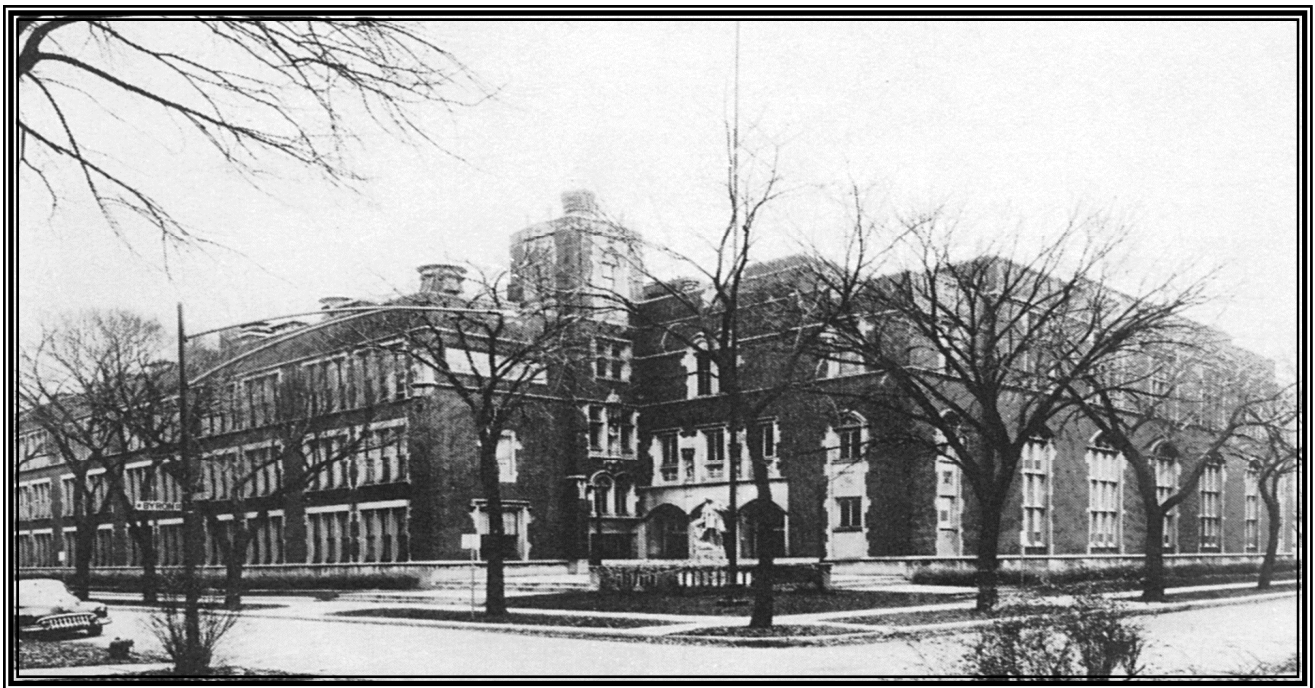


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8/1/2011 TO 7/31/2012

Please type or print

Thanks for paying your dues!

Class Last name First Name Maiden Name

Address City, State, Zip

Phone Email

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Sunday, November 6, 2011 Memorial Mass and Fall Gathering



Time: *3PM Annual Memorial Mass with Reception following.*

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

Music: *Chicago Area Singers directed by Sister Bernadette Luecker '55*

All are invited, family and friends too, as we remember and pray for our alums and all our family members who have died in the past year. The Mass fulfills your Sunday obligation. So sleep late that day and join us for an afternoon Mass!

Candles carried in procession represent all the decades of women who have attended Alvernia and have now gone to their eternal reward. As has been our tradition, the names of all alums who have died in the past year will be read aloud at the prayers of the faithful. Hospitality immediately follows Mass in Hayes Center.

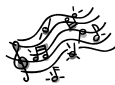
Each time someone joins us for the first time, she is surprised that it is such a nice afternoon of prayer and then visiting while enjoying delicious, tasty hors d'oeuvres and desserts. We Alvernia gals always enjoy each other's company! You might even go home with a door prize!

We encourage you to mark your calendars and save the date—**Sunday, November 6, 2011**. There is plenty of parking and no stairs to contend with. Your favorite hors d'oeuvres or dessert is very welcome. Your treat can be brought prior to Mass into Hayes Center via the kitchen door accessible from the north parking lot.

For those coming via the Northwest Tollway or Kennedy Expressway, exit at Cumberland and go south to Lawrence Avenue; west on Lawrence Avenue to Oakview. Church is on the south side of Lawrence Ave, church entrance and parking are on north side of building.

Volunteers are always welcome to serve as lectors, candle bearers, welcome ministers; kitchen cleanup at the conclusion or wherever else needed. If you can help in any way, please call or email our chairpersons, **Mary and Pat Grimes** at 773-589-0275, email / grimes.mary@att.net or grimes.pat@att.net.

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The Sound of Music

Wednesday, November 16th, 2011

Drury Lane Theatre

Lunch: 11:30 A.M.

Play: 1:30 P.M.

Tickets are limited—Order Now!

Reservation form on Page 21

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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

Mary June Elgas Larson '38
Dolores Burke Welsh '39
Geraldine Dietzel Pease '40
Lillian Bartosik Edwards '41
Rita Falcone Solesky '41
Dorothy Neybert Leonard '42
Phyllis Herold '42
Rosemary Murphy Warren '42
Marie Kaepplinger McCarthy '43 (deceased 1996)
Mary Frekot Smetter '44
Joan Clair Schorsch '46
Nova Shell Inzerello '47
Marion Boehm Plucinski '47
Patricia Doherty O'Callaghan '48
Joan Harmon Pientka '49
Nancy Keifer '50
Mary Ann Lazowski Pitera '52
Mary Cushing Lundin '53
Rita Riedl Spillane '53
(formerly S. John Berchmans, SSSF)
Audrey Wittbrod-Meinke '53 (deceased 9/2009)
Joan Parker Hepner '54
Joan Bonczek Hughey '55
Raelene Phillips Schmerler-Anders '55 (10/2004)
Celeste J. Kulzer Reyes '55 (9/1997)
Marilyn Hein Gaeding '56
Lisbeth Christoffel Davis '57
Carol Ann Gaspar Jeschke '58
Mary Lou Herman Justilian '58
Marguerite Olis Wilkes '58
Claudia Niemiec Lemanski '59
Anita Kieras Yurchyshyn '63 (2/19/10)
Mary Kay Brandimore '68
Diane Goetz Roth '71
Kathryn Miosi Rose '71
Cynthia Cosgrove '72
Leticia Leska '72
Nancy Yedinak Majewski '73
Hilda Puente Dellamaria '75 (6/2003)
Patricia D. Clarke Pruchnick '77 (2005)
Deborah Ceglarek '77
Ana Maria Alvarez Eckelberg '84

HUSBAND OF

Phyllis Draper Rickerson '41
Jean Meyers Lenahan '48
Dolores Masloski Harper '49
Joan Severin Mudd '50
Margaret McEnroe Sterrett '51
Gloria Teeling Hagstrom '54
Pat Feeney Kimberley '55
Audrey Christian Houman '55

Susan Bartels Borrelli '59
Kathleen Doherty Clyde '59
Jane Andree Wiebort '59
Nancy Strumin Sugrue '59
Sheryl Szyjewski Vormittag '63
Nancy Keiling Vilimek '65
Mickey Raabe Wright '65
Margaret Mary Becker Barak '75
Renea Snyder Rasmussen '88

MOTHER OF

Helen Schumacker Reinhart '52
Jackie Olech Barcy '58
Mary Ann Gilio Stokes '60
Jeanine Lange Kurtyka '61—*Note:*
correction from Winter issue—*husband*
not deceased,
Judith Gilio Falk '62
Linda Harrington Valentino '63
Late Linda Welsh Dean '64
Nancy Keilling Viimek '65
Christine Herbes Sommers '66
Joanne Herbes Walker '68
Mary Herbes '69
Susan Schorsch Hansen '69
Lucy Schorsch Mark '70
Mary Ellen Welsh Dunkle '70
Kathy Chesbro Naanes '71
Laura Herbes Radosevich '72
Linda Herbes India '72
Madeline O'Callaghan Blumberg '77

FATHER OF

Roberta Gadas Gilna '67
Patricia Sterrett Chrastka '70
Catherine Sterrett '72
Sandra Sterrett '74
Terese Jasinski Novak '75
Patricia O'Dea Mueller '76
Kathy Feller Kriz '79
Maria Valazquez '83
Tami Nieder '85

SISTER OF

Lorraine Burke Halladay '44
Sister Joan Kaepplinger SSSF '47
Helen Riedl Onderak '50
Sister Mary Christoffel O.P. '55
Jean Keifer '56
Irene Aimee Depke '58
Diana Bonczek Kasper '58
Shirley Semchson Adams '61
Sharon Gaspar '63
Rita Goetz Lang '65
Patricia Miosi Marino '74
Nancy Miosi Forney '76
Carol Miosi Trelford '76
Darlene Ceglarek '77

BROTHER OF

Late Noreen Huening '50
Barbara Leon Materer '58
Late Patricia Keating '63
Late Patricia Cali Partington '65
Janet LaRocca Robertson '71

BROTHER-IN-LAW OF

Barbara Voss Dowling '55
Mary McEnroe Bearhammer '63
Therese Raabe Bychowski '64
Madeline Keiling Cerliske '69
Kathleen Lastovich Barak '73

DAUGHTER OF

Lois Jean Brady Fleurette '55

SON OF

Late Patricia Flahive Galante '48
Patricia Moore Dondalski '69
Loretta Walsh Bonadonna '74

NEPHEW OF

Late Rosemary Flahive Jagla '43
Late Eileen Flahive Holbrook '45
Kathleen Flahive McLaughlin '51
Sister Myra (Mary Flahive) '57

AUNT OF

Mary Ann Messina Nicoletta '60

UNCLE OF

Joann Lewandowski '60

COUSIN OF

Late Marlene Krezmer Tucker '50
Carolyn Carramusa '58
Linda Rada Reamer '77

FORMER FACULTY

Sister Irene (Judelle) Zuiker
Alvernia 1944-1945



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
oneronna@comcast.net



MEMORIALS & DONATIONS—SSSF RETIREMENT FUND



In memory of **Lillian Bartosik Edwards '41**, a donation of \$75.00 from Club Members and **1941 Classmates Ruth Kirch Clarke, Patricia Newton LeClaire, Mary Rose Lescher Mayer, Jane Carey Quigley, Phyllis Draper Rickerson, Rita Tesk Schulz and Shirley Thinnies Venckus**

In memory of parents, **William & Helen Meyer** and sons **Ron and Randy Inda**, a donation of \$50.00 by **Helen Meyer Spedale '47**

In memory of **Patricia Doherty O'Callaghan '48**, a donation of \$100.00 by **Marie Roach Cowhey '48**

In memory of my wife, **Mary Ann Lazowski Pitera '52**, a donation of \$100.00 by **Richard J. Pitera, Sr.**

In memory of **R.E. Madsen, C.R. Satriano, Elda & Bob Madsen**, and **Sister Vitalis Koester**, a donation of \$100.00 by **Val Dalton Taylor '52**

In memory/honor of **parents** and the **four of us sisters** who attended Alvernia, a donation of \$1,000.00 by **Monica Serpe Yolles '57**

In memory of **Sister Vitalis Koester**, a donation of \$40.00 by **Judith Eagleton Kviz '58**

In memory of my husband **John Sugrue**, a donation of \$100.00 by **Nancy Strumin Sugrue '59**

In memory of **Sister Vitalis Koester**, a donation of \$50.00 by **Barbara Mis Kelly '67**

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

A DONATION TO THE SISTERS IS A WONDERFUL WAY TO HONOR SOMEONE SPECIAL, LIVING OR DECEASED.

SCHOOL SISTERS RETIREMENT FUND

Class of 1961—\$500.00

Class of 1966— 50.00

Class of 1971— 100.00

Veronica Tesk Maurice '44
Audrey Jacobsen Ward '51
Barbara Mueller '51
Mary Ann Gewartowski Holbrock '59
Bernadette Davidson Pohlmann '62
Nancy Sieracki Godfrey '69
Jean Nelson Smith '69

SCHOOL SISTERS MINISTRIES FUND

Helen Meyer Spedale '47

ALVERNIA ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

Joanne Barbaria Johnson '66

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SCHOOL SISTERS DONATION FORM

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Retirement Fund \$ _____

In Memory/honor of _____

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Mount Prospect, IL 60056

Name _____

Address _____

City, State _____

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UPCOMING REUNIONS

Let's Celebrate!

Class of 1937—75th Reunion—No information at this time - Class Rep Dolores Hank Mundis, 312-573-9335

Class of 1942—70th Reunion—No information at this time—Class Rep Irene Hochstetter Barry, 847-965-1362

Class of 1947—65th Reunion—*Celebrating at the Alumnae Luncheon, April 22, 2012*—Contact Class Rep Mary Therese Luecker Schaefer for additional information, 773-777-7108 Save the Date!

Class of 1951—60th Reunion—See Page 7—Class Rep Ann Kerrigan Touhy, 847-647-8309, ann_tuohy@sbcglobal.net

Class of 1952—60th Reunion—*Celebrating at the Alumnae Luncheon, April 22, 2012*—See Page 7—Class Rep Arlene Plash Muench 773-282-9639

Class of 1956—55th Reunion—*Celebrating Sunday, September 25, 2011*—See Page 7—Class Rep Sheila Duggan Dworak, 847-674-4251, shebru7@comcast.net

Class of 1957—55th Reunion—*Celebrating weekend of Alumnae Luncheon, April 22, 2012*—See Page 7—Class Rep Jeanie Friedrichs Roller, 847-439-3570, jmroller@att.net

Class of 1962—50th Reunion—*Celebrating weekend of Alumnae Luncheon April 22, 2012*—See Page 8,

Class of 1967—45th Reunion—No Information as this time—Class Rep Mary Ellen Byrne McGrath, 773-736-1712, wpjmem@aol.com

Class of 1972—40th Reunion - No information at this time - Class Rep Linda Herbes India, 487-945-2884, lindaindia@comcast.net

Class of 1977—35th Reunion—*Celebrating at the Alumnae Luncheon, April 22, 2012*—We hope to have a great turn out from the **Class of '77** at the annual luncheon. Get your friends together and join us for a fun-filled afternoon sharing old memories and making new ones. Questions or suggestions? **Contact Barb Mizera-Petrowski by email: bpetrow@ix.netcom.com.** Hope to see you there!

Don't Miss Out!

Class of 1982—30th Reunion—No information at this time -Class Rep Dawn Keeley Healy, 773-774-4873, email dawnhealy@ameritech.net

Class of 1987—25th Reunion—No information at this time—Class Rep Michelle Bourrillion Frat, 773-478-4071, frait@sbcglobal.net

Reunion Chairpersons—*Please let Barbara Annoreno know if you require anything additional for your reunion class the day of the luncheon. Items such as display tables, easels etc. should be reserved prior to the luncheon.*

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.

CLASS OF 1951—60TH REUNION

Would like to set up a private Mass with a luncheon/buffet to follow some time in late fall/early winter to celebrate our 60th anniversary. Will try to keep cost down. If interested, please contact me via email or drop me a note : **Ann Tuohy, 7120 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Unit 210, Niles, IL 60714 email—ann_tuohy@sbcglobal.net.**

CLASS OF 1952 - CELEBRATING OUR 60TH REUNION IN 2012!

We hope that we will be seeing everyone at our **60th Reunion on Sunday, April 22, 2012**, at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, Rosemont, IL. We will be sending out our personal invitation for this special event later this year. There are still a few classmates that we cannot locate. Your help in obtaining any information for the following would be greatly appreciated. If you have any information, please contact **Arlene Plash Muench at 773-282-9639.**

Mary Ann Andrews
Carol Baltazore
Dorothy Berney
Rosemary Bock Sturndevant
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Barbara Cullom
Annaliese Dahland Sommerfield
Ann Duffy
Barbara Eiterer Hellard
Michaelleen Foley
Patricia Goss Schaeffer

Nancy Hammerschmitt Klouck
Rosemary Hay Butti
Donna Kennedy Brennan
Audrey Konkey Alocio
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Therese Nulle Stocke
Jeanette Pipitone Jewel
Lorrayne Ptacin Slobodnik
Ann Quick Laha
Patricia Rafferty Christensen

Roberta Reilly
Carol Ridgeway Franz
Arbara Roth Andrews
Betty Schaeffer Sandri
Janet Swan Torursiana
Joan Swan Orland
Barbara Vogenthaler Stinson
Kathleen Volenec Novatny
Jean Wiater Wiley
Jeanette Wrocinski Jost

CLASS OF 1956—CELEBRATING 55TH REUNION SEPTEMBER 25, 2011

On Sunday, **September 25, 2011**, through the Grace of God, we septuagenarians from the **Class of 1956** will meet to celebrate yet another milestone, the **55th** Anniversary of our graduation from Alvernia High School. There will be a table to hold Alvernia memorabilia that you are invited to bring, which may evoke a story or two.

As part of the festivities, we will play the White Elephant game or as it is also known, the Re-gifting game. If you care to participate, please bring a new or like new items, gift-wrapped, that you have around the house. We look forward to seeing you and the opportunity to continue to share in our ever-evolving lives.

**Sunday, September, 25, 2011,
11:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.
Cocktails 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (cash bar)
\$40.00 per person*
Lunch following
Wellington of Arlington
2121 S. Arlington Heights Road
Arlington Heights, IL
847-439-6610**



Includes 5 course lunch with entrée—**choice of Salmon, Petite Filet or Chicken Breast**, tax and gratuity, all expenses associated with event and a contribution to the SSSF Retirement Fund. **Reservations are due by September 15, 2011.**

Questions—please call **Sheila Duggan Dworak, 847-674-4251, Rosemary Muhr Kraft, 847-253-8339, Eugenia Sloan Merczak, 847-446-8014.** To make a reservation, send your \$40 check and indicate your choice of entrée to: **Eugenia Merczak, 565 Valley Way, Northfield, IL 60093-1067**

CLASS OF 1957 REUNION—CELEBRATING 55 YEARS

June 6, 2012, will be the **55th Anniversary** of our graduation from Alvernia. How time flies! There are no definite plans at the moment for any kind of get-together besides the all-class **Spring Luncheon on April 22nd**. A few people gave me suggestions: Mass at Our Lady of Hope (north of and very close to the Convention Center) on the morning of the luncheon, followed by coffee and rolls at the Church, catered by Morningfield's in Park Ridge before the luncheon; having some sort of get-together at a date other than the luncheon; doing nothing special but the luncheon; going across the walkway after the luncheon and visiting at a lounge in the hotel. I am going to send this information by e-mail to those for whom I have e-mail addresses that are still current. If you are interested in doing something for our 55th, please let me know, and I would appreciate some help in planning whatever we decide to do.

On a sad note, our classmate **Lisbeth Christoffel Davis** passed away in June, 2011. She had been in a nursing home for Alzheimer's patients for some time. Please remember her in your prayers.

If you have changed your address or any other contact information, please let me know. I look forward to any input you may have for a 55th reunion. **Jeanie Friedrichs Roller, jmroller@att.net, 847-439-3570**



Class of 1957—2011 Luncheon

Front row, l. to r.: Jeanie Friedrichs Roller, Dolores Salek, Margaret Frey, Carolyn Hefner
Back row, l. to r.: Carol Leyden Michael, Nancy Marks Lund, Dolores Weiss Trotter, Pat Szumnarski Stover, Rosemarie Brown Panattoni, Virginia Rowland Schoeb, Charlene Landeck Dahl

Student years pass quickly, our school days soon are through.....

CLASS OF 1962 REUNION—CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

Next year, 2012, will be our 50th anniversary of graduation. Can you believe it? There is an annual luncheon every year in April sponsored by the Alumnae Association. We are hoping to expand the celebration and join together as a class on Saturday also.

This letter is an attempt to reach as many of our classmates as possible. If you have contact information on fellow classmates we would appreciate your sharing it with us. Even if we have information on some people, it may not be accurate. Of course, an e-mail address would be the most desirable contact information but we will happily use whatever you send us. Our contact information is below as well as our reunion e-mail address. Thank you in advance for your time and assistance. We hope to see you all in April, 2012!!

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Official reunion e-mail address: alvernia62@hotmail.com

- 1 Are you interested in attending an extra event/gathering?
2. What would you consider attending? Cocktails and hors d' oeuvres? Dinner? Pizza Party? Other?
3. Would you want to help? How?
4. What contact information can you share?
5. Other comments?



Lillian DeGeeter Smith represented the **Class of 1936** celebrating her **75th** anniversary of graduation from Alvernia. Her daughter, **Julie Smith Gopon**, is in the class of 1961 and was celebrating her 50th anniversary of graduation from Alvernia! Lillian regularly attends the luncheon. See you next year, Lillian! God Bless!



GRAND CELEBRATION FOR THE CLASS OF 1961

For the **class of 1961** it seemed like yesterday, not 50 years ago, that we graduated from Alvernia. Some of us knew exactly what we were going to do after graduation and others were like Forrest Gump's feather floating into one thing or another, working hard, and doing as much good along the way as possible while achieving our own success. We had such an enjoyable weekend and spent every minute together talking and talking and then talking some more. There is never enough time to "catch up" with everyone and we were all left with the hopes of getting together soon. There is talk about having a get-together planned during the year for any who are able to attend. Stay tuned for

more.

We had 69 attendees on Saturday evening and **Father Thomas Dore** was gracious enough to join us for a while and give us his special blessing. I know we are getting a little older, but how can anyone forget that Alanna's brother was ordained the same year we graduated and he said our Senior Mass. He just celebrated his 50th year in the priesthood. On Sunday at the Luncheon we had 78 reservations (certainly a milestone!!) plus 12 of **Mary Lochbihler Hoepfner's** family who proudly watched as Mary accepted the **Distinguished Alumna Award** for her work with Parkinson care givers. There were a total of 540 graduates from all years at the luncheon this year and over the past 21 years Alvernia graduates have given 20,000 gifts to the School Sisters of St. Francis for almost \$2.3 million dollars, for which they are extremely grateful.

The reunion committee did an outstanding job in making everything perfect for our weekend. A big THANK YOU to the committee members: **Kathleen Madden Bonick, Carol Leonard Bullis, Carol Guligowski Glanz, Julie Smith Gopon, Evelyn Jean Gumler, Ruth Colombo Lesner-Salemi, Maryellen Pickens McCants, Sharon Wapole Phillips, Kathy Flemming Rein, Peggy Anderson Smykowski, Audrey Schuster Wentzlaff and Barbara Johnson Wiencek**. Our supporting members, **Shirley Semchson Adams, Paulette Volkman Gasparo, Marilyn Mark, Nancy Lauer Morrison and Jane Farris Niederst** provided invaluable assistance Saturday evening.

I am not able to share everything with those who were unable to attend, so I wanted to let you hear from some of the class directly. Below are a few of the notes the reunion committee received following our reunion weekend. Enjoy!

- ◆ I didn't take any pictures but I want to thank you all so much for putting on this reunion. It was great fun seeing everyone again. **Jackie Kraemer Hesser**
- ◆ I really enjoyed the reunion. It was great to see everyone after all these years. Looking forward to 55/60!! Thanks for all your hard work in putting this together! **Pat Carpenter Bartolomei**
- ◆ Thank you for putting in soooo much effort into the reunion. It was VERY GOOD!!! I did not take any pictures, but can't wait for them. Thanks again! **Terry Leptich Smejkal**
- ◆ I would be remiss if I did not thank you for all you have done to make this reunion happen. Unfortunately, we have had numerous family commitments that I had to be around so I will be in China and leaving for DC, i.e. Virginia, after a Memorial Mass for a friend. I am certain it will be most special and feel badly that once again I am missing such a special day. My best wishes. Appreciatively, **Kitti Schaefer Miller**
- ◆ Just want to say a big thank you for all the work you did on the reunion! It was so much fun wasn't it! I loved it. It was so nice to see so many! It was more than I could have expected! It will be nice to reconnect later in the months to come! **Carol Gouligowski Glanz**
- ◆ I just wanted to say thank you for giving us the opportunity to get together after fifty years. It was such a wonderful evening seeing old friends from fifty years ago. Where did the time go? It seemed like only yesterday, we were young ladies, entering a new phase in our lives. The time has gone by so quickly. I hope that we are all in good health and can get together again. I went through the handouts and read about my former classmates. It was truly interesting. You put so much work into our reunion. I can only say, thank you so much. All your work was appreciated. Have a wonderful summer. God bless everyone. **Tina (Romano) Calderone**
- ◆ Just wanted to send my thanks to you and to all the other ladies on the Reunion Committee for the wonderful job you did on the booklet and the event itself. I had a great time, both Saturday and Sunday, all due to the hours and months of work you all put in. Thanks, from the bottom of my heart. **Mary Jo (Urban) Sample**
- ◆ What a wonderful reunion you and the committee coordinated! I had such a good time reconnecting with so many people. And a BIG THANK YOU for the name badges! I barely recognize my own face in the mirror after 50 years, so it was good to connect a name with the high school face on the name tag badge. Wow, have we "matured!" **Annette Langer**

CLASS OF 1961 REUNION CONTINUED:

- ◆ Thank you for a lovely time. Everything was so well organized and the food was good. Again, thanks for all your work. **Flori Budzikowski VanRooyan**
- ◆ Thank you for the Saturday night reunion. Your hard work in planning this event is very much appreciated. It was nice to reconnect with some old friends and reminisce—I wish I had more time to talk to everyone. I will keep you in the loop if I hear of anyone who is on the missing list. **Jane Kraszewski Barabas**
- ◆ A big “thank you” for all your hard work on the reunion. It was a “Cinderella evening”. I enjoyed it very much. We were all lucky to have been students at Alvernia. It was good to see everyone again. I couldn’t help but smile about how many of us mentioned Room 411—such a special place! Alvernia has a niche in my past that I hold dear. Thank you. **Noreen Hanlon Gaylord**
- ◆ It was a great reunion! It was so good to see you too and all the others. There were some, I recognized their faces, but did not have time to get to talk to them. The time flew by....as did the 50 years since we graduated! **Betty Brown**
- ◆ Thank you to you, Julie Smith and all the reunion committee for the hard work that went into making our reunion great. I had a wonderful time reconnecting with the girls with whom I "grew up". Both Saturday night and the Sunday luncheon were filled with fabulous memories. Thanks again. **Mary Heffernan Sieger**
- ◆ Thank you for all the work you did to make our weekend so memorable. It was a tremendous undertaking and you did a wonderful job! I'm so glad I went--short hair and all. **Mary Boecher Tessaro**
- ◆ Thanks for all your hard work to organize our 50th reunion. The Reunion Committee did a fantastic job. It was a really fun day. **Judy Wagner Zlatic**



Alvernia H.S. - Class of 1961
April 9, 2011

L-R—Back row: Father Thomas Dore, Barbara Juskiewicz, Mary Boecher, Mary Duda, Elaine Canelos, Rita Winiecki, Pat Carpenter, Carol Guligowski, Evelyn Gumler, Deon Fiedor, Kay Lesperance, Judy Wittig, Sandy Creal, Marie LaCorte, Carol Murphy, Matilyn Mark, Pat Lewan, Kathy Rowland, Barbara Miller, Mary Lochbihler, Marilyn Walters, Kathy Fleming, Chris Stavinoga, Noreen Hanlon, Sharon Wapole, Peggy Anderson

Mary Heffernan, Maryellen Pickens, Jeanette Sarat, Sophia Janski, Jackie Creamer, Janet Kraemer, Paulette Volkman, Joanne Jordan, Sandy Novak, Jane Farris, Ruth Colombo, Carol Leonard, Mary Ann Lasiewicz,

Carol Hummel, Dolores Obregon, Mary Hoffman, Betse (Bernadette) Voss, Annette Langer, Rita Cole, Shirley Semchson, Audrey Schuster, Kathy Madden, Karen Daugherty,

Barbara Meyers, Nancy Lauer, Pat O’Neil, Mary Jo Urban, Pat Kefer, Pam Steiner, Barbara Johnson, Bernice Brooks, Jerry Boril,

(Mary) Sue Hendricks, Arlene Jung, Marilyn Kaczmarek, Donna Meilinger, Julie Smith, Gail Mishlove, Tina Romano, Jane Kraszewski, Nancy Prete, Alanna Dore



CLASS OF 1961 — 50 TH REUNION—April 10, 2011

Row 1 (left to right) Nancy Lauer Morrison, Maryellen Pickens McCants, Geraldine Boril Bandera, Mary Jo Urban Semple, Annette Janusz Staszkievicz, Jaclyn Battaglia Kelly, Peggy Anderson Smykowski, Antoinette Brummer Beckman, Arlene Mack Shannon, Betty Cwerenz Rosenquist, Maryanne Urban Pack

Row 2: Nancy Prete Leavy, Arlene Jung Finocchiaro, Janet Pedersen Rutkowski, Barbara Johnson Wienczek, Audrey Schuster Wentzlaff, Diane Castronovo Daeumer, Pamela Steiner Burrows, Carol Leonard Bullis, Marilyn Kaczmarek Payne, Shirley Semchson Adams, Karen Rhodes Chereso, Paulette Volkman Gasparo, Kathleen Madden Bonick, Rita Struck Cholewa, Jeanette Sarat Shust

Row 3: Pat Keifer Chylik, Susan Carcagno Baugh, Mary Heffernan Sieger, Bernice Brooks Shaw, Judy Birnbaum Garfield, Gail Mishlove, Helmer, Karen Dougherty Mocarcki, Dolores Obregon, Carol Guligowski, Glanz, Ruth Colombo Lesner-Salem, Florianne Budzikowski VanRooyan, Annette Langer, Sharon Minor Dieringer, Carol Hummel Hausheer, Mary Ann Lasiewicz Manderscheid, Pat O'Neil Kerrigan, Sharon Dadko Hansen

Row 4: Mary Boecher Tessaro, Barbara Flaherty Svachula, Theresa Lepitch Smejkal, Dorothy Okul Sims, Christine Slavinoga, Jacqueline Wnek Keenan, Barbara Bango Lupo, Mary Loebhliher Hoepner, Elizabeth Brown, Kathleen Weirich Van Ella, Judy Wagner Ziatic, Sandra Nowak Calvanese, Evelyn Gumler

Row 5: Jane Farris Niederst, Jackie Kraemer Hesser, Janet Kraemer Hansen, Irene Rubulis Strods, Donna Meilinger Shuh, Deon Friedor Singer, Julie Smith Gopon, Kay Lesperance Schmidt, Alanna Dore, Barbara Miller Porembski, Kathleen Rowland McGovern, Barb Juskiewicz Landa, Kathy Flemming Rein, Sharon Wapole Phillips, Joyce Langer Raffanti



CLASS OF 1951—60TH REUNION—APRIL 10, 2011

Row 1

Betty Rokel Fain
Audrey Jacobsen Ward
Mary Rehak Kmet
Elaine Becker Digirolomo
Marge McEnroe Sterrett
Kathleen Flahive McLaughlin

Row 2

Ann Kerrigan Tuohy
Jean Newon Crowell
Loiw Rinaldi Madsen
Mary Broderick Featherston
Gloria Snow Hesly



CLASS OF 1956—55TH REUNION—APRIL 10, 2011

Row 1 Left to Right

Susan Keaty
Sheila Duggan Dworak
May Anne Guagenti Zielinski
Helen Krause Stern
Dolores Feit Urguhart
Judy Sohm
Mary Lou Loveless Kratzert
Rose Ann Coyne Lock
Anne Boril Macalik



Row 2

Jean Keifer
Rochelle Wells Wolson
Bonita Smith Pollock
Kathleen Murphy Nitschke
Mary Kay Kauth Fitzpatrick
Rosemary Muhr Kraft
Carol Lindberg Knutson
Jean Sloan Merczak
Janet Szumnarski Weidemann
Barbara Gotsch Timm

Seasons of Alvernia—2011



CLASS OF 1966—45TH YEAR REUNION—APRIL 10, 2011

Row 1—L to R

Susan Ekner Kroll
Julie Feddor
Bobbie Inda Street
Susan Schultz Batterham
Barbara Lobello Ruccia
Jean Marie Dzike Zabinski
Rose Wolff Bonk
Barbara Dillon
Judy Irwin Gregory

Row 2

Sue Mrotek
Linda Azzaline Emiley
Jacki DeNicolo Tomasello
Cheryl Ledenbach Voelz
Nancy Dieball Hirsch
Peggy Lockbiller DaPrato
Anne DiChristofano Davis
Linda Pressel Ross

Row 3

Chris Kiernicki Colin
Marge David
Karen Formanski Geary
Marilyn Krenos Przywara
Mary Lowery Warzynski
Susan Mindak Ellinger
Pat Gerg Danborn

Row 4

Diane Statkus Kobrow
Joanne Dalton
Susan Foertsch Kaminski
Linda Noreen Michaels
Mary Bartels Norwood
Anita Krieger

CLASS OF 1971 REUNION, APRIL 9-10 2011

We had joy, we had fun...but first we had planning and preparation. It all started one weekend in June, 2010, when seven of us brainstormed about what would make our 40th reunion celebration special. **Diane Cargola Briese, Kathy Chesbro Naanes, Laura Dominick Sobel, Joanne Owens Leslie, Judy Skotzko, Diane Ucha Lentine, and Debbie Zwierzyna Cravatta** formed the core group that later grew to include **Donna Tasch Gnuechtel**. The ideas flew back and forth – they evolved into an eventful



Lunch at Mirabell

weekend that created so many memories for those who took part. To maximize participation we created a “mix ‘n match” reunion. Classmates could attend all or as many events as time and pocketbook allowed. We also wanted to make it very informal – when women haven’t seen each other for as many as forty years, they want to talk! We only had the initial meeting in person; after that, communication was done online (mainly on Facebook), by telephone, or through postal mailing. The excitement built as we found classmates and as the reunion drew nearer.

Saturday we had our first gathering at **Mirabell** restaurant on Addison where we had a delicious lunch for a fantastic price. No speeches, just lots of catching up with each other, lots of hugging, lots of shouting as we recognized one another. **Diane Ucha Lentine** had made copies of our class graduation photo so we’d know who was who.

From Mirabell, most of us went to our dear old school to walk those hallowed halls once again. **Alvernia is now Thurgood Marshall Middle School**, run by the Chicago Public Schools. The principal, **Paul Flaherty**, came in on his day off just to let us in. Talking to him we found out he was class of '74 at **Quigley North**, so he understood Catholic women who graduated in the 70s. We were allowed to go wherever we wanted so we took advantage and roamed the corridors from the basement (remember Alumnae Hall?) to the fourth floor (music rooms, club rooms, art room). We happily reminisced in the auditorium and not so happily in the gym (they finally took out those showers that never worked!).



Trading stories about gym class

Next was Mass at Our Lady of Victory. The first three pews were reserved for us; the priest mentioned us in his announcements; and the organist played the ***Prayer of St. Francis*** for the Communion meditation.



Paulette George King with her newfound friend.

After that we met at **Donna Tasch Gnuechtel's** beautiful home and farm in Hampshire, Illinois. She raises Polish Tatra sheepdogs and Shetland sheep (<http://www.gnuhampshirefarm.com/>). Everyone had a great time watching the lambs play – they were so cute. Then it was time for more socializing with awesome food and plenty of refreshments. Thanks to the wonders of modern technology, **Celeste Kaczmarek Scholz in Indonesia, Roxanne Poellnitz Morris in Israel, and Sue Wierzbicki Kalis in Virginia** were able to join us via Skype. As the evening wound down and we got sleepy, some of us put on our pajamas and took advantage of Donna's amazing hospitality – she had graciously offered her home for anyone who wanted to stay overnight.

Next day, Sunday, was the grand finale – the Alvernia Alumnae Association's 19th Annual Luncheon in Rosemont. We had **five tables** of classmates! Here we had the opportunity to see those who hadn't made it to Saturday's events, plus alumnae from other classes and also faculty.

It was a wonderful weekend. Classmates came from **Texas, Arkansas, Florida, Minnesota**, and even **Hawaii** to be together and celebrate our years at Alvernia. We remembered our classmates who are no longer with us; sadly, we've lost three just this year. But there was joy in reconnecting: some of us found classmates who lived in the same town or worked in the same place and didn't even know it! Since then many of us have gotten together for dinner and have plans to meet again for other events. We stay in contact mainly through Facebook where we have two groups for our class: Alvernia HS Chicago 71 and FBWC - Class of '71. The latter stands for “**Facebook Walking Club**” and was started by **Mary O'Malley Reid** to motivate us to keep healthy – we all want to be around for our 45th and 50th reunions!



Front: Linda Fanale Schober, Dale Ann Columbus, Carol Wielgus Campbell, Paulette George King, Christine Blum-Wasilewski, Debbie Zwierzyna Cravatta, Laura Dominick Sobel, Jan Robertson LaRocco, Caryn Tuccori Sharp

Middle: Pam Rdzak Weiner, Donna Tasch Gnuechtel, Susan Rand Randich, Peggy Hester Spagnola, Lauren Bluett Lashbrook, Kathleen Chesbro Naanes, Judy Skotzko

Back: Deborah Barfield Badger, Winnie Brogan Magnussen, Colette Sherwin Greenwood, Terry Kozlowski, Sharon Langowski Pulkowski, Suzanne Schaefer Santucci, Diane Cargola Briese, Susan Skweres St. Onge, Sandy Bobowski Carnesecchi, Judy Kabza Pritzen, Carol Das Poole, Joanne Tortoriello Bratta, Diane Ucha Lentine, Joanne Owens Simcoe Leslie

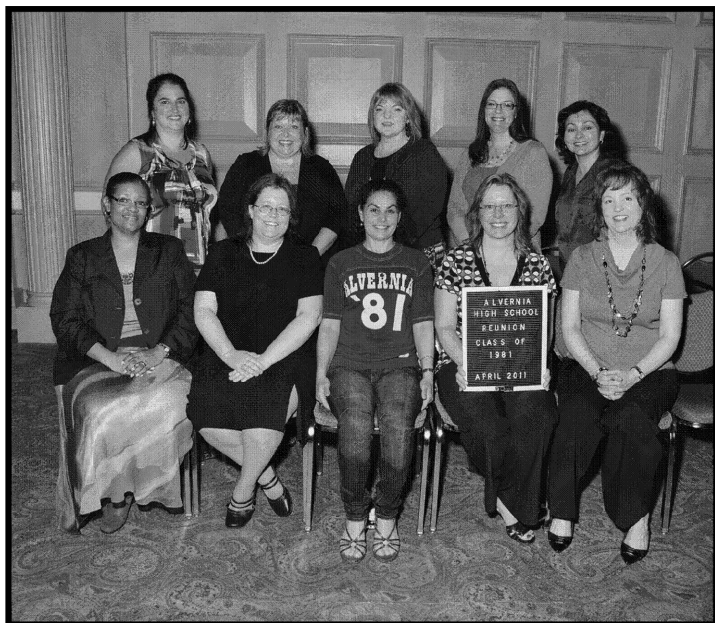


Row 1: Debbie Zwierzyna Cravatta, Jane Walsh Gawlik, Mary Rodanhisler Kubica, Judy Skotzko, Polly Steiner Dietz, Paulette George King, Donna Tasch Gnuechtel, Carol Das Poole, Carol Wielgus Campbell

Row 2: Debbie Bilka Hall, Susan Skweres St. Onge, Amy King, Laura Rae Dominick Sobel, Christine Blum Wasilewski, Lauren Bluett Lashbrook, Peggy Hester Spagnola, Linda Fanale Schober

Row 3: Joanne Owens Leslie, Janet Marie Lathan, Joan Schwann Beaumont, Colette Sherwin Greenwood, Deborah Barfield Badger, Eileen Lowery, Gloria Wagner Sagen, Dale Columbus

Row 4: Terry Richardt Pagliuzza, Eileen Moore Oleksy, Sheila Engels Piper, June Jacobs Hollen, Kathy Chesbro Naanes, Mary Doherty Housman, Alice Neurauter Wojcik, Nancy Schorsch King



CLASS OF 1981—30TH YEAR REUNION

Row 1—Left to Right

Tommica Foster Akins
Elizabeth Bigwood Hunt
Helen Heyza
Margaret Mondrall
Keehn
Kathy McFee Matlin

Row 2—Left to Right

Carmen Mendoza
Julie Tobiaski Huston
Lori Keeney Perez
Teri Needham Petrie
Olga Alcozer Sarinana



CLASS OF 1962—MISSING CLASSMATES LIST

If you have information on any of these classmates, please notify one of the committee members listed on page 8.

Pat Abenanti Amrein
Nancy Beres
Diane Blau Balice
Diane Bolsinga Campo
Mary Jane Bryan
Judy Buckley
Joann Chirchirillo Balsamo
Carol Clifford
Carolyn Crutchfield
Dianne Dekiel
Judy Dwyer
Diane Faulhaber Ferris
Marikay Faust Kaszonyi
Judy Gilio Falk

Kathy Grace McCarthy
Janice Grzesiakowski Brown
Carolyn Haas Olesek
Judy Holdway
Dawn Hudson Carnes
Catherine Iwanski Piotrowski
Mary Kaderabek Larson
Paula Keller
Barbara Kovacs
Cynthia Lukas
Kathleen Lydon Schneider
Casmera Maleski
Peggy Murray
Kathleen Olis Folk

Maria Passrett Schwarz
Patricia Paterek Prochazka
Yvonne Ponchione
Sue Presmyk Hognacki
Peggy Rogers
Mary Siena Grabowski
Diane Steffen
Judith Streng Vitellaro
Margaret Stryzik
Janine Svoboda
Jackie Wagner Bosco
Georgia Wieczorek
Kay Willert
Karen Williams
Mary Zeller

Group Picture below— Class of 1958—Back row: Carolyn Caramusa, Beverley Bickel Ralph, Sue Witt Coyne, Joan Cole Masloske, Sr. Sharon Kubes, Mary Coyne Zych, Front Row: Marikay Zackman Motter, Kay Severa Merkle, Kathleen Foley Kinahan, Christine Doran
19th Annual Luncheon



Sue Witt Coyne '58, Mary Coyne Zych '58, Rose Ann Coyne Lock '56, Beth Coyne '74



Raffle Ticket Sellers



SNIPPETS AND MORE.....



The Late Mary June Elgas Larson '38, Wauconda, IL—was featured in the Chicago Tribune June, 2011 Obituaries. Fifty years ago, Mary's daughter came home from summer camp covered in mosquito bites. She was told in a note that the mosquito problem at the camp was being addressed. The camp used DDT for mosquito control and Mary came to believe that exposure to the pesticide led to her daughter Kathleen's lifetime of illness.

She embarked on a crusade to raise awareness about the dangers of chemical exposure. In 1984 her lobbying led to a Wauconda ordinance requiring lawn care services to register with the village and post warning signs on lawns they sprayed.

Mary championed environmental stewardship long before it was the popular thing to do. She collected information from people around the country suffering from chemical exposure and testified before a congressional subcommittee to push for stricter guidelines on chemical use. For many years, she worked as a researcher for Dr. Theron Randolph, founder of the Batavia-based Human Ecology Research Foundation.

Rosalie Kautenberger Venturini '48, Eureka, CA, "Always glad to get my newsletter. It keeps me informed on all the goings on. It was a wonderful experience going to Alvernia and the memories are mentioned in my prayers especially our dear Sister Vitalis who was loved by all that knew her. Keep up the good work in keeping our memories alive."

Joan Biederstedt Reardon '47, Chicago, IL is an award-winning author, biographer and culinary historian. Joan graduated from Alverno College with a major in English literature and taught at Barat College in Lake Forest for 20 years before taking a new career path.

Joan is a certified patisserie who attended Kendall College in Chicago to learn the art of pastry and bread making.

She has written several books on women's influences in both the literary and culinary worlds to help make people more aware of the contributions of women in these fields. Joan currently edits the quarterly newsletter, *Panache*, for Les Dames d'Escoffier Chicago, is on the advisory board of *Gastronomica* and is busy with book signings and appearances for her latest book on Julia Child, *As Always, Julia: The Letters of Julia Child and Avis DeVoto*—published in December 2010.

From the Class of 1951—Jackie Huening Gibbons, Arlene Jaworski McTague, Ann Kerrigan Tuohy, Dolores Sassenick Smagatz, Nancy McCutcheon Grizzi and Mary Zelanka get together once a month since graduation—we recently celebrated our 60th!

Jackie Gibbons and Mary Zelanka, class of 1951 still make an annual trip to Las Vegas.

The Late Mary Ann Lazowski Pitera, '52, Decatur, MI. Her favorite prayer was the *Prayer of St. Francis*. Mary Ann's husband wrote that before their wedding, Mary Ann contacted Alvernia and was sent a copy of the music which was sung during their wedding Mass and it was beautiful. The prayer was also recited by the entire congregation after her funeral Mass in March, 2011. Sister Vitalis was Mary Ann's hom room teacher.

From the Class of 1958—Recently the class rep, **Mary Kay Severa Merkle**, sent out 137 email invitations to classmates to attend a luncheon at her home on August 6th. In the email, girls were encouraged to extend the invitation to other classmates who did not have email. Twenty-seven girls attended.

If you were not aware of the luncheon and if you would like to be notified about the next luncheon, either email marykmerkle@aol.com or give her a call: **708-457-1483**. Don't miss out on a 'fun time'. It was wonderful gathering together in a 'non-reunion year'.

Beverly Bickel Ralph '58, McHenry, IL "It was lovely, such detail. I so look forward to our **20th** luncheon next year!"

From the Class of 1960—**Sandy Wills Andreen '60** told a hilarious story at the **1960 Class Reunion** about her part-time job at Alvernia, operating the elevator. She managed to forget what floor she was on with **Sister Pauline** in the elevator and ran it above the 4th floor. Sister Pauline hit the ceiling and all Sandy remembers is her long black legs flying up in the air!

Chris Scaccia Joyce '60, Chesterfield, MO, "The **1960 Class Reunion** was a huge success. Many thanks to the committee who organized this event. It was great to reunite with our classmates who turned out to be poised, confident, Christian women.

Sister Donna Marie Cirone, '60, Chicago, IL celebrated 50 years as a School Sister of St. Francis in 2011. Sister is a teacher who has served at Holy Angels, Holy Cross, St. Gelasius and San Miguel School Gary Comer Campus, where she currently teaches.

Sister Carole Cierniak, '60, Chicago, IL celebrated 50 years as a School Sister of St. Francis in 2011. Sister has been a teacher and school administrator at St. Joseph, Summit; Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Glenview; John V. Leigh School, Norridge; Notre Dame High School for Boys, Niles; and St. Joseph High School, Westchester, where she now teaches.

Alexis Holman Pelton '63, Saunderstown, RI, "I was so excited to see the write up about *The Diary of Anne Frank* in the last issue of *Alvernia Alive*.

I was a freshman the year that play was performed and my BIG SISTER was **Tessie Cavale '60**. She played **Anne** in one of the casts. I've thought about her so often over the years and a few years ago my husband even took me to Auschwitz because of my interest in **Anne Frank** and all of the poor people who were slaughtered by the Nazis."

Nancy Romaniak Merk '63, Chief Operating Officer, Project Reflect, Inc., Nashville, TN, "Heart felt thanks to **Josephine Guiliano Conlon '60.** You have been a lifetime friend to **Project Reflect and Sister Sandra (Maria Crucis).** Your generosity has made it possible for us to stay afloat on more than one occasion. You give graciously of your time and savings to help this ministry move children from a culture of poverty to a culture of learning. We could not do what we do without faithful friends like you. Wishing you God's continued blessings."

Mary Grimes, '65, Chicago, IL was recently on the cover of *Avenews*—a publication for friends of **Avenues to Independence**.—Spring 2011 issue. Mary is a volunteer at the Avenues' Thrift Shoppe, 7700 & 7710 West Touhy Avenue in Chicago. Mary and her sister Pat '69 have been longtime volunteers for this non-profit organization providing services for adults with developmental disabilities.

Barbara Mis Kelly '67, Irving, CA "I loved my years at Alvernia (1963-67) - they formed me and helped mold me into who I am today. Sister Vitalis visited me one summer when my dad was alive and living with me. The three of us rejoiced in our visit and quietly shed tears over how life ages the spirit and the body. But I am so grateful for that visit and for my Alvernia past. Take care—THANK YOU—God Bless all the SSSF!"

Maureen McAleer Hohmann '68, St. James, NY, "I ended up in New York as the result of a blind date set up by my cousin and fellow '68 graduate, **Mary Kay Waldhier Wood.** My husband, Charles, was in the Navy when we met. We have two adult children; Charlie and I are both retired from jobs with our county government. I retired on disability as I have secondary-progressive Multiple Sclerosis and must use a walker to get around. I go to physical therapy regularly and try to stay positive. *Please keep me in your prayers.*"

Anna D'Agostino Duerr '71, Morton Grove, IL, "Congratulations to the Class of '71. Though I am unable to attend the celebration, I'll be with you in spirit.

I am so grateful to the School Sisters of Saint Francis and the lay educators at Alvernia. I realize more and more that I carry a part of Alvernia within me, having learned values for life amidst the academics, fun, and some tears. Certainly in my role as a Diabetes Nurse Educator at St. Joseph Hospital in Chicago, I use those values daily."

From the Class of 1975—Connie Maris Davies '75, London, England, My life in England started as a holiday to London to visit a boy friend I had been seeing in Chicago for about six months who had been transferred to the UK on assignment with his work. Visited for two weeks then went back to Chicago and sold my house and came out here. We eventually got married and were together for 9 years and then parted company; he returned to the States and I stayed on. I have now remarried to a Brit and live in the English countryside. I have to say I have lived many a life in the UK, (24 years) absolutely love it and have become quite the Anglo-phile.

How different is it, well besides the difference in the language, life is always what you make it!!! I visited Chicago a couple years ago. It was nice to see how much had changed as I had not been back for about 12 years. Guess what I miss most really are my long-term friends from Chicago. I keep in touch via email, Skype and now Facebook. **Donna (Sarley Reid)** and I manage to Skype about once a month; she did visit a couple years back and I went to visit her for lunch in London. Hopefully, I can manage to get myself back for a reunion one of these years.

Several members of the **Class of '75** gathered together in June for our 40th grade school reunion. **Geri Jones Wittenberg, Nancy Doherty Tortorella, Rosanne Salvato Radicke, Terry Zickenheiner Perlono, Judy Lalarski Roszkowski, Ann Fillicetti Harrelson and I (Kathy Bunce)** all graduated from St. Bartholomew's. Pictures from the Friday night gathering are posted on my Facebook page.

What's new with you? We'd love to hear from you! Send me an email at alverniainfo@gmail.com or join us on Facebook

A Special Birthday Celebration – Just Like We Used To

Pat Grimes

It all started one day when I was talking with a fellow employee about his recent 60th birthday party given by his family. He said the best part was playing Bozo Buckets and trying to beat his cousin in a hula hoop contest.

Hmmmm....the light bulbs started flashing what a great way to celebrate what otherwise might be a not so happy event. After all, misery loves company and who better to celebrate an auspicious milestone like turning 60 than with the people you celebrated all sorts of milestones with in high school.

Drafting a committee of six... **Peggy Heinrich Arvanites, Mary Hahn Bielski, Sharon Renkosiak Smoger, Claudette Prem Giza and Jean Nelson Smith**... meetings began, ideas developed and the **Class of '69— 60th Birthday Bash** became a reality on July 16, 2011 hosted by Peggy at her house.



Twenty-eight of the '69 Alums, came together, several from out of state, to go back to the days when birthday parties were about games, prizes, goody bags, food, cupcakes and non-stop laughter. Old skills were tested again playing Pin-the-Tail-on-the-Donkey, Bozo Buckets, Clothespins-in-the- Bottle and seeing if 60 year old hips could still twirl a hula hoop longer than 2 seconds. Oh yes, **Kathy Trage Moe** still has those hips!! Everyone went home with a goody bag of princess crown cookies baked by **Barb McHale Meilinger**, old fashioned penny candy and other goodies to remember the day.

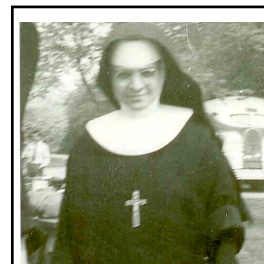


Class of 1969 Celebrates their 60th Birthday!



PROJECT REFLECT

"We're Here For Good"



May 2011

Dear Alvernia friend,

Think back! It's the 50's, 60's, 70's – and maybe beyond. My Religious name was Sister Maria Crucis, and those were the years of Alvernia! I had the joy and privilege of finding for myself and my students a home there in R-307. The halls were filled with life and the energy of young, eager, aspiring scholars.

We who formed the staff had only one agenda—to create a safe, exciting learning place for young women to grow into independent, dedicated, creative thinkers, committed to their own personal integrity and to the safeguarding and advancement of the common good. Ecstatically and nostalgically we sang:

***"Student years pass quickly
Our school days soon are through
But they will live as we remember
The happiest days we knew...."***

I left Alvernia, but Alvernia did not leave me. It has followed me through early mission days, middle years, and now advanced age.

My current and last mission, Project Reflect, is designed to reflect the values found at Alvernia, the mountain top, the place of hope and transfiguration. Since 1992, we have planted and watered, and the seed has germinated with the help of God into a healthy, productive plant. Still the plant must be pruned and shaped so that it continues to grow.

For that, I turn to you to help me fulfill that part of Alvernia's song, Alvernia's dream – ***"We pledge our life, love, and our loyalty / Hearts filled with sincerity"***— by joining in the work of **Project Reflect** so that, together, we may give new life to our Alvernia experience to grow and transform today's children, those from a culture of poverty and alienation, to a culture of learning, one that will contribute to the full development of the children's own unique creation and the safeguarding of the common good.

Of particular need right now is funding. The devastating Nashville flood of May 1-2, 2010 that made the national news, and a tornado both hit us hard. We are still paying for repairs. Plus we have an opportunity to purchase a permanent home for our charter middle school that would save us a \$200,000 rent hike this coming year – funds that we do not have and desperately need to continue our work.

In order for me to offer a Christian after school program I must refuse all government money. This costs us \$200,000 a year for 250 children. To see more of what we do please visit www.projectreflect.org – (and www.facebook.com/sistersandrasmithson just for fun!). Our schools can be seen at www.smithsoncraighead.net

Please prayerfully consider becoming a monthly, sustaining donor. And a single donation is always welcome. Right now, every dollar of your donation will be matched by an anonymous benefactor. Your donation will change a life, ripples of which will go out to make our country stronger for everyone.

All these many years, I have kept you in my heart and prayers. Now I am asking you to remember me – and the current generation of children so in need of our support in every way.

Love and Peace,

Sister Sandra O. Smithson, SSSF (Formerly Sister Maria Crucis)
(615)356-5961, jca2047@gmail.com



(The Tennessean Newspaper published an article in the Local News section of their May 24, 2011 detailing Sister's journey as a young black child in the 1930's to her current role at 85 as founder of Smithson-Craighead Academy. It is truly an inspirational story.)

**JOIN THE ALVERNIA ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION
AT DRURY LANE OAKBROOK THEATRE
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2011**

Lunch 11:30 AM

Play 1:30 PM

\$45.00 Per Person



Based on an inspiring true story, "THE SOUND OF MUSIC" is one of Rogers and Hammerstein's most beloved musicals. Set in Austria on the brink of WWII, Maria a postulant, proves too high-spirited for the religious life and is dispatched to serve as governess for the seven children of a widowed naval Captain. Her growing rapport with the youngsters, coupled with her generosity of spirit, gradually captures the heart of the stern Captain.

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RESERVATION FORM

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ E-Mail _____

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

Please provide individual names for all ticket reservations. Reservation deadline is Oct. 26th

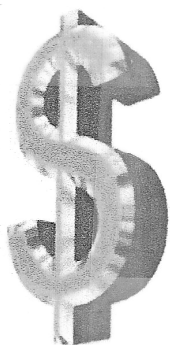
SELECT CHOICE OF ENTREE

- ☐ STUFFED CHICKEN BREAST (With herb dressing and Chef's Poulette Sauce)
- ☐ BAKED SALMON (With dill sauce)

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

VEGETARIAN ENTREE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

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



ALVERNIA ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

FINANCIAL REPORT

AUGUST 1, 2010 - JULY 31, 2011

BALANCE AUGUST 1, 2010 **\$ 9,325.11**

Receipts

Dues	\$17,745.00
Luncheon	31,960.00
Luncheon Raffles	9,928.00
Theatre/Lunch 2010	1,782.48
Theatre/Lunch 2011	843.00
Memorial Mass	74.00
Alumnae Donations	350.00
Business Card Ads/Link	225.00
Tau Crosses	356.00
Coffee Mugs/Centerpieces	226.00
SSSF Individual Donations	10,227.00
Miscellaneous	<u>25.00</u>

Total Receipts **73,741.48**

Disbursements

SSSF Individual Donations	10,227.00
SSSF Retirement Donation	20,000.00
SSSF Rent	900.00
Postage	8,863.93
Presort Service	1,933.75
Telephone	237.59
Operating Expenses	1,430.93
Memorial Mass	361.27
Theatre/Lunch 2010	1,364.60
Theatre/Lunch Deposit 2011	244.00
Luncheon	24,319.87
Luncheon Deposit 2012	1,000.00
Luncheon Expenses 2012	245.78
Gifts/Memorials	574.88
Coffee Mugs	<u>162.00</u>

Total Disbursements **(71,865.60)**

BALANCE JULY 31, 2011 **\$11,200.99**

The Alumnae Association has been able to continue our mission to help support the School Sisters of St. Francis. Through your generosity and attendance at our various functions this past year we were able to donate \$20,000 to the School Sisters of St. Francis Retirement Fund and their ministries.

The key sources of revenue are:

- Membership Dues
- Annual Spring Luncheon
- Individual Donations

Dues receipts for the past year have decreased slightly. We encourage you to continue sending in your dues in order to cover the cost for mailing the semi annual issue of "**Alvernia Alive**".

Our 19th annual luncheon on April 10, 2011 at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center was a wonderful success. There were 540 Alumnae in attendance. All enjoyed a great meal, a chance to win a lovely prize and most of all a time to visit with classmates and friends. Next year will be our 20th annual luncheon, on April 22, 2012. Plans are underway for a special gala celebration. Please plan on attending and encourage your fellow classmates and Alvernia friends to join us for a fun afternoon.

In order to keep the spirit of Alvernia Alive we need all of you to help support our upcoming events. Please save the following dates and plan on attending these events. Thank you for your continuing support and generosity.

Memorial Mass - Sunday, November 6, 2011
Our Lady Mother of the Church - 3:00PM

Theatre/Lunch - Wednesday November 16, 2011
The Sound of Music
Drury Lane - Oakbrook

20th Annual Luncheon - Sunday April 22, 2012
Donald E. Stephens Convention Center
Rosemont, Illinois

Barbara Voss Dowling '55
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Forms for Dues or the Spring Luncheon
Website: www.alverniaalumnae.org



ALVERNIA ALUMNAE— PARTNERS FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE



Several of our Alvernia alumnae were recently featured in an article published in the School Sisters of St. Francis *ALIVE* and written by Sister Ruth Hoerig and Pamela L. Mueller. The following are excerpts from that article.

Josephine Giuliano Conlon '60 reflected on the influence of the SSSF in opening a whole new world for her. The sisters provided opportunities for their students to get involved in community affairs, accompanied them to civic events, public forums and neighboring social agencies. Josephine said the lessons learned at Alvernia did not end there. (Note that Josephine has been a huge supporter of Sister Sandra Smithson's Project Reflect in Nashville, TN)

Karen Egerer '64 said that the women of Alvernia had a profound influence on her current work—Heartland International—working with incredible individuals who were moved by the words of Gandhi—"you must be the change you want to see in the world".

Sister Patricia Suchalski SBS '65, said that the Sisters 'walked the talk' linking the Gospel message to the need for action. Sister Pat is a Sister of the Blessed Sacrament, an order founded for the specific purpose of sharing the Gospel message with the poor, especially Black and Native American peoples and to challenge the injustices in our world.

Dianne Gilboy Temirian '65, said that the Sisters are the reason she became involved with families in Cabrini Green and finding out what it was like for people to live in poverty. The values learned at Alvernia have permeated her life. Dianne is currently a member of the Friends of the Orphans, and has been a proud godmother to Alfredo from El Salvador for the past nine years.

We are all very proud of these women and all the Alvernia Alumnae who have been so generous to the School Sisters of St. Francis and for their tremendous sacrifices & contributions to promote Peace and Justice in our world.

The article included the following words of Margaret Mead:

*"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world:
indeed it's the only thing that ever has."*

AND WE GET WONDERFUL LETTERS.....



My name is **Dick Sitt** and I want to thank you for sending me copies of *Alvernia Alive*. I really enjoy reading what is going on with the Alvernia Alumnae.

In my younger days I had the great privilege of appearing in many productions at Alvernia and enjoyed working with Anna Helen Reuter—plus seeing and talking to Sister Vitalis—who would refer to us as "her men". I miss being able to write to Sister, but remember her in my prayers. I still keep in touch with two other men who did shows at Alvernia as well.

As I was going through the *Alvernia Alive* Winter Spring issue I came to page 26. I couldn't believe what I was seeing on that page! There in front of me was a copy of the *One Family Sings* cast. Oh what happy memories that picture brought back to me.

There in front of me was the entire Trapp Family, Sister Francis Borgia and of course Sister Vitalis. Looking at the back row I spotted the men who were in the cast. One of the men is an uncle of a friend of mine. As I look back and forward I noticed myself in full make up as Mr. Von Trapp—what a treat to have been able to perform in front of the family. Was I nervous? You bet. I believe that picture was taken right after the performance that day—a big treat to have been able to talk to them.

Thank you for "lending your ear" to my memories of "*One Family Sings*".

God Bless, **Dick Sitt, Buffalo Grove, IL**

19th Annual Alvernia Alumnae
Association Luncheon
April 10, 2011



There was definitely something “special” about this year’s gathering. It did seem that the Spirit of Alvernia was especially treasured in this spring season of 2011! Our reunion groups certainly added to the joyful atmosphere! Everyone was truly moved by our opening prayer, a custom in India using flowers and candles as symbols of God’s Light.

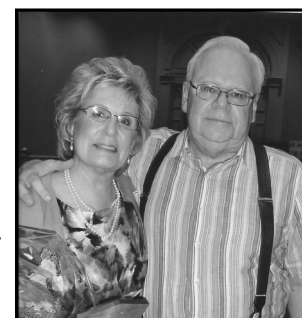
*The Love of Alvernia becomes
more beautiful,
more treasured, through life’s
changing seasons!*

Once again we must acknowledge the beautiful centerpieces reflecting the four seasons. Each season was represented so beautifully! Our decorating committee is already using their creative talents to come up with a special décor for our **20th Annual Alvernia Luncheon on Sunday, April 22, 2012**. Be sure to **SAVE the DATE** and plan to join and celebrate with us. Special thanks to our Alumnae Board and Volunteers. The coordination and cooperation of all is amazing and very much appreciated!

We are happy and proud to report that our **contribution for 2011 was \$20,000.00** which was gratefully acknowledged by the School Sisters of St. Francis. The 2011 contribution is not included in the figure below. Thank you to all who support our luncheon, contribute toward the prizes and pay dues. It is because of your generosity that we can accomplish our goals and provide much needed assistance to the Sisters.

Nancy Romaniak Merk ‘63, Chief Operating Officer of **Project Reflect**, spoke to the assembly on behalf of this important mission of Sister Sandra Smithson. Many of us remember her as Sister Maria Crucis (please see page 20).

Mary Anne Lochbihler Hoeppner, class of 1961 was the recipient of the **2011 Distinguished Alumna Award**. Mary Anne spoke about the challenges of living with a spouse who has Parkinson’s Disease and her speech generated many questions and many requests for her information manual.



**Mary Ann and Tom
Hoeppner**

Sister Kate Brenner, our Moderator, welcomed everyone with the following words.....



Sister Kate Brenner & Pam Mueller

“What a joy it is to be with you as we come together for our annual reunion and luncheon. I know that you are well aware that the spirit of your dear Sister Vitalis is among you and surrounds you with her love. You often share how she and so many of our sisters profoundly influenced your lives throughout the many *Seasons of Alvernia*.

And now it is you, Women of Alvernia, who have and continue to make a profound difference in the lives of our sisters. Over these past 21 years, we have received slightly over **20,000 gifts** including those from individuals, from bequests and from the proceeds of your annual luncheon totaling to date **\$2,289,015.00!**

Our gift of gratitude is a daily remembrance in prayer for you and your loved ones.

We are pleased that **Pam Mueller**, our **Director of Mission Advancement** is with us today. She has been involved in the ministry of fundraising for non-profits for over 22 years and has served with us as the Director of Major Gifts and Development Operations these past four years.

We are honored to have present among us, our provincial, **Sister Barbara Kraemer, Alvernia Class of ‘59** and for the very first time, our **International Leadership Team**, **Sister Kathleen Kluthe**, **Sister Rita Eble**, **Sister Francitta Pazhukkathara** and **Sister Elsa Paul Chiriyankandath**. They will lead us in the opening prayer.”



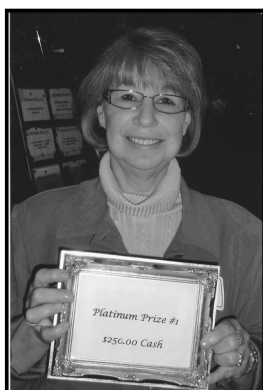
Loving God, We thank you for each Alvernia Graduate and friend gathered here today. Please bless them abundantly for their generous participation in our mission of giving, healing and defending LIFE as the School Sisters of St. Francis around the world.

Bless our food and all those who prepared it. We also remember those who do not have enough food to survive.

As is the custom in India, these flowers and candle are the symbol of God's Light. Sister Elsa Paul will offer them and extend them to you. As she does this, we ask you to receive God's Light within you by holding your hands out over the Light and then bring God's Light into your mind and heart."

NAMASTE—MAY THE GOD IN ME GREET THE GOD IN YOU

PLATINUM PRIZE WINNERS



**Prize #1—\$250.00 Cash
Lynn Bonaccorsi Beckman '64**



**Prize #2—LCD TV
Helen Heyza '81**



**Prize #3—Painting
Kathleen Faloon Kinahan '58**



**Prize #4—Wood Carving
Won by Madelyn DuPee, daughter of Mary Frances Cunningham '38, accepted by Casey Krol Lisowski**



**Prize #5—Kindle Reader
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Mary Dieball Hirsch '66**



Seasons of Alvernia

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

Class Reps are NOT responsible for organizing reunions.

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2012 Luncheon Information

Date: Sunday, April 22, 2012
 Time: Reception & Cocktails: 11:30 A.M.
 Lunch: 1:00 P.M.
 Place: Donald E. Stephens Convention Center
 River Road & Bryn Mawr, Rosemont, IL
 Price: \$50.00 / person (early bird \$45.00 until 2/15/12)

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Luncheon Reservation Form - Year 2012

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	How many	Total
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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Sunday, November 6, 2011—Annual Memorial Mass
and Fall Gathering

Wednesday, November 16, 2011—Drury Lane Theatre
The Sound of Music

Sunday, April 22, 2012—20th Annual
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