
ST. PAUL HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNAE NEWSLETTER

March 2007

GOLDEN BELLES OF 1957 MARK

The Golden Belle Class of 1957 has been working for almost two years to plan this time of their 50th anniversary celebration. They have made continual efforts to find and contact members of the class and then to personally invite them to the two-day event. As a result, they gathered the largest group of Golden Belles in the history of this fall event -- 39 at the luncheon and 42 at the dinner the evening before. The Friday evening dinner at the El Rancho Inn kicked off the reunion which continued the next day at the Mass and luncheon at St. Paul's. Hats off to you, ladies! What great leadership and true Paulite spirit!



Dinner at the El Rancho Inn, Burlingame, was held Friday evening before the Alumnae Event. It gave the class a chance to visit and reminisce many hours! Out-of-town guests appreciated the accommodations and service at the El Rancho.



Sr. Joseph Ellen (Maxine) Cavalier, SSF was provided transportation and accommodations by the class. She and her community of Holy Family Sisters in and around New Orleans experienced severe losses from Katrina.

Members of the Golden Belle Class were honored at the Mass and Luncheon, and proudly pose after having received their Golden Diploma. Two sections were needed to capture them all!



ANNUAL MASS AND LUNCHEON HONOREES



Class of 1937 member **Agnes Keane Farrell** marked 70 years and is all smiles with her daughters **Virginia Farrell McMurtry '73** and **Monica Farrell Curran '77** (a 30-yr graduate).



Four members of the **Class of 1947** were honored as 60 year graduates: **Mary Loughran O'Keefe, Anita Harrington Weindorf, Betty O'Connor Hickey, and Claire Bernie Roddy.**

Members of the **Class of 1960**, the "little sisters" of the Golden Belles of the Class of 1957, were the planners and hostesses for the Annual Luncheon. They did a great job for their "big sisters"!



ANNUAL FUNDRAISER "MEMORIES IN BLOOM"

You don't want to miss the upcoming Fundraiser reception on Saturday, April 14, 2006, from 2:30 – 4:00 p.m.! Chairwoman Linda Van Hagen Nuti '62 is creating an old-fashioned afternoon tea party environment. There will be plenty of food, great company, and, of course, the Grand Raffle drawing at 3:30 p.m., along with many other prizes. The teacups and large hats used for decorations will be on sale at the close of the afternoon. THANK YOU to all who will make the annual event a SUCCESS, so that we can continue to support young people in Catholic education, assist the BVM Sisters in their retirement, contribute to a center for women and children, and keep the Newsletter going.

My Dear Sister Alumnae and Friends,

Lent is one of my favorite times because it really challenges us to "Look up and see the heavens and count the stars if we can." Of course, we can't. Looking back at the abundance of blessings in our lives is just as impossible. It is, however, an exercise worth spending time on. I love remembering how the Lord made a way across the sea when there was no way for those fleeing Egypt. I love remembering the quail that wandered into the camp at night for food and the manna, the bread from heaven, that came every day. I love wondering if I have as much faith in our loving and faithful God as I should.

More often than not, God uses others to meet our needs. When I think about this I can't help but remember how you make things happen for others that seem to be impossible. You make things at Mt. Carmel happen that BVMs could not do without you. You help relatives of our alums be more able to attend a Catholic high school than they ever thought possible. You help women and children in need know that someone cares. You are such a blessing to so many. May you be blessed in return!

Sister Maureen O'Brien, BVM '54
Alumnae Moderator

TUITION ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS for CHILDREN and GRANDCHILDREN of ALUMNAE

Part of the monies collected in the annual fundraiser provide tuition assistance to the children and grandchildren of alumnae who attend Catholic high schools.

Financial assistance toward providing a Catholic high school education is a significant way to continue the mission and ministry of St. Paul's High School. This assistance is in addition to the annual grant to a female graduate of St. Paul Elementary made in memory of Sister Mary Carlita, B.V.M.

An Ad Hoc Scholarship Committee has been set up to process the applications. Alumnae who wish to apply for consideration of a family member should request an information packet by writing to:

SPHS Alumnae
Attn: Scholarship Committee
221 Valley Street
San Francisco, CA 94131

Requests for applications should be postmarked by April 23, 2007. A packet will be sent to each family that has requested consideration. Completed materials must be postmarked by May 29, 2007. The Scholarship committee expects to respond to each family by the end of June.

IDENTITY THEFT – JURY SUMMONS SCAM

It is spreading fast, so be prepared should you get this call. Most of us take those summons for jury duty seriously, but enough people skip out on their civic duty that a new and ominous kind of scam has surfaced. Fall for it and your identity could be stolen.

In this con, someone calls pretending to be a court official who threateningly says a warrant has been issued for your arrest because you didn't show up for jury duty. The caller claims to be a jury coordinator. If you protest that you never received a summons for jury duty, the scammer asks you for your Social Security number and date of birth so he or she can verify the information and cancel the arrest warrant. Sometimes they even ask for credit card numbers. Give out any of this information and bingo! Your identity just got stolen.

The scam has been reported so far in 11 states. This is particularly insidious because they use intimidation over the phone to try to bully people into giving information by pretending they're with the court system.

The FBI and the federal court system have issued nationwide alerts on their web sites, warning consumers about the fraud.

AROUND ST. PAUL'S

The Star Bakery (corner of Church & 29th) is now a Curves, as of three years ago.

Hungry Joe's (corner of Day & Church) was sold this past summer and has recently reopened as Toast. It has been seen doing a brisk breakfast-menu business.

Verona's Restaurant (Greek and Italian, located at the end of Church Street) is now LaCicchi, an up-scale Italian restaurant.

Stelling's (corner store at Church & 29th) is now the Regent Thai restaurant (with very good selections). Stelling's now rents space from Drewes Meats next

PRAYER REQUESTS

Martha Michell Payne '71 requests prayers for her 8 year old son, Joe, who has Down's syndrome, who was to have surgery in January to fuse vertebrae in his neck.

Aine O'Brennan '38 had surgery in January.

Vicki Coster Mahoric '43 fell 1/23/07 and broke a hip. Surgery followed.

Gwen Fikes '86 requests continued prayers for her husband, who sustained multiple severe injuries after being hit while riding his bicycle. Battles are constant against the pain and accompanying depression.

Marilyn Banchieri Cooney '57 survived deep vein thrombosis, complicated by several pulmonary emboli. Hospitalized in January, she is now at home in Omaha, continuing anticoagulant treatment, and faces a long recuperation.

Sandra Ganey Growney '65 is gravely ill.

THE SUNSHINE CLUB

Do you or any of the alumnae members you know need a "bit of sunshine" because of illness or that of a family member, or someone going through a difficult time, etc? Please notify the Alumnae Association at sphsalumnae@aol.com or Secretary Vicki Hansel at hvhansel@aol.com or 650-992-7289, so that a note of cheer can be sent on its way.

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.]

Margaret Donnelly Meyer '48 joined parishioners from St. Hilary parish in Tiburon, CA for Mass at Holy Rosary Catholic Chapel of San Quentin State Prison on 10/22/06. She met **Sr. Karen Conover, BVM (Faculty)**, who regularly works there with the music ministry for the two services on Sunday. St. Hilary's parish has been assisting the prison chapel community to purchase some items for the sanctuary, and Margaret was treated to a special liturgy. A Jesuit who has volunteered through the chapel at San Quentin for three years was ordained a deacon the day before, and he assisted the chaplain at Mass and preached.

Donna O'Balle '61 recently retired after 31 years of service at St. Veronica's School, South San Francisco. She was the subject of an article in the December 2006 *ICA Update*, since she and ICA's Development Director Pat Cavagnaro crossed paths at the Basque Cultural Center in South San Francisco when their classes were celebrating reunions. They shared a common Catholic high school history in the Mission District during the early 1960s. "I have the fondest of memories of those days at St. Paul's, just as other school alumnae have. Oh, yes, we were rivals in sports and debate, but we were still close friends in our neighborhoods. We received a great education with strong morals and values, and we knew we could get jobs immediately after graduation. The Catholic high school girls were sought after by banks, the telephone company, law enforcement agencies such as the FBI. They came right to the Catholic schools to recruit us, because they knew we were well trained and had high moral standards."

Anita Groom Brower '68 received a 3-week grant to study Shakespeare at Oxford University in England this summer (through UC Berkeley). She runs a sewing/knitting business and has been studying dance for 4 years. She danced a solo performance on 3/3/07.

Gwen Fikes '86 is proud of her two daughters Somai (8) and Myi (10) who placed first and second in the city-wide (Meridian, MS) Reading Fair. Now they are all involved in

science fair projects, basking in first and second place, and have been chosen for a special program at Duke University. Gwen is a teacher in 8th and 9th grade (Life Studies and English) in the local public school.

Sophia Beltran, member '92, has two daughters, Maria (12) and Justice (13), and was married on 3/11/06. She says she intended to be a single mom, but feels so blessed to have a partner for life. She works as a legal assistant, and they will be moving to Colorado when her husband re-enlists in the Army.

Adriana Olloqui Bergman '92 got married 2/5/05 to Erick Bergman at Temple Emanu-El in San Francisco. They now have a baby Benjamin, born 5/14/06 (Mother's Day).

Ruby Campos Gonzalez '92 has been married to Osvaldo for 14 years. They have three children: Osvaldo II (9), Fernando (6), and Esmeralda Rubi (4).

When you pray, I will answer you.
When you call to me, I will respond
Isaiah 58:9

Prayer is an important ministry for the Sisters of Charity, BVM. If you have specific prayer requests, please share them with the BVMs. Prayer requests may be submitted in the following ways:

1. Visit the BVM website at www.bvmcong.org. Go to the "Benefactors & Alumni" section click on "BVM Prayer Association," enter your intentions under "Requests for Prayers."
2. Mail prayer requests to:
BVM Prayer Association
Office of Development
1100 Carmel Drive
Dubuque, Iowa 52003
3. By phone at 563-588-2351 extension 555, or by fax at 563-588-4832

Your intentions will be included in the daily prayers of Sisters at Mount Carmel. Please keep the Sisters of Charity, BVM in your prayers.

BVM Prayer Association Cards can also be ordered through the "BVM Prayer Association" section of the BVM website. Prayer Association Cards are an ideal way to express prayerful sentiments for all occasions and feature an enrollment to be included in the Masses and Prayers of the Sisters of Charity, BVM. A contribution of \$2.50 per card is suggested to defray the cost of printing and postage. Any additional contribution will help support the life and mission of the Sisters of Charity, BVM.

ALUMNAE CANDLELIGHTING

The annual Advent Candlelighting was held December 12, 2006 and was very well attended, thanks to the efforts to continue this traditional event. A couple of years after our high school was closed, the idea of having an all-Alumnae Candlelighting took hold and the annual beloved tradition continues.

As a student attending St. Paul's High School in the 1970's, I recall looking forward to this annual event with anticipation. My friends and classmates still recall the experience and beauty of the candlelit church and the power of a tradition that really put you in the Christmas spirit!

In recent years, many Alumnae have reconnected and rekindled that sense of community and extension of the St. Paul's family. A group of 1970's Grammar School Alumnae met before the event for dinner and plan to keep this a tradition as well!

The joy for me as I assisted in publicizing the event was hearing from the Alumnae as they shared their fond memories. One, in particular, I simply must share.

"One of the fondest memories that I have about the Advent Candlelighting ceremony occurred when I was an altarserver. I must have been in the 7th or 8th grade back then. I stood with the priest and the other altar servers in our robes as I watched the ladies march into the pews each holding a candle. When the singing started, I heard the sweetest, most angelic voices I had ever heard. The whole church resonated with the throng singing Ave Maria, Silent Night, and other traditional songs of the season. All I remember was getting goosebumps and being so proud of every girl, teacher, and administrator in church that December evening. To be with old friends and gathering at St. Paul's Church has made the spirit of the holidays a special joy for me throughout the years."

*Felix Morales - Class of 1970
St. Paul's Intermediate School*

I was personally touched as my niece, currently in the 2nd grade at St. Paul's, attended Candlelighting for the first time. She was thrilled as she held her candle and sang Christmas songs out loud. Her spirit and enthusiasm made me extremely thankful that this beloved tradition will indeed continue!

Kathy Patron-Molina
SPHS Class of 1975



The **Class of 1991** was well represented at Candlelighting. Here **Christina Alvarado**, **Patricia Henandez** and **Maria Layna-Monteil** pose with some of their children who shared the evening with them.



The small, but sweet-sounding, volunteer choir helped sing some special, traditional pieces: "The Angels Sang in the Silent Night," the "Hodie" descant to "Silent Night" written by SPHS music teacher Sr. Helen (Matthew) Schnieder, BVM, and "Jesus, Light of All the World," another BVM composition known to generations of students.

Sr. Mary Ann Zollmann, BVM (Faculty), currently BVM Vice-President, was interviewed on a radio program, EcoTalk, about the Motherhouse project of deconstruction and other "green" activities. It is syndicated by Air America. You can hear the interview by going to their website www.ecotalk.net The blurb about Sr. Mary Ann's interview is near the top of the page.

When asked about this project, the response is a happy four words: "On time -- under budget." The sisters will be moving back to Mt. Carmel in the fall.



Class of 1961 reunion-goers

Class of 1961 held its 45th reunion at the Basque Cultural Center in South San Francisco on Saturday, October 7, 2006. The 37 Paulites attending had a grand time visiting, reminiscing, and continued the celebration at an after-party planned by the reunion committee. The class originally numbered 115 but is now 105, and the committee was able to contact almost the entire class. It was a memorable event where friendships were renewed and stories shared. The class is looking forward to hosting the Golden Bell lunch for their big sisters in November! (see photo above)

Class of 1966 met for its 40th year reunion at the Embassy Suites in Marin on Saturday, October 7, 2006. About 33 classmates enjoyed a wonderful luncheon and the chance to visit and see what everyone had been doing over the past years. The formidable Ms. Teri "Wear 'em or else" Dunleavy insisted that all wear name tags featuring graduation photos (now, if only they had magnifying glasses!). All agreed it was fantastic to see everyone and catch up on each others' lives. The committee (Teri Dunleavy, Diana Wallace Long, Sheila Hurley Birmingham, and Gladys Montes) and all of the class of '66 helped to make it a wonderful day. All look forward to meeting again in the future.

Class of 1967 will hold its 40th Year Reunion Luncheon on June 16, 2007. Please reserve this date for a fun-filled afternoon of good food, fond memories, and lots of girl talk. Contact Donna Dominguez Ortiz for details 415-239-5584.

They are searching for these "lost" class members. If you have any information, please contact Donna or the Alumnae at sphsalumnae@aol.com

Fareeda Abdullah
Kathleen Barnett
Lauren Canton
Bertila Garcia

Carol Almada Janakes
Claudia Becker Browner
Olly Dominguez
Carol Ganey Bellina

Aida Gutierrez Kelly
Jeanette Krencicki
Melva Lopez Cox
Sonia Medina
Lorraine Ortega
Stella Reggiardo
Diane Torres

Geralyn Hager
Margie LaFrenier
Catherine Maloney McGuinness
Flora Miraglia
Danielle Perez
Karen Thruston

Class of 1969 is looking ahead to get a reunion planned. Rosalie Michael Gonsolin is hoping some class members will join her to be a committee. Contact her in Danville at 925-838-5331 or Rose13me@aol.com

Class of 1977 will be having a 30 year reunion this year. Anyone interested in getting in on the planning is asked to contact Monica Farrell Curran at mcurran@sffirecu.org or at her home (415) 641-6247.

Class of 1981 held a reunion on 12/6/06 noon, at the Westin SF Airport. Marlene Chavira got it going with her connections in the hotel business. Although only a few attended, they were glad to get together. (See photo below)



Class of 1987 Bea Castillo is still hoping some class members will step forward to help plan a 20th Class Reunion Celebration. Contact her at 650-784-3178 or [<brcbusybea@hotmail.com>](mailto:brcbusybea@hotmail.com)

New Arrivals: ...Benjamin Lev, born to **Adriana Olloqui Bergman '92** and husband Erick on 5/14/06

Congratulations: ...**Sophia Beltran, member '92** was married on 3/1//06; ...**Viola Maestas '70** married Wilfredo Cuan, on 12/30/06 at St. Paul's

May They Rest in Peace

Alumnae Members: ...**Sandra Colosimo Silva '71**, sister of Lynn Colosimo Lokey '67 and Cathy Colosimo Mill-drum '68, on 1/1/04; ...**Patricia Sullivan Smith '56**, on 11/3/04;...**Muriel Sullivan Montague, '39**, on 4/28/06; ...**Laura Pardini Sinclair '43**, sister of Evelyn Pardini DiPietro '46, on 8/13/06; ...**Eileen Glynn Alipranti '43**, sister of Clare Glynn Torri '43, on 9/19/06; **Theresa Spaight Hestwood**, (former SM Elma, BVM) **Faculty**, on 9/28/06; ...**Hilde Sweeney Hartinger '50**, on 10/5/06; ...**Margaret Hurtado '69**, daughter of Camille Knopf Hurtado '27 (dec), sister of Mary Hurtado '66 and Elizabeth Hurtado Newell '72, in 10/06; ...**Eleanor Stretch Schlotfeldt '43**, on 11/5/06;...**Sheila O'Sullivan '48**, sister of Sr. Kathleen O'Sullivan '46, on 11/10/06; ...**Peggy Kenny '57**, on 12/6/06; ...**Thais Cresta Guaraldi '41**, on 1/16/07; ...**Lillian Nerio Elberling '31**; ...**Margaret Meehan Colcord '40**, sister of Catherine Meehan Labagh '35 and Ellen Meehan Fraser '37, on 2/3/07; ...**Sr. Norinne (Catherine/ Kitty) Clifford, SHF '34**, sister of Sr. Jane Therese (Dora) Clifford, BVM '25 (dec) , Sr. Pauline (Nora) Clifford, BVM '31 (dec), Sr. Dorita (Mary) Clifford, BVM '32 (dec), Sr. Eva Sheehan, BVM '36, Ellen Clifford Vitorello '37, and Margaret Clifford Kotlanger '42; aunt of Virginia Vitorelo Hinds '59, Arlene Vitorelo DePietro '63, Patti Kotlanger Lazzaretto '67, and Marianne Kotlanger Booth '73, on 2/15/07; ...**Evelyn Welch Zamlich '36**, sister of Clare Welch Peng '30 (dec), on 2/20/07; ...**Ann T. Hurley, '44**, sister of Mary Hurley '43 (dec), and Noreen Hurley Keane '46 (dec), aunt of Janet Keane Stapenhorst '70 and Theresa Keane O'Brien '77, on 2/26/07

Extended Family: ...**James Burke**, son of Teresa Sullivan Burke '34, nephew of Nancy Sullivan Oeschger '31 (dec), on 4/11/06; ...**James Spillane**, brother of Mary Spillane DiGrande '38 and Theresa Spillane Sullivan '44, uncle of Rita Spillane '72, on 7/23/06; ...**Eugene Tracy**, brother of Kathleen Tracy '59, on 7/26/06; ...**Henrietta Matheron**, mother of Alice Matheron Gillibert '59, on 9/22/06; ...**Wladyslaw Chciuk**, father of Gosia (Margie) Chciuk Niemiec '71 and Basia (Barbara) Chciuk Trout '72, on 10/7/06; ...**Helen Brady**, mother of Therese Brady Fontana '70, Patricia Brady Harrington '71, Maureen Brady '72, and Ann Brady Powell '80, on 11/11/06; ...**Anna Rose Lacrouts**, mother of Joan Lacrouts Fernandez '57, on 11/29/06; ...**Daniel Flynn**, husband of Kathleen Kirley Flynn '57 (dec), on 12/1/06; ...**Joseph Silva**, husband of Davida Campi Silva '56, on 12/21/06; ...**Edwin Barry**, husband of Kathleen Lucey Barry '37 (dec), father of Bonnie Barry Dines '64 and Kathleen Barry Ryan '76, brother of Miriam Barry '34 (dec), brother-in-law of Barbara Lucey Barry '38 (dec), on 1/5/07; ...**Susie Berti**, mother of Madelyn Berti Piretti '64 and Kareen Berti '69, grandmother of Trina Piretti '95, in 1/0; ...**Edward Boies**, husband of Diane Prielipp Boies '64, on 1/4/07; ...**Arthur Kirby**, brother of Sr. Francilla (Jacqueline) Kirby, BVM '45, on 1/16/07; ...**Dennis P. Guzman**, father of Maria Theresa Guzman Pardo '67, Thelma Guzman Shea '71, and Gloria Guzman Taylor '73, uncle of Sylvia Macay Bramante '68, Magda Macay Uriarte '71, Vilma Macay Velarde '73, and Alicia Macay Wagner '77, on 1/18/07; ...**James Cahill**, father of Melody Cahill Castro '65 and Theresa Cahill Henderson '71, on 2/1/07; ...**Andrew Strain**, brother of Alicia Strain '91, on 2/18/07

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@aol.com> Thank you.

MASSES for	Mar 18	Sun	9:15 a.m.
ALUMNAE	April 15	Sun	10:45 a.m.
and	May 6	Sun	12:15 p.m.
BENEFACTORS,	Jun 10	Sun	5:00 p.m.
LIVING and	Jul 21	Sat	8:30
DECEASED	a.m.		

Don't forget that **Sister Mary St. Julian Flaherty, BVM**, former alumnae moderator, is turning 100 years old this month with a celebration on 03/17/07. Her address is 1050 Carmel Dr, Dubuque, IA 52003.

**NEWSLETTER ON THE WEB
...DON'T BLOCK US OUT!**

The St. Paul High School Alumnae Association has a simple website. Check it out at <http://home.earthlink.net/~kcmob/>

Each of the latest three Newsletters are posted and archived for download as a .pdf document. If you signed up to get your Newsletter this way, you will receive an email reminder when the new one is posted. HOWEVER, MANY EMAIL ADDRESSES ARE BLOCKED, SINCE THIS IS SENT AS A BULK MAILING. Please check to see that email from kcmob@earthlink.net is not blocked.

On the website, you will also find historical information, posting of prayer requests, information about reunions, and more.

Please remember to update your mailing and email addresses as these change. Thank you.

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Return Service Requested

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, March 8, 7:00 p.m. Alumnae Board

Saturday, March 24, 1:00 p.m.
Development Meeting

Thursday, April 12, 7:00 p.m. Alumnae Board

Saturday, April 14, 2:30 - 4:00 p.m.
Annual Fundraiser Reception

Thursday, May 11, 7:00 p.m. Alumnae Board

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Deadline for submission of articles or information is March 10, July 10, and October 10.

Editor: Sr. Karen Conover, BVM

**FUNDRAISER
RECEPTION**

Saturday, April 14
2:30 - 4:00 p.m.

**GRAND RAFFLE
TICKETS INSIDE!**