Here's the schedule.

THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2023

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 14, 2023

Reconnect - Visit SJC's campus for a boxed lunch in the Pines followed by an informal guided tour of the campus. A self-guided Heritage Tour: *St. Joseph's Valley* and *St. Mary's Mountain* is available at the Registration desk for those who want a more comprehensive walk down memory lane.

Rewind - with classmates at a Friday evening class dinner prepared specially for each Milestone Class. During the past Reunions, groups large and small have held Friday evening class dinners there with great success. As Maureen Smith, '65 notes: "Great food and service + no driving = a very relaxing evening." Class agents please contact Reunion Co-Chairs Christine Roos Mehl or Leslie Henze Blackstock to arrange a private dinner.

SATURDAY APRIL 15, 2023

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

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

SUNDAY APRIL 16, 2023

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.

Reunion weekend is the time to reconnect!! We look forward to seeing you **April 13 – 16, 2023** 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 2023. Return your completed registration form to the SJC Alumnae Office or register online at www.sjcalumnae.org.

Make your hotel reservations by visiting the Wyndham Gettysburg Website, https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/wyndham/gettysburg-pennslyvania/wyndham-gettysburg/roomsrates?&checkInDates=04/12/2023&checkOutDates=04/16/2023&groupCode=0412887SA_001, or by calling 717.339.0020 (press 3) Ask for St. Joseph College Reunion 2023 Group Block.

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