

The Echo



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A Newsletter for SHA Alumnae

March 2011



Dear SHA Alumnae,

Writing this letter reminds me that Spring will be coming ever so soon. It has been a long and cold winter and all of us Northerners will welcome a change. I pray that 2011 has been good to you thus far, and that you will continue to receive many blessings.

This year's Homecoming is October 16, 2011 and we celebrate all of your days at SHA. We invite you to attend the 10:00 Mass at Sacred Heart and then make your way to The Hilton of Lisle/Naperville for lunch. In a special way, we will celebrate these graduating classes: 1936, 1941, 1946, 1951, 1956, 1961 and 1966. If any class member wants information for contacting classmates, please call or e-mail me, and I will share that with you. I know that we will have another delightful celebration in October.

We are very grateful to Sister Judith Ann Heble ('57) who served our community for 18 dedicated years as Prioress. We are also pleased to welcome Sister Mary Bratrsovsky as our new Prioress as of January 2, 2011. Sister Mary taught for many years, mostly at Benet, and she has always assisted at and attended Homecoming yearly. May her years as Prioress be filled with joys, success and blessings!

As I have been preparing the articles for *The Echo*, I reflect on the blessing that you all are to the Sisters. You support us in many ways and we appreciate you. Please continue to let us hear from you from time-to-time with news about your life.

In the meantime, you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely yours in the Sacred Heart,

Sister Joanne Williams, OSB

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SENIOR CLASS POEM JUNE 1951

Depart . . . the time has come
Yet our task is not ended, but begun,
We're at the end of the path
we've trod
Our destination looms nearer to God.

Standards, ideals, goals
become near
We strive to conquer,
conquer our fear,
We found that trouble did cease
Now in union with God
we find peace.

Depart . . . yes, true in body depart
But ever we'll stay united in heart,
The same goals we'll hold high
Our love and our aims will never die.

Jesus, we pray you'll show us the way
Help us to find day after day
The way to you, so we'll meet
once more
At the end of a path . . .
at a golden door.

Lois Lehnen

~ ~ NEWS FROM OUR ALUMNAE ~ ~

~ ~ 30s ~ ~



Sister Alma (Zita) Bratrsovsky, OSB ('35) celebrated her 75th anniversary of graduation from SHA at the 2010 Homecoming. Sister Alma keeps herself busy at the Monastery doing "little odds and ends" each day. There is never a dull moment for her.

Georgiana Stepanek Kral ('38) wrote in May 2010: "The Echo brings fond memories of my beloved SHA. Seventy years ago, I worked on it." Georgiana says she hears from one of her classmates, Marcella Vlazny. Georgiana worked for ten years before marrying her husband, Vic. She also cared for her mother and sister, both of whom had health problems for forty-six years. Vic, who died eight years ago, and Georgiana had four children, two of whom survive. She was an active volunteer for St. Richard, her family's parish, and children's school. Vic often took papers to the Sisters at Our Lady of Lourdes School on Keeler Ave. In the past, Georgiana attended Homecoming, but now due to age limitations, she is unable to come to Lisle. She keeps informed about activities around the campus through regular phone calls with her sister-in-law, Sylvia Novotny, who is a resident at Villa St. Benedict. Georgiana sends regards to all of her classmates.

~ ~ 40s ~ ~

Betty Gavlik Doman ('41) spent a week last summer at a dude ranch with her daughters. What fun!

Marie Novy Rybacki ('41) relates that Homecomings have been a treasure as she reflects on the joys of life at SHA. The "girls" are eased from their current "80 it is" aches and pains, and thank our Lord for His generous blessings. The Class of '41 looks forward to their 70th anniversary in 2011!

Marie Mazour Wallinger ('41) always continues to look forward to Homecoming and enjoys every minute. She is on call for anyone who needs a ride or a favor. God has blessed her with good health.

Dorothea Liska Wokas ('41) says, "It was so good to see my classmates again." She has been busy making afghans for her great-great grandchildren. She has four and is expecting two more. Health-wise, she is holding her own.



**Phyllis Gonwa Zea and
Mildred Liska Leff
celebrate their
65th SHA anniversary**

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Irene Galos Kramer ('43) says that her Labrador, Max, is trying to see if he can outlive her. He is 11 and she just celebrated 85. They are enjoying life together in the great metropolis of Eola, IL.

Mildred Liska Leff ('45) feels that everything is going well with her. She recovered from blood clots in her lung and leg and has better sight after several corneal transplants.

Phyllis Gonwa Zea ('45) finds it exciting to attend the SHA Alumnae affair. She continues to serve as a Board Member on the Senior Citizen Commission for the Village of Franklin Park, IL, and as the recording Secretary for the Czech Catholic Union Society 143. Phyllis learned to type as a junior at SHA and enjoys using her IBM electric typewriter. She purchased the typewriter from the 'garage sale' the Sisters held in the old gymnasium before its conversion to the new Monastery.

Jean Diederich Davis ('47) has been retired from her business for eight years. She enjoys volunteering at St. Mary's Hospital and delivering "Meals on Wheels".

Marion Schmid Dolan ('47) enjoyed the get together and seeing some classmates in October. Her 3rd great grandchild was born with number four on the way!

Donna Perrin Timmer ('47) celebrated her 80th birthday. She has recuperated from breast surgery and is fully recovered now.

Corrine Cloppas ('48) went to Belize for her 80th birthday which was wonderful. She did snorkel but not as she did when she was 40!

Irene Zak Costello ('48) wrote at the end of July that, Timothy Costello, their youngest son, died at the age of 42. He died of an aortic aneurism on July 6, 2010. Due to autopsy requirements he was buried on July 17th. May he rest in peace.

Gidia Basso Fiaoni ('48) tells us that her grandson Danny is a Navy Seal. His younger sister Jenna just left for Boot Camp in the Air Force. Gidia has eight grandchildren and one more on the way!

Joan Hollerbach Schulthesz ('48) went mountain hiking in Colorado for her 80th birthday. That day found her standing on the Continental Divide yelling "Whoopee!"

On Thursday, May 6, 2010, **Dr. Gloria J. Tysl ('48)**, a retired professor at Benedictine University, received the University's Distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award. This award is given to "an alumnus(-a), staff, or faculty member who has provided a lifetime of distinguished and exemplary service to the university and its students. He or she has exemplified the values of St. Benedict by demonstrating respect, courtesy, and genuine concern for the well-being and growth of each individual student. Through his/her dedicated service and unwavering efforts, this person has contributed to the education of all Benedictine students and has advanced the University's mission to prepare them to take up their roles after graduation as responsible citizens and community leaders."



Mark Bonamer, Benedictine University Alumni Board member and Gloria J. Tysl ('48) at the Award Ceremony.

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Agnes Shindelar Geyer ('49) was unable to attend Homecoming due to spinal surgery on September 9th. Recovery takes about 6 months. Her sister, **Josephine Shindelar Hirsman ('41)**, also had surgery in September. She fell and broke her femur.

Josephine did well and went back to her Assisted Living home in Michigan. Agnes loved the fall weather and managed a daily walk. She stopped in at the chapel across the street from her and thanked the Lord for all of His blessings.

Sister Margaret Mary Schima, OSB ('49) is still at Queen of Heaven Monastery in Warren, Ohio. The Sisters have been selling their monastery and property and hopefully by now it is sold. The seven Sisters there have recently become the daughter branch of Sacred Heart Monastery. At this time they will continue their ministry in Warren. Sister Margaret is always happy to see her SHA classmates.

~ ~ 50s ~ ~

Lillian Javora Johnson ('50) felt great to see her classmates. She has seven grandchildren, three of them living with her. They are working and going to school.

Sister Christine Kouba, OSB ('50) continues her work in the Sisters' Care Center and working for vocations. She runs from the elderly to the young, and keeps praying that more young women will enter religious life!

Lorraine Diederich Ward ('50) wishes that more of



Celebrating their 60th SHA Anniversary are front row (l-r) Lillian Javora Johnson, Therese Salata Welsh, Roberta Yackley Modaff
Back Row (l-r): Lorraine Diederich Ward, Delores Kacizak Bruno, Sister Christine Kouba, OSB

their classmates had come for this anniversary. She enjoyed visiting with the five that did come!

Therese Salata Welsh ('50) says "60 years, Wow! It doesn't seem possible that I graduated in 1950." She still feels well physically but the memory is another story. She has a wonderful large family.

Mary Ann Yackley Walz ('53) was happy to see her only brother (she had five sisters). He came to visit from Alaska this past summer and stayed for two weeks. That was the first time they had a visit for more than one day since Mary Ann married in 1955.

Joan Fender Pattermann ('54) will be taking their motor home to Florida the end of October. They will be home for the holidays, and then return to Florida until March. They will drive the motor home back in April.

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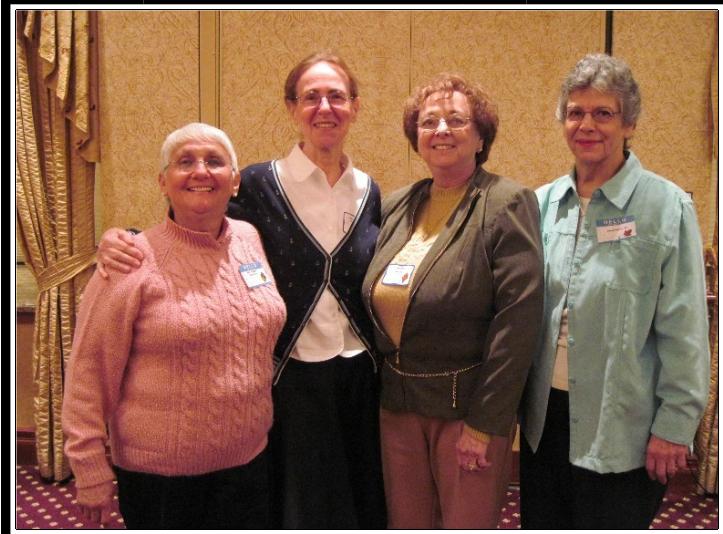
Therese Buc ('55) always finds it a pleasure to renew friendships and visit with classmates!

Carol Karvon ('55) had three new grandkids added to the family: twins, Hope and Matthew (January 5th) and Valentina (May 1st). The twins were born to son John and wife Margie; Valentina was born to son and wife Beatrice. Their son Paul and wife Darla adopted two children from the Ukraine last year: Deianna (10) and Caleb(7). They moved to Overland Park, Kansas last November. Mary, their firstborn lives in Montana and loves it. Daughters Anne and Linda plus families are doing well. Carol and her fiancé Louie count their blessings and thank God for each day!



Mary Pearson Fornatto ('55) pictured above, is married to the same man for 50 years as of December 2010. Elio and Mary have three children and seven grandchildren. They will celebrate in Torino, Italy, Elio's birthplace. Congratulations!

Anita Bosen Kvitek ('55) is happy to say that her family continues to grow. All are well. She is truly blessed with 30 grandchildren. Anita very much



(l-r) Anita Bosen Kvitek, Mary Pearson Fornatto, Therese Buc and Carol Karvon celebrate their 55th SHA anniversary.

enjoyed going to Mass in the beautiful Monastery Chapel!

Sister Jo Anne Form ('57) attended a five week Benedictine Renewal experience in Rome entitled '*Deepening our Monastic Roots*,' May 2010. She says, "The Benedictines truly have a rich heritage and connection that is still our today."

Sister Irene Jasien ('57) is now in her 39th year as Pastoral Minister at St. James Parish in Glen Ellyn. It continues to be a fulfilling ministry.

Anita Tomassone Masters ('57) is retired four years and enjoying life. She belongs to Home-makers' Club, Red Hat Club, and the Seniors' Club at St. Irene's Church.

Patricia Karvon Leavy ('58) retired in March of 2010. Since then she has really enjoyed spending time with family and their 14 grandchildren. On September 10th, Michael and Patricia celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary. They have been blessed all of these years.

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Patricia Karvon Leavy ('58) and husband, Michael

~ ~ 60s ~ ~

Mary Kipper Corel ('60) feels so good to be retired! She can travel to Missouri more often to see her son, Father Joe Corel, and her other son, Christopher. Mary loved seeing some of her classmates again and seeing the renovated chapel.

Nancy Brummel Doran ('60) worked for 20 years in Food Service at Advocate Good Samaritan

Hospital, Downers Grove. She retired on November 1, 2010. She loves being home again. Nancy enjoyed attending the Mass at Sacred Heart, the Alumnae pork dinner and just the whole day!

Diann Kampmeyer Kohley ('60) and her husband have antique cars as a hobby. They have three Chevrolets: a '54 pickup, a '54 convertible, and a '57 Bel Air. Both travel throughout the United States with them on one week tours. They enjoy their friends and social activities.

Amber Rose (Fern) Dapper Kinney ('60) and her husband Joe are very proud of their growing family. They have eight grandchildren who keep them busy. They are both happily retired and keep busy with their family going to, or driving for the grandchildren's functions. Amber Rose loved the Mass and enjoyed the dinner and seeing her classmates.

Janice Pattermann Kreinbrink ('60) has a newfound freedom after her knee surgery: retirement!



Celebrating their 50th class reunion are front row (l-r) Donna Yackley, Cynthia Steiner, Alice Nykl Sima, Diann Kampmeyer Kohley, Shawn Luckhart Plonka
Back row (l-r) Amber Rose Dapper Kinney, Nancy Brummel Doran, Janice Pattermann Kreinbrink, Mary Kipper Corel, Edith Hurtgen Wagner

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Sharon Luckhardt Plonka ('60) recently sold her optometric practice and is enjoying retirement and traveling. She also enjoys their home in Michigan and their two grandchildren.

Alice Nykl Sima ('60) serves on the Board of Villa St. Benedict and continues to work at Benedictine University. She enjoys her eight grandchildren.

Cynthia Steiner ('60) participated in an art class at Heartland College, and sings with St. Mary's choir in Pontiac, IL.

Edith Hurtgen Wagner ('60) and her husband hosted a picnic for the class of 1960 Sacred Heart and St. Procopius Alumni at the end of May, 2010. Members of the two classes celebrated at a dinner held at The Hilton, also.

Donna Yackley ('60) states: "Times have not changed. We look like the 1960's Class."

Irma Frank Conley ('62) says there is nothing new and exciting. She has six grandchildren. Three of them are seniors in high school and looking for college scholarships. Irma still works as charge nurse in surgery and is still involved with her choir at St Irene's church in Warrenville.

Charlotte Fischer Shaw ('62) is enjoying life. She finally qualified for full social security benefits!

Barbara Stalmach Hocking ('63) wrote that their son Rob was married on September 25th, 2010. Her husband John retired in July.

Kamile Kalina ('63) has spent much of 2010 2010 in surgery and rehab. She was having infections from knee replacement so she has decided to have her knee fused after the holidays, in January, 2011. In November she fell out of bed and broke her left hip. She has been rehabbing from that. Kamile has found out how important the support of family and friends is in time of trouble. She has cherished the help of many this year. Her boys, David and Rob, are doing well in general, but are under employed and looking for work.

Patricia Dackiw Kemp ('63) and her husband are enjoying retirement especially traveling to other countries. Patricia is involved in quilting.

Rita Shimek McIntyre ('63) continues to work in the travel business and will be taking a group to Spain and Portugal in May, 2011. She is still enjoying retirement and singing in choir.

Mary Catherine Gibbney Tomaso ('63) wrote that her daughter moved back with her. Mary is planning to downsize by moving to a condo. She retired from Jewel after 19 years and is enjoying her free time very much.

Joan Brummel Wiczek ('63) is looking forward to retiring in 2011 and celebrating the wedding of her daughter, Barbara, on June 11th, 2011.

Carol Brummel Hinterlong ('64) and her husband, Jerry, were anxiously awaiting the arrival of their seventh grandchild, due November, 2010. They will also celebrate farming in Somonauk, Illinois for 40 years in April, 2011. Carol especially enjoyed the Mass in the beautiful Monastery chapel before the reunion dinner.

Maureen Lyons Poulin ('64) and her husband Gene, welcomed their first grandchild this year. They are certainly enjoying life with Simon.



*We remember our
deceased Alumnae
May they rest
in the peace of Christ.*

*Sister Geraldine Gajniak ('37), 2010
Pat Duskie Winkel ('63), 2009*

SHA Class of 1963 Exploring 50th Reunion Plans

SHA Alumna, Judie Barenbrugge Carlisle, has teamed up with Sister Joanne Williams to send a mailing to the Class of '63 graduates to gauge interest in a special 50th Reunion gathering in 2013. (Okay, it may seem early to start a project like this; but if you think the last 48 years went by fast, the next two will definitely ZIP by in no time.)

If enough classmates are interested in attending their 50th reunion, it could take place during the same weekend as the Annual Alumnae Luncheon, which is the 3rd Sunday of October. While all SHA alumnae are invited and encouraged to attend the annual luncheon, this reunion would be a separate get-together that same weekend for the 1963 graduating class only.

Members of the Class of '63 should be on the lookout for the mailing in early April to all Alumnae whose contact information is currently on the SHA mailing list. In addition to the reunion inquiry, the mailing will include the list of classmates who received the mailing. Everyone who receives the mailing will be asked to provide contact information for anyone whose name is missing from the list so an inquiry can be sent to those classmates as well. After all, 50 years is a pretty big deal...and we don't want anyone to be left out.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, or have an interest in helping to plan the reunion, contact Judie Barenbrugge Carlisle at jcarlisle63@yahoo.com, or by phone at 515-661-1976.

A grateful Thank You...

to the following volunteers for their assistance with Homecoming:

Terese Buc (55)
Fred Olszowka
Sister De Paul Stava ('49)
Sister Benita Jasurda
Sister Irene Jasien ('57)
Sister Jo Anne Form ('57)
Sister Mary Bratrsovsky

to the following friends for their generous gifts to
SHA Homecoming 2010
Benedictine University
Dolores Bruno '50
Clara's Pasta
The Country House Restaurant
The Hilton of Lisle/Naperville
Wheaton Religious Gifts
White Fence Farm

And a special thank you to Joe Polich, son of Rosanne Carter Polich ('60) for gift cards to "The Champs" Restaurant in 2009.

Dear Alumnae of Sacred Heart Academy,

While searching for the class poem on the cover, we found that there are many gaps in the Academy material in the Sisters' Archives, and we're hoping you will be able to help fill those gaps. If you have photos, newsletters, yearbooks or other paper material from your days at SHA, please contact us. We will scan your originals, and return them to you if you are not ready to part with them. Mail your material to the Development Office, Sacred Heart Monastery, 1910 Maple Ave, Lisle, IL 60532-2164.

The Sisters' Annual Appeal 2011 is underway. Our heartfelt thanks to all of you who have already responded. We are all charged by our faith with sharing our time, talent and treasure. I would ask you to prayerfully consider how you might show your thanks and appreciation to the Sisters who were so much a part of your young lives.

A very easy way to assist the Sisters comes through the use of Goodsearch as the search engine on your computer. It works just like 'Google or Bing,' and for every search you make, the Sisters receive a penny, all paid for by advertisers. If you do on-line shopping, Goodsearch can offer you coupons and special offers, again with a percentage of your purchase going to the Sisters. Take a look: www.goodsearch.com, in the box "who do you search for" enter Benedictine Sisters of the Sacred Heart, Lisle IL

Jane Doyle
Development Director

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Thank you for considering this important and tax effective form of supporting
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SAVE THE DATE!

The Benedictine Sisters
invite all SHA Alumnae to
Homecoming 2011
Sunday, October 16th



10:00am Mass - Sacred Heart Monastery Chapel
11:00am Reception - Hilton Lisle/Naperville
12:00 Lunch - Hilton Lisle/Naperville

Old Friends! Great Memories! Door Prizes!

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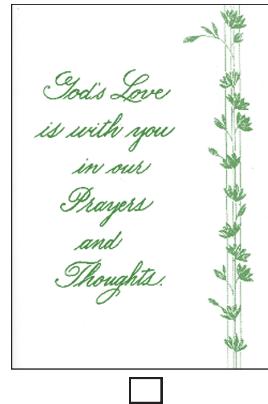
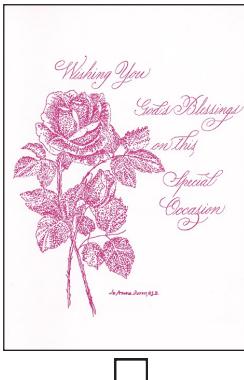
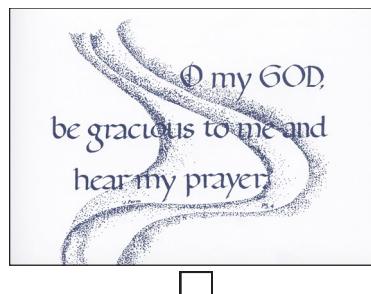
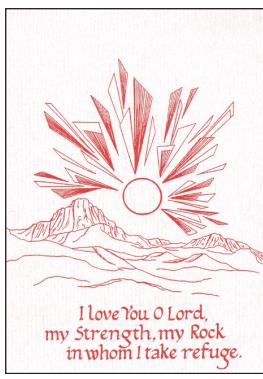
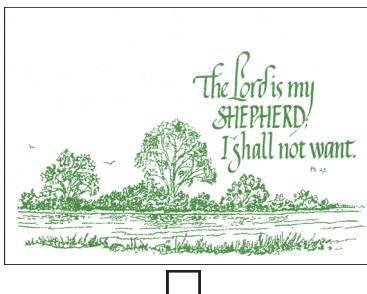
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Invitations will be mailed in August

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and/or share any interesting news with your SHA Alumnae friends.

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