



ST. PAUL HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNAE NEWSLETTER



July 2015

“SPRINGTIME ON VALLEY STREET” A SUCCESS

On April 11th, a group of about 25 alumnae members gathered to mark the successful conclusion of the 2015 Annual Fundraiser at a lovely reception held at St. Paul's rectory.

Generous alumnae and benefactors gave almost \$27,000 while the raffle grossed \$5,000, for a total of about \$32,000 in contributions. After expenses and Grand Raffle prizes, the funds are distributed according to percentages set by the Alumnae Board for tuition assistance and the SM Carlita Scholarship, for the retirement needs of the BVM Sisters, and to support the Bay Area Women's and Children's Center (BAWCC) located in the Tenderloin of San Francisco.

The Grand Raffle drew interest from those present who were hoping to see a winner arise from among the guests. The 4th prize of \$100 was won by Anne McCormack Kearney '62, much to everyone's delight. A variety of door prizes were the take-aways by others who came, and everyone agreed it was a pleasant afternoon to share the company of fellow Paulites and acknowledge the generosity of so many sponsors of the Fundraiser. Thank you to all who made it a success!



Anne McCormack Kearney '62 won the fourth prize of \$100 and this arrangement of spring flowers.



Judith Kelly '54, Alumnae President **Marilyn Highlander-Pool '63**, **Peggy Loughran Arata '54** and **Sheila Hurley Birmingham '66** gathered at the Fundraiser reception.



Linda Van Hagen Nuti '62 (second from left) shared some experiences of her recent trip to Lourdes, France with classmates **Sue White Barberini '62** and **Anne McCormack Kearney '62**.

(left) Linda Heinz-Brewka, mother of two tuition assistance recipients, along with her mother **Eileen Boffy Shipp '62**, complimented **Sue White Barberini '62** who planned and executed the decorations for the event.



PHOTO GALLERIES

A link to these and other photos from the **Annual Fundraiser Reception 04.11.15**, as well as the other archived photos, are posted on our website www.sphsalumnae.org Go to Photos page.

GRAND RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS 2015

\$1,000	Emily Rosaia Badger '40
\$ 500	Rosemary Flanagan Hopkins '38
\$ 250	Irma Tabares Briggs '62
\$ 100	Anne McCormack Kearney '62

FUNDRAISER SPONSORS

These donations arrived too late to be acknowledged in the printed program

\$250

Dolores Kelly Ernsner

\$100

Mary I. Callanan
Diana Devlin Heafey
Mary Ann McHugh Hillyard
Joan M. Kelleher
Lesbia Rivas
Terry Riordan
Sandra O'Sullivan Stanich

\$50

Ellen O'Leary Eggen
Patricia Huegle
Maureen Rasmussen

Other Contributions

Cheryl Rhodes Alexander	Robert J. Collins
Kathleen C. Barnett	Nancy Dixon
Anne Marie Reid Clifford	Juliet D. Valera Lem

BVM LEADERSHIP EXPRESSES GRATITUDE

June 2, 2015

St. Paul High School Alumnae Association:

Thank you for the gift of \$5,125.00 to the Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary to provide care for our retired sisters.

God bless you for your concern about our sisters' wellbeing. The commitment and dedication of our retired sisters is a constant inspiration to all of us who follow in their footsteps. Whether they remain in full-time ministry, serve as volunteers, or take up a ministry of prayer due to illness or old age, each and every sister is vital to our work.

Through the example and continued ministry of our retired sisters and the support and ongoing prayers of friends like you, our mission of education, charity, justice and freedom will continue for generations to come. We are forever grateful for your partnership.

Please be assured that our sisters will keep you in prayer each day,

With sincere gratitude,
Sister Teri Hadro, BVM
President

...and added in her own hand...

NEWSLETTER EDITOR SR. KAREN CONOVER, BVM LEAVING ST. PAUL'S

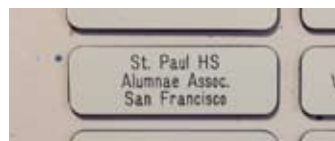
After 35 wonderful years in San Francisco (the first 14 of them as faculty, then administrator, at St. Paul High School, and the remaining 21 working with the Alumnae Association as Editor of the Newsletter, while also teaching at Holy Names High School for 20 years), I will be moving to Dubuque, Iowa in mid-August to assume the position of Coordinator of Support Services for the many BVM Sisters in assisted living and skilled nursing at our Mt. Carmel Continuing Care Community.

Following 43 years of teaching in only three high schools, it will be quite a change from working with teens to assisting senior citizens, coordinating the outreach of many BVM and lay volunteers who make the personal lives of our Sisters more comfortable. While I look forward to this ministry of direct service to my BVM Congregation, I will greatly miss my connections with St. Paul's parish in liturgical music at the Saturday afternoon Mass, the wonderful Alumnae and its events like the Golden Belle Luncheon, Candlelighting, and the Fundraiser, and my volunteer music ministry at the Catholic Chapel in San Quentin State Prison.

*Fifty years ago, I entered the BVM Congregation at Guadalupe College, our western novitiate in Los Gatos (which was so generously supported by many St. Paul families and alumnae). I will be celebrating my Golden Jubilee in Dubuque with my "set" in early August. But I will have a local celebration of my 50 years as a BVM at St. Paul's Church on **Saturday, August 8, 2015 with Mass at 11:00 a.m., followed by a simple reception.** I would be honored if you could join me, the Bay Area BVMs and Associates, St. Paul parishioners, and my colleagues in expressing gratitude to God for these 50 years of grace. **PLEASE RSVP no later than July 24 by going to <http://evite.me/4kFddckHcY>.** This will greatly help the alums who are preparing for the reception. Please, no gifts – I have been divesting myself of "stuff" for several months! However, a donation to the BVM Sisters for their retirements needs, or toward the reception, or my moving expenses would be received with gratitude.*

- Gratefully, Sister Karen

SPHS ALUMNAE HONORED AS MAJOR DONORS TO BVM SISTERS



On a plaque in the Caritas Diningroom at Mt. Carmel in Dubuque, IA, the SPHS Alumnae Association is honored for its significant contributions to the retirement needs of the Sisters of Charity, BVM. Each Fundraiser sends 20% of the proceeds to this cause.

Dear Jann and Alums,

Did you hear the cheers that went up from our residents when Marilyn [Highlander-Pool] presented your gift? You're great! Count on BVM prayers. Teri

SISTER CARLITA SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED TO ST. PAUL GRADUATE

On May 28, 2015, the Sister Mary Carlita, BVM Scholarship for 2015 was awarded to **Makiko Compton**. This grant is given annually to a female graduate of St. Paul School in recognition of good character, service, and generosity, which were the hallmarks of the life of Sister Mary Carlita. Sister Carlita gave over 50 years of service to the three St. Paul's schools and acted as Moderator of the Alumnae Association for many years. This grant, totaling \$4,000 over four years, will assist Makiko as she begins her Catholic secondary education at Mercy High School, San Francisco, in the fall. Best wishes, Makiko!

TUITION ASSISTANCE AWARDED

Twenty-eight young women and men were the recipients of the St. Paul High School Alumnae Tuition Assistance grants of \$1,000 for 2014-2015. These grants are possible due to the generosity of our wonderful Alumnae during the annual fundraiser and bequests that were given to support Catholic education. These students are children and grandchildren of alumnae who are attending a Catholic high school this coming year. The ever-rising cost of tuition, sometimes in excess of \$15,000 a year, and an only slowly recovering economy faces hard-working parents who want to keep their sons and daughters in a religious, value-based school. We are pleased to help make Catholic secondary school a bit more possible for these families.

The following are the recipients for 2015-16: **Julia Agos**, granddaughter of Rita Barberini King '51, (12th, St. Francis Catholic, Sacramento); **Thomas Agos**, grandson of Rita Barberini King '51, (10th, Jesuit, Carmichael); **Maopeli Martin Ali**, son of Patricia Hernandez '91 (12th, Archbishop Riordan); **Taylor Barron**, granddaughter of Theresa Harte Barron '65 (10th, Sacred Heart Cathedral Prep); **Ethan Brown**, grandson of Elsie Keegan O'Brien '57 (10th, Archbishop Mitty, San Jose); **Tiera Cummings-Scales**, daughter of Teri Katrina Cummings '84 (10th, Mercy, San Francisco); **Tori Cummings-Scales**, daughter of Teri Katrina Cummings '84 (12th, Mercy, San Francisco); **Nicholas Downs**, grandson of Kathleen Reilly O'Brien '56 (12th, Sacred Heart Cathedral Prep); **Emma Forte**, granddaughter of Theresa Corkery Dillon '64 (10th, St. Augustine Academy, Ventura); **Giuseppi Forte**, grandson of Theresa Corkery Dillon '64 (9th, St. Augustine Academy, Ventura); **Gregory Garcia**, grandson of Sandra Stanich O'Sullivan '61 (9th, Sacred Heart Cathedral Prep); **Jared Hansel**, grandson of Vicki Hoyos Hansel '57 (9th, Serra); **Lourdes Herrera**, granddaughter of Leilani Kahakekai Avalos '60 (11th, Central Catholic, Modesto); **Hunter Livsey**, grandson of Imelda deCastro Perez '57 (10th, Sacred Heart Cathedral Prep); **Michael McGuire**, grandson of Elizabeth Luini McGuire '55 (9th, Bellarmine College Prep, San Jose); **Perry Newman**, grandson of Nydia Ruiz Newman '59 (9th, Sacred Heart Cathedral Prep); **Aine Niland**, grandson of Teresa Sexton Cafferkey '67 (9th, St. Ignatius College Prep); **Robert Nyberg**, grandson of Grace Kennealy Hselsmann '62 (12th, De La Salle, Concord); **Erin O'Toole**, granddaughter of Katherine Walsh O'Toole '37 (12th, Sacred Heart Cathedral Prep); **Bellamy Perez**, granddaughter of Imelda de Castro Perez '57 (10th, Holy Names Academy, Seattle); **Gabriel Portillo**, son of Sylvia Juarez Portillo '83 (9th, Sacred Heart Cathedral Prep); **Jacob Saba**, grandson of Shirley Ortega '58, son of Vicki Vernon Saba '89 (11th, Archbishop

Riordan); **Taylor Simpson**, granddaughter of Peggy Glynn Brandt '61 (12th, St. Francis, Sacramento); **Shannon Stoller**, daughter of Lanette Chavira '82 (11th, Carondelet, Concord); **Megan Van Knoll**, granddaughter of Theresa Tobin Van Knoll '52 (9th, Mercy, San Francisco); **Megan Ward**, daughter of Kim Lewis Ward '87 (10th, St. Joseph Notre Dame, Alameda); **Bridget White**, granddaughter of Elizabeth Luini McGuire '55 (11th, Christian Brothers, Sacramento); **Victoria Woodworth**, granddaughter of Josephine Kenny Stark '54 (11th, Cardinal Newman, Santa Rosa).

Among these, **Maopeli Martin Ali** received the Patricia Del Carlo Scholarship; **Perry Newman** and **Bridget White** were awarded the Sr. Maureen O'Brien Scholarship.

Dear Alumnae:

I have such mixed feelings as I write this to you. I am extremely thrilled and excited for Sr. Karen as she takes on her new "job." She brings with her a treasure trove of skills and talents that will be invaluable to our beloved retired BVMs Sisters at Mt. Carmel. Yet I am deeply saddened to see her leave. Sr. Karen has indeed been the invisible "wind beneath the Alumnae wings" for the past 21 years. She has

- maintained and updated the Alumnae Data Base - all of the addresses, phones numbers, name changes and class lists
- been the editor of our wonderful Newsletter, our main source of communication with each other, making sure that all our printing deadlines were met, that the Newsletter got to the printer on time, and back for mailing
- lead the music for Candlelighting and our Homecoming Masses
- printed the mailing labels for the Newsletter and the Fundraiser
- provides class lists for reunions and updated the addresses
- worked with our two webmasters, setting up our webpage.
- maintained all the email addresses and updated them
- kept record of all of our deceased members so that we can pray for them - by name - at our annual Little Christmas Mass in January every year
- forwarded all the address changes of our Alumnae who attended St. Paul's Grammar School to me, because I maintain the Grammar School list
- worked closely with classes holding reunions to publish information and to get information following the reunion
- answered all correspondence submitted to our Alumnae Yahoo email account
- acted as photographer for all of our events
- printed the Golden Diplomas

These are just the some of the things that I know for sure that she has done, plus all those that I don't know, yet somehow they all "magically" got done.

I have sung our school song for over 56 years, and never did these words mean more to me as they do now when I think of Sr. Karen. "For all that you have done for us, we never can repay." Thank you, Sister Karen. You will be missed more than you know.

Marilyn Highlander Pool '63, Alumnae President



THE PARTY LINE

[Ed. Note: Interesting news and tidbits about alums, their families, endeavors, moves, work, etc. will appear here. Births and deaths will continue to be gathered into the traditional "ALUMNAE NEWS." Contact the Alumnae with items for publication.]

Pat Learmouth Mudge '51 and **Helen Green Chavain '51** have kept up a "precious friendship" since St. Paul High School days.

Jeanie Datzman Robertson '59 was the featured presenter at an hour's sharing of "uplifting poems infused with common sense, spiritual depth, and warm humor" on the evening of 5/1/15 at St. Joseph's Church in Cupertino. Described as a cross between Helen Steiner Rice and Irma Bombeck, Jeanie read from her book "Thoughts in Rhyme."

Barbara Gonnella Dilts '68 is now the full-time children's librarian at Williamson County Public Library, main branch, in Franklin, TN.

Rachel Maestas-Escovedo '78 welcomed her 2nd and 3rd grandchildren Vida Milania Dominici 9/27/14 and Elle Grace Ferreira on 5/19/15, while grandson Vincent Michael Dominici is 10 years old.

Gwen Fikes '86 reports that her oldest daughter graduated from high school and will be headed to culinary school in the fall.

LaTonya White Parker '90 recently got in touch through the SPHS website. After 17 years, we have her back on the mailing list! She is getting her class together for a 25th reunion on 10/17/15. She lives in Oakland and is an accounting administrator for IBEW Local 595.

Michael Samujh – Faculty 1986-89 will be retiring from secondary education as of 8/31/15. He and his wife live in Washington state.

Sr. Sharon Skain, SNDdN – Faculty 1981-84 will celebrate her 60th anniversary as a Sister of Notre Dame de Namur this summer. On June 7th she will have a celebration with her parishioners in San Jose where she has served for 22 years, and there will also be a Community celebration in August at Notre Dame University in Belmont. Best of all, she learned she is cancer free!

HEARTFELT THANKS

On behalf of the Heaney family, **Karen Heaney '69** sent a thank you to all the members of the Class of 1967 who came to the service for **Rita Heaney-Bagdon '67** following her unexpected death on 5/21/15.

NEEDED: VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER EDITOR and CONTRIBUTORS

With the departure of Sr. Karen Conover, BVM from San Francisco, who has acted as the Editor of the Newsletter since the High School was closed in June 1994, the SPHS Alumnae Association is seeking someone with interest, energy, and some skills in on-line design and publication (with programs like Adobe InDesign) to assume the position of Newsletter Editor.

Three 8-page Newsletters are published for the 3,200 Alumnae members each year: October, March, and July. Some features appear regularly such as Alumnae and Family Deaths, Class Reunions, Prayer Requests, the Party Line, and calendar of up-coming events, with information gathered in an on-going basis from alumnae members, obituaries, and other contacts that come via the alumnae email. Individual issues contain items that are time sensitive, i.e. the October issue includes the Annual Mass and Luncheon reservation, the March issue includes a report about the recent Golden Belle event and tuition assistance applications, and the July issue contains information about the Annual Fundraiser reception, the tuition assistance and SM Carlita Scholarship recipients, and the request for dues payment. Whenever photos are available from events and reunions, many of these are included, depending on space. And then there is generally room for some creative entries drawn from conversations with alumnae members, historical information, and interesting tidbits pertaining to St. Paul High School. It is amazing what is discovered and can be shared!

Please contact President Marilyn Highlander-Pool at sphsalumnae@yahoo.com if you have an interest in this position or are willing to assist with some of the items described above. You will be making a valuable contribution to ensure the continuation of the connections and relationships that exist among generations of Paulites. This is an indispensable vehicle for promoting the life of the Alumnae Association.



Four Golden Belles from the **Class of 1965** at their 6/6/15 reunion: Norma Cooney, Mary Elizabeth Shannon Burke, Gloria Hoyos, and Diana Harrison. For all the photos of this event, go to <http://play.smilebox.com/SpreadMoreHappy/4e4449334d544d794e4464384f4449314e7a59304d444d3d0d0a>

PRAYER REQUESTS

Patti Kotlanger Lazzaretto '67 asks prayers for her brother Fr. Michael Kotlanger, SJ who has been fighting cancer and fell and broke his hip in 4/15, underwent surgery, went through a time in rehab, and is slowly recovering. She herself had hip replacement on 5/11/15 and is coming along in the recovery process.

Jeanine Datzman Robertson '59 continues to ask prayers for her son Brian who is recovering from very serious lung surgery. There are continuing problems with clots that are not responding to drug treatment and kidney stones for which surgery is not possible.

Jill Wilk Valladares '71 requests prayers for her husband, Maury, who is undergoing treatment at and through Stanford for his serious autoimmune disease. He is now home and slowly improving with aggressive protocols.

Eleanor Gomez Rosenblum '77 had a routine knee replacement in early December. Shortly after the surgery, she developed a pulmonary embolism and was put on blood thinners. She has experienced complications which did not allow the knee to heal properly and that developed into a knee infection. She had surgery in early March to remove some infected tissue.

Miriam Moreno Dumas '59 asks prayers for her 32-year-old granddaughter Vianna, with two small girls, recently diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis and now leukemia.

CLASS REUNIONS

Class of 1945 is ready to celebrate its 70th anniversary! Contact Edna Condon Leonard at 650-341-0431 or edna971@hotmail.com for more information and to assist with the planning. Once she has a sense of the number who are interested and able to attend, more details can be decided upon. In addition, she is hoping that some of the class members are in touch with the men who graduated with the class from St. Paul Grammar School in 1941 and would come to share their stories, too.

Class of 1962, which has a tradition of meeting every couple of months, held an event on 2/19/15 at the Spinnaker. Kathy McKeon, who previously orchestrated the events, passed the baton to Judy Kelleher McPhee who will be contacting classmates. Some of those in attendance were Jo Neubecker and her sister, Chris Romero, Linda Nuti, Soni Farwell, Jean Jirgens, Noel Lotti, Sue White, Dot Brogan, Betty Ebert, Anne McCormack, Mary Garvey, Joan Brannigan, Barbara Rossini. Sorry if anyone was missed, but a great time was had by all. They look forward to the next get-together.

Class of 1965 were honored as Golden Belles on Saturday, November 1, 2014 at the Mass and Luncheon. They also held a reunion luncheon at the Basque Cultural Center in So. San Francisco exactly on the 50th anniversary of their graduation day on Saturday, June 6, 2015. Organizer Pat

Kennedy Jewett wrote: "Our class tries to meet annually but we still welcomed Paulites to this luncheon whom some had not seen in 50 years! There is something about the ties we forged all those many years ago that has never been broken by time or circumstance. As we sang our school song, the words continue to ring true..... "for all that you have done for us we never can repay. Three cheers for you, St. Paul's." *Pat Jewett put together a fabulous slide show of the event that can be viewed in full.* (See link under photo on p. 4.)

Class of 1969 held a 46th anniversary reunion at the home of Rosalie Michaels Gonsolin in Danville on 6/6/15 with a



potluck dinner. About 17 classmates gathered and had a wonderful time reminiscing about their grammar and high school days.

Class of 1975 is celebrating their 40th Reunion this year! The event will be held over Labor Day weekend, Saturday, September 5, 2015 at Sharp Park Golf Course Restaurant. Efforts are underway to reach ALL SPSHS Alums from the Class of 1975. Please see the contact info for organizer Kathy "Dee-Dee" Patron Molina: ddmolina@pacbell.net or (650) 576-0959 or "Dee-Dee Molina" on Facebook.

Class of 1985 is having its 30th reunion on Saturday, July 25th in San Francisco. Graduates can contact Carina Aguilar Rivera at carina_rivera@yahoo.com or Melinda Wolfskill Kluzek at maynaize@hotmail.com

Class of 1990 will have a dinner to mark their 25th reunion on October 17, 2015. LaTonya White Parker is organizing; cost is \$55 per person. Go to Facebook St. Paul's 25th Class Reunion or email LaTonya at lrpaccounting@yahoo.com to be added to the guest list or contact her at 510-362-1737.

Class of 1991 will have its 25th reunion on June 4, 2016, to be held in San Francisco 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. Save the date! Maria Layna Salazar is organizing the event. Contact her at marialayna21@yahoo.com for information or if you want to be part of the planning.

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, May 1, 2016

**St. Paul's Grammar School
Centennial Gala Celebration**

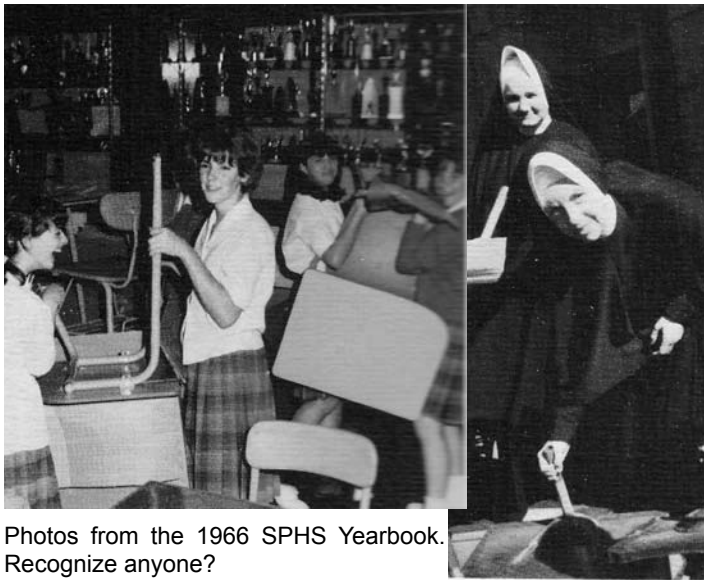
4:00 pm Mass, Reception to follow in the Parish Hall

WHAT'S IN A DESK?

When St. Paul High School in San Francisco was closed by the Archdiocese in June 1994, the plant manager at Holy Names High School in Oakland (where **Sr. Karen Conover, BVM** has taught for the past 20 years) came and purchased desks from three classrooms. Each day since then, her chemistry students have sat in the very desks that arrived at SPHS on September 8, 1965. She still finds them comfortable and serviceable!

"As I mark 50 years from my own graduation from a BVM school in Santa Barbara, I am grateful for Msgr. Falvey's project to furnish the high school with new desks and to all the student and parent volunteers who assembled them. They could never have guessed that 50 years later they are still in great condition, providing learning space for students at two Bay Area girls high schools -- Holy Names and Notre Dame, Belmont." - Sr. Karen

Lesson: if we take care of things, they can serve us well for many decades!



Photos from the 1966 SPHS Yearbook. Recognize anyone?

BAWCC UPDATE

One of the projects of Bay Area Women's and Children's Center (one of the recipients of funds from the Alumae Findraiser) is the Child Observation Program. Since 1998, this program of City College of SF has been providing parents and their 3-4 year old children a hot lunch each week and playtime where parents visit with each other while the kids play with others their own age.

The funding for the iPad program for children (K-5th) has purchased tablets for four of the six grades. Technology lessons are taught by BAWCC's Tech Coordinator.

Kaylee, an Irish setter therapy dog, greets people at their Leavenworth St. Center on drop-in days, and works her magic at the Tenderloin Community School, a senior residence, and hospital wards.

EDUCATOR INSPIRED BY BVM SISTER IN FIRST GRADE

Catholic San Francisco featured our own **Patty McManus Meek '67** in the April 3, 2015 edition. For the past 42 years, Pat has taught at St. Anne's School in San Francisco. Her first grade teacher at St. Paul's was BVM Sister Mary Bernadette Giles who became her inspiration to become an educator. "I wanted to be like her," Pat said. "I remember how kind and cheerful she was as she welcomed us each day." Sister Bernadette was a religious for 76 years and died in 2008. She also credits the late Noreen O'Reilly, a longtime teacher at St. Anne's. "Noreen taught me how important each child is and how important it is to always find something about each one of them to praise. From her, I learned to strike the balance between giving students real responsibility and supporting them so they don't fail." Pat said teaching has changed over the years, but the kids remain the same. "I take as much delight in them today as I did 40 years ago." Would teaching be her choice again? "Absolutely!" she said. You can read the entire article at www.catholic-sf.org/files/digital_paper_201503315015.pdf

LINDA NUTI DESCRIBES VISIT TO LOURDES

On April 28, my daughter Suzi and I boarded a charter plane that took 300 of us to a small airport in France. The Order of Malta sponsors and pays for 50 chosen applicants to take to Lourdes each year. If ever you feel our Blessed Mother has taken a back seat, you need to Google the Order of Malta. They are totally devoted to Mary, especially at the Lourdes shrine, but they are a group dedicated to helping the poor and ill and sponsor programs all over California.

We took a 20-minute bus ride that took us to our hotel in Lourdes. The next morning we were loaded into carts. (I did not walk as they pulled and pushed us everywhere.) The grounds were exquisite. I can only say this was Mary's own Disneyland. Our days were planned, but we still had some free time to explore. From the moment we stepped off the plane in Los Angeles, an Order of Malta volunteer took us under his/her wing and took care of our every need.

It is hard to describe feelings, but words like safe, peace, comfort and hope are among the prominent ones. Even though you are surrounded by people who are ill, some visibly, some terminally, there is an atmosphere of hope. No depression. You meet people with stories so much worse than your own that you are grateful for what you are dealing with. Everyone is kind to each other. It is a glimpse of what this world could be if people were nicer to one another. It wouldn't take much, and it begins with each of us. I laid all of our intentions at Mary's Grotto. My St. Paul's Alumnae and their families were in with my intentions list. We were asked to actually write them out. There is no description to explain the feelings you have when you kneel where Bernadette was and realize that Mary brought a piece of heaven to this place. The experience was one of a lifetime, and I am so grateful to have been able to make this journey.

-Linda VanHagen Nuti '62, Alumnae Vice-President

Congratulations: ... **Sr. Sharon Skain, SND – Faculty** 1981-1984 will celebrate her 60th anniversary as a Sister of Notre Dame de Namur in 7/15; ... **Sr. Karen Conover, BVM – Faculty 1980-1994** and **Sr. Anne Marie McKenna, BVM '65** will celebrate their 50th anniversary as Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary on 7/31/15

May They Rest in Peace:

Alumnae Members: ... **Sr. M. Eileen Brannigan, RSM '42**, on 4/6/14; ... **Helvethia Rivas-Castillo '83**, on 10/14/14; ... **Carmel Enright '41**, in 11/14; ... **Jean Spagna '56**, cousin of Carol Riordan '56 (dec), and Laurel Riordan '60, on 11/24/14; ... **Mary Atkinson McKillip '37**, on 12/4/14; ... **Helen Horan Collins '34**, in 12/14; ... **Caroline Riebeling '55**, on 3/5/15; ... **Dolores Kelleher Collinsworth '45**, sister of Beatrice Kelleher Peterson '53, daughter of Beatrice Flint Kelleher – member '22, on 3/17/15; ... **Mary Granara Salino '47**, on 3/23/15; ... **Anna Maria Perez '77**, on 3/26/15; ... **Barbara O'Connor LaBonte '63**, sister of Patricia O'Connor Huegle '61, Maureen O'Connor '67, and Nancy O'Connor Sherwood '71, on 4/2/15; ... **Maureen Casey Burns '59**, on 4/5/15; ... **Shirley Ortega '58**, mother of Jodi Higuera Garcia '83, Tami Higuera O'Leary '84, and Vicki Vernon Saba '89, sister of Jann Ortega Phillips '60, aunt of Jaymi Phillips '91, on 4/23/15; ... **Helen Gamma Gallagher Murphy '38**, sister of Rose Marie Gamma Samson '42, Lucille Gamma Smith '44, and Anita Gamma Raabe '46, mother of Linda Gallagher Gregoire '63, on 4/24/15; ... **Barbara Lynch Horky '46**, niece of Edna Bianchi Daly '32 (dec), on 5/3/15; ... **Colleen Boster Re '43**, on 5/4/15; ... **Rita Heaney-Bagdon '67**, sister of Karen Heaney '69, on 5/21/15; ... **Lois Pitko Ray '47**, on 5/26/15; ... **Rita Fernandez '65**, on 6/3/15; ... **Rosemary Flanagan Hopkins '38**, on 6/16/15

Extended Family: ... **Aida Manion**, sister of Bette Corona Anderson '51, stepmother of Judith Manion Gregory '64, on 11/28/14; ... **Angie Skierka**, aunt of Cora Konkle Melton '82, Audrey Konkle Villyard '84, and Alicia Konkle Halcon '91, on 2/21/15; ... **Thomas John (T.J.) Mullaney**, father of Maureen Mullaney '80, uncle of Nora Keely Zorbas '63 (dec) and Pauline Keely Pewther '64, on 3/10/15; ... **Dan Cronin**, brother of Margaret Cronin Collins '46 (dec), Eleanor Cronin Casey '48 (dec), and Sr. Ann Cronin, BVM '64, on 3/23/15; ... **Anthony Davis**, cousin of Cora Konkle Melton '82, Audrey Konkle Villyard '84, and Alicia Konkle Halcon '91, on 4/12/15; ... **Lester Dailey**, husband of Judy Rickard Dailey '69, brother-in-law of Linda Rickard '67, on 4/16/15; ... **Jeremy Phillips**, son of Jann Ortega Phillips '60, brother of Jaymi Phillips '91, nephew of Shirley Ortega '58 (dec), cousin of Jodi Higuera Garcia '83, Tami Higuera O'Leary '84, and Vicki Vernon Saba '89, on 5/2/15; ... **Jack Noonan**, cousin of Kathleen McGrath, BVM '55, on 5/12/15; ... **Victor Del Carlo**, husband of Patricia Dean Del Carlo '48 (dec), father of Danielle De Carlo '71, Lauren Del Carlo Marinich '72 and Robin Del Carlo '75, brother-in-law of Beverly Dean D'Andria '47 (dec), Diane Dean '50 (dec) and Collette Dean Daily '54, Marie McCarthy Dean '55 (dec), father-in-law of Christine Ahern Del Carlo '68, on 5/14/15; ... **Robert Farrow**, husband of Joyce Camozzi Farrow '61, brother-in-law of Jacqueline Camozzi Lotti '56 (dec), on 5/14/15; ... **Marian Thompson**, mother of Paula Thompson Alexander '83 and Janeen Thompson Carter '88, on 5/21/15

Correction: Apologies for erroneously reporting the death of **Lizette Alfaro Collins '69** in the March Newsletter. It was her sister, **Betty Alfaro Caruso '69**, who passed away on 12/24/14.

EDITOR'S NOTE: *Please send information about birth of children, degrees earned, and death of fellow alums and immediate family members of alumnae 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: SPHS Alumnae, 221 Valley St., San Francisco, CA 94131 or via email to <sphsalumnae@yahoo.com> Thank you.*

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, Sept. 10 Alumnae Board Meeting
1:00 p.m. Rectory

Thursday, Oct. 8 Alumnae Board Meeting
1:00 p.m. Rectory

Saturday, Nov. 7 Annual Mass and Luncheon

Mass at **11:30 a.m.** St. Paul Church
Lunch follows in the Parish Hall
Class of 1966 Golden Belles

Thursday, Nov. 12 Alumnae Board Meeting
1:00 p.m. Rectory

Thursday, Dec. 10 Candlelighting

7:00 p.m. St. Paul's Church
Reception under church follows

Saturday, Jan. 9, 2016
Little Christmas Mass for Deceased & Pot Luck
11:00 a.m. Rectory

MASSES for	July 19	Sun	5:00 p.m.
ALUMNAE and	Aug 11	Tues	8:30 a.m.
BENEFACTORS,	Sep 14	Mon	8:30 a.m.
LIVING and	Oct 20	Tues	8:30 a.m.
DECEASED	Nov 25	Wed	8:30 a.m.

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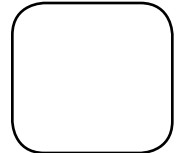
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