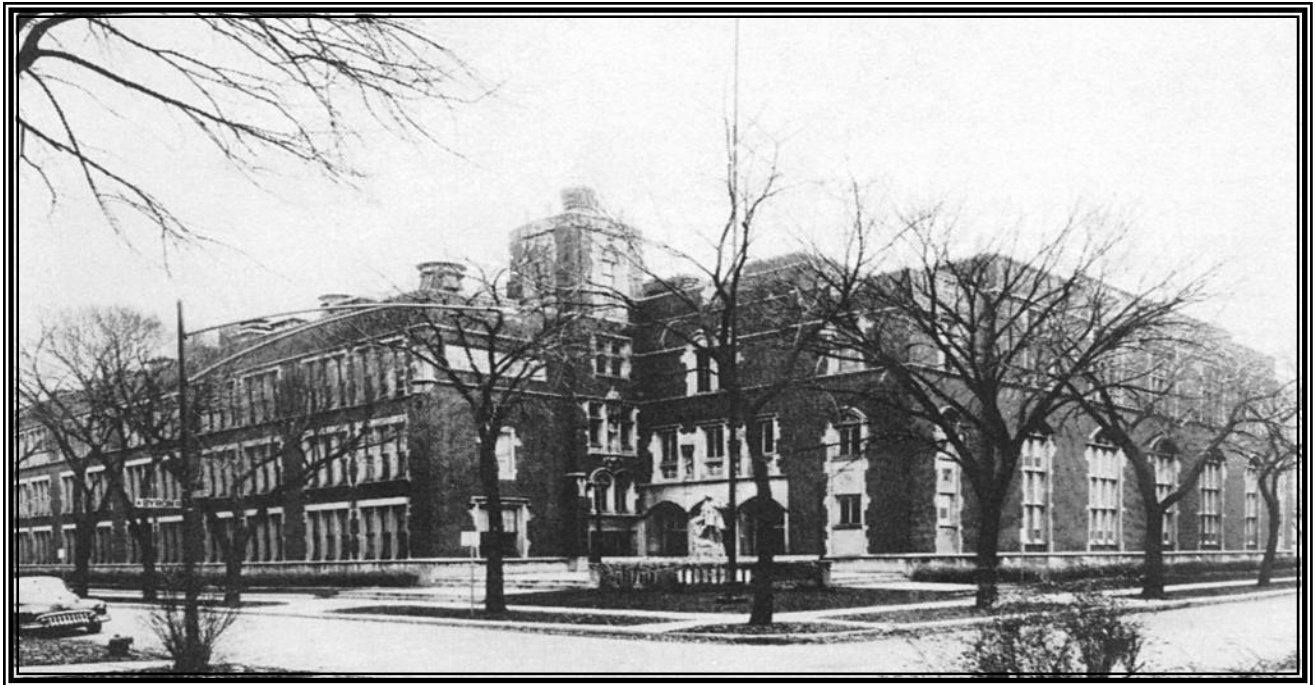


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FROM THE EDITOR

You will **not** find a reservation form in this issue but please do **Save The Date** of **October 16, 2022** for our **28th Annual Alvernia Alumnae Luncheon "Sweet Home Chicago"**. A reservation form will be included in the **Summer-Fall issue**. There will be a luncheon in 2022 and we hope without any restrictions. Classes that would like to celebrate reunions at the luncheon should send information to me for the next newsletter.

As I prepare this issue for publication, things do seem to be moving in a better direction. Let's all keep praying that it stays that way and by summer we can resume a somewhat normal life! So many of our alums expressed their disappointment that we had to cancel the 2021 luncheon since they look forward to the annual event. Due to the generosity of so many alums who donated their reservation money and other contributions we were able to make a donation of **\$12,000.00** to the SSSF. The Sisters were very grateful and their letter of appreciation can be found in the newsletter on page 17. The Sisters always assure us that the women of Alvernia are included in their daily prayers.

At this time we do not have dates for the Drury Lane Theatre Lunch or Memorial Mass. We expect that these two events will take place in 2023.

In the past months, many alums and family members of deceased alumnae have had time to look through memorabilia. We are happy to include articles written and pictures submitted for your enjoyment. And also thanks to Arlene Plash Muench '52 for numerous articles/poems/humor; some of which I have already included and more to come in future issues. Many of the remarks in Snippets were obtained from obituaries published. It's never too late to read about our wonderful alumnae and all the good works they have accomplished! I think you will enjoy this issue of the newsletter as again we have well written contributions from many alums. Thank you to all!

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

Take Care, Be Well, God Bless

Barbara Stefan Annoreno '60, Director & Editor

Save the Date!

October 16, 2022

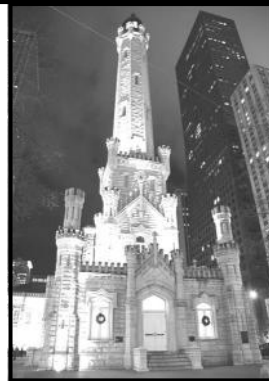
Sweet Home Chicago

*The Cotillion
360 South Creekside Drive
Palatine, IL*

*The Art
Institute*

*The Shedd
Aquarium*

Navy Pier



Water Tower

*Chicago
History
Museum*

UPCOMING REUNIONS



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

Class of 1952— 70th Reunion—No Information at this time. **Class Rep Arlene Plash Muench**
773-282-9639, rgmuench@sbcglobal.net

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

Class of 1962— 60th Reunion—No Information at this time. **Class Rep Marcy Hammes Mueller**
847-635-5668, mommules@aol.com

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

Class of 1972— 50th Reunion—No Information at this time. **Class Rep Linda Herbes India**
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Class of 1977— 45th Reunion—No Information at this time. **Class Rep Barbara Mizera Petrowski**
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Class of 1982— 40th Reunion—No Information at this time. **Class Rep Yvonne Dionne Mundorf**
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Class of 1987— 35th Reunion—No Information at this time. **Class rep Michelle Bourrillion Frait**
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Let's Celebrate!

Reunion Class and Group Photography at the 2022 Luncheon

This year we will be working with **Tom Killoran Photography**. Panoramic reunion class photos will be scheduled between 12:10 p.m.-12:50 p.m. Non-reunion class (the rest of the classes) or small groups, i.e. BFFs, clubs, families, etc., photos will be scheduled between 1:10-1:30 p.m. **All photos are printed on site same day.**

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

- ♦ The 8X10 panoramic reunion and “non-reunion” class photos can be purchased for **\$20.00**
- ♦ The group photos (limit 5-6 folks) will be 5X7 photos and will be priced at **\$10.00** per copy.
- ♦ Payment can be made with cash, check or credit card. All photos are available day of luncheon.

Prayer of St. Francis

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

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

CLASS REPS

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

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

Class Reps are NOT responsible for organizing reunions.

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**Alvernia Alumnae Association
Financial Report
August 1, 2020 - December 31, 2021**



Balance as of 8/1/2020 **\$31,934.83**

Receipts

Dues	\$22,205.00
Luncheon	\$8,995.00
Monetary donations	\$4,095.00
Theater Lunch 2020	\$954.00
Book sales	\$107.65
Returned check	\$10.00
Postage income	\$18.00
Total Receipts	\$36,384.65

Disbursements

Luncheon refunds	\$11,035.10
Luncheon decorations	\$92.84
Postage and presort services	\$11,854.65
Play refunds	\$888.00
Memorial and other gifts	\$502.34
Office supplies	\$158.99
Miscellaneous expenses	\$472.82
Operating expense	\$149.00
Bank Charges	\$208.70
SSSF Donations by AAA	\$3,160.00
Total Disbursements	\$40,522.44

**Balance as of
December 31, 2021** **\$27,797.04**

Donation to SSSF 1/3/22 \$12,000.00

Balance after donation **\$15,797.04**

SSSF Retirement Donations \$15,870.00

Forms for dues, the Spring Luncheon or Drury Lane
can be found on our website at:
www.alverniaalumnae.org

So, a little bit about the finances. We were able to make a donation to the sisters at year end for \$12,000. Thank you all who so generously donated your luncheon reservations and made donations to make this happen. This is not reflected in the year end balance but after as it was not received by them until 2022.

There are two categories of SSSF donations. The total of \$15,870 are checks sent to me, payable to the Sisters that I then forward to them. We do it this way so we can keep track and publish your donations in the newsletter. These are not included in our account balance.

We are still holding dues at \$20.00 this year. Your dues support the mailing of the bi-annual newsletter and the operating expenses of the association.

The other category is the donations that we have sent the sisters from 'the Association' i.e. the luncheon income that was not refunded and remaining funds after expenses are paid out. We do leave a balance in the account to cover the bank required minimum balance, bank charges and potential expenses such as increased postage, mailing services and operating expenses.

Your donations this year absolutely crushed any record in the past. Your generosity and concern for our Sisters is absolutely stunning. Thank you and God Bless all of you for that.

So, save October 16, 2022 for the 28th (still!) Annual Luncheon. Reservation information for that luncheon will be published in the next newsletter. Dates for the Mass and the Theater Lunch will be announced in the next newsletter also.

May St. Francis bless you and keep you. Be safe, be well.

Pat Grimes, '69

Finance Director

SNIPPETS AND MORE



The Late Donna Quasthoff '39 was designated “**Santa Fe Living Treasure**” in 2006 in recognition for her volunteerism and for her many contributions to Santa Fe culture. She graduated from Alvernia in 1939 where she was president or chair of at least five student organizations. After graduation she enrolled in the Art Institute and received her B.F.A. After teaching at The Art Institute, The Girls Latin Institute and Rockford College, she went to Paris to study art followed by travels to England, Africa and throughout Europe continuing to study art. In 1954 Donna embarked on a career as an architect and sculptor in Santa Fe, New Mexico. She received numerous commissions for sculpture projects, most of which are in bronze. Several large and highly visible works are in downtown Santa Fe. Donna sculpted the bronze doors of Saint Francis Basilica and, at the age of 78, she sculpted the three-tired monument in Cathedral Park.

The Late Pat Lyons Stubig '48 was a young mother of 6 children when her husband, Detective Jerome Stubig CPD was killed in the line of duty in 1969. Pat received her Nursing Degree from Truman College School of Nursing in 1970. She worked as an RN for the Board of Health and later was on the faculty as a Lab Nurse Instructor. Pat was an active member of The Chicago Gold Star Families and was instrumental in starting the **Gold Star Memorial Park**.

The Late Virginia (Ginny) Ernst Kaczynski '50. Ginny was a long time Board Member and in her later years would “watch the purses” of the alums involved in setting up for the luncheon. She and **Kathy Duggan '50** teamed up for this very important job and would always bring delicious coffeecakes for our morning energy lift.

Joan Ponchione Trauth '50, IL, Thank you and your staff for keeping our publication, *Alvernia Alive*, vibrant and the features newsy and current. Cancelling the celebration of the 70th anniversary at the banquet was one of the many disappointments of the 2020 covid year. Congratulations to my classmates for our 70th. What I learned at Alvernia high School made a great impression on my life. It is difficult to explain the richness and the “Life” it imbued in me. Translating 4 years of Latin was great fun; also enjoyed 4 years of History; Gym class, not so much.

Our class play was *Song at the Scaffold*, a beautiful tragic story placed in the history of France’s traumatic epoch. I found my “voice” as an old “hag” with one line. My husband and I were able to enjoy an opera version of the play several years ago. Our class matured in the Franciscan Charism. It is a beautiful thing! I’ve lived in Skokie for 68 years and my husband and I reared eight wonderful children. We have been enrolled in the Third Order of St. Francis for 50 years. The two of us have been growing old together for 67 years. Peace.

Barbara Mueller '51, IL competed in the **1956 Olympic Games in Melbourne** despite the fact that she didn’t have lessons, or even gym class, as a child, and didn’t see a high hurdle until high school. She hurdled many obstacles enroute to the world’s most prestigious sporting competition. For a time she raced in street shoes, and unlike today’s top athletes, she never had the luxury of a personal coach. Though she didn’t win a medal in Australia, Barbara remembers what it was like to race among the best. She was 23 when she hurdled the 80-meter event for the American track team. She was so nervous that an official warned her to stop fidgeting so much in the starting block. Barbara came in about 13th. But with a time of 11.6, she was the fastest American. Barbara continued to compete for a few years after the Olympics. Her last competition was the 1959 Pan Am games in Chicago and she ran in fourth in her event.



St. Benedict Catholic School didn’t offer physical education when Barbara was a student there. It was when she entered Alvernia that she realized her athletic potential and career path. At that time Alvernia had all-star basketball games. There was no interscholastic competition only intramurals. In her freshman year, she noticed there were kids who wanted to play basketball but didn’t know how to play. That observation would lead her to become a physical education teacher at St. Benedict High School, where she taught for 43 years. She stayed true to her initial calling—introducing as many youngsters as she could to the joy of sports.

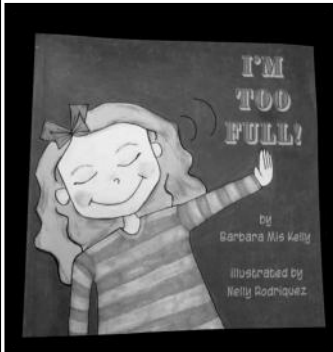
The Late Virginia Grasser Stuhrenberg '54, Charlotte, N.C., was a lifelong passionate teacher who was dedicated to the education of her students. She spent many years as an ESL teacher with CMS, and also developed a volunteer ESL program at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church. As a devoted Catholic, Virginia spent many years volunteering at the church, including running religious education programs. (Information from obituary.)

SNIPPETS CONTINUED.....

Carol Svec O'Donnell, King City, OR '61, "Thank you all for your hard work and dedication thru the years to keep us informed as to what's happening. God's Love and Blessings to ALL."

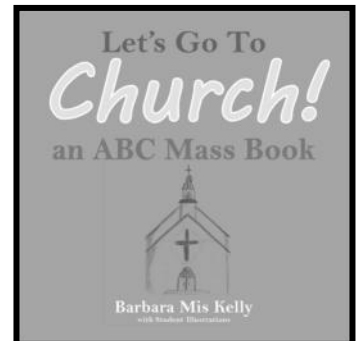
The Late Geraldine Therese Boril Bandera '61, South Bend, IN. After marriage to Richard (1966) the couple joined the Peace Corp and moved to Brazil. Gerry was a nurse and Richard a teacher. They were blessed with five children while traveling country to country and city to city. They then settled down and planted roots on the west side of South Bend, Indiana and were blessed with five more children. Because of her beautiful smile and the joy she showed many more called her mom. Gerry was known for her hospitality and deep faith, her free spirit and unselfish desire to help those in need.

Barbara Mis Kelly '67, Irvine, CA Has written two children's books. One is an ABC book for children to take to Mass called *Let's Go to Church!* available by contacting the website BabaBookShop@gmail.com.



The second children's book is called *I'm Too Full!* and is about a little girl eating a nutritious dinner which gives her energy, creativity, and health. Available online from Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Target, Walmart, and Ingram.

Both books are \$14.00 each.



Maureen McAleer Hohmann '68, St. James, NY. "Going to Alvernia was a wonderful experience. I just wish I had paid more attention to my studies! My husband, Charles, and I have been married for 50 years. We met on a blind date arranged by my cousin, **Mary Waldhier Wood '68**. Although I have had MS since my twenties I was able to work for 27 years for the county government."

Reminiscing High School Days

with Miss Louise Zahm

By Pat Feeney Kimberley '55

HUT 2..3..4..HUT 2..3...4.. Mrs. Synder shouted as our freshmen gym class marched around the gym. An Army Wac, she drilled and exercised our classes into shape. How Boring! Was it any wonder then, that the following year we were elated when school began and we had a new gym teacher. Our classes were now fun and **Miss Zahm** was so nice and friendly that our sophomore class took an instant liking to her. So after only 3 or 4 months, our gym enthusiasts convinced her to chaperone an overnight at Robins Lodge. About 20 sophomores chipped in, rented the lodge for the whole weekend, bought the food and arrived on Friday evening with **Miss Zahm** and her friend **Joyce Knox**. What a fun-filled glorious weekend we had. We bonded together as friends. It was one of the highlights of our years at Alvernia.

For some reason (unbeknownst to us) **Miss Zahm** never chaperoned such an outing again. Could it be she didn't get enough sleep? Or maybe the constant laughter, squeals or screaming was too nerve racking? Or possibly the people running around outside, night or day were too noisy? Or maybe our cooking got to her because no one really knew how to cook. How could anyone forget **Vivian Larsen's** instant mashed potatoes that looked and tasted like glue? Even to-day the thought of them makes me grimace.

Well, whatever her reason was, she was a good sport and we know that our class was lucky to have had a wonderful weekend with her and which ultimately led to a friendship that grew through the rest of our years at Alvernia.

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Reminiscing High School Days with Miss Louise Zahm

Miss Zahm, the Alvernia Athletic Association Officers and Faculty Moderator, provided a full sports program; open gym before and after school, homeroom competitions, class varsity teams and tournaments culminating with All Star Night. In the gym classes we learned all kinds of sports; individual sports like tennis, ping pong, badminton, archery, gymnastics, dancing exercises, deck tennis (in case we took a cruise), track and field sports like the high jump and the long jump, relay races and of course team sports.



She chaperoned the All School Skating Parties at the Axle Rink. She started the Alvernia Varsity Team for volleyball, basketball, and baseball which competed against other schools in CYO tournaments or companies in and around Chicago. She coached those teams to championships which brought respect to our school in the field of women's athletics.

Whether the games were after school, or evenings, or weekends or even in the summer she gave her time to our team. She mentored the AAA officers who were also members of the Varsity. She instilled in them the importance of teamwork, fair play and camaraderie. The officers were responsible for supervising the gym both before and after school, for the condition of the gym and tracking equipment, for organizing and referring the round robin tournaments culminating in "All Star Night", for helping at the roller skating parties even doing singing commercials over the PA to help sell tickets, and for assisting wherever needed.



It was shocking to learn that the 1952 - 53 school year was her first year of teaching. She had just graduated from Mundelein College with a degree in economics, declined a job offer from the Federal Reserve and had just begun P.E. classes at Northwestern. She was a dedicated teacher and liked by many. As the years passed, she retired and moved out of state, our school closed, and people lost touch with each other.

But in 2004 **Kay Severa Merkle '58** organized a reunion luncheon in honor of Miss Zahm. Among the invited gym people were four former AAA Presidents. They formed a bond with Miss Zahm because of their close association in working with her. They were **Pat Feeney Kimberley '55, Jean Keifer '56, Joan Pufundt '57, and Pat Taepke '58**. These Varsity Team members hadn't been together since high school days. This was a reunion to show appreciation for our former teacher and friend, Miss Zahm. It was a day for everyone to relive our high school days. We were grateful for the chance to meet with her again as the following year her illness took her life.



Pictured L-R Pat Feeney Kimberley '55, Jean Keifer '56, Joan Pufundt '57 and Pat Taepke '58

Seated: Miss Louise Zahm



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OUR
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ALUMNAE

Rita Deering Radcliffe '41
 Donna Elizabeth Quasthoff '41
 Beatrice Neugebauer Waltz '42
 Gertrude Anne Kessler Schultz '43
 Kathryn Brefeld Larson '44
 Helen Meyer Spedale '47
 Kathleen Quagliano Till '47
 Audrey Rose Hagle Berg '48
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 Lori Gordon '78

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 Sandra Mulsoff Sorensen '81
 Ruth Zickenheiner Baran '82

MOTHER IN LAW OF

Mary Lowery Warzynski '66

FATHER OF

Laura Uhrik Tutalo '67
 Pamela Kolasinski Hirsch '71
 Barbara Striegl Schnabl '81
 Kathleen Cairns Thornton '81
 Ana Hurm '86

SISTER OF

Late Rosemary Flahive Jagla '43
 Late Lorraine Keslinke Landelius '43

Late Eileen Flahive Holbrook '45
 Late Elizabeth Boril Basta '45
 Eileen Quagliano Patton '45
 Late Marion Brefeld Dunn '46
 Late Mary Boril Colasurdo '46
 Late Patricia Flahive Galante '48
 Late Lucille Quagliano Figiel '49
 Sister Winifred Whelan '49
 Barbara Boril '50
 Joan Ponchione Trauth '50 (omitted in Summer-Fall issue)
 Ann Kerrigan Tuohy '51
 Barbara Kerrigan Prendergast '52
 Sister Myra Flahive '57
 Josephine Boril Lopez '53
 Barbara Wilewski Majewski '55
 Diane Kern Furrman '56
 Barbara Grasser Yuen '56
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 Carole Bontecue Miller '59
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 Rita-Jean Chrapla DiVito '60
 Sharon Watt Scesniak '60
 Loretta Chrapla Brenner '63
 Late Michelle Wills Faje '63
 Geraldine Hart Hollister '63
 Mary Ellen Larrimore Mertz '63
 Elba Hehir Stirlen '63
 Tina Giuliano Gjertsen '64
 Late Patricia Hehir '65
 Mary Ann Mulchrone Pauley '65
 Gloria Watt Barr '65
 Donna Watt '66
 Susan Fitch Tipton '66
 Theresa Bissing Cinquegrani '73
 Karen Hynes Daly '74
 Donna Hynes Zielinski '77
 Carol Quagliano Van Durme (Faculty)

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Muriel Ziebka Banach '56
 Theresa Lindt Miller '68

BROTHER OF

Marge Severa Steinkuller '49
 Donna Severa Schmidt '49
 Patricia Glennon Kirkpatrick '53
 Mary Kay Severa Merkle '58
 Sister Donna Marie Cirone '60
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 Francine Saieva Wolny '66
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DECEASED**

BROTHER IN LAW OF

Mary Alice Detloff Schutz '47
Geraldine Schutz Draniczarek '49
Sister Pauline Schutz OSF '49
Marianne Tuchscherer Hardine '73
Mary Jo Jamrozik Blazyk '75

DAUGHTER OF

Nancy Burke Gallivan '59
Alice Czaczynski Signorini '63

DAUGHTER IN LAW OF

Muriel Ziebka Banach '56

SON OF

Karen Charbot Jensen '58
Connie LaPointe Rende '61

NIECE OF

Carol Czaczynski Kotek '60
Delores Czaczynski '67

NEPHEW OF

Pat Feeney Kimberley '55

COUSIN OF

Carolyn Carramusa '58

AUNT OF

Susan Szczepanski Watt '86

UNCLE OF

Gina DeSio '77

FACULTY/STAFF

Mary Gualtieri Jamrozik—Cafeteria



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(My Junior Nun—never forgotten)

In Memory of all the **School Sisters of St. Francis** who taught us, a donation of \$100.00 by **Arlene Schwarte Rydel '55** and also in **HONOR** of **Mary Louise Schwarte Bara '46, the Late Lorraine Schwarte Hoecker '47**
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In Memory of **Michele Novak '64**, a donation of \$100.00 by **Susan Mindak Ellinger '66**
(*Michele was Alvernia Math Teacher 1969-1980 and Principal 1980-1988*)

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In Memory of my parents, **Arthur & Rosemary Whiteside**, for their sacrifice to provide a Catholic Education,
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Good morning and welcome to Flight 2022.
We are prepared to take off into the New Year.
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God, our Captain, has cleared us for take-off.
Destination—GREATNESS!
Wishing you a New Year filled with new HOPE, new JOY,
and new BEGINNINGS!
Stay Blessed!
And welcome in 2022.

(Thanks to **Mary Miceli Henneman '52**)

Happy 100th Birthday to Lorraine Susan Guion Trestrail, Class of 1939

Lorraine, who usually goes by “Sue”, celebrated her 100th birthday at home with her family on January 10, 2022. She and her husband, Harry W. Trestrail, a chiropractic physician, had been married for 63 years at the time of his death in 2011. Their four children, five grandchildren, and four great grandchildren remain close. When not busy with her family and church activities, Sue always has enjoyed painting in oils and watercolors.



Sue and Harry with their
Grandchildren.



Happy
Birthday

Sue's Paintings



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A TIME REMEMBERED

So many years ago, yet a remembrance indelible to the core of me. If not for my step-sister, an Alvernia alum, I might never have been accepted. She was my ticket to four of my happiest years, though I couldn't have known it then. Forest green Freshman uniforms made all of us equal. I was 'giddy' walking through those double doors behind the Christopher Columbus sculpture on my first day.

The years went by in a minute, and still I never realized how lucky I was or just how many doors were opened for me because of Alvernia.

Independence Park, the library on Irving Park, the Buffalo where we sometimes stopped after school for Cokes or chocolate malts as we listened to our favorite hits...strains of Bobby Vees' "Take good care of my baby," the Sisters of St. Francis, so selfless and special because of their selflessness. Study halls in 4th period on lazy Friday afternoons in May, and staying up until midnight to study for exams and finish assignments. The sweet Sister who scooped popcorn into little white paper bags as we left the cafeteria for afternoon classes. Junior Mints, my candy of choice. Scouring light-colored wooden floors in Homeroom with steel wool pads before Christmas break. (After all, it was our school and the floors we walked on every day.) Yearly retreats before school started again in January.

Freshman Big Sisters' Day. (Her name was Jane Olinger and in her I saw not only the epitome of grace, but so many fine qualities she had gleaned from her four years at Alvernia.) Class rings in black onyx and gold with the Franciscan insignia etched over the top. It's worn off now, but I still look at it and slip it on my little finger...and I remember. The Father/Daughter dance in spring of Junior year, and our Senior prom at the old Morrison Hotel downtown, (but not before we stopped at school so our Sisters could see us in our gowns). They beamed with pride for us, their creations of the past four years.

Junior/Senior luncheons and all those glorious Fall and Spring days. Falling leaves of every color in autumn and see-thru leaves of spring green. "Apple Green," the leaves and the song. The scents made me 'heady' back then. They're gone now, those scents, perhaps because of what we've done to our planet. Trees, over a hundred years old, flanking the perimeter of our school, making it all the more beautiful. The Senior Play (what was it; my memory eludes me). White fuji mums and yellow roses, and our class motto, "**I Live to Foster Love.**" Graduation night on June 7th, all grown up in white caps and gowns as we sang the Song of St. Francis for the last time as a class of 256 seniors.

It was an exquisite time in life, a gentle time, an unselfish time as the Sisters we got to know, and yes, love, watched us leave through those same double doors for the last time. They had done their job well.

Now as I sit and reflect on that time in my life, I wonder whether Alvernia and its' truths could have impacted my life so dramatically. Without question, they did.

I sometimes have a hard time remembering now. I stop in mid-sentence trying to find the words I'm looking for, but seldom do. I reach for my spelling dictionary, you know, the little red and white one we used in typing and shorthand class.

Soon, like my Mother, I will forget even more. But for now, and as many days as I have left, no matter whatever else I struggle with otherwise, I'll always remember those four years.....I'll remember Alvernia.

Dedicated to the School Sisters of St. Francis

Submitted by Marilyn Maglietta, Class of 1962



In our path to glory,
The best will be our aim.
So let us sing of Alvernia,
To her be due acclaim.

And let her glory e'er
Unbounded be
Steadfast her integrity.
Let us our whole life through
Hail Alvernia, grand and true!

December 31, 2021

Alvernia Alumnae Association
3260 Rockwell Cir
Mundelein, IL 60060-6043

Dear Pat and all the generous members of the Alvernia Alumnae Association,

Thank you! The spirit of Christmas gloriously shines through your generous gift of \$12,000.00 from your faithful alumnae who care so deeply for our sisters. We are grateful that you paid attention to "the signs of the times" and exercised great prudence in cancelling your Annual Luncheon. However, despite that decision, the incredible generosity of Alvernia alumnae has yet again humbled us and filled us with gratitude! We are especially grateful that with so many challenges facing our world, you have chosen to be a beacon to our sisters that the incredible women of Alvernia always keep them in their thoughts and prayers! YOU are part of our life-changing ministries that flow from God's generous love.

Your faithful support is an expression of gratitude to our retired sisters, bringing comfort to them after years of active ministry. They continue to radiate joy to others through their presence. After giving the gifts of their lives as educators, healers, and willing servants, the sisters' legacy shines through the countless lives of people with whom the sisters have engaged. Their legacy certainly lives on through people like YOU, the many women who were educated at Alvernia High School! With grateful hearts, the sisters pray for you and all of our donors in their daily prayer.

We pray that God will bless you for your faithful service. May this New Year bring you and your loved ones much health, peace, and joy. We pray that we will be able to celebrate with you at the Annual Luncheon in 2022!

Blessings,

Pam

Pam Mueller
Director of Mission Advancement

*God bless
you all for
your wonderful
partnership!*

S. Kathy Chuston

Sister Kathy Chuston
Special Appeals Administrator

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Wisdom and Humor

The Importance of Girlfriends

In an evening class at Stanford University, the last lecture was on the mind-body connection—the relationship between stress and disease. The speaker (head of psychiatry at Stanford) said, among other things, that one of the best things that a man could do for his health is to be married to a woman whereas, for a woman, one of the best things she could do for her health was to nurture her relationships with her girlfriends. At first everyone laughed, but he was serious.



Women connect with each other differently and provide support systems that help each other to deal with stress and difficult life experiences. Physically, this quality “girlfriend time” helps us to create more serotonin—a neurotransmitter that helps combat depression and can create a general feeling of well being. Women share feelings, whereas men often form relationships around activities. We share from our souls with our sisters/mothers, and evidently that is very GOOD for our health. He said that spending time with a friend is just as important to our general health as jogging or working out at a gym.

There’s a tendency to think that when we are “exercising” we are doing something good for our bodies, but when we are hanging out with friends, we are wasting our time and should be more productively engaged? Not true. In fact, he said that failure to create and maintain quality personal relationships with other humans is as dangerous to our physical health as smoking! So every time you hang out to schmooze with a gal pal, just pat yourself on the back and congratulate yourself for doing something good for your health!

I Love To Live

Today, dear Lord, I’m 80, and there’s much I haven’t done.
I hope, dear Lord, you let me live until I’m 81.
But then, if I haven’t finished all I want to do,
Would you please let me stay awhile, until I’m 82?

So many places I want to go, so very much to see,
Do You think that you could manage to make it 83?
The world is changing very fast, there is so much in store,
I’d like it very much to live until I’m 84.

And if by then I were still alive, I’d like to stay till 85!
More plans will be up in the air, so I’d like to stick,
And see what happens to the world when I turn 86.
I know dear Lord, it’s much to ask,
(and it must be nice in heaven)

But I’d really like to stay, until I’m 87.
I know by then I won’t be fast, and sometimes will be late,
But it would be so pleasant to be around at 88.
I will have seen so many things, and had a wonderful time,
So, I’m sure that I’ll be willing to leave at the age of 89.....maybe

Just one more thing I’d like to say, dear Lord, I thank you kindly,
But if it’s ok, with You, I’d love to live past 90!

(Author Unknown—sent by **Arlene Plash Muench ‘52**)

Do the best you can because that’s
what Saints are made of.

Kindness is something we all have—
we just have to decide to use it.!

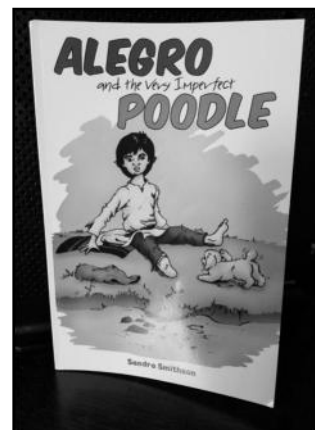
A REQUEST.....

Sister Sandra Smitson, formerly known as **Sister Maria Crucis**, continues to operate a charter school in Nashville, TN. Sister is very much in need of financial assistance for the continued operation of her school. She has asked that our alumnae consider a donation to support this important ministry.

Contact information : **Sister Sandra Smithson, 961 Windrowe Drive, Nashville, TN 37205-3043. Phone: 615-356-5961.**

In our past issues we have included information about a book she has written ***Alleagro and the Very Imperfect Poodle***, and do still have available for purchase. The price, which includes postage, is \$17.95.

Should you wish to purchase, please send a check for **\$17.95 made out to the Alvernia Alumnae Association, c/o Barbara Annoreno, 212 Eric Avenue, Mount Prospect, IL 60056.** The book will also be available in the Gift Shop at our next luncheon.



Treasured Memories of the Past



The Late Gertrude Anne Kessler
Schultz, Class of 1943.



The Late Virginia Ernst
Kaczynski, Class of 1950



Sisters **Primosa, Vitalis, and Annella**, chaperones at Washington tour, waiting to ascend Washington Monument. **May 27, 1938**

Picture of Washington trip submitted by **Mary Ellen Welsh Dunkle '70**. The picture was taken on her mom's **Washington trip—the Late Dolores Burke Welsh '39**. Sister Vitalis was still at Alvernia when Mary Ellen and her late sister, Linda, '64 attended school there.



Doesn't Have A Chance

Picture to the left is from a Chicago Park District Special Collection.

The Sisters in the picture are L-R Sister **Seneca**, Sister **Wilbert** and Sister **Prudentia**.

The comment at the bottom of the card reads:

“Doesn't Have A Chance”

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