



# SXA Alumnae News

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Message from Alumnae President  
**Betty Magiera**  
 Class of 1947

*Greetings! It's a pleasure to  
 extend a warm welcome to all.*

Although we wonder where the time has gone, we are ready to renew old acquaintances and recall happy days at our 2009 Homecoming on Sunday, October 25.

Faithful Alumnae Board members have been very busy working on our data base. We would greatly appreciate any input that would help us to keep our member contact information up to date.

Please remember your annual dues! Dues are applied to many costs, including web site, postage, and copying and printing needs. Please also remember the Loyalty Fund. Any monies left over after operating expenses, as always, are applied to the Scholarship Fund a main goal of our Association. And one more reminder, don't forget to fill out the scholarship form contained in this newsletter for the Scholarship lottery on Homecoming Sunday.

**COME HOME!  
 SUNDAY  
 OCTOBER 25, 2009**



"This is the Day the Lord has Made  
 - Let us Rejoice and Be Glad!"

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**Monthly Alumnae Meetings**  
 - 2nd Wednesday of Month -  
 Check Web Site E-mail for details

**Homecoming Sunday**  
 Honoring the Class of 1959  
 and all Classes ending in 4 and 9  
 October 25, 2009

**Mass for Deceased Members**  
 November 13, 2009  
 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 40132  
 Providence, RI 02940
- E-mail through Web Site  
[stxavieralumnae.org](http://stxavieralumnae.org)

## THANK YOU TO:

Mary Brennan -1946  
 Natalie McCaughey McKenna -1949  
 Irene Armao Coletta -1953  
 Janice Monaco Pucci -1955  
 Ann Doherty -1957  
 Sr. Eleanor Little, RSM -1961  
 Barbara Auger Papitto -1969  
 Kathy DiOrto Midura -1971  
 and the St. Xavier Alumnae  
 Board Members

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## CLASS REPRESENTATIVES FOR OCTOBER 25, 2009 HOMECOMING

1939	Esther Fraser Aubin	725 2717
1944	Virginia MacDonald Hurley	467 7777
1949	Natalie McCaughey McKenna	828 0711
1954	Barbara Carlin Andrews Carol McKenna McGrath Elizabeth Rainone Iezzi	724 6592 942-9189 294 7144
1959	Joan O'Rourke McKenna Donna Forte Dilorio Jeanne Plante	949 0839 821 3175 942 2481
1964	Alberta Sqambato Libutti Maureen Curran Morse	353 1809 762 3919
1969	Barbara Auger Papitto Cathy Bonde Curtis	828 5751 463 6263
1974	Helen Reilly Boyle	331 9413
1979	Maureen Hart Whetzel	603 0752
1984 - 1989 - 1994 - 1999 and All Other Classes	- Mary Aquino-Dacey	828 2761

*Deceased October, 2008 through July, 2009*

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



1924 EDNA B. KEENAN  
1926 DOROTHY (WATT) DONAHUE  
1930 CECILE A. (CLARKIN) GALLOGLY  
1930 SR. MARY E. CURTIS, RSM  
1932 MARIAN E. (WHALEN) HAZARD  
1933 ANNA J. McALEAR  
1933 ELEANOR K. TARPY  
1933 GERTRUDE M. (QUINN) COONEY  
1934 SR. M. MAGDALEN COUPE, RSM  
1934 MARGUERITE M. (REILLY) TASCA  
1934 URSULA (FLYNN) NIHILL  
1934 MARY (GOODWIN) SWEENEY  
1935 ELEANOR C. CUTE  
1936 GENEVA H. (ELLIS) HARRINGTON  
1937 JULE (LISTER) McKENNA  
1938 ANNETTE (AUBIN) DE BAENE  
1938 RUTH (DORSEY) TALBOT  
1938 MARY V. (McKENNA) SOUTHER  
1939 EVELYN V. (MANGIANTE) PANNONE  
1939 ARLENE (DUFFY) WHITEHEAD

1939 GLORIA A. (RAIMONDI) DI ORIO  
1939 DOROTHY R. (HOULIHAN) KELLEY  
1939 MARY A. (McCARRON) McCARTHY  
1939 SISTER EVELYN O'GARA, RSM  
1940 ESTHER L. (VANNER) GIBLIN  
1940 ANITA (CARBONE) LOPRESTI  
1940 SISTER RITA BURKE, RSM  
1941 IRIS (O'GARA) SHANLEY  
1941 M. GLORIA (SHEA) RIDER  
1941 MARTHA (ADAMS) MARSHALL  
1942 MARY (PRIOR) STENDER  
1942 ANN R. (CLANCY) RICCIO  
1942 EVELYN A. (LENNON) BURNS  
1942 FRANCES M. RYAN  
1942 MARY (HETHERMAN) TERREAULT  
1942 MARGARET (SULLIVAN) FOUCHECOURT  
1943 HELEN (MORENZI) METCALF  
1943 FLORENCE J. (DELISLE) McCANN  
1944 BARBARA (BURKE) HAWKINS  
1944 MARY M. SULLIVAN

1944 DOROTHY F. (MULVEY) WARD  
1944 CLAIRE (CARTER) MCCARTHY  
1945 DOROTHY M. (HOULIHAN) RYAN  
1945 CATHERINE (JOBE) ONYSKO  
1945 MARIE T. (DESTRAMPES) DUBOIS  
1945 SR. BARBARA MARIE MURPHY, RSM  
1946 MARY K. (DOHERTY) SOUSA  
1946 MARILYN (MURRAY) KERSHAW  
1947 ANNA F. (LOMBARDI) RESTANTE  
1947 MARY (McGAULEY) JACKSON  
1947 ELEANOR (MILLERICK) O'DOWD  
1947 MARY E. (CAMPBELL) PRATT  
1947 MARY E. (KILLEEN) BOYD  
1948 SR. CONSTANCE MACDONALD, RSM  
1948 ANNA J. (DONOVAN) SPECHT  
1948 ARLENE F. (GATELY) LALIBERTE  
1949 PATRICIA (McCURDY) DEVOLVE  
1949 JEANNETTE M. PAUL  
1949 ISABELLE (DEL PADRE) HASLIP  
1949 AMALIA (PITASSI) BOSCHI

1949 MARILYN (McVEY) SCHMIDT  
1949 BEATRICE A. (WESTON) GENTES  
1950 BARBARA L. (EBNER) BAILEY  
1950 KATHERINE (CAMPBELL) CREIGHTON  
1951 JANICE (REILLY) MAGUIRE  
1952 MARY (DONNELLY) MergenER  
1952 BERNICE (PAQUIN) MCPHILLIPS  
1952 LUCILLE E. (WHITESIDE) HOLDEN  
1953 MARY JANE (MURPHY) GARVEY  
1953 BARBARA A. (CLEMENT) BOUSQUET  
1953 SHEILA M. (DUGAN) HESS  
1953 JO-ANN (RAIMONDI) LA MONTAGNE  
1955 PATRICIA (SMITH) NOLAN  
1955 ANN (NORTON) FISHER  
1958 COLLEEN T. (CROWLEY) LAMONT  
1958 DOROTHY A. (REALL) FITZPATRICK  
1958 ELIZABETH (COLARUSSO) STONE  
1961 CLAIRE (CORNEILL) BALDASARRE  
1961 LINDA (ST. JEAN) COOPER  
1962 SHARON McCONNELL  
1962 PATRICIA A. (McLAUGHLIN) DONNELLY



*If we want a love message to be heard, it has got to be sent out.  
To keep a lamp burning, we have to keep putting oil in it.*

*-Mother Theresa*

**Bio's**

*Natalie McCaughey McKenna*

*Class of 1949*

*Graduated from Commercial Program*

*Past Treasurer and Secretary*

*Currently Publicist of Alumnae Board*



I've been asked to give a synopsis of my life after graduation from SXA. Golly, can I do that without it becoming a novel? Here goes....went to work for the State of RI, got married (8/16/52). I had four children (2 boys, 2 girls), bought a house in Coventry in 1967 in which I am still living. I had another girl, went to work at Old Stone Bank Computer Center in 1969, went back to school (CCRI) nights for 8 ½ years, graduated with honors in 1983 and received an Associate Degree in Computer Sciences. I worked in the Computer Programming department of Old Stone until its demise in 1995 after which I worked for an Allstate agent until my husband became ill. I was widowed in November of 2000 after 48 years of marriage. I have 6 grandchildren. I care for the two youngest, Mackenzie (9) and Cody (3) on a daily basis. And Cody keeps me hopping! Currently I am a lector and member of the Prayer Shawl Ministry at Sts. John and Paul Church, a member of two Quilt Groups, and a Board Member and Publicist for St. Xavier Alumnae Association. I am always grateful for my four years at the Academy and all of my classmates, especially those who have kept in touch with me.

*God be with all of you!*

*Irene Armao Coletta*

*Class of 1953 - Past Treasurer Alumnae Board*

After SXA, I graduated from Bryant University, majoring in Business Teaching and Accounting and Finance. At Bryant I was a member of the Alpha Phi Kappa Sorority, holding office of Treasurer. Following graduation from Bryant, I worked in our family business, got married, and stayed home with my two daughters for a while. I taught Pre K and Kindergarten for a few years while my two girls were in school. After that, I worked as an office manager for a group of surgeons. Following that job and for the next eighteen years, I took care of my grandchildren.

I continue to keep very busy in St. Pius V Parish. I was Parish auditor for several years and Chairlady of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Founding of St. Pius V School in 2005. Among other activities, I have co-chaired the Catholic Charity Fund Appeal and the Capital Fund Renovation Campaign. I continue to actively participate with St. Pius as Eucharistic Minister, Lector, and helping our parish priest once a month at Capital Ridge Assisted Living. I have enjoyed traveling with my husband to Italy, Alaska, China and Brazil, traveling on the Amazon River.

My daughters thought it was time for me and my husband to get away from the cold RI winters. So we now spend six months in Florida. The other six months I am back in RI, when I still actively participate at monthly SXA Alumnae Board meetings.



**Mary E. (Betty Francis) Magiera**  
 Class of 1947  
 President - Alumnae Board



Some of the best times in my life were those years at St Xavier's! I made wonderful friendships, many of which have remained close to this day. I look back fondly on my experiences including three years as Class President, active member of the Sodality Board and crowning the Blessed Mother statue that graced the SXA campus on Broad Street in Providence. I greatly cherish the wonderful education I received from the beautiful Sisters of Mercy. A memorable moment was on my wedding day, when my husband and I stopped at St. Xavier's Convent to visit Sister Celestine.

Yes – time has flown by since graduating from St. Xavier Academy. Among the many life experiences I've had since graduating – I was a private secretary and mother of 8 children, six girls and two boys. I have been blessed with 8 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. We got to do it all – Baptisms, May Processions, First Communions, Confirmations, Graduations, Weddings and Funerals. A vital part of my life has always been the Church. I've been a church organist for almost 40 years! I also actively participate in several other organizations. I find keeping busy is the 'key'. Life is a gift. I have enjoyed and embraced every minute of both the happy and sad times.

*God Bless you All!*

**Kathy DiOrio Midura**  
 Class of 1971  
 Alumnae Board Membership Secretary



After graduating from St. Xavier Academy in 1971, I worked for a financial company. Following that job, I worked as a Word Processing Secretary for five and a half years for Brite Industries in Providence. In June of 1977, I took a position with IBM Corporation. Shortly thereafter in August, I married my husband Bob Midura. I held several different job positions during my career at IBM. While working at IBM, I attended Bryant University. Unfortunately in 1993, after 16 years of service, I lost my position at IBM due to downsizing. Following IBM, I worked in retail and other office positions. Then I worked for Bryant University for five and a half years. Currently and for the past five years, I have been employed by Johnson & Wales University at the Providence campus as the International Admissions Records Coordinator. My husband Bob and I have been married for 32 years. We have enjoyed traveling, doing works of charity, and being with our friends, family and pets. I am a lifetime member of St Francis of Assisi Church in Warwick, RI. I am currently the Coordinator for Knitting and Crocheting for the St. Francis Parish Women's Club, and a member of the Social Justice Committee. I also belong to the Warwick Hallmark Ornament Collector's Club. Of course, I am very actively involved with the St. Xavier Alumnae Board. There are many precious memories I hold dear to my heart from my years at SXA. I owe a great debt of gratitude to the Sisters of Mercy for their guidance and patience and my mother and father who unselfishly sacrificed so much so that I could attend this prestigious school.

*To think too long about doing a thing becomes its undoing - Eva Young*

**JOIN US HOMECOMING SUNDAY OCTOBER 25, 2009!**  
**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 DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS OCTOBER 15, 2009**

Please make checks payable to: **St. Xavier Alumnae Association - (no cash)**  
 Please fill out the Reservation Form and Mail to: **St. Xavier Alumnae Association**  
**P.O. Box 40132**  
**Providence, RI 02940**

First \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

Class \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Please check Box if ABOVE  
 is a CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please write in number of dinners **Scrod** #  **Chicken** #  **Vegetarian** #

#  of RESERVATIONS @ \$35.00 EACH \_\_\_\_\_

Through **October 2010 DUES - \$10.00** \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE DONATE** to the Loyalty and Scholarship Fund \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_

**THANK YOU!**

CLASS NOTES

Class of 1952 – Congratulations to Ann Cassidy Morrill!

Ann is past President of the SXA Alumnae Board. She is the first Vice-President of the Kickemuit River Council, and was given the Allison Walsh Award from Save The Bay. The award is given to individuals who exemplify commitment to the environmental protection of Narragansett Bay and its tributaries, watersheds and wetlands. Ann has been a consistent advocate in local, state and federal forums to further environmental protection of local waters. Ann continues as an active member of the SXA Alumnae Board.

Class of 1959 – The Class of 1959’s 50th Reunion Committee is diligently working towards and looking forward to their 50th Reunion and Homecoming in October! Congratulations ladies on great teamwork!

Class of 1960 – Welcome!

Class Representatives are currently updating the 1960 data base for 2010 and the 50th Reunion. We welcome Margaret Mathias Colicci, Ph.D., Kathy Keenan Monahan and Kathy Arnone Toolan as 1960 Representatives and new, active participants of the Alumnae Board.

CLASS OF 1961 – Save the 50th Reunion Date - October 23, 2011!

Please let us know if you can help in any way. Your Representatives are Mary Aquino-Dacey, Mary Dwyer Mayer, Michaela Cleary, Marilyn Horan, Sr. Eleanor Little, RSM and Ann Marie Tarlian Harootunian. Please call Mary A. at 401- 828-2761 for any new updates to data base.

CLASS OF 1949 – A special ‘Thank You’ to Eileen Naughton, Emma Joan Gilmartin, Dorothy Greene, Jean Allegretti Gauthier, Ruth Trainor Gruodis and Fran Danford Andrews for helping with the cost of special mailing for the 60th Anniversary to be celebrated along with the 50th Reunion Class and all classes ending with 4 and 9.

Trivia Questions:

- 1- St. Xavier’s Broad Street started in what year?
2- How long was SXA Broad Street in existence?
3- What year did SXA Coventry sadly close its doors?
4- What is the SXA web site name?
5- What Class is celebrating their 50th Reunion on Homecoming Sunday October 25, 2009?
6- What other classes are celebrating five-year Reunions on Homecoming Sunday?

Answers on Page 5.

Reminder: To assure that you remain on SXA database for future mailings, please keep up with annual dues.

NEWS NEWS NEWS

Membership Cards are coming back! Dues-paying members will receive Membership Cards on Homecoming Sunday. Many ladies have requested that this feature be returned to the Alumnae Association so we are giving it a try. Its success depends on whether the Board decides it is worth the expense and time, given everything we do is on a volunteer basis. Your Alumnae Association depends on dues and Loyalty donations. We hope to keep membership dues at the same \$10 it has been for many years. If you are not attending Homecoming, you will receive your card in the mail. Thank you in advance for keeping up with annual membership dues and contributing to the Loyalty Fund.

PLEASE SHARE YOUR NEWS FOR CLASS NOTES IN FUTURE ISSUES

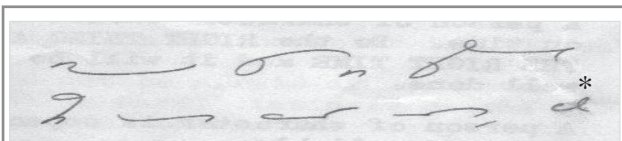
Graduates of St. Francis Xavier are invited to submit news for future issues. News items for Class Notes may include but not limited to weddings, births, new jobs or family news. Articles or photos about SXA memories are also very welcomed.

Form with dotted border containing fields for CLASS NOTES, NAME, ADDRESS, TELEPHONE and E-MAIL, and a mailing address: St. Xavier Alumnae Association - P.O. Box 40132 - Providence, RI - 02940



**FOND MEMORIES**

Many of us have *Fond Memories of Sister Mary Concepta, RSM* as our teacher and Head of the “Secretarial Department and Placement Bureau”. A typewritten note which included a sentence in shorthand, given by her to the 1949 class, listed points for building a strong Christian character:



**HAVE YOU BUILT A STRONG CHRISTIAN CHARACTER?**

Check these eight points often.

1. A person of character should be on time. Do the **RIGHT THING AT THE RIGHT TIME** and it will be well done.
2. A person of character is dependable and reliable.
3. A person of character is “able to take it.” No one is so perfect that he does not need correction. Learn to take it in stride without pouting or showing or **FEEELING** resentment.
4. A person of character is honest and truthful.
5. A person of character is diligent. Do not be afraid of work even if it is hard. Laziness causes one to fail to realize the good that one can do.
6. A person of character is unselfish.
7. A person of character is kind and tries to make friends.
8. A person of character is clean in thought, word, and deed.

\*You will attain your ideals if you work on the enclosed points.

**Fond Memories Class of 1949 - Celebrating their 60th Reunion**

Time is fleeting, but one thing that most of us have in common is memories. Recalling my first day at St. Francis Xavier Academy, brings to mind the many students who welcomed me, an experience I never had in the public schools. Very close friendships began and lasted over the years.

To this day, many women from different graduating classes express the same fond memories. They feel a sadness that young ladies today cannot experience the camaraderie we developed nor the dedication of the nuns who taught us because of the loss of the Academy. With each name and address I placed on envelopes while doing a special mailing for our 60th Reunion, those good old days and friendships came to mind.

Once again, Homecoming Sunday 2009, will bring back memories of our days at St. Xavier Academy. I look forward to joining my classmates as we remember and pray for those who are no longer with us either through death or no current addresses. Most of all, I very much look forward to a wonderful day catching up on our experiences since the last time we met and renewing precious friendships which began at SXA.

*Nat McCaughey McKenna Class of 1949 Publicity - Alumnae Board*

Trivia Answers from Page 4  
 1- 1851  
 2- 132 years  
 3- 2001  
 4- www.stxavieralumnae.org  
 5- Class of 1959  
 6- All Classes ending in 4 and 9

**HOMECOMING SUNDAY SCHOLARSHIP LOTTERY**

**DEADLINE FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION LOTTERY FORM OCTOBER 15, 2009**

PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN TO: **St. Xavier Alumnae - P.O. Box 40132 - Providence, RI 02940**

The Alumnae Association will be awarding a scholarship in the amount of \$500 by lottery on Homecoming Sunday. All members who are **up to date** with Alumnae dues, and have a son, daughter, or grandchild currently attending a Catholic High School may participate in the lottery. Homecoming attendance is not necessary to take part in the drawing. Please fill in the following if you would like a son, daughter or grandchild to be in the lottery.

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• **NAME OF UP-TO-DATE SXA DUES-PAYING MEMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_

• **YEAR OF GRADUATION FROM ST. XAVIER’S:** \_\_\_\_\_

• **STREET:** \_\_\_\_\_ **CITY** \_\_\_\_\_ **ST** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP** \_\_\_\_\_

• **TELEPHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-MAIL** \_\_\_\_\_

• **NAME OF CHILD:** \_\_\_\_\_

• **NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL THE CHILD IS CURRENTLY ATTENDING:**  
 \_\_\_\_\_

• **YEAR OF ATTENDANCE** \_\_\_\_\_

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## GENERAL DIRECTIONS

**St. Francis of Assisi Church 596 Jefferson Blvd. Warwick RI 02886**

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.

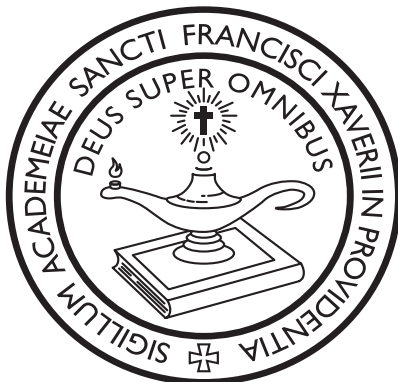
**POINTS SOUTH:** 95 North to Exit 8A to Route 2. At 1<sup>st</sup> set of traffic lights take a left onto Route 401 East. Follow to Route US 1 - Main St. (East Greenwich). At traffic light turn right and after ½ mile turn left at set of lights onto Forge Road. Bear right onto Old Forge Road (you will 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.

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*What do you think? If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off? .....in the same way your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should be lost."*

*-Matthew 18:12-14*

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