



ST. PAUL HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNAE NEWSLETTER



July 2002

ANNUAL FUNDRAISER "UNITED WE STAND" BRINGS SMILES ALL AROUND



Margaret Keane Dolan '41 was incredulous at being the first prize winner of \$1,000 cash, announced by Moderator Sr. Maureen O'Brien, BVM '54.



Members of the Class of 1934 have been united for over 68 years: Mary Cull Molinari, Frances Clooney Marden, Rita Phipps, and Agnes Keane Farrell.

St. Paul's Alumnae really came through, contributing \$30,000 through the Fundraiser and Grand Raffle, proving again that we are united behind the annual efforts to support our retired BVMs, make scholarships available to support students seeking a Catholic high school education, assist a women's shelter, and continue to make the Newsletter possible. A thousand thanks!



Above: Sr. Maureen is overwhelmed by the \$2,568 gift from the Class of 1971, proceeds from their reunion held last September, given in memory of classmember Lilia Perez-Swanson, who died on April 11th. Right: Vice-President Josephine Kenny Stark '54 oversees the prize table.



PRESIDENT'S PODIUM

Kay Kelly '55

Again this year we have had a successful fundraiser. You will find a list of the lucky prize winners elsewhere in this issue [see p. 6]. Our reception was great fun – made possible by the many Alumnae who helped plan and carry out all the necessary details. Their hard work was rewarded at our annual “thank you” luncheon held on June 15th at the Rectory. The O'Brien, Del Carlo and Stark Catering Crew presented a delicious lunch.

It isn't too early to plan to attend our Annual Mass & Luncheon to be held at St. Paul's on Sunday, November 24, with Mass at 12:15 p.m. - lunch to follow in the Parish Center. Reservation forms will be printed in our October newsletter. The Golden Belle Class of 1953 will be honored. Later this month I will be contacting the members of the Class of '56 to enlist their assistance in arranging that event. Our good times don't roll by themselves! We always need help.

If you are planning a class reunion you should contact “Catholic San Francisco” by sending details to their Datebook Section, One Peter Yorke Way, San Francisco 94109 or via fax to 415-614-5633. They will place your announcement in the coming events space. It is a good way to reach out to classmates and keep them informed of your plans.

Remember we want you to participate in our Alumnae Association. Get in touch via email at SPHSALUMS@aol.com or write to 221 Valley St., San Francisco 94131-2320. We look forward to hearing from you.

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.

There are others who help faithfully with Newsletter mailings, assistance with Candlelighting

A “Thank You” luncheon was held on Saturday, June 15 at St. Paul's rectory. Sr. Maureen is always looking for some new taste treat... and this year she found it in cannelloni with Alfredo Sauce, green salad, and ice cream served in chocolate cups from Joseph Schmidt Confections. This was just a small way to express gratitude to each one who gave generously of her time and

SISTER MARY IMMACULEE WALSH, BVM DIES JUNE 2;

MEMORIAL MASS SET FOR SEPTEMBER 7



The BVM Sister who served the greatest number of years at St. Paul High School, Sister Mary Immaculee Walsh, BVM, died at Marian Hall, the BVM Sisters' infirmary, on the grounds of the motherhouse in Dubuque, IA, June 2, 2002, after several weeks of illness.

Sr. M. Immaculee, born and raised in Chicago, had attended The Immaculata High School there, operated by the BVMs, and entered September, 1926. Two years later she was assigned to St. Paul's. She knew the “founding” St. Paul Elementary School principal, Sr. Mary Conradine Davies, BVM (who died later that year), and served a total of 45 of the 76 years of her BVM religious life here (1928-36, 42-46, 64-91). She began the Home Economics department (often trying out the recipes the night before she presented them to her students), and taught English and French.

The funeral reflections were written by Sr. Lynn Lester, BVM and delivered by Sr. Louise Kames, BVM, both former faculty members of St. Paul's who now live in the Motherhouse and serve at Clarke College. An excerpt follows:

“As many of you know, rules and regulations were not a part of her lexicon, unless, of course, you were a student in her class and then the only rule was to give your undivided and rapt attention to the teacher. Instead, Immaculée lived her life directed by an inner wisdom nurtured by a life of discipline and deep faith in the Lord. She always said, “Breathe deeply, use your inner resources and you will be fine.” She permitted her personal conviction, common sense, and concern for others to be her ultimate guide!” (For those with internet access, you can read the text in full on the BVM web site: www.bvmcong.org under the News Flashes section until August 16th.)

A memorial Mass will be celebrated at St. Paul's Church on Saturday, September 7, 2002, at 10:30 a.m. with light refreshments following. All are cordially invited. Anyone wishing to participate in the liturgy (reader, gift-bearer, etc.) should leave a message at (415) 648-3862.

SISTER CARLITA SCHOLARSHIP

The Sister Mary Carlita, BVM Scholarship was awarded to Jessica Elauria. This scholarship is given annually to a female graduate of St. Paul Elementary School, 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 Jessica as she begins her Catholic secondary education in the fall. Best wishes, Jessica!



Shirley Ortega, Member '58, poses with Panda Paulite at the Fundraiser Reception, along with her daughter Jodi Higuera Garcia '83 and granddaughter Veronica Silva (daughter of Shirley's younger Tami Higuera O'Leary '84). Veronica is a St. Paul Alumnae scholarship awardee. Her family attests that being at ICA has made a world of difference for her in many ways. They are truly grateful!

ITEMS FROM ST. PAUL HIGH SCHOOL AND CONVENT STILL GRACE ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

Following the retrofitting of the magnificent St. Paul's Church (completed December 24, 2000), daily Mass is celebrated in one of the large rooms under the church. This saves lighting and heating the massive church and creates an intimate worship space for the faithful parishioners. The wooden altar that was in the convent chapel is the one now in use there. The 14 small stations of the cross from the convent also grace the walls, and behind the altar is the lovely statue of Mary, donated by the Class of 1952, which for many years presided over all the activities in the high school cafeteria. It is also the Madonna now used for our annual Candlelighting service in December.

IN PRAISE OF SISTER MARY MICHAEL DAVID, BVM (aka SR. ROSEMARY SAGE)

Dear Sister Karen,

Of all my high school teachers, Sister Rosemary Sage ['31] had the most significant influence on me. As home room advisor, she encouraged me to apply myself, to reach goals that I didn't appreciate at the time, such as a college education. So far too young I married and raised a family, always recognizing that I missed something. She also taught me that the New Testament represented a new covenant between God and man and uniquely introduced me to the Trinity I still love today—a God of grace. I have often thought of her—when talking to former Catholics who didn't have Sister Mary Michael David to teach them about a loving God. Now at 56, I have just completed my first year at Santa Rosa Junior College (Petaluma Campus), and have discovered I not only want to teach Adaptive P. E. (the field in which I have worked as an instructional assistant for 15 years) but also English. I was offered an instructional aide position in a remedial English class within the first week of the fall 2001 semester, and I am loving it! I've become the student she always told me I could be,....

SEEKING INFORMATION ABOUT ALUMNAE WHO PURSUED "UNUSUAL" CAREERS

We are looking to begin including a section in the Alumnae Newsletter to highlight our graduates who pursued or are currently engaged in "unusual" or fascinating careers. Women are now engaged in types of works which were unheard of when Msgr. Connolly asked the BVMs to begin the high school, with its three-year commercial department.

We know of graduates who are spacial engineers, 911 operators, federal bankruptcy judges, radiation therapists, and many more.

Please send us information about yourself, describing what your career entailed. Tell us what would make us all say, "Wow! What a great job! I didn't even know this was possible."

You can also send us the name and information about other alumnae to give us leads.... we will follow up. Phone numbers and class information would be appreciated.

REUNIONS AND CLASS NEWS

Class of 1952 held its 50th reunion dinner on Friday, June 14, 2002, at The Basque Cultural Center, South San Francisco. Carol Martin coordinated the reunion. She reports that about 35 members came, some of whom had never been to any reunions. They tried to identify each other... and smiles helped. Drawings for some pandas and a wine & biscotti basket supplemented each one's gift bag of biscotti, made by Pat Amadio Stone. Lyle Church, husband of deceased Pat Cummings Church, was present and brought her spirit. Of course, they had a great time, and plan something next year. Photos may follow in the October issue.

Class of 1965 The address of the on-line reunion club has been changed to: groups.yahoo.com/group/sphs1965graduates There is a monthly on-line chat and they meet quarterly for lunch. Contact Pat Kennedy Nichols at (408)629-0741 or <pandapmtnk@yahoo.com>

Class of 1967 held its 35th reunion luncheon at Sinbad's Pier 2 Restaurant in San Francisco, on Sunday, June 2, 2002. The event was chaired by Madeline Cooney Streeter, assisted by Gloria Morales Johnson and Linda Rickart.

Class of 1968 will hold its 35th year reunion on Saturday, September 21, 2002, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., at the United Irish Cultural Center, 2700-45th Ave, San Francisco. Cost is \$45 per person; each class member may invite one guest. Please return registration forms by August 15th. For information, contact Michelle Wood at (510) 849-2911 or <yellowbc@yahoo.com> and check out the reunion web site: www.stpauls68.com

Class of 1972 Sonya Downing Silva is wondering if a reunion is in the works. Please contact the Alumnae Office (see address or email on back of Newsletter) if you have information.

Class of 1982 gathered for their 20th class reunion on Saturday, July 13, 2002, with a barbecue buffet at Castle Rock Park in Walnut Creek. Alicia Aguilar Loube coordinated the event.

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.

LETTERS

April 8, 2002

Hello everyone,

Whenever I think of the time I spent at St. Paul's' the memories are always positive and inspiring. The friendships I made there continue to be some of the strongest bonds I ever made. I am thankful to the "Sisters" for their motivation to learn. I have completed my journey in academia, and I thank St. Paul's for the strong foundation and study skills I received there.

I received my bachelor's degree in Psychology from San Francisco State University, then went on to get a Master's degree from U.C. Berkeley and completed my doctorate degree in Psychology at the University of San Francisco. I am proud to say I am "Dr. Rosemary Vega" - St. Paul's class of 1983 !!!! In crucial times like today I am so proud to say I have a Catholic education. Thank you St. Paul's' for all the wonderful memories and for giving me a sense of empowerment so early in my academic career.

Sincerely,

Rosemary Vega, LCSW, Psy.D.
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University of California at San Francisco

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Hello,

I enjoy the Newsletter very much. I often tell my six grandchildren and my great grandchild (age 7) about my days at St. Paul's and also about the uniform we wore. I have many good memories of my school days, nuns, and classmates.

God Bless.
Anita Bermudez Bortolin '43

St. Paul High School Alumnae
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ALUMNAE NEWS

New Arrivals: Ryan Scott, born to Jackie Quinteros-Tung '79 and husband Emil, on 11/20/01; ...Elizabeth Faith, born to Debbie Lozada-Bruce Chavarria '86 and husband Alex, on 1/12/02; ...Ariana Sade Caldwell born to Kelli MacGilvery '93, on 2/22/02

Congratulations: Elizabeth Annette Diaz '91 received her BS in Kinesiology from the University of Texas at El Paso on 5/11/02; ...Marian Gonnella Leos '72 received her BS "with highest honors" in Mathematics for Secondary Education from the University of Southern Mississippi; ...Dolly Shisler '83 opened a real estate office in San Francisco on 6/1/02; ...Charito Pinky Ebreo '94 married Warren Santiago at St. Paul's, 6/8/02; ...Chimene Gonzalez '90, will marry Ronald Rengifo at St. Paul's on 7/27/02; ...Maria Angelica Perez '89 will marry Jose Gonzalez at St. Paul's on 7/27/02

May They Rest in Peace:

Alumnae Members: Dorothy Reulein Kline '41; ...Nora Patricia Rock Hanley '27; ...Dolores Cabral Bocci '56, on 11/13/01; ...Barbara Cook Kutlik '45, on 11/13/01; ...Frances Burke Devincenzi '38; ...Lilia Perez Swanson '71, mother of Raquel Perez-Morales Kilmartin '93, sister of Linda Perez '70 and Ana Maria Perez '77, on 4/11/02; ...Alice Moore Cheney '21, in 5/02; ...Phyllis Connolly Breslin '34, sister of Dolores Connolly Donovan '30 (dec) and Eileen Connolly Miles '36, aunt of Patricia Donovan Gilleran '56, on 5/29/02; ...Sr. Mary Immaculee Walsh, BVM (Faculty 1928-36, 42-46, 64-91) on 6/2/02; ...Brenda Lawton '64, daughter of Avyleen O'Brennan Lawton '36 (dec), sister of Deidre Lawton Verkler '71 (dec), niece of Nabla O'Brennan Ruane '37 (dec), Aine O'Brennan '38, Noireen O'Brennan Morris '47 (dec), cousin of Kathy Ruane O'Malley '67 and Alana Ruane Brugaletta '71 (dec), on 6/27/02

Extended Family Members: Louise Aragon, mother of Sammy Lou Aragon Lee '57, Loretta Ann Aragon Blea '58, and Kathleen Aragon Cardwell '62, on 6/21/01; ...Terry Graham, father of Helen Graham O'Neill '73, cousin of Pat McQuillan Givens '53, on 11/24/01; ...George Commins, husband of Frances Leonard Commins '29 (dec), father of Bettyann Commins Wright '57 and Margo Commins Landrum '68, on 12/8/01; ...Albert G. Baggiani, husband of June Cosio Baggiani '49, on 12/28/01; ...John Ryan, brother of Mary Ryan Conta '38, Margaret (Peggy) Ryan Cerri '40 (dec), and Patricia Ryan '49 (dec), on 3/3/02; ...Bill Hernandez, father of Lisa Hernandez '82 and Linda Hernandez '84, on 3/25/02; ...Silvio Perez, father of Rosalina Perez-Espinoza '85 and Martha Perez-Waldee '90, on 4/6/02; ...Michael Acacio, husband of Jackie Slavich Acacio, member '62, on 4/7/02; ...Peter Joseph Cooney, father of Margaret Cooney de la Fuente Sundstrom '61 (dec), Norma Cooney Paolini '65, and Madeline Cooney Forst Streeter '76, brother of Mary Cooney Kenyon '39 (dec) and Margaret Cooney Hodgdon '41, uncle of Judy Barry Walsh '59 and Marilyn Kenyon '70, on 4/7/02; ...Garet (Gary) J. Caulfield, son of Claire Kimball Caulfield '39 (dec), on 6/11/02; ...Michael Kelly, husband of Barbara Kelly (Faculty 1982-84), on 6/29/02

Correction: Deceased Michael J. Ruane was a nephew of the husband of Nabla O'Brennan Ruane '37 (dec), not her nephew, nor the brother of Alana Ruane Brugaletta '71 (dec), nor the nephew of Aine O'Brennan '38, as erroneously reported. We apologize for the error.

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.

If there is one thing that most people find hard, it is change! It is difficult to report this, but there will be a change coming in our section of Alumnae News entitled, "May They Rest In Peace."

Over the years it has been difficult at best, and sometimes almost impossible, to draw the lines about the limits of inclusion and to find all of the proper connections to other people in our SPHS family. At the most recent Alumnae Board meeting, the members present discussed how, if at all, this section could become more manageable. One of the great features of the section is that it reflects our sense of family. One of the

difficulties is that we know we miss many people who should be listed because there isn't always a mention of St. Paul's in the obituary, not even necessarily a San Francisco obituary, nor any notice to the Newsletter.

The Board decision is to limit this section to graduates and their immediate families and to ask, beg, plead with alums to send a written notice to the editor, Sister Karen Conover, BVM. Letters or notices should be sent to SPHS Alumnae, 221 Valley Street, San Francisco, CA 94131 or via email to <SPHSALUMS@aol.com> We look forward to your help!

FUNDRAISER PRIZE WINNERS

\$1,000 cashMargaret Keane Dolan '41

\$500 cashGenny Mullen Gareis '50

Case of Wine -Rosanne Piccinini, Faculty Windsor Vineyards

Gift Baskets from:

Bath & Body WorksAnn O'Callaghan O'Connor '47

"Sincerely Yours"Louise Molinari

Chanel #19Jaymi Phillips '91

Gift Certificates from:

Iberia Restaurant, Menlo Park (\$75)

.Irene Fortune Spindler '60

Joe's of Weslake, Daly City (\$50)

.Emily Rosaia Badger '40

Skates Restaurant, Berkeley (\$25)

.Barbara Kerrigan Dalton '43

Tupperware Assortment

.Anna Mariani Kennealy '60

Various Fragrance Baskets

Bernardine Sage Washburn '33

John Lehane

Erin Manini '93

Jeannette Fambrini Marinos '61

Alice Craney Reed '50

Mary Kelly Hudson '53

Blanca Trigueros Lytle, member '65

Michelle Gaggero '95 sent a donation to the recent Fundraiser. To the suggested categories of "Fireworks," "Stars," and "Stripes," she cleverly added "Thread." Michelle, who completed her senior year at Sacred Heart Cathedral Preparatory after our school's closure at the end of her junior year, indicated her donation honored "the Class that never got to graduate." If you think that only long ago graduates have a soft spot in their hearts for SPHS, you're wrong.

MASSES for ALUMNAE and BENEFACTORS, LIVING and DECEASED

Aug. 18	Sun.	12:15 p.m.
Sept. 8	Sun.	5:00 a.m.
Oct. 12	Sat.	4:30 p.m.
Nov. 17	Sun.	12:15 p.m.
Dec. 15	Sun.	5:00 p.m.

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Circle your calendar now!

**SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 24, 2002**

ANNUAL MASS & BRUNCH
SPECIAL HONOREES:
CLASS OF 1953

