
ST. PAUL HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNAE NEWSLETTER

October 2003



This group from the Class of 1973 is the “From Day One” crowd. They began St. Paul Primary School together! Front: Mary Vacarezza Cigliutti, Georgine Lonero Bocci, Myrna Elizondo Guevara, Cathy Ter-ris Murphy; Back: Sheila McKenna Kruse, Janet Ruffoni Lucey, Joyce Strachan Matushenko, Jan Smith Bruzzone, Virginia Farrell McMurtry, Cindy Ahern Daly, and Ramona Dominguez Aviles. (ROW)

Summer and Fall seem to be the ideal times for classes to get together. Whether marking 10, 20, 30, or even 50 or more years from the date of graduation from St. Paul High School, reunions inevitably spark laughter, encourage gathering cherished pictures and items from scrap books, foster reminiscences of bitter-sweet memories, as well as re-cement the bonds of friendship. The pas-sage of time brings many changes, but what does not change are the values of self-worth and service nurtured in each one during her formative teen years. May the bonds of friendship and belonging keep you coming back!

The Class of 1983 went for an “elegant” affair at the Hyatt at Fisherman’s Wharf.



PRESIDENT'S PODIUM

Josephine Stark '54

It's fall once again, I hope you had a great summer and did all that you had planned to do.

We are busy getting ready for our Annual Mass and Golden Belle/Alumnae luncheon. The Class of 1957 will be our hostesses and they have already started their plans which include a delicious luncheon and the popular "choose your own prize" raffle. Gift baskets again this year are donated by Jill Wilk Valladares '71. I hope you will make a special effort to attend. It's always a fun day and a great way to start the holidays. If a group or class wants to sit together, be sure to let us know so we can reserve the table. The tables seat groups of 12. You will find the reservation form in this newsletter.

We know parking can be a problem, so why not try public transportation and/or get in touch with your classmates for car-pools? The inbound "J" streetcar still stops at 29th St. (remember?) Outbound stops at 30th St. and both connect to the Balboa BART station.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness month, so get that mammogram and take care of yourself and stay healthy. It is also the month of the Holy Rosary; please pray for peace. I'll be looking forward to seeing all of you on November 23rd.

BREAST CANCER FUNDRAISER

For the second year in a row, Louise Wilk Farcich '70 is participating in the three day, 60 mile Breast Cancer San Mateo to San Francisco Walk benefitting the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, November 7-9. In order to participate, she must raise \$2,000.00. She would appreciate any and all donations. You may contact Louise at home (650) 595-0259 or work (650) 858-7010, or by email at <lfarcich@wsgr.com> She's walker #7993420. Check out www.breastcancer3day.org

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There's another set of three generations of St. Paul High School graduates: Bernice Keane Daly '32, Margaret Daly Melton '60, and Lorraine Melton Lynch '79. Besides having this distinction, each of them was married in St. Paul's Church. Lorraine's children, Caitlin (7) and Patrick (6), were the fourth generation of this family baptized at St. Paul's Church in the same baptismal font as their great-grandmother.

ROSEMARY McANDREWS HONORED

A longtime member and past president of the Stanford Historical Society, Rosemary Beaton McAndrews '38 was named one of the university's "most unforgettable personalities of the past 25 years" in a poll of the society's members last year. She was one of six honorees, all over 70 years of age, who were chosen for their exemplary service and involvement in the community, as well as for the depth and significance of their work. Each, in his or her own way, is credited with making the Midpeninsula one of the most desirable places to live.

Stanford Shopping Center bears Rosemary's indelible imprint. A 24-year career with Stanford University and the Stanford Management Company lead to her becoming Stanford's landlord for all its leased properties and culminated in 1985, when she was named director of the popular and upscale Stanford Shopping Center.

"Rosemary developed the center's vision and personality," said Bill Phillips, a managing director of the real estate for the Stanford Management Company. "Where the street market is now used to be a real dead part of the center. Now it is the most popular access point. She turned the center into one that is not only unique among malls but one of the three top-performers in the U.S." -taken from an article by Hillary Hannon, in the Palo Alto Weekly, May 15, 2002

NEWSLETTERS via E-MAIL

It's still in process!

We are getting closer to being able to send the Newsletter via e-mail as an attachment. You will need the Adobe Acrobat Reader in order to open the attachment. A free download from the web is available at: www.adobe.com/acrobat

Preliminary emails will be sent to over 500 alumnae following the mailing of the October issue of the Newsletter. Please remember to respond if you DO NOT WISH to receive the Newsletter as an email attachment. If you do NOT receive such an email, please send your email address to: SPHSALUMS@aol.com Be assured that your email addresses will be protected; no recipient will see any address except one's own. In March, we will also send the Newsletter by U.S. mail. However, by the Summer 2004 issue, we plan to mail only those Newsletters which must be printed. This will save significant time and expense!

MASSES for ALUMNAE	Nov. 23	Sun	12:15 p.m.
LIVING and DECEASED	Dec. 28	Sun	9:15 a.m.
2003-2004	Jan. 4	Sun	5:00 p.m.
	Feb. 8	Sun	9:15 a.m.
	Mar. 27	Sat	4:30 p.m.



CLASS NEWS AND REUNIONS

Class of 1943 marked 60 years with a return to St. Paul's Church. Faith, family, and friends mark their lives.

Class of 1943 Eighteen members gathered for their reunion marking 60 years from graduation on Saturday, April 26, 2003. A lovely Mass held in St. Paul's church preceded the luncheon at the rectory, all planned and executed by Frances Sullivan Strachan's daughters Joyce Strachan Matushenko '73 and Joan Strachan '79. [Ed: apologies for having misplaced the notice and photo in time for the July Newsletter.]

Class of 1945 Five members (Lillian Travaglio Hill, Judy Meunzer Babakan, Marie Mayhood Campbell, Mary Anas-tole Wilcox, and Lorraine De Fanti Rollandi) gathered in July 2003 at the Olympic Club to share St. Paul pictures and memories.

Class of 1946 gathered at the United Irish Cultural Center on June 12, 2003 for their annual luncheon. Save the date for next year's gathering: June 17, 2004. Notices will be sent in May, 2004. (see photo below)



Class of 1963 gathered on the afternoon of Saturday, October 4, 2003 at Embassy Suites, Burlingame to mark their 40th year reunion. Marilyn Highlander-Pool was one of the coordinators. More details will follow in the next Newsletter.

Class of 1972 There is a tribute posted on the class website to Mrs. Marsha Pannone, Art Teacher 1971-74, who died recently of lung cancer. She was with the class at their 31-year reunion last May. You may view this at <http://www.geocities.com/sphs1972/> (See article, p. 4)

Class of 1973 The fireworks celebrating Pier 39's birthday just added to the festivities at Sinbad's on Saturday, October 4, 2003. Thirty-six Paulites, Sr. Maureen O'Brien, BVM and Mrs. Elanor DeMartini enjoyed a delicious dinner. Varied memorabilia were on display, including a rice replica of the class picture on the cake. The setting was beautiful: green and white candles, balloons, flowers and confetti with the Bay Bridge in the background and the Class of 1973 graduates! A booklet was prepared containing current information and biographies of those who responded. A 1973 "Yearbook Recall" tested how many Paulites remembered back 30 years ago! The 23 graduates who had 13 years of continuous education at St. Paul's primary, elementary and high schools together were honored. Joyce Strachan Matushenko, Virginia Farrell McMurtry, and Patti D'Andrea Castoglione were the local coordinators, while Marilyn Mahoric did mailing work. Photos and other items are posed on their website, so check it out at: <http://www.msnusers.com/StPaulsClassreunion1973>

Class of 1974 is planning a reunion on April 17, 2004, at Oyster Point Yacht Club, South San Francisco. Contact Colleen Boulais at 707-762-6129 or <EagleRailroads@aol.com>, or Maria McGoldrick Barberini at 707-792-7948 or <mtbbalancing@msn.com>, or Chris Clausen at 626-308-9497 or <cclausen@telepacific.com> They've also set up an email just for the class reunion and class business: <THECLASS74@aol.com> This is preferable as your message won't get buried among other "junk" mail.

Class of 1978 is looking forward to its 25th reunion.

Patricia Valdez Jaboneta and Maria Noguera have volunteered to get things going. Contact Pat at <PJaboneta@calcas.com> if you would like to help.

Class of 1983 Approximately 25 gathered over the weekend of September 26-27, 2003 to mark 20 years from graduation. According to organizer Cheryl Rhodes Alexander, they had an elegant time at the Hyatt at Fisherman's Wharf and the catering staff did an excellent job. Lisa Williams-France came from Atlanta, GA and Celeste Bruce Pestello came from Nebraska. Two members of the class are SF police officers (Martha Juarez and Maria Ramos Alvarado) and one classmate is already a grandmother (Sonia Fierro Ramos)! Several are nurses and others are professionals in various industries. (see photo p.1)

Class of 1993 About 20 members marked their ten year reunion at a dinner at Buca di Bepo's on June 7, 2003. They've posted photos of the gathering at <http://groups.msn.com/StPaulsSanFrancisco/classof199310year.msnw> (see photo below)



Members of the Class of 1973 get ready to talk all night!

Inquiry: There is a general posting on the web: <http://groups.msn.com/StPaulsSanFrancisco/> and at StPaulsSanFrancisco@groups.msn.com. A number of classes are using this to post photos. Who is the manager of this site? Please contact the Alumnae Office with information about how to participate.



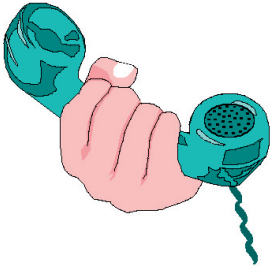
FORMER ART TEACHER MEMORIALIZED

When Marsha Lee Pannone, former St. Paul High School art teacher, was diagnosed with cancer last November, she set three goals for herself: to go to Israel and dance at her nephew's wedding, to see her first grandchild be born in June, and to have her adult Bat Mitzvah, something Jewish girls seldom did in her generation. She accomplished the first two and was in the process of accomplishing the last, set for September 13, 2003. She passed away on August 6th, and her friends and family completed the ritual for her during a memorial service at Congregation Beth Shalom on that date. Class of 1972 members Coleen Dillon, Therese Kenny and Cecilia Gallagher represented SPHS at that service. They were especially pleased that she had joined them at their class reunion in May and was her "usual, bubbly, upbeat, lively self" despite her illness.

For the past 18 years, Mrs. Pannone taught at The School of the Arts in San Francisco, serving as the department chair of the visual arts department. She was the first National Board Certified teacher in San Francisco, and she received numerous awards for teaching throughout her career.

According to Jewish tradition, the age of responsibility is reached at 13. From that time on, the duty of the Jew is to do God's mitzvot in the world, God's acts of justice and compassion, and to be accountable for them. Her friends, family, and many former students, including those from the Class of 1972, noted that her life had been lived in this manner.

A scholarship has been established to help continue her work at School of the Arts. Donations may be sent to: The Marsha Pannone Scholarship Fund, 225 Bush St, Suite 500, San Francisco, CA 94104.

 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.]

Lorraine DeFanti Rollandi '45 and her husband Carl celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a family cruise to Alaska. A special Mass with renewal of vows, celebrated by Frs. Michael Mahoney, Gerald Barron, and Donal Burke (OFM Cap) at Our Lady of Angels Friary took place on 8/23/03.

Louise Violet Wehser '64 has been married 37 years, has 5 children, and 3 grandchildren. She completed a BSN in Nursing at USF at age 50 and is now an administrative nursing supervisor in an ER and loves it. Her son is a graphic artist whose works are seen in movies, including Harry Potter, Cats and Dogs, Dr. Doolittle 2, and the soon-to-be released Cat in the Hat.

Alma Angelica Chavez '74 has worked as a legal secretary for many top law firms in Southern California. She married Larry Gutierrez, a biochemist, in 1999 at St. Paul's. She hopes to start her own business.

Cheryl Meador Rathkamp '76 has been married for over 21 years, has 2 girls (20 & 15), and has lived 12 years in Peoria, AZ. She has worked for a major paper company and Sunset Magazine & Book Division as the Credit Manager. For the last 10 years she has been the Financial Services Manager of ComputerPREP, a Division of Prosofttraining.

Julieta Gamboa Ludovico '77 recently got back in touch with the SPSHS Alums through Donna Deely '69. They are both RNs and discovered they are both "Paulites." Julieta began St. Paul's in 10th grade as a recent immigrant from the Philippines. She recalled how grateful she was that Sr. Maureen admitted her, despite her young age and limited English. She now works in the ER at Kaiser in Vallejo, has recently completed her AA in Nursing, and passed the RN Boards this July. She has three girls, aged 19, 17, and 12. She teaches 4th grade CCD students at St. Basil the Great in Vallejo.

Rocio Castillo '85 works in a CPA firm (Schoenholz & Speigel, LLP) in Walnut Creek.

Christine Diaz Espinoza '86 (the last of the Diaz girls) has been married for 7 years. She and husband Tom live in Manteca and have two boys: Matthew (10) and Gabriel Jake (3).

Pearl Bermudez '86 is a Microsoft Certified System Engineer who works in the IT Department for the Corporate office of ChevronTexaco.

Nancy Rodriguez '89 says she has followed in the footsteps of many people at St. Paul's who dramatically influenced her life to become a high school teacher. "It is my hope that I can have an impact on the students that I teach as well. I have been doing this for 7 years and what an amazing experience it has been. I feel like I have just now paid for the headaches I made my teachers endure; however, now I really understand why teachers continue in this profession. It is a such a rewarding experience and, in fact, a never-ending learning process which keeps me quite humble."

Rosalie Marcic '89 has a 10 year old daughter who attends 6th grade at St. Peter's School in San Francisco. Rosalie works there as a Daycare Assistant.

Maria Layna Montiel '91 has two children (a son 12, and a girl 1-1/2). Maria works as a paralegal in her own office.

Johanna Teran Yopez '93 lives in Michigan and is a stay-at-home mom. She and her husband, who works for Zonderan Publishing House, have two boys: Jonathan (3) and David (1).

Johanna Tafao '94 has three children: Desiree (7), Dominique (5), and Elijah (4). They have lived in Pago Pago, American Samoa and have just recently moved to Hawaii.

Tim Farrell (Faculty 87-90) celebrated his parents' 50th wedding anniversary in Salinas; all 6 sons and 18 grandchildren were present. He has taught high school geometry and college physics at Valley Forge Military Academy & College in Wayne, PA. His wife retired from active duty in the Navy. They have 6th grade twins (Ryan and Shannon).

New Arrivals: ...David Alexander, born to Perla Padilla-Ortega '90 and husband Francisco, on 1/22/03; ...Catherine Rebecca, born to Cora Konkle Melton '82 and husband Tom, on 10/2/03; ...Alina Lauryn, born to Brenda Solorzano '86 and husband Dal Caudle, on 10/3/03

Congratulations: ...Rosemary Beaton McAndrews '38, past director of Stanford Shopping Center, was honored at the 13th annual Lifetimes of Achievement awards, on 5/19/02; ...Mary Donnelly Thompson '46 married James Hinkle, on 5/10/03; ...Frances Patrich Spediacci '58 (Sr. Mary Rose of the Holy Family, OCD), made solemn profession as a Cloistered Carmelite nun in Nebraska, on 7/27/03; ...Lorena Cordova '93 received her Master's in Business from the University of San Francisco in 5/03; ...Julieta Gamboa Ludovico '77 completed her AA degree in Nursing at Napa Valley College and passed the CA RN boards on 7/10/03; ...Lorraine DeFanti Rollandi '45 and her husband Carl celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, on 8/9/03; ...Claudia Castellanos '94 married Justin Meza, on 8/23/03; ...Margaret Finnigan Dittman '48 and husband Bob celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, on 9/6/03; ...Theresa Tobin Van Koll '52 and her husband John celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, on 9/26/03; ...Carolina Jimenez '96 married Cesar Gomez, at St. Paul's on 10/4/03

May They Rest in Peace:

Alumnae Members: ...Catherine (Kay) Taylor Stoesser '35, sister of Josephine Taylor Schultz '38, on 1/24/03; ...Eleanor Kerr '35, on 2/26/03; ...Arlene Greggains '62, daughter of Anna Cronin Greggains '35, sister of Patricia Greggains '73, cousin of Barbara Greggains Striek '68 and Nanci Greggains Nugent '68, niece of Katie O'Leary Greggains '36 (dec), Mary Cronin, member '34 and Nora Cronin Chaplin '42, on 8/4/03; ...Marsha Pannone (Faculty), on 8/6/03; ...Joan Lagorio Perfetto '57, on 8/16/03; ...Virginia Cowan Slavich '48, mother of Jackie Slavich Acacio, member '71, sister of Mary Cowan Beebe, member '37, Mildred Cowan '34, and Helen Cowan Buckley '44, on 8/20/03; ...Marcella Preston Ames '23, on 8/24/03; ...Lorraine Armstrong Philpott '42, sister of Catherine (Kay) Armstrong Adams '38, Bernice Armstrong '39 (dec), Barbara Armstrong Harrigan '44 (dec), and Dorothy Armstrong Day '49, on 8/26/03; ... Virginia Duffy Matlack '44, sister of Irene Duffy Gilson '47, on 9/18/03; ...Mary Cronin, member '34, sister of Anna Cronin Greggains '35 and Nora Cronin Chaplin '42, on 10/11/03

Extended Family Members: ...Mary Folan Stone, mother of Dolores Stone '56, on 12/13/02; ...Arthur Greggains, husband of Anna Cronin Greggains '35, father of Arlene Greggains '62 (dec) and Patricia Greggains '73, on 5/3/03; ...Kathryn Carberry, mother of Susan Carberry Brady '60, on 5/3/03; ...Robert Olsen, husband of Janice Toynton Olsen '50, on 5/22/03; ...James Hurley, father of Sheila Hurley Birmingham '66, Angela Hurley Wilkinson '68, and Mary Hurley Durkan '70, on 7/21/03; ...Florence Popkin, mother of Teresa Popkin Wild '84, on 7/3/03; ...Al Corona, brother of Bette Corona Anderson '51, on 7/30/03; ...Walter Zollmann, father of Sr. Mary Ann Zollmann, BVM (Faculty 1972-81), on 8/23/03; ...Richard Shawyer, father of Kathleen Shawyer, member '74 (dec), brother of Anne Hurt Shawyer '44 (dec), uncle of Marianne Hurt Truitt '77, on 10/3/03; ...Jack McCarthy, husband of Marianne Wolbertus McCarthy '65, on 10/9/03

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 <SPHSALUMS@aol.com> Thank you.

"LOST" MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 1954

Do you know the whereabouts and or married names of the following? Send information to the Alumnae Office or via <SPHSALUMS@aol.com>

Shirley Betts	Anastasia O'Neill
Valerie Bihler Robertson	Esperanza Rojas de Gracia
Cecilia Brogan	Prieto
Annette Casey Marsili	Biana Vidas
Colleen Cassidy	Joan Walsh Botero
Sadie Ford	Phyllis Williams Narzesi
Mary Ellen Gomez Griffin	
Patricia Hawkins Slavin	
Maureen Mannix Roebing	

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Deadline for submission of articles or information is
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ALUMNAE CANDLELIGHTING



The traditional Alumnae Candlelighting will take place on Wednesday, December 10, at 7:00 p.m. in St. Paul Church. Please note the change in date and time. It is hoped that scheduling it a bit earlier in December and at a slightly earlier time will make it easier for more people to attend.

The program will include familiar hymns and carols. If you read music, are choir material, and would like to come at 6:00 p.m., we'll again practice the "Hodie" and a couple of other special hymns. Just meet in the church. Invite family and friends, if you would like, but let us know how many to expect so we have sufficient candles ready.

Bring a little treat to share after the service. Please check your response on the bottom of the Breakfast Reservation Sheet below. We hope you will be able to join us for this lovely evening of song, prayer, and anticipation of Jesus' birth.



ANNUAL MASS & LUNCHEON RESERVATION ●● ●●CANDLELIGHTING INFORMATION

Sunday, November 23, 2003 ●●12:15 p.m. Mass - Luncheon follows

Name _____ Class of _____
First Maiden Married

Address _____ Phone () _____
(only if different from reverse) Street address, City, State ZIP

_____ Served Luncheon, including wine.....\$ 30.00

Entree: _____ Chicken
(please indicate) _____ Vegetarian

_____ Annual Alumnae Dues \$ 10.00

Total enclosed \$ _____

NOTE: ADVANCE RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED.

Upon arrival, please check in at the reservation table.

Make check payable to: St. Paul Alumnae Association,
221 Valley St., San Francisco, CA 94131

PLEASE MAIL NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2003.

ALUMNAE
CANDLELIGHTING
SERVICE

___I plan to attend the Alumnae Candlelighting, December 10, 2003.

___family members/guests will be joining me at Candlelighting.

___I plan to come for the 6:00 p.m. choir practice.



WE REMEMBER OUR DEAR DEPARTED

The annual Little Christmas Mass and Pot Luck will be held on Friday, January 9, 2004, at 6:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Rectory. At this Mass we pray especially for all those Alumnae who have died during the past year. All are welcome. RSVP to <SPHSALUMS@aol.com> or leave a message at 415-648-3862 by Thursday, January 7th.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, Nov. 13, 7:30 p.m. Alumnae Board

Sunday, November 23, 12:15 p.m.
Annual Mass and Luncheon

Wednesday, December 10, 7:00 p.m. Candlelighting

Friday, Jan. 9, 6:00 p.m. Mass & Pot Luck

ANNUAL MASS AND LUNCHEON

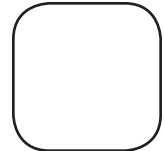
It's a tradition that on the Sunday prior to Thanksgiving St. Paul's High School Alumnae members gather to pray and renew friendships and honor the members of the "Golden Belle" class which marks its 50th year of graduation as Paulites. The Class of 1954 will be this year's special dignitaries. Doesn't it seem that 50-year graduates get younger each year?

The Alumnae will share Eucharistic liturgy there at the 12:15 p.m. Mass on Sunday, November 23, 2003, and continue the gathering in the Parish Center with a catered luncheon.

Don't miss the opportunity! Mark your calendars right away. The reservation form is found on page 7. Send it in now to hold your place. See President's Podium (p. 2) if you have a group and want seats reserved.

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