

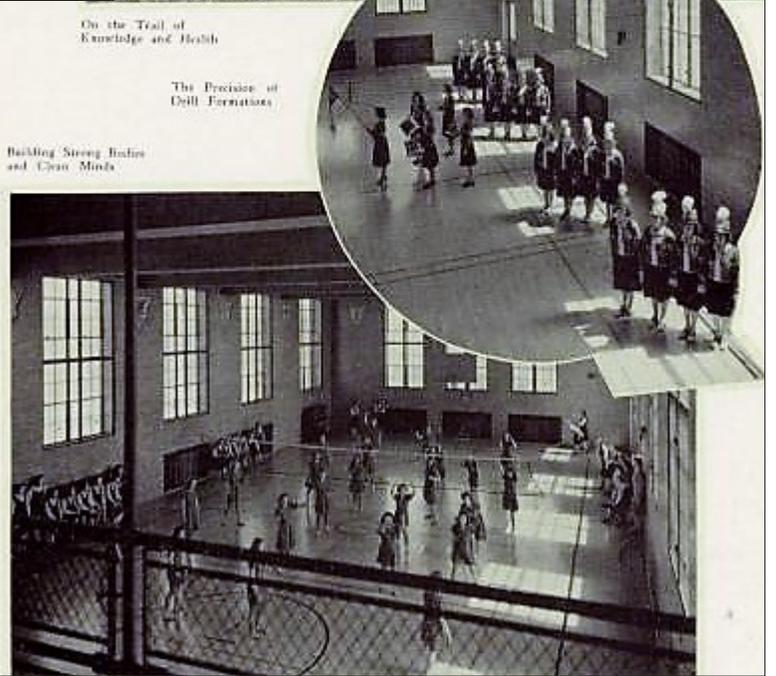
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Newsletter for Sacred Heart Academy Alumnae

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~ ~ 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:

Lois Justat Caprata '47 As a minum from 3rd grade, I have many stories. Sister Immaculata was principal at that time. Our class had a midnight party backstage after lights out. When we heard "boogie-woogie" from the pit. We ran back upstairs to the dorm, but it was locked. Sister finally came up and unlocked the door and solemnly said, "Good night, ladies". The next night, she got us up at midnight and took us to the study hall where we had to memorize the poem "Water, water, everywhere..." I never forgot it.

Terry Vesely Herzog '49 We reminisced about the nuns that taught us: Sister Editha, Sister Immaculata, Sister Laurencia, Sister DeSales and Sister Immaculata (I guess she really made an impression, I mentioned her twice!). Very fond memories of all of them.

Pat Konopa Due '57 (I'm doing) a lot of volunteering: St. Bridget Food Pantry in Loves Park, IL; Rescue Mission; Coronado Theater; flowers at St. Bridget Church; Midway Village Museum; Salvation Army; Northern IL Food Bank; Pioneer Festival; Boone County Fair. I have traveled three times to Georgia. Spent 2 1/2 months in Orange Beach, AL. And visited our son and daughter-in-law in Durham, NC.

Pat Vesely Hogan '58 I'm retired and living in Hinckley, IL and Santa Paula CA during the winter months. I have one daughter Colleen and a grandson, Reno, who live in Big Rock, IL. Reno attends Marmion Academy. Many

years ago I started a knitting group. We meet on Tuesday morning and go to lunch afterwards. Most of our knitted or crocheted projects are for charity.

Patricia Karvon Leavy '58 I have been very blessed to have been married for 57 years to my husband, Michael Leavy. We have five children and 14 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. All of them live in the Chicago area, so we are busy visiting family. Next year will be the 60th anniversary of our class of 1958. I hope we can get a great turnout for the Homecoming. If any of our class is reading this please come, it would be fun to see you!

Cynthia Steiner '60 Sister Florence Marie taught me voice lessons, and I liked playing volleyball. I am retired now, but I went to Heartland Community College and took up art. I sing in the St. Mary's Church choir.

Alice Nykl Sima '60 Enjoying Homecoming at SHA with many of my classmates. Great Event!

Gloria Caracello '61 I continue to do the two things I love...substitute teaching and traveling the world.

Barbara Rayniak-Buri '61 I live in North Fort Myers, FL. I adopted a Maltese poodle named "Susie"; sing in my church choir; visit friends and family in Illinois and Wisconsin.

Pat Dackiw Kemp '63 Just finished my third quilt (10'x15") for St. Irene's Church in Warrenville. It hangs behind the altar. I'm President of the Ladies' Auxiliary and run numerous fund raisers.

Marianne Volchko Bieker '67 I remember the day President Kennedy was shot when we were freshmen. I was in physiology class with Sister Mercedes. We all prayed that President Kennedy would live. Then we prayed after we were informed of his death. President Kennedy's values and ideals inspired my political involvement as an adult.

Miss Pokorny, freshman art teacher, inspired my love of art.

I am a volunteer and docent/gallery guide at Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art in Bentonville, AR.

I am active in the Benton County AR Democrats and am volunteering for two candidates running for AR State Representative in 2018.

Annie Udovitsch Shaw '67 I currently live in Connecticut. Just wanted to say how much I enjoyed my high school years at Sacred Heart Academy.

Kathleen Keilty '67 One of my favorite teachers was Miss Pokorny, the art teacher. Later, I became an art teacher in middle school for 35 years. Many of her lessons that she taught me, I passed on to my students. I can remember like it was yesterday - if we misbehaved in any way, she would get angry, roll up her sleeve on her left arm and show us her tattooed number from the concentration camp on her forearm while muttering in Czech, German or Polish. We would all get quiet and realize (again) that she had a hard life and we should all respect her more.

Phyllis St. Mary Kintrea '67 Enjoying my first year of retirement! I worked as a physical therapist for 30+ years. Now I have more time to baby-sit my seven and nine year old grandsons, go to all their little league games, and school functions.

Mary Claire Kledzinski McParland '67 I remember the day John Kennedy was shot. I was in music with Miss Pokorny. The announcement shocked the class, students were crying and we had early dismissal. Mimi Peterson and I walked home in silence and sorrow.

Alexandra Kielty Mulcahy '67 I was a border at SHA in 1963 - my sister, Kathy, was here too and graduated from Sacred Heart. I did not return in the next year because they were not accepting members of our class after my freshman year. I have two grown twin sons and five grandchildren. I'm retired from 25 years in retail.

Carol Simon Beck '67 My husband and I traveled to Copenhagen, Denmark and from there took a cruise along the Baltic Sea to St. Petersburg, Russia. It was a wonderful experience. However, the highlight of 2017 for me was seeing my class of 1967 classmates at our SHA 50th reunion in October. I enjoyed the experience so much and appreciate it more than words can express.

Maggie Heitzman Fimia '67 I was a boarder and only attended SHA in 1962/63, but wanted to return for the 50th class reunion. I live in Edmonds, WA with my husband of 40 years. We have two daughters and a two year old granddaughter with one more on the way. I help good, competent people run for local office and also have a small business helping people research and tell their family stories.

Kathleen Keilty '67 When I was a junior here, I was burning the candle at both ends—studying and working at Kinney Shoes. I had a terrible headache and needed a break. I went to Sister Roberta in the office and she told me to lay down in one of the parlors. I went in, took off my blazer and put it over my chest, and immediately fell asleep. The next thing I heard was female singers and I smelled incense. I thought I had died and heard the angels. After trying to remain quietly inconspicuous for about 10-15 minutes, I squeezed open my eyes to see the nuns from the motherhouse walking past me to the next parlor to attend the wake of a sister who passed! My heart was beating so fast! I put on my blazer when the last sister shuffled past and I RAN to my next class! I never told anyone about this 'til my 25th reunion.

And some notes from those who could not be with us...

Mary Ann Yackley Walz '53 So sorry I cannot attend this year. I am having spine surgery on September 20 with many weeks of physical therapy. Please pray for me.

Joan Fender Pattermann '54 Sorry I am not able to attend. We are having a family gathering before we leave for Florida for the winter.

Dorothy Winkler Ball '65 Sorry, I will not be able to attend, as I will be attending the ACCW Cardinal's breakfast. I have the honor of being chosen Woman of the Year (CCW) for our parish, St. Barbara, for 2017-18. All Presidents and Women of the Year will be recognized at this event.

Janet Cook Wilmoth '65 Wish I could be there for the Reunion! I thought I was going to be working "part-time" but have two part-time jobs working with two fire service organizations. Also taking care of my Mom—92 years old—so blessed she still lives in the house we grew up in!

Carolyn Delo Scutella '66 I would very much like to attend. I have many happy memories of my years at SHA. However, I have been recovering from a fall that resulted in surgery. I would appreciate your prayers. Have a happy day. God bless you.



Save the Date

Homecoming 2018

Saturday, October 20

Mass 11:30am

Luncheon 12:30am

With much gratitude and appreciation, we wish Jane Doyle blessings and all the best on her retirement as Alumnae Liaison and Development Administrator at Sacred Heart. May her new adventures be filled with God's graces!

Beth Hemzacek is the incoming Alumnae Liaison and Development Administrator.
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Announcing 55th Reunion Celebration for SHA Graduating Class of 1963

The Morton Arboretum in Lisle

What could be a lovelier setting for an autumn class reunion get-together?

That's why your reunion organizing committee (Mary Lou, Mary Ann, and Judie) selected The Arboretum for this year's 55th Reunion gathering.

The date: Sunday, October 21st

Time: 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Event type: Brunch

Estimated cost: \$55 per person

(Spouses or Significant Others are welcomed)

Because this is a Sunday, those who care to participate in the Mass being held in the Chapel at Sacred Heart Monastery at 10:00 a.m. are invited to do so. After that, it's just a quick drive to The Arboretum.

Also, our 55th Reunion takes place the day following the SHA Annual Alumnae Luncheon scheduled for Saturday October 20th at Villa St. Benedict (separate invitation/ announcement will be coming from the SHA office). This timing allows our out-of-town reunion attendees who want to attend BOTH events to do so without making two trips.

An official invitation will be mailed and/or emailed soon to all 1963 classmates, with a request to RSVP. Payment (cash or check only) will be accepted by return mail or at the door. Space is limited, so be sure to get your RSVP's in quickly.

Hope to see you in October! It'll be great to spend time with our former classmates and to "catch up"!

SHA Class of 1963 Reunion Organizing Committee

Mary Lou (Bellio) Pugliese

Mary Ann (Althoetmar) McCloud

Judie (Barenbrugge) Carlisle



(photo courtesy of The Morton Arboretum)

Homecoming 2017



The Sacred Heart Academy homecoming Mass and luncheon formed the core of events for our 50th class reunion. Sitting in the beautiful chapel and enjoying the wonderful meal brought back thoughts of our memorable years at the academy. As for our reunion, what wonderful attendance we had!

Many of us toured the former gymnasium wing where the resident Sisters now live. This renovated area is a showcase of re-purposing and comfort for the Sisters. Seeing the changes in some of the former classroom areas brought back memories of our years at SHA, while exhibiting the vision and planning of the Sisters in accommodating their current needs and the needs of the area.

To those who attended our reunion events, we say a hearty “Thank You” for your response. We appreciate your travel from distant states such as California, Oregon, Washington, Connecticut, Massachusetts, South Carolina, Florida, Tennessee and Arkansas, and from nearby towns in Illinois. It was such a treat to see connections being renewed and to hear the laughter with the sharing. To those from the class of '67 who were unable to join us, we missed your presence and sincerely hope you are doing well.

As the last class to graduate from Sacred Heart Academy, we hold the blessings we received during our years at SHA in a special place in our hearts.

Sincerely,
Reunion Committee

Marie Bartolotta, Anna Eber Lamb, Paula Hepler Schumacher, Kathleen Keilty and Karen Maxwell Kuhn





Sister Margaret Mary Schima, OSB '49 wrote a letter to her classmates:

The Sacred Heart Academy High School Reunion took place on Saturday, October 21, 2017. 65 former students attended. It was held at Villa St. Benedict dining room after the 11:30 A.M. Mass in Sacred Heart Chapel. The Alumnae Coordinator, Jane Doyle, welcomed all. Sister Mary Bratrsovsky, Prioress of the Monastery, gave the Opening Prayer and greeted all.

After the most delicious dinner, Sister Mary Bratrsovsky gave a very interesting resume of the life of one of our former High School Principals, Sister Immaculata, O.S.B. She happens to be the aunt of our Prioress. The alumnae present gave many humorous and enlightening stories about that Principal, whom most of you remember.

It was good to see you who were present last Saturday. We enjoyed each other.

We missed seeing those of you who were unable to attend. Perhaps, hopefully, next year you will join us at Sacred Heart Academy Reunion.

May God bless you and your families. May your Angels protect you.

With prayers and love,









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and/or share any interesting news with your SHA Alumnae friends.

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Do you have interesting photos of your SHA years to share?
Send them along with your news and updates. Return this form to:
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