

# The Echo



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Newsletter for Sacred Heart Academy Alumnae

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*Dear Alumnae of Sacred Heart Academy,*

*I'm very happy to share our plans for Homecoming 2016. First of all, we will be gathering on SATURDAY. All are invited to the celebration of the Eucharist in the Chapel at 11:30am, followed by a luncheon in Villa St. Benedict. The dining room in the Villa Center is a lovely place for a party, and I hope many of you will be able to join us. Invitations will be mailed in August with all of the details.*

*A very sincere thank you to the Alumnae who made a dues donation to the SHA Alumnae fund in 2015. We use your donations to print and mail **The Echo** and the Homecoming invitations to our 450 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.*

*I hope to see many of you again at Homecoming, October 15th.*

*Jane Doyle  
Alumnae Liaison*

## 2016 Anniversary Classes

Are you a graduate of a class ending in 6 or 1?

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 2016**  
**SATURDAY**  
**OCTOBER 15th**

11:30am Mass  
Sacred Heart Chapel

12:30pm Luncheon  
Villa St. Benedict

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



*Betty Gavlik Doman September 2012  
Beatrice Zeka Cabanski '46 August 2013  
Marlene Kasper Fisher '49 2013  
Marie Novy Rybacki '41 January 2014  
Vera Posvic Novak '36 April 2015  
Carmela Vitullo Albachiara '52 May 2015  
L. Kamile Kalina '61 May 2015  
Genevieve Bratrsovsky Sheetz '40 August 2015  
Jeanne Kucera Koutsky '50 January 2016  
Joan Farley DeBock '53 February 2016  
Patricia Zientek Stanley '61 February 2016*

## ~ ~ 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.

Here are a few notes from Alumnae who were with us at Homecoming

*Class of '39*

**Florence Jana Hlava** I am so blessed to be spending this Homecoming (my 75th) with special friends from Sacred Heart.

*Class of '49*

**Blanche Kysela Baley** I am living at Villa St. Benedict. Am happy and well. I have two grandchildren getting married next year, just

six weeks apart! Having a birthday on October 25th and will be 84 years young!

*Class of '54*

**Patsy Stephen Andrews** I was a boarding student 1952-1953. Ann Buc fixed me up with her brother, Joe Buc for the Junior Prom. I was married for 50 years to Ben Andrews. I am currently living in Hinsdale.

*Class of '55*

**Anita Bosen Kvitek** My family continues to be blessed. I have 31 biological grandchildren and three from a previous marriage. I became a great-grandmother for the first time this year. Another great-grandchild is due in January. There will be a few marriages in 2016 for some of my grandchildren.

*Class of '58*

**Patricia Karvon Leavy** I am thankful that we still have the Homecoming, and that I am still

able to attend. It is great to see **Sister Judy Heble, OSB**, she and I are the regulars from our class. I wouldn't want to miss ever!

*Class of '59*

**Rose Feirtag Herlien** I've been coming to Homecoming every year and look for '59ers, but they're few and far between. Please come, classmates, I was by myself this year. I go on the train to Chicago two or three times a week. I go to a laugh class; we all sit around and tell jokes. I do about ten volunteer things at St. Mary's, such as pro-life, recycling group and Resurrection choir.

*Class of '60*

**Maureen Rightmire Brinkman** I really enjoyed attending the luncheon this year - it was my first - talking with classmates about school and their lives now. 55 years is a long time. I have twin granddaughters who turned 16 on 9/16. It was a wonderful day. They got their driver's licenses and a car to share. Should be fun as they have completely different interests.

**Mary Kipper Corel** My son, Father Joe Corel, was appointed as Vicar General of the Diocese of Jefferson City, Missouri on July 1. He also serves as Pastor of St. Andrew Church in Holts Summit, Missouri. My son, Chris, is now a grandfather of two, which makes me a great-grandmother now. I have many blessings to be thankful for.

**Nancy Brummel Doran** My husband, Tom Doran, and I were married 50 years in 2014. We have three daughters and four grandsons. We've lived in Westmont for the last 37 years, and are enjoying retirement. This year's reunion was most enjoyable - good to see old friends. Thanks to all who organized everything.

**Diann Kampmeyer Kohley** I have retired from AT&T! Bill and I have been married for 33 years. We have antique cars and belong to the Vintage Chevrolet Club of America. We travel with the Club all over the US and enjoy it very much. We also enjoy our five grandchildren, the youngest is three years old and lives in Connecticut. "Life is Good"!

**Sharon Luckhardt Plonka** I am a retired optometrist. My husband, Tom, and I have two grandchildren, Rachel 12, and Nathaniel 9. Our daughters are Catherine, a family practice MD, and Elizabeth, an ecology specialist.

**Alica Nykl Sima** I have been working at Benedictine University for 30 years. I traveled to Krakow, Poland in the summer of 2015. My tour followed the footsteps of St. John Paul II, and visited a Benedictine Abbey in Tyniec, Poland.

**Cynthia Steiner** I volunteer at St. Mary's, Pontiac in the church food pantry, and I sing in the choir. I volunteer at Livingston County Nursing Home with bingo. I remember Sister Florence, who gave me voice lessons. I went to Heartland Community College and studied art and now I am drawing for people.

**Donna Yackley** I have wonderful memories of SHA. I loved the large variety of classes you could choose from. The grounds were beautiful. There was weekly Mass and devotions. The Sisters had a charitable way of spending time for study, and of course, the day-student agenda.

*Class of '61*

**Barbara Rayniak Buri** I have a new home in Fort Myers, Florida. I am doing a lot of traveling to see family and friends in Illinois and Wisconsin. I have a great-granddaughter and a great-grandson. I enjoyed meeting with my classmates.

**Gloria Caracello** I continue to substitute teach on the grade school level in the Catholic schools. I feel blessed that I am doing what I love to do. Teaching is very rewarding. I look forward to my upcoming trip on a cruise to Bermuda. It is always great to be with SHA friends every year and more often.

*Class of '62*

**Irma Frank Conley** I have been privileged to go back "Home" to SHA and make the music happen for some holy day Masses for the Sisters. I am using my musical knowledge given to me by Prof. Pinney, Sister Electa, and Sister Florence. Now I am learning to play the

cello - and after one and a half years - it is still a very humbling experience.

*Class of '63*

**Mary Catherine Gibbney Tomaso** I keep busy with many activities: traveling to Duluth, Minnesota; singing in my church choir, performing in plays at the library; doing many crafts.

**Patricia Dackiw Kemp (from Anita Tomassone Masters '57)** I am unable to be at Homecoming this year because I am on a cruise with my husband, Phil. We are starting in Vienna and traveling to Indonesia and other parts.

*Class of '64*

**Carol Brummel Hinterlong** I shared many memories of music classes, art classes and gym at SHA. Several of us enjoyed the recent tours of the remodeled gym and classrooms, which now form the Monastery. It is always fun to meet old friends at the yearly dinner.

*Class of '65*

**Peggy Weatherhead Guccione** I am getting ready to retire from the University of Arkansas, where I have been teaching geology. My hobby is the historic restoration of old houses in Butte, Montana. I have a son, grandson and step-daughter. My son, his wife and son live in Sarasota, Florida. My stepdaughter lives in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

**Sharlin Nasharr Reynolds** I retired a few years ago after 15 years in Admin/Credit Collection positions, and prior to that, 20 years of teaching. My second husband, C. B. and I are blessed to have eight children, and 16 grandchildren between us, which keeps us very busy.

A special memory I have is that of sneaking up to the attic above our dorm room on the first snowfall of the season, and as I looked out the window at the wintry sight, I'd say a prayer that God would hold my family and friends in the palm of His hand, keeping them safe and protected. It's a prayer I've continued to say each first snowfall since, sharing the memory with two dear SHA friends and with my children as they were growing up.

**Celeste Ziel Besel** How I would love to come to the School reunion this year, however circumstances will not allow it for me. My mother is 93, and although she is doing well, I worry about leaving her alone. I am also assisting in the care of my sister **Mary Ziel Jurewicz '62**, who is disabled. I learned years ago that God is always at my side, and if things get hard, there is a lesson of love somewhere in the struggle.

Over the last 50 years my life has been good. I married a wonderful man, Gary. We had two great children. We worked hard, laughed, cried and grew together. Our son is married to Suzy for 24 years and is an arson investigator for the city of Seattle (no children). Our daughter is married to John for 20 years, she is an occupational therapist and raising three girls. God mercifully took Gary home 17 years ago after a short struggle with ALS. I then went to work at the local sheriff's department as a Victim Advocate. I retired two years ago with the intent of spending time with my mother while I could. Evidently the Lord didn't think I was using my talents to the fullest, so He threw the care of my sister in there "just to keep me off the streets". I volunteer at church, for pro-life and the Sheriff's office as often as I can. I like doing things around my house, nothing much scares me. I will admit that the roof is beginning to look a little intimidating lately. That has been my life in a nutshell. Nothing spectacular, but I pray when the Lord calls me home He will say, "Well done, my good and faithful servant".

I have a little anecdote. A few weeks ago the Catholic Women's Association was getting ready for their first meeting of the year. They asked everyone to bring something that would give others an idea of who you are, some suggestions were an award, a toy, a special piece of clothing, etc. I thought about it for days, and everything was superficial. Then I remembered my yearbook, opened only to the page with the picture of the entrance to Sacred Heart Academy. A large part of my life has been influenced by my four years there.

In closing, I sincerely want to thank all the staff and good Sisters for their patience and perseverance in forming me.



We begin our next story with a photo of the SHA Class of 1930. L-R sitting Marie Shonka, Albina Zderad and Dorothy Buchholz standing Violet Jindrich, Eunice Jacoby, Violet O'Neill, Mary Brown and Marie Cikan.

**Dorothy Buchholtz Tyler** graduated from SHA 85 years ago. She currently lives with her daughter Margaret, and her husband, Steve in North Canton, Ohio. Margaret shared the following story about Dorothy as well as the photos.

Dorothy lived in Wooster, Ohio and since there were no buses to take to High School her parents decided to send her by train to Sacred Heart Academy in Lisle. She stayed there all four years. Mother stayed very close to one of her classmates Albina Zderad and her sister Agnes Zderad. Mom said they were roommates along with Violet O'Neill. Mom was happily married to my dad, Eugene H. Tyler, for 62 wonderful years. He died in April, 2002. They had five children, Eugene, Margaret, Patrick, Barbara and Mary, who are married and now mother has 21 grandchildren and 39 great grandchildren. So we have quite a party when we all get together.

We will be celebrating mother's 104th birthday at her farm in Wooster on Sunday, May 25th.

She says I keep her quite busy volunteering. We visit a lot of local nursing homes each week.

So mom is an amazing 103 year old, still going strong. She just started using a cane and takes no medicine, just vitamins.

Margaret and Dorothy were featured in the *Catholic Exponent*, the newspaper of the Diocese of Youngstown, Ohio. Here are a few quotes:

*When her mother moved in, Margaret was already fully involved in volunteer work outside the home. Her husband thought she'd have to curtail her schedule when her mother joined the household, but Margaret was confident that the situation would work out. "After all, it was Mom who taught me to help others," she said. It has worked out, she says with a grin, "Wherever I go, mom goes."*

*Dorothy, a former stay-at-home mom and later a bookkeeper, always informally volunteered to help those in need. One of her main charitable works was driving people to errands, to Parish activities, meetings and appointments they couldn't otherwise get to. Margaret smiles as she mentions how her mother, at age 99, often drove an 89-year-old friend around. Dorothy's activities certainly increased, however, when she moved in with her daughter and son-in-law.*

*And Dorothy loves it. "It's great," she says of their nursing home visits, "because some people don't get out at all. I've always been one to get out. And it ties in with church, acting out your faith. You [come to a nursing home] and see people just sitting there and I think I'm so glad to be visiting and not sitting there."*



Dorothy and Fr. Jay Clark celebrating her birthday in 2015 at St. Paul's Catholic Church.

## CELEBRATING HOMECOMING 2015



**Class of 1960 front row: Janice Patterman Kreinbrink, Sharon Luckhardt Plonka, Alice Nykl Sima, Diann Kampmeyer Kohley, Donna Yackley.  
back row: Nancy Brummel Doran, Mary Kipper Corel, Edith Hurtgen Wagner, Maureen Rightmire Brinkman, Cynthia Steiner**



**Class of 1955 left - right: Beatrice Uchtyl Brown, Carol Karvon, Anita Bosen Kvitek, Therese Buc, Mary Pearson Fornatto**

## CELEBRATING HOMECOMING 2015



**Carol Brummel Hinterlong '64, Anita Tomassone Masters '57, Irma Frank Conley '62**



**Class of 1965 left - right: Peggy Weatherhead Guccione, Dorothy Winckler Ball, Maryann Fravenfelder Ponstein, Sharlin Nasharr Reynolds, Catherine Kokaisl Meaney**

## CELEBRATING HOMECOMING 2015



**Class of 1949 left - right: Joan Endemann Helie, Elaine Bortman Snella, Sister Margaret Mary Schima, OSB, Sister DePaul Stava, OSB, Blanche Kysela Baley**



**Class of 1963 left - right: Mary Gibbney Tomaso, Rita Shimek McIntyre, Barbara Stalmach Hocking, Joane Brummel Wiczek**

# CELEBRATING HOMECOMING 2015



**Dolores Kacizak Bruno '50  
Sister Christine Kouba, OSB '50**



**Phyllis Gonwa Zea '45**

## **Homecoming 2015**

Thank you for your assistance

Sister Margaret Mary Schima '49

Sister DePaul Stava '49

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

## Class of 1961

In 2015, some of us met at our yearly SHA Class of '61 Spring Dinner in April at the Hilton Hotel in Lisle, Illinois. Those that attended were: **Judy Beumer, Gloria Caracello, Donna McNulty Cellini, Joy Price Kacena, Mary Filipkowski Lein, Jean Schloegel Mills, Peggy Mosquera McCann, Bonnie Pietrzak Wingert**, and me, **Rosanne Carter Polich**. We had a very nice time and encourage those of you that may be interested in joining us, please keep the 4th Friday in April open. You can drop me a line or call and I will make sure you get all the details.



Good news! We were finally able to contact **Margaret (Maggie) Zaremba**, who graciously gave Gloria some insight as to what she has been doing for the past 50 some years. She is a very busy lady indeed.

Maggie began her career as a Social Worker, working in various settings, which led her to become a Professor at Northeastern University and Boston College in the Graduate School of Social Work. Later, Maggie started a catering service that evolved into a Bed and Breakfast business that has lasted for the past 20 years. She has traveled all over the world and studied both Italian and Spanish languages in the countries of origin. How cool is that!!

She resides in Brookline, MA and hopefully will be able to join us in August for our 55<sup>th</sup> reunion.



Sadly, our dear classmate, **Patricia Zientek Stanley** lost her courageous battle with lung cancer on February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016. May she rest in peace.

After graduation, Patt met and married (the late) Ronald Stanley and had three children, a son, (the late) Ronald Jr, and daughters, Lanette and Christina. Patt resided in Downers Grove all her life

and when her children started school, she worked as an executive secretary at Diversified Chemicals for several years and then a law firm in Downers Grove. When the firm dissolved, she was employed at Perkin Elmer and later, Richards Wilcox. She enjoyed hosting home party sales and selling Avon. She was a member of the VFW Post 503 in Downers, loved dancing and was known for wearing fabulous hats, which only she could do well.

She enjoyed being with her grandchildren and was involved in their school activities. She attended the SHA functions and participated in our reunions through the years, always offering a helping hand.

Patt has left behind her two daughters and five grandchildren, James, Sydney, Sophia, Issac and Olivia.

She will be dearly missed by her family and friends.

Please keep her in your prayers.



At the October Homecoming there was a surprise visit from **Barbara Rayniak Buri**, who came in from Florida. We love surprises!

Since I was not able to attend the Homecoming, **Alice Nykl Sima** ('60) was kind enough to take a picture of our classmates that were there. Thanks Alice.



Pictured from l to r: **Barbara Rayniak Buri, Jean Schloegel Mills, Peggy Mosquera McCann , Judy Beumer, Mary Filipkowski Lein and Gloria Caracello.**

NOTE: In late May, I became very ill and was rushed to the ER for emergency surgery. Since then, I had two more surgeries, which resulted in my being out of commission for several months. I am so glad to be back to a fairly normal life now and to be able to finish our newsletter.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who prayed and supported me through that difficult time. What great classmates and friends! Love you all.

As most of you know, I have sent out a "Save the Date" memo for our 55<sup>th</sup> reunion dinner, so if you have not received it, please notify me. The date will be Saturday, August 20, 2016, at the Hilton Hotel in Lisle. Same place we held our 50<sup>th</sup>. The detailed invitation will be mailed in June, so please watch for it.

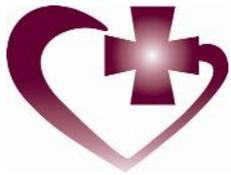
**To all our classmates:** Hoping this newsletter finds you all in good health, which is certainly a gift from God at this stage of our lives.

Please keep us posted as to what is happening in your life. We would certainly love to hear from you and possibly include you in our Highlights Section ( 🎉 ), at your discretion, of course.

Best Wishes and God Bless,

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## Please Stay in Touch

Let us know if you have changed your address  
and/or share any interesting news with your SHA Alumnae friends.

*Sisters, please make note of my ( ) change of address or ( ) winter/summer address:*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class of 19\_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Maiden) (Last)

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