

The Echo



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Newsletter for Sacred Heart Academy Alumnae

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Dear Alumnae of Sacred Heart Academy,

A very sincere thank you to the 104 Alumnae who made a dues donation to the SHA Alumnae fund in 2014. We use your donations to print and mail The Echo and the Homecoming invitations to our 600 Alumnae, as well as for the expenses associated with Homecoming. I ask all of you to consider supporting the Alumnae fund. Donations may be made at any time.

You can stay current with the activities at the Monastery by visiting our website, www.shmlisle.org, or our Facebook page, [Benedictine Sisters of the Sacred Heart](#). The Sisters offer a schedule of spirituality programs, retreats and classes, and you will find the details at these sites. Send me your email address and I will add you to our mailing list - jdoyle@shmlisle.org

I hope to see many of you again at Homecoming, October 18th.

*Jane Doyle
Alumnae Liaison*

2015 Anniversary Classes

Are you a graduate of a class
ending in 5 or 0?

Would you like help locating classmates to plan a special get-together on Homecoming weekend?

Contact Jane Doyle
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I will do my best to assist you
in finding your friends.

SAVE THE DATE!
HOMECOMING 2015
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18th

10:00am Mass
Sacred Heart Chapel

11:00am Reception
Noon Luncheon
Hilton Lisle/Naperville

Make plans to join the Sisters
and your SHA classmates.

*We remember our deceased Alumnae.
May they rest in the peace of Christ.*

*Clara Chilla Greskovich '39
Margaret Kranik Lenard '41
Bernadette Siamis Dubredic '43
Irene Galos Kramer '43
Pat Thorpe Klima '49
Dorothy Kenny Migaud '49
Toni Riley-Mitchell '50
Alice Graca Stack '53
Ruth Connelley Loveless '60
Carol Jaspers Geyer '63*



Homecoming 2014

Thank you for your assistance

Sister Margaret Mary Schima '49
Sister DePaul Stava '49
Sister Jo Anne Form '57
Sister Irene Jasien '57
Sister Mary Bratrsovsky

and special thanks to our friends for their generous door prizes. Please support their businesses.

Country House Restaurant
Hilton of Lisle/Naperville
The Hyatt - Lisle

~ ~ NEWS FROM OUR ALUMNAE ~ ~

We are happy to share the news gathered from SHA Alumnae. Many of you send notes throughout the year, and some update us at Homecoming. Please send along your information. Your classmates are interested to hear about your life since Sacred Heart Academy. There's a form on the back of The Echo which you can use to send us your news, or include a note when you mail your membership dues.

This year, we asked the Homecoming attendees to tell us about the most practical lesson they learned at the Academy. Here's what they had to say:

I say this in all sincerity. Anything about me that is good - in any respect, spiritual or otherwise - I have to thank the Sisters of Sacred Heart Academy for the care, inspiration, and guidance over the four years I was here at SHA.

Rosalie Hucek Bobal '43

Many things - - stick to it - - regardless of what comes our way after SHA.

Terry Herzog '49

Stay calm and carry on!

Jean Durnik '49

Punctuality: respect for time. I may use my talents for my way of life and put Catholic religion into everyday life. How our studies help our perspective, morals and lifestyle. Communicate with many kinds of different nationalities.

Donna Yackley '60

I remember Sister Florence teaching me voice lessons. Sister Joella teaching me history. Miss Pokorney was my advisor. Father Sylvester teaching religion. PS Thank you for having patience with me.

Cynthia Steiner '60

Sister Electa taught us to enunciate our words when singing especially the final consonant and to hang our ribs on the wall when breathing.

Mary Lein '61

*Living with love and acceptance of others.
UIOGD*

Marilyn Koukalik Sak '62

The Sisters always taught us to be strong in faith and our prayer lives. I am thankful for their gifts.

Carol Brummel Hinterlong '64

*Love of music, Christian values and dress.
Importance of family and Church.
Charity and hospitality in our lives toward others.*

Christine Koukalik Schuur '64

Believe it or not, the Latin language classes have helped me learn other languages because Latin's the base of many other languages.

Margaret Guzzy Colucci '64

Always come prepared for class.

Barbara Boberg Jurack '64

A bit of humor - don't cook the eggs so hard that they bounce when they drop!

Class of '64

Here are a few notes from Alumnae who were not able to join us on October 19th:



Pictured at left is Vera Catherine Posvic Novak '36. Her husband, Joseph, sent along her photo and the information that she was living in a nursing home and had recently celebrated her 95th birthday. We send our best wishes to Vera.

I had hoped to attend Homecoming this year but was unable to find a driver (from Williams Bay, WI). I am doing well, I have five children,

four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Unfortunately, they are all scattered about. Really miss my dear friend, Loretta O'Keefe Maron. We had such happy days at SHA. Best wishes and love to all.

Corinne Wagner DeStefano '46

*Unable to attend Homecoming this year.
Please keep me in your prayers.*

Lila Russavage '48

Sorry I can't join you today—was planning it and just had to go into hospital, like a car, for a 10,000 mile check-up. SHA was some of my best years. Just think, we met as sassy, young women, and here we are again as crabby, and happy old ladies.

+Pat Thorpe Klima '49

Sorry I can't make it this year. Tell all my classmates of 1950 hello for me, to stay healthy and God bless.

Lorraine Siederich Ward '50

After 40 years in Glen Ellyn, we moved north to Lake Geneva, WI. We have three children, two of them married with six grandchildren. My husband, Dennis, works for a company that manufactures industrial radiators.

Suzanne Friedrich Connors '60

My husband, Dick, passed away on February 27, 2014. Please remember him in your prayers.

Maureen Rightmire Brinkman '60

Sorry to miss the luncheon. I will be at the Baptism of a new grandchild.

Barbara Stalmach Hocking '63

Even though we can't make it this year, hope the festivities turn out well. So glad we were all able to have a special celebration last year for our 50th! Great memories!

Mary Ann Althoetmar McLoud '63

I am unable to attend Homecoming as we are traveling. Greetings to fellow alums, celebrating 50 years.

Susan Riedy Szczech '64

CELEBRATING HOMECOMING 2014



Class of 1949 front row: Jean Durnik, Blanche Baley, Sr. DePaul Stava, Agnes Geyer, Bernadette Viskocil
Back row: Elaine Snella, Sr. Margaret Mary Schima, Margaret Fullmer, Joan Helie, Geri Stockhausen, Terry Herzog



Florence Hlava
1939



Class of 1959 Donna Misita, Josephine Koutsky,
Sharon Schipiour, Sandra Will, Rose Heinlein



Class of 1964 Kathleen Slucas, Barbara Jurack,
Margaret Colucci, Christine Schuur, Carol Hinterlong



Joan Patterman, 1954

Class of 1961

Well, 2014 has just blown by. We were just getting over our terrible weather, waiting patiently for a somewhat spring and then, it was Labor Day! How did that happen???

Some of us did manage to get together during this year and hope those of you that we don't get to see, had a good year and, at our age, that is an accomplishment in itself.

We started the year with our annual dinner, which was held on the last Friday of April at Allgauer's Restaurant, in the Hilton Hotel, Lisle. In attendance were: **Joy Price Kacena, Patt Zientek Stanley, Judy Beumer, Jean Schloegel Mills, Bonnie Pietrzak Wingert, Peggy Mosquera McCann, Gloria Caracello** and myself, **Rosanne Carter Polich**. We had a room to ourselves compliments of the Hilton (actually I think they wanted to keep the noise down from the rest of the restaurant). We had a great time and we never have a problem running out of

conversation....loved it! Don't forget, if you are in the area and wish to join us, it is always held on the last Friday in April. Just let us know to include you. We would love to see you!

In June, some of us got together for lunch and a craft show at the Emerson Tea Room in Oswego, IL. Our classmate **Jean Schloegel Mills** was one of the crafters and below is a picture taken at her booth. From l to r. **Patt Zientek Stanley, Peggy Mosquera McCann, Gloria Caracello, Judy Beumer, Jean Schloegel Mills** and yours truly.



On October 19th, we had our Annual Homecoming Luncheon, which was held at the Hilton in Lisle.

Pictured below are those from our class that attended: l to r: **Bonnie Pietrzak Wingert, Jean Schloegel Mills, myself, Gloria Caracello, Peggy Mosquera McCann, Mary Filipkowski Lein and Judy Beumer.**



To round off our year, those of us that attended the Homecoming from our class were invited to a Christmas brunch at **Peggy Mosquera McCann's** home in December. Peggy was a gracious hostess and we had a wonderful afternoon. Thank you again, Peggy!!



Here is our classmate **Highlights Section**

Judy Beumer, Joyce Green Hoffman and Jean Schloegel Mills were kind enough to send in their bios. Thanks gals!

Judy Beumer - Before graduation in 1961, Argonne National Laboratory visited the business classes at SHA looking to recruit employees and Judy applied for a job and was accepted. She worked in the Applied Mathematics Division and later in the Mathematics and Computer Science Division preparing and handling research manuscripts to be submitted for publication in journals and as Argonne reports. Judy worked there for 50 years and just recently retired.

During her time at Argonne, Judy also attended the College of DuPage and graduated with a degree in computer science.

After her graduation from COD, Judy and her sisters moved to a home in Oswego, IL with enough acreage to house their hobby.... horses, four of them!

Judy still has two ponies along with her lovable dog and cat. She is enjoying retirement and certainly loves the country life!



Joyce Green Hoffman - Joyce states that she has wonderful memories of SHA and would like to share this story with her classmates.

A long while ago there was a little white one room schoolhouse on Cass Avenue in Westmont, Illinois, and it was there, in first grade, Joyce met Philip Hoffman who would become the man of her dreams. They began dating several years later and in 1962, Phil asked Joyce to marry him, which she did right after she graduated from Cosmetology School in May of that year.

They were blessed with four healthy children; lived in Clarendon Hills and Downers Grove and then moved to Phoenix, Arizona in 1973. As the children were growing up, Joyce would volunteer at their schools and became very involved with their activities. She also enjoyed sewing and crafts, which became her hobby. Their love of the mountains took them and their family camping on weekends and experiencing wild life. When they became empty nesters, they sold their house and decided to go on an adventure.

Phil got a job in the aerospace industry and they bought a RV and traveled to different parts of the country for his job. During this time, Joyce and Phil learned square dancing and met others who shared their new interest, which made their travels even more enjoyable.

Retired, they now live in Arlington, Texas, where Phil works part time for the Rangers Ballpark and Joyce works at a Catholic bookstore. They are active members of St. Joseph Catholic Church there.

They now have eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Joyce states "We are still very much in love and thank God everyday (for) letting us share this life together."



This picture was taken at Joyce and Phil's 50th Wedding Anniversary in 2012, which includes their children, grandchildren, her sister-in-law **Donna Thomas Green** and her family. Joyce also said they received the Papal Blessing from Pope Benedict XVI on that day. What a memory to treasure. Joyce is holding the flowers and Phil is standing behind her. Donna is the second person from Joyce's right.

Georgia (Jean) Schloegel Mills lives in Oswego, Illinois with her hubby, Ken. They have four children, three girls and

a boy. Their son lives in Elburn, Illinois, and the three daughters live in Oswego and Schaumburg, Illinois and Franklin, Wisconsin.

Jean retired as Regional Sales Manager for Equifax Mortgage Information Services in 1995. She is keeping busy with her passion for homemaking, cooking (including canning spaghetti sauces and fruit preserves) making homemade toffee, traveling, hiking, gardening and a unique stained glass business that continues to grow. She particularly enjoys re-creating special dishes for family and friends that she and Ken have enjoyed during their European travels.

Jean and Ken are members of St. Anne Parish and serve on various ministries.

They have nine grandchildren who keep them in stitches with their antics and also busy with their school, band, dance, sports and church activities. Jean feels blessed to have everyone close enough for family gatherings to watch them grow and celebrate their accomplishments.

Jean hopes to be remembered as a grandma with a whacky sense of humor, prone to sudden outbursts of laughter and song, yummy meals, homemade pies, cakes and candies, games with the grandchildren; maybe a little spoiling and "grandma's generous hugs and kisses and words of encouragement."

Jean and Ken share many of the same interests and passions and truly enjoy spending time together.

Jean states, "I have been richly blessed."



To all our classmates: Hoping this newsletter finds you all in good health and enjoying your retirements. Please keep us posted as to what is happening with you as we would certainly love to hear from you and include you in our Highlights Section.

NOTICE: We will be having a 55 year reunion in 2016 and will be sending out a "Save the Date" notice as soon as we finalize the date.

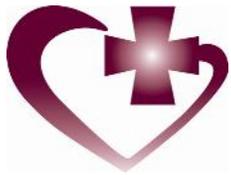
Best Wishes and God Bless,

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