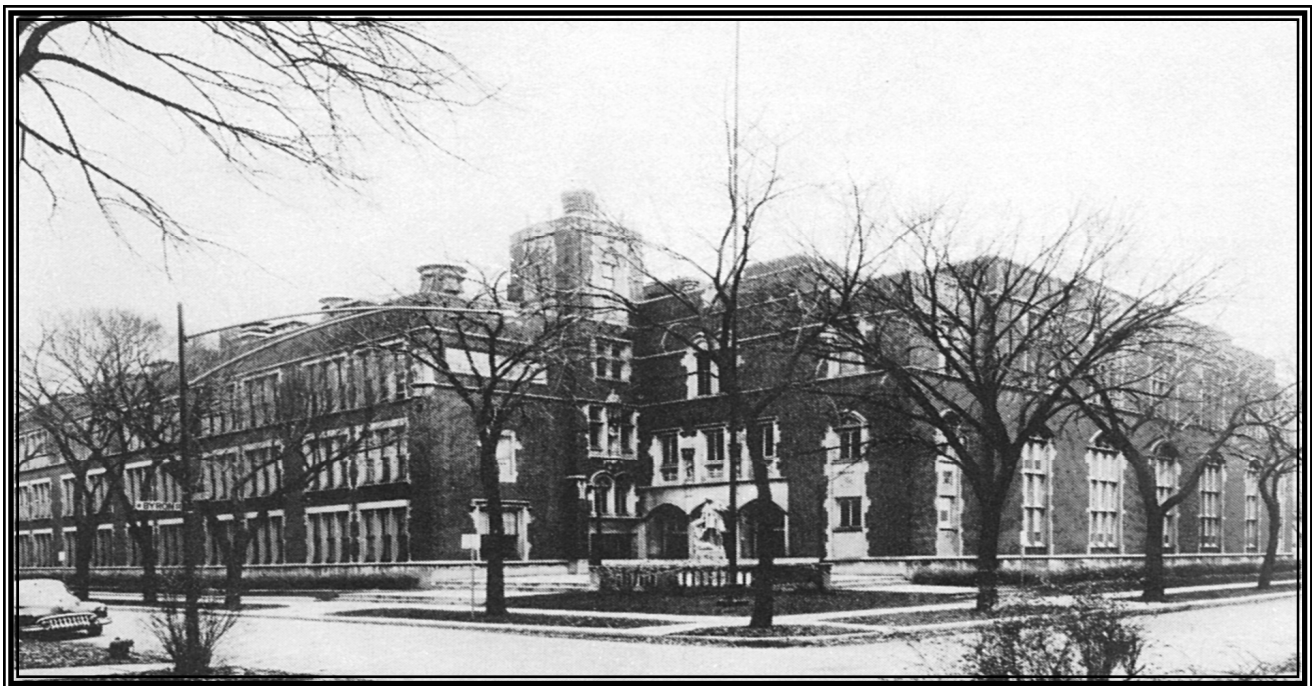


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 Contact Barbara Annoreno for graduation verification forms which can be mailed, faxed or emailed to you.*

MEMBERSHIP DUES—\$20.00
8/1/2010 TO 7/31/2011

Please type or print

Thanks for paying your dues!

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Make check payable to Alvernia Alumnae Association and mail with this form to: Alvernia Alumnae Association, c/o Barbara Dowling, 1195 Linneman Road, Mount Prospect, IL 60056



Sr. Vitalis Koester—1905-2010

The call we'd all been expecting, but dreading, finally arrived; announcing our own Sr. Vitalis had died peacefully, the morning of June 19, 2010. The funeral would be Friday, June 25, 2010 in Campbellsport, WI. Never a good time for a funeral – a work day – but a day that couldn't and wouldn't be ignored – a day to be welcomed, embraced, and cherished.

We hurriedly made last minute travel plans and departed for St. Joseph Convent in Campbellsport, WI. A pleasant and bearable 2 hour journey by car, thanks to like-minded alumnae friends and our trusty GPS! We were warmly welcomed, thanked and treated to much needed coffee, juice and muffins before moving into the wake.

In death, as in life, Sr. looked radiant. The room was filled with all of her religious retired friends – many in wheel chairs – walkers – canes - all appearing very well cared for. It made me see the value of our donations to their **SSSF Retirement Fund**. A number of alumnae attended Sister's service including Barbara Annoreno '60 with husband Deacon Sonny Annoreno, Barbara Dowling '55, Mary Ann Ulm Rosso '55, Pat Feeney Kimberley '55 Cathy Biedron Eckart '60, Jackie Brennan '63, Sr. Sharon Kubes '58, Kay Severa Merkle '58, Judy Eagleton Kviz '58, Noreen Sennis Kobis '49, Priscilla Warner Dohrmann '49, Nancy Verville '49, Denise Duplantis '70. Also in attendance were Sister's niece and nephew from California and other friends. During the day, we visited with **Sr. Maristella** who is doing well and gets around in a motorized wheel chair.

Sister's niece told us of Sr. V. having a race horse named after her in gratitude for prayers answered in California. A note of interest, whenever Sr. Vitalis (the horse) would win, the owner of the horse would make a donation to the Sisters! She also informed us of Sister's love of Vegas "SLOTS" and even recited her winning prayer – "*Infant Jesus, lost and found – bring those Lucky Red '7's' around!*"

A spirited dance and song, *O Freedom: Take Me Home to the Other Side* was proudly performed in front of Sr. V's casket by **Sister Michael Mary**. She had worked in Alvernia's Cafeteria in the 50's and later lived in St. Priscilla Convent as head of hospitality. Upon completing her tribute, Sister bowed and whispered to Sr. V. "*Take your rest. I love you, Vitalis.*" I told Sister Michael Mary that I'm sure Sister Vitalis was quietly clapping.

Many loving, laughable tributes were delivered. **Sr. Barbara Kraemer** spoke on the role of laity/women; **Sr. Elaine** said that Sr. V. helped thousands of students find their voices; **Sister Kate** (our **current Alumnae Moderator**) mentioned the 'shoes' that Vitalis so ably filled. **Barb Annoreno** read tributes from a booklet recently compiled from the **class of '65**. Barb and others choked back tears as they recalled her being the "life and heart" of the Alumnae Association, and thanked her for her dedication and inspiration. Once when delivering tributes, Sr. Kate called her "**Sister Alvernia**", (a slip of the tongue!) but not a slip of the heart! **Sr. Theresa Lesnak** read snippets from Alumnae letters applauding Sister's life over the years – her "helping us to realize that her position was NOT a job – but, a way of life and she truly showed us the way – the up-dated modern Franciscan Way". Someone remarked that even when losing her memory at times Sr. V. could respond in German, "*I love you – Me, too*".

After the wake and rosary, we enjoyed a delicious turkey dinner/lunch. Everyone was so warm and hospitable. Following lunch, we gathered in the wake room and slowly formed a procession, winding down through the convent halls where we observed staff coming out of their offices to stand at attention in their doorways with obvious respect, regret and admiration as Sister V's casket passed on our way to the chapel. Sister Sharon Kubes, Barb Annoreno, Barb Dowling, and Sister Theresa Lesnak. were four of the six pallbearers.)

We entered the chapel for a very touching, meaningful Mass concelebrated by two priests, Father Dario from St. John of the Cross, Western Springs and Father Idzi of St. Priscilla in Chicago with Sonny Annoreno as deacon. Father mentioned in his eulogy a conversation he had earlier with the Sisters' Cemetery care-taker who motioned to all the sisters' graves and solemnly stated "*You know, we owe them!*" We truly do. He, too, realized the significance, impact and debt we all owe to our Sisters.

We were also impressed with the placing of the funeral cloth and her copy of her vows on her casket. She almost made it to 90 years in God's Service! Sister hand picked all the hymns and details down to the last hurrah. After Mass, we slowly formed a procession from the chapel to the nearby cemetery. When we arrived at the cemetery, Deacon Sonny delivered Sr. V's final request – that we sing "*The Battle Hymn of the Republic*". Several bottles of holy water were distributed and we were invited to sprinkle Sister's casket with holy water as we each said one or two words that best described Sister V. We heard many loving tributes uttered – *Amazing, Devoted, Dedicated, Inspirational, Unique, Loving, Unbelievable Memory* ... and the list goes on. We headed for home filled with Sadness and Joy – filled with Despair and Hope – Darkness filled with Light – Consoled and ready to Console – filled with Understanding, Love, Pardon and Gratitude for all that Sister Vitalis has gifted us.

With Love, **Judy Eagleton Kviz '58**



Sunday, November 14, 2010
Memorial Mass and Fall Gathering
Celebration of the Life of Sister Vitalis

Time: 3 P.M.—Annual Memorial Mass with Reception following.

Location: Our Lady, Mother of the Church, 8701 West Lawrence Avenue, Chicago, IL 60656

Music: Chicago Area Singers—Conducted by Sister Bernadette Luecker '55

Please join us in celebrating the life of our beloved Sister Vitalis as well as remembering our alumnae, family and friends who have died in the past year. This will be a special afternoon and we invite all to attend. Family and friends are always welcome.

A reception will follow Mass in Hayes Center. All who have attended in the past will tell you that it's a wonderful opportunity to visit, enjoy delicious food and this year we'll share our favorite memories of Sister Vitalis. You might even go home with a door prize of a table centerpiece or gift card!

If you would like to bring a favorite hors d'oeuvre or dessert for all to enjoy, please bring your donation to Hayes Center prior to the start of Mass. Entry door to Hayes Center is also on the north side of the building— watch for the sign.

We are always in need of help so if you would like to participate in the Mass as a candle bearer, lector, Eucharistic minister or wherever needed, call Mary or Pat Grimes at 773-589-0275 or email at grimes.mary@att.net.

Directions to the church: For those using the Northwest Toll Way, exit at the Cumberland South exit, south to Lawrence Avenue and then west approximately two blocks. The church is located on the south side of Lawrence at Oakview. Church entrance and parking are on north side of building.

*For those who have been Faithful, O Lord,
Life is not ended, but merely changed.*

CHICAGO AREA SINGERS
(School Sisters of St. Francis Choir)

You are invited to join the **CHICAGO AREA SINGERS** and/or **HANDBELL RINGERS**. This group has members who are Sisters or Associates, and many lay women who are our musical friends, some of them Alvernia Alums. There is no audition required, just a love of music and willingness to attend rehearsals on Friday evenings twice a month.



We practice at the **Maryville Campus in Des Plaines near River Road and Central Avenue.**

For more information, please contact **Sister Bernadette Luecker** at: bmluecker@sbcglobal.net/773-286-6246.

LET US PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

ALUMNAE

Loretta C. Dunn '29
Irene King '29
Harrie Stegman Schoenborn '30
Audrea Hagerty Uedell '34
Ann Scholtus Powers '34
Mary Malloy Dougherty '35
Doris Biel Powers '36
Kathryn Galluzzo Johnson '38
Bernice Narbut Kaufmann '38
Mary Lorette Wapole '38
Laverne Rohde Pollice '41
Dorothy Klemmundt Jastrebski '43
Georgiana Siwe Dorsch '44
Rosemary Krieger Waier '45
Mary Alice Detloff Schutz '47
Audrey Lamberty Gruber '47
Katherine Mulligan '49
Alice Dearhammer Puszczan '49
Elizabeth O'Leary '50
Mary Ann Oddo West '50 (2008)
Rita Walley Papp '52
Margaret Mulligan Stone '54
Joan Sheppard Mueller '54
Diane DeSutter Boring '55
Jackie Meinhart Clark '55 (4/2008)
Kay Schwerzler von der Heide '55
Mildred Gabriel '56
Sandra Adamick Salazar '56
Karen Kartheiser Prill '59
Mary Alice Golik Ratkowski '61 (1984)
Kathy Oelrich '61 (in 1985)
Loretta Vogt Snyder '61
Mary Ann O'Neill Terretta '65
Barbara Sheppard Hartman '65

HUSBAND OF

Betty Thommes Langosch '44
Late Arleen Marwitz Wayne '47
Rosemary Bock Sturdevant '52
Gloria Paolicchi Fields '55
Rose Ann Coyne Lock '56
Margaret Ghealish Mathes '57 (4/08)
Carole Bontecue Miller '59
Darlene Parypinski Zwier '59
Patricia Duffy Eitz '60
Carol Kortez Bohl '60
Pat Lewan Winiarczyk '61
Patricia Cavallo Stack '61
Mariette Wytaske Voyda '62
Eileen Kubica McWherter '67
Patricia A. Skupien-Sheahan '68
Patricia King DeRusha '73

MOTHER OF

Jeanette Marino Tanny '55

Marietta Zanon Vise '58
Joyce Manthie Janowick '59
Sheila Murray Fitzgerald '60
Kathleen Powers Cunningham '60
Mary Ann Lasiewicz Manderscheid '61
Joan Cernis Ludick '63
Micky McClay Zielinski '63
Michele Powers Prange '63
Joan Walsh Koosa '63
Patricia Lasiewicz Bottiglierio '65
Lois Broski Paluch '67
Elizabeth Phillips Posey '67
Patricia A. Skupien-Sheahan '68
Irene Pasulka O'Neill '75

FATHER OF

Cecile Wanders Starzyk '55
Marilyn Krenos Przywara '66
Barbara Lobello Ruccia '66
Eileen Kubica McWherter '67
Judy Fidkowski Tetzlaff '70
June Jacobs Hollen '71
Susan Krenos Chimerofsky '73
Liz Bodenshok Repking '75
Carol Jacobs LaJeunesse '78
Elizabeth Ann Lock '79
Caroline Kurtz – Math Teacher '72-'77 (12/09)

BROTHER OF

Theresa Ahern Zimmerman '46
Dorothy Kozlowski Hagen '52
Carol Geske Steigmuller '52
Arlene Charnota O'Connell '58
Tami Nieder Noto '85

BROTHER-IN-LAW OF

Sister Dorothy Bock '46
Dorothy Kozlowski Hagen '52
Mercedes Kozacki Eitz '59
Noreen Duffy Hults '59
Diane Wytaske Bernardi '64
Nancy Cavallo '65
Kathleen King Siarkiewicz '65
Maureen King '67
Late Mary King Heiberger '70
Francine Wytaske Clark '71

SISTER OF

Rosemary Galluzzo Porcaro '39
Late Cecile Lamberty Carsello '40
Late Irene Narbut Lang '46
Rosemary Mulligan Manka '47
Mary Lou Siwe Kuszynski '47
Therese Sheppard Gilhooly '47
Barbara Henneman Koch '62
Josephine Oddo Bakiaries '50
Margaret Sheppard Tully '50
Late Kathleen O'Leary '54
Late Joan Sheppard Mueeller '54

Dorothy Sheppard Semro '56
Caryl Tiede Johnson '58
Mary Helen Sheppard O'Donnell '61
Barbara Henneman Koch '62
Barbara Golik Nelson '64
Late Barbara Sheppard Hartman '65
Kathleen Sheppard Siste '67
Patricia A. Skupien-Sheahan '68
Mary O'Neill-Vertucci '71
Judy O'Neill '75
Denise O'Neill '76

SISTER IN LAW OF

Gail Stefaniak '59
Nancy Strumin Sugrue '59
Nancy Johnson Pouder '72

SON OF

Carolyn Wisniewski Bloch '58
Nancy Strumin Sugrue '59
Patricia A. Skupien-Sheahan '68
Barbara Malinski Engelhard '69

SON IN LAW OF

Ethel Albert King '42

GRANDSON OF

Anna Betti Cecchi '52

AUNT OF

Michaele Wapole Skowron '60
Sharon Wapole Phillips '61
Gayle Wapole Banakis '70
Claire Wapole '80

NEPHEW OF

Theresa Ahern Zimmerman '46
Margarite Wundell '52

GRANDMOTHER OF

Brenda Buckles Rhodes '75



When notifying us of a deceased alum or relative, please provide the names of all alums who are related to the deceased and class years whenever possible.

Barbara Annoreno, 847-577-6259
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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

FACULTY

Sister Vitalis Koester, See article on page 3

Sister Angiola Stickelmeier,
Art Teacher 1948-1967

Karen L. Asher, Physical Ed Teacher

Anne Sanetra—Assisted in directing many
successful plays at Alvernia.

MAINTENANCE AT ALVERNIA 1968-1984

Antonio Lobello

Mr. Lobello was a former chef and enjoyed cooking home made spaghetti dinners and home made pizza for the sisters in the convent dining room. Mr. Lobello loved the school and enjoyed helping the sisters with any projects they needed done around the convent. A car accident forced his early retirement from Alvernia but he always stayed in touch with the Sisters. Mr. Lobello's wife, Angela, worked in the cafeteria from 1960-1984. His daughter, **Barbara Lobello Ruccia**, is a 1966 graduate.

MEMORIALS - SSSF RETIREMENT FUND



In memory of **Sister Vitalis Koester**, a donation of \$1000.00 by the Alvernia Alumnae Association

In memory of **Sister Vitalis Koester**, a donation of \$15.00 by **Mary Kay Severa Merkle '58**

In memory of my son, **John (Bud) Sugure**, a donation of \$100.00 by **Nancy Strumin Sugrue '59**

In memory of **Sister Vitalis Koester**, a donation of \$50.00 by **Barbara Stefan Annoreno '60**

In memory of my parents, **Joseph & Eleanor Sarat**, a donation of \$75.00 by **Jeanette Sarat Shust '61**

In memory of my mother, **Gertrude Brennan**, a donation of \$100.00 by **Jacqueline M. Brennan '63**

In memory of **Sister Vitalis Koester**, a donation of \$50.00 by **Jacqueline M. Brennan '63**

In memory of my father, **Russell Nelson**, a donation of \$100.00 by **Jean Nelson Smith '69**

In memory of **Elizabeth O'Leary '50**, a donation of \$25.00 by **Judy Skotzko '71**

In memory of my husband, **Alan DeRusha**, a donation of \$25.00 by **Patricia King DeRusha, '73**

In loving memory of my husband, **Jon Schab**, a donation of \$100.00 by **Deborah Joyce Schab '77**



DONATIONS—SSSF RETIREMENT FUND

Anonymous

Marilyn Bauman Lacine '47

Rosemary Wilcox Conlon '48

Audrey Jacobsen Ward '51

Barbara Mueller '51

Audrey Oster Nelson '53

Patricia Galagher Schneider '56

Judith A. Sohm '56

Suzanne Sweeney '56

Judith Bartmann Nett '57

Judith Eagleton Kviz '58

Caryl Tiede Johnson '58

Mary Ann Gewartowski Holbrock '59

Csilla Szuets DePue '59

Bernadette Davidson Pohlmann '62

Class of 1955 Reunion—\$1270.00

Class of 1965 Reunion—\$135.69

The following note was included with a check of \$135.69 for the SSSF Retirement Fund.

Dear Sisters: " The Alvernia Class of '65 recently held a reunion and chose to donate our funds to you.

After 45 years of living beyond our fabulous high school years, we are truly women of substance. That is just what you had worked toward, grooming young women who would be their best and make a difference. Nicely done! (Special love to Sister Vitalis.)"

Peace and Christ's Love, **Janet Borghesi Starr**

JOIN THE ALVERNIA ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION
AT DRURY LANE, OAKBROOK THEATRE
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2010

Seven Brides
for



Seven Brothers

The story takes place in the Oregon Wilderness in the 1850's. Adam Pontipee goes to town looking for a bride to marry and help him take care of his six brothers. He ends up bringing back a young bride, Millie. She then desires to civilize and marry off her six rowdy brothers-in-law to ensure the success of her own marriage. The brothers fall in love with a group of women and kidnap the six women to be their brides. In the end the brides find themselves happy with the Pontipee brothers and live happily ever after.

RESERVATION FORM

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Check # _____ for _____ Reservations @ **\$45.00 each, payable to Alvernia Alumnae Association.**

Please provide Individual names for all ticket reservations. Reservation deadline is October 25, 2010.

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SELECT CHOICE OF ENTREE

- ROAST PORK LOIN (With apple sauerkraut and rosemary demi-glaze)
- TILAPIA (With a lemon Beurre Blanc and fresh chives)

All entrees include salad, chef's selection of garden vegetables, fresh baked bread, dessert and choice of beverage.

VEGETARIAN ENTREE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

Mail this form with check to Barbara Dowling, 1195 Linneman Rd, Mt. Prospect, IL 60056. If you have any questions call Barbara at 847-439-8066 or e-mail bdowling68@gmail.com Confirmation and directions to the theater will be sent 10 days prior to the event. Tickets will be presented to you during the lunch.

UPCOMING REUNIONS

In our fondest memories.....

Class of 1936—75th reunion—No information at this time—Class Rep Lillian DeGeeter Smith 847-588-0442

Class of 1941—70th Reunion—No information at this time—No Class Rep.

Class of 1946—65th Reunion—No information at this time—Class Rep Dolores Geegan Grave 847-577-3990
deegrabe@juno.com



Class of 1951—60th Reunion—No information at this time—Class Rep Ann Kerrigan Tuohy 847-646-8309,
ann_tuohy@sbcglobal.net

Class of 1955—55th Reunion—*Celebrating the weekend of October 3, 2010*, For details contact: Class Rep Pat Feeney Kimberley, 773-889-8985, rkimberley@prodigy.net

Renew friendships, share memories, share laughter and tears.....

Class of 1956—55th Reunion—We are looking for input from members of the class as to how we might mark this milestone. Please email or call Sheila Duggan Dworak , 847-674-4251, shebru7@comcast.net. All ideas are welcome!

Class of 1960—50th Reunion—*Celebrating the weekend of October 15,16,17,2010*. For details contact Class Rep Rita Kouba Drake, 773-286-1174 or Jane Wyzgoski Kunath, jkunath@wowway.com—**SEE PAGE 11** regarding reunion booklet.

Will You Be There?? Don't Miss Out!!!

Class of 1961—50th Reunion—*Celebrating the weekend of April 9-10, 2011*. **SEE PAGE 9** for reunion information. Class Rep Peggy Anderson Smykowski, 630-620-1777, pegsmy@comcast.net

Class of 1966—45th Reunion—*Celebrating at the Alumnae Luncheon April 10, 2011*. **SEE PAGE 10** for reunion information. Class Rep Susan Mindak Ellinger, 773-775-3629, sellinger9@aol.com

Class of 1971—40th Reunion—*Celebrating the weekend of April 9-10, 2011*. **SEE PAGE 11** for reunion information—Class Rep Judy Skotzko, 773-685-3672, jskotzko@sbcglobal.net

Hail Alvernia, Grand and True

Class of 1976—35th Reunion—No information at this time—Class Rep Angela Diaz Kay, 847-581-0373

Class of 1981—30th Reunion—No Information at this time—Class Rep Angela Kordik, 847-902-4434, angela-kordik@comcast.net

Class of 1986—25th Reunion—No information at this time—Class Rep Jodie Wodrich Canova, 773-631-2967, mjjmo@sbcglobal.net

Please Note.....

Group reunion pictures to be included in newsletter must be supplied by our reunion classes. If names are provided (preferably typed) or clearly written with the pictures they will be included in the newsletter. Luncheon group photos of anniversary classes must be taken by the individual classes if you wish them published in the newsletter. Image Photographers is present at annual luncheons to take class photos and can be booked for individual class reunions at other locations by calling Bruce at 847-870-1616.

ALVERNIA CLASS OF 1961 50TH REUNION APRIL 9-10, 2011

You are invited to attend **Alvernia's Class of 1961** pre-luncheon 50th reunion BUZZ FEAST to get together and get to know each other again. We can take as much time as we would like and ...enjoy hot and cold hors d'oeuvres ... soda, coffee, tea and cake in a nice casual atmosphere...with a cash bar available.... You will receive a booklet with information & "snippets" about Alvernia and our class and a CD with pictures both "old" and "new".

Our weekend begins on **Saturday, April 9, 2011, at Biagio's, 7319 W. Lawrence, Harwood Heights, IL 60706, at 5:00 PM**, and will end at the **Alvernia Luncheon on Sunday, April 10, 2011, at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, River Road & Bryn Mawr, Rosemont, IL**, with arrival at **11:30 AM** (more information is available in the Alvernia Newsletter). There will be plenty to do and see while enjoying a delicious lunch with not only our class but all the other classes who graduated from Alvernia including some of the Franciscans and Staff who helped make it possible.

For Reunion events please indicate your intention below:

First Name: _____ Maiden Name: _____

Married Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Comments: _____



_____ I will attend the **BUZZ FEAST on Saturday, April 9, 2011**, enclosed is my check made out to either **Julie Gopon or Margaret Smykowski** for \$30.00 (Includes BUZZ FEAST, booklet, pictures & Class donation to School Sisters of St. Francis). (Mail to **Julie Gopon, 30 Scott Loop, Highland Park, IL 60035...or... Peggy Smykowski, 2N550 Argyle St., Lombard, IL 60148-1034, prior to March 21, 2011**)

_____ I will be unable to attend BUZZ FEAST on Saturday but will be attending the Luncheon on Sunday, April 10, 2011. Please take advantage of the "early bird" discount. ("Early bird" before 2/1/11 – after 2/1/11 the cost for the luncheon will be increased – please see Newsletter or check www.alverniaalumnae.org for Luncheon details.)

_____ I will be unable to attend the BUZZ FEAST but would like to receive a copy of the booklet and pictures on CD. Enclosed is my check for \$5.00 to cover the expenses made out to Julie Gopon or Margaret Smykowski (mail to appropriate address above). **Orders must be received prior to March 21, 2011.** The return mailing will be after the luncheon to include all pictures. (Only attendees to BUZZ FEAST will receive these items. Luncheon attendees will not receive without ordering separately.)

_____ I am not interested in any of the activities for Alvernia's 50th reunion.

The reunion booklet will have pictures, names and addresses of our classmates (no email or telephone numbers). If you do not wish to share your full address with our classmates please note with your response.

Please send your response (attending or not) to Julie Gopon ...or...Peggy Smykowski at the addresses above.
We are looking forward to seeing everyone! Thank you.

Save the Dates!

Don't Miss Out!

66....62....48....45.....

Pick the lucky # '66 Class Alvernia

'62 Grade School Graduation

'48 The Year of Birth for Most of Us.

'45 OUR 45th HIGH SCHOOL REUNION



If you picked #45...then you win! We all have the chance to reconnect, enjoy and celebrate our **45th High School Reunion**. Many of us have become acquainted again through Facebook, so let us meet up in person and celebrate our 45th (oh to be 45 again) at the annual Alvernia Alumnae luncheon. It is a wonderful luncheon for a moderate price and the annual dues help to defray the cost of the issues of the *Alvernia Alive*.

The 19th Annual Alvernia Alumnae Luncheon will be April 10, 2011 at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center. See page 31 for details and reservation form. Dues are \$20.00/yr.

I would appreciate any updated address/email information on the following women:

Marcia Aurelio	Susan Dusz	Aldine Lamberti	Mary E. Robinson
Janet Bailey	Pat Erhardt	Alice Lewand	Margi Ruetsche
Cecelia Baker	Sharon Fanale	Linda Litke	Mary Rywelski
Lorelei Balla	Kathy Ferbos	Carol Luka	Fran Saieva
Barb Bates	Bonnie Fick	Carol Maty	Francine Samp
Chris Bertola	Pat Gary	L. Mansfeldt	Pam Sara
Eileen Bina	Nancy Gayton	Mary March	Marilyn Savage
Karen Bielecki	Gwen George	VickieMarlewski	Carmela Schiavo
Diane Bober	Kathy Gianpiloco	Sue Matheson	Marilyn Schoenecker
Babette Bolton	Ann Gleason	Chris Mazur	Rita Scholz
Janet Bondi	Carmen Grace	Maureen McCarthy	Mary Sieck
Mary Brisiane	Pat Gustilov	Noreen McFadden	Sandy Skolmoski
Mary Brown	Ann Hansen	Vickie Mercanti	Madge Smolka
Mary Cakuls	Chris Herbes	Claudia Monson	Eileen Smyth
Arlene Campe	Marg Homan	Madeline Mousel	Sylvia Sobczewski
Mary canelos	Mary Jackson	Maureen Mulhern	Bar Szews
Dolores Center	Diane Jaskula	Pam Oliver	Connie Tabert
Mary Collins	Peggy Jayne	Carol Pajack	Karen Timm
Antoinette Cutty	Rosemary Johncola	Pat Pawlak	Kathy Tunino
Joyce Cwerenz	Chris Kajewski	Marlo Peterson	Eileen Wadzynski
Pan Czoski	Joyce Kamp	Harriet Piasecka	Donna Watt
Sharon Daukshis	Maureen Kelly	Geri Pobat	Suzanne Werner
Karen DeCaluwe	Marie Kennelly	Nancy Reiger	Sandera Wilk
Lucille Deluca	Gayle Knopf	Terry Rekowski	Chris Wisumierski
Yvonne Derx	Fran Kornacker	Annette Rendek	Susan Witom
Judy Disch	Marg Kranz	Maria Riportella	Irene Wolski
			Marianne Wozniak

Lastly and most importantly, please keep our **'66 Guardian Angel Classmates**, who have left this world for a better place, in your thoughts and prayers:

Pat Chidester	Barb O'Brien
Susan Halter	Linda Rosch
Ginny Hemmer	Sue Rudolph
Chris Matulis	Bunny Schlax
Pat McNeill	Sue Stockmal
Pat Novak	

Hope to see you at our 45th!

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CLASS OF 1960

We'll Miss You!!!!

For those unable to attend our **50th Reunion Celebration** a souvenir booklet will be available which will include contact information for our classmates. You may also wish to be included in our class gift to the School Sisters of St. Francis. Those attending the luncheon have included a donation to the Sisters in the reservation amount. Please fill out the form below and send with your check payable to the **ALVERNIA 1960 REUNION**. Mail to: **Janie Kunath, 1155 Whispering Hills Drive, Naperville, IL 60540. jkunath@wowway.com**

Name: _____ Maiden _____ Married _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip _____

_____ Booklets @ \$7.00 each	Amount _____
Donation to the School Sisters of St. Francis	Amount _____
Check # _____ (Payable to ALVERNIA 1960 Reunion)	Total _____

*The Love of Alvernia becomes more beautiful,
more treasured, through life's changing seasons!*

CLASS OF 1971

The **Class of '71** will celebrate our **40th reunion** the weekend of **April 9-10, 2011**. Tentative plans call for lunch on Saturday, a possible tour of the school, then **Mass at Our Lady of Victory** where their choir will perform the **Prayer of Saint Francis**. There is a possibility of a **pajama party overnight**. Sunday we'll have the grand finale at the **Alvernia Alumnae Association Luncheon, Rosemont Convention Center**.

Be sure to check your postal mail / email for further details. Also, if you know the whereabouts of the missing listed below, please let one of us know.

Reunion committee:

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Kathy Chesbro Naanes	naanesgirls@yahoo.com
Laura Dominick	laura.sobel@att.net
Joanne Owens Leslie	joannesimcoe@msn.com
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Diane Ucha Lentine	diane.lentine@gmail.com
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Let's Celebrate!

Nancy Abele Thurman
Tina Adorno
Cindy Augello Feder
Sandy Bezlyk Dolquist
Mary Black Wiese
Kathy Collis
Regina Consol Maples
Barbara Curtin
Bernadette Czaczynski Hubalik
Cindy Dilla Sontowski
Kathy Eastman Gallagher
Mary Fry
Christine Gard Hassler
Loretta Gora
Vanessa Green
Julie Griffith

Chris Hines
Kaureen Howe
Linda Hymes Cheney
Judy Kabza Pritzen
Luanne Keenan
Helena Korbut Whitaker
Susan Kroll Phillips
Cathy Latham Walker
Julie Lawton
Patricia Malinski
Anne Maloney Clark
Sheila McCarthy
Jean Miceli Irwin
Kathy Miosi Rose
Chris Mousel
Debbie Mueller Carney

Geri Mularz Maxwell
Teresa Mulchrone O'Neal
Gail Neuman
Lynda Oczkowski Green
Pat O'Malley Heirich
Cathy Pellikan Sigourney
Elaine Phillips McNear
Marge Podraza Jasicki
Roxanne Poellnitz Morris
Pamela Rdzak Weiner
Sue Rudolph Benbrook
Judy Rumoro
Pat Schuh McAndrews
Kathy Simon
Brenda Smith

Sandy Sobczyk Markus-Litvak
Kathy Stachura King
Mary Sullivan
Agnes Szoyka
Darcia Thames
Cheryl Tolbert Chew
Caryn Tuccori Wiginton
Bernadine Veals
Mary Villarreal Garfield
Lorraine Wilson
Carol Zale Haase
Terri Zielonka

Don't Miss Out!

REUNIONS CELEBRATED



THE CLASS OF 1950 CELEBRATES 60TH YEAR REUNION
See list of names on page 13



The Class of 1960 at the first of their 50th Year Reunion Celebrations! See list of names on page 13.

CLASS OF 1950—Left to Right

Class Photos by Images Studio

Row 1

Margaret Sheppard Tuly
 Mary Schorsch Kenevan
 Joan Bolger Hemzacek
 Helen Riedl Onderak
 Nancy Paul Wiedemann
 Marilyn Twitchell Pfaff
 Patricia Kapp Geraghty
 Mary Jean Crowe Kleisner
 Fran Novello Aiello

Row 2

Pat McGee Moderna
 Maureen Cunningham Sullivan
 Gloria Arrison Valentino
 Kathleen Duggan
 Ginny Ernst Kaczynski
 Mary Wienke Youngs
 Nance Keifer
 Mary Lou Conklin Domek
 Phyllis Totcke

Row 3

Lorraine Wiedemann Handler
 Marian Mistrik Steger
 Mary Bedore Schirmang
 Joan "Friend of Class of '50" Walsh

Row 1

Mary Wisniewski Bazell
 Kathy McGrath McDermott
 Jule Anne Tadevic
 Alberta Matulis
 Gayle Rzany
 Bernadette Brown Rieman
 Caroline Noel Disch
 Shelia Murray Fitzgerald
 Lois Ann Abel Koestler
 Mary Ann Triolo Stanislawski

Row 2

Lori Gagola Dziewiatkowski
 Isabelle Sarno Loftus
 Rita Kouba Drake
 Barbara Stefan Annoreno
 Kathy GormanCaminiti
 Sr. Donna Marie Cirone
 Carole Kauffman Lockhart
 Joann Piskoran Macaluso
 PatSandke O'Dowd
 Suzanne Hedrich Wolf
 Brunhilde Kaempfer Henke

Row 3

Michaelene Jendy Plier
 Doris Mengarelli Golbeck
 Jo Ann Lewandowski
 Arlene Wojton Quataroli
 Sylvia Przybek Taldone
 Cathy Biedron Eckart
 Marge Clark Stancy
 Ginny Coover Ries
 Jane Lindberg Brill

**Row 4**

Judy Reif Narowski
 Sharon Watt Scesniak
 Maureen Tieszen Mavromatis
 Denise Brodie Carr
 Barbara Tokarz Mierswinski
 Jane Wyzgoski Kunath
 Joan Gielarowski Du Brock

CLASS OF 1965—45 YEAR REUNION

In May, 2010, the **Lake Geneva Abbey Resort and Spa** became the perfect place for a group from the **Class of 1965** to celebrate its **45th anniversary**. The weekend began on a **Friday evening** with the group of seventeen sharing memories while unabashedly trying to remember each other from 45 years past! A delightful awareness began of all we shared in common, regardless of how often (and more likely seldom) we'd seen each other in the last 45 years. The laughing was hardy and heavy as the night went on, and the catching up became more "real and blunt."

Saturday was a day of spa, hiking or shopping, with "girls" getting together based on interests, and enjoying each other's company. A group then shared Mass at a local and charming church. Later, **Dottie Fugiel Smith**, with technical assistance from **Vicki Granacki**, delighted the 20 dinner attendees with a variety of slides and music from our time at **Alvernia**. The evening cocktail and dinner party brought more opportunity to get to know others, as the hour, and perhaps the wine, went on till early morning. By **Sunday**, we were once again "a class" and as we brunchted on a **Lake Geneva cruise**, we all marveled at the comfort and 'sisterhood' we felt together, despite so much time and different life tracks since Alvernia. While the ship's captain tried repeatedly to engage us in the sights, we refrained, **"No you don't get it--we're here to TALK--you're the back-ground!"** We've lived some lives...interesting, responsible, and caring of others and our communities--just as those dear sisters and teachers of 45 years ago intended. And we so delighted in each others company. (continued on page 14)



By the end of the cruise, reassurance was sought that we not any more let so much time lapse before reconnecting.

Addresses and e-mails were confirmed, and searches for absent members planned, as each made sure they were taking home their souvenir **Alvernia Alumnae caps** (class year excluded, thank you!). Funds (\$135.69) from the weekend were

donated to the Sisters, and lingering partings went on at the dock.

Special thank you's go to the organizing committee made up of **Janice Dudek Miller, Mary Grimes, Diane Gilboy Temirian, Dottie Fugiel Smith, Joan Zaehler Entwistle,** and our **class rep. Janet Borghesi Starr.**



As a final and poignant note, during the weekend each present wrote a journal note to **Sister Vitalis** about her memories of Alvernia and Sister, and appreciation for what was given us. Unfortunately, Sister, at 105 years, passed away before the journal could reach her. And so, instead, some of those memories were read at her funeral service.

To be included in plans for future class reunions, please maintain current residence and e-mail addresses with the Alumnae Association at jskatzko@sbcglobal.net and/or our class rep. **Janet Borghesi Starr,** at jbstarr@wowway.com.



Row 1

- Vickie Kryglewski Palici
- Gloria Urbanski
- Lucy Schorsch Mark
- Judy Buczowski Masucci
- Kathy Foley Dyson
- Kathie Foszcz
- Patty Jennings Kuczwarra
- Ginny Adam Jesse
- Carol DiMaggio Nash
- Sue McIntyre Tararo

Row 2

- Noreen Loftus Boyle
- Judy Johansen Brauner
- Susan Glas
- Pamela Cancellieri Ambrogi
- Roberta Hajewski Busam
- Adena Rankin Cooks
- Barbara Lo Comte Sweeney
- Pamela Cummings Maloney
- Therese Cummings Brader
- Mary Campanelli La Corcip

Row 2— continued

- Denise Du Plantis
- Angie Biondi Barrile
- Janet Blade Knighting



CLASS OF 1975 CELEBRATES 35TH

On Sunday, April 18, 2010, **thirty-four** members of the **Class of 1975** gathered at the Annual Luncheon to celebrate our **35th** Reunion. Those in attendance were **Kathleen Abele DeSando, Donna Bialon Clas, Liz Bodenshok Repking, Deb Box Murphy, Brenda Buckles Rhodes, Kathleen Bunce, Ann Marie Corsentino Ballard, Alice Doloughty Morley, Arlene Engert, Cathy Felke Steidinger, Barbara Grajewski, Patricia Hebel Munson, Geri Jones Wittenberg, Diana Laffey, Margaret Lang Yakush, Cathy Lassila Valerugo, Sherrie Manney, Amparo Mayans Covello, Cindee Miscevich Tinervin, Cynthia Mulcare, Denise Nixon Fanucchi, Linda Pinkus, Jill Porcaro, Mary Ryan Kiss, Rosanne Salvato Radicke, GERALYN Schulz, Elizabeth Skiba Slauter, Terese Stich Anderson, Mary Summerville, Teri Szatkowski Pytel, Teresa Tolan, Paula Trybula Jarzemsky, Peggy Willert Pajkos and Donna Woodruff Myers.** I think it was the largest gathering of the **Class of 1975** since the 10 year reunion in 1985!

There was some discussion about having a get-together in the fall. Nothing formal, just meet for lunch or dinner. If you are interested, let me know and I will add you to the list. My email is **alverniainfo@gmail.com**, my number is **708-442-1479** or you can drop me at line at **104 Pine Ave., #10, Riverside, IL 60546.**

We now have our own **Facebook** page! Search for "**Alvernia High School Class of 1975**" and request to join the group. Pictures from the 35th Reunion are posted on our class Facebook page.

ATTENTION CLASS OF 1957

Come to the luncheon on **Sunday, April 10, 2011**, and visit with our classmates. Only 6 of us were at the last one and though we had a lot of fun, we missed the rest of you. Suggestions are needed for celebrating our **55th reunion in 2012.** We could meet only at the luncheon or we could have a separate luncheon or dinner around the same time or in the Fall. We can discuss it at next year's luncheon. If you have any ideas you can certainly let me know at any time. Please also contact me with class news, address, phone or email changes.

Jeanie Friedrichs Roller, Class of 1957 Rep
908 Brantwood Avenue
Elk Grove Village, IL 60007
847-439-3570
jmroller@att.net



L—R **Margaret Weber Fry, Nancy Marks Lund, Dolores Salek, Joan Stroner, Jeanie Friedrichs Roller and Charlene Landeck Dahl**

Have you moved? Are you moving soon? Or do you know an alumna who is not receiving our newsletter and would like to? The Post Office does not forward bulk mail and sometimes we do not know that you have moved. Fill in the information below (please print) and mail to:

Judy Skotzko
5306 W. Carmen Avenue,
Chicago, IL 60630-2224
jskotzko@sbcglobal.net

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Maiden Name _____ Class _____

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News from the Class of 1961

We had a great time at the Luncheon, but there is never enough time to mingle with everyone. We are all looking forward to having more time next year. Some classmates were attending their first Alvernia Luncheon and couldn't believe how much they enjoyed it.

Attending this year were: **Shirley Semchson Adams, Carol Leonard Bullis, Barbara Meyers Donati, Alanna Dore, Carol Guligowski Glanz, Joan Glotzbach Kuersten, Julie Smith Gopon, Ruth Colombo Lesner-Salemi, Maryellen Pickens McCants, Karen Daugherty Mocarski, Nancy Lauer Morrison, Sharon Wapole Phillips, Diane Yanule Roth, Kay Lesperance Schmidt, Peggy Anderson Smykowski, and Christine Stavinoga.** We shared both old and new stories while having a great lunch and winning a few prizes. Christine has been sharing her time between Illinois and Arizona and may move permanently to Arizona in the near future. She promised that the move would not prevent her from attending next year.

Lillian DeGeeter Smith, Class Rep for 1936, and her daughter, **Julie Smith Gopon** (as mentioned above) from the class of '61, attended the luncheon this year. Next year they will be celebrating their **75th** and **50th** anniversaries respectively at the **April 10, 2011 luncheon.**

One definite suggestion for our reunion was to have name badges with our graduation picture on them. There hasn't been that much change since graduation but sometimes the eyes play tricks, so we will make sure to follow through on that one. Based on the survey results we are not scheduling anything on Friday, April 8, 2011. We are planning something casual for **Saturday, April 9,** which will allow us to all attend the Luncheon on Sunday. Please contact either **Julie Smith Gopon (847-432-8230)** or **Peggy Anderson Smykowski (630-620-1777)** for reunion details.

We look forward to seeing you next year on **Saturday, April 9,** and at the **Luncheon on Sunday, April 10, 2011,** when we celebrate our **50th reunion.** (Strange how no one looks like we graduated that long ago!)

We appreciate any assistance you can provide in finding the following classmates:

Eva Ace
Kay Balltazore Wright
Jacqueline M. Battaglia
Kelly Elaine R. Bischof
Patricia A. Burregi
Mary C. Crall
Rosalind Crawley
Kathleen Eick Parr
Mary Gavin
Marilyn Gromkowski
Theresa Grzyb
Krisstine Hack
Karen Halfen Ball
Naurene Hall
Mary Sue Hendricks
Patricia Hintz
Donna Hoyne
Joanne Huter Rolkosky

Nancy Jeka Murphy
Donna Johnson Reinhart
Margaret Johnson Maneckshaw
Christine Koslowski
Robertta Laskowski Achtermeir
Mary Patricia Lewis Zacher Zarnowski
Marian Ligman Walsh
Arlene Phyllis Mack
Jean Manthie Marshall
Dolores M. Martino
Vernoica Masek Burton
Karen A. Matusiak Cummings
Nance Maucione Graff
Kathleen McKenna Reid
Helen Moore Stobbe
Susan K. Murray O'Connell
Janet Claire Naples Cork

Donna Mae Nieb Leach
Charlene Northdorft
Mary Lou O'Neill Kukula
Carol Prochaska
Susan Ruet
Barbara Jean Ryan
Jeanine Schons Larson
Nancy Schuetz Mack
Barbara Slowinski Backowski
Virginia Tarbit Grocki
Nancy Thiede
Barbara Tolvaysh Sullivan
Rita Turk
Frances Underkofler
Mary Ann Urban
Concetta Vasta
Mildred Wrocinski
Madeline Wrzesinski Fischer

**Lillian DeGeeter Smith, '36
& Julie Smith Gopon, '61**



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**Carol L.
Maryellen,
Karen,
Carol G.,
Barbara,
Diane,
Christine**

