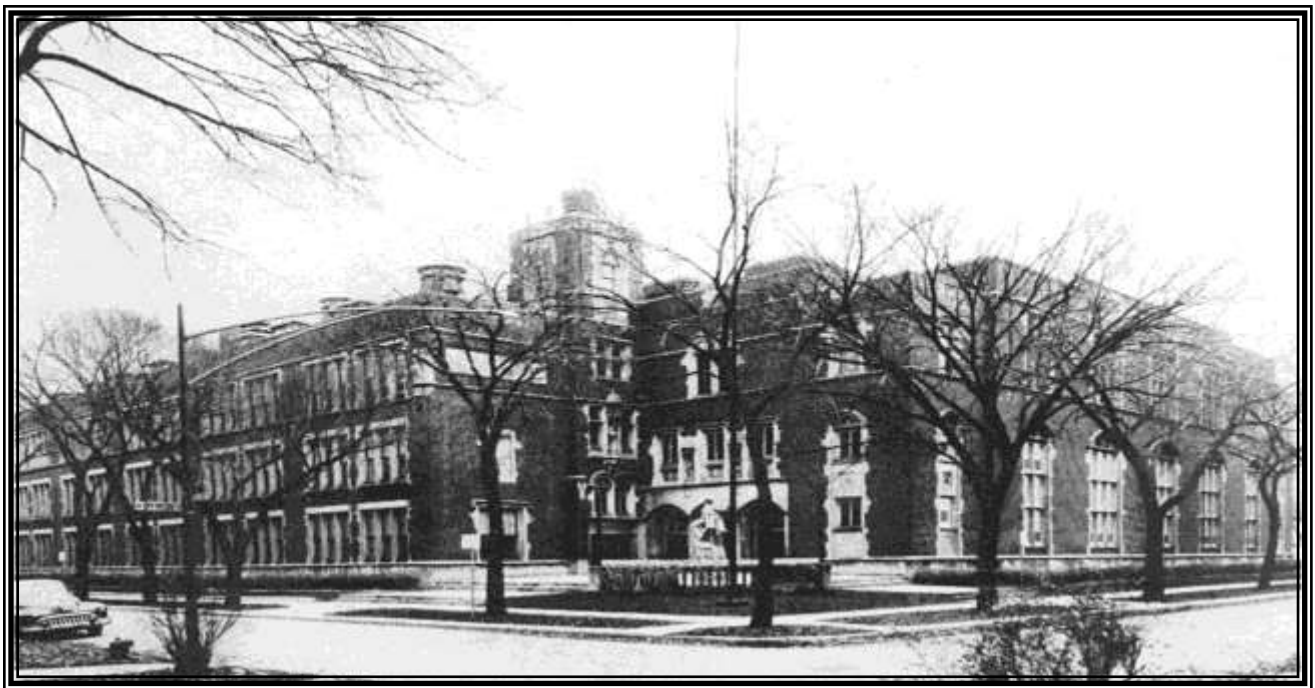


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October 17, 2021

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REGISTRATION REQUIRED. Deadline is October. 8, 2021
Advance Reservations ONLY! No walk-ins.

UPCOMING REUNIONS



Class of 1946— 75th Reunion— No Information at this time.

Class of 1951— 70th Reunion— No Information at this time. **Class Rep Ann Kerrigan Tuohy, 846-647-8309, ann_tuohy@sbglobal.net**

Class of 1956— 65th Reunion— No Information at this time. **Class Rep Sheila Duggan Dworak, 847-674-4251, shebru7@comcast.net**

Class of 1961— 60th Reunion— *Celebrating at the Annual Luncheon, October 17, 2021*, **Class Rep Peg Anderson Smykowski, 630-620-1777, pegsmy@comcast.net** (See Page 5)

Class of 1966— 55th Reunion— *Celebrating at the Annual Luncheon, October 17, 2021*, **Class Rep Susan Mindak Ellinger, 773-775-3629, cell 773-469-3015, email sellinger9@aol.com.** (See Page 6)

Class of 1971— 50th Reunion— *Celebrating at the Annual Luncheon, October 17, 2021*, **Class Rep Eileen Lowery, eimmouse@aol.com, 773-882-1637**

“Remember the Past, Live for the Present and Hope for the Future.”

Please join us at the luncheon to catch up, be present and make plans! At the printing of the newsletter, this is the only activity planned. However, please follow us on Facebook or email me so we can let you know of any other reunion activities as our plans unfold. See you soon!

Class of 1976— 45th Reunion— No Information at this time. **Class Rep Angela Diaz Kay, 708-456-4910 kay.angela@sbcglobal.net**

Class of 1981— 40th Reunion— No Information at this time. **Class Rep Angela Kordik, 847-902-4434, angelkordik81@gmail.com**

Class of 1986— 35th Reunion— No Information at this time. **Class Rep Maria Balogh McElhone, 815-254-4075, dolly2502@hotmail.com**

Reunion Class and Group Photography at the 2021 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 group, i.e. BFFs, clubs, families, etc, photos will be scheduled between 1:10-1:30 p.m.

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 **AND** will be **available at the luncheon**. The group photos will be 5x7 photos and will be priced at \$10.00 per copy. They will accept cash, check and charge for all payments.

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 News and Class Reunions

Class of 1955 Our school luncheon this year is in October so we won't be celebrating our own Birthday Party. We will be switching the party to next spring. Check the next newsletter for details. **Pat Feeney Kimberley '55**

Class of 1961 I hope everyone has had their vaccinations and are "almost" back to normal. I think face masks are our new normal; they even lowered the number of flu and colds in the last year. I also hope you are all doing well and taking care of yourselves.

As I mentioned last year, we plan to celebrate the 60th anniversary of our graduation from Alvernia at the **October 17th Luncheon**. It would be a great accomplishment if we had the highest attendance ever. We still have classmates that I have lost touch with. The list has grown since last year so I'm including it again hoping to hear from someone with updated information. If you have **any** information about anyone in the following list, I would appreciate your sharing it with me. If any do not want to be contacted, I will note that and not bother them, just want to know they are okay. Thank you so much for taking the time to review the list and I look forward to hearing from you.

Also, things have changed since last year and if you are still interested in volunteering some of your time and energy to help make our **60th** a very special year, please contact me and we can talk about what you might like to do or suggest.

Eva Acs
Diane Challender
Pat Gorski Karpinski
Patricia Hintz
Cynthia Kiernicki Abbinanti
Connie LaPointe Rende
Nancy Maucione Graff
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Valerie Ott Jatczak
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Kristine Hack
Margaret Johnson Maneckshaw
Christine Kozlowski
Jean Manthie Marshall
Susan Murray O'Connell
Charlene Northdorft
Susan Ruet
Mary Shannon
Rita Turk Weakley
Mildred Wrocinski Horwath

Looking forward to seeing you in October!

Peggy Anderson Smykowski '61

Class of 1965 (Dear Classmates) Thanks to all who participated in the Trivia Night and a special thank you to those who could not participate but still made a donation. I have received the check from the Trivia Guy and many other checks from you. I will be sending a total of \$920.00 to our Sisters. I am sure they will be grateful. Not bad for a fun evening in the pandemic!

Not only is our class always looking for fun, you are very generous too!

Sincerely, **Andrea Gagliani '65**



The planning group met on a beautiful, almost summer day. We are so happy to be meeting out in downtown Chicago.

October's Luncheon will be very special and we urge our class to make **October 17, 2021** a priority. **56 years** is uniquely important!

Janet Borghesi Starr '65

Class News and Class Reunions

Class of 1966

Welcome to another milestone of our lives. This **October 17th, 2021** we will celebrate our **55th year** since we graduated from Alvernia High School.

Since graduation, I am sure that all of us have experienced many highs & lows during our lifetime. I always consider these experiences as a continuation of still "growing up"

I hope that a great # of 66ers plan to attend the All School Celebration. I have always felt that meeting up with fellow classmates is as if "time has not passed & we pick up from where we left off" at Alvernia".

Remember that the Class of '66 left at least "2" new changes at Alvernia...and they were considered "big" changes: **#1** We fought for & won to be able to choose our own individual class ring stone, where before a senior class had to have the same stone.

#2 Thanks to the 66ers who wrote for the *Insight* Newsletter. They worked extremely hard to produce the first yearbook that Alvernia had in years. The Sisters would not allow it to have the title Class 1966 Yearbook; it was titled Action 66 and it did not have our individual Senior pictures in it...but it was a great start. There were no yearbooks in '67 or '68 but there were from 1969 to 1989, when the school closed.

"The Cotillion" in Palatine is a wonderful venue for such an occasion, the parking is great, wonderful luncheon menu, many chances to win beautiful gift baskets and also the "special" prizes...and most of all meeting up with so many we knew from Alvernia.

Most of all, it is the time for us to gather again and to also remember some special **Guardian Angels from our Class '66:**

Frances Abfall, Babette Bolton, Pat Chidester, Kathy Ferbos, Susan Halter, Virginia Hemmer, Kathy Hogan, Linda Jaskiew, Rosemary Johncola, Sandy Kowynia, Linda Lazzerini, Chris Matulis, June McGill, Pat McNeill, Carol McVerry, Pat Novak, Barb O'Brien, Harriett Piasecka, Kathy Renz, Diane Rogers, Lynda Rosch, Susan Rudolph, Rita Russnak, Lynn Schaffhausen, Bernadette Schlax, Anne Schmidt, Susan Stockmal

2020 & 2021 brought on many difficulties of illness, loss of loved ones & loss of financial security that many of us have encountered. So as your Class Rep I have chosen not to do anything special at our reunion; no balloons at the tables, no keepsakes, no planned event at a nearby hotel.

Use the \$30+ that I would have asked you to pay & buy tickets for the raffles, donate to the SSSF etc.

PLEASE REMEMBER to send in your annual dues, the details are in this newsletter.

If anyone has any info on the following missing 66ers, I certainly would appreciate if you would email me the info. Also for those on **Facebook**, we have our own private group called **Alvernia Class '66**. Please ask to join us.

Missing:

Janet Bailey
Lorelei Balla
Barb Bates
Eileen Bina
Donna Bodmer
Mary Brislane
Mary Brown
Linda Bujewski
Mary Cakuls
Mary Canelos
Sharon Daukshis,
Susan Dusz
Pat Erhardt

Bonnie Fick
Madeline Gattuso
Nancy Gayton
Ann Gleeson
Pat Gustilov
Margaret Homan
Mary Jackson
Diana Jaskula
Maureen Kelly
Barbara Kempf
Alice Lewand
Carol Maly
Vickie Marlewski
Chris Mazur
Norine McFadden

Mary Moran
Carol Pajak
Theresa Rekowski
Maria Riportella
Mary Ellen Robinson
Mary Rywelski
Madge Smolka
Eileen Smyth
Sylvia Sobczewski
Barb Szews
Kathy Tumino,
Eileen Wadzinski
Susan Wilk
Susan Witom

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Let's Celebrate!!

Don't Miss Out!

SNIPPETS AND MORE



Gloria Kaczmarek Bluj '44 "Thanks for including my brief bio in the Fall 2019 issue. I hope it might inspire other alums to open the books and read instead of watching the garbage on TV!"

Marian Zedelmaier McGowan '60 Really appreciate all the work that is put into the newsletter.

France Smyth Eraci '54 Thank you for the work and years you have put toward the Alvernia Alumnae Association!

Doris Mangarelli Golbeck '60 Thank you to all who assist in keeping "*Alvernia Alive*"! I enjoy reading and catching up on what Alvernians are up to. God bless all the alumnae volunteers that help; for all of the time, attention and love. We truly appreciate it!

Bettyann Giunta Hamilton '63 This cluster group from the Alvernia Class of '63 lives, winters or vacations in Florida. This was our 8th consecutive year lunching together. Due to Covid, we had a smaller group this year. We met for lunch at Marina Jack Restaurant in Sarasota, Florida from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. We enjoy ourselves so much and plan to SAVE THE DATE each year on the last Saturday in January, same place, same time.



L to R: Linda Carlson Espinosa, Christine Tischler Friedrich, Bettyann Giunta Hamilton, and Joanne Eannarino Melville.

Kathryn Cotter '68, Alyce Dowey taught me French in Freshman year. She was so positive, patient and nice. Thought of her often over the years. She was a lovely person!

Patricia Sterrett Chrastka '70, Thank you for all you do. I really enjoy receiving "*Alvernia Alive*". It is so nice to reminisce. Bless you.

Chris Zelasko Bartelli '70, thought our alums would enjoy seeing this photo and reading this article from a past School Sisters Newsletter.

"Did you learn hat making in high school? Generations of Alvernia High School students did, as part of the Home Economics instruction they received from **Sister Pacifica**.

When the Chicago high school first opened in 1924, **Sister Pacifica (born Margaret Rothgerber)** was asked to help out for a few weeks. What was expected to be a short-term assignment ended up lasting 49 years, until 1973!"



Rosemary Ledvora Gullikson '70 sent in the picture to the left from Frisco, CO

"What A Year"

Betty Gonzalez '72 Thanks to the officers of the Alvernia Alumnae Association for all that you do. God bless you..

Nora Steiner Greenacre '82 I noticed in the newsletter that the 1981 Play was listed as *The Music Man*.

Actually the 1981 Musical was *Bye Bye Birdie* and *The Music Man* was 1980! I was in both plays. (Thanks Nora!)

Happy 100th Birthday to Lorraine Rose Miller Gorski, Class of 1939

Lorraine married on August 20, 1944 and celebrated 68 years with her husband before he died in 2012. They were the proud parents of 5 children, 10 grandchildren, and as of this date 7 great-grandchildren. Lorraine's family had a spectacular celebration for her 100th on May 14th. Marcia Gorski Reuther '81 submitted this article and pictures.



Lorraine and her children,
Mickey, Mary, Margie, Mark and Marcia.



Lorraine with 5 of 7 Great grandchildren

An Irish Blessing

*May God grant you always.....
A sunbeam to charm you, a sheltering
Angel so nothing can harm you.
Laughter to cheer you.
Faithful friends near you,
And whenever you pray,
Heaven to hear you.*

*Happy
Birthday*



Congratulations to our SSSF Jubilarians

75 years—Sister Theresa Lesnak

60 years—Sister Donna Cirone, Class of 1960

60 years—Sister Carole Cerniak, Class of 1960

60 years—Sister Mary Catherine Schneider

AND WE GET LETTERS

To My Alvernia Friends:



It has been a very long time since I have visited with my high school friends, especially Mary Ann Ulm Russo, Joan Weidner Guasta and Barbara Voss Dowling.

I have very fond memories of the four years I ventured from the city's southside to 3901 N. Ridgeway.

The School Sisters of St. Francis played a very important role in my growing up to adulthood. I will always be grateful to Sister Hortensia and Sister Othmas from Holy Angels. They saw that I would be a good fit for Alvernia and that I had something to offer Alvernia. Looking back, I suppose, I was the beginning of school busing! It didn't seem that way in 1951.

Like many of my classmates, I returned to college as an adult, earning a BS in English and a MA in Inner City Studies. I also completed the two year program in the archdiocese Call and Gifted Programs..

I thank God for the gift of my four years at Alvernia. Hope I am remembered.

God Bless each of you. I look forward to the newsletter and what my fellow alums are doing. Be good, stay safe and remember.

Delores McClure '55

HELP WANTED - HELP NEEDED!!!

We can't have an annual luncheon without volunteers.

**We are asking for just an hour of your time. Have a friend work with you.
Class Reps—Please have some of your classmates volunteer to distribute raffle prizes.
We need help in the following areas:**

**Registration
Dues Table, Alvernia Gift Shop
Raffle Ticket Sellers
Distribute Raffle Prizes**

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

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Lorraine Schwarte Hoecker '47
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Alyce Brill Martinez '49
Lillian Zedelmaier Kraemer '51
Marian Wersching Hollerbach '53
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Patricia Ann McDermott Canarsky '59
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HUSBAND OF

Eileen Quagliano Patton '45
Late Yvonne Ponchione Greenberg '62
Mary DiGiovanna George '71

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Janet Borghesi Starr '65
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Patricia Hollerbach '74
Jeanette Hollerbach Knill '76
Vickie Sebastian Tonda '79
Kerry Tresselt Robertson '80
Mary Martinez Pradzinski '81
Anita Hollerbach Block '82

FATHER OF

Ami Beresniewicz Neumann '75
Rosa Getner Turner '90

SISTER OF

Late Elizabeth Wersching Weiss '45
Mary Louise Schwarte Bara '46
Late Joan Wersching Deppong '49
Late Kathleen Carney Lesiowski '52
Late Kathleen Ponchione Mullen '54
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Denise Joyce Stephens '72
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Susan Abele '69
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Kathleen Abele DeSando '75
Ann Natalino Siracuse '75
Antoinette Natalino Bisconti '76
Carol Abele Schiavone '77
Amy Abele Sorrisso '78

BROTHER IN LAW OF

Kathleen Quagliano Till '46
Michelle Singer Gilbert '70
Carol Quagliano Van Durme, Faculty

DAUGHTER OF

Late Lillian DeGeeter Smith '36
Late Lois Hillman Manthie '40

SON OF

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COUSIN OF

Barbara Landreth Kilbry '56

AUNT OF

Cheryl Palesh '68

UNCLE OF

Tracy Smith Jackson '85

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Sister Michael Mary Muse SSSF
Patricia Jana Hassler

Eternal Rest Grant Until Them O Lord!

Corrections!

In the Memorials and Donations of our last newsletter, the aunt of Mary Ann Zandrow Lillich should have been listed as **Lauretta Urban Doris**. **Sincere Apologies.**

Incorrectly listed in the *Brother of column* that Suzanne Duschene Moritz's brother died. Suzanne '63 does not have any brothers. **Sincere Apologies.**

Incorrectly listed that the Mother of Mary DiGiovanna George '71 died. **Sincere Apologies.**

Memorials and Donations



In Memory of **Sister Michael Mary Muse**, a donation of \$100.00 by the **Alvernia Alumnae Board**.

In Memory of **Sister Michael Mary Muse**, a donation of \$100.00 by **Barbara Voss Dowling '55**

In Memory of **Sister Michael Mary Muse**, a donation of \$100.00 by **Betty Baumgartner Bergeron '68**

In Memory of my mother, **Lorraine Cunningham Bernson '41**, a donation of \$50.00 by **Gerald Bernson**

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

In Memory of **Betty Beck Heikmann '47**, a donation of \$300.00 by **Constance R. Renno '47**

In Memory of **Sister Denise Kavanaugh**, a donation of \$200.00 by **Diana Borst Nawrocki '54**

In Honor of **all the Franciscans who taught me well**, a donation of \$20.00 by **Vivien Krippner Michals '50**

In Memory of **Lois Rinaldi Madsen '51**, a donation of \$100.00 by **Valeria Dalton Taylor '52**

In Memory of my daughter, **Pamela Matts Smith '73 on the 20th Anniversary of her death**, a donation of \$100.00 by **Harriet Potempa Karzis '52**

In Memory of my parents, **Franke & Gertrude Mozgowiec**, a donation of \$50.00 by **Carol Mozgowiec '56**

In Honor of my husband, **Thomas Kesick**, a donation of \$50.00 by **Carolyn Rice Kesick '58**

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

In Memory of my son, **Patrick W. Du Brock**, a donation of \$50.00 by **Joan Gielarowski Du Brock '60**

In Honor of **Sister Donna Marie (Carolyn) Cirone '60**, on her **60th Anniversary** as a School Sister of St. Francis a donation of \$50.00 by **Alberta Matulis '60**

In Memory of **Lillian Zedelmaier Kreaemer '51**, a donation of \$100.00 by **Marian Zedelmaier McGowan '60**

In Memory of **Louis W. Miller**, a donation of \$100.00 by **Kitti Schaefer Miller '61**

In Honor of the **Class of 1963**, a donation of \$200.00 by **Maryann Chabi Rheingans '63**

In Memory of **Sister Vitalis and all School Sisters of Alvernia**, a donation of \$100.00 by **Mary Lou Grimes Riddlebarger '63**

In Memory of **Michael Pruchnicki**, a donation of \$30.00 by **Carol Lynn Bashe Pruchnicki '65**

In Memory of **Sister Lourene OSF**, a donation of \$25.00 by **Kathleen Costanzo '66**

In Memory of my wife, **Pamela Austine Peterman Shee '67**, a donation of \$50.00 by **Parke Trevor Shee**

In Memory of my mother, **Josephine Kelley**, a donation of \$100.00 by **Kathy Kelley Phillips '68**

In Memory of my parents, **Joan and Stanley Pasek**, a donation of \$50.00 by **Kathy Jackson Mandell '68**

In Memory of **Alice Downey (Faculty)**, a donation of \$100.00 by **Kathryn Cotter '68**

In honor of **Mary Louise Schwarte Bara '46, Arlene Schwarte Rydel '55, Kathleen Schwarte Leary '68** and in Memory of **Lorraine Schwarte Hoecker '47** a donation of \$100.00 by **Arlene Schwarte Rydel '55**

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Memorials and Donations

In Memory of my mother, **Ruth Schlee**, a donation of \$50.00 by **Mary Schlee '70**

In Memory of our Father, **John Burgess**, a donation of \$50.00 by **Colleen Koepke '80, Linda Burgess Hehir '72,**
and **Kathy Burgess Johnson '77**

In Memory of **Michele Novak**, a donation of \$100.00 by **Diana Westfall O'Kelly '77**

In Memory of my Mother, **Carol Richard**, a donation of \$100.00 by **Sharl Richard Ludwig '80**

Donations to SSSF Retirement Fund and Ministries—\$2,575.00

The Estate of Elaine Dixon Matuszak '39
Betty Arends Graf Crosson '46
Mary Jane Hansen '48
Arlene Plash Muench '52
Barbara Kerrigan Prendergast '52
Rose Marie Barranco Carlson '53
Kathleen Finerty Pater '55
Joanne Hartzer Enright '56
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Agnes Ostendorf Ewinger '57
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Renee J. Kujawski Bauernfeind '70
Mary Hough O'Malley '72
Joanne Mulsoff Perez '76

Sister Michael Mary Muse December 2, 1928-March 29, 2021

(Following has been provided by St. Joseph Convent in Milwaukee and was read at Sister's funeral Mass.)

Lillian Muse was born December 2, 1928 in New Orleans, Louisiana. One of five children; 3 girls and 2 boys. Lillian liked going to school and was always very active. Growing up she enjoyed roller skating tap dancing, storytelling and dramatizing stories for the neighborhood children. Even as a child she displayed her fondness for music using kitchen pots and pans to beat out rhythms. At about 13 years old she organized some of her friends in a tin-can band to entertain in the French Quarter. As an adult she took drumming lessons and even acquired an African drum. Before she had the drum she was drumming on a nearby table, the arm of the chair or just her lap! In high school Lillian used her talents in drama, as a cheerleader and as a Majorette in the band. She also found time to work as a bus-girl in one of the major hotels and as a Candy Striper in the hospital.

After graduation Lillian moved to Chicago with her sister and began working at Mercy Hospital. It was there what she became friends with Sister Mary Michael and became interested in religious life. She confided her desire to Father Farrell of Holy Angels Parish, a patient in the hospital at the time. He, in turn, referred her to Sister Hortensia, and so in 1955 Lillian became Sister Michael Mary.

Sister Michael Mary served in many ways—as a Certified Food Manager, Certified Nursing Assistant and Licensed Practical Nurse, but also in many, many other ways: from doing podiatry to being a companion with sisters on their final journeys to eternity. For 14 summers she worked as a volunteer in the Summer Program for Underprivileged Children at Sacred Heart School in Walls, Mississippi.

Sister's first assignment after Profession in 1957 was to Alvernia high School where she helped in the food service for the approximately 1300 students as well as the resident sisters. In the next 50 years she used her education and training in food service and health care in various places in Illinois and Wisconsin.

Sister Michael May did return to her first mission, Alvernia, three more times totaling 25 years of service there. Something that she deeply cherished was her long-term loving and caring relationship with the Alvernia Board and membership of the Alvernia Alumnae Association. Until two years ago she always looked forward to being the “greeter” at the annual luncheon; she extended hospitality in many ways.

We will all remember Sister Michael Mary for her joy and her loving and caring service to all. One of my fondest memories was her suggestion as I was leaving...”You just skip along now, girl!” Now, you’ve skipped along right into God’s place for you in eternity. Alleluia!”

The Alumnae Board will always remember Sister’s delicious desserts provided for us when we met at St. Priscilla’s Convent and her wonderful dinners as a special treat. Whenever one visited there, a few of her “special” cookies were always wrapped for take home! Sister Michael Mary was in her glory working in the kitchen! We will never forget her kindness to us.

We are including some pictures (courtesy of Judy Fidkowski ‘70) of Sister Michael Mary throughout the years as a welcomer at our luncheons.



Lord, Make me an Instrument
of your Peace!



Arlene Plash Muench ‘52 sent us a few more amusing remarks about the Quarantine as we “hopefully” begin to put it behind us!

“Half of us are going to come out of this quarantine as amazing cooks. The other half will come out with a drinking problem!

“This morning I saw a neighbor talking to her cat. It was obvious she thought her cat understood her. I came into my house, told my dog.....we laughed a lot.”

“My body has absorbed so much soap and disinfectant lately that when I pee it cleans the toilet!”

“Day 5 of Homeschooling: One of these little monsters called in a bomb threat!”

“I ‘m so excited. It’s time to take out the garbage. What should I wear?”

“I hope the weather is good tomorrow for my trip to Puerto Backyards.. I ‘m getting tired of Los Livingroom.”

“Better 6 feet apart than 6 feet under!”



Some Words (not necessarily of wisdom!) from your Finance Director

There are certain things in life that are guaranteed: the sun rises every day, at least one night a week I can't sleep for no reason at all, and my mailbox will be flooded with dues and donations to the Sisters once everyone receives this newsletter!

Due to my move, we needed to change banks. As I worked at our previous bank, I was able to slip certain things through, like a missing date on a check or even a missing signature. Not so much with the new bank. Their eagle-eyed tellers catch every mistake on every check deposited! So, let me review some check writing reminders as well as some reminders about filling out forms.

1. Please fill out the whole check and don't forget to sign it. Never post-date a check. That old rule that a check won't be paid until after the date on it no longer exists unless you write a letter to your bank asking them to hold the check.
2. Dues checks are to be payable to the Alvernia Alumnae Association, not to me, not to the Sisters.
3. Checks for donations to the School Sisters of St. Francis are to be made payable to them. The School Sisters of St. Francis is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization. Therefore, you can claim your donation to them on your taxes. Checks payable to the Alvernia Alumnae Association are not tax deductible as we do not have a 501(c)(3) designation.
4. We changed our fiscal year to the calendar year. This will make it easier for you to remember if you paid your dues. So, the form in this newsletter is for 2021 dues.
5. A donation can be made to 'honor' a living person(s) or in 'memory' of a deceased person(s)
6. When it comes to forms, please, please, please fill the form out completely. We review every address, email address, name spelling etc. against our database. And please remember to include the class you are from.

In answer to a few questions I received:

Q: Why does it take so long to clear my check?

A: During the slow periods between newsletter mailings, I typically go to the bank not more than every two weeks. During the busy time after the newsletter goes out when so many donations and dues come in, I go once a week.

Q: Why are dues still only \$20.00?

A: The short answer is we don't need more, at least not yet. Your dues pay for the newsletter expenses. As postage costs go up, the number of our mailed newsletters, sadly, goes down.

Q: What if I can't remember if I paid my dues?

A: Check your bank statements first. If you can't find it, chances are you didn't pay. If you are still unsure, call me and I'll look it up.

On behalf of the board, I want to thank you for your incredible loyalty and generosity. We are in the process of crushing our record number of donations to the School Sisters of St. Francis. It is so heartwarming to see how many alums remember the Sisters and what they did for all of us. God bless you all!

Pat Grimes '69
Finance Director



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 _____

JOIN THE ALVERNIA ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION
AT DRURY LANE OAKBROOK THEATRE
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2021



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

TICKETS \$66.00/\$72.00 PER PERSON

We have a limited number of tickets available.

Deadline is November 5, 2021

Based on the classic film, Irving Berlin's Holiday Inn follows retired song-and-dance man Jim's efforts to bring entertainment to his small Connecticut town. With the help of talented schoolteacher Linda, he turns his farmhouse into an inn and puts on spectacular shows celebrating all holidays. This joyous, family-friendly musical features thrilling dance numbers, laugh-out-loud comedy, and a parade of Irving Berlin's hit songs, including the Academy Award-winning "White Christmas."

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 **November 5, 2021**

SELECT CHOICE OF ENTRÉE Salmon entrée is \$6.00 extra or \$72.00

- ☐ **\$66.00** Pot Roast
☐ **\$72.00** Grilled Salmon Roasted Shallots, Black Garlic, Beurre Blanc
☐ **\$66.00** Vegetable Linguine Pomodoro (Zucchini, Squash, Broccoli, Tomatoes, Basil w/ Pomodoro Sauce)

All entrees include salad, chef's selection of garden vegetables, potato or rice, fresh baked bread, dessert 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.

Tickets will be presented to you during lunch.

"Sweet Home Chicago"
28th Annual Alvernia Alumnae Luncheon
October 17, 2021

We are finally going to celebrate our **28th Luncheon!** As we are going to print there do not seem to be any restrictions in capacity so everyone who is ready to socialize once again is welcome! **The Reservation form is on page 19.**

Please know that if you are more comfortable wearing a mask, do so. Should things change, we will honor reservations in the order in which they are received. We don't expect this to happen but one never knows.

The Cotillion will welcome us at 360 S. Creekside Drive, Palatine, IL. Creekside Drive is off of Northwest highway (Route 14), just west of Route 53. Plenty of free parking is available in front of the building with additional parking provided to the west of the banquet hall in the office building lot.

For those who use canes, walkers or wheel chairs **please** enter The Cotillion using the ramp on the east side of the building. For those entering through the main doors, **please** be aware of the steps.

This year we have a **new form of raffle ticket for the General Raffle** which should make it easier to keep track of your number/numbers and **address labels will not be necessary!** Minimum purchase of General Raffle Tickets will be \$10.00 for 15 tickets. Cash and checks are accepted. The Pot o Gold and Platinum Raffle tickets will remain the same. We'll welcome your feedback, after the luncheon, about the new raffle tickets.

In our Gift Shop this year we will have ***Allegro***, the book written by Sister Sandra Smithson (Maria Crucis), some homemade Afghans and Baby Blankets available for purchase. The baby blankets are wonderful for a baby shower or christening gift. Also available to purchase will be pens, totes, crosses, car cups, note cards with Alvernia logo. SSSF Memorial Cards, for which there is no charge, will be in the Gift Shop also. Donation is made when the card is used.

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.

Information about the photographer is on page 4.

We **will not** be accepting any prizes since we have the gift baskets already prepared from the 2020 Luncheon. **Cash donations are welcome to purchase gift cards which are still needed for the baskets.**

Questions regarding your reservation and class reunion responses should be directed to **Pat Grimes, 847-337-0815 or grimes.pat@att.net.**

If your class is in need of easels or display tables for memorabilia, please notify **Barb Annoreno, oneronna@comast.net or 847-577-6259.**



Proceeds of the Luncheon benefit the SSSF Retirement Fund.

CLASS REPS

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

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

Class Reps are NOT responsible for organizing reunions.

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Names in bold are on Facebook.

The Class Rep Coordinator is Judy Skotzko '71, 5306 W. Carmen Ave., Chicago, IL 60630-2224
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Alvernia Alumnae Association
28th Annual Luncheon
Sunday, October 17, 2021

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 8, 2021
 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: _____ @ _____

CDC Guidelines in effect at the time of the luncheon will be observed including maximum number of reservations.		How Many?	Total
Membership Dues for: 1/1/2021-12/31/2021	\$20.00 per year		\$
Luncheon Tickets	\$60.00 per person		\$
I am a member of a religious order.	\$45.00 per person		\$
I am a former faculty member.	\$45.00 per person		\$
I would like to sponsor a religious to attend.	\$45.00 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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Sweet Home Chicago

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**Drury Lane Theater-Lunch
Wednesday, December 1, 2021**

Holiday Inn

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