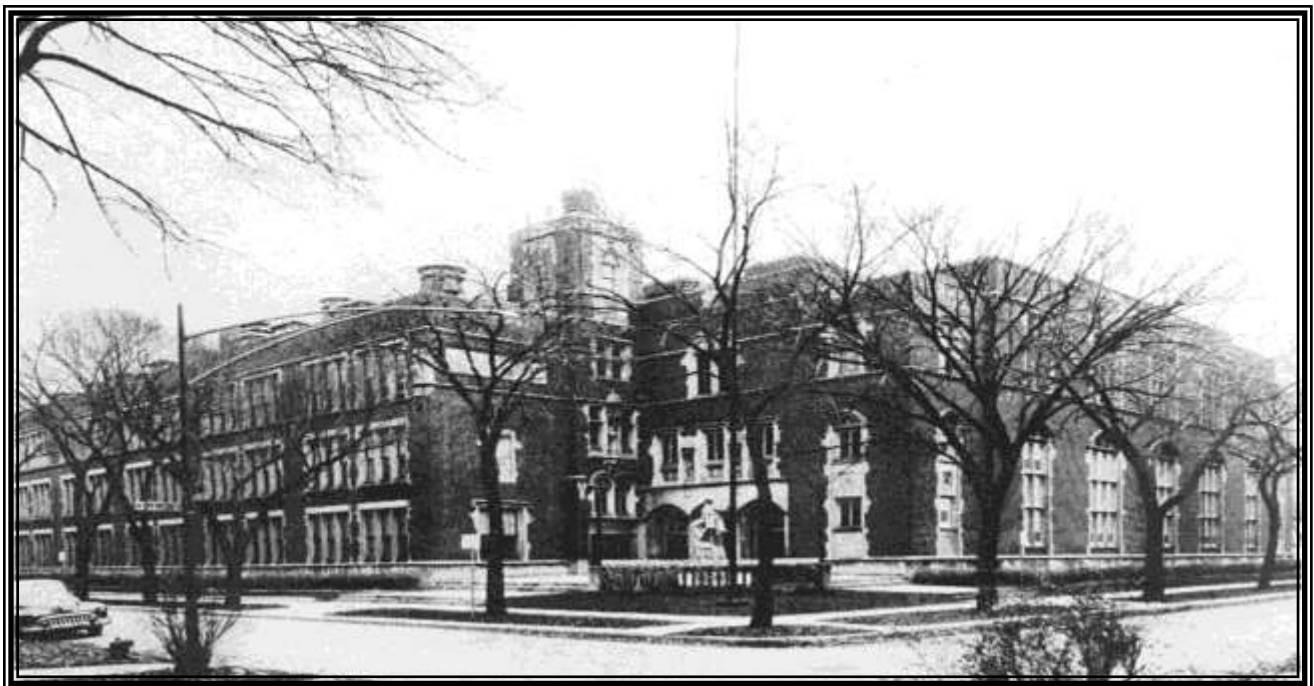


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28th Annual Luncheon
October 16, 2022

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Advance Reservations ONLY! No walk-ins.

UPCOMING REUNIONS



Class of 1947— 75th Reunion— No Information at this time.

Class of 1952— 70th Reunion— *Celebrating at the Annual Luncheon, October 16th, 2022, Class Rep Arlene Plash Muench, See Page 10 -773-282-9639, rgmuench@sbcglobal.net*

Class of 1957— 65th Reunion— No Information at this time. **Class Rep Jeanne Marie Friedrichs Roller 847-439-3570, jmroller@att.net**

Class of 1962— 60th Reunion— *Celebrating at the Annual Luncheon, October 16, 2022. Class Rep Marcy Hammes Mueller 847-635-5668, mommules@aol.com*

Class of 1967— 55th Reunion— No Information at this time. **Class Rep Cheryl Gielarowski Lange Thomson CherylThomsonAZ@aol.com**

Class of 1972— 50th Reunion— No Information at this time. **Class Rep Linda Herbes India 847-778-5342, lindaindia@comcast.net**

Class of 1977— 45th Reunion— No Information at this time. **Class Rep Barbara Mizera Petrowski 847-698-0997, bpetrow@ix.netcom.com**

Class of 1982— 40th Reunion— No Information at this time. **Class Rep Yvonne Dionne Mundorf 630-213-0183, Ydmbxotop@sbcglobal.net**

Class of 1987— 35th Reunion— No Information at this time. **Class rep Michelle Bourrillion Frait 773-478-4071, frait@sbcglobal.net**

Let's Celebrate!

Reunion Class and Group Photography at the 2022 Luncheon

This year we will be working with **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. **All photos are printed on site same day.**

If your class or group would like to be scheduled for a photo at the luncheon, please contact **Eileen Lowery '71 at eimmouse@aol.com, 773-882-1637, or message her on Facebook.**

- ◆ 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 available day of luncheon.

Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen

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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Elvera Ambrozewski Kawalkowski '47
Rita Garry Reilly '47
Eleanor Jung Orna '48
Mary Fleming Hutmacher '49
Doris Sennis Kosti '51
Barbara Skidmore Cherardi '51
Joanie Zima Murnane '52
Barbara Kerrigan Prendergast '52
Joanne Miller Fleming '53
Marguerite Schue Jackson '53 (2020)
Patricia Noonan '53
Sister Marcian Swanson '53 OSF
Carole Plash Williams '54
Mary Ellen Kuffel Amber '55 (2021)
Helen J. Goetz Anderson '55 (2021)
Rita Hammes '55 (2020)
Mary Richards Jantke '55
Joan Kaderbeck Reinert '55 (2020)
Ellen Rae Jablinsky Tomich '55
Dorothy Huck Daly '57
Joan McCabe Hobson '57
Gertrude House Slattery '57
Jo Ann Smith '57
Anita Nix Gratkowski '58
Kathryn Scheier Disparte '59
Michaele Wapole Skowron '60
Arlene Kelley Iglehart '60
Elaine Neisius Johnson '60
Rosalind Crawley '61
Mary Hanton Parenti '61 (2020)
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Jeanette Krema Cannon '63
Lori Peskac Goodman '63
Charlis Hickey Colin '64
Christine Piekarski Burke '65
Linda Bioli Cefalu '66
Linda Jacobson Payne '66
Dorothy Williams Modica '66
Fran Ferrero Pistone '67
Cynthia Lou Bohaty Waltenberg '67
Cindy Chovanec Grosvenor '68
Diane Malecki Harris '71
Roxanne Poellnitz Morris '71
Kimm Switalla Blaney '74
Irene Strazewski '81

HUSBAND OF

Joan Ponchione Trauth '50
Joan Peters Alimonti '51
Harriet Karzia Potempa '52
Ellen DiSilvestro Germanos '56
Rita McDonnell Doherty '58
Barbara Stefan Annoreno '60

Late Carol Halas Geske '60
Late Nancy Ward McBride '60
Judy Evenson Kunkel '68
Susan Schreiber Carter '69
Mary Rodanhisler Kubica '71
Donna Bialon Clas '75
Betsy Klingler Symon '78

MOTHER OF

Marilyn Mark Stibling '61
Sue Mendralla Anderson '68
Karen Pfeifer '72
Susan Rutter '73
Maria Jacobson '74
Ann Drapiewski DeBortoli '77
Karen Skrzypczynski '81
Debbie Cartina Smith '85

FATHER OF

Jan LaRocca Robertson '71
Julie Matts Stuber '74

SISTER OF

Late Mary Cunningham Dupee '38
Betty Cunningham Koujourian '43
Late Lois Cunningham Madden '45
Late Beatrice Cunningham Loescher '47
Late Margaret Cunningham Lacerra '49
Noreen Sennis Kobus '49
Priscilla Warner Dohrmann '49
Ann Kerrigan Tuohy '51
Arlene Plash Muench '52
Donna Cunningham Biaggio '53
Marian Jung Roth '53
Late Catherine Crawley Stratton '55
Late Catherine Kerrigan Patterson '55
Carolyn Schier Lynn '55
Mary Skidmore Sliwa '56
Katherine Huck Murphy '58
Late Pauline Skidmore Johnston '58
Dolores Kelley '58
Karen Zima '59
Late Suzanne Noonan Smith '59
Deanna Crawley '60
Late Laverne Piekarski Gamble '60
Late Kathleen Skidmore Magoon '61
Sharon Wapole Phillips '61
Mariann House Flechenstein '62
Denise Kelley '63
Late Ellen Ferrero Newmark '64
Margaret Skidmore '65
Peggy Jacobson Calhoun '67
Gayle Wapole Banakis '70
Coralie Strazewski Reinhart '79
Claire Wapole '80

SISTER IN LAW OF

Clare Zelenka Powers '50
Mary Zelenka '51



BROTHER OF

Dorthea Hahn Kubica '61
Lynn Okerblom '63
Sandra Pokuta '63
Joan Walsh Koosa '63
Nadine Swiatek Sweeney '63
Mary Ellen Byrne McGrath '67
Mary Cummings Breski '68
Mary Hahn Bielski '69
Barbara Hahn Brown '71

BROTHER IN LAW OF

Mary Kathleen McDonnell Collins '60
Susan Halas Galassini '63

SON OF

Margaret Severa Steinkuller '49
Clare Zelenka Powers '50 (2 sons)
Marianne Wytaske Voyda '64
Diane Redlin Frolich '75

GRANDSON OF

Arlene Jaworski McTague '51

NEPHEW OF

Donna Severa Schmidt '49
Mary Zelenka '51 (2 nephews)
Mary Kay Severa Merkle '58

NIECE OF

Late Mary Lorette Wapole '38

COUSIN OF

Ann Kerrigan Tuohy '51
Late Barbara Kerrigan Prendergast '52
Late Catherine Kerrigan Patterson '55
Mary Ann Neisius Minor '55
Sister Mary Carroll O.S.F. '56
Linda Balas Schmalz '64
Eloise Klebba Vondruska '68
Karen Balas Novotny '70

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Sister Sandra Smithson (Sister Maria Crucis) OSF
Sister Marcian Swanson '53 OSF

Correction for last newsletter:

Patricia Reader Rush '51 should be Patricia **Rooney** Rush '51



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In Memory of **Sister Anita Bruschi '44** a donation of \$100.00 by **Gloria Kacmarek Bluj '44**

In Memory of my mother **Dorothy Schmutge Durkin '46**, a donation of \$100.00 by **Ann Durkin Keating**

In Memory of my husband **Sam Renno** a donation of \$350.00 by **Constance Ringesen Renno '47**

In Memory of **Pat Lyons Stubig '48** a donation of \$100.00 by **Rose Mary Wilcox Conlon '48**

In Memory of **Irene Bedore Schimbke '52** and **Julia Bedore Mann '53** a donation of \$100.00 by
Mary Bedore Schrimang '50

In Memory of my two sisters, **Barbara Kerrigan Prendergast '52** and **Catherine Kerrigan Patterson '55**
a donation of \$50.00 by **Ann Kerrigan Tuohy '51**

In Memory of **Frank Gordon** a donation of \$100.00 by **Kathleen Maloney Gordon '53.**

In Memory of **Michelle Pfeil**, daughter of **Joan Fishleigh Blood '53**, a donation of \$25.00
by **Kathleen Maloney Gordon '53**

In Memory of my husband, **Ronald J. Nawrocki**, a donation of \$200.00 by **Diana Borst Nawrocki '54**

In Memory of **Phyllis Monasteri Nehls '55** and **Janet Elder Peppi '55** a donation of \$30.00
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In Memory of my cousin, **Elaine Neisius Johnson '60**, a donation of \$60.00 by **Mary Ann Neisius Minor '55**

In Memory of **Barbara Skidmore Cherardi '51**, **Pauline Skidmore Johnston '58** and **Kathleen Skidmore Magoon '61**
a donation of \$150.00 by **Mary Skidmore Sliwa '56**

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In Memory of my wife, **Renee Zake Prost '59** a donation of \$100.00 by **Ray Prost**

In Memory of **Shurland McKenzie Zapka '60** a donation of \$25.00 by **Patricia Murphy Bielick '60**

In Memory of **Sonny Annoreno**, husband of Barbara Stefan Annoreno '60 a donation of \$50.00
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In Memory of our sister, **Kathleen Giuliano Reyes '64** a donation of \$100.00 by **Josephine Giuliano Conlon '60** and
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In Memory of our Dear Teacher and Mentor, **Sister Maria Crucis/Sister Sandra Smithson** a donation of
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In Memory of my sister **Julie Smith Gopon '61** a donation of \$100.00 by **Nancy Jo Smith Sarlin '64**

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In Memory of **Julie Smith Gopon '61** a donation of \$50.00 by **Jim and Linda Brown**

In Memory of my sister, **Eileen Leone Emerick '54** a donation of \$50.00 by **Linda Leone Walsh '65**

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In Memory of **Arlene L. Estok '41** a donation of \$100.00 by **Lyn Estok Deneen '73**

In Memory of **Audrey Rose Hagle Berg '48** a donation of \$50.00 by **Margaret '72, Susan '74 Bresnahan
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In Memory of my mother **Irma L. Bresnahan**, a donation of \$25.00 by **Sheila Bresnahan McGovern '74**

In Memory of my mother, **Jacqueline Jacobson**, a donation of \$50.00 by **Maria L Jacobson '74**

In Memory of my dear mom, **Helen Drapiewski**, a donation of \$50.00 by **Ann Drapiewski DeBortoli '77**

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Jeanette Sterner Sonier '59

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Kathleen Hintz '66
Maureen McClowery Murphy '67
Nancy Panek Bultinck '70
Kathleen Stoll '70

The Late Sister Maria Crucis (Sister Sandra Olivia Smithson) came to Alvernia for her first assignment as a School Sister of St. Francis in 1956. Those who were fortunate to have Sister as their teacher found her to be a mentor also and many have fond memories of her.

Sister passed away in the place she was born —Nashville, TN on Friday, May 13, 2022 at the age of 96. Sister was the sixth of ten children. She attended Catholic schools founded by Sister Katharine Drexel from first grade through college where she excelled in academics, sports, and peer leadership. After graduation from Xavier University, New Orleans and a teaching fellowship at Fisk University where she obtained a Master's Degree in Literature, she was recruited to be the first woman to host a talk show on Nashville's first African-American radio station, WSOK. The show was called "A Woman Speaks".



In 1954, she answered the internal call to religious life and joined the School Sisters of St. Francis based in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Sister had 67 plus years in religious life working in missions in the United States, Central and South America. After leaving Alvernia, she served as principal of a private school in Costa Rica and initiated a pilot education project for poor children in the surrounding barrio that led to public school reform for the entire country. That era has been referred to as "the Golden Age of Sister Maria Crucis".

She has served as an administrator, author, publisher, mentor, teacher, lecturer, negotiator, spiritual leader and visionary. In 1992 Sister Sandra founded Project Reflect, a nonprofit organization in Nashville whose mission is “transforming communities through education and policy reform”. She was its Executive Director from 1992 through 2014. After her retirement she continued to work toward excellence in public education for grades K-12 in Tennessee. In recent years, Sister Sandra published several books, many available on Amazon.com with proceeds going to help fund the St. Katharine Drexel Scholarship at Father Ryan High School for academically promising African-American students from low-income families.

Sister Karen Ramey SSSF ‘61 Most pleased to have had Sister Maria Crucis (Sandra) as my English teacher for 2 yrs. and mentor/friend for many years afterwards. I remember how she took off her “wrist lets” and rolled up her sleeves to play volleyball after school with we varsity team players and Miss Zahm. She enjoyed shooting free shots—in basketball too. Later on, in life after college, I entered the SSSF, kept up with her and visited her in San Jose, Costa Rica where she was a key teacher for the girls at Colegio St. Clare and the Universidad St. Clare. I watched how she influenced the students to be more socially aware of justice and peace and started a project that ran for years even after her return to the states, with the upper grades doing social services as volunteers at nursing homes, poor child care sites, enriching their parish’s prayer and youth groups. She continued this influence in the States as well as in Central America. Youth gravitated to her for inspiration. She followed me too as I worked 23 years in Guatemala. I have fond memories of her smile, twinkle in her eye, and her spiritual direction that was right on.

Carolynne Rooney ‘61 She was a truly unique individual. I remember the “grain of sand meditation” writing assignment from Freshman English class.

Diane Schillaci Dorazio ‘61 What an outstanding woman! How fortunate many of us were to be influenced and taught by her.

Carol Guligowski Glanz ‘61 I always thought she could look right into your heart. So glad she led such a wonderful life giving to children in education and to be an advocate for the needy children. She lived a life so well done.

The Late Deacon August “Sonny” Annoreno. For anyone who has attended Alvernia events over the past 50 plus years, you will remember Sonny always present and assisting me, his wife, **Barbara Stefan Annoreno ‘60** and so many others. Sonny passed away suddenly on April 29, 2022 and the Board thought it fitting, since he’s been a presence for so many years among our Alvernia Alumnae, that we include his biography which was in our church bulletin.



Sonny was born in Chicago to a Polish Mother and Italian Father in 1942. Sonny met Barbara where they both worked for a short time at Schaar Scientific which was located in Norridge. They married in 1964 at St Rosalie Church in Harwood Heights. He began training as a machinist, but after a turn of events and a short stint as owners of a White Hen Food Pantry, Sonny became a custodian for East Maine School District 63. He worked there for 34 years and retired in 2005. He was much loved by the teachers and students. It was a perfect fit for the outgoing, kind, and dedicated man he was.

Barb and Sonny became parishioners at Our Lady, Mother of the Church in 1971. From that time on they were involved in parish life in one way or another. Both became Eucharistic Ministers and hosted Disciples in Mission which evolved into bible study for 17 years with the same group. Both were on the RCIA team and from the mid 90’s involved with all fund raising events until the pandemic ended them in 2019.

In 2001 Father Dan invited Sonny to consider becoming a deacon. After four years of formation, Sonny was ordained in 2006. Deacon Sonny loved being a deacon. Besides ministering at OLMC, he also served at Central Baptist Nursing Home and Northwest Community Hospital until the pandemic ended the programs. He served as a chaplain for the Chicago Police Department, doing the St. Jude Service for many retired Chicago Policemen and their families. He was on call at several cemeteries, churches and funeral homes to do services and committals.

Sonny had a group of friends from his teenage years and together they often reminisced about the days at Orr Playground in the St. Francis of Assisi neighborhood where they spent so much time hanging around. Although Barb and Sonny never had children of their own, they were very involved in the lives of their nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews, and children of their dear friends. Sonny often played Santa both at OLMC and Christmas gatherings in their home. Deacon Sonny was a beautiful soul who brought the love of Christ to all.

CLASS NEWS AND REUNION INFORMATION

Class of 1951—Jackie Huening Gibbons, Arlene Jaworski McTague, Ann Kerrigan Tuohy, Nancy McCutcheon Grizzi, Delores Sasnick Smagatz and Mary Zelenka still get together on the 3rd Thursday of the month for Lunch and Conversation.

Class of 1952—Dear Class—Would you believe this year 2022 marks our **70th Anniversary**? This year our Alvernia Luncheon will be held at **The Cotillion on October 16, 2022**. Mark your calendar and plan to be there to make this luncheon a memorable one. Details and Reservation form are in this issue of the *Alvernia Alive* (page 15). A gentle reminder invitation will be sent to you in the mail closer to the date. Any questions please call **Arlene Plash Muench, Class Rep at 773-282-9639**. Looking forward to seeing you in October!

Class of 1955—Will celebrate their **85th Birthday** at the Luncheon on **October 16, 2022**.

Class of 1961—I know we are all looking forward, and keeping our fingers crossed, to getting together again this year. The Luncheon is scheduled for October 16, 2022. We missed our 60th celebration last year, and look forward to a big turnout this year for our 61st! I am asking for your assistance again in trying to locate a few of our classmates.

Eva Acs
Patricia Hintz
Christine Kozlowski
Janet Claire Naples Cork
Charlene Nothdorft
Frances Underkofler

Susan K. Murray O'Connell
Susan Ruet (Larsen or Larson)
Mary Shannon Risori
Mary Gavin
Margaret Johnson Maneckshaw
Mary Patricia Lewis Zacher

Donna Mae Nieb Leach
Barbara Jean Ryan
Marilyn Gromkowski
Kathleen McKenna Reid
Nancy M. Maucione Graff
Nancy Thiede

Class of 1962—Due to the uncertainty of the Covid 19 status the Class of 1962 will celebrate our 60th reunion at the luncheon on **October 16, 2022**.
Sharon Mizialko and Barbara Koch

Class of 1965—**Save the Date, Saturday October 15** (before the Alumnae Luncheon on Sunday, October 16th). We've arranged for a private performance of the game show called *Are You Smarter than Your 8th Grade Nun?* Continuing her series of religious comedies, beginning with *Late Nite Catechism*, Vicki Quade introduces her newest interactive comedy game show, where willing audience members compete to see who was paying attention and who was daydreaming in grade school.

Contestants are quizzed on subjects like history, geography, arithmetic, science, civics and a few more! Answer too many questions wrong, and you'll end up in Purgatory, where you have to answer a religious question to get out. In other words, you'll be laughing your sins off! Winners get a free pass to Heaven, and for some, A Get Out of Hell Free card!

This performance will be held at 2PM at the **Chicago Dramatists Theater, 1105 W. Chicago Ave**, in the city—a stop on the CTA Blue Line and paid parking nearby. Carpooling encouraged. Only 76 tickets will be available. Know that the class of '65 Planning Committee has been working to provide a fun class activity. Forget COVID. Let's return to the year 1961! If other classes are interested, please email **Class of '65 Rep Janet Borghesi Starr** JBStarr@wowway.com for further information.

Class of 1966—This year **2022 the Class of '66 celebrates a 60th anniversary**. That's right, it has been 60 years ago since we graduated Grade School and entered our Freshman year at Alvernia High School. Who would ever thought that time would move so fast, but it did.

These 60 years represent a collection of so many life events that we have encountered, especially since the fall of 1962. Some 66ers entered Alvernia without knowing anyone, while some started that 1st day with anywhere from 2-10 or more girls from their grade school. No matter who you knew or not, it was one of our 1st big steps in leaving the comfort zone of grade school and engaging in the new life at Alvernia.

1962 to 1966 was our time to make new friends, learn to mix with at least another 1000+ other students from the upper grade levels & learn to feel comfortable with the variety of new nuns and lay teachers. Attend classes with subject matter that we had never had in grade school & learning to be competitive in sports, art classes, language, science, math, home economics, business, social science, religious studies & speech. Joining club activities that we enjoyed such as choir, music, drama, debate, art, future teachers & secretaries, language, library club, service club, writing for

The Insight & Student Council. Also we learned to spread our Christianity in the organizations of Sodality, CCD, YCS, Legion of Mary, Christian Student Mission Crusade & Third Order.

All of the above helped to shape us into encountering the biggest & the continuing part of our lives “**Growing Up**”.

60 years later to this day we continue to “Grow Up” with having gone through the following: education through business school, college, trade school, nursing etc. The preceding led into our first grown up job, entering into the religious life, remaining single, marriage, having children, not having children, starting your own business, making a new home away from Chicago, traveling, switching careers & always continuing to make new friends & keeping old ones. As we continue to “Grow Up” many have now faced divorce, personal or family illness, loss of our parents, loss of a spouse/partner, loss of a sibling, loss of a child, loss of a friend & sometimes “losing ourselves for awhile” in this game of life.

Save The Date **Sunday October 16, 2022** for the Alvernia Alumnae Luncheon. Details in this newsletter, pages 14 and 15. Please send in your annual dues of **\$25.00**.

Let’s hope that the majority of 66ers have good memories of our special 4 years together & please keep in your heart, mind & thoughts our 66ers who have become our “Guardian Angels” over these 60 years.

Susan Mindak Ellinger ‘66 Class Representative, 6116 N. Nettleton Ave, Chicago, IL. 60631 Cell: 773-469-3015

SNIPPETS

Lorraine Rothe Galvin ‘47, Shelbyville, IL Her family have been owners of Robin Hood-Woods Resort in Shelbyville, IL since 1984. Contact info: 217-774-4765, LRGalvin@hotmailcom

Suzette Smietanka Feher ‘54, Chicago, IL has written and published an individual art/story small book which is available through Borders, Amazon, LuLu’s. The title is **PAULIE**. Suzette’s email is suefeher@sbcglobal.net.

Marie Heinisch Lehman ‘55, Leesville, S.C. Just wanted to let you all know what a pleasure it is to get *Alvernia Alive!* You are doing a great job! Love and Prayers.

Linda Collins Bloomfield ‘58 Timonium, MD, Many thanks to all the alumnae who keep this organization going.

Jean Carlson Butler ‘60 Tucson, AZ—A Happy Birthday Wish to all of you turning 80 this year! With love and hugs.....

Bettyann Giunta Hamilton ‘63 Sarasota, FL

On January 29, 2022, **EIGHT** classmates of Alvernia ‘63 had a luncheon, for the **NINTH** consecutive year, in Sarasota, Florida. We discovered a cluster near Sarasota, have had lunch and vowed to do this annually as we have a wonderful time. So, save the last Saturday of January for lunch with the class of ‘63. We meet at Marina Jack Restaurant in Sarasota, FL at 11:30 am until 2:00pm.

SAVE THE DATE, January 27, 2023.



L-R Sandra Sansone Brennan, Vikki Meccia Truskowski, Diane Lesperance Krajenta, Christine Tischler Friedrich, Bettyann Giunta Hamilton, Marilyn Januchowski Neale, Maryann Ershbock Valenti, and Linda Carlson Espinosa.

Shirley Siok Rosiak ‘64, Torrance, CA—Thank you for the great newsletter. It’s always fun to catch up. I am doing well these last few years. Still in the travel business and although it’s been nil for 2 years starting to pick up some. Managed to avoid Covid and family too doing well. Best to you!

TAX BENEFITS

People who are age 70-1/2 or older can **contribute up to \$100,000** from their IRA directly to a charity and avoid paying income taxes on the distribution. This is known as a qualified charitable distribution. It is limited to IRAs, and there are other exclusions and considerations as well. These would include donations to the **School Sisters of St. Francis** but NOT to the Alvernia Alumnae Association as we do not have a 501 (3) (c) charitable organization designation. For further details, go to IRS.gov or consult your tax accountant.

JOIN THE ALVERNIA ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION
AT DRURY LANE OAKBROOK THEATRE

Thursday March 9, 2023

A CHORUS LINE

LIBRETTO AND MUSICAL BY MICHAEL BENNETT

BOOK BY JAMES HIRSHWOOD & RICHARD DARTIC
MUSIC BY MARVIN HARRISCH
LYRICS BY EDWARD HLCBOD
IT IS COMPOSED BY BOB SPIRO

LUNCH 11:30 A.M.

PLAY 1:30 P.M.

TICKETS \$85.00 PER PERSON

We have a limited number of tickets
available.



This impassioned backstage look at the intimate lives of dancers auditioning for a Broadway chorus brilliantly combines stunning song and dance with a compelling, moving story. Beloved around the world, *A Chorus Line* is the ultimate love letter to Broadway and features memorable numbers including "What I Did for Love," "One," and "I Hope I Get It." The iconic musical won the Pulitzer Prize for Drama in addition to nine Tony Awards, including Best Musical and Best Score, and four Drama Desk Awards.

RESERVATION FORM

NAME _____ CLASS _____
ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____
PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

Please provide individual names and menu selections 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. 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 23, 2023**

SELECT CHOICE OF ENTRÉE

Lemon and Herb Crusted Cod Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Herbed Green Beans

Roasted Turkey Roasted Garlic Mashed Potato with Turkey Gravy, Herbed Green Beans, Stuffing, Cranberry Sauce

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

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 7 days prior to the event.

School Sisters of St. Francis Donation Form

Please Print

Your Full Name _____ **Your Class Year** _____

Your Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

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** _____

Thank you to Mary Ann Ulm Rosso '55 for her many, many years of faithful service as Secretary of the Alvernia Alumnae Association! Mary Ann has decided it's time to retire from that position. Mary Grimes '65 will be the new Association Secretary.



Congratulations to Sister Joan (M. De Alverno) Kaepflinger '47 on her
75th Jubilee as a School Sister of St. Francis.



FROM THE EDITOR.....

This issue of our newsletter is a bit lighter than usual at 16 pages. Because of that I could not include a lot of fun reading. For over 25 years, the **J.S. Paluch Company** generously printed our newsletter at no cost. Due to supply chain issues and rising costs, they are no longer able to absorb this expense. We are **very grateful** to J.S. Paluch for their incredible generosity to the Alumnae Association. Mickey McBride Paluch was a 1940 graduate of Alvernia High School who offered to print the newsletter in the early 1990's and her family continued to take care of us for many years.

Obviously the cost of producing the newsletter as well as postage is considerably more than what we have been paying. In order to continue receiving your issue we are asking everyone who has been remiss in paying dues to please pay your dues of **\$25.00**. You can then be assured of receiving your copy and we can afford to include the newsy articles and pictures you so enjoy. Many alums have written that they love reading stories and seeing pictures about the Alvernia "Girls".

PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES!

GOOD NEWS!!!! Our **28th Annual Alvernia Luncheon "Sweet Home Chicago"** will take place on **Sunday, October 16, 2022** at **The Cotillion**. Reservation form is in this newsletter on **page 15** and on our website.

The only donations still needed for the 2022 Luncheon are cash donations for the purchase of gift cards. Checks for monetary donations for gift cards should be made payable to the Alvernia Alumnae Association. **Items for raffle baskets are not needed at this time.**

There will be a General Raffle and Pot O Gold; no Platinum Raffle this year. **We will be using our new form of raffle tickets for the General Raffle which should make it easier to keep track of your number/numbers and address labels will not be necessary. The minimum purchase of General Raffle tickets will be \$10.00 for 15 tickets.** Cash and checks are accepted. The Pot O Gold raffle tickets will remain the same at \$1.00 or 6/\$5.00. We'll welcome your feedback, after the luncheon, about the new raffle tickets. Don't forget to visit the Gift Shop to purchase items with the Alvernia logo. We will also have copies of Sister Sandra Smithson's *Alegro, The Very Important Poodle*, available for purchase.

For those who use canes, walkers or wheelchairs—**PLEASE** use the ramp on the east side of the building for safer and easier access into the banquet hall.

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** or **847-577-6259**.

Information about the photographer is on page 4.

Questions regarding your reservation and class reunion responses should be directed to **Pat Grimes, 847-337-0815** or **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 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
 28th Annual Luncheon
 Sunday, October 16, 2022

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 1, 2022
 No refunds after this date.
 Advance Reservations ONLY! NO walk-ins.
 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: January 1, 2022 - December 31, 2022	\$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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