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Homecoming Sunday Honoring the Class of 1960 and all Classes ending in 0 and 5 Sunday October 24, 2010

Mass for Deceased Members November 5, 2010 St. Francis of Assisi Church Warwick, RI -12:05 p.m.

HOW TO CONTACT US

Three Ways

 Contact a Class Representative
 Send Note to P.O. Box 20452 Cranston, RI 02920
 E-mail through Web Site stxavieralumnae.org

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OCTOBER 24, 2010

~ All are invited to honor the 50th Reunion Class of 1960 ~

and

all Classes ending in 0 and 5!

Come home and reunite with your classmates, making new friends and

acquaintances that will continue for years to come.

Please join us for Mass at Noon, when the Class of 1960 will receive

their memento of Gold Rosaries

and remember their deceased classmates in their own special way.

The Alumnae Association is full

of anticipation as they plan for

the lovely luncheon at the Quidnessett Inn that will follow Mass. Reservation forms are inside this newsletter.

Please remember to keep up with membership dues for October 2010 - 2011. Dues-paying members can be assured of receiving all mailings and invitations to any special upcoming events and access to next year's Scholarship Application.

CLASS REPR	ESENTATIVES FOR OCTOB	SER 24, 2010 HOMECOMING
1940	Geraldine Dansereau Schenck	401 821 4943
1945	Lucille Blake	401 762 4761
1950	Ann Horan	401 434 8782
1955	Mary Dubois Dolan	401 828 8438
	Roberta Goucher Petrarca	401 728 7351
	Janice Monaco Pucci	401 353 4777
1960	Kathy Arnone Toolan	401 467 5138
	Kathy Keenan Monahan	401 781 0319
	Margaret Mathias Colicci	401 232 9006
1965	Ruth Ploude Valelli	401 941 5996
1970	Patricia Caldwell Calvalho	401 463 6908
	Margaret (Peg) Doherty	503 284 1021
1975	Patricia Crowshaw Richardson	401 726 3219
	Margaret Mimnaugh Cotter	401 789 4365
1980	Gail Auger	
	gailpauger@aol.com Mary Clancy	310 923 1443
100 -	maryclancy@cox.net	401 294 7025
1985	Colleen Coffey colleencoffey@verizon.net	401 615 9092
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Deceased 2009 through August, 2010

Our prayerful sympathy to the friends and families of the following Alumnae whose deaths we note with sorrow.



1929	SR. CLAIRE MARIE HESKETH, RSM (Formerly Sr. Marie Ang	eline)
1929	VENITA DANIS BOURGAULT	
1930	HELEN SHEEHAN BARRON	
1931	ANNA SULLIVAN YATES	
1933	RUTH SHERMAN GRIMES	
1934 1934	JOSEPHINE MCMURROUGH GREASON SR. RUTH FOLLETT, RSM (Formerly Sr. Marie LaSallette)	
1934	EDITH CURCI MCMULLEN	
1935	CATHERINE CUDDIGAN LANG	
1936	ANGELA MADDALENA PELTIER	
1937	MARY POWELL MANGIANTE	
1938	DORIS KOHL ZUCHOWSKI	
1938	ELEANOR LYONS LORD (Past President)	
1938	MARY SMITH SORNBERGER	
1939	MARY CLAVIN SMITH	
1939 1939	ELIZABETH SHEA KENDRICK RITA WARBURTON VEECH	
1940	DOROTHY GRANATA EDWARDO	
1940	MARIE BRESNEHAN ELLINWOOD	
1940 1940	MARY HAYES GREER ELISE PIERCE SCHWAB	
1940	SR. HELEN POLAND, RSM (Formely Sr. Mary Albert)	
1941	RITA BARRY	
1941	SR. JOANNA O'BRIEN, RSM	
1942	DORIS BARRY TAFT	
1943	MARY FRASER ALLEN	
1943	MARY MORAN SCHULTZ	
1943	HOPE HEALEY CONWAY	
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1945	AUDREY BABCOCK MCDERMOTT	シ
1945	MARGARET KEENAN CONLEY	_
1945	BARBARA STRICKHOUSER POWERS	
1945	LOUISE DRURY	
1945	ALICE ROTHWELL O'REILLY	
1945	ROSE FOGARTY CAMPION	
1946 1946	MARY MURTAGH MERLINO EDITH MOLLOY PAPA	
1946	ANGELA MAGNATTA HOAR	
1946	GERTRUDE HETHERMAN CARELLO	
1947	MARION O'ROURKE ANTONELLI	
1948	MARGARET WHALEN PRIEST	
1948	JEAN RILEY BRENNAN	
1948	ANNA AQUINO MINICUCCI	
1949	JULIA MANFREDI	
1949	HELEN ANDERSON GREGORY	
1949	KATHLEEN FALLON ROSS	
1950	EXILDA LOISELLE CHRETIEN	
1950	GRACE MURRAY CARPINELLI	
1950	LILLIAN PRIEST MAZZA	
1951	ANNETTE MAYNARD ELEANOR THORPE RITZINGER	
1951 1952	BARBARA STANTON RICHARD	
1952	EILEEN ARMSTRONG GANNON	
1952	CARMELLA CASTROTTA VENDRESCA	
1954	PATRICIA GASBARRO DEROBBIO	
1954	SR. REGINA COUGHLIN, RSM (Jean Coughlin)	
1955	MARY-JANE CUNNINGHAM BELL	
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FOND MEMORIES from ST. XAVIER'S

Natalie McCaughey McKenna - Class of 1949

I spent 4 years at SXA and accumulated many memories, all of which I recall from time to time with such pleasure.

The first memory is of the day I came to St. Xavier's after 8 years in the public school system. I wanted to graduate from Junior High with the kids I had gone to school with for all of my young life, but my father insisted that I start in the 9th grade at SXA. I was alone and a little apprehensive about how I would be received. My fears were quickly replaced by a warm feeling of acceptance from the friendliness and camaraderie that was shown to me from all grade levels.

Through the years I have fond memories of Sister Mary Emily, my first homeroom and Latin teacher with whom I loved and kept in contact until her death. I remember Sister Mary Sienna and Sister Mary Laurene, who also taught Sunday school at St. Agnes Church, Sister Mary Othilda, Sister Mary Celestine, and Sister Marie Anna. I recall Sister Mary Concepta, who gave me a set of 8 points to follow for building a strong Christian character that I observe to this day. There was Nick, the gardener. I can still smell the sweetness of the newly mowed lawn as he cut the grass in the quadrangle. I loved to walk in the courtyard of the convent, stopping before the statue of the Blessed Mother to ask for help with an exam or two or say "Thank you!" for a favor received. I remember all the sister 'Xavierites' who shared classes with me, the Ave Maria Choristers, the dances, and the plays. I also recall my changing from oxfords to loafers and putting on lipstick at the end of the school day. I remember the stop at Gibsons for a vanilla coke.

I do have more memories of wonderful experiences and many others who touched me either by their teaching or interaction. This is what molded me into the person I am..... I could go on and on.

Nat has served as a Past Treasurer and has volunteered numerous hours over many years on the Board - Thank you Nat!

Copy of a memory kept by Mary Pyne McGarry - Class of 1942

Dear Alumna,

from a May 1952 Newsletter

Your Alumnae Association cordially invites you to return to St. Xavier's for our annuel Alumnae Day, Sunday, June 8. This year we are entertaining the Senior class at an earlier date, so that there will be more room for you, our alumnae, on Sunday. We hope that you will take this opportunity to see old friends and classmates once wore. We also have something for you to look over, a new electric mimeograph machine which our Alumnae Associa-tion purchased for the commercial department. This donation was made possible by your splendid cooperation and support during the past year, and we thank you sincerely.

Here are the facts to remember:

Sunday, June 8, 1952. 2:00-4:00 P.M. Luncheon will be served promptly at 2:00 P.M in the gymnasium. Date: Time:

\$2,50 Also \$1.00 dues are payable at this time and may be sent along with your luncheon money. Price:

Special Reunions: Classes of 1947, 1942, 1937, 1932, 1927, 1 1917, 1907, and 1902. Plans have been made for class get to-gethers immediately after the lumcheon. 1917,

Reservations: must be made by June 1. When your money is received a luncheon ticket will be sent to you.

All Classes: Won't you save this date, June 8, for St. Xavier's?

Sincerely yours, Barbara Larned Alumnae President

Scholarship Application News!

holarship Applications will be available in January, 2011. All es-paying members are eligible to sponsor a child, grandchild, ece, nephew, or foster child on the application. Each dues-paying ember will be sent a Scholarship application in January 2011. Changes in application process comply with our nonprofit status.

Mary Lou McHugh Clark - Class of 1950

Mary Clark is very grateful for the values she learned at St. Xaviers. She refers to herself during those years as 'very quiet'. She recalls how she never made it to Gibsons, the popular after school 'hangout' of the time. After school she went to work at the Butter & Egg Store on Westminster Street. Following graduation, she continued to work there until getting married.

She recounts the story of how she met her husband of 59 years. She was on a bus with two best friends headed to the Crescent Park ballroom when they met a couple of sailors going to the same place. Following that first dance with one of those sailors, they married on June 16, a year after her graduation from SXA. They were blessed with two boys and two girls, now aged 57, 55, 54, and 52.

Mary beams with gratefulness for the influence of SXA. Like so many others, she is thankful for those who helped her parents put her through the school. Mary's blessings continued as her husband went on to become President of The Prudential Insurance Company. They have resided in California for the last 25 years, with their children and 8 grandchildren living nearby. She attributes much of her blessings to decisions guided by values learned at SXA. Mary's generous annual support to the Scholarship Fund for Catholic high school students is greatly appreciated. This is her way of continuing those fine values she learned at St. Xavier's.

Thank you Mary Lou McHugh Clark!

Dorothy Feeley Morin (May 6, 1920 – April 17, 2006) Class of 1938 ~ St. Francis Xavier Academy

IN MEMORIAM

Dorothy was a dedicated member and past Treasurer of the St. Xavier Alumnae Board. Through the years, she gave numerous hours and support helping with school events such as fashion shows, dances, and other special activities at both the Broad Street Academy and the Coventry school.

Following her graduation from St. Xavier's, she received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting from Bryant College. Being a lifelong learner, Dorothy followed that with a Masters Degree in Elementary Education from Rhode Island College and continued to take advanced courses at Providence College. She taught in Central Falls and the Providence School System where she retired after 20 years of teaching first grade at Webster Avenue School. She was a former Democratic Committeewoman in Cranston and a member of the Knights of Columbus, Cranston Council 1738-Ladies Auxiliary. She loved sharing stories of her travels all over the world. We will never forget Dorothy's vibrancy and genuine concern for the Alumnae Association's activities. The Alumnae board members affectionately remember her as a warm, kind, and fine gentlewoman who is an example of the character associated with so many who graduated from St. Xavier's. Her husband continues to honor her love for St. Francis Xavier Academy by donating an annual scholarship to a worthy Catholic High School student in her memory.

JOIN US HOMECOMING SUNDAY OCTOBER 24, 2010! 12:00 NOON MASS AT ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH 596 JEFFERSON BLVD. WARWICK, RI FOLLOWED BY LUNCHEON AT QUIDNESSETT COUNTRY CLUB

MAIL RESERVATIONS ONLY - \$35 PER PERSON - DRADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS OCTOBER 15, 2010

 Please fill out the Reservation Form and mail your check (no cash) to our address below.

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CLASS NOTES

CLASS OF 1960 50th Reunion Committee News How did they find all but 11 of their 215 classmates?

Over a year ago, Kathy Arnone Toolan, Margaret Colicci Mathias, and Kathy Keenan Monahan began to invite other classmates to join their 50th Reunion Committee. The goal to locate all 215 classmates brought many challenges. But the use of up-to-date media increased the size of their group across the miles. They had many happy moments reminiscing, but also some sad ones as thy paused to pray for 29 deceased classmates. Where are the ladies now?

Nearly 100 of the 1960 class remain in Rhode Island. The others live in 20 other states, mostly in Florida and Massachusetts and one part time in Paris.

How did they organize their Committee?

You can locate many of the impossible to find if you have a 'private eye' like Joan Pyne Johnson on your committee. And how about Janie Sullivan George, the 'historian' who collected memorabilia from the day of graduation! You will get to see that at the 50th Reunion. They have a 'financial group' affectionately referred to as the 'Kathies,' - Kathy Arnone Toolan and Kathy Keenan Monahan, take care of finances and a planned luncheon. Margaret Mathias Colicci tracks the database and keeps close contact with the Alumnae Board. Ann Marie Cox McCann, Kathy Egan, Mary Parente Burgess, Ellen Vigneau O'Keefe, and Rena Ruggieri Lombardi patiently manage the gatherings. The group enjoys the laughter as much as the excellent dishes they bring to the home of Joan Pyne Johnson for meetings.

How did SXA shape their characters?

The 1960 class continues to carry on what they learned from the Religious Sisters of Mercy by helping people overcome roadblocks to living their lives with grace and honor. Although some are now retired, many became teachers and others entered healthcare and business. Even with their busy lives, they found time to give to their communities as Eucharistic ministers, religious education teachers, members of parish councils, and boards, raising money for philanthropies. They continue to offer their talents to their communities and those in need.

The 1960 Committee is doing an excellent job giving their classmates an opportunity to renew memories and attend their 50th Reunion on Sunday, October 24, 2010. They will make every effort to keep contact with classmates in future years. They are grateful to God, their parents, and teachers. They feel blessed to have graduated from St. Francis Xavier Academy.

The Class of 1960 is still looking for: Barbara Bambick, Francis Carroll, Alice Coressel, Judith Cortellesso, Dorene Davis, Elaine Langloirs, Claire Latour, Mary Ann Paquin, Janet Resendes, Lucille Mello, Kathleeen Sutcliffe. Please contact a '60 rep if you can assist in any way.

PLEASE SHARE YOUR NEWS FOR CLASS NOTES IN FUTURE ISSUES Graduates of St. Francis Xavier are invited to submit news for future issues. News items for Class Notes may include but not limited to weddings, births, new jobs or family news. We welcome articles or photos of ST Xavier's. Please make sure you include your Class Year and Maiden name along with all contact information and send to:

St. Xavier Alumnae P.O. Box 20452, Cranston, RI 02920

CLASS OF 1961 - Save the Date -

Sunday - October 23, 2011! 50th Reunion Committee Members to date are Carol Moffitt Maynard, Barbara LeClerc Stockton, Mary Keefe Morgan, Mary Aquino-Dacey, Mary Dwyer Mayer, Michaela Cleary, Marilyn Horan, Sr. Eleanor Little, RSM, Sue Nolan Willis, Patricia Moore Domenique and Ann MarieTarlian Harootunian. Thank you in advance if you have any information that could help us locate the following ladies: June Cronin, Marie Fandetti, Barbara Hanniford, Elaine Jackson, Mary Lynch, Dorothy Maher, Mary McManus, Nicole Nielsen Mitchell, Ann Novelli, Joyce Rego, Barbara Reilly, Nancy Riley, Patricia Soucy.

Please contact Mary Aquino-Dacey at 401 828 2761 or at grace14@cox.net for any updates or information to help find the above ladies. If anyone is aware of married names for the above, that will greatly help in our searches. Please join the Reunion Committee.

Class of 1967 - Two of your Representatives are Sheila Monahan and Kathy Sweet. They are currently updating addresses on the '67 Class List. Plans are in the making for the 45th reunion in 2012! Contact Sheila at 401 942 3962 for any questions or contact information on other '67 classmates. And they hope to see you next month on Homecoming Sunday, October 24, 2010!

Class of 1971 - Anticipating next year's 40th Reunion, Class Reps Kathy DiOrio Midura and Jean Miller DiFanti, are currently updating the '71 class database. Please contact Kathy at 401 737 3366 with any questions or assistance you can give to make this a fantastic reunion for 2011. And please join the Committee next month on Homecoming Sunday, October 24, 2010!



Barbara Collin Andrews - Class of 1954

Congratulations Barbara ! It's not surprising that Barbara, a past President and faithful St. Xavier Alumnae Board member was Staff Member of the Month at Mount St. Rita's, where she has worked for 18 years. Prior to working at the Mount, she was a supervisor for New England Telephone (Verizon). She started her career at the Mount one day when she came to visit two Sisters at the

centre and took on a part time job. Her 'titles' tell more than words can say. The Staff recounts that mail coming to the Centre over the years has been addressed to Barbara not only as Chief Executive, Operating and Financial Officer, Business, Mail, or Human Resource Manager, but also as Administrator! Her co-workers realize the gem they have in Barbara who holds herself to the highest standards of work ethics. They value her professionalism, flexibility in the toughest of situations, and passion for hard work. It's clear that Barbara has a Mercy heart demonstrated by the kindness, respect, and assistance she willingly gives to all. She truly and consistently responds to the needs of others. Barbara became an Associate of the Sisters of Mercy on May 17 1998.

Barbara Carlin Andrew's input regarding important matters and decisions on the Board has been and always will be requested and highly esteemed. Thank you Barbara!

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Class of 1948 Teresa Heslin Mahony - receives URI degree at age 79 ! Congratulations Teresa ~ You make us proud

A lifelong learner, Teresa believes that the three most important things in life are faith, gratitude, and humor. While keeping her nursing job, Teresa attended URI, majoring in History. As a student in her class said, When she walked into the room it was like sunshine pouring in. She inspired those around her with her hard work, and enriched us with her wisdom. She showed all of us that you are never too old - nor too young



Pictured (L) many years ago with her 12 children and (R) URI Graduation 2010 **A Special Thank You** to all of our Board Members who give numerous, precious hours to the Executive Board. They are genuinely interested in the success of the Association, demonstrating appreciation for their blessings and the true meaning of humility:

...Then He said to his host, When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relations or rich neighbors, in case they invite you back and so repay you. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; then you will be blessed, for they have no means to repay you and so you will be repaid when the upright rise again.

Luke 14:1, 7-14

~ Try to meet all with peace and love ~ The Venerable Mother Catherine McCauley

SPOTLIGHT

Sheila Monahan - Class of 1967

Sheila Monahan has been a dedicated Alumnae Board member since graduating in 1967 from St. Xavier's Academy. Currently she is the Alumnae Board's Recording Secretary. As a past President of the Alumnae Association, Sheila also serves on the Advisory

Council. She received her M.Ed. in Special Education from Rhode Island College in 1975 and pursued advanced studies thereafter. Sheila began her career as a Providence Special Education teacher, lending her expertise and loving care to children with a wide continuum of special needs. In the position of Diagnostician, she analyzed educational testing results for placement of children in the appropriate school settings.

Her record of public service includes helping developmentally disabled adults in the Special Education Religion Ministry, co-chairing a Commission for Human Rights for Autistic youngsters, and giving numerous hours on the Advisory Committee of Butler Hospital for continued improvement of patient services. She was a volunteer Literacy Teacher at Dorcas Place. She currently gives support to families in crisis, facilitating a support group. She continues to apply her talents by being on call to teach classes at the Rhode Island Dept. of Corrections. Sheila is presently serving on the Criminal Justice Committee through the Mental Health Association of RI.

I realize the most important part of my education at St. Xavier Academy was our beloved Mercy Sisters' encouraging us to become strong, independent, and empowered young women. I am so grateful to my mom for sending me to SXA.

Sheila's long and notable record of public service won her the 2005 Volunteer of the Year Award from the Volunteer Center of RI. She was featured on the RIPBS program Rhode Island's Amazing Women for her work with incarcerated women.

 Please plan for 2011! The amount and number of Scholarships awarded each year are based on your generous donations. Thank you in advance for considering a donation for next year. Amounts under \$500 are placed in the general Scholarship Fund.

 Enclosed is my donation to the St. Francis Xavier Alumnae Association's Catholic High School Scholarship Fund for 2011.

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 Please make check payable to: St. Francis Xavier Alumnae Assoc. - P.O. Box 20452 Cranston, RI 02920

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 Thank you in advance for remembering annual Scholarship donations if you have a Charitable Trust Fund

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GENERAL DIRECTIONS

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95 South to Exit 15, turn left onto Jefferson Blvd. The Church will be on the left. 95 North to Exit 15, turn right onto Jefferson Blvd. The Church will be on the left.

- Once on Jefferson Blvd Travel 1.7 miles going through 4 traffic lights
- You will go by Citizens Bank on the left (#480)
- Slow down at #560 RI Higher Education Authority Bldg.
- ST. FRANCIS is 596 Jefferson Blvd. on the left (you will see the yellow Parish Center and a sign for the Church). The Church is behind the Parish Center.

QUIDNESSETT COUNTRY CLUB NORTH QUIDNESSETT ROAD North Kingstown RI - Tel: 884-9755

POINTS NORTH: 95 South to Exit 9 (Rt. 4) take 1st exit which is Division St. Turn right at end of exit onto Rt. 401 East, continue to US 1-Main St (East Greenwich). At traffic light turn right and after ½ mile turn left at set of lights onto Forge Road. Bear right onto Old Forge Road (you will see Chianti Restaurant ahead of you). Go to the end of Old Forge Road and take a left onto N. Quidnessett Road, ending at Country Club on left side of road.

POINTS SOUTH: 95 North to Exit 8A to Route 2. At 1st set of traffic lights take a left onto Route 401 East. Follow to Route US 1 - Main St. (East Greenwich). At traffic light turn right and after ½ mile turn left at set of lights onto Forge Road. Bear right onto Old Forge Road (you will see Chianti Restaurant ahead of you). Go to the end of Old Forge Road and take a left onto N. Quidnessett Road, ending at Country Club on left side of road.