On Saturday, November 3, 2017 nineteen members of the **Class of 1968** met for a day of renewing friendships and sharing memories. The Golden Belles received their Golden Diplomas in St. Paul Church and then joined 140 Alumnae in the parish hall for a catered luncheon.

**LITTLE SISTER COMMITTEE – CLASS OF 1971**

Josephine Marty Wallace ’43 with her daughters: Diane Wallace Long ’66, Carol Wallace Sullivan ’68, Jeannie Wallace Kays ’71

Rosemarie Amado ’71, Erane Amado Rodenspiel ’68, Sharon Amado Wilkerson ’63 – daughters of Kay Sullivan Amado ’41 (dec.)

Christina Alvarado Hong ’91, Maria Layna Salazar ’91, Alyce Wetzel Murphy ’36

Madeleine Gonnella Licavoli ’70, Barbara Gonnella Dilts ’68, Regina Gonnella ’71
The joy of publicizing this annual event is something I look forward to for several reasons: the opportunity to reach out and communicate with classmates and alums; the enthusiasm of those eager to attend; and most especially, sharing the beginning of the holiday season and the true spiritual meaning of Advent with each other as we prepare for the celebration of Christmas. Many have expressed the common feeling—“It’s just not Christmas until Candlelighting!”

The 2017 Candlelighting event was very well attended thanks to advanced forms of communication such as cell phones, text messages, email, and Facebook social media. I am proud that this beloved tradition continues due to the participation and enthusiasm of my “panda sisters,” the Alumnae Board, and the St. Paul’s community. When our beloved school closed in June of 1994, the Alumnae Board insisted that “the tradition of Candlelighting continue for as long as we can keep it going.”

The “highlight” of Candlelighting, for me, is when I hear the angelic voices of the volunteer choir sing the Hodie with Silent Night—and this year, it was sung beautifully! It’s always an emotional moment, so I always have extra Kleenex on hand and this year I offered some to an alum sitting in the pew in front of me, who was crying. She thanked me with tears in her eyes and I whispered to her, “I know, it gets me every time.”

A darkened church, candles, red poinsettias, lanterns, the baby Jesus, scripture readings, a reflection by Sr. Maureen O’Brien, BVM, the voices of the choir, and all those present—and the Hodie - continue to make this event one of our treasured and long-held traditions.

Hope to see you all next year and please bring your family and friends to keep this treasured tradition ALIVE! - Dee Dee Patron Molina ’75
The **Class of 1967** celebrated its 50th reunion at a luncheon at Nick’s Rockaway Beach Restaurant in Pacifica on August 12, 2017. We gathered to enjoy lunch and reminiscing together. Madeleine Cooney Streeter organized the reunion and was acknowledged for her excellent organizing and indefatigable efforts to find as many classmates as she could. Classmates came from Arizona, all parts of California, and El Salvador. We ended our time together with a rousing rendition of the school song.

– Rita Fuhr Marowitz ’67

**- CLASS OF 1977 40th CLASS REUNION -**

Twenty-two classmates of the **Class of 1977** met at the United Irish Cultural Center to celebrate their 40th Class Reunion. “We laughed, told stories and had a nice lunch together. For many it was the first time in 40 years that they had seen each other. We exchanged our information and are going to try and get together once a year. Hopefully more classmates will be able to join us. We had a wonderful day that everyone enjoyed.”

– Monica Farrell Curran ’77

**- ORIGINAL JOE’S RESTAURANTS -**

Marie Rodin Duggan ’64 is the daughter of the late Florence and Tony Rodin. In 1937 her parents opened the Original Joe’s restaurant on Taylor Street. In 2007 a fire destroyed the restaurant, and five years later the beloved Original Joe’s was opened in Washington Square. This third-generation family-owned business, now includes Original Joe’s Westlake, run by Marie’s son, John Duggan Jr. and daughter Elena Duggan. Although retired, Marie and her husband John are often at Joe’s front door, welcoming loyal guests and newcomers alike. “Being a part of the fabric and history of San Francisco means so much to me. It didn’t happen in one year or 10 or 25 years – it took us 80 years,” said Marie.

– San Francisco Chronicle
As many of you are aware, we’re located at the former home of the Star Bakery. After many years in operation, the bakery closed for good in 1998 and its sign remained for the last 20 years. GetzWell Pediatrics has been serving Noe Valley families for over 10 years. We loved the Star Bakery sign too, but over the years it has created confusion for our new patients, and its increasing degradation from rust and vandalism posed a safety risk to the little ones visiting us everyday. Instead of removing the sign, we decided to preserve it by designing our new sign around it – you can tell by the way we incorporated the top point of the star from the Star Bakery’s sign. We weren’t able to integrate the “SF’s Original” mounted on the old sign, so here it is on display (in the office window) paying homage.

- Flyer in the window of GetzWell Pediatrics office –

- NORTHERN CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES -

“This is truly one of the greatest if not the greatest tragedy that California has ever faced” said California Governor Jerry Brown. “The devastation is just unbelievable, it’s a horror that no one could have imagined.”

In early October, 2017, more than a dozen wildfires ripped across Northern California: The Tubbs, Nuns, Atlas and Redwood Valley fires. At containment in late October, the fires were estimated to have burned over 36,000 acres, destroyed 5,643 structures including more than 2,800 homes in Santa Rosa, taking 44 lives, and causing damage estimated at $1.2 billion dollars.

Jean DeRoy Threlkeld ’65 lived in Journey’s End mobile home park in Santa Rosa where nearly all of the 160 units in the park were destroyed. Jean and her husband Gordon lost everything in the fire, including their home, car, and motor home.

Barbara Holleran ’63 lives in the Coffey Park area of Santa Rosa that was completely turned to rubble in the fire. At the time of the fire Barbara wrote: “I am OK. The fire came within 75 feet of my house! Oh my goodness, I am so lucky! Pray for those folks who have lost everything! The emergency personnel are protecting the area day and night! But we are locked in! If we leave we can’t get back in! Be safe and pray for rain!!” Barbara now writes: “Our lives have changed so much in the last couple of months! Wow, from a sunny breezy October afternoon to a raging inferno and now to a Martian landscape! Children are back in school and going on field trips, playing basketball, and families are getting back to normal. SONOMA STRONG….From the Ashes we will rise!”

Caren Ellis Cotter ’63 lives in Santa Rosa and she and her adult children all had to evacuate their homes. Caren said: “It was one of the scariest things I’ve seen because the city (Santa Rosa) was virtually surrounded by fire in the hills in all directions. Fortunately, no one in my family lost their homes or places of business. One of my granddaughters came from USF to help with Spanish translating and another granddaughter was in Vallejo using her Vet experience to take care of cows and horses.”

Kathy McKeon ’62 lived in Santa Rosa at the time of the fire and was evacuated along with her neighbors in her Oakmont Community. She drove along Highway 12 through smoke and fire-lit skies to Finely Community Center and stayed there until the roads were open so she could get to Marin, where she stayed for nine days with her brother and sister-in-law.

No doubt, other Alumnae have been affected by this horrendous experience. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

– Marilyn Highlander-Pool ’63
THE PARTY LINE

(Ed. Note: Interesting news and tidbits about alums, their families, endeavors will appear here. Contact the Alumnae with items for Publication).

Lucy Carter Stasiowski '60 welcomed her 2nd grandchild Owen Paul on September 19, 2017. Owen’s grand aunts are: Lilly Carter ‘60, Carlota Carter Tovar ‘61, Rose Carter Milani ‘63 and Ruth Carter Darvie ‘64.

Maria Lopez Evangelista '93 is running for San Francisco Superior Court Judge. Her website is Evangelista4judge.

Roseann Cirelli '80 is proud to announce that her daughter, Caroline Cirelli-Castaneda (2013 Sr. Mary Carlita Scholarship recipient) was chosen as the 2017-2018 Queen Isabella for the 149th Italian Heritage Parade. She will reign as Queen until the new queen is crowned in October 2018. Caroline graduated from Sacred Heart Cathedral Prep in May 2017 and is currently a freshman at Sonoma State University, majoring in Biology.

Roxanne McBrown Susoeff ’78 just welcomed her 8th grandchild. She and Judy Coco Correa '79 are working on a combined 40th reunion for the Classes of '78 & '79 in September 2018. Contact Roxanne at Roxanne@roxannesusoeff.com for more info.

- PRAYER REQUESTS -

Our prayers are requested for members of the Class of 1959: Miriam Moreno Dumas has been diagnosed with rectal cancer; Susan Feyling Goodwin is dealing with lung cancer and two brain tumors; Frieda Clements King is now in rehab/assisted living for injuries that she sustained in recurring falls; and Maureen Strain Steinbruner is coping with Parkinson’s Disease – and prayers too for Genevieve Mullen Gareis ’50 who is recovering from myasthenia gravis, a neurological muscular disorder.

- SAVE THE DATE -

The Class of 1958 is celebrating their 60th Reunion on June 7th, 2018 at the Basque Cultural Center in SSF. More info to follow. Barbara Neary Underdahl at dahl40@sbcglobal.net

ANNUAL ALUMNAE FUNDRAISER

Dear Alumnae and Friends:

The theme of this year’s Fundraiser is “Loyal Hearts” and it is so appropriate. You have been, and continue to be, Loyal Hearts.

Your continued generosity and support for each year’s Fundraiser enables us to offer Tuition Assistance Scholarships to the children and grandchildren of our Alumnae.

We can make donations to the BVM Retirement Fund, the Women’s and Children’s Center in the Tenderloin, and pay for the printing of our Newsletter and postage for mailing.

Each year the requests for our financial assistance increases because of the rising tuition costs, and last year, we did not reach our goal and had to “dip” into our reserved funds to cover some of our expenses.

By now, you have received the invitation to the Fundraiser, and the raffle tickets are included in this Newsletter.

We thank you for your continued loyalty and for keeping the spirit of St. Paul High School alive in this world of ours.

Marilyn Highlander-Pool ’63 President, Angela Barberini Johnson ’59 Vice President, Linda Van Hagen Nuth ’62 Vice President, Vicki Hoyos Hansel ’57 Corresponding Secretary, Maureen Kelleher Lennon ’58 Recording Secretary, Jann Ortega Phillips ’60 Treasurer, Lillian Carter and Sue White Barberini ’62 Alumnae Representatives – Alumnae Board

- SCAM EMAIL –

Our Alumnae email account was hacked. A scam email was sent out using Sr. Karen Conover’s name and signed by Marilyn Highlander-Pool. We did not send this email. Please do not reply to it.

- TUITION ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS -

Alumnae who wish to apply for Tuition Assistance should request an information packet by writing to:

SPHS ALUMNAE
Attn: Tuition Assistance Committee
221 Valley Street
San Francisco, CA 94131

- Include the name of the child/grandchild
- Name (including maiden) and year of graduation of the mother/grandmother Alumna(e) of SPHS
- Alumna must be a current dues-paying member
- Requests for applications must be postmarked by April 20, 2018
- Forms will be mailed the first week of May
- Completed materials must be postmarked by May 18, 2018
ALUMNAE NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS:

- Tina Zucconi Celi '65 and her husband Alessandro celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on 11/12/17.
- Cathe Cotter ’65 and Joseph Choniw were married on 10/14/17 in St. Catherine Church, Burlingame, CA.
- Lynn Sprenglemeier O’Brien '66 and her husband Dan celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on 12/30/17.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE:

ALUMNAE MEMBERS:

Rose Barone Barragan '58 on 8/28/17 … Margarita Castro Beteta '72, cousin of Sonia Downing Silva '72, Edna Downing Molina '84 on 8/22/17 … Mary Irene Callanan '48 on 9/11/17 … Moreen Beltrano Cassidy '63, sister of Pat Beltrano Baker '59, Marlene Beltrano Maher '61, Marti Beltrano Rush '67, Jean Beltrano Burns '71 on 6/4/17 … Mary Ellen Ryan Conta '38 sister of Margaret Ryan Cerri ‘40 (dec.), Patricia Ryan ‘49 (dec.) on 11/13/17 … Carol Mikelson Cutler '57 on 10/21/16 …


EXTENDED FAMILY:


Editor’s Note: Please send information about birth of children, degrees earned, the death of sister alums, and immediate family members so that we may pray for one another. It is also very helpful to indicate all immediate family members of the deceased who are Alumnae of St. Paul High School (and year of graduation, if possible). This information and these connections are not always known unless we are informed. Send information to: sphsalumnae@yahoo.com or SPHS Alumnae, 221 Valley Street, San Francisco, CA 94131.
CALEDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, April 28, 2018
Annual Fundraiser –
Rectory 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 3, 2018
Annual Mass and Luncheon
Mass – 11:30 a.m. St. Paul Church
Lunch follows in the Parish Hall
Class of 1969 Golden Belles

Saturday, December 1, 2018
Candlelighting
1:00 p.m. – St. Paul Church

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Includes:
Raffle tickets for our Annual
Alumnae Fundraiser – “Loyal Hearts”
Saturday, April 28, 2018

CONTACT US
www.sphsalumnae.org

St. Paul High School has a website. On it you will find regular features (such as history of the school, school song, information about transcript requests, Alumnae Officers, year-long calendar of events, etc.). It is also where the Newsletter can be accessed in a pdf. format. Current and all archived issues since March 2000 are available.

There is also a link in the Newsletter to photo galleries of major events, so you can see more than the few photos which can be published and printed.

For all correspondence regarding the Alumnae, send a message via: sphsalumnae@yahoo.com which will reach the Newsletter Editor.

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Send us her information:
sphsalumnae@yahoo.com

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