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## 21ST ANNUAL TULIP LUNCHEON .....

**Sunday April 19, 2020**

Happy New Year! If you attended last year's luncheon you may be wondering, "How we can top that?"

Have no fear! Your Alumnae Board has already started some of the hard work. If you would like to help, we would be happy to have you join our committee. There are only a couple of planning meetings. It takes a lot of behind the scenes work to make the day run smoothly. We have already started gathering some of our special prizes and taken care of a few details.

As many of you know, we cannot do this alone. I would like to take this opportunity to make a request for donations and volunteers. The committee is always amazed by the generosity of our Alumnae. We are so thankful for each donation; whether it is a beautiful basket, store bought item, or contribution of gift cards or gift certificates. If you can't donate, consider a group donation. Just ask classmates or your place of business. Your actions are greatly appreciated. If you prefer, you can always donate your time too. Anyone that has helped with our Tulip Luncheon mailing will tell you it is an all-day event. We laugh, eat and have fun, but it is still a long day and any extra hands would make a world of difference.

**We kindly ask that all donations be sent in by March 28th 2020. This leaves us a little time to make the magic happen and to put everything together. You can reach Lori Lukich at 412-780-5077, [lmukich@yahoo.com](mailto:lmukich@yahoo.com), Maria Ammon at 412-847-1188, [mariaa@lesker.com](mailto:mariaa@lesker.com) or Wendy Hayes at 412-343-0525, [archiwen@gmail.com](mailto:archiwen@gmail.com).**

## 29TH ANNUAL MASS .....

**September 15, 2019**

It was a beautiful day in the neighborhood! Our thanks, as always to Father Cain for the celebration of the Mass; Sr. Janet Gardner OSF as our cantor; Kathy Smith for keyboard accompaniment; and all of the scholars for their participation. Our annual mass is a unique experience celebrating our Christian faith while keeping in touch with fellow Alumnae, our Sisters, family and friends. South Hills Country Club always provides an excellent buffet. Please mark your calendars and join us on September 20, 2020 for the 30th Annual Mass for Alumnae Members, family and friends. Your reservation form will appear in the June newsletter. Wendy Hines Hayes '76

## Alumnae Activities CALENDAR

### Plan Ahead Mark your Calendar

#### 21st Annual Tulip Luncheon

**Sunday April 19, 2020**

Hilton Garden Inn Southpointe  
10:30am Browsing Gold  
and Blue Auctions

#### 30th Annual Alumnae Mass

**Sunday September 20, 2020**

Mass begins at 11:00am  
South Hills Country Club  
We are choosing the  
"Afghan for Education" winner

#### Fall Bus Trip

**Saturday October 17, 2020**

Cuyahoga Excursion  
Cost \$138.00  
Departs Advent Church  
3010 Pioneer Ave. Brookline

#### 6th Annual Craft & Vendor Show

**Date in November TBD**

**Sign up for all these events can  
be found on our website:**

[Saintfrancisacademyalumnaeandsisters.com](http://Saintfrancisacademyalumnaeandsisters.com)

Or call Lori Lukich at 412-780-5077  
and she'll be happy to mail a  
reservation slip to you.



## 2020 PRESIDENT'S LETTER .....

Dear Fellow Alumnae, Family and Friends,

One more year loaded with sweet recollections of many happy times and some sad have passed. May 2020 bring you warmth, love, and light to guide your path in life.

Four years have passed so quickly since our new SFA Alumnae Association Board was formed. I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to join our Board. We have a fantastic team of strong women who have grown together through the years. We have learned what works well and we realize that fresh ideas and some new blood will help us to continue to grow. If you think that might be too much of a commitment for you, we invite you to get your feet wet by helping to volunteer with our Tulip Luncheon planning, Membership mailing, Vendor Show or even simply help set up the day of these events. All happy smiling faces are welcome! Please email any Board member, and we would be happy to invite you to a meeting or just simply "put you to work"!

Some of this year's happy times include this year's 20th Annual Tulip Luncheon, which was phenomenal and will be hard to beat in 2020 (we promise to do our best not to disappoint). Also our beautiful 29th Annual Alumnae Mass gets better each year and Wendy does a fantastic job of making this day so special for everyone. This year's new room made for a more intimate setting. Our annual Fall Bus Trip was a spectacular day and a peek into Amish life and country. Everyone returned home with a bag full of goodies. Finally, we ended the year with the success of our 5th Annual Craft and Vendor Show and our first ever membership raffle.

On a sad note, we lost our beloved Sister Barbara Zilch OSF. Sr. Barbara attended our beloved Academy for one year as a student in 1954, and that was where the seed of her religious vocation was planted. She became Moderator of our Alumnae Board, and all around superwoman. Sister Barbara was always a guiding light and had a very profound effect on those lives she touched.

I am happy and very excited to welcome Sr. Althea Anne Spencer as our new Board Moderator in 2020. We look forward to her input and seeing where this new journey and chapter in life takes us.

Each New Year gives us a chance to begin anew and grow. May you use each day to the fullest.

Sincerely,  
Lori Lukich '85

## WELCOME ABOARD – SR. ALTHEA ANN SPENCER, OSF .....

As you are probably aware, Sr. Barbara passed away in September 2019. This left a void in our hearts and on the Alumnae Association Board. Sr. Janet Gardner, OSF graciously appointed Sr. Althea Anne Spencer to fill this important position. Many of you may remember her from your days at the Academy as our typing/business teacher. What you may not realize is that she has been up to a lot of different ministries since our beloved school closed. Her current ministries include spiritual direction, massage therapy (her office is located at St. Sylvester's in Brentwood – a part of the Catholic Community of South Pittsburgh if you wish to schedule a massage), President of the Sisters Place Board, Treasurer of the Franciscan Federation and Pittsburgh Religious Vocation Council (PRVC). Their outreach includes Busy Persons Retreats and Advent Program for students at Robert Morris University. Wow, they always say that busy people get the most done. We are truly blessed to have her serve on our Board. Welcome Sr. Althea. We look forward to working with you.  
*Chris Ringling '85*



### DON'T FORGET – HELP WANTED!

Cheerful, robust, generous and fun-loving persons to work at SFA's annual Tulip Luncheon. Don't exclude husbands, boyfriends, brothers, etc. April 19, 2020 will be here before you know it judging on how fast the year is going so far. Honestly, no experience is required!

**JUST GIVE US A CALL**

**Lori** 412 780-5077 or [lmukich@yahoo.com](mailto:lmukich@yahoo.com)

**Maria** 412 874-1188 or [mariaa@lesker.com](mailto:mariaa@lesker.com)

### PLEASE SEND US YOUR GOOD NEWS!

We don't know if you don't tell us.

Surely many of you are having family celebrations, special birthdays, new children or grandchildren or other happy news.

We would like to share with your classmates and other SFA Alum!



## OUR FIRST MEMBERSHIP RAFFLE .....

It all began with a giving spirit and an act of kindness. Phillis Leonard Galisin '55 won our 50/50 raffle at the 20th Annual Tulip Luncheon. After winning, Phillis wanted to share the wealth somehow with another alumna. After brainstorming we came up with the idea of a membership raffle. In order to be considered all you had to do was pay your dues or by November 1, 2019. You could earn multiple entries by enrolling an honorary or social member.

On November 17th, at our Craft and Vendor show, one of our patrons selected the name Nancy Schepis Mallon, class of 1982, out of over 600 entries. Nancy passed on September 5, 2009 and her classmate Donna Sciulli Cosentino has continued to enroll Nancy as an Honorary Deceased Member ever since. Therefore, it was decided that Donna would receive the winnings.

We learned, after speaking to Donna, of the strong bond of the class of 1982. 10 friends have kept in touch through the years, through thick and thin and all the difficulties and pleasures life has thrown at them. Three of them have a set of twins. Nancy passed away 9 months after a trip to Marco Island Florida in

January of 2005, a girls' 40th birthday vacation the gang took together. The group of 10 is now 9 and the bond between these women is stronger today than when it first formed at our dear Academy.



Donna has graciously donated \$100 back to the SFA Alumnae Association

- In memory of Nancy Schepis Mallon, class of 1982. February 2, 1964 - Sept 5, 2009.
- In memory of Damian Cole Mele, son of 1982 classmate Lori Larkin Mele. Nov 10, 1998 – Sept 15, 2019.
- And in honor of the SFA class of 1982, who will always be lifelong friends.



*Editor's Note – this picture was taken in January 2005*

Pictured from left to right seated are:  
Dana Nelson, Nancy Schepis Mallon,  
Cindy Wertz Bauer, and Lori Larkin Mele

From left to right standing are:  
Donna Sciulli Cosentino, Cheryl Battista Plewa,  
Molly Murphy, Maria Wolfe Harmer,  
Diane Studnicki Standish & Bernadette Bell Reinmund

## 5TH ANNUAL VENDOR SHOW .....

**November 17, 2019**

The 5th Annual Craft and Vendor Show began at noon with products for purchase and a kitchen filled with delicious home-cooked food and baked goods. People were able to purchase incredible items from our vendors, grab a bite to eat while they socialized, and some even bought food to take home, including Lori's homemade pierogis!. The SFA Alumnae crafters and vendors who participated on that day included: Woobie Works by Ann Erny '78, Tupperware by Yvonne Knestrick '78, Arbonne by Sherri Mignella '85, Partylite by Chris Ringling '85, SFA Spirit ornaments made by Wendy Hines Hayes '76, LipSense by Janet Waldron Kuhn '81, Younique by Jennifer Manfredo Strasser '86, and Trees and Wreaths by Lori Lukich '85. Other vendors included: doTerra, Hand-painted Gourd Art, Amish Jams and Jellies, K & L Creations, Stella & Dot, Scentsy, Color Street, and Jill's Crystals. We had a very successful day welcoming back old friends, making new friends and helping people with their holiday gift giving needs. The winner of our membership raffle was also selected that day. A lot of fun was had by everyone involved. You'll want to mark your calendars as soon as the date is announced. The only other question to be answered is: "what will Wendy Hines Hayes '76 make in 2020?"

*Chris Ringling '85*



## GOLDEN CELEBRATIONS



*Jerry and Nancy Senn*

**Jerry and Nancy Senn** celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary at a mass in St. Paul of the Cross Parish, St. Anne Church, on Sunday, October 6, 2019. After mass the happy couple received a special blessing by their pastor, Father Michael Caridi. Both Jerry and Nancy helped our Alumnae Association with numerous mailings. Nancy also is a member of the SFA Quilters. She is a Social Member of our group. Happy 50th!



*Fran and Joan Smith Tokar*

**John and Paula Binek** enjoyed their 50th Wedding Anniversary on August 2, 2019 at a special family dinner in Beaver County. John is another Social Member of our SFA Alumnae Association. You can also find him selling tickets for the Gold Auction at the Tulip Luncheon. Best Wishes!



*John and Paula Binek*

**Fran and Joan Smith Tokar '61** celebrated their 57th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, September 28 at St. Anne's Church. Many more, Fran and Joan!



*Rudy and Elaine Richtar*

**Rudy and Elaine Richtar** (social members) celebrated their 55th Wedding Anniversary this year, parents of Christine Richtar DePasquale '89.

## HATS OFF TO:

The Greater Washington DC Society for Clinical Social Work presented the Francis Thomas Award for Legislative Excellence June 2019 to **Dolores Sweeny Paulson PhD. LCGW** in Recognition of her Outstanding Service. Congratulations Dolores! Dolores is from the Class of 1955.

**Helene Gallagher Scheider '55** was installed as the Second Vice President of the Ladies of Charity on August 17, 2019 at St. Winifred's in Mt. Lebanon. Keep up the good work, Helene!

**Eileen O'Malley '80** was installed as President of the Allegheny County Board of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians (LAOH) on June 1, 2019. She joined the LAOH in 1992 and served as Treasurer, Secretary, Vice-President and President at the Division level (LAOH Division 21 St. Anne Castle Shannon). She has served on the County Board as Irish Historian, Treasurer, Vice-President and now President.

The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Inc. was first organized as an Auxiliary of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America in 1894 with the women's organization being authorized to form its own governing structure, subject to the approval of the men officers of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America. The men's organization is commonly referenced as the AOH, while the ladies' organization was first referenced as the LAAOH and is now known as the LAOH. Both the AOH and the LAOH work to carry out its mission to uphold and defend the



teachings of the Catholic Church, to aid and support the Irish people as they strive for a united, and peaceful independent Ireland, and to foster and perpetuate the history, culture, and traditions of the Irish people. Both LAOH and AOH members strive to meet their mission through living their motto of Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity in their daily living.

Eileen is very proud of her Irish heritage, which began with her parents. Her Mother joined the LAOH in 1948 and is still an active member. She was also on the County Board and served as its President for four years. Her father, now deceased, and two brothers belong to AOH Division 1, Msgr. Owen Rice, South Hills Division and her two sisters **Kathleen O'Malley Criss '74** and **Noreen O'Malley '77** are also members of Division 21.

**Jan Hayes '76** is playing a leadership role in CCOC – (Catholics for Change in Our Church). This organization was ways for better communications between the hierarchy and laity.

Bob Palko formed after the Grand Jury in Pennsylvania reported abuse of children by clergy. This group is searching for became the new football coach last February for the Mt. Lebanon High School. Palko retired at the end of the 2018 season after many years coaching at West Allegheny School District. But at the age of 59 he decided retirement wasn't for him. So happily for Mt. Lebo he is "un-retired". He probably takes after his mother – **Laverne Seiler Palko '43** who is very involved with the activities of the Sisters of St. Francis and always attends our Tulip Luncheon.

DON'T FORGET TO PAY YOUR DUES



## FREE LUNCH PRIZE WINNERS – DON'T FORGET

Gillian Tokar – Guest

Kaylee Guzewicz – Guest

Kathy Short Beswick '89

These are the lucky winners of this year's free lunch at the Tulip Luncheon on April 19, 2020, Hilton Garden Inn. Just mark your response forms FREE and enjoy.

## AMISH BROWN BAG BUS TRIP 2019

We have sponsored many Lenzner/Coach bus trips over the years, and this year's definitely did not disappoint. Take a look at the blue skies in the pictures. This is completely indicative of how beautiful the day was for us.

We started by having donuts and coffee in our Alumnae Association office at Advent Church. Each participant received their name tag and a colorful bag in order to stash the treats they would be given at each stop along the way. We were even lucky enough to have our favorite bus driver, Deb, take care of our transportation.

On the way to Middlefield Ohio, all 42 of us played several fun, rousing games of Bus Bingo, where the winners all received a festive fall prize. Passengers had some drinks and snacks before meeting Robyn, our guide for the day, at Ridgeview Farms.

Robyn was an absolute wealth of knowledge, with a sparkling personality to boot. We greatly enjoyed having her lead us at each stop, as well as explain Amish heritage and lifestyle. So interesting!

Our next stop was Middlefield Swiss Cheese Factory, where we did some shopping as well as receive a complimentary bag of their famous Swiss cheese.

Next we headed to Mary Yoder's Kitchen, where the homemade baked goods are out of this world. The Amish girl working there brought out several loaves of bread which were still warm! We all received our own loaf of bread as their gift to us.

When we went to the farm market, we met a very friendly alpaca who loved having her picture taken. She was not shy and seemed to pose for us!

The homegrown squash, apples, potatoes, and other seasonal produce was fresh and enticing. Our bus driver even bought an entire bushel of apples. We all either got a jar of delicious apple butter or pumpkin butter.

We worked up an appetite, and it was time to go to a real Amish home who welcomed us with a home-cooked lunch of chicken, mashed potatoes, creamed vegetables, fruit, fresh bread, and date pudding.

As if that were not enough, for dessert they passed around their cherry pies, pumpkin custard pies and, last but not least, their peanut butter cream pie. We were all truly full and satisfied, and the Amish family was so efficient and friendly. They even had some handmade dish towels, potholders, and their famous peanut butter-marshmallow spread for sale.

As we waddled back onto the bus, Robyn treated us to an extra stop at the local jewelry shop. But this was not just jewelry it was four rooms of jewelry, crystals, oils, and apparel. It was truly a special experience.

Getting back on track with our itinerary, our next treat was Navoo Country Market, which had beautiful fall décor, evidenced by the picture of the SFA Alumnae Association Board members that attended. We enjoyed browsing through all the lovely items. And as our gift we received hand-stitched fabric coasters.

Our last stop was the End of the Commons General Store, where we went back in time with nostalgic items such as penny candy, whimsical gifts and an ice cream parlor built right into the store.

It was then time to start our trek home. We said goodbye to Robyn as we

dropped her off back at Ridgeview farms, where they gave us all a pumpkin to take home.

On the way home we had so much fun playing horse races. We had 9 people that won \$12 each and then 6 people that won \$17 each!

Then, Lori, our President, served up a treat for all to enjoy, including s'mores bars with homemade marshmallow topping that she hand roasted!

After an enjoyable day, we arrived back at Advent church and gathered up our newly-acquired gifts and purchases. We said our goodbyes, and albeit a bit exhausted, felt happy and content.

What an unforgettable day!

Maria Ammon '84



# ..... MEMORIALS .....

May 1, 2019 through December 1, 2019

In memory of:

**Audrey Stanton Dorfner '61**

Donated by

Pat Meute '55

Joann Binek '55

**Joseph Furgiuele**

Donated by

Joann Binek '55

**Laura White Sorgi '83 &**

**Cailee DeFoe '83**

Donated by

Roxanne Coffey '83 (classmate)

**Sister Barbara Zilch, OSF**

Donated by

Mary Ann Lake Tautkus '55 (classmate)

Phyllis Leonard Galisin '55 (classmate)

Joann Binek '55 (classmate)

Rita Stanchak Belback, '55 (classmate)

Dolores Sweeny Paulson, '55 (classmate)

Pat Meute '55 (classmate)

**Donna Schneider Rembisz '55**

Donated by

Pat Meute '55 (classmate)

Joann Binek '55 (classmate)

**Ted Smerecky**

Donated by

Joann Binek '55

**Arlene Boff**

Donated by

Joann Binek '55

**Corrine Meute**

Donated by

Nancy Senn (social member)

Patti McVay Thearle '72

Connie Phillips Burr '65

Joann Binek '55

SFA Alumnae Board

**Monetary donations** were also made during this period by: Anonymous donor, Joann Binek '55, the SFA Alumnae Board, Clarissa Paskevicius Trasky '52 and Sandra Betasso Macioce '81.

If you wish to remember a loved one, friend or just make a donation, please make your check payable to **SFA Legacy Scholarship Fund**. Send to **SFA Alumnae Association, PO Box 14590, Pittsburgh, PA. 15234**.

For the 2019-2020 School Year we were proud to be able to sponsor 8 students to Seton LaSalle High School including two freshmen Monife Obiri and Caroline Zini. Since the inception of this program we have graduated 13 students using our scholarship of \$1,000 per year for 4 years. Thanks to all of you for your participation. As you can imagine, your contributions are truly appreciated.

Thank you for helping to keep the Legacy Scholarship Alive!!!!

Pat Meute '55

## GET WELL WISHES

**Judy Binek**, sister in law of Madeline Binek Carson '61, and Linda Binek (social member).

**Elaine Richtar**, mother of Christine Richtar DePasquale '89

**Gracetta Mastandrea**

**Teresa Dunn**, mother of Sister Diane Dunn CDP '71, Patty Dunn Dudas '76, and Barbara Dunn '78

**Lou Kobosky**, mother of Mary Ann Kobosky Gray '68, DeDe Kobosky Metro '69, Luann Kobosky Quigley '74, Robin Kobosky Keefe '77 and Joanne Kobosky '86.

**Tina Weiland**

**Barbara Dunn '78**

**Pat Buerkle Gartner '55**

**Cee Cee McNulty '81**

*Our thoughts and prayers are being sent your way.  
May God keep you close.*

## AFGHAN FOR EDUCATION RAFFLE

We received the following note with the donation of this beautiful afghan:

*"The wool afghan was lovingly and meticulously hand crafted by my godmother, Frances. She was a skilled seamstress and gourmet cook—a kind of Martha Stewart of her time. I have many childhood memories marveling at her ability to create Raggedy Ann Dolls from scraps of fabric, and to concoct delicious and spectacular birthday cakes and cookies.*

*Frances was truly a giving person, regularly sharing her talents with local nursing home residents. This particular afghan was her favorite. So after some five months of diligent work, she completed it in the fall of 1981 and decided to enter it into a competition at the 1981 Schoolhouse Center. How delighted and proud she was to win a special award!*

*Hopefully, Frances' work will continue to bring joy to those who view it at the SFA Alumnae Association."*

Joan Moses McMahon '54

We decided to raffle off this beautiful work of art so that its beauty could be displayed or used on a more regular basis. The winner will be drawn at our 30th Annual Alumnae Memorial Mass on Sunday, September 20, 2020.

Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. All proceeds will benefit the Legacy Scholarship Fund. Please mail your check payable to the SFA Alumnae Association with your name, address and phone number to: St. Francis Academy Alumnae Association; Sisters of St. Francis of the Providence of God; P.O. Box 14590; Pittsburgh, PA 15234







# Saint Francis Academy 2020 Honorary/Social Members



## **Carol Altman**

Mother - Enrolled by Lisa Altman Gioia

## **Joan Ammon**

Enrolled by - Self

## **Cecilia Astarb**

Faculty - Enrolled by - Self

## **Nancy Battilana**

Friend - Enrolled by Joann Binek

## **Christie Belback**

Daughter - Enrolled by Aimee Sullivan Belback

## **Irene Bergell**

Mother - Enrolled by Mary Bergell Webb

## **Jacquie Bidzilya**

Friend - Enrolled by Joann Binek

## **John Binek**

Enrolled by - Self

## **Linda Binek**

Enrolled by - Self

## **Angeline Bosco**

Mother - Enrolled by Lynn Bosco Denisio

## **Anne Bronder**

Mother - Enrolled by Jean Bronder Watson

## **Glen Brown**

Husband - Enrolled by Jennifer Kienic Brown

## **Class of 1952**

Classmates '52 - Enrolled by Clarissa Paskevicius Trasky

## **Mary Dressman**

Mother - Enrolled by Maureen Dressman

## **Virginia Fauth**

Mother - Enrolled by Deborah Fauth

## **Bernice Fix**

Mother - Enrolled by Jennifer Fix Cooper

## **Mary Ellen Fletcher**

Sister - Enrolled by Wendy Hines Hayes

## **Elenore Francis**

Mother - Enrolled by Roxanne Golembiewski Coffey

## **Mary R. Gallagher**

Mother - Enrolled by Karen Gallagher Young

## **Cathy Geyer**

Mother - Enrolled by Deidre Geyer Small

## **Marian Sheldon Gossler**

Sister '51 - Enrolled by Madeline Sheldon Reed

## **Jean Hartz**

Enrolled by - Self

## **Kraus Hilgers**

Husband - Enrolled by Joan Grady

## **Vicki Hilliard**

Daughter - Enrolled by Faye Brennan Fox

## **Rosemary Hulsman**

Enrolled by - Self

## **Dorothy J. Klos**

Sister - Enrolled by Carrie Klos Garry

## **Lucille Kobosky**

Mother - Enrolled by Dianne Kobosky Metro

## **Alice Kulikowski**

Teacher - Enrolled by - Self

## **Charles Linton**

Son - Enrolled by Donna Kobosky Linton

## **Thomas Lukich**

Husband - Enrolled by Lori Husak Lukich

## **Edward J. Lutz**

Husband - Enrolled by Lynn Ann Jones Lutz

## **Sister Julie McCarthy, O. Cam**

Sister '82 - Enrolled by Mary Jo McCarthy Trout

## **Lorraine McCarthy**

Mother - Enrolled by Mary Jo McCarthy Trout

## **Kathleen McCluskey**

Enrolled by - Self

## **Dorothy McGinley**

SFA Principal - Enrolled by - Self

## **Lucy McLaughlin**

Friend - Enrolled by Wendy Hines Hayes

## **Donna Nugent**

Enrolled by - Self

## **Jean O'Malley**

Mother - Enrolled by Eileen O'Malley

## **Allison Metro Pascarella**

Daughter - Enrolled by Dianne Kobosky Metro

## **Rosemarie Reznik**

Friend - Enrolled by Jean Dombrowski Kennedy

## **Elaine Richtar**

Enrolled by - Self

## **Bobbie Rogozinski**

Enrolled by - Self

## **Nancy Senn**

Enrolled by - Self

## **Dorothy Simon**

Mother - Enrolled by Diane Simon Stevenson

## **Mary Jane Snyder**

Mother - Enrolled by Mary Ann Snyder Fort

## **John W. Snyder**

Father - Enrolled by Mary Ann Snyder Fort

## **Carol Stasik**

Enrolled by - Self

## **Eileen Cushey**

Enrolled by - Self

## **Mary Elizabeth O'Rourke Gallagher**

Sister - Enrolled by Mary Maureen O'Rourke Stark

## **Dorothy Ruttle Neill**

Sister - Enrolled by Mary Lou Ruttle

## **Doris Jean Gray Ogg**

Enrolled by - Self

## **Dolores Cyphers Nypaver**

Enrolled by - Self

## **Patty Zinger**

Enrolled by - Self

## MILESTONE BIRTHDAY

**Clare Pachavis**, born December 23, 1919, turned 100 years young. She is the mother of two daughters and one son and seven grandchildren. She just enjoys playing cards and those



Lottery Scratch Offs. (She wins big, too) She is the aunt of Pat Meute '55 and Susan Meute Ramsey '66 (deceased)

## 2020 REUNION ALERTS

### **1950 - 70 years**

### **1955 - 65 years**

### **1960 - 60 years**

### **1965 - 55 years**

### **1970 - 50 years**

### **1975 - 45 years**

### **1980 - 40 years**

### **1985 - 35 years**

### **1990 - 30 years**

Don't hesitate! Now is the time to form a committee to plan for your anniversary year. Time to make new memories! Take the initiative to get the ball rolling.

The SFA Alumnae Association will be glad to supply you with an updated class list. Just contact DeDe Kobosky Metro '69 at dedemetro@comcast.net for an updated class list. Many classes use attending the Tulip Luncheon (April 19, 2020) as a nucleus to their reunion weekend plans. Class reunion committees are reminded to send us an article of your happening accompanied by a picture, if possible, so we can share it with other SFA Alumnae.

**Planning time is NOW! Making new memories!**

# Saint Francis Academy 2020 Honorary Deceased Members

## **Marcia Adamitz**

Sister '57 - Enrolled by Barbara Adamitz Henderson

## **Stephanie Binek**

Mother - Enrolled by Madeline Binek Carson

## **Anna Binek**

Mother - Enrolled by Joann Binek

## **John Binek**

Father - Enrolled by Joann Binek

## **Bernadette Snyder Blinn**

Classmate '63 - Enrolled by Philomena Morsa Muir

## **Bud Boone**

Husband - Enrolled by Elizabeth Scott Boone

## **Ethel Burlett**

Mother - Enrolled by Leslie Burlett Jones

## **Karen Carroll**

Classmate '75/Friend - Enrolled by Deborah Tercsak

## **Rosemary Casey**

Sister '57 - Enrolled by Barbara Casey McCrudden

## **Eleanor Codispoti**

Mother - Enrolled by Charlotte Codispoti D'Angelo

## **Helen M. Coe**

Mother - Enrolled by Carol Coe Lacher

## **Carl G. Colantuono**

Father - Enrolled by Lorrie Colantuono Esch

## **Catherine Colantuono**

Mother - Enrolled by Lorrie Colantuono Esch

## **Jane Coleman**

Mother - Enrolled by Carole Coleman Zini

## **Yolanda Conti**

Mother - Enrolled by Sandra Conti Pape

## **Michael Crossey**

Husband - Enrolled by Lucy Schott Crossey

## **Elizabeth Diethorn**

Mother - Enrolled by Ruth Diethorn Gredlein

## **Francis Diethorn**

Father - Enrolled by Ruth Diethorn Gredlein

## **Domenic A. DiPilato**

Husband - Enrolled by Anna Roberto DiPilato

## **Helen Drabnis**

Mother - Enrolled by Theresa Drabnis Laurusevage

## **James A. Dunn**

Father - Enrolled by Karen Dunn Howe

## **Beatrice E. Dunn**

Mother - Enrolled by Karen Dunn Howe

## **Mary Elizabeth Morsa Gatti**

Sister '59 - Enrolled by Anne Morsa

## **Lucinda Flynn Green**

Classmate '64 - Enrolled by Lorrie Colantuono Esch

## **Mary Ann Alfrey Haaz**

Sister '58 - Enrolled by Lena Alfery Elder

## **Shelia Holahan Hamar**

Classmate '52 - Enrolled by Marie Alrery Schwartz

## **Catherine Hartford**

Partner - Enrolled by Joan Leonard Rafter

## **Janet Tasillo Hasper**

Classmate '56 - Enrolled by Cecelia Scott Surbrook-Hasper

## **Gene Hofbauer**

Father - Enrolled by Germaine A. Hofbauer

## **Virginia Hoffman**

Mother - Enrolled by Ruth Hoffman Hrutkay

## **Dorothy Kvederis Horne**

Mother '43 - Enrolled by Clare Horne Rex

## **Bettie Jeswald**

Mother - Enrolled by Kathi Jeswald Stolte

## **Maryanna Fontanesi Kline**

Classmate '62/Friend - Enrolled by Joanne Patellos Nicotera

## **Robert Kobosky**

Father - Enrolled by Dianne Kobosky Metro

## **Mabel Kohler**

Mother - Enrolled by Carol Kohler Stensby

## **Raymond Kohler**

Father - Enrolled by Carol Kohler Stensby

## **George Koval**

Father - Enrolled by Marianne Koval Stephens

## **Julia Koval**

Mother - Enrolled by Marianne Koval Stephens

## **Nell C. Kronz**

Mother - Enrolled by Kathryn Kronz Rust

## **Ruth Kummer**

Grandmother - Enrolled by Ruth Diethorn Gredlein

## **Leonard Laurusevage**

Husband - Enrolled by Theresa Drabnis Laurusevage

## **Elizabeth Lawyer**

Mother - Enrolled by Linda Lawyer

## **Sandra Feldmeier Lewis**

Sister - Enrolled by Barbara Feldmeier Link

## **Mamie Holman Ligon**

Sister '73 - Enrolled by Mardi Holman Centinaro

## **Edward Linton**

Husband - Enrolled by Donna Kobosky Linton

## **Sister Mary Louis Kvederis OSF '47**

Aunt - Enrolled by Clare Horne Rex

## **Rita C. Lux**

Mother - Enrolled by Rita Lux Whiteman

## **Earl A. Lux**

Father - Enrolled by Rita Lux Whiteman

## **Kathleen Madigan**

Classmate '52 - Enrolled by Mary Lee Suelzer

## **Audrey M. Maloney**

Mother - Enrolled by Shari Maloney

## **Nancy Schepis Mallon**

Classmate '82 - Enrolled by Donna Sciulli Cosentino

## **Anita Maola**

Mother - Enrolled by Nina Maola Parkes

## **Ross Maola**

Father - Enrolled by Nina Maola Parkes

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Mother - Enrolled by Janet Marasco

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Mother - Enrolled by Patricia McMonagle Altavilla

## **Christine McVay**

Sister '69 - Enrolled by Colleen McVay Lubawski

## **Betty Jane Mellett**

Mother - Enrolled by Jean Mellett

## **Eleanor Milligan**

Mother - Enrolled by Maureen Milligan Marcucci

## **Cecilia Mizzer**

Mother - Enrolled by Dolores Mizzer Danielson

## **Flora Modispacher**

Mother in law - Enrolled by Elizabeth Rydzynski Modispacher

## **Anna Mae Motts**

Mother - Enrolled by Mary Jane Motts Feeley

## **Kathleen Myron**

Mother - Enrolled by Kathleen Myron Croke

## **Elizabeth Nalitz**

Grandmother - Enrolled by Germaine A. Hofbauer

## **Anna Marie Nardei**

Mother - Enrolled by Sharon Nardei Matey

## **Albino Nardei**

Father - Enrolled by Sharon Nardei Matey

## **Carol Chester Niccoli**

Sister '67 - Enrolled by Mary Beth Chester Labbett

## **Thomas P. O'Malley**

Father - Enrolled by Eileen O'Malley

## **Leona Opferman**

Mother - Enrolled by Joan Opferman Folino

## **Anna Marie Opferman**

Godmother - Enrolled by Ruth Ziemski Hazzard

## **Helen E. Pecovish**

Mother - Enrolled by Virginia Pecovish Vigliotti



**Sr. Berenice Petrauskas, OSF '51**  
Friend '51 - Enrolled by Clarissa Paskevicius Trasky

**Mary Ellen Powers**  
Sister '66 - Enrolled by Ann Powers Brune

**Anna Quinn**  
Mother - Enrolled by Barbara Anania Kosslow

**Susan Meute Ramsey**  
Sister '66 - Enrolled by Patricia Meute

**Marilyn Reddy**  
Sister '68 - Enrolled by Christine Reddy Kristoff

**Mary Sheldon Reed**  
Sister '51 - Enrolled by Madeline Sheldon Reed

**Phyllis Roberto**  
Mother - Enrolled by Anna Roberto Di Pilato

**Tina Roberto**  
Sister '56 - Enrolled by Anna Roberto Di Pilato

**Vincent Roberto**  
Father - Enrolled by Anna Roberto Di Pilato

**Mrs. Rose Riley**  
Mother/Former Teacher - Enrolled by Rosemary Riley Bishop

**Elizabeth Riott Rozic**  
Classmate '52 - Enrolled by Marie Alfery Schwartz

**Elizabeth Rydzynski**  
Mother - Enrolled by Elizabeth Rydzynski Modispacher

**Joann Melani Schaeffer**  
Mother - Enrolled by Jacqueline Melani Schaeffer

**Emily Sommer Scherer**  
Sister '46 - Enrolled by Rita Sommer Reh

**Gertrude Abraitis Schneider**  
Mother '44 - Enrolled by Sally Schneider Heffron

**Lucy Schott**  
Mother - Enrolled by Lucy Schott Crossey

**William Schott**  
Father - Enrolled by Lucy Schott Crossey

**Elizabeth R. Seibel**  
Mother - Enrolled by Dr. Patricia Seibel

**Helen Seiler**  
Mother - Enrolled by LaVerne Seiler Palko

**Ellen Smith**  
Mother - Enrolled by Joan Smith Tokar

**Mary Stanchak**  
Mother - Enrolled by Rita Stanchak Belback

**Michael Stanchak**  
Father - Enrolled by Rita Stanchak Belback

**Ronald Stensby**  
Husband - Enrolled by Carol Kohler Stensby

**Howard Storm**  
Father - Enrolled by Lisa Storm Hawkins

**Muriel Farrell Storm**  
Mother '48 - Enrolled by Lisa Storm Hawkins

**Mary Ann Sullivan**  
Mother - Enrolled by Aimee Sullivan Belback

**Paul Sullivan**  
Father - Enrolled by Aimee Sullivan Belback

**Dolores Heyer Sturm**  
Mother '53 - Enrolled by Diane Sturm Perella

**Monna Tercsak**  
Mother - Enrolled by Deborah Tercsak

**Angeline Tokar**  
Mother-in-law - Enrolled by Joan Smith Tokar

**Claire Hughes Toole**  
Mother '44 - Enrolled by Kathleen Toole Burda

**Rita Tuite**  
Mother - Enrolled by Charmaine Tuite Bragano

**Bernard Tuite**  
Father - Enrolled by Charmaine Tuite Bragano

**Beulah Utzig**  
Mother-Enrolled by Joanne Utzig Alderdice

**Joseph Utzig**  
Father - Enrolled by Joanne Utzig Alderdice

**Loretta Wagner**  
Mother - Enrolled by Susan Wagner Nutbrown

**Harry Wagner**  
Father - Enrolled by Susan Wagner Nutbrown

**Christine Mehl White**  
Sister '62 - Enrolled by Mary Mehl

**Gordon E. Whiteman**  
Husband - Enrolled by Rita Lux Whiteman

**Kim Hoop Williamson**  
Sister '74 - Enrolled by Kathy Hoop Mattai

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Husband - Enrolled by Catherine Majer Yauch

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## KEEPING THE LEGACY ALIVE

The Legacy Scholarship Committee is most grateful to the following for their commitment to the St. Francis Academy Alumnae Association Legacy Scholarship Program:

INFO?

## THIS IS YOUR ALUMNAE NEWSLETTER!

If you have something you would like to submit or share, please contact the 2020 Newsletter Coordinator Chris Ringling cring768741@verizon.net. Deadline for June newsletter is May 1, 2020.

## CLASS NOTES

### Class of '78 – SAVE THE DATE

#### 60th Birthday Celebration

Saturday, April 18, 2020  
(day before the Tulip Luncheon)  
12:00 noon – 3:00 pm  
DeLallo's Fort Couch Café  
Details to Follow!

#### Class of 1967 Note

The Saint Francis Academy class of 1967 had a 50th reunion in 2017. The weekend was filled with a meet and greet on Friday, a delicious dinner in Mount Washington on Saturday, and the Tulip Luncheon on Sunday. Marilyn Kowalski Hajduk decided to continue the fun the next week with lunch at Eat 'N Park. The Saint Francis lunch bunch was born.

Anyone in the class of 1967 is welcome to join us. It is a wonderful way to socialize and discuss all the joys of turning 70 this year! Many friendships have been renewed with many sensational 70th birthday celebrations. Our luncheons are filled with a lot of laughter. It's fantastic to talk to women that are the same age as you. You can learn about senior discounts, retirement, social security, driving, breaking a hip, great places to travel and especially how to deal with bed bugs! "Life is better with friends."



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We look forward to seeing everyone!

## In Memoriam

*Our deepest sympathies to all who have lost loved ones. May the memories of their love and accomplishments live on in your hearts.*

#### Donald R. Boss

Father of Mary Ann Boss Engel '74

#### Mary Budd '69

Sister of Janice Budd Weiser '65,  
Elaine Budd Bonnenfeld (deceased)  
'67, and Diane Budd Procaccini '72

#### Sr. Dolarita Butkus, OSF

#### Joseph Ralph Furguele Sr.

Husband of Nancy Rizzo Furguele '51

#### Sheila H. Holahan Hamar '52

#### Henry "Hank" Hunziker

Husband of Rosanne Minich '69

#### John Jedlick

Brother of Kim Jedlick '75

#### Sharon Zimmerman Koonse '71

Sister of Marianne Zimmerman  
Kirchner '69, Joan Zimmerman  
Gubala (deceased) '75, Eileen  
Zimmerman Volzer '76 and Anita  
Zimmerman Thompson '79

#### Corrinne Meute

Sister of Pat Meute '55 and Susan  
Meute Ramsey '66 (deceased)

#### Earl Olson

Husband of Kathy Bruce Olson '73

#### Preston "Tony" Phelps

Husband of Mary Schmidt Phelps '63

#### Norene Conley Pokriska '51

#### Richard M. Reck Sr.

Husband of Frances "Dee" Collins  
Reck '48

#### Mary Frances Manning Reis '57

#### Dennis Michael Snee

Husband of Trudy McLaughlin Snee  
'69 and brother of Diane Snee '71

#### Alejandro Alex Vilchis

Husband of Karen Klisavage Vilchis '73

### In Loving Memory

#### Sr. Barbara Zilch, OSF

January 3, 1938 – September 23, 2019

**The following are Sister's own words read at her memorial service at the funeral home.**

How lovely is your dwelling place. My soul longs for the abode of the Beloved.

**Leader:** My friends, we believe that all the ties of friendship and affection which knot us as one throughout our lives do not unravel with death. Confident that God always remembers the good we have done, let us pray that Sister Barbara may rest in the embrace of an all Provident God. We remember her friendship and concern for the SFA Alumnae and this Board and her constant encouragement of our endeavors. All: Amen

**Leader:** O Loving God, we send your daughter home to you, home to a place of everlasting love, to join there with the angel choirs and blessed saints, and to behold your glorious face. All: Receive her soul and let eternal light shine, eternal light forever on her soul, so she may be forever in your dwelling place, and be at rest in peace until we meet her there.

**Leader: Blessing of St. Francis** - Let us pray together upon our sister Barbara:

**All:** May God bless you and keep you. May God show his face to you and be merciful to you. May God turn his countenance to you and give you eternal peace. May God bless you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.





# THANKS FROM OUR SCHOLARS



## Thank you!

Dear Saint Francis Academy Scholarship Committee,

Thank you so much for your generosity. Your scholarship allowed me to run cross country, join many clubs + organization. You have also allowed me to continue my Catholic education. Your scholarship means so much to me and my family.

Thank you,  
Miké Mithum  
Class of 2021

MAY THE LORD REWARD YOUR KINDNESS | RUTH 1:8

## Thank you!

Dear St. Francis Academy Scholarship Committee,  
I just wanted to take the time to thank you for your generosity. Your scholarship has allowed me to achieve my academic goals, pursue many of my passions through extra-curricular activities, and attend a Catholic institution that helps me to grow in my faith. Your gift has made a lasting, life-changing impact on both me and my family. Thank you again for your selflessness, and I'll see you in April at the Tulip Luncheon!

Sincerely,  
Anna Matthias, 2020

MAY THE LORD REWARD YOUR KINDNESS | RUTH 1:8

## Thank you!

Dear St. Francis Academy Scholarship Committee,  
Thank you so much for your generosity. Your scholarship has been a huge gift to my family, especially since my brother is just beginning his freshman year in college. It has allowed me to pursue my passion for music at a place that teaches Catholic values and encourages me to share my faith with others. I hope you know that your kindness has made a huge impact on my high school experience.

Thank you,  
Sarah Wells 2021

MAY THE LORD REWARD YOUR KINDNESS | RUTH 1:8

## Thank you!

Dear St. Francis Academy Scholarship Committee,  
Thank you so much for your generosity. Your scholarship has allowed me to pursue cross country, swimming, and lacrosse and continue to go to school with my friends at a place that enables me to reach my highest academic goals in a community that values my Catholic faith. You'll never know the full impact of the gift you've given to my family and how much your scholarship means to us.

Thank you,  
Kathleen Farnah  
Class of 2022

MAY THE LORD REWARD YOUR KINDNESS | RUTH 1:8

## Thank you!

Dear St. Francis Academy Scholarship Committee,  
Thank you for your generosity! Your scholarship has allowed me to pursue an amazing academic program here at Seton LaSalle. You'll never know the full impact of the gift you have given to my family. We are so grateful! This scholarship means so much to us! Thank you again for all the kindness you have shown my family and I.

With appreciation,  
Caroline Zini, 2023

MAY THE LORD REWARD YOUR KINDNESS | RUTH 1:8

## Thank you!

St. Francis Scholarship Committee,

Thank you so much for your generosity. I am so thankful for your kindness and the impact it has had on my life. Because of you, I have been able to pursue an excellent education here at Seton LaSalle. Not only is having a Catholic education very important to me, but it has allowed me to challenge myself and push myself to be the best version of myself—academically and spiritually. I have had such a wonderful first half of my sophomore year, and I am so excited for the rest—all thanks to you! God Bless.

Sincerely, Marie Fitzgibbon, 2022  
MAY THE LORD REWARD YOUR KINDNESS | RUTH 1:8

## Thank you!

Dear St. Francis Academy Scholarship Committee,

Thank you so much for your generosity. Your scholarship has allowed me to pursue an excellent education at Seton LaSalle. Going to this school is an amazing experience, but it is not always affordable. The gift you have given my family and I is more than we could have asked for and we are beyond grateful for it. Have a happy holiday season.

Thank you once again,  
Monife Obiri, 2023

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