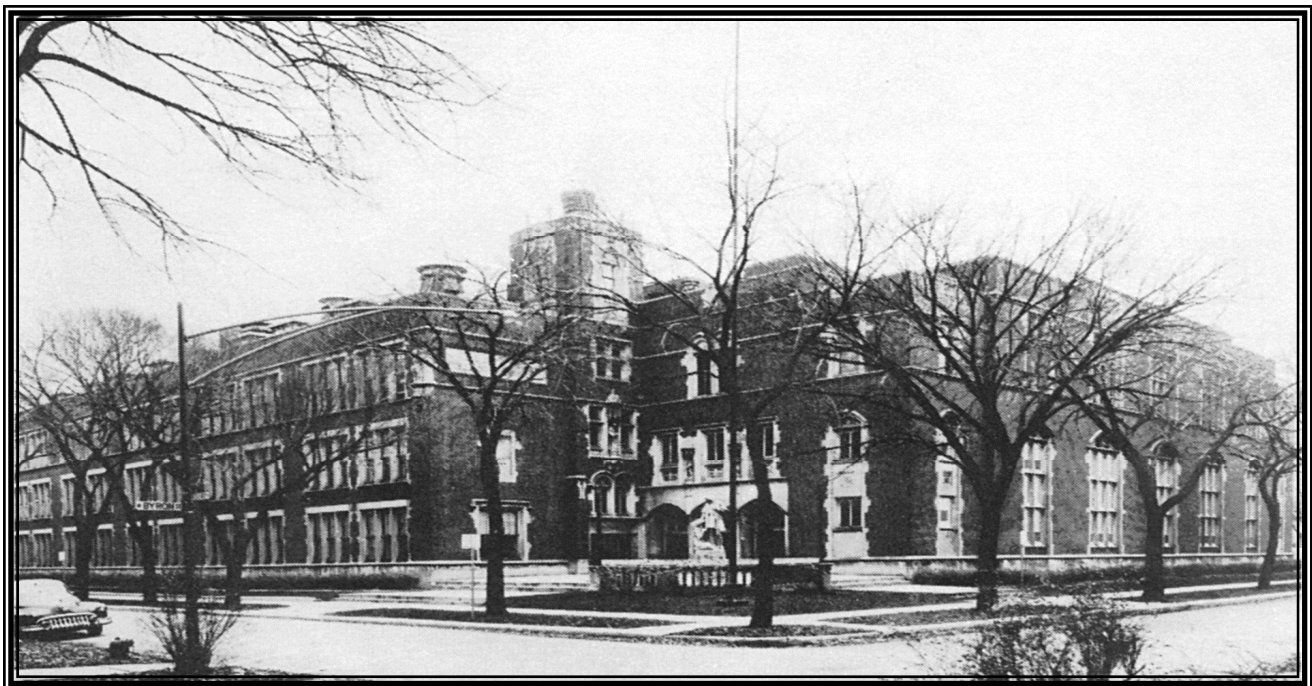


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**ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS & FALL GATHERING
NOVEMBER 1, 2015
3pm-Our Lady, Mother of the Church**



Please join us as we remember and pray for our deceased alumnae and faculty as well as for our own family members and friends. Family and friends are very welcome to attend this special Mass.

Father Paul Seaman, Pastor of St. Pascal's Church, will be returning as our presider as well as Sister Bernadette Luecker and the Chicago Area Singers.

Following the Mass we will gather for hospitality in Hayes Center. All are invited to bring a favorite appetizer or dessert for everyone to enjoy.

If you would like to participate in the Mass or assist in any way with hospitality, please contact **Mary Grimes at grimes.mary@att.net or 773-589-0275.**

The church is located at 8701 W. Lawrence Avenue, Chicago, IL 60656. Parking is convenient and there are no stairs.



Driving Directions: If traveling via I90 exit at Cumberland South and proceed on Cumberland to Lawrence. Turn right at Lawrence to 8701 W. Lawrence which is on the south side of the street at Oakview. Park in the north side parking lot. Please invite family and friends. This Mass fulfills your Sunday obligation.



CHICAGO AREA SINGERS



The **Chicago Area Singers** are always looking for new members. This is a choral group whose membership includes Sisters, Associates, and Lay Women who are our musical friends, many of them Alvernia Alums. We would love to have YOU join us! Rehearsals are on Friday evenings twice a month. We meet from 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM at the Maryville Campus, in the area of Des Plaines River Road and Central Avenue in Des Plaines.

There is no audition required. The choir typically sings four or five times a year, including the annual Alvernia Memorial Mass. If you are interested, please contact: **Sister Bernadette Luecker, 414-426-6522, bmluecker@sbcglobal.net.**



In Special Memory.....

Those who attended the 22nd Annual Luncheon in 2014 will remember the lovely family that entertained us; the children and grandchildren of **Elaine Dixon Matuszak, Class of 1939.** Elaine was celebrating her 75th reunion of graduating from Alvernia High School. Elaine was so proud of this achievement, she even provided buttons for everyone, including waitstaff, to wear that day. Her entire family was in attendance to celebrate with Elaine.

Due to illness Elaine was unable to attend the 23rd Annual Luncheon this past year and died on June 25, 2015. Some of our board members were able to attend the Memorial Service and we heard about a woman of six boys who had five miscarriages of boys (yes, she could have had 11 boys).

Active in her neighborhood, Elaine, an artistic seamstress, gave young girls and women sewing lessons in her home. She made her own graduation, prom and wedding gowns. She was the authority on types of threads, ribbons, sewing needs and materials. Desiring the best in sewing machines, she possessed three. Elaine also crocheted and knitted. When she was a member of St. Robert Bellarmine's Altar and Rosary Society, Elaine worked on vestments, lace altar cloths, and collected used materials which were then sent to the missions.

Elaine knitted an afghan as a prize for the Alvernia Alumnae Luncheons and always included a bottle of liquor with her donation. Elaine was also grandmother of 18 and great grandmother of 10.

Sister Shirley Patzelt, a dear friend of Sister Kate Brenner, our moderator, may be remembered as the organist/pianist at our Memorial Masses. Sister Shirley lost her more than year long battle with breast cancer this past February, 2015.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR
DECEASED**

Correction: We are **very happy** to report that **Mary Wodniakowski Foertsch '64** is **not deceased!**

ALUMNAE

Sister Angele Spehn (Mary Laurette) OP '35
Sister Marie Gross '36
Dolores Giersch Race '37
Mervyne Hinske O'Connor '38
Elaine Dixon Matuszak '39
Cecelia Ficht Bennett '40
Mary Alice Brewer Bevier '40
Gretchen Brod Schielzeth '42
Patricia Brewer Haebich '43
Dorothy Breit Sandrock '43
Veronica Tesk Maurice '44
Lenore Moe Fleming '44
Theresa Hill Udelhofen '45
Sister Mary Austin Dougherty '45
Mary Ann Phelan Cahill '45
Carol Sittler Petersen '45
Patricia Beringer Baker '46
Patricia Palubicki Eby '48
Frances Klein Schirmang '48
Barbara Sullivan Jeffers '48
Shirley Tyler Denz '49
Georgia Walkowiak Cantieri '49
Mary Jane Zaucha Storto '49
Theresa Kattner '50
Lorraine Van Remoortere Brown '51
Ann Hartke Strumann '52
Marlene Walz Buffo '52
Marlene Hansen Kolakowski '53
Patricia Rice Stetz '54
Margaret Gallagher Bennett '55
Therese Kehoe Bonner '55
Maureen Dillingham Green '55
Caryl Tiede Johnson '58
Judy Hough Pawlowski '58
Nancy Bertocchini Butler '59
Maureen Heraty Ryan '59
Sharon Morydz Wirth '59
Mary Ann Renzetti Hackett '60
Mary Ann Polizzi Casey '60
Jacqueline Stefani '60
Evelyn Gumler '61
Helen Moore Bauer '61
Marylyn Munao Gabrielle '61
Geraldine Bialon '62
Judy Dixon McGuire '62
Kathleen Bosshart Kuehlhorn '63
Suzanne Schmidt '65 (2005)
Christine Piasecki Ranieri '65 (2006)
Doreen Cameron Anderson '65 (2010)
Genie Simi Heldt '65
Rosemary Johncola '66
Cathy McGill O'Connor '76

Elizabeth Wolf-Wagner '77

MOTHER OF

Jean Carlson Butler '60
Janice Dana Ragio Forbes '63
Lianne Omura Stevens '65
Sandra Kowynia Delcoure '66
Ruth Carlson Jurta '66
Marlene Omura Krick '69
Nancy Gleason Richter '70
Judy Gleason '71
Evie Baran Raffanti '71
Sally Mayerbock Usmani '71
Anne Pusateri Cent '73
Mary Faith Gleason Flahive '73
Mary Pusateri Gonzalez '76
Jane Pusateri Crouse '78
Kathleen Cairns Thornton '81
Kathy Paszkeet Pelot '86

MOTHER IN LAW OF

Florence Getner Vainisi '70

HUSBAND OF

Betty Sittler Bock '47
Helen Hendricks Warren '49
Late Joan Mieschke Maxwell '50
Patricia Wiley Longo '52
Late Patricia Rice Stetz '54
Carol Tarczon Kolssak '59
Irene Salek Page '59
Late Mary Ann Polizzi Casey '60
Ginny Coover Ries '60
Dorothy Schurzman Capiga '61
Barbara Godzich Peters '61
Penny Whalen Machnick '62
Lucille Buss Smith '63
Barbara Lobello Ruccia '66
Colleen McVerry Melkonian '69
Patty Osgood Hinman '72

FATHER OF

Jean Tumino LaMantia '59
Margaret Cednik Cardile '65
Janet Borghesi Starr '65
Ann Cednik Cardile '71

FATHER IN LAW OF

Jan LaRocca Robertson '71
Susan Szczepanski Watt '86

GRANDMOTHER OF

Jenipher Hudak Savage '89

GRANDFATHER OF

Yolanda Bustamante '86

SON OF

Jackie Martinec Clark '60



DAUGHTER OF

Diane Bork Sungail '52
Regina Rafetto Durlak '66

SISTER OF

Late Gloria Hansen Kish '49
Jean Hansen Batke '50
Late Sister Emmanuel Kattner '52 SSSF
Adria Moore Hanus '58
Elizabeth Brown '61
Nina Stefani Fontana '66
Patti McGill Veach '71
Donna Bialon Clas '75

SISTER IN LAW OF

Mary Rose Vito Maggiore '60
Cathy O'Connor '74
Mary O'Connor '78

BROTHER OF

Margaret Mary George Cain '49
Bernadette Sulgit '58
Mary Sulgit Mallon '60
Eileen Monahan Martorano '60
Rosalie Sulgit Shay '63
Donna Hicks DeFyn '71
Nancy Hicks Zak '74
Karen Skrzypczynski '81

BROTHER IN LAW OF

Florence Mischke Bostick '48
Dolores Salek '57
Mary McVerry Rubino '60
Marjorie Salek Richards '62
Eileen McVerry Brosnan '63
Patricia McVerry Picardi '65
Carol McVerry Riesch '66
Dorothy Coover Anderson '69

AUNT OF

Judy Cahill Kagan '60

COUSIN OF

Lois Theis Kawell '39
Joan Theis '47
Denise Benschish '59
Mary Grimes '65
Pat Grimes '69

FACULTY

Sister Georganne Kullowitsch SSSF

SPECIAL FRIEND

Sister Shirley Patzelt SSSF

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them O Lord

MEMORIALS AND DONATIONS

In memory of **Sister Shirley Patzelt**, a donation of \$50.00 to the SSSF Retirement Fund by the **Alvernia Alumnae Association** .

In memory of **Sister Vitalis**, a donation of \$50.00 to the Alvernia Alumnae Association by **Linda Jacobson Pyne '66**.

In memory of my grandmother, **Elaine Dixon Matuszak, Class of 1939**, a donation of \$100.00 to the Alvernia Alumnae Association by **Patricia Matuszak Elliott**.

In memory of and in honor of a dear classmate **Shirley Tyler Denz, Class of 1949**, a donation to the SSSF Retirement Fund by her friends and classmates, **Donna, Jackie, Joan, Marge, Noreen, Priscilla**.

In memory of **Mary Jane Zaucha Storto '49** a donation of \$10.00 to the SSSF Retirement Fund by **Joanne Nuguli O'Donovan '49**.

In memory of my cousin, **Lorraine Heck**, a donation of \$100.00 to the SSSF Retirement Fund by **Barbara Voss Dowling '55**.

In memory of **Sister Digna OSF**, a donation of \$20.00 to the SSSF Retirement Fund by **Joanne Trebat Manshreck '55**.

In memory of **Dorothy Schell**, a donation of \$100.00 to SSSF Retirement Fund by **Charlotte Wawrzynski Brown, '59**

In memory of our beloved father, **Frank Cednik**, a donation of \$100.00 to SSSF Retirement Fund by daughters **Margaret Cednik Cardile '65** and **Ann Cednik Cardile '71**.

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Donated by the following.....\$2,483.00

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Janet Elder Peppi '55
Alice Jasionowski Beck '55
Marilyn Masura Burbach '55
Teresa Coutre '55
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Eileen Heraty Forsythe '56
Joan Quigley Roti '56
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Jeanette Sarat Shust '61
Nancy Lauer Morrison '61
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Mary McGovern Ciezadlo '63
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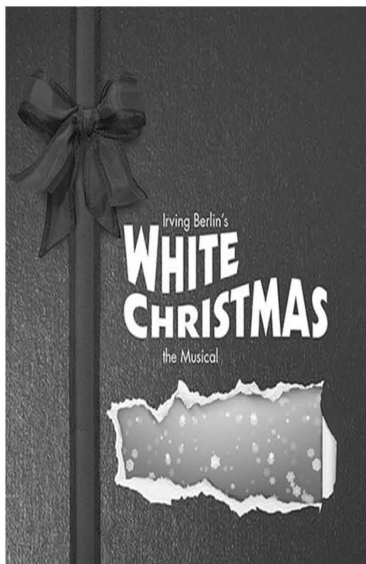
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City, State _____
Zip _____ Class Year _____

JOIN THE ALVERNIA ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

AT DRURY LANE OAKBROOK THEATRE

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2015



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

TICKETS \$53.00 PER PERSON

We have a limited number of tickets available.

Deadline is October 4, 2015

Celebrate the holiday season with Irving Berlin's White Christmas, the merry and bright stage production based on the classic silver screen romantic comedy. When two former Army buddies, who are now Broadway performers, follow a sister act booked at a charming Vermont Inn, they soon discover that it is owned by their former commander. With no snow and no customers, the General is nearly bankrupt. To save the lodge, the two acts team up and put on a festive show packed with Irving Berlin favorites like *Blue Skies*, *Count Your Blessings*, *I Love a Piano*, and, of course, *White Christmas*. White Christmas is joyful entertainment for the entire family and will have audiences dreaming of tree tops glistening and sleigh bells in the snow.

RESERVATION FORM

NAME _____ **CLASS** _____

ADDRESS _____ **CITY** _____ **ZIP** _____

PHONE _____ **EMAIL** _____

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

The very latest we can accept reservations (providing tickets are available) is 7 days before the performance. No exceptions. Tickets not sold by that time must be returned to the theatre so seating with the group is also not guaranteed. In order to avoid disappointment, please reserve early. Reservation deadline is **October 4, 2015**.

SELECT CHOICE OF ENTRÉE

Roast Turkey Sliced Breast with Gravy, Herb Stuffing & Cranberries

Grilled Boneless Pork Chops, Apple Sauerkraut, Rosemary Demi Glace

All entrees include salad, chef's selection of garden vegetables, potato, fresh baked bread, dessert and choice of one beverage. **VEGETARIAN or GLUTEN FREE ENTREES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST**

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 10 days prior to the event. Tickets will be presented to you during lunch.



**Alvernia Alumnae Association
Financial Report
August 1, 2014– July 31, 2015**

Balance as of August 1, 2014 **\$7,561.48**

Receipts

Membership Dues	\$19,050.00
Luncheon	29,305.00
Luncheon Raffles	9,823.00
Prize Donations	4,715.00
Mass Donations	70.00
Theater/Lunch 2014	2,668.00
Theater/Lunch 2015	583.00
Alumnae Donations	270.00
Logo Items	643.00
Ads	25.00
SSSF Individual Donations	5,748.00
Total Receipts	\$72,900.00

Since 1992 Alvernia remains Alive through the generous support of thousands of graduates. Our semi-annual issue of *Alvernia Alive* is mailed in Fall and Winter/Spring to over 7000 alumnae. Your generous support makes it possible for us to continue to support the School Sisters of St. Francis. This year we were able to make a donation of \$20,000 to the Sisters' Retirement Fund.

Key Sources of Revenue are:

- Membership Dues
- Annual Spring Luncheon
- Individual Donations

The financial future continues to be challenged by rises in prices for postage and printing. It is the dues paid by the alumnae that offset this expense.

Disbursements

SSSF Donations	\$5,748.00
SSSF Retirement Donation	20,000.00
OLMC Rent	300.00
Postage & Presort Services	8,300.00
Operating Expenses	784.82
Memorial Mass	356.77
Theater/Lunch 2014	2,383.20
Theater/Lunch Deposit 2015	340.00
Luncheon	23,344.44
Prepaid Luncheon 2016	1,827.34
Logo items	150.00
Event insurance	285.00
Miscellaneous	515.83
Total Disbursements	\$64,335.40

This year's luncheon was attended by 569 attendees at a new location in Palatine, The Cotillion. This was an increase of 135 from the previous year.

Plans are now underway for the 24nd Annual Luncheon to be held on April 17, 2016 again at the Cotillion. Save the date!

In order to keep Alvernia Alive, we encourage all of you to continue sending in your dues and plan on supporting our other upcoming events:

- Memorial Mass - November 1, 2015
- Our Lady, Mother of the Church
- Theater/Lunch "White Christmas" November 12, 2015
- Drury Lane Oak Brook

Balance as of July 31, 2015 **\$16,126.08**

May the Lord bless and keep each and every one of you!

Forms for dues, the Spring Luncheon or Drury Lane can be found on our website at:
www.alverniaalumnae.org

Pat Grimes, '69
Financial Director

ALVERNIA ALUMNAE MAKING A DIFFERENCE.....

Mary Ann Phelan Cahill, Class of 1945 died in October 2014. Her niece, **Judy Cahill Kagan, Class of 1960**, wanted to share the story of her favorite aunt with our alumnae. (It was Mary Ann's great love of and pride in Alvernia that convinced Judy that she too wanted to attend high school there.)

Mary Ann, mother of 11 children and 17 grandchildren, was one of the founders of the La Leche League in 1956. She along with six other women in Franklin Park, IL helped found the advocacy and support group that became La Leche League International. She wrote the first manual for the League after the women decided they could no longer keep up with the demand for information by writing individual letters back to the many mothers asking for help. She was the author of *Seven Voices, One Dream*, an oral history of the League in the words of the founders, *The Heart Has Its Own Reasons*, mothering wisdom for the 1980's and numerous articles. She was an emeritus member of the Board.

She and her small group began an organization that would become a community of mothers guiding and nurturing each other through their parenting journeys; an organization that supports scientific research, sells accessible nursing wear, maintains online forums, and helps millions of parents in over 60 countries. Mary Ann and her husband were leaders in the Christian Family Movement at St. Joseph's in Libertyville. She helped establish the St. Vincent De Paul Society at the Church of Holy Apostles in McHenry where she lived for the past 25 years. Mary Ann was recognized as A Catholic Woman of Inspiration by the McHenry Deanery Council of Catholic Women in 2014.

Judith Wampach Amberg, Director of Saint Viator High School Alumni Relations Emeritus (formerly Sister Peter Lenore, SSSF from 1960-1972) - First of all I commend all of you involved with the Alumnae Association for the work you do to keep your alumnae connected and engaged. I am a former SSSF and have a special place in my heart for all things related to the School Sisters. I was moved when I heard *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* on your website.

I have worked with several of your alumnae over the years and have always been impressed with their knowledge, talent, energy and generosity of spirit in the ways they serve God's people. One of those alumnae is **Eileen McDermott Manno '69**.

Eileen McDermott Manno '69 of Mount Prospect, IL has been a teacher, counselor, assistant principal and principal at St. Viator's High School in Arlington Hts, IL for 32 years. During her current tenure as principal, the school has been the recipient of two back to back Blue Ribbon Awards. The school's average ACT score has been 26 or higher for the last five years.

At the recent **10th Annual Night of the Lion** at the Stonegate Banquet and Conference Centre, Eileen was the **Night of the Lion** honoree in thanks for her decades of dedication to the school. Eileen thanked the School Sisters in her acceptance speech. Through the honoree video, many other members of the Saint Viator community also thanked and praised Eileen for the difference she has made in the lives of countless young people.

Donna DeNicolo Eckert '69, Fort Wayne, IN. (submitted by her sister Jacki DeNicolo McKay '66)

For the last 2 years Donna has dedicated weekly hours to Kingston Residence (an Assisted Living Community in Ft. Wayne, IN) as a volunteer giving manicures to the ladies, assisting in serving at social functions and transporting residents, wheel chairs & walkers on 'Field Trips'. She has this passion for collecting aprons and decided to share some with the residents. Along with little nostalgic items tucked into each pocket and donned in her June Cleaver pearls and earrings she presents what she calls *Apron Chronicles*. Changing aprons and checking each pocket she pulls out a small jar with buttons, a birthday candle or clothes pin sparking happy memories for these elderly residents (some of whom have dementia/Alzheimer's).

My favorite is when she puts on the apron from her wedding and tells of the Polish Tradition where everyone makes a circle around the Bride and Groom, the veil is removed as an apron is put on designating she is now a wife. During this time everyone sings *Let Me Call You Sweetheart*. This brought a sparkle in their eyes as one, then another, started singing and remembering youthful years of long ago.



Who would think aprons and antique trinkets could bring so much joy? Donna did! And what does she say? "My cup runneth over; so blessed to have Kingston in my life and for the privilege of being able to serve them at this stage in their lives."

By word of mouth she was asked to present *Apron Chronicles* to a second facility.

Lord, Make Me An Instrument of Your Peace

UPCOMING REUNIONS



Class of 1941—75th Reunion—No information at this time. Class Rep Needed

Class of 1946—70th Reunion—No information at this time. **Class Rep Dolores Geegan Grabe, 847-577-3990**
deegrab@juno.com,

Class of 1951—65th Reunion— No specific plans at this time. **Class Rep Ann Kerrigan Touhy, 847-647-8309,**
ann-touhy@sbcglobal.net

Please contact Ann if you are interested in a reunion luncheon on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon in Spring of 2016. All and any ideas welcome!

Class of 1956—60th Reunion—No specific plans at this time, **Class Rep Sheila Duggan Dworak, 847-674-4251,**
shebru7@comcast.net

2016 is a big year for the Class of 1956. We will be celebrating the 60th anniversary of our graduation from Alvernia. Your ideas for this celebration are needed to mark this very special occasion. Please contact Sheila Duggan Dworak with your suggestions. We hope to include plans for our 60th anniversary celebration in the Spring issue of *Alvernia Alive*.

Class of 1961—55th Reunion—*Celebrating at the April 17, 2016 Annual Luncheon. Suggestions for additional events please contact*—Class Rep Peg Anderson Smykowski, 630-620-1777, pegsmy@comcast.net

Class of 1966—50th Reunion—*Celebrating at the April 17 2016 Annual Luncheon.* Class Rep Susan Mindak Ellinger, 773-775-3629, sellinger9@aol.com, See Page 10

Class of 1971—45th Reunion—No specific plans at this time. See Page 10 Class Rep Judy Skotzko, 773-685-3672, jskotzko@sbcglobal.net

Class of 1976—40th Reunion—No information at this time, **Class Rep Angela Diaz Kay, 708-456-4910,**
Kay.angela@sbcglobal.net

Class of 1981—35th Reunion—No information at this time, **Class Rep Angela Kordik, 847-902-434**
AngelaKordik@comcast.net

Class of 1986—30th Reunion—No information at this time, **Class Rep Maria Balogh McElhone, 815-254-4075**
dolly2502@hotmail.com

Reunion Chairpersons—**Please let Barbara Annoreno (847-577-6259 or oneronna@comcast.net)** know if you require anything additional for your reunion class the day of the luncheon. Items such as display tables, easels etc. *must be reserved prior to the luncheon. Thank you!*

Note: You can also advertise your reunions on our website. Contact our webmaster Barbara Petrowski. See inside cover of this newsletter for contact info. Our website is www.alverniaalumnae.org.

*****SOME IMPORTANT NEWS*****

For over 20 years we have been fortunate to have J.S. Paluch Company (**Late Mickey McBride Paluch '40**) cover the entire costs of printing our newsletter. As we all know costs of everything have risen, so beginning with this issue we will have to pay for the cost of printing. We are very grateful for the years of generosity and are thankful that they will still be giving us a heavily discounted and very reasonable price.

We are very appreciative of all who pay their annual dues and hope that more of our alums who enjoy this publication will do so. Thank you!

CLASS OF 1966



LET US CELEBRATE TOGETHER OUR 50TH REUNION IN 2016!

We have many great ideas in which to celebrate our 50th Reunion, but the best idea and hopes for a great reunion, is for you to attend and celebrate with us. We cannot celebrate a wonderful 50th of memories without **you**. If you have attended the All School Alvernia Reunions before, or attended any of our '66 private reunions for our 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th and 30th, you know it is like going back to Alvernia....meeting old friends and making new friends.

1st Reunion for our 50th, will be celebrated at the Annual Luncheon at **The Cotillion in Palatine, IL on Sunday, April 17th, 2016**. Information for 4/17/16 can be found in this issue of *Alvernia Alive*. In addition, if we have your current email address, we will send updated information about our class's celebration the weekend of 4/16-4/17/16. We might also find a hotel near The Cotillion, where we can block off rooms, and the 66ers who might want to stay a night or two would be able to book a room and share expenses with a classmate.

2nd Reunion Celebration for 66ers 50th reunion hopefully will take place the weekend of 9/16/16 as a destination reunion near O'Hare Airport. Plans for this reunion are still being worked on and also we hope to have it as a very casual weekend; .like going back to our pajama party days.

I have been working on updating information on the Class of 1966...full names, address, home/cell phones and emails. If you have not heard from me, by the time you receive this Fall *Alvernia Alive*, PLEASE CONTACT ME VIA THE INFORMATION AT THE BOTTOM OF THIS ARTICLE. Some of you may think your information that I have is correct, but again if you have not spoken with me, emailed me or messaged me on Facebook, I need confirmation for the info I am requesting. Also, if you have information on other 66ers, please just send me their names, and I will see if I need updates.

If you are on **Facebook**, would appreciate that you ask for my friendship **Susan Mindak Ellinger** on FB. Alvernia Class' 66 is the private group we have, and in order to be added, I need an FB friendship with you.

So many things to do...so many ideas to go over for our Celebration. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP IN MAKING REUNION PLANS...Please contact me via my information below. The more 66ers help out in organizing, the less work for everyone.

Thank you very much for your possible attendance, your updated information sent to me and most important just being a GREAT 66er! Always remember our **20 Class of 1966 Guardian Angels**—we will honor them at each reunion.

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CLASS OF 1971

Don't Miss Out!

The Class of 1971 will be celebrating our **45th** next year! Where does the time go?

Right now we're thinking of repeating our "mix 'n match" celebration that we had for our 40th, with events centered around the weekend of the **Spring Luncheon on April 17, 2016**.

If you have any ideas, or would like to work on an event, please send an email to jskotzko@sbcglobal.net.

Thanks!

CLASS OF '65 TOURS 'OLD' ALVERNIA – BEGINS 50TH REUNION

The Class of 1965 began our 50th Reunion festivities Saturday, April 18, with 46 alums touring our former school building. Now occupied by Chicago Public Schools, it houses the Disney II Magnet High and Thurgood Marshall Middle Schools. We were enthusiastically welcomed back by the current principal.

A quick recap for those who have not been to our alma mater: the auditorium looks much the same though without statues, the old cafeteria is still up on the 4th floor (now a Library, see picture to left), Gym (looks the same except for the new shower rooms). Admiring the restored and renewed condition, we visited the Music Room – stopping by a Science Lab, Art Room, and classrooms in both the old and new wings, to the Library (now a preschool room) and then down to Alumnae Hall (now a Cafeteria) - sharing stories and laughs along the way. The warm wooden doorways are still present, and the hallways looked the same. Our walk down Memory Lane was priceless. Many were touched by being present at “Alvernia,” as if time had stood still and we were all 18 again. It’s good to know the building has largely retained its charm and is being used for a good purpose.



After the tour we gathered for pizza continuing the stories and excitement. It was fun to catch up with old friends and to meet gals we hadn’t known that well in school, yet with whom we now celebrated the common bond of our teen-age years!!

Sunday morning nearly 40 met for Mass at St. Thomas of Villanova Church in Palatine, where a classmate is in the music ministry. The Mass was in memory of the 23 deceased members of our class. We received a special welcome from the pastor and the amazing choir even led us in singing St. Francis’ *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* before Mass began. It was a truly beautiful, awesome experience and was so nice to be praying together, once again. The experience touched our hearts.



We next gathered for the Alumnae Luncheon at the Cotillion and our numbers doubled—new faces to recognize, excitement to share, and hugs to exchange. (See class photo.) True to our Class Motto, *“Let me not neglect any good that I can do, for I shall not pass this way again,”* we collected over \$1000 as a Gift to the School Sisters’ Retirement Fund.

To continue 24 classmates headed to the nearby **Buffalo Restaurant in Buffalo Grove**, for ice cream sundaes, to linger a little longer. As baby-boomers, our class was the largest Alvernia had ever seen. Our graduates numbered 367. Over these two days, nearly 90 of us attended one or more of the wonderful events of this 50th Reunion celebration. Seventeen of us came from out-of-state. We enjoyed our time together and will continue in September for a final 50th reunion in downtown Chicago.

The planning committee, headed up by our **Class Rep Janet Borghesi**, consisted of 9 classmates total. We are planning follow-up activities for the weekend of September 19-20 in downtown Chicago. Some who attended in April will be back, but others will also attend. We’re hoping to see many of our classmates there!



Class of 1956 "Ladies Who Lunch" Resumes!

The "Ladies Who Lunch" have enjoyed gatherings that took us last fall to Rivers Casino, Arlington Park Race Track, wine tasting at Coopers Hawk and this spring an exciting tour of the Rotblatt-Amrany Studio in Highwood led by sculptor Louis Cella, son of classmate **Betty Banas Cella**. On September 2, the Class of 1956 "Ladies Who Lunch" resumed with a tour of the Chicago Botanic Gardens followed by lunch in the Garden Cafe. These gatherings generally include 12 to 15 classmates and are full of camaraderie and wonderful "old Alvernia" tales. We are always looking for Ideas for additional luncheon gatherings.

Sheila Duggan Dworak , Class Rep, for 1956, 847-674-4251, shebru7@comcast.net

SNIPPETS

Josephine Heagney Kuffel, '42 Crowley, TX Thank you to all the fine ladies who work so hard keeping the Alvernia Days alive and well! The photo is of me on my 90th birthday of life. Please share it with Sister Kate, letting her know she is still on my list of favorites who had habits!



Chuck Eby sent a note about his mother, **Patricia Palubicki Eby, Class of 1948**, who died recently. He wanted to say thank you to all who are involved with putting *Alvernia Alive* together as well as the many luncheons and reunions. Patricia would read the newsletter from cover to cover and attended many luncheons. She would then tell her son about all the good times she had meeting with everyone. "God Bless you and the rest of the staff."

News from Class of 1951

Jackie Huening Gibbons continues her annual trip to Las Vegas.

Mary Zelenka is back home from rehab after a nasty fall that resulted in surgery on her leg.

Dee Sasenik Smagatz welcomed her 9th great grandchild!

Rosemarie Urbanus Beedy '51, Arlington Hts, IL Earlier this year appeared on a TV public service announcement for the Secretary of State encouraging people to be organ donors. Rosemarie's eyesight was deteriorating and because her daughter chose to be an organ donor she received her terminally ill daughter's corneas and now is able to see her grandchildren.

Georgia Lewis Leese '52, Chicago, IL and her husband Jack celebrated 60 years of marriage on August 27, 2015 and shared this special event in the Chicago Tribune Celebrations page. Congratulations!

Anny Gottwald Riley '59, Bloomingdale, IL "loved the new place for our luncheon; easy to get to, great service and delicious food. Hope we continue to have the event at The Cotillion. Always fun seeing the Class of 1959."

Josephine Giuliano Conlon, '60 Evanston, IL "Thank you for keeping the Alvernia spirit alive by helping us stay in touch through the news bulletins. Peace be with you."

Linda Stanley Lakars '65, LaGrange Park, IL "I always enjoy reading the Newsletter. You all are doing a fantastic job—Thank you!"

Linda Jacobsen Payne, '66 Brooklyn Park, MN, There were many good and inspiring women in the class before me, who are celebrating 50 years this year.

The women who came before me (and my class) blazed a trail for us. Just knowing they really, really cared about us, made Alvernia special. Of course—our wonderful School Sisters of St. Francis shaped us into the women we are today. **Sister Vitalis** was a huge influence on me. Hope the class of 1965 had a beautiful reunion. Blessings, Peace, Joy!

Betty Baumgartner Bergeron '68 , Glenview, IL (Pat) "Thank you for all the work you do for the Alvernia Alumnae Association. Sister Vitalis would be so proud that 'her girls' are carrying on so well. Blessings."

Have you moved? Are you moving soon? Or, do you know an alumna who is not receiving our semi-annual newsletter and would like to? The Post Office does not forward bulk mail and sometimes we do not know that you have moved. And, if you have changed your phone or email, please use the form below for those updates.

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

Judy Skotzko—jskotzko@sbcglobal.net
5306 W. Carmen Avenue
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First Name _____ **Maiden Name** _____ **Last Name** _____

Address _____ **Class** _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Telephone _____ **email** _____

CLASS NEWS

Celebrating our 60th Reunion

Front Row

Elsa Maestranzi, Diane Kitowski Losinski, Marge Tadel, Cecile Wanders Starzyk, MaryAnn Ulm Rosso, Carolyn Butzen Grosch, Patricia Kubistal, Mary Richards Jantke, Row 2 Shirley Wagner Jacksack, Mary Dolan Leveille, Sue Rehak, Darlene Olsen Slowik, Diane Keslinke Weindorf, Helen Krohl Mikos, Back Row Mary Dalton Uccello, Claudia Lussem Farrell, Pat Feeney Kimberley, Joan Walz Barsella, Connie Musial Sparkowski, Barbara Voss Dowling, Kathleen Finerty Pater, S. Bernadette Luecker, Loraine Schamberger Kurek, Ellen Rae Jablinsky Tomich, Carol Utter Busch



The Class of '55 lost a very distinguished classmate this April, **Teri, Anamae Kehoe, Bonner**. She was distinguished from the very beginning of freshman year as she came in the middle of the year and wore a deep navy blue uniform unlike the rest of us in royal blue. She proceeded to ingratiate herself in all the various groups of our class, college prep and business students, music conservatory students, gym jocks, debaters etc. By senior year everyone knew who Teri was but she knew practically everyone in our class.

After graduation she joined the Alumnae Association and later with a few friends organized our 5th year reunion and then proceeded to organize reunions every 5 years. She was our class rep for most all wakes and funerals. After Alvernia closed, she learned that Immaculata held a luncheon every year even though their school was closed. Never one to resist a challenge against Immaculata, she invited several classes to a pizza party where those attending were interested in re-starting the Alvernia Alumnae Association. So in 1992 with Sister Vitalis it began again. Unfortunately, Teri's bi-polar problem resurfaced many times throughout the years and eventually left her in a nursing home with many challenges. Barbara Annoreno graciously accepted the role of Director of the Alumnae Association again, a position she held for many years previously. Teri was a cohesive force that held our class together enjoying our pizza/birthday parties every year for the last 20 years. She will be missed.

******Kudos to you Class of '55****** as you outdid yourselves to meet the challenge to have greater attendance at the luncheon than the Class of '60 which made the challenge. We had 28 from a class of 238 and they had 40 from a class of 348. We beat them by a small margin. **YOU ARE THE BEST!**

Pat Feeney Kimberley, Class of 1955

Class of 1963 Celebrates a Special Birthday on April 18, 2015

On a sunny April afternoon, twenty-eight members of the Alvernia Class of 1963 celebrated their 70th birthdays. Our reserved space at the Wilmette Country Club provided a wonderful setting to enjoy a variety of appetizers, sip a glass of wine, and renew old friendships. Most of those present were from the Chicago area with a few coming from out of state.



The birthday cake was a special order. There were two delicious cakes: chocolate cake in the shape of the number "7" and yellow cake shaped in the number "0". Vases of yellow roses and white daisies (our class flowers) decorated the tables around the perimeter of the room. Classmates moved from table to table, sharing fond memories of our four years at Alvernia along with stories of families and retirements. Our class of 1963 have moved into a new decade with positive energy and renewed gratitude for God's many blessings in our lives. **Mary Sue McGovern Ciezadlo**

**Mary Jo Rice, Carol Scaturro
DiFatta, Marianne Aiken,
Michele Powers Prange**



**Joan Dietze An-
derson & Julie
Dietze Hess**

**Pat Lydon, Terry O'Hagan Balsamo,
Susan Szumny Stanislawski, Janet Bod-
den Raczka Lucille Buss Smith, Marilyn
Matusek, Mary Sue McGovern Ciezadlo**



What a great day we all had at our new luncheon home, **The Cotillion in Palatine**. The location, parking, service and food were all good. Next year the Luncheon will be **Sunday, April 17, 2016**, and I hope that you begin planning for the **55th Anniversary** of our graduation in 2016. We are looking for some suggestions if you would like something in addition to the Luncheon. Please see the list of missing classmates on page 15.

We had a great group this year that included:

Julie Smith Gopon: planning on a lot of back and forth travel this past summer between Texas/Illinois and other parts of the U.S. with family celebrations through July.

Betty Grudzien: her first luncheon in seven years and looking forward to attending next year.

Joan Glotzbach Kuersten: I joined the Northwest Choral Society last September. You may include the link to my show's video. **It's http://youtu.be/Vl_0y0qZg**

Maryellen Pickens McCants: Celebrating their 53rd Wedding anniversary in June and taking a European river tour in the fall.

Kitti Schaefer Miller: her first luncheon, Kitti is still enjoying her flight attendant job for American Airlines.

Karen Dougherty Mocarski: liked the location better after she finally arrived, MapQuest was a little mixed up.

Nancy Lauer Morrison: it was fun to see everyone we should get together more often.

Betty Heraty Pellikan: I had a wonderful time at the reunion and. I hope more women will join us for our 55th.

Sharon Wapole Phillips: I continue to teach Adult ESL classes which is most rewarding. My husband and I enjoy traveling especially with our adult children and grandchildren. There was talk at the luncheon of our classmates getting together in November which sounds like a great idea. Alvernia friendships are the best.

Kathy Flemming Rein: On Wednesday April 15th I was laid off from my position of 17 years due to the governor's cuts in social services. I see it as a forced retirement for which I wasn't quite ready, so spending an enjoyable afternoon with friends and former classmates was helpful. Last year my husband and I won a silent auction item which included plane tickets, hotel for two nights and tickets to the San Francisco Opera. We extended our stay and travelled though the wine country. We found it very beautiful. Luncheon in the latter part of October or early November sounds great. Sharon Wapole Phillips and I will be travelling to Florida early October to visit with Jeannette Pochacz Golemba.

Kay Lesperance Schmidt: We all had a nice time, and I am hoping that we will be able to get together in the fall.

Mary Heffernan Sieger: I had a wonderful time at the luncheon. (Traveled from Houston, Texas, and had interesting things to

say about Francis B. Roth's [Rothluebber/ex-Sister Francis Borgia] book *Nobody Owns Me*.)

Peggy Anderson Smykowski: I really liked the new location and was happy to see more attendees, but without two full tables some were at another table shared with class of '62 making communication difficult at times.

My husband and I were lucky to have the opportunity to go back to Hawaii this summer and grateful for good health. Looking forward to a big group for our 55th!!

Judy Wagner Zlatic: (Traveled from Indiana.) It's just great that Alvernia still has this luncheon after so many years. Seeing classmates again after a very long time is (as the commercial goes) priceless. Next year is our 55th, and I'd be happy to return to the Cotillion for this celebration.

Spoke to a few classmates recently:

Betty Look Merkes, Madison, WI. She has been working at the same company for 36 years as Office Manager doing everything necessary to keep their Dairy Industry Newspaper running smoothly. Living a few blocks from work and being able to walk is her exercise routine that is working well. In her spare time she is on the board for her condo association which is doable with the great property manager they have. Betty has one sister in Wadsworth, IL, and one in Schaumburg, IL, and they try to get together once in a while but trips get fewer and far between.

Pat Weber Dziedzic, Schaumburg, IL, wanted to say "HI" to everyone.

Dorothy Schurzman Capiga, West Chicago. Dorothy's husband passed away in February and her routine changes are still in progress. Dorothy manages to keep busy with her children and grandchildren. She visits her son, his wife and their two children ages 4 & 5 in Arizona, and enjoys keeping up with her son, his wife and their two children ages 8 & 12 in Aurora, IL.

Diane Castronovo Daumer, Chicago, IL, enjoys working part time since retiring from Illinois Masonic after 30 years.

Carol Guligowski Glanz, Wheaton, IL, "Carol Leonard Bullis and I are going to Poland and it includes doing a river cruise this July. We can't wait. Should be lots of fun. If you do a fall trip let me know. I'm having company for a visit, but you never know."

Jeanette Sarat Shust, Palatine, IL, is recuperating from recent surgery. She is proud of her 13 year old granddaughter, Allie, and is looking forward to being able to enjoy her new grandson, Jimmy, born June 30, 2015.

CLASS OF 1961 continues.....

The luncheon group discussed getting together more often, maybe something simple in the fall. We arranged a get together on a **Sunday, October 25, 2015**, and plan to make it a regular thing going forward

Please help us find information on these classmates:

Eva Acs
 Elaine R. Bischof
 Patricia Burregi
 Mary C. Crall
 Rosalind Crawley

Kathleen Eick Parr
 Mary Gavin
 Marilyn Gromkowski
 Theresa Grzyb
 Kristine Hack
 Naurene Hall
 Patricia Hintz
 Donna Hoyne
 Nancy Jeka Murphy
 Margaret Johnson Maneckshaw
 Christine Kozlowski
 Roberta Laskowski Achtermeir
 Mary Patricia Lewis Zacher
 Jean Manthie Marshall
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 Donna Mae Nieb Leach
 Charlene Nothdorft
 Susan Ruet Larsen
 Barbara Jean Ryan
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 Mary Shannon
 Virginia Tarbit Grocki
 Nancy Thiede
 Rita Turk Weakley
 Mildred Wrocinski
 Frances Underkofler
 Concetta Vasta



PICTURED: Group - Standing (l-r): Peg, Julie, Maryellen, Kay, Kathleen, Karen, Judy, Mary, Sharon, & Joan – Seated (l-r) Betty H., Kitti, Nancy & Betty G.



There is a cluster group from the **Alvernia Class of '63** that lives, winters or vacations in Florida. We met for lunch on January 31, 2015 at Marina Jack Restaurant in Sarasota, Florida from 11:30 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.. We enjoyed ourselves so much so that now we plan to **SAVE THE DATE** each year on the last Saturday in January, same place, same time. If you plan to be near Sarasota on that date in 2016, contact **Bettyann Giunta Hamilton** at bettyannhamilton@yahoo.com.

L to R: Diane Lesperance Krajenta, Marilyn Januchowski Neale, Bettyann Giunta Hamilton, Marilyn Reminieci Lundquist, Jeannette Brown Liotta, Mary Beth Wasmund Johnson, Vikki Meccia Truskoski, Linda Carlson Espinosa, Joanne Eannarino Melville, and Christine Tischler Friedrich. Not Pictured: Jane Smessaert Murrell.



Hail Alvernia!



Alvernia Pictures, Class of 1965 School Tour,
 Left to Right
 Gym, Music Room
 Auditorium



New Beginnings, Old Memories

From the comments of many, most everyone loved the new location, convenient parking and delicious food! Of course there were a few glitches but they will be worked out next year. Overall we were all delighted with The Co-tillion. Remember to save the date of April 17, 2016 for our 24th Annual Alvernia Luncheon.

We had a great attendance, partly due to the Class of 1965's reunion group of 84! You can read all about their reunion weekend on page 11 and see their pictures on pages 11 and 15.

Sister Kate Brenner, Our Moderator, welcomed everyone with the following:

Rejoice, Rejoice and again I say Rejoice, Dear Women of Alvernia, as you celebrate "New Beginnings and cherish Old Memories"

I have had the privilege of listening to many of your stories and among your memories are the countless ways School Sisters of St. Francis have touched your life. I want you to know, that you, dear women, have made a difference in our lives just by having the privilege of your presence in untold ways.

Among them are the gifts you have shared and with which you continue to bless our many retired sisters. In the past 23 years, gifts from individuals, class reunions, and the annual luncheon now total \$3,066,377.00. It is with hearts full of gratitude that we thank you for your generosity on their behalf.

I wish to extend deep gratitude to the Alvernia Alumnae Association Board and all their helpers for their generosity in countless ways, year after year in bringing everyone together for your annual luncheon celebration.

Our gift to each of you, those present and those unable to be with us, is a daily remembrance in prayer for you and your loved ones.

Let us join hands as we offer our meal prayer:

*Gracious and Loving God, we give thanks for this cherished moment of celebration.
We ask your blessing on this food and all those who will share in bringing it to our table.
May it nourish us and give us life so that we may continue to be your presence
to all those whose lives we touch each day.*

Dear Women of Alvernia and all here present:

*May God Bless you and Keep you.
May God's Face Shine upon you.
May God Give You Peace. Amen! Alleluia!*



The Alumnae Association was able to send \$20,000.00 as our 2015 luncheon contribution to the Retirement Fund of the School Sisters of St. Francis. There are currently over 390 retired sisters who need care and the financial challenge is immense. The Alumnae Association received a letter of thanks from Sister Maureen McCarthy, Vice President and Pamela L. Mueller, Director of Mission Advancement. The Alumnae of Alvernia High School are certainly a group of wonderful and generous women!

**23rd Annual Alumnae Luncheon
April 19, 2015
Cash Prize Donations**



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Susan Schell Cargill '59
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Diana Liska Kost '59
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Andrea Zwierzyna Gagliani '65
Sue Mindak Ellinger '66
Mary Hojnacki '68

Mary Granssart '89
Sandra Wilson
Darlene DuBrock Wood
Class of '69 Breakfast Bunch
Class of 1970

Please pardon any misspellings or omissions.



Some New Faces Join the Alvernia Alumnae Board of Directors

We are very happy to welcome **Susan Mindak Ellinger '66** and **Eileen Lowery '71** to the Alumnae Board. Many thanks to **Kathy Bunce '75** for her years as a board member responsible for Publicity.

Due to space constraint, there will be more news in the next issue of *Alvernia Alive* about our 2016 Luncheon. However, we do want to remind you that we welcome your prize donations, gift cards and large empty baskets. Just call or email **Barb Annoreno** at **847-577-6259/oneronna@comcast.net** to make arrangements for drop off of your items before March 1 2016. Thanks very much!

HELP WANTED

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 Table

Alvernia Gift Shop

Raffle ticket sellers at the side tables in ballroom

Distribute raffle prizes to the winners.

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

Pages 19, 20 & 21 contain Pictures of some of the class reunions and other class groups in attendance.

We thank Bill Kruser for taking the pictures at the last minute due to the illness of our former photographer., Bruce Malmin. Thanks to **Judy Fidkowski '70** for connecting us with Bill and assisting him that day.



Class of 1951



Class of 1968





Class of 1970



Class of 1971



Class of 1975



Winter Issue
of newsletter
will have
more luncheon
pictures.



\$25.00 Dues Winner
Darlene Dionne Karales '68

Pot O Gold (5) \$100.00
Jane Lindberg Brill '60
Sister Donna Cerone '60
Pat Feeney Kimberley '55
Peggy Dalton Grzelak '68
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#1



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Platinum Prize Winners

#1 Wood Carving/ Dinner and Show Certificate for *Late Nite Catechism*—Mary Ramel Hoeksema '71

Photo Not
Available
#3

#2 Kindle Fire with Leather Case—Barbara Amburst Nash '65



#4

#3 Keurig 2.0 Model F560 Coffeemaker
Susan Schneider Whiteaker '65

#4—2 PC Samsonite Luggage with \$100.00 Visa Gift Card—Jeanne Freidrichs Roller '57

#5—Huffy 26" Summerland Bike with Helmet & Basket—Linda Burgess Hehir '73



#5

#6—Sterling Silver Earrings & Necklace with Beaded Tote—Donna Severa Schmidt '49



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Pancake Breakfast and Fall Festival

All proceeds benefit School Sisters of St. Francis retirement and ministry needs.
St. Joseph Center, 1501 S. Layton Blvd (27th and Greenfield Avenue), Milwaukee.

All you can eat Pancakes served from 8:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m.
50/50 Raffle, Silent Auction, Homemade bakery, crafts, gifts, imports.
Mass in St. Joseph Chapel—9 a.m.

www.sssf.org for more information.

Chapel Tours Available

Call 414-384-3334

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 can help to accomplish these goals by:

1. Keeping an accurate class list by establishing a network within the class to contact members.
2. Calling classmates to:
 - a) Gather news 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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2016 Luncheon Information

Date: Sunday, April 17, 2016
Cocktail Reception: 11:30 AM
Lunch: 1:00 PM
Place: The Cotillion
 360 S Creekside Drive, Palatine, IL
 Northwest Highway and Route 53

Reservation deadline is **April 8, 2016**
 ADVANCE RESERVATIONS ONLY!

Mail your completed form with your check to:
Alvernia Alumnae Association
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 3712 N Paris Avenue
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Free Parking!

Please complete **ALL** fields below:

Last Name: _____ **First Name:** _____ **Maiden Name:** _____

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

Email Address: _____ @ _____

	How many?	Total
Membership Dues for: 8/1/2015 through 7/31/2016 - \$20.00		\$
Luncheon Tickets: Early Bird – by 02/13/2016 - \$45.00 per person after 02/13/2016 - \$50.00 per person		\$
I am a member of a religious order – Luncheon ticket at \$40.00 per person		\$
I am a former faculty member – Luncheon ticket at \$40.00 per person		\$
I'd like to sponsor a religious to attend - \$40.00 per person		\$
I'd like to make a prize donation.		\$
Total Check Payable to the <i>Alvernia Alumnae Association</i>		\$

All attendees will be seated with their class. If you wish to be seated with someone OTHER than your class, please indicate below:

If you are paying for someone other than yourself please list their names and class year below:

If you have any special dietary needs please indicate below:

Gluten Free Vegetarian Other _____

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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

**Sunday, November 1, 2015
Annual Memorial Mass
and
Fall Gathering**

**Thursday, November 12, 2015
Drury Lane Theater
*White Christmas***

**24th Annual Luncheon
April, 17, 2016
The Cotillion, Palatine, IL**

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