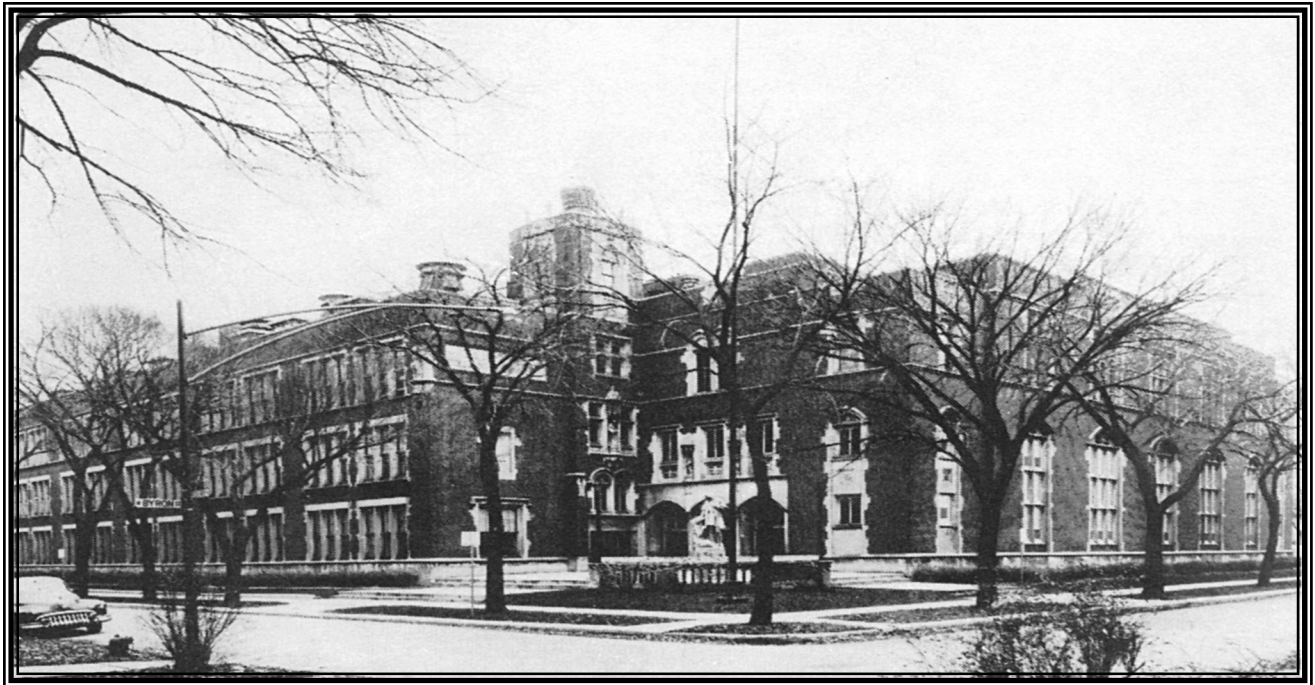


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1924-1989

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ALVERNIA ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

30th ANNUAL LUNCHEON

OCTOBER 13, 2024



Get out that **Denim** and those ol' *Diamonds*
and join us for a comfy and sparkling afternoon.

The Cotillion
360 South Creekside Dr.
Palatine, IL 60074

UPCOMING REUNIONS



Class of 1949— 75th Reunion— No Information at this time.

Class of 1954— 70th Reunion— No Information at this time. **Class Rep:** Kitty Palcer Campe, 847-439-6358, Kittycampe@comcast.net.

Class of 1959— 65th Reunion— *Celebrating at the 30th Annual Alvernia Alumnae Luncheon on October 13, 2024* **Class Rep:** Susan Schell Cargill, 630-530-4050, smcargill@comcast.net . *See Page 5*

Class of 1964— 60th Reunion— *Celebrating at the 30th Annual Alvernia Alumnae Luncheon October 13, 2024.* **Class Reps:** Nancy Dobrocki Peistrup 815-335-4067, nancenrich@yahoo.com, Corrine Herforth Stone, 847-347-7440, corrstone@gmail.com. *See Page 5*

Class of 1969— 55th Reunion— *Celebrating at the 30th Annual Alvernia Alumnae Luncheon on October 13, 2024.* **Class Rep:** Peggy Heinrich Arvanites, 847-204-1546, ph3832@comcast.net.

Class of 1974— 50th Reunion— *Celebrating at the 30th Annual Alvernia Alumnae Luncheon on October 13, 2024.* **Class Rep:** Sue Valent Nowiszewski, 708-268-8773, Suenowis@gmail.com . *See Page 5*

Don't Miss Out!

Class of 1979— 45th Reunion— No Information at this time. **Class Rep:** Maureen Hogen McMullen 773-817-8462, reenmcmullen@comcast.net.

Class of 1984— 40th Reunion— No Information at this time. **Class Rep:** Rose Kelleher Rinker, 630-307-0411, roserinker@comcast.net.

Class of 1989— 35th Reunion— No Information at this time. **Class Rep:** Carla Pastorelli, 773-736-1145, carla.3@sbcglobal.net.



Reunion Class and Group Photography - 2024 Luncheon

Reunion Class and Group Photos at the 2024 Luncheon will again be handled by Tom Killoran Photography.

Panoramic reunion class photos will be scheduled between 12:10 p.m.—12:50 p.m. Non-reunion classes or small groups, i.e. BFFS, clubs, families, etc., photos will be scheduled between 1:10-1:30p.m.

The **8x10 panoramic** reunion and “non-reunion” **class photos** can be purchased for **\$20.00**. The **group photos (limit 5-6 folks)** will be **5x7 photos** and will be priced at **\$10.00 per copy**.

Payment can be made with cash, check or credit card. **All photos are printed on site and available the same day.**

If your class or group would like to schedule, in advance, a specific time for a photo at the luncheon, please contact **Barbara Annoreno at oneronna@comcast.net**.

Reunion News posted in “THE GOOD NEWS ” 1987

“Thanks for the memories” was the overwhelming sentiment shared by hundreds of Alvernia Alumnae during this year’s reunions. Although the Class of 1977 has only been away ten years, their memories were just as fond as those of the Class of 1947.

Thanks to the hard work of Sister Vi and her class committees seven classes celebrated in style the anniversary of their graduation. Last year at the 50th for the Class of 1936, it was decided to celebrate annually, so 1987 saw the 51st anniversary for those graduates. The festivities centered around talk of new jobs, friends, children, family life, - all typical reunion fare—but as these seven classes congregated another element was also evident—the **Alvernia spirit**.

CLASS REUNIONS— CLASS NEWS

Class of 1959—65th Anniversary

Don't Miss Out

There are a lot of us still around!!! It would be great to see a bunch of you at the Alvernia Alumnae Luncheon on October 13th! (Don't worry—we will have name tags).

We've had a turnout at all of these annual luncheons and hope to have a good presence this fall. Our fiftieth reunion saw 118 of our classmates for what I think has to be some kind of record! Let's keep up that spirit! Give me a call at **630-530-4050** if you need a pep talk or want to find out about any of our classmates. It would be good to keep in touch and keep that good Alvernia spirit going!! Plan ahead and God bless!!

Class Rep: Susan Schell Cargill, 630-530-4050, smcargill@comcast.net.

Class of 1964—60th Anniversary

This year, 2024, our Class of 1964 will be remembering our High School Days and Graduation 60 years ago. We made many memories during those 4 years of high school together. The Good Sisters taught us well. Let's catch up and reminisce at the 30th Annual Alumnae Luncheon at The Cotillion in Palatine, IL on Sunday, October 13, 2024. We wish you a wonderful and safe summer. Hope **all** will be at the luncheon for our **60th Reunion**.

If you are unable to attend, send us a note of your fond remembrance, and we will share with our group.

Class Reps: Nancy Dobrocki Peistrup, nancenrich@yahoo.com and Corrine Herforth Stone, corrstone@gmail.com.

Class of 1966...60 years ago

We will now be entering our Junior year in the Fall of 1964 at Alvernia...We are officially "Upper Class Women".

It seems so long ago that we entered the "Hallowed Halls of Alvernia", and as we know 60 years later, time goes by so fast. So many changes to our lives back then and countless changes to our lives since 1964. Let's hope that all of you have gotten through the good and the bad changes of your life, because we all know that "growing up" is not easy and we are still growing up.

2026 we will be celebrating our "60th" Graduation reunion. Let's hope that many of you will want to and be able to attend this celebration...and it will be 64 years that we met one another & formed good friendships in 1962.

If anyone of you are on Facebook and haven't joined our site, it is **Alvernia Class '66**. Please ask to join or email me sellinger9@aol.com.

As our class motto, "*Let us find a place to stand & we will move the earth*", keep moving 66ers and always remember our 35+ classmates who have left this earth and remember their loved ones as well.

If you have not received the bi-annual *Alvernia Alive* newsletter, please let me know via the info below.

Additionally, please send in the \$25 Dues that helps in publishing the *Alvernia Alive* newsletter. The newsletter helps keep all of us in on the happenings of our High School years and beyond.

Susan Mindak Ellinger—1966 Class Rep, sellinger9@aol.com.

6116 N Nettleton Ave

Chicago, Illinois 60631

Cell: 773-469-3015 and leave a message.



Student Years Pass Quickly...

Class of 1974—50th Anniversary

Please join us at this year's Annual Alvernia Alumnae Luncheon on October 13th in celebration of our **50th**. Contact me for more information. Looking forward to seeing **you** there.

Class rep: Sue Valent Nowiszewski 708-268-8773, suenowis@gmail.com.

Save the
Date!

CLASS REUNIONS— CLASS NEWS

Class of 1975—50th Anniversary

Class of 1975, we are now on deck. Next year will be our turn to celebrate our 50th Reunion.

We have a year to decide how we will celebrate this landmark occasion in our lives. Would you prefer to have a separate, stand-alone event? Should we celebrate at the Annual Alumnae Luncheon? Both? Something else? If the majority rules on a separate, stand-alone event or something else, a committee will need to form to investigate dates, venues, costs, etc. I would like to hear your opinion at alverniah75@gmail.com.

I have started working on updating the information for our class list and will be reaching out to you to confirm your contact information. Please also let me know of any classmates that have passed away or moved. You may share the following link for our class Facebook group **Alvernia HS Class of '75 (NW Side Chicago)** Facebook for classmates who are not already members of this group.

If you know of anyone from our class who is not on Facebook, please make sure they are aware of our upcoming reunion. If anyone needs to contact me, the best way is to send a message through **Messenger** or send an email to alverniah75@gmail.com.
Class Rep: Kathy Bunce

DIAMONDS & DENIM

30th Annual Alvernia Alumnae Luncheon

- ◆ Cathy Biedron Eckart '60 and Mary Grimes '65 thought we should have some fun at this luncheon! Get out your denim and your "diamonds" and join in the fun. No obligation of course. But if you decide to get into the theme there may even be a prize! So yes, be casual but add some "bling"!
- ◆ The Classes of '59, '64, '69 and '74 are celebrating their reunions at the luncheon. Reunion classes needing display tables or easels for memorabilia, or have any other questions, please contact Barbara Annoreno, oneronna@comcast.net prior to the luncheon.
- ◆ Questions regarding your reservation should be directed to Pat Grimes, 847-337-0815, grimes.pat@att.net. Everyone attending the luncheon must be registered and wear the name tag issued at the registration table. We cannot accept reservations at the door; nor can we change seating the day of the luncheon.
- ◆ We'll again have the General Raffle (15 tickets for \$10.00) with the larger numbers on them, and the Pot O Gold (\$1.00 each and 6/\$10.00) to win \$100.00 cash prizes.
- ◆ Available in The Gift Shop, located in the lobby, will be some Alvernia logo items for sale and SSSF Memorial Mass cards to take for future use—donation made when used. There will also be a table for Dues, Donations and Forms for updating contact information.
- ◆ *****Please use caution at the main entrance steps. We urge those with canes and walkers to use the ramp on the east side of the building for safer and easier access into the banquet hall.
- ◆ Tom Killoran Photographers will be taking the group photos with pictures available the same day.

See details on page 4.

The School Sisters of St Francis begin the Year of Celebrating the 150th Anniversary of their founding in Campbellsport, Wisconsin.

To mark this momentous occasion, a mass was held on April 28, 2024 at St. Joseph Chapel in Milwaukee. With sisters attending from the Provinces of India, Europe and the United States, the chapel was filled with the angelic voices of their choir (led by our own Sister Bernadette Luecker '55) while the mass was presided by Archbishop Jerome Listeki of the Milwaukee Archdiocese. To honor their presence, the hymns, readings and responses were spoken in a combination of English, German and Hindi.

The Alvernia Alumnae was well represented at this event by: Rosemarie Carsello Maher '53, Pat Feeney Kimberley '55, Sue Rehak '55, Sister Barbara Kraemer '59, Jackie Brennan '63, Maureen Hellwig '63, Mary Jo Rice '63, Mary Grimes '65, Betty Baumgartner Bergeron '68, Pat Grimes '69' and Sister Margaret Guider OSF '69.



The weather outside was foggy, rainy and just plain gloomy. The atmosphere inside was bright and full of smiles and joy. We were all honored to be in attendance.

SAVE THE DATE TO CELEBRATE WITH THE SISTERS!

Celebrating 150 Years of Worldwide Mission

Shining the Light and Joy



**Saturday, December 7
5:00 p.m. - midnight**

*Celebrate the School Sisters of St. Francis'
150th anniversary in elegant style at a gathering at
Saint Kate – The Arts Hotel in downtown Milwaukee.*



Watch for details coming this summer!

Archives Series Highlights Sister Sandra Smithson's Journey. By Sister Mary Diez

Sister Sandra Smithson (Sister Maria Crucis) is the subject of the next piece of our congregation's history written by Associate Maureen Hellwig '63.

In this article, you'll learn about how Sandra came to the community at age 27, followed by her mission work at Alvernia high School, in Costa Rica and Honduras, and as a writer. For the latter years of her life, her focus was on the education of Black and Latino children of Nashville through Project Reflect. The program, begun as a tutoring and religious education program, led to the establishment of a charter school that continues to develop students from poverty into high achievement.



The link to read the entire article is <https://rb.gy/b103zv>.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

ALUMNAE

Clara Hurckes Jennings '34
Loretta Hurckes Bradshaw '38 (2020)
Roma Kimmey Kehoe '45 (2016)
Sister Margaret M. Earley OSF '47
Susanne Marshall Peterson '47
Jeanne Hoff Schramm '49
Patricia Coughlan Grisco '49
Mary Schorsch Kenevan '50
Jacqueline Huening Gibbons '51
Carole Witt Murray '51
Nancy Fraser Powell '54
Mary Wawrzynski Heldman '54
Alice Jasinowski Beck '55
Joy Campione Getz '56
Mariann Mangerich Murray '56
Phyllis Forster Linning '57 (2021)
Georgia Mader Orzechowski '57
Barbara Mizner Arnel '58 (2023)
Barbara Leon Materer '58
Denise Benschish '59
Maureen Hickey Provost '60
Dorothy Georgen Keefer '60
Brunhilde Kaempfer Henke '60
Anne Morrissey Newman '60
Jacqueline Zentmyer '62
Patricia Azzaline Wharry '63
Antoinette Baier '64
Carol Handzel Heidorn '64
Eileen McGovern '64
Marie Holbach Thomas '67
Marilyn Niedorowski Lotz '69
Kathleen Rose Kurpiel '70
Donna Jablonski '75
JoAnn Banca Caliva '75

HUSBAND OF

Carol Holtz Wheeler '53
Rosemary Muhr Kraft '56
Late Michael Wapole Skowron '60
Sharon Wapole Phillips '61
Sandra Nowak Calvanese '61
Jody Mineo Peters '66
Marianne Ellerson Lucas '67
Carol Tucker Mayer '67
Cindy Dilla Sontowski '71
Mary Gallet Stiles '72

MOTHER OF

Late Sister Anita Baumgartner '67
Betty Baumgartner Bergeron '68
Deborah Truschke '68
Debbie Gibbons Hinkes '71
Debra Box Murphy '75
Laura Box Eversman '75
Cynthia Mueller '78
Florence Kloska '85
Mary Kloska '87

FATHER OF

Gisla Stringer '88

FATHER IN LAW OF

Judy Diaz Murphy '80
Lisa Vahle Murphy '80
Beth Schweda Murphy '76

SISTER OF

Late Dorothy Kimmey Mode '39
Late Rosemary Coughlan Flood '43
Mary Jane Hurckes Sammarco '46
Late Patricia Earley Cairo '48
Late Margaret Marshall Crabb '49
Lois Hoff Lewandowski '50
Rosemary Marshall Morici '51
Late Joann Earley Geegan '52
Carol Hoff Steele '52
Sister Patricia Baier '53
Nancy Hoff Schulz '54
Late Vivian Huening Mortell '55
Colleen Hickey Harder '58
Joan Handzel '58
Charlotte Wawrzynski Brown '59
Alice Handzel Wagner '60
Joyce Baier Horcher '62
Mary Sue McGovern Ciezadlo '63
Sister Patricia Baier '64
Patricia McGovern Blades '65
Kathleen McCarthy Mackowiak '65
Linda Azzaline Emiley '66
Maureen McCarthy Ely '66
Rosann Niedorowski Scalise '70
Patricia McCarthy Chirello '71
Mary Kurpiel Hough '71
Mary Zentmyer '72
Patti Collins '75
Mary Ryan Kiss '75

SISTER IN LAW OF

Sandra Guarisco Cherwin '60
Barbara Stefan Annoreno '60

BROTHER OF

JoAnne Schaeffer Sefcik '63
Gloria Schmeda Tortorich '63
Joy Gallet Speciale '65
Nancy Dittman '66
Joanne Barbaria Johnson '66
Mary Mickus Solay '68
Karen Schaeffer Galliat '69
Mary Gallet Stiles '72
Late Rodmilia Tripkovich '72
Sue Valent Nowiszewzki '74
Lizbeth Schaeffer Willert '74
Sonja Tripkovich '75

BROTHER IN LAW OF

Late Michael Wapole Skowron '60
Sharon Wapole Phillips '61



Kathleen McCarthy Mackowiak '65
Maureen McCarthy Ely '66
Gayle Wapole Banakis '70
Patricia McCarthy Chirello '71
Eileen Moore Oleksy '71
Claire Wapole Conway '80

DAUGHTER OF

Late Jewel Kaufmann Morrissey '33

SON OF

Lisa Pometta Waldmann '73

GRANDSON OF

Charlotte Wawrzynski Brown '59

AUNT OF

Khristine Howe Ligamarri '67
Kathie Howe Mayer '68
Mary Cheeseman '69
Gayle Cheeseman '70
Kolleen Howe Klein '70
Kaureen Howe Duffy '71
Margaret Cheeseman '72
Late Kimberly Howe Markowski '72
Teresa Cheeseman Semke '78

UNCLE OF

Christine Phillips Vohasek '79

NIECE OF

Late Ann Kaufmann Filkey '34

COUSIN OF

Late Margo Kasow Sims '68

CAFETERIA

Wilma Baumgartner

Correction:

Not Deceased—

Brother of Cindy Wozny Carl '72 and
Donna Wozny Swanson '73

*Please send information about deceased alumnae and family to
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oneronna@comcast.net.*

*Be sure to include class year and
maiden name, if applicable, and also
any siblings that graduated from
Alvernia with maiden name, married
name and class year.
Thank you!*

MEMORIALS & DONATIONS

In Memory of the deceased members of the **Class of 1948**, a donation of \$100.00 by Rosemary Conlon '48

In Memory of **Glenn Miller** a donation of \$30.00 by Betty Brinkman Miller '48

In Memory of **Priscilla Warner Dohrmann '49** a donation of \$100.00 by Noreen Sennis Kobos '49

In Memory of **Jacquelyn Huening Gibbons '51**, a donation of \$100.00 by Ann Kerrigan Touhy '51, Arlene Jaworski McTague '51, Delores Sesenick Smagatz '51, Jean Yost, Ann Varsolona, Mary Zelenka '51.

In HONOR of **Nancy Maloney** a donation of 50.00 by Kathleen Maloney Gordon '53

In HONOR of **Sister Fran Hicks '56** and in Memory of **Barbara Finerty O'Brien '61** and **Sheila Heinrich Finerty '61** a donation of \$200.00 by Kathleen Finerty Pater '55

In Memory of **K. John DelVecchio** a donation of \$100.00 by Betty Mack DelVecchio '57

In Memory of **Norman Lind** a donation of \$100.00 by Dorothy Pfrenger Lind '57

In Memory of **Carol Handzel Heidorn '64** a donation of \$50.00 by Joan Handzel '58

In Memory of **Ralph Tadevic** a donation of \$30.00 by Jule Anne Tadevic Massouh '60

In Memory of **Michael Wapole Skowron '60** a donation of \$50.00 by Caren Bassett Dybek '60

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

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In Memory of **Kathleen Giroux Zahn '59** a donation of \$50.00 by Kathleen Mayer Peterson '63

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In Memory of **Late Judy Cacioppo Ryan '66** a **DUES** donation of \$25.00 by Virginia Dever Kersey '66

In HONOR of **Sister Paulanne Held**, a donation of \$100.00 by Nancy Panek Bultinck '70

In Memory of her son, **Scott F. Peters 50th Birthday 7/2024**, a donation of \$25.00 by Sharon McDonald Danielelczyk '73

In Memory of **Loreto and Rosalia LoBosco**, a donation of \$25.00 by Antonette Lobosco Tyre '77

In Memory of **Aixa Diaz '81** and **Cheryl Oberg Hennelly '81** a donation of \$100.00 by Teresita Diaz '80

Donations to Retirement Fund, SSSF Ministries and Alumnae Association

Total of **\$6,675.00** donated by the following:

Marie Roach Cowhey '48
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Mary Uccello '55
Mary Skidmore Sliwa '56
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Corrine Henforth Stone '64
Sandra Czubak Freewalt '64
Eileen Noone Fogel '65
Pamela Trent '66
Susan Weber Giguere '67
Barbara Mis Kelly '67
Debbie Zwierzna Cravatta '71

MEMORIAL MASS—May 19, 2024



Father Ron Kalas

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Our last **Memorial Mass** was in 2019 and all in attendance were happy to gather once again to remember and pray for our deceased alumnae and family members. Mary Seat of Wisdom Parish in Park Ridge provided a beautiful space for our event.

Due to the lengthy list we posted the pages of alumnae and family members who have passed away in the past four years on display boards and prayed for all in the Prayers of the Faithful. Alums did carry in procession votive candles representing the decades of Alvernia graduates. We were privileged to have **Father Ron Kalas** preside and the beautiful music was presented by **Terese Scalise**, whose mother is a 1970 graduate, **Rosann Niedorowski Scalise**. Dan Stucker accompanied Terese. **Carol Kubistal Aiken '63**, sister of our longtime lector, the **late Pat Kubistal '55** was also in attendance. Carol and her family now live in Kentucky.

Our Lectors were **Alberta Matulis '60 and Jeanne Cecchin Fec '73**. **Mary Grimes '65 and Pat Grimes '69** provided a very enjoyable hospitality with assistance from **Pat Kimberley '55 and Judy Skotzko '71**. Mary also organized the procession of candles and gift bearers. **Jackie Brennan '63 and Barbara Annoreno '60** did Church set up. We are very grateful to **Kathleen Finerty Pater '55**, parishioner and sacristan at Mary Seat of Wisdom, for all her efforts on our behalf.

School Sisters of St. Francis Donation Form

Please Print

Your Full Name _____ Your Class Year _____

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Please apply my donation to: SSSF Ministries \$ _____ Retirement Fund \$ _____

This donation is "In Honor of" (Live person/s) _____ "Memory of" (Deceased person/s) _____

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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 _____

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Telephone _____ email _____ 10

SNIPPETS AND MORE.....

Barbara Voss Dowling '55, Arlington Hts, IL Enjoyed lunch at Lake Lawn Lodge, Delevan, WI with sisters, also Alvernia alums, L-R **Terry Voss Burns '53, WI, Barbara and Bernadette Voss Malkowski '61, AZ.**



Linda Collins Bloomfield '58, Timonium, MD, (Dear Pat) "Thank you for all the work you and others do to keep us grateful for Alvernia in our lives."

Virginia Dever Kersey '66 Northbrook, IL, (Dear Pat) "Thank you for all that you do for our Alumnae Association. When I read your comments in the 2024 *Alvernia Alive* regarding our loss of dues in part due to the passing of so many of our dear classmates, I decided to adopt one of our class of 1966 Guardian Angels each year and pay their dues for them. This year I am adopting my fellow Alvernian and Cherished childhood companion, **the late Judy Cacioppo Ryan '66.** Perhaps others may do this and we can help to keep *Alvernia Alive* for other generations."

Barbara Mis Kelly '67, Irvine, CA, has authored her third children's book. Once again inspired by her grandchildren, Barbara published "**Is It Chocolate?**" about a little boy who loves chocolate above all other 'foods,' and is always in search of that piece of chocolate to enjoy!

Barbara's previous book, "**I'm Too Full!**" is about a little girl who eats nutritious food and is healthy, creative, and energetic. Each time she is asked if she wants another slice of apple or cheese, she replies, "I'm too full!" yet goes back and eats the healthy foods.

Both of these books are available on Amazon or on the Bookbaby website at store.bookbaby.com/book/Im-Too-Full. Barbara's first book is an ABC book for children to take to Mass with them. "**Let's Go to Church!**" can be purchased by contacting Barbara at bababooksllc.com. You can learn more about Barbara and her books at Baba-bookshop.com.



Judy Skotzko 71, Chicago, IL Don't be surprised if you are traveling from O'Hare Airport and see Judy in her **Airport Information Ambassador's uniform!** Judy, who can speak Spanish, French, German and Italian, was one of 11 who recently qualified to become an ambassador on the O'Hare Customer Engagement team! Judy is our Class Rep Coordinator and keeps our Membership Directory up to date!

THE RING—Lois Weiler DeFelice '68

In late January of 2024, Barbara Annoreno received the following email:

"I found your contact information on the Alvernia Alumnae web page. (Along with others) I picked your info because of the description. '*General inquiries, news and information*'. The reason for my inquiry is I have an Alvernia 1968 class ring that I found many years ago. Long before the internet. I did not know how to find the rightful owner, so the ring fell into forgotten status. I was going through some things yesterday and came across the ring. I didn't even realize that I still had it. That's when I thought, 'Hey! Try the internet!' It's dated 1968, has a **purple** stone, and the inscription KAM on the inside. Anyway, I was wondering if you or anyone else in the Alumnae Association could please help me locate the rightful owner? I know it might be a long-shot but figured I'd try. I can send pictures of it if you think it would help. Thanks in advance Barbara! Sincerely, Hank"



And so began the next chapter of the tale of the ring. Barbara forwarded the email to Judy Skotzko, Mailing List Coordinator, and Lois Weiler DeFelice, '68 Class Rep. Lois looked over our class list and found only two graduates in 1968 with the initials KM. Lois tried Kathleen McGrath who she continues to be in contact with to see if she still had her class ring. Kathleen's ring had been stolen from her dorm room in college. However, she had a **red** stone and no engraving.

Lois then moved on to see if she could find Kathryn A Mrotek. We have not had contact with her for over 25 years and the last mailing address in Nevada was "**return to sender**". Not to be undaunted, Lois continued the search through a variety of engines, groups and other ways. Finally found a Kathryn that fit all the right answers in California, right age, history matched addresses we used to have and phone numbers. Of course, upon calling those numbers they had been disconnected.

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Lois goes to ABC breakfast monthly with other classmates from '68 and Judy Skotzko '71 joined them that month. Lois brought her up to date with what she had found, and Judy looked to see if there were any family members in our database. Sue Mrotek was in the database and Lois reached out to see if they were sisters, told her about the ring, and asked if she had contact information.

Meantime, Lois kept Hank apprised of how the search was going. Hank said "Keep in mind it was decades ago that I found it. I've been racking my brain trying to remember how and where. My best recollection is public transportation; either CTA bus, 68 Northwest Highway, or Blue-Line EL, Jeff Park to Lake Transfer. I spent a lot of time on both." (Hank took this route to work when he was a teenager, probably 10 years after the ring had been lost.)

KAM has been found!!!! She lives in California and did indeed lose her ring in 1969. Kathy worked at Skil Tool and Saw in Chicago and her job was that of an armature balancer (a cylindrical part inside many hand-powered tools.) Her job required the use of oil as a lubricant when using the machine equipment. To safeguard her ring from slipping off she would put it in her smock pocket. Since she had only had the ring a year, she was very disheartened when she realized she had lost it and always wondered if someone had found it. She was just thinking about it the other day!!!

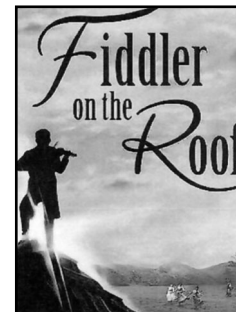
So Lois arranged a meeting with Hank; found out that his Mother, Susan Rickert '59 was an alumna of Alvernia too. Small world!!!! Lois then shipped the ring to Kathy in California and as you can see from the picture was very excited to be reunited 54 years later with the ring.

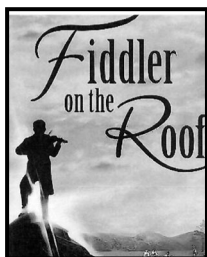
Excerpts from Kathy's response: The ring arrived! It was packaged so well!! I really appreciate your efforts. The ring is lovelier than what I remembered. I was amazed when I opened the jewelry box as to how elegant it looked. It's amazing that after 50 years I can now once again wear it on my finger!

Thank you for all your coordination efforts and for sending the ring. What a unique surprise!



"FIDDLER ON THE ROOF"—MARCH 14, 2024





All in attendance enjoyed the delicious lunch and award winning theatre!



HELP WANTED—HELP NEEDED

We can't have a Luncheon without Volunteers!

Alum volunteers are needed to help on the day of the luncheon. We are asking for just an hour of your time. Have a friend work with you.

Volunteers are needed in the following areas:

Set-up of Prizes and Décor at 9:15 AM
(2) Welcomers

Registration, Dues & Donations Table, Gift Shop,
Raffle Ticket Sellers, Distributing Raffle Baskets

Gathering of Alumnae Supplies and Loading Cars at Conclusion of Luncheon

Please call or email Joann Lewandowski if you would like to volunteer
or have questions

708-386-1681/lewjoann@hotmail.com

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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90. Kim Howard Houk	630-671-9097	kimhouk@gmail.com

Names in **bold** are on Facebook.

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Alvernia Alumnae Association
30th Annual Luncheon
Sunday, October 13, 2024

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 4, 2024
Advance Reservations ONLY! No walk-ins.

Mail to:

Alvernia Alumnae Association
C/O PAT GRIMES
3260 ROCKWELL CIRCLE
MUNDELEIN, IL 60060

Please complete ALL fields below:

 Last (Married) Name

 First

 Maiden

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

Email Address: _____ @ _____

		How Many?	Total
Membership Dues for: 2024	\$25.00 per year		\$
Luncheon Tickets:	\$65.00 per person		\$
I am a member of a religious order.	\$55.00 per person		\$
I am a former faculty member.	\$55.00 per person		\$
I would like to sponsor a religious to attend.	\$55.00 per person		\$
I would like to make a monetary donation.			\$
Total			\$

Checks made payable to the **ALVERNIA ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION**

OR

Payments can be made by **Zelle** to **AlverniaHS@currently.com** – Please complete and mail this form. Mark 'Zelle' on form.

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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30th Annual Alvernia Alumnae Luncheon**

**Sunday, October 13, 2024
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**Celebrating 150 years of Bringing the
Light to Others**

**School Sisters of St. Francis
Saturday, December 7, 2024**

**Gala at the St. Kate Hotel
Milwaukee, WI**