



St. Mary of the Springs Academy Alumnae Newsletter

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GREETINGS ALUMNAE

I hope this newsletter finds you happy as can be and celebrating good things- appreciating all you have. As our speed limits (age) increase and we slow down we still have much to share on our road to God knows where.

Warren Buffett challenges us to do three things every day; 1) do something exceptional; 2) do something stupid; 3) perform an act of kindness. I also challenge you to do these three things. If you focus on acts of kindness the other two will fall into place.

Like you, I wish we could go back to the good, old days – less cell phone usage; more personal contacts; back to the music of our day when one could understand the words and enjoy the message... even dance to it!

Well, we can't go back so we must learn to make the best of what we have in our rapidly ever-changing world and I might add - at full speed ahead. Don't forget to fasten your seatbelt, hold on tight and pray to St. Christopher – is he still a saint?

The Board continues to work on your behalf supporting the Dominican Learning Center run by our Dominican Sisters. (To date, we have given them almost \$10,000.00). Please see tutoring article about how you can help by teaching someone to read – **an act of kindness**. There is no greater gift than the gift of your time.

We also are focused on growing our scholarship at the Catholic Foundation. We currently have \$41,000.00 of our goal of fifty thousand dollars.

PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A GIFT – NO GIFT IS TOO SMALL.

When we raised money for the statue we had donations from \$2.00 to \$10,000.00 and we did it. Please send in donations with your luncheon reservations or send to Katy Ryan Paolini '61 at 8997 Filiz Lane Powell, Ohio 43065. Make checks payable to The Catholic Foundation for a charitable deduction. Your donation would be **something exceptional**.

Please read the article about the museum. The committee has been working away diligently...I might add. They are doing a fantastic job. Soon you will be able to visit the museum and relive the good, old days through pictures, articles, artifacts, memories (the pillars of one's mind). The board members have purchased a locker from their personal funds to show our support...how can you help?

I am sure we are all looking in our yards for signs of spring...I look forward to bulbs peeking out. Speaking of spring – save the date, April 21 for our SPRINGS luncheon. You talked, the board heard and listened. This year we are going more central - an old but new gathering place. Yes, St. Charles, 2010 East Broad Street in the Campus Theater's Cavello Center next to parking lot. Berwick Manor will cater the luncheon for \$30.00.

If you need ANY assistance – ride, financial.....ANYTHING call Katy (uber) Ryan 614- 595-2326. Please set aside the date April 21, 2018. We want to make this the best luncheon yet. (There is a prize for each member of the BIGGEST attendance group (the challenge is on!).

We promise a great time, a great time to tell the same old stories, stories that are still fun to tell.

Lastly... **do something stupid**...sing in the shower; dance like there is no tomorrow; wave at everyone you see – act like you know them; wear two different shoes; eats LOTS of candy... and then there is St. Patrick's Day - folks tend to act up on this sacred day. Be prepared to discuss these happenings at the luncheon.

---Katy Ryan Paolini, '61 President

SPRING(S) LUNCHEON

This year's luncheon will be held at St. Charles Preparatory School at 2010 East Broad Street in Bexley (OH, 43209) in the Campus Theater building's lower-level Cavello Center, on Saturday, April 21, 2018.

The festivities shall begin at 11 a.m. with a social hour....one can purchase spirits for the low cost of \$3.00. A delicious lunch, served by Berwick Party House, will begin at noon.

Our Luncheon honorees this year are the classes ending in 3 and 8; the classes of 1943, 1948, 1953, 1958, 1963. There is a prize for the class with the most people in attendance and each member will get a prize. Please consider being that girl who encourages all of her living classmates to attend the luncheon. Every class has one...is it you?

Come one, come all we are counting on all of you to join in the fun filled afternoon. If you would like a tour of St. Charles...you will get one. The place looks fabulous. Some of you will be amazed at the changes.

The Cavello Center- some remember it as the library- can be accessed most conveniently (read: no steps) through the door located at ground level on the northwest corner of the building just a few feet away from the parking lot. Park and walk in the door.

I hope to see you on April 21, 2018 in uniform. LOL ---Katy Ryan Paolini, '61

JUBILEE MUSEUM MOMENTUM

A committee of SMA alumnae is working hard to make a SMA room at the Jubilee Museum, a reality. We have collected yearbooks, school uniforms, a gym uniform, a school sweater, a beanie, class rings, a graduation dress, and even a prom dress. Our favorite memento is an infamous demerit slip.

We still need more items. (Duplicates are allowed and encouraged.) It is a tribute to our school that so many alumnae have saved these treasures for so long, and now a museum, the Jubilee Museum and Catholic Cultural Center in Columbus, wants them!

We are still trying to find: a picture of each graduating class (composite picture or group picture of the girls wearing their white dresses or caps and gowns), yearbooks, uniform blouse and shoes, alumna pin (at one time given to a new graduate/alumna by the alumnae association), street clothes worn in 1965-66 (your "non-uniform"), and a Dominican Sister's habit.

A modest rent of \$83.33 a month (\$1000.00 a year) will provide us with a large room in the museum (in the wing where Saint Joseph Academy alumnae and Aquinas alumni have their rooms) and will cover a portion of the museum's operating costs.

Our goal is to preserve SMA's rich history and celebrate the visionary role that the Academy and the Dominican Sisters played in the education of thousands of girls and young women from 1868 to 1966. The Academy attracted students from many parts of Ohio and neighboring states and from as far away as Connecticut, Massachusetts, Wisconsin, Florida, Canada and Mexico. Education opened up opportunities that forever changed the lives of women everywhere. Our presence at the Museum will make SMA's remarkable story accessible to many others.

We also thank the Board members of our Alumnae Association. Last year they sent our alumnae committee a letter stating that the Association's Board supports and applauds our continued efforts in this worthwhile

project. The Board stated that if we alumnae establish the room, the Board may be willing to revisit the project based on financial circumstances at that time.

We thank President Katy Paolini for her enthusiastic words about the project at the last luncheon and Linda Younkin for providing us with a table and display space at the luncheon.

You can help us reach our goal by:

- **Donating your SMA memorabilia. To drop off items or have them picked up, telephone Ann Seren, 1957, at 614-237-1379.**
- **Helping us to raise *\$20,000 so we can fund the room for at least 20 years.**

***If 100 alumnae gave \$200 each, our financial objective would be met; or**

***If 200 alumnae gave \$100 each, our financial objective would be met.**

Thank you to the many alumnae who have generously contributed their keepsakes and financial support for the room project.

We are exploring the possible creation of a fund at the Catholic Foundation that would provide the option to make a tax-deductible contribution payable to the "Catholic Foundation" (with check notation "SMA Room at the Jubilee Museum"). Fund and on-line payment information will be posted at: www.catholic-foundation.org. You may direct questions about this future payment option to a committee member.

Note that at this time contributions are being accepted but are not tax-deductible. These contributions may be made via check payable to the "SMA Jubilee Museum Room" and mailed to the committee treasurer: Carol Bringardner Klunk, 3002 Plymouth Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43209.

Thank you for your support.

**DOMINICAN LERANING CENTER
NEEDS TUTORS**

One of the efforts that our alumnae group has supported is the Dominican Learning Center. The Dominican Learning Center (DLC) serves adult learners seeking to improve reading, pass the GED exams or learn English as a Second Language (ESL). There is always a need for volunteer tutors to assist adults with this initiative. Volunteers tutor ONE student for 1 ½ to 2 hours a week from September through June at the DLC or your local library. No teaching experience is necessary.

Free training is held at a Saturday morning Tutor Training workshop. You will learn the skills and receive the materials needed to successfully tutor in this ONE-on-ONE environment. Students are tested before being assigned and books are provided. Sister Barbara Kane, Dir. of the DLC, would welcome your call at 614-444-7330.

**ST. MARY OF THE SPIRNGS
SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

As you had read in previous newsletters, the SMA scholarship fund has been established at The Catholic Foundation.

Presently one young lady is attending Bishop Hartley High School and is receiving \$1,000.00 yearly to assist with her tuition. As the fund grows more young ladies will be selected to receive tuition assistance from The SMA scholarship program.

Donations are welcome anytime. If you have questions feel free to contact any board member or Katy Ryan Paolini at 614-595-2326.

You may make and send your donation in the same envelope with your annual dues and/or reservations for the luncheon. Please write a separate check for the Scholarship program to *The Catholic Foundation* with a memo that it is for the SMA scholarship. Your donation will be a tax deductible donation as The Catholic Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization.

ART AT THE AUDUBON

Our very own Past President, Joy Pratt '61, will be having her artwork featured at The Grange Insurance Audubon Center at 505 W. Whittier St. (<http://grange.audubon.org/>) from August 10th to September 4th, 2018.

The Center's mission is to awaken and connect participants to the beauty of the natural world in the heart of Columbus & inspire environmental stewardship in their daily lives.

Come to the show's opening reception Friday, August 10th from 4-6 p.m. Stop by and see a fabulous show! If you go on a Tuesday, Joy will be at the Center to provide personal tours.

ERSKINE AWARD NOMINATIONS

Please take the time to tell us of a special alumna who has reached out and made a difference. Her efforts may be community and/or church related.

We will recognize this special person at the annual Alumnae Luncheon on April 21, 2018. All you need to do is write to us about this deserving person. Be sure to include a short bio and why she deserves this honor.

Please submit your nomination by March 31, 2018, to: Katy Ryan Paolini '61 at 8997 Filiz Lane in Powell, OH, 43065.

IN MEMORIAM

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| Mary L. (Echenrode) Hutson '39 | 10/05/17 |
| Patricia (Cassidy) Luchtenberg '54 | 10/10/17 |
| Peggy (O'Neill) Crosbie '41 | 10/29/17 |
| Patricia (Pace) Randolph '50 | 11/2/17 |
| Mary Lee (Wagenbrenner) Hanson '52 | 12/28/17 |
| Cecilia (Green) Neff '53 | 12/31/17 |
| Linda (Gray) Lehman '65 | 01/22/18 |
| Elizabeth Gerhardt Bangert '48 | 02/22/18 |
| Margaret Ann Long, OPA '42 | 03/06/18 |

Hail to St. Mary's

Hail to St. Mary's, her glory and her power.
Carry her fame to the ends of the earth.
Singing her praises wherever we go.
Telling all 'round us the joy that we know.

Chorus:

Right here at St. Mary's, St. Mary's our own.
Her blue and her white ever
dearer have grown.
So S.M.A. we sing to you;
We hail you St. Mary's, St. Mary's our own.
Live for St. Mary's with purpose in your heart;
Work for St. Mary's, do nobly your part;
Play for St. Mary's, whatever the game;
Cheer for St. Mary's, stand firm by her name

Repeat Chorus



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