

# The Echo



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Newsletter for Sacred Heart Academy Alumnae

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Welcoming you to Sacred Heart's Halls

## ~ ~ 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 memories of Sacred Heart Academy, as well as news of your life since. 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.

### *Notes from Alumnae who were with us at Homecoming:*

#### **Sister Rosalie Marie Major, OSB '36**

(as recorded by Sister Christine Kouba '50)  
She can't remember any more about the good times in the Academy, but she does remember that Alice Nykl Sima '60 was her first grade student—there were 75 students in first grade at Our Lady of Lourdes in Chicago. Sister Rosalie was an acrobat and taught folk dancing to the first graders.

#### **Marie Mazour Wallinger '41**

Four of us girls were in the dormitory one night and when the lights went out we saw through the frosted glass door Sister Laurencia brushing her hair, and we were so happy and relieved to know she had hair.

#### **Gerrie Swatek Stockhausen '49**

I remember stripping our beds, getting ready to go home. We all ran to the windows, the seniors were serenading us. They wore gowns and held candles; they sang so many songs. It is a beautiful memory.

#### **Terry Vesely Herzog '49**

This place had changed sooo much since I spent 4 wonderful years here.

Sister De Paul ringing the bell too early.  
Going for walks to the "little" town of Lisle on Saturdays.

#### **Dorothy Miller Garhan '53**

It's always good to spend time with our classmates and gals from other classes too.

#### **Mary Ann Yackley Walz '53**

This year the highlight will be that I will sponsor my granddaughter Alexa on her confirmation day at St. John the Baptist Church in Somonauk, IL

#### **Carol Karvon '55**

One of our biggest adventures when I was a student at SHA was sneaking down to the coke machine after lights out.

Another memory is of Sr. Joella playing baseball with us—running bases with her veil flying behind her—and having as much fun as us.

#### **Mary Pearson Fornatto '55**

I remember Sister Immaculata in English class when she read to us "The Hound of Heaven." It is still my favorite poem. She read it so beautifully.

#### **Anita Tomassone Masters '57**

As day students we were allowed to use lipstick for our trip home; the boarders could only wear it if they were going home for the weekend. Our senior year four girls, Mary Jane Marquis, Gail Scheidel, Barbara Klein and JoAnn Kamalick became cheerleaders for the Procopius football team. I don't think it continued.

#### **Mary Ann Meyer Bobosky '59**

So many memories of Sr. Electa, especially presenting "Danny Dither" when we were freshmen.

Married to Brand, have 4 children - 11 grandchildren in 5 countries.

#### **Rose Feirtag Herlien '59**

Nancy Novak & I were changing out of our gym suits, in the washroom off the gym for day students in the same stall, and didn't know we were the only ones left. We opened the door and there was Sister Joella standing with her arms folded and a smirk on her face. She heard everything we said.

I have three daughters, the first given up for adoption, same father, long story. We've been in contact 17 years, since Catholic Charities unsealed their records. I'm still in the same house since 1951 and do about ten things in and for St. Mary's in Downers Grove.

#### **Lillian Albarran Fleming '59**

I have many fond memories of singing in our auditorium, and now it's a lovely great dining room.

All the Sisters who taught me at SHA will forever be with me.

**Alice Nykl Sima '60**

Retiring from Benedictine University in December 2019. Active on the Boards of Villa St. Benedict and Friends of Imiliwaha.

**Diann Kampmeyer Kohley '60**

Continue to live in Naperville and have for the past 36 years. My husband and I found an empty lot near downtown and Sts Peter & Paul, and enjoyed it very much until the Lord called him in September 2018. I am blessed with 4 stepchildren, 5 grandchildren and now enjoying two great-grandchildren.

Great to see and visit with all classmates and friends that come each year.

**Donna Yackley '60**

I remember the happy times. Thank you! A wonderful time we shared .

**Gloria Caracello '61**

I continue to substitute teach in the Catholic elementary schools.

I love traveling in and out of the U.S. Cruising is my favorite kind of travel.

**Rosanne Carter Polich '61**

*Please see article on p. 10*

**Barbara Stalmach Hocking '63**

1969 was a big year: moon landing, Woodstock and John and I were married. We celebrated 50 years on June 21.

**Carol Bekielewski Mejdrieh '63**

My husband Dave & I celebrated our 56th anniversary this past year and we keep ourselves busy. We are part of the funeral ministry at St. Joe's in Downers Grove. We have 4 children and 6 grandchildren. I do a water aerobics class 3 times a week.

**Kathy Brummel Yurcus '63**

In 2019 my husband Ron and I celebrated our 51st wedding anniversary. We enjoy traveling, spending time with family and volunteering. Our 4 grandchildren are now in high school and/or college. It has been fun to attend all of their musical or athletic events over the years.

After touring the facility today it was surprising how many areas were recognized as spaces we used while here. But—so many wonderful transformations of the building. WOW!

**Mary Lou Bellio Pugliese '63**

I have been retired since 2015. My husband and I travel, volunteer and keep busy with our 10 children and 20 grandchildren.

My SHA memory—eating lunch in the auditorium which is now the beautiful Great Room.

**Carol Brummel Hinterlong '64**

It is always enjoyable to attend Mass and see former schoolmates. Memories of teachers, events, boarders, etc. were shared.

The dinner was held in the “old auditorium” which has been beautifully renovated. Joellen Stola & I say “Hi” - we hope more will attend in 2020!

*And some greetings from those who could not be with us...*

**Dorothy Skokan Myers '46**

No interesting news, except that I'm 91 years old! I live with my daughter who helps me with everyday tasks. I enjoy reading and watching the Atlanta Braves baseball, Atlanta Falcons and Oklahoma Sooners football on TV.

**Joan Fender Pattermann '54**

Sorry not to be able to attend. Had the family Christmas before leaving for Florida.

**Nancy Novak Philipper '59**

Was planning to attend the Homecoming luncheon, but regrettably had to cancel last-minute when her ride from Cairo, IL fell through.

**Sharon Mocny Schipiour '59**

I was a boarder and back in the day I wanted to get a photo of our beautiful chapel. Unfortunately, the lights were on only during prayers or services. So one evening after evening study hall my partner-in-crime and I sneaked into the 2nd floor choir. Only the Sisters were in the chapel, gathered for evening prayers (vespers?) I took my photo, but this was the day of bright flash cubes and loud camera noises. Fifty plus heads turned to look. My partner-in-crime and I literally threw ourselves on the floor and as quickly as we could skedaddled to our dorm. If any of the Sisters saw or recognized us, nothing was ever said and thus we managed to escape trouble.

*Continued ...*

**Adrienne Pilot Garvey '61**

How blessed I was that my parents made the financial sacrifices for SHA for me.

**Judie Barenbrugge Carlisle '63**

Unable to attend as she was already on her way to Arizona for the winter: "I'll miss seeing all of you—and also the finished Great Room. I'm sure it looks lovely and adds to the entertainment space options at Villa St. Benedict. I'll be thinking of you on 10/19 and will be there in spirit!"



**CLASS OF 1960**

**60 years!**

**Save the date:  
Saturday, October 17  
Homecoming  
here at Sacred Heart**

Please forward any updates regarding classmates to:

Alice Nykl Sima

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

*Sister Mary Agnes Kallus, OSB '43 (April 2019)*

*Violet Stetina Hare '44 (February 2017)*

*Mary Corinne Wagner DeStefano '46 (September 2018)*

*Donna Perrin Timmer '47 (January 2019)*

*Doris Kucera Cihlar '49 (2019)*

*Dolores Kacizak Bruno '50 (December 2018)*

*Jean McEnnany Macksood '50 (March 2017)*

*Eleanor Bekielewski O'Connor '52 (April 2019)*


*Sandra Schultz Meyer '65 (November 2019)*

*Sally Riedy Vermaat '66 (November 2019)*

*Marianne Layden '66 (May 2019)*







Save the Date

**Homecoming 2020**

**Saturday, October 17**

Mass 11:30am

Luncheon 12:15pm

**2020 Anniversary Classes -**

**Are you a graduate of 1940, 1945, 1950, 1955, 1960 or 1965?**

Would you like help locating classmates to plan a special get-together on Homecoming weekend? I'm happy to do my best to assist you in finding your friends.

contact Beth Hemzacek  
chemzacek@shmlisle.org  
630.725.6013

A very sincere thank you to the Alumnae who have made a dues donation to the SHA Alumnae Fund. We use your donations to print and mail The Echo and the homecoming invitations to almost 500 Alumnae, as well as for 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 2020!

# Homecoming 2019



## 70 Years! Class of 1949

Standing: Terry (Therese) Vesely Herzog, Margaret Sykora Fullmer, Gerrie (Geraldine) Swatek Stackhausen, Sister DePaul Stava, OSB

Seated: Sister Margaret Mary Schima, OSB, Elaine Bortman Snella, Joan Endemann Helie



**Class of 1957:** Sister Irene Jasien, OSB, and Anita Tomassone Masters



Marie Tesar Gray '42 and Marie Mazour Wallinger '41





**Class of 1961**  
Peggy (Margaret)  
Mosquera McCann,  
Gloria Caracello,  
Rosanne Carter Polich

Sister Rosalie Marie Major, OSB '36  
and Sister Christine Kouba, OSB '50



**Class of 1959**  
(clockwise from bottom left):  
Rose Feirtag Herlien,  
Mary Ann Meyer Bobosky,  
Carolyn Pavlick Dalpiaz,  
Lillian Albarran Fleming



**Class of 1955**  
Mary Pearson Fornatto,  
Therese Buc, Carol Karvon

**Class of 1953**  
(clockwise from bottom left)  
Mary Ann Yackley Walz,  
Sister Lois Jean Jensik, OSB,  
Dorothy Miller Garhan,  
Alice Salata Kelly



**Class of 1960**  
Standing: Diann Kampmeyer Kohley and Alice Nykl Sima  
Seated: Dorothy Mukenschnabl O'Reilly, Edith Hurtgen Wagner, Donna Yackley



**Class of 1958**

Patricia Vesely Hogan,  
Sister Judith Ann  
Heble, OSB,  
Patricia Karvon Leavy



**Classes of 1962, 1963, 1964**

Seated: Patricia Dackiw Kemp '63, Rita Shimek McIntyre '63, Barbara Stalmach Hocking '63,  
Kathy Brummel Yurcus '63

Standing: Janet Bekielewski Srail '63, Carol Bekielewski Mejdrich '63, Linda Stukalo Blanek-Novak '63,  
Shirlee Abrams Jasien '63, Irma Frank Conley '62, Sister Sharon Marie (Joellen) Stola, OSB '64,  
Carol Brummel Hinterlong '64, Sister Karen Nykiel, OSB '63, Mary Lou Bellio Pugliese '63

## Class of 1961

Hi again!

Our class will be **celebrating 60 years in 2021!** And, since we would like to start working on the class reunion, we are asking for your help.

Which time of the year would be best for you, the summer months or our October Homecoming weekend? The choice will be up to you. **And, if you cannot join us, please let us know that too.** It would be appreciated. The sooner you respond the better for us to start planning.

Please e-mail your reply to [rpolich@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rpolich@sbcglobal.net).

Or, if you would like to send your reply by mail or phone, just use the address and phone number at the end of this article. Thank you.

Hopefully we will be able to put something together by this year and can firm up a date and place. The details will then be mailed to you.

Also in this article, I am sharing a couple of things that happened last year.

**Maureen Vap Ruf**, came in from Missouri to visit SHA and tour the new banquet room (SHA's old auditorium) during its renovation. It was great to see her again. By the way, the banquet room looks amazing! Cannot believe the transformation!



*(top to bottom) Gloria Caracello, Rosanne Carter Polich and Maureen Vap Ruf, on the iconic entry staircase.*



And, our dear friend and classmate, **Jean Schloegel Mills** moved to Tennessee from Oswego, IL. We sure miss her!! We met for lunch just before her move.

*(front row seated, l to r) Joy Price Kacena, Jean Schloegel Mills, Donna McNulty Cellini  
(second row standing, l to r) Gloria Caracello, Judy Beumer, Rosanne Carter Polich, Peggy Mosquera McCann*

A special shout out to **Barb Rayniak Buri** who travels in from Florida to attend our Homecomings. Best wishes, Barb. Hope to see you again in October.

Hope all of you are doing well and I am looking forward to hearing your response.

Thank you and God Bless,

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## *Lisle Benedictine Sisters celebrating 125 years!*



From February 2, 2020 to February 2, 2021 the Benedictine Sisters of Sacred Heart Monastery Lisle, Illinois are celebrating and giving thanks on the occasion of their 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Each day the Sisters are telling their story both on their Website ([www.shmlisle.org](http://www.shmlisle.org)) and on Facebook (Benedictine Sisters of the Sacred Heart). Daily, they feature a short description of one of the Sisters near or on the day of their death if deceased, or on their birthday if living. When not featuring a sister, the Sisters share glimpses of their history or features of their lives that are important to them.

Please accompany the Sisters on their journey by tuning in to their story!

### **\*\*\*\* SHA ALUMNAE PLEASE NOTE \*\*\*\***

On Tuesday, October 13, from 7:00-8:30pm, the Sisters have scheduled a presentation featuring the history of Sacred Heart Academy. We are hoping that Alumnae will join us that evening to share personal memories of SHA. Please contact Beth Hemzacek if you are able to participate ([ehemzacek@shmlisle.org](mailto:ehemzacek@shmlisle.org) or 630-725-6013.)

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU  
to our friends who donated generous door prizes  
for those attending SHA Homecoming 2019 luncheon.

Please help us support their businesses!

Clara's Restaurant

Country House Restaurant

Hyatt Regency Lisle

Wheaton Religious Gift Shop

We send out email updates to those who are interested in Programs presented here at the Monastery. If you'd like, please provide your email address and request to be added to this list. (Beth Hemzacek at [ehemzacek@shmlisle.org](mailto:ehemzacek@shmlisle.org))

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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.

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*(First)* *(Maiden)* *(Last)*

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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:  
Benedictine Sisters of the Sacred Heart c/o Beth Hemzacek