



ST. PAUL HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNAE NEWSLETTER



July 2001

ANNUAL FUNDRAISER CONTINUES GRAND TRADITION

GOAL EXCEEDED

The Annual Alumnae Fundraiser Reception, "2001: A New Odyssey," was held at St. Paul's parish center on Sunday afternoon, April 29, 2001. This culminated over two months of efforts to solicit donations and encourage support of the Grand Raffle.

The Alumnae will use the proceeds to fund four major projects: 1) the Sister M. Carlita Scholarship to a female graduate of St. Paul Elementary and other scholarships awarded to children and grandchildren of alums who attend Catholic high schools in the San Francisco area; 2) assistance for the retirement needs of the BVM Sisters in Dubuque, Iowa; 3) a shelter for women and children; and 4) the yearly publication of three issues of the Alumnae Newsletter, sent to all 3,500 alumnae for whom current addresses are available.



Pat Dean Del Carlo '48, Sr. Maureen O'Brien BVM '54, and Alumnae President Kay Kelly '55 look on as May McCarthy Wallace '24 tells her story. The panda and two "alien" friends form the backdrop for the presentation.

At the time of the fundraiser, the income (before expenses) was over \$25,000. The generosity of so many people continues to impress everyone, particularly with the school closed for seven years and the increasing aging of the "regular" alumnae participants. It gives hope that the work and spirit of St. Paul High School can continue to have an impact on the lives of women and children through funding these projects.

The honored attendee was May McCarthy Wallace, Class of 1924, who lives in Burlingame. A few weeks before the event, Sr. Maureen O'Brien, BVM '54, Alumnae Moderator, received a letter from May's son, indicating that his mother would like to come to the reception and that he would bring her that day. What a wonderful surprise to have one of the oldest living graduates present! She brought her class picture, complete with identification of many of the young women in her class. From this photo, it was obvious that the one which formed the composite for the hallway had been somewhat cropped, eliminating the diplomas held in their laps. May told how they all came to be wearing the same dress for their graduation and the photo.

Erin Manini '93 (youngest attendee) and Mary McNicholas '67 look over the shoulder of honored guest May McCarthy Wallace '24 (the most "senior" attendee) as she identifies the members of her class in the graduation photo.



THANK YOU LUNCHEON

There is always a fantastic group of volunteers who assist with all the activities which make the annual fundraiser a success: those who helped with the two mailings, or who planned and executed the decorations; those who donated prizes for the Grand Raffle, women who prepared and served the refreshments; those who maintained the donor list and prepared the program; and Alumnae Officers.

A "Thank You" luncheon was held on Saturday, June 16 at St. Paul's rectory — just a small way to express gratitude to each one who gave generously of her time and energy.



(above) Sr. Eleanor Burke, BVM '37, Nora Thorsen O'Connor '40, Joan Strachan '79, and Mary Jane Cunningham (mother of Anne Cunningham Campbell '79)



(above) Jann Ortega Phillips '60 and Ann Hurley '44

(below) Judy Kelly '54, Peggy Loughran Arata '54, and Mickey Mullan Lehane '47



(above) Leah Edwards Morch '40, Margaret O'Grady (mother of Peggy O'Grady Ahlback '76), Fran Sullivan Strachan '43, and Rita Phipps '34



(above) Alumnae President Kay Kelly '55

PRESIDENT'S PODIUM

Kay Kelly '55

Our plea for volunteers to help with mailing our newsletter was answered by several generous alumnae who assisted with this issue. Thanks to all for helping.

The response to the ballot about our annual Mass was also gratifying. St. Paul's was chosen by a two to one majority to be the site of 12:15 p.m. Mass with lunch following in the Parish Center on November 18. Many mentioned that since our school is gone, it is the church which rekindles so many happy memories. We are aware of the parking problems, but don't forget that the "J" still stops at 29th Street! In fact the Balboa BART station is at the end of the "J" line. Peggy Loughran Arata '54 has agreed to chair the event. She and her committee already have plans for a very enjoyable day. Details and reservation information will appear in our October newsletter.

Our VP Josephine Stark '54 suggests that our members living out the Bay Area contact us to obtain the names of others in their vicinity. For example, there are at least 7 alumnae in Las Vegas. Perhaps someone in each area might wish to be a "reporter" for our newsletter.

Please contact us at our email address: SPHSALUMS@aol.com, or write to us at 221 Valley Street, San Francisco, CA 94131-2320.

ALUMNA PROFILE

Information about Carol Stone '60 was provided anonymously by one of her classmates. This is yet another example of how one life can touch so many others.

Carol Stone has always been an active volunteer in a variety of works. She has been seen washing the walls at St. Vincent de Paul Dining Room in San Rafael, serving as an emotional support person as well as a hands-on care giver to those who HIV and/or AIDS. Often she has been a white face clown (aka Giggles) and entertained at church functions, in convalescent facilities, hospitals and visited those with terminal illnesses. Carol serves St. Patrick's Parish in Larkspur as lector and Eucharistic Minister and was actively involved with the "Today's Students, Tomorrow's Leaders" program with the parish/archdiocese.

Others have witnessed her driving her car under a freeway, popping her trunk and distributing clothing to those who are less fortunate. She is also known for leaving little bags of cookies and candies with personal notes of support on top of trash cans in downtown San Francisco. These items are deliberately placed on top of the trash cans so they are not found among the garbage. She chooses not to personally distribute these bags as a charity, but rather she likes to hope they will be received as a gift that has been left just for them.

Several years ago, KPIX, Channel 5, did a segment on a Sunday morning program about these works, as Carol had been recognized by Harry Jupiter in the Sunday Examiner. Carol met one of the people who had received one of these little bags some years later. This man told her that one year it was her bag of cookies with the candy cane and her note that was all he got for Christmas. He said he kept that note until it was not even a piece of paper anymore. Now that he is established, as often as possible he plays his trumpet as a gift for those same street people he once was. Carol's involvement in a variety of team efforts through her work was instrumental in aiding numerous non profit agencies to receive funding to help with their programs. Many a mile Carol has walked for a worthy cause. One early morning while she was waiting for a bus to go to work, she heard the birds and thought about how those who are deaf never hear those sounds. She went to the local college and learned American Sign Language so she could communicate and get involved with the deaf community.

During the holiday season, Carol is not wife, mother, grandmother, a woman living with ovarian cancer or an employee for a large corporation. Carol is Mrs. Claus. With her bright red dress, accompanied by Santa, she visits several thousand poor children in the Bay area through a variety of organizations to bring a broader smile, a hug and a twinkle to the eye. Carol wrote her first book, entitled Mrs. Claus Believes, tells the story of how Santa's 'wife gets invited to a Christmas season party held in a big city. The children there give a very special gift to Mrs. Claus.' In Carol's second book, entitled Mrs. Claus Invites You. Mrs. Claus is the one who extends an invitation - to the North Pole. A group of children meet the elves and have lunch with Santa. Both of these books hold warm and meaningful messages, and are a delight to read for children of all ages. Carol's books are gifts that give twice. Proceeds for the sales of both books are donated to charity. [Ed Note: Carol sold her books at the Alumnae Mass and breakfast and the proceeds benefited the Alumnae Association.]

To many Carol is a friend; to all she is an example. All through the fabric and weave of Carol's life, the gold thread of her faith is ever present.

SISTER CARLITA SCHOLARSHIP

The Sister Mary Carlita, BVM Scholarship was awarded to Alicia Reyes. This scholarship is given annually to a female graduate of St. Paul's in recognition of good character, service and generosity, hallmarks of the life of Sister Mary Carlita, who gave over 50 years of service to the St. Paul's schools and who acted as Moderator of the Alumnae Association for many years. This scholarship, totaling \$4,000 over four years, will assist Alicia as she begins her Catholic secondary education at Sacred Heart Cathedral Preparatory High School in the fall. Best wishes, Alicia!

REUNIONS & CLASS NEWS

Class of 1941 held their 60th anniversary reunion at a lunch at the Olympic Club on June 8, 2001, 60 years to the day of their graduation in 1941! Twenty-three class members attended; one came from as far away as Olympia, WA, while others hailed from all parts of California. Half the group had attended school together from the first grade. Everyone said they looked "the same," but names tags were a big help. The high point of the day was investigating the class picture, now in the custody of Marge Keane Dolan. Old photos and scrapbooks led to lots of reminiscing. They were saddened by the recent death of Helen Cunningham Follan, one of the original group which meets every two months for lunch.

Class of 1947 member Marie-Louise St. Gaudens Fitarone invites all to a jazz concert she will be giving on July 28, at 8 p.m. at "Anna's," 1801 Univeristy Ave., Berkeley, 510-849-2662.

Class of 1952 is looking forward to being honored as Golden Belles at the Annual Mass and Luncheon, set for Sunday, November 18th. They are also planning a spring gathering. Carol Martin has sent a mailing, attempting to contact class members. If you haven't received a letter, contact Carol at <wasnun@aol.com>, 9701 Thunderbird Dr, San Ramon, CA 94583, 925-828-4957 or Helen Loughran Langbehn evenings at 650-301-5060.

If you have any current information on the "missing members," please contact Carol, Helen, or <SPHSALUMS@aol.com>

Lilian Figueroa
 Frances Flynn Smith
 Ethel Gellenbeck
 Arlene Hayes
 Marie Keegan
 Dolores Robin Bascom
 Dorene Rose
 Margaret Scanlon Mondani
 Jacqueline Sugars
 Mary Sullivan
 Frances Tayes
 Dolores Walsh

Class of 1956 held their 45th reunion at a luncheon on June 23, 2001 at the Terrace Cafe, El Rancho, Millbrae. Many thanks go to the committee of Joan Kelly, Cathy Gray, Mary McMahan, Blanche Gayer, Joan Gaviglio and Joyce Winter Boulwood for tending to the many details. Joyce wrote: "It was thrilling to have found a few more of the missing alumnae, and we had Beverly Dempsey, Rosario Flores, Joanne Hearney, and Gloria Petrucci — newcomers to our reunions — for a total of 42 classmates. If anyone moves or runs into any of our missing classmates, we would really like to hear from you, so that we will be ready for the 50th!!"

Class of 1965 had a lunch gathering of 15 members on June 9th at the Regent Thai (formerly Stelling's) on Church St. at 29th. They toured the renovated church and the "new" elementary school. The next gathering is a trip to Reno October 5-7. Contact Pat Kennedy Nichols at <PMTKN@aol.com> for information.

Class of 1971 is busily working on all kinds of projects in preparation for their 30th reunion on Saturday, September 8. It will begin with Mass at St. Paul's at 4:30 p.m., followed by dinner and a silent auction in the parish center. Grace Guerra Cortes is coordinating a group garage sale in July, with proceeds to purchase raffle prizes for their event. All profits realized will go to the Alumnae Scholarship Fund.



Gathered at the Fundraiser reception, members of the Class of 1971 were getting a headstart on planning their up-coming reunion: (top) Jill Hart Alcantar, Louise Wilk Farcich '70, Miriam Valencia Hibbert, Liz Torres Werner, Jill Wilk Valladares; (front) Grace Guerra Cortes, Olga Perchez Rodriguez

Class of 1980 Margarita Cartagena Harrington would like members to contact her at <HTonieH@aol.com> She is interested in organizing a reunion of the class.

Class of 1981 Becky Andreoli Campbell is spearheading work for a 20th reunion. Plans are for a barbecue on September 22, 2001 in Morgan Hill, CA, starting at 10:00 am. For further information contact Becky at 925-240-5413 or e-mail <pollywog1962@yahoo.com>

CLASS INFORMATION

If you are planning a reunion, please contact the Alumnae Association for an updated list of names and address. Our lists are privileged information, and they may not be used for any purpose except for class-related events. We are always grateful to receive updated information so that we can stay in touch with St. Paul High School Alums.

ALUMNAE NEWS

New Arrivals: Joshua Isaiah, born to Vivian Arguello Sanchez '95 (Mercy, SF), on 12/6/00; ...Thaddeus, born to Carol Lasso '85, on 2/14/01; ...Teresita, born to Teresita Alarcon Montalvo '79 and husband Norman, on 3/23/01; ...Faizah Solange, born to Federika Lara-Wasley '85 and husband Rob, on 3/31/01

Congratulations: Rosalia Hinojosa '87 received her MBA degree from USF on 5/19/01; ...Lisa (Elizabeth) Padilla '85 received her Juris Doctor in Law from USF School of Law, 5/20/01; ...Marie-Louise St. Gaudens Fiatarone '47, a winner in both the classical and jazz divisions of the 1999 Steinway-Boston National competition, released her CD entitled "Classical Jazz" at a concert and reception at Musician's Union Concert Hall, 5/20/01

May They Rest in Peace:

Alumnae Members: Mary Devine Dillon '32, in 4/98; ...Estella Fernandez Guglielmino '71 in 4/00; ...Ursula Healy Lawson '38, twin sister of Celeste Healy Grant '38 (dec), in early 2001; ...Lucille Love Johnson '43, on 1/29/01; ...Mary Caulfield Hull '27, on 2/21/01; ...Mary Agnes Owens Riga '29, on 2/25/01; ... Kathleen Collins Murray '33, aunt-in-law of Juanita Chapot Collins '72, on 3/25/01; ...Patricia Gill Hoska '50, sister of Mary Therese Gill '48, in 4/01; ...Alicia Macay Wagner '77, sister of Sylvia Macay Bramante '68, Magda Macay Uriarte '71 and Vilma Macay Velarde '73, cousin of Theresa Guzman Pardo '67, Thelma Guzman Shea '71 and Gloria Guzman Taylor '73, on 4/27/01; ...Paula Wynne Huck '57, daughter of Margaret Leahy Wynne '26, sister of Therese Wynne Tamaro '54, and niece of Nora Leahy McGowan '22 (dec) and Helen Leahy Deasy '27 (dec), and cousin of Margaret Ann McGowan Kerns '50, Mary McGowan Clark '51, Kathleen McGowan Urmini '59, Cecilia McGowan Buckley '69 and Eileen McGowan Lucas '69, on 4/27/01; ...Helen O'Connor Sheehan '30, on 5/8/01; ...Eleanor (Ellie) Twomey Ligouri '53, on 5/16/01; ...Helen Marie Cunningham Follan '41, on 5/31/01; ...Sr. Margaret Mary (Danielita) Maloy, BVM (Faculty), on 6/5/01; ...Loretta Daly Conway '29, on 6/21/01; ...Barbara Lucey Barry '38, sister of Kathleen Lucey Barry '37 (dec) and Joanne Lucey St. Clair '52, sister-in-law of Miriam Barry '34 (dec) and Vera Barry Fitzgerald '42 (dec), aunt of Bonnie Barry Barber '64 and Kathleen Barry Ryan '76, on 6/26/01; ...Eileen Regan '60, sister of Maureen Regan Gumina '58, on 7/5/01

Extended Family Members: Clarice Laird, mother of Mary Laird (Faculty 1988-89), in 1/00; ...Gerald King, husband of Rita Barberini King '51, brother-in-law of Carlene 'Cis' Firpo '51 (dec), Josephine Barberini Quinn '55, Angela Barberini Johnson '59 and Bernadette Barberini '65, on 3/20/00; ...Eleanor Rossini, mother of Barbara Rossini Bacsvany '62, on 11/9/00; ...Br. Paul McElligott, SJ, brother of Sr. Mary (Paul Ellen) McElligott, BVM '26 (dec), on 11/17/00; ...Herbert Horky, husband of Barbara Lynch Horky '46, on 2/22/01; ...Josephine DeBrincat, mother-in-law of Joan Kelly DeBrincat '56, on 3/1/01; ...Elvira C. Puente, mother of Yvonne Caravantes Pond '66 and Cynthia Caravantes Mildram '69, on 3/13/01; ...Jeanne Dan, mother-in-law of Nancy Barrett (Faculty 1974-94), on 3/30/01; ...Joseph Ramos, Jr., father-in-law of Jeanne Sawaya Ramos '65, on 4/12/01; ...Josephine C. Pyne, mother of Margy Pyne Loughran '52, Nancy Pyne Ferro '55, and Bonnie Pyne Lacey '65, on 4/29/01; ...Julia R. Tally, sister of Sr. M. Paulette (Pauletta) Tally, BVM (Faculty), on 5/4/01; ...James Chauncey Burke, husband of Teresa Sullivan Burke '34, on 5/6/01; ...Denis Patrick O'Leary, father of Ellen O'Leary Eggan '64 and Peggy O'Leary Jensen '66, brother of Josephine O'Leary Murphy '39 and Mary Patricia O'Leary Healy '43, on 5/9/01; ...Joan Hannah Corbett, mother of Margaret Corbett McCarthy '68, Eileen Corbett '70 and Noreen Corbett McDonagh '73, and mother-in-law of Johanna Alva Corbett '83, on 5/11/01; ...John (Jack) Scannell, husband of Mary Lambe Scannell '44, on 6/3/01; ...Vincente Fernandez, father of Hilda Fernandez '72, in 6/01

Corrections and Apologies (from March 2001 issue): Congratulations: Andrew James Collins, born 10/9/00, was the first grandchild (not child) of Juanita Chapot Collins '72; ...Monica Farrell Curran '77 (not McMurtry) won second prize of \$5,000 in St. Paul's Grand Raffle; ...Susan Flynn Dailey '70 (not Bailey) upon retirement; RIP Extended Family: ...John J. Lanthier, husband of Barbara Riley (not Relilly) Lanthier '41, on 12/31/00; ...A computer error mixed the following two notices: ...Dominic Julio Bercolini, son of Marian Frost Bercolini '44, on 11/4/00; ...Concepcion (Conchita) Gastenaga, mother of Maria Gastenaga Molina '74 and Lucia Gastenaga-Virella '78, on 12/3/00

EDITOR'S NOTE: Please send information about birth of children, degrees earned, and death of fellow alums and immediate family members so that we may pray for one another. It is also very helpful to indicate all relatives of the deceased (and year of graduation, if possible) who are alumnae of St. Paul High School. This information and these connections are not always known unless we are informed. Thank you.

FUNDRAISER PRIZE WINNERS

- \$1,000 cashLinda Rickard '67
- \$500 cashShannon Manini,
mother of Tara '91 and Erin '93
- Time share - 4 nightsTerry O'Brien Riordan '53
in Tahoe or Reno
- Case of Wine -Kathryn Whitfield Fetter '74
Windsor Vineyards
- Gift Baskets from:

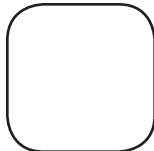


Linda Rickard '67 was all smiles as her name was drawn for the first prize of \$1,000 cash.

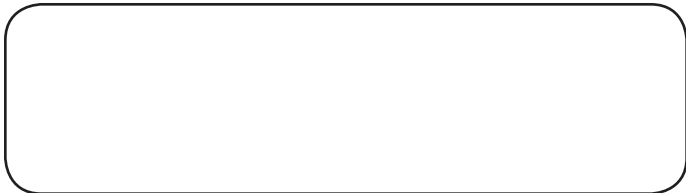
- Bath & Body Works Helen Bray Maher '45
- "Sincerely Yours" Katherine Mendonca Massone '59
- Tiffany Mary Irene Callanan '48
- Vita-bath Sr. Muriel McCarthy, BVM '39
- Giorgio fragrances Barbara Daver Aymar '39
- Jill Sander perfume Frances Mitchell Davis '37
- Calvin Klein P.K. Madigan,
mother of Christine Madigan Pezzola '83
- Estee Lauder Margaret Clifford Kotlanger '42
- Claire Burke Potpourri. Judy Cain Nelson '58
- Tupperware Shannon Manini,
mother of Tara '91 and Erin '93

MASSES for ALUMNAE and BENEFACTORS, LIVING and DECEASED		
Aug. 12	Sun.	8:00 a.m.
Sept. 30	Sun.	9:15 a.m.
Oct. 21	Sun.	9:15 a.m.
Nov. 18	Sun.	12:15 p.m.
Dec. 8	Sat.	4:30 p.m.

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