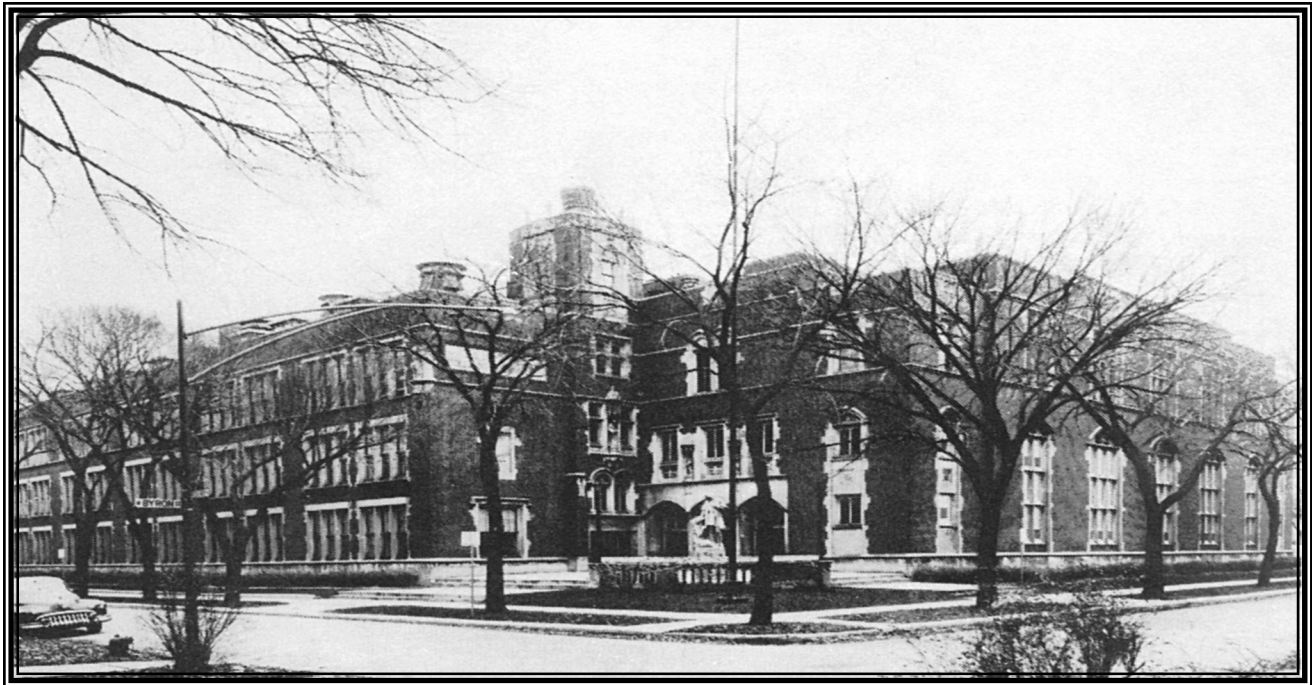


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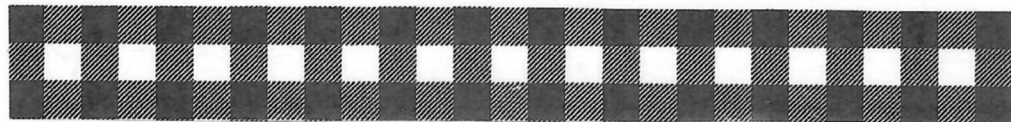
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Advanced reservations ONLY!

UPCOMING REUNIONS

Class of 1948— 75th Reunion— No Information at this time.

Class of 1953— 70th Reunion— No Information at this time.



Class of 1958— 65th Reunion— With eagerness and gratitude, we look forward to celebrating our 65th REUNION on **Wednesday, September 13, 2023**. The reunion location is Cucina Biagio, 7319 W. Lawrence, Harwood Heights, IL. Beginning at 11 a.m. We can't spell success without U!

Please send all inquiries to **Kay Merkle, marykmerkle@gmail.com or 708-457-1483**. Headcount required by September 5th. Reunion committee: Sue Immel Casey, Marge Normoyle Wermich, Barbara Siebert Winn and Mary Volopich Broderick.

Class of 1963— 60th Reunion— **Saturday, October 14th** from 1-4pm at The Great Escape Restaurant, 9450 W. Irving Park Rd, Schiller Park, IL. If you did not receive the flyer with the details, please contact **Marianne Aiken, maiken1945@comcast.net, 773-625-5774**.

Class of 1968— 55th Reunion— The American Mantra is often stated as if I don't remember it then it didn't happen and even if it did happen, it didn't matter. Our class would disagree, (although remembering is becoming harder). In 1968, the first Big Mac was introduced; "60" Minutes debuted; "2001, A Space Odyssey" came out and the #1 Billboard Song was "**Hey, Jude**" and of course, who could forget "**Mrs. Robinson**" and "**Sitting on the Dock of the Bay**". And most important of all, 320 women graduated on June 5th.

Hard to believe that was 55 years ago. Come celebrate with your classmates in October. Our class will gather on **Saturday, October 14th** at Noon at Moretti's in Morton Grove. Please RSVP to **Lois DeFelice**, through our Facebook Group, Messenger, or email at **loisdefelice@gmail.com**. We would also like to see as many of you as possible at the Alumnae Annual Luncheon on **Sunday, October 15th**. The Reservation form can be found in this newsletter or in the Facebook Group. Looking forward to being together with the best classmates!!!!

Class of 1973— 50th Reunion— **Celebrating the weekend of October 13-15. See Page 5.**
Class Rep Marie Nachman, 210-859-7905, marienachman@me.com.

Class of 1978— 45th Reunion— No Information at this time. Class Rep Colleen Ahearn, cahearn219@aatt.net

Class of 1983— 40th Reunion— No Information at this time. Class Rep Jeanette Gonzalez Burgos, jburgos1017@yahoo.com.

Class of 1988— 35th Reunion— No Information at this time. Class Rep Kristin Barker Munin, 773-315-9310



Reunion Class and Group Photography - 2023 Luncheon

Reunion Class and Group Photos at the 2023 Luncheon will again be handled by Tom Killoran Photography.

Panoramic reunion class photos will be scheduled between 12:10 p.m.-12:50 p.m. Non-reunion class (the rest of the classes) or small groups, i.e. BFFs, clubs, families, etc., photos will be scheduled between 1:10-1:30 p.m.

The **8X10 panoramic** reunion and "non-reunion" **class photos** can be purchased for **\$20.00**. The **group photos (limit 5-6 folks)** will be **5X7 photos** and will be priced at **\$10.00 per copy**.

Payment can be made with cash, check or credit card. **All photos are printed on site and available the same day.**

If your class or group would like to schedule, in advance, a specific time for a photo at the luncheon, please contact **Barbara Annoreno at oneronna@comcast.net**.

CLASS OF 1973—50TH ANNIVERSARY

The Class of 1973 is having their 50th anniversary this October!

Lets Celebrate!!

Are you one of the 323 young ladies who graduated from Alvernia in 1973? Join us to celebrate a reunion at the October 15th luncheon! We may not have your contact information updated, so please forward your maiden/married name, plus email and current address to **Marie Nachman at nachman4@protonmail.com** or call **Jeanne Cecchin Fec, 708-309-0768**. Jeanne is also taking donations to use for some raffle baskets at the luncheon and a contribution for the Sisters.

We are in the process of planning other events for the weekend. Below are some of the details; a group mailing will have additional information.

Hotels: The Marriott Lincolnshire--a few classmates have already booked there for Friday check-in with check-out Sunday; then heading to the luncheon. There may be roommate positions open if you want to share a room. **https://www.facebook.com/groups/alverniaclassof73**. Leave a message for **Patricia Brigid Byrne-George** on Facebook or email **pgeorgemft@gmail.com**.

Oct 13th Meet at an evening gathering at one of the local hotels or eateries.

Oct 14th Attend a theater production of “**GYPSY**” at the Marriott Theater Lincolnshire. The cost of each ticket is \$65. Reach out to **Kathleen Casey** as soon as possible, as she will be booking tickets soon. Her email is **ocee@sbcglobal.net** or you can text her at **773-343-9767**. Please include your maiden name as it makes it easier to find you.

Oct 15 29th Alvernia Alumnae Association Luncheon at the Cotillion in Palatine IL. Please complete a reservation form if you plan on attending. (Page 15 in this newsletter).

Looking forward to seeing you!



Oktoberfest Brings Fall Fun to the Sisters' Garden

Excitement is already building for the School Sisters of St. Francis' Oktoberfest, the Sisters' first German-style outdoor fall festival on **Saturday, September 9**.

The Sisters can't wait to welcome friends old and new from **11 a.m. to 3 p.m.** for a fun family event at the **St. Joseph Center Motherhouse Garden** at the corner of **29th Street and Orchard Street in Milwaukee**.

This new event will feature outdoor games, delicious food, craft beers and root beer, and to make this a truly authentic German Oktoberfest experience, Vern and the Originals will be playing live polka music throughout the day!

Complete details about food and drink options, prices, and more are available on the Oktoberfest event page on the Sisters' website: **www.sssf.org**. Please visit the site to find answers to your questions. We invite your prayers for the success of this festival, which will benefit the Sisters' retirement fund and their missions around the world.

Please invite your friends and family, and thank you for your help in making this a profitable and fun fall fundraiser!

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR
DECEASED:**

Alumnae:

Carol French Krach '45
Leona Gross Ryan '47
Joan McHugh Roer '47
Dorothy Swiatkowski '47
Joan Theis '47
Elaine Swiatkowski Keenan '48
Jean Bosshart Schordje '49
Arlene Fahr Estok '49
Carol Andrea Stromquist Moran '50
Sister Marita Zeller OSF '50, Faculty
1970-1989
Marlyss Jean Marquardt Mickels '51
Donna Cunningham Biaggio '53
Dr. Barbara Brodie '53
Ruth Ann Schumacher DeMuth '53
Ruth Novak O'Grady '54
Joan Salky Avello '55
Joan Corcoran Brogan '55 (2021)
Teresa Coutre '55
Joyce McMahon Finotti '55 (2015)
Darlene Pulaski Hoffman '55 (2016)
Cecile Engels Skozen '55 (2021)
Carol Joan Zientara Covers '55 (2022)
Donna Mulcahy Paulos '55 (2018)
Donna Rae Vero Sullivan '55
Sister Mary Carroll OSF '56
Carole Kloeckner Sbarbaro '56
Diane Kern Fuhrman '56
Adria Moore Hanas '58
Irene Straub '58
Carol Wissemes Foley '59
Nancy Burke Gallivan '59
Mary Ann Gewartowski Holbrock '59
Carol Lavelle Rappel '59
Beverly Nygren Herbig '60
Arlene Warchol Huinker '60
Sharon Cleary '61
Jeanette Piochacz Golemba '61
Connie LaPointe Rende '61
Mary Small Piotrowski '62
MaryAnn Cicero '64
Danita Potempa Grant '64
Cindy Puzan Lane '65
Mary Ann Galiga Zmudzinski '65
Sue Mielke Kitz '66
Judith Eger Riggs '69
Mary Lou Brader Stamm '70
Rita Ziomek Bacik '71
Debra Lynn Bonsignore Garramone '73
(2007)
Denise Jean Blais-Millici '73 (2013)
Cynthia Marie Bobowski Wurtz '73
(2021)
Barbara Bajda Scholnick '73 (2020)
Kimberley Howe Gulczynski '77
Frances Day Martinelli '77

Husband of:

Betty Cunningham Koujourian '43
Lorraine Kofler Frost '53
Audrey Schostek Casey '55
Loretta Steiner Romine '58

Joan Rdzak Marion '60
Bernadette Voss Malkowski '61
Marilyn Gross Tyschper '62
Carol Haberkorn Sepanik '62
Cheryl Bober McDonald '63
Susan Schneider Whiteaker '65
Annette Giambarberee Murray '67
Gayle Getner Cichon '68
Mary Lou Rowan-Harrington '69
Jane Kescellus Schmitz '70
Diane Masters '72
Laureen Nierman Prinz '72
Diane Martino '72
Kristine Oman Barabas '76
Lois Brooks Olsen '77
Lisa Vahle Murphy '80

Mother of:

JoAnne Schaeffer Sefcik '63
Karen Schaeffer Gilliat '69
Susan Krach Hoge '69
Cindy Wozny Carl '71
Lyn Estok Deneen '73
Donny Wozny Swanson '73
Evelyn Engert '73
Lizbeth Schaeffer Willert '74
Arlene Engert '75
Rosanne Salvato Radicke '75
Antoinette Salvato Pinto '76
Betsy Klingler Symon '78
Mariana Massa Aguilera '85
Liz Higgins '86
Bunny Higgins '87

Father of

Kristin Barker Munin '88

Sister of:

Late Mary Cunningham Dupee '38
Late Marilyn French Gardiner '39
Late Lois Theis Kawell '39
Late Lorraine Cunningham Bernson '41
Betty Cunningham Koujourian '43
Late Lois Cunningham Madden '45
Late Beatrice Cunningham Loescher '47
Late Dorothy Swiatkowski '47
Late Elaine Swiatkowski Keenan '48
Late Margaret Cunningham Lacerra '49
Late Madelyn Bosshart Klotter '52
Sister Marilyn Kofler SP '52
Helen Schumacher Rhinehart '52
Ann Basshart Schulze '53
Late Dorothy Small Spenk '53
Lorraine Kofler Frost '53
Patricia Brodie Kaiser '55
Marlene Marquardt Conley '55
Noreen Carroll Gardner '57
Roberta Mulcahy Ward '57
Mary Mielke Krippner '58
Patricia Kern Omiecinski '59
Late Rosemary Cicero '59
Late Barbara Galiga Henkel '59
Late Denise Brodie Carr '60
Judy Novak Domanchuk '60
Leanette Mielke Haronik '60
Late Helen Moore Bauer '61

Joan Novak Denton '62
Patricia Mielke Christenson '63
Kathy Wissemes McNamara '63
Late Marianne Kern Anders '64
Linda Novak McMahan '64
Late Patricia Piochacz '65
Kristine Howe Ligammari '67
Kathy Howe Mayer '68
Kolleen Howe Klein '70
Jane Wissemes Kenneally '70
Kaureen Howe Duffy '71
Sandra Bobowski Carnesecchi '71
Jill Eger Smith '71
Karen Howe Markowski '72
Mary Ann Goecke Collado-Wharton '73
Late Kathleen Bajda Smuda '74
Susan Goecke Hansen '74
Marge Goecke Alford Cackler '76

Sister in law of

Late Cynthia Waleia Galiga '59
Christine Immel Scherb '63
Therese Cummings Brader '70
Mary Alice Ramel Hoeksema '71

Brother of:

Late Dolores Cherwin Mentzer '41
Late Rosemary Cherwin '53
Annette Samson Marshall '64
Catherine Samson Nolan '66
Mary Mickus Solway '68
Donna Eder Walsh '69
Mary Flaherty Butera '70
Dennis Layne—Faculty

Brother In Law of

Sister Marilyn Kofler SP '52
Theresa Voss Burns '53
Barbara Voss Dowling '55
Late Marjorie Voss Zlotnicki '57
Sylvia Rdzak '59
Susan Bober Martin '62
Diane Bober Flores '66
Jan Bober Rayner '68
Cathy LaBonte Holman '69
Laura Dominick Sobel '71
Alice Doloughty Morley '75
Beth Schweda Murphy '76
Judy Diaz Murphy '80
Laura Vahle '84
Peggy Vahle Flaherty '87

Daughter of

Late Rose Groenwald Zientara '32
Late Mary Handrup Goecke '51

Stepdaughter of

Marge Goecke Alford Cackler '76

Son of

Claudette Prem Giza '69

Grandson of

Eileen Cunningham Muench '63

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Aunt of

Patricia Polowy Somogyi '68
Jan LaRocca Robertson '71

Niece of

Late Sister Bernarda Handrup '45

Cousin of

Gloria Wisniewski Cole '51
Chris Beck Madlem '68
Adrienne Walanta Zader, Faculty



Please send information about deceased alumnae and family to Barbara Annoreno, onnerona@comcast.net. Be sure to include class year and maiden name, if applicable, and also any siblings that graduated from Alvernia with maiden name, married name and class year.

MEMORIALS & DONATIONS

In Memory of **Jeanne Boutell Turek '48**, a donation of \$25.00 by **Betty Brinkman Miller '48**

In Memory of **Sharon Dore Mertes '50** and **Joanne Fronzak Palaschak '50**, a donation of \$100.00
by **Mary Jean Crowe Kleisner '50**

In Memory of **Marie Graghini Burda '53**, a donation of \$50.00 by **Kathy Maloney Gordon '53**

In Memory of **Carole Plash Williams '54**, a donation of \$50.00 by **Patricia Lejman Tomaski '54**

In Memory of **Joan P. Westman Meyers '48**, a donation of \$100.00 by **Joan Oeff Berg '56**

In Memory of **Kevin J. Doherty**, a donation of \$50.00 by **Rita McDonnell Doherty '58**

In Memory of **Mary Burns Smith '59**, a donation of \$25.00 by **Janet Beck Belton '59**

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In **HONOR** of **Mary Francis Dowdle Doolin '61**, a donation of \$25.00 by **Barbara Miller Porembski '61**

In Memory of the best sister ever, **Kathleen Svec Jarzab '67**, a donation of \$100.00 by **Carol Svec O'Donnell '61**

In Memory of **Joan Fetton Strzycki '65**, a donation of \$100.00 by **Geri Hart Hollister '63**

In Memory of his cousin, **Mary Ann Cicero '64**, a donation of \$100.00 by **Robert Maganuco**

In Memory of my husband, **Edward J. Woltersdork**, a donation of \$50.00 by **Linda Reichert Woltersdorf '65**

In Memory of **Paul J. Wallace**, a donation of \$300.00 by **Nancy Konczyk Wallace '65**

In Memory of **Pat Berg Danbom '66**, a donation of \$100.00 by **Chris Kiernicki Colin '66** and **Karen Formanski Geary '66**

In Memory of **Sister Vitalis**, a donation of \$50.00 by **Kathleen Banks Hintz '66**

In Memory of **Sister Anita Baumgartner '67**, a donation of \$500.00 by **Betty Baumgartner Bergerib '68**

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by **Sue Krach Hoge '69**

In **HONOR** of her grandchildren, **Arwen Rose & Xander Scott**, a donation of \$25.00 by **Sharon McDonald Danielczyk '73**

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In Memory of **Arlene Fahr Estok '49** and **Joseph Estok**, a donation of \$250.00 by **Lyn Estok Deneen '73**

Correction: In previous issue, Memorial Donation for Lori Ann Gordon should have listed her in Class of 1978, not 1979.

CLASS NEWS

CLASS OF 1955 Our updated class list revealed that the number of classmates who can actively participate has decreased. So, our annual **Birthdays Celebration** will be at the **29th Alvernia Alumnae Luncheon on October 15, 2023**. Hope to see YOU there!

Pat Feeny Kimberley '55

CLASS OF 1961 We are looking forward to an outstanding turnout for the October Luncheon. Some of us are celebrating a milestone (!) birthday this year. We have had a quiet year and, again, I am asking for assistance in finding some of our lost "sheep". Please let me know if you have any information on the following:

Eva Acs	Diane Challendar Knurek	Mary Gavin
Patricia Hintz	Margaret Johnson Maneckshaw	Christine Kozlowski
Mary Pat Lewis Zacher	Kathleen McKenna Reid	Susan K. Murray O'Connell
Donna Mae Nieb Leach	Charlene Nothdorft	Susan Ruet Larsen (Facebook stops in 2020)
Barbara Jean Ryan	Mary Shannon Risori	Nancy Thiede Johnson
Frances Underkofler	Mildred Wrocinski Horwath	

Attached is a picture Kathy Madden Bonick (Fort Myers, FL (shared with me when she and Barb Bodzich Peters (Roselle, IL) got together at Woodfield for lunch, They share both grade school and Alvernia together.



Carol Lenoard Bullis and Carol Guligowski Glanz are going to the Pacific Northwest on a trip in August to see Portland, the redwoods in California and last stop will be San Francisco. Looking forward to hearing all about it in October.

I always look forward to hearing from you. If you have anything you would like me to share with the class and/or get printed in the Alvernia Newsletter, please let me know. Thank you so much. **Peggy Anderson Smykowski**

CLASS OF 1964

We continue to look forward to hearing from anyone who wishes to reach out; share your news or help you connect with an old friend. At this time, we are thinking of stepping aside and ask if someone else would like to be our class's rep. We will remain your reps until someone steps up. We wish you a wonderful and safe summer!

Nancy (Dobrocke) Peistrup 815-335-4067 and Corrine (Herford) Stone 847-347-7440.

CLASS OF 1965

Our team of devoted classmates on the planning team continues to meet for fun outings; a play, a lunch, and a visit to the Polish exhibit at the Chicago History Museum. We are quite mindful of the changes that accompany our last decades. That is why we encourage all of you to plan the space around our **Alvernia Luncheon, October 15th**. We're starting to realize you never know what's around the corner and it's a wonderful way to reconnect with people who were part of our formation as the women we've become. As the Fonz would say, "Be there or be square".

Janet Borghesi Starr '65 - Jbstarr@astound.net

CLASS OF 1966

Happy "3/4's Of A Century" to most of the 66ers this year. Who would ever think that 57 years ago we would get this far in life?

60 years ago this fall, we enter our sophomore year at Alvernia. Hopefully we feel more comfortable in school, make new friends, join school clubs and also look forward to the year 1964, when we turn 16 and possibly can get a part-time job to buy the 45's records and some clothes that we like.

All of the above sounds great, until we undertake our first grown up experience with the assassination of President John F. Kennedy on 11/22/1963. The announcement came over the loud speaker throughout the school. "Tap..tap..tap" on the school's microphone and without explanation the broadcast of JFK being shot and minutes later that he had died. If I remember correctly, it was Walter Cronkite, who with tears in his eyes, announced this horrible event. We were either in study hall, homeroom or a classroom when this announcement came and most of us will never forget that day or the days after.

As we continue on—always remember our Class of '66 Guardian Angels. They are special women who left the earth too soon.

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Continued from page 8—We hope to see you at the All School Alvernia Reunion on **Sunday, October 15, 2023**. Reservation Form is on **page 15**. Please send in the annual \$25.00 dues for printing and mailing expenses of the two annual *Alvernia Alive* Newsletters.

And, if you have a change in address, name or contact information, please notify me via email with the subject title **Alvernia Class '66. Have a Wonderful Summer!** **Susan Mindak Ellinger Class Rep '66, 6115 N. Nettleton Ave, Chicago Il 60631, sellinger9@aol.com, Cell 773-469-3015.**

SNIPPETS AND MORE.....

Dolores Masloske Harper '49, Ft. Myers, FL I know you saw much about the Category 4 Hurricane—**Ian**—on the news September 28, 2023. It was heading for Tampa, but at the last minute it turned east, and we took a direct hit in Ft. Myers where I reside in Assisted Living . Two days before, we were transferred to our new skilled nursing facility across the street, which was built to handle a Category 4.

We were all safe. I was on the 3rd Floor and we could see the wind and surf—but we did not hear the wind. However, we had much damage throughout the 700 acres of the property. The surf came in our parking lot and many cars were totaled from water damage.– residents and staff. Many members of our staff lost their homes and cars. The residents donated a total of 2 million dollars to help some of the staff financially.

Sanibel Island was devastated—But Fort Myers Beach was totaled. It will take years for them to get back to where they were as well as many places for miles around. Since I had pneumonia in January and the Covid in July, I was happy to see 2023!

Mary Zelenka, '51, Woodridge, IL We met at Alvernia's cafeteria sharing one of our long tables in freshie year. After 4 years as classmates and frequent lunch buddies, on graduation day, **June 7, 1951**, we all decided to keep in touch. And, that's what we did! Jackie Huening, Arlene Jawarski, Ann Kerrigan, Marie McClauthry, Nancy McCutcheon, Dee Sasenick, and Mary Zelenka formed a club, Not from Alvernia, Ann Varsolona and Jean Yost have been with us from the beginning. We meet once a month, taking turns at each other's homes.

Now, here in 2023, we are proudly starting our monthly meetings in our **72nd year**. We have changed the time from evenings to afternoon. Six of us will be celebrating our **90th** birthday this year, so maybe more changes will be made in the future. What a great ride we had and will continue to have!

Seated left to right: Dee Smagatz, Jackie Gibbons, Nancy Grizzi, Mary Zelenka

Standing left to right: Ann Varsolona, Jean Yost, Arlene Mctague, Ann Touhy. Sadly, not pictured, Marie McClauthry has since passed away.



Ruth Hesselbeg Lovison Smith '55, Escondido, CA, I highly recommend the Hallow app, which I think is the #1 Catholic app. I love this app with all it's content; Bible in a year, Catechism in a year, trivia and saints and much more. Father Mike Schmitz's homilies are there too. He is tremendous and has been a wonderful spiritual director to me through his talks. Please give it a try; let me know what you think.

“God bless you and all the Sisters who taught us for our years in school. God knows His plans for each of us in 2023. What we have to do is TRUST. My prayer is that He hold each of us close to His Heart.” **ruthfred331@gmail.com**

Loretta Steiner Romine '58, CT. Sadly, Loretta lost her husband in November, 2022. She wanted our alums to know that they were married for 64 years, and have 17 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren to date.

Jule Anne Tadevic Massouh '60, Indiana—I graduated with the Class of 1960. As we all know there was a Washington trip for Junior or Seniors. For some reason, it was more usual for the Junior class to go on the Washington trip. “Our” group, most of them, chose to go in our Junior year.

We took an overnight boat on the Potomac and toured all of Washington. In DC the bus stopped at an Amy Joy Donut Shop for those of us who wanted to have snacks during the evening. Of course, we were NOT supposed to have parties in our rooms—only those, I think 4, in one's own room. However, why would we have been buying boxes of a dozen donuts each for one small group??

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Of course, we all made plans to meet in, I seem to recall, **Virginia Coover's** room, about 1 hour after we got back to the hotel. We put on our pajamas and robes, then I peeked out into the hallway—no nuns in sight. All clear to sneak down to Coover's room.

Walking down the hall I kept looking backwards to make sure no one was coming which meant I didn't see **Sister Modesta** come out of her room in front of me. She just stood there quietly waiting for me to notice her. I noticed her alright as I walked straight into her dumping a whole box of chocolate covered donuts all down the front of her habit! I prayed the floor would collapse right then—anything rather than be standing there looking at her. She just said "Now, pick them up and get back to your room and stay there!" I scrambled around picking them all up and dashed back to my room. Of course, I didn't stay there. I figured she wouldn't come out again "dressed" in chocolate, so I waited a bit and dashed down the hall; told my story to hoots of laughter and commiseration for my plight.

The next day nothing was said but I made sure to stay with our group far away from Sister Modesta!

Gloria Skwier Richards '60, Maryland—In a note to **Cathy Biedron Eckart '60**—"I have lived in Maryland for over 50 years now, a mother of three and have been a widow for six. I enjoy receiving the Alvernia news but regretably live too far away to enjoy your activities. But good memories remain of my high school years there. A big thank you for being on the Board. Keep up the good work."

Karen Koniarski Long '66—I loved the article on Page 7 in last newsletter "We are the 66ers". Now I really feel Old! Ha, Ha.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING SSSF JUBILARIANS

75 YEARS

Sister Margaret Earley '47
Sister Gerda Moehler '47
Sister Rose Marie Peters



(Sister Rose Marie lived at St. Priscilla Convent, for a time the location of the alumnae office. She was one of the drivers for the Sisters living at the convent, including Sister Vitalis.)

70 YEARS

Sister Patricia Baier '53
Sister Joan Cecile Bonvouloir '52
Sister Dorothy McKeague '53

The Sisters' website, www.SSSF.org, has very interesting stories about the jubilarians' vocation and ministry .

A Prayer to Our Blessed Mother

Take my hand, O Blessed Mother
Hold me firmly 'lest I fall
I grow nervous while walking and
Humbly on thee call.

Guide me over every crossing, watch me
when I'm on the stairs
Let me know that you're beside me
Listen to my fervent prayers.

Bring me to my destination
Safely along the way
Bless my every undertaking
And my duties for the day.

And when evening creeps upon me
I'll never fear to be alone
Once again, O Blessed Mother
Take my hand and lead me home.

**Alvernia High School Insight—1947—
Some excerpts from The Good Earth
and Mustard Seed Pages**

The Inflation Problem Thus Far

The inflation problem
comes to the fore in
the tax problem
the wage problem
the election problem

Too much token wealth
in circulation clogs up
the economic blood stream

Too many paper dollars lure
Too many people whose eyes are too
big.

Realistically,
If we earn money, we pay taxes.

Justly,
the President says
those who have the most
should give more in taxes
than those who have less.

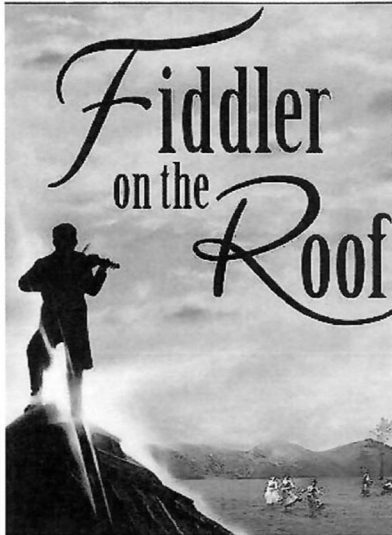
Everybody knows that inflation
thrives on
off -balance economy.

To men of Catholic Action
Pope Pius XII says:

"What you ought to strive for is a more
just distribution of wealth."
(Even in an election year.)

Marie Roach '48

JOIN THE ALVERNIA ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION
AT DRURY LANE OAKBROOK THEATRE



THURSDAY March 14, 2024

LUNCH 11:30 A.M. PLAY 1:30 P.M

TICKETS \$ 95.00 PER PERSON

We have a limited number of tickets available.

Set in the little village of Anatevka, the story of Tevye and his five daughters has been touching audiences worldwide with its humor, warmth, and honesty for generations. With the help of a colorful and tight-knit Jewish community, Tevye tries to protect his daughters and instill them with traditional values in the face of political and social change in Czarist Russia. Rich in historical detail, Fiddler on the Roof's universal theme of tradition cuts across barriers of race, class, nationality, and religion, leaving audiences crying tears of laughter, joy, and sadness.

RESERVATION FORM

NAME _____ CLASS _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

Please provide individual names and menu selections for each ticket reservation.

Table and theater seating is **pre-arranged**, indicate your preference on this form. In order to avoid disappointment, please reserve early. Reservation deadline is **February 21, 2024**

SELECT CHOICE OF ENTRÉE

- GRILLED Chicken Breast White Wine Reduction/Herb Sauce, Roasted Wedge Potatoes, Green Beans (Dairy Free)
- Bistro Steak Au Poivre Peppercorn Sauce, Potato Puree, Green Beans (Gluten Free)
- Vegan Vegetable Kabob Zucchini, Yellow Squash, Tomato, Onion, Mushroom, Peppers, Wild Rice, Balsamic Glaze

All entrees include Mixed Green Salad, *Romaine, Cucumber, Tomato, Shredded Carrot, Choice of Ranch or Italian Dressing*, fresh baked bread, and choice of one beverage. *Vanilla Sundae with Chocolate or Caramel Sauce, Whipped Cream*,

Mail this form with a check payable to **Alvernia Alumnae Association** to Pat Kimberley, 3227 N. Oleander Ave, Chicago Il 60634. Any questions call Pat at 773-889-8985 or email rkimberley@prodigy.net. Confirmation and directions to the theatre will be sent 7 days prior to the event.

Tickets will be presented to you during lunch.

DONATIONS TO SSSF MINISTRIES AND THE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

Total of \$3,550.00 donated by the following:

Rose Marie Barranco Carlson '53
Maryann Kosinski '55
Elsa Maestranzi '55
Joan Safran Morrissey '59

Eileen Hughes '62
Geraldine Maloney '65
Patricia Ryan Nelson '68
Susan Rand Radich '71
Irene Pasulka O'Neill '75
Tami Andersen '78



School Sisters of St. Francis Donation Form

Please Print

Your Full Name _____ Your Class Year _____

Your Address _____

City, State, Zip _____ Phone _____

Please apply my donation to: SSSF Ministries \$ _____ Retirement Fund \$ _____

This donation is "In Honor of" (Live person/s) _____ "Memory of" (Deceased person/s) _____

Full Name of Honored or Memorialized Person/s:

_____ Class Year (if Alvernia Alum) _____

Check Payable to *School Sisters of St. Francis*

Mail to: **Alvernia Alumnae Association**
c/o Pat Grimes
3260 Rockwell Circle
Mundelein, IL 60060

Have you moved? Are you moving soon? Have you cancelled your Landline and only have a Cell Phone now? Maybe you changed your email address or your last name?

The Post Office does not forward bulk mail.

You might know an alum who would like to receive the Newsletter. Please use the form below for any updates.

Fill in the information below (please print) and mail or email to:

Judy Skotzko—jskotzko@outlook.com, 5306 W. Carmen Avenue, Chicago, IL 60630-2224

First Name _____ Maiden Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____ Class _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ email _____

CLASS REPS

Our Alumnae Association has a two-fold purpose: to keep the Spirit of Alvernia alive within its members and to raise funds for the Sisters who guided us in our earlier years. A Class Rep helps to accomplish these goals by:

1. Keeping an accurate class list, establishing a network within the class to contact members.
2. Contacting classmates to:
 - a) Gather items for the newsletter.
 - b) Promote enthusiasm and class representation at the various functions.

Class Reps are NOT responsible for organizing reunions.

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Names in **bold** are on Facebook.

The Class Rep Coordinator is Judy Skotzko '71, 5306 W. Carmen Ave., Chicago, IL 60630-2224
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We Gather With A Grateful Heart 29th Annual Alvernia Alumnae Luncheon



The beautiful theme, chosen by **Cathy Biedron Eckart '60** and **Mary Grimes '65**, is reflective of the time of year with Thanksgiving in November and also the fact that we are back to some normalcy after several years of covid dominating our lives. Please do join us and enjoy the spirit of Alvernia which fills the Cotillion at every luncheon.

We will have the new form of raffle ticket again this year, but with larger numbers on them. There will also be the two raffles—General raffle and Pot O Gold. The minimum purchase of General raffle tickets will be \$10.00 for 15 tickets and the Pot O Gold \$1.00 each or 6/\$5.00.

Last year, for the first time, we had four delightful young women from Resurrection High School assist with distribution of the raffle basket prizes. They are pictured here. Since it worked out so well, we are inviting them back this year. They were quite impressed with our event! Thanks to **Judy Skotzko '71** who works part-time at Resurrection High School and made the arrangements.



The Classes of **'63, '68 and '73** will be celebrating their anniversaries that weekend and plan to conclude with the luncheon on Sunday.

In the Gift Shop we'll have some Alvernia logo items for sale; SSSF Memorial Mass cards to take for future use - donation made when used. There will also be a table for Dues and Donations.

Please use caution at the main entrance steps. We urge those with canes and walkers to use the ramp on the east side of the building for safer and easier access into the banquet hall.

Tom Killoran Photography will be taking the group photos with **pictures available the same day**. He remarked that it was a very pleasant experience last year dealing with our group and we are sure all were satisfied with the quality of the photos. (See additional information on Page 4.)

If your class is celebrating a reunion and you have questions or need easels or tables for memorabilia, please contact **Barbara Annoreno at oneronna@comcast.net** prior to the luncheon.

Questions regarding your reservation should be directed to **Pat Grimes, 847-337-0815 , grimes.pat@att.net**. **Everyone attending the luncheon must be registered and wear the name tag issued at the registration table. We cannot accept reservations at the door; nor can we change seating the day of the luncheon.**

HELP WANTED—HELP NEEDED

We can't have a Luncheon without Volunteers!!

Alum volunteers are needed to help on the day of the luncheon.
We are asking for just an hour of your time. Have a friend work with you.

Volunteers are needed in the following areas:

Registration , Dues & Donations Table, Alvernia Gift Shop
Raffle Ticket Sellers

Please call or email Joann Lewandowski if you would like to volunteer or have questions.
708-386-1681/lewjoann@hotmail.com

Alvernia Alumnae Association
29th Annual Luncheon
Sunday, October 15, 2023
The Cotillion
 360 S Creekside Drive, Palatine, IL
 Northwest Highway and Route 53
 11:30 AM Cocktail Reception
 1:00 PM Lunch

Reservation Deadline: October 2, 2023
Advance Reservations ONLY! No walk-ins.
Reservations/Dues Mail to:
Alvernia Alumnae Association
C/O PAT GRIMES
3260 ROCKWELL CIRCLE
MUNDELEIN, IL 60060

Please complete ALL fields below:

Last (Married) Name **First** **Maiden**

Class of: _____ **Phone Number in case we need to reach you:** _____

Email Address: _____ @ _____

		How Many?	Total
Membership Dues for: 2023	\$25.00 per year		\$
Luncheon Tickets:	\$60.00 per person		\$
I am a member of a religious order.	\$50.00 per person		\$
I am a former faculty member.	\$50.00 per person		\$
I would like to sponsor a religious to attend.	\$50.00 per person		\$
I would like to make a monetary donation.			\$
Total			\$
Check payable to the ALVERNIA ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION			

All attendees will be seated with their class. If you are paying for someone other than yourself, please indicate their names and class year.

If you have the following dietary needs please indicate below:

Gluten Free _____ Vegetarian _____ I have an allergy to: _____

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UPCOMING EVENTS

**Celebrate the Feast of St. Francis with The
School Sisters of St. Francis on their
Anniversary,
Transforming Lives for 150 Years
October 1, 2023 Mass
St. Joseph Chapel, Milwaukee
(Additional information at www.SSSF.org)**

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