

SAINT XAVIER ALUMNAE NEWSLETTER



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**ALL CLASSES ARE INVITED TO JOIN IN HONORING THE 50th REUNION CLASS OF 1966
and all classes ending in 6 and 1
SEE RESERVATION FORM ON PAGE 5**

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings Fellow SXA Alumnae!

As summer turns to fall, once again we are preparing for our annual October 2016 Homecoming. The Alumnae Association extends congratulations to the Class of 1966 as it celebrates its fiftieth reunion year, along with all five-year classes ending in 6 and 1. Many of my classmates from 1961 will also share the joys and memories of our high school days with you as we celebrate our 55th reunion.

The annual October Homecoming gives us a chance to renew friendships and establish relationships with classmates we may have lost track of over the years. This is the unexpected gift that many ladies treasure long after the Homecoming day ends. More than ever, we also fondly remember the good Sisters of Mercy, whose call to serve an all-girl Catholic high school, provided each of us with a strong spiritual and academic background laying the foundation for a successful future.

The Saint Francis Xavier Alumnae Association is committed to providing opportunities for students in Catholic high schools by lessening their financial burden through our scholarship fund. Your contributions to the alumnae scholarship fund will assure that the proven benefits of an education in the Catholic tradition will continue. What better way to express our appreciation than to help fulfill the future successes of our young students as they pursue their high school education?

We thank you in advance and look forward to your additional financial support that is currently much needed for the October, 2016 scholarship applicants.

Will you join us this year? All classes are invited Sunday, October 30. Please—don't hesitate—see Page 5 of this newsletter to make your reservations now.

Looking forward to seeing all of you,

*Carol Moffitt Maynard
St. X '61*

Carol Moffitt Maynard, SXA '61
President, St. Francis Xavier
Alumnae Association, 2015-2017



CLASS REPRESENTATIVES QUESTIONS?

Please contact your class representative(s)

CLASS OF 1966 50TH REUNION CONGRATULATIONS !

Janet Boyle Welch 401 885 0404	Linda Fogell Kozack 401 539 3169 Cell, 401 316 5680 lindakozack@cox.net
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CLASS OF 1941 75TH REUNION DOUBLE WOW!

Miriam Sullivan Sloan 401 737 9199	mim99@verizon.net
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CLASS OF 1946 - 70TH REUNION WOW !

Mary Brennan 401 751 9081

CLASS OF 1951 - 65th REUNION

Gerry McGrath Coen 401 353 9585

CLASS OF 1956 - 60TH REUNION

Betty O'Brien McGarry 401 942 7420 walbet@cox.net	Elaine Sheridan 401 438 3393 esh Sheridan@cox.net
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CLASS OF 1961 - 55th REUNION

Mary Aquino-Dacey 401 828 2761 grace14@cox.net	Marilyn Horan 401 941 3286 marilyn29@cox.net
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CLASS OF 1971 - 45th REUNION

Chris Crudelle Avella 401 658 4976 chrisavella@cox.net
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ALL OTHER CLASSES

Carol Moffitt Maynard 401 263 1823 bennamaynard@verizon.net

Benefactors 2015 Homecoming - We can never say THANK YOU enough!

Reminder ~ Please use the form in this newsletter to donate for upcoming OCTOBER 2016 Scholarship Donations.

\$5 THANK YOU !

CLASS OF 1949

Sr. Mary Mahoney, RSM

CLASS OF 1951

Catherine Brady Emery

CLASS OF 1954

Carmela Petrarca DiMeo

Carmela Rossi Valentini

CLASS OF 1955

Barbara Bennett Arnold

CLASS of 1958

Geraldine Maccarone Murray

Nancy Heinkel Bolden

CLASS OF 1960

Margaret Colicci Mathias

Joan Pyne Johnson

CLASS OF 1964

Michele Buckman Barry

Cynthia Riccitelli Cook

CLASS OF 1970

Elizabeth Craven Mourneghan

Patricia Mulcahy-Ernst

\$7 THANK YOU!

CLASS OF 1961

Patricia Moore Dominique

\$10.00 THANK YOU!

CLASS OF 1942

Marie Kelley

CLASS OF 1944

Virginia McDonald Hurley

CLASS OF 1945

Ida Russo Acciaro

Olga Caluori Wilcox

(RIP)

Huberta Maher McDevitt

Elaine Shea Dolan

Winifred Kelley

CLASS OF 1946

Helen Thorpe Bedard

Patricia Gorman Blanding

CLASS OF 1947

Sr. Christine Crowley, RSM

Sr. M. Geraldyn McGreevy, RSM

CLASS OF 1948

Claire Laferriere Laprade

CLASS OF 1950

Loretta MacDougald Lapierre

CLASS OF 1951

Geraldine McGrath Coen

CLASS OF 1952

Ann Cassidy Morrill

Joan Longhorn Power

CLASS OF 1954

Katherine Burgess Annis

Maryann Hafey Phillips

Beverly McKenna Infussi

(RIP 12/17/15)

CLASS OF 1955

Ida Sabatino Fagnant

Sr. Marjorie Mancini RSM

CLASS OF 1956

Gloria DelBonis

Sr. Maureen McElroy, RSM

CLASS OF 1957

Mary Langhorn

CLASS OF 1958

Sandra Delnigro Marsella

CLASS OF 1959

Virginia Dempsey Mahar

Claire Costello Moran

CLASS OF 1960

Andrea Cooper Gledhill

Ann Marie Cox McCann

Ann Marie McNally Reynolds

CLASS OF 1961

Carol Croce Tillinghast

Janet Faubert Gillette

CLASS OF 1963

Karen Flynn Buckley

CLASS OF 1964

Ann Macchiarola Johnson

CLASS OF 1965

Ellen West Levesque

CLASS OF 1966

Elizabeth Conley Blanchette

CLASS OF 1967

Deborah Doyle

\$15 THANK YOU!

CLASS OF 1949

Connie Cormier Hempel

Natalie McCaughey McKenna

Marion Merlino Oliva

CLASS OF 1951

Joan Denison Conway

CLASS OF 1953

Madeline Costigan Bussiere

CLASS OF 1954

Barbara Carlin Andrews

Evelyn Souza Rossi

Elaine Wetzelaer O'Neill

(RIP 2016)

CLASS OF 1957

Pauline Lambert Reynolds

Jeanette Martinelli Spirito

Elizabeth Pinto Franko

CLASS OF 1958

Judith Duffney Merrill

Kathleen Moran Daly

CLASS OF 1960

Elizabeth Farrell Clarkin

Mary Heaney McNaught

CLASS OF 1961

Barbara Kay Tautin

CLASS OF 1963

Mary Gasrow Cronan

Kathleen Darigan

CLASS OF 1964

Veronica Sheridan

\$20 THANK YOU!

CLASS OF 1946

Sr. Mary Jacinta, RSM

CLASS OF 1951

Lucille Archambault Hunter

CLASS OF 1954

Paulette Lamarre Drapalla

CLASS OF 1958

Judith Falls O'Connell

CLASS OF 1963

Nancy Doyle Xavier

CLASS OF 1965

Elizabeth Hughson

**I do not cease to
give thanks for you,
remembering
you in my prayers.
Ephesians 1:16**

\$25 THANK YOU!

CLASS OF 1939
 Esther Fraser Aubin
 Marjorie Heath Marcantonio
CLASS OF 1941
 Palma Samson Sainsbury
CLASS OF 1944
 Geraldine McCann Fitzpatrick
 Mary Meehan Thomas
 Margaret Peirine Cook
 Julie Kavanagh
CLASS OF 1945
 Norma Hewitt Saravo
CLASS OF 1946
 Jane DuVally Battison
 Sr. Loudette Harrold, RSM
 Eileen O'Connell Marshall
CLASS OF 1947
 Bernadette Blaise
 Roberta Mullen Farrell
 Barbara Chapman
 Betty (Mary) Francis Magiera
 Ann Whitley Maloney
 Louise Anthony Pendergast
CLASS OF 1948
 Lillian McGarry Chalmers
 Marilyn Commette
CLASS OF 1949
 Eileen Naughton
CLASS OF 1951
 M. Jane Blais
 Louise Bagean Florio
 Isabelle Lambert Wellwood
 Paulette Nadeau Penney

CLASS OF 1952
 Angela Hanrahan Chatwin
(RIP)
 Ann Reddington Marshall
CLASS OF 1953
 Mary Beecher O'Brien
 Helen DiLiello Kwetkowski
 Kathleen McCaffrey Clossick
CLASS OF 1954
 Sr. Shirley Agnew RSM
 Deanne Ballou Gregory
 Judith Calise DiMario
 Carol McKenna McGrath
 Arlene Rossi Bibeault
CLASS OF 1955
 Mary Gilmartin Weirmiller
 Frances Martin
 Janice Monaco Pucci
 Janice Pezzullo Varone
CLASS OF 1956
 Helen Dyer Antonizio
 Barbara McGuirl Schumacher
 Elaine Sheridan
CLASS OF 1957
 Marie Murray Reall
CLASS OF 1958
 Ellen Doyle Longo
 Myrtice Engley Wright
 Deborah Storti Casey
CLASS OF 1959
 Eleanor Imbriglio Darron
 Joyce Johnson Stevens
 Delores Langella Cappalli
 Jacqueline McMullen Murray
 Anne O'Malley Daley
 Arlene Zarrella Brook

CLASS OF 1960
 Margaret Healey Foster
 Joanne McCurdy Beauchemin
CLASS OF 1961
 Patricia Moran Ferns
 Ann Marie Tarlian Harootunian
 Marilyn Horan
 Sr. Eleanor Little, RSM
CLASS OF 1962
 Ann Marie Cole
 Margherita Sheridan Whitford
CLASS OF 1963
 Patricia Ahearn Varholy
 Paula Blessington Cherella
 Theresa Marzilli Moretti
CLASS OF 1964
 Dorothy Doyle Smith
 Hope Lachapelle Lagner
 Joyce Marland Bertrand
CLASS OF 1965
 Ellen Dolan
 Jacqueline Joyal Kittelson
 Mary Ann Natale DiChristofaro
 Roberta Sabella Mansfield
CLASS OF 1966
 Barbara Coyle Fappiano
CLASS OF 1967
 Margaret Centracchio McGovern
 Sheila Monahan
 Patricia O'Connell
 Sandra Capaldi Spadazzi
CLASS OF 1968
 Karen Brennan White
CLASS OF 1971
 Christine Crudele Avella
 Kathleen DiOrio Midura
 Ann Harrison Wojciechowski

CLASS OF 1979
 Cheryl Barone England
CLASS OF 1982
 Karen McGrath Sheil
\$30 THANK YOU !
CLASS OF 1944
 Mary McGrath Selwyn
CLASS OF 1956
 Elizabeth O'Brien McGarry
CLASS OF 1957
 Joyce Goss Miller
\$35 THANK YOU !
CLASS OF 1942
 Esther Bouchard Tracy
CLASS OF 1947
 Lois Brawley Condon
CLASS OF 1961
 Carole Battaglia
\$40 THANK YOU !
CLASS OF 1949
 Helene Jinkens
CLASS OF 1952
 Joan Beauchemin Lucian
CLASS OF 1953
 Irene Armao Coletta
CLASS OF 1954
 Jane Loveless Howard
CLASS OF 1957
 Audrey Halliday Warrenner
\$50 THANK YOU
CLASS OF 1939
 Mary C. Barrett
(RIP 9/27/15)
CLASS OF 1946
 Mary Brennan
 Pauline Gagnier MacDonald

**If the only prayer we said in our lives
 was thank you, that would suffice. (Meister Eckhart)**

\$50 (continued)

CLASS OF 1947

Lucille Hogan Flynn
Barbara G. O'Rourke

CLASS OF 1948

Lucille Valerien Morrisette

CLASS OF 1949

Pauline Berard Lemire
Adele Payette Beaulieu
A. Ruth Trainor Gruodis

CLASS OF 1950

Sally Avery Brown

CLASS OF 1951

Jane Reidy Therrien

CLASS OF 1954

Rosemarie Neri Perry

CLASS OF 1955

Alice McLaughlin Crawley
Eileen Viens-Kenahan Klein

CLASS OF 1957

Ann M. Doherty

CLASS OF 1958

Margaret Bell Nardacci
Mary Lou Pinardi Mandell
Sandra Poirier

CLASS OF 1959

Claudette Levelliee Hohlmaier
Marcia McGuirk Mazzochi

Filomena Paolucci

CLASS OF 1961

Beverly Brennan Panas
Francis Ciccarella D'Amato
Carol Kerwick Shea

CLASS OF 1962

Eileen Faitel Tally
Carol Faufaw

Dianne LaRoche Smith

CLASS OF 1963

Peggy Campbell Adams

CLASS OF 1964

Elaine Moretti Riley

CLASS OF 1965

Therese Beaudette Stewart
Barbara Brewer Robitaille
Sr. Angelina Giramma, MPF

Ruth Ploude Vaillet

CLASS OF 1967

Marianne Guglielmi Gammons

CLASS OF 1970

Kathryn Galuski Bailey

\$55 THANK YOU !

CLASS OF 1953

Margaret Carr Wallace

CLASS OF 1955

Helen Fallon Sweeney

CLASS OF 1959

Donna Forte DiIorio

CLASS OF 1961

Michaela Cleary

CLASS OF 1962

Barbara Jeffrey Steen

CLASS OF 1965

Adele Celani Beck
Kathy Cull Stagg

Patricia Loughran Gustafson

Lynne Ward Chaput

\$100 THANK YOU!

CLASS OF 1948

Sally Reynolds DeSimone

CLASS OF 1953

Christine Cunnion Ouimette

Joan Salisbury Daniels

CLASS OF 1955

Patricia McMullen McGarrahan

CLASS OF 1958

Barbara Moura Bamford

CLASS OF 1961

Eileen Barry

Paulette Guilbert McGuire

Suzanne Nolan Willis

Joyce Torrice Sauro

CLASS OF 1962

Dr. Janet Coyle

CLASS OF 1964

Barbara Leonard Jarry

Beverly Zoglio Tomao

CLASS OF 1965

Margaret Mercurio Watson

CLASS OF 1967

Eileen McCormick Koshgarian

\$110 THANK YOU!

CLASS OF 1955

Roberta Bessette

CLASS OF 1969

Barbara Auger Papitto

\$200 THANK YOU!

CLASS OF 1947

Mary McGovern Condry

CLASS OF 1960

Mary Parente Burgess

CLASS OF 1961

Mary Aquino-Dacey
Carol Moffitt Maynard

\$250 THANK YOU!

Carol Dwyer Brennan

In Memory of

Alice Brennan Barry '43

\$300 THANK YOU!

CLASS OF 1964

Elizabeth Olean

\$500 SCHOLARSHIPS

THANK YOU!

Mary Drury Bursell '43
(*Mary Bursell - RIP - 2016*)

**In Memory of
Robert Bursell**

**Alumnae - CLASS OF 1947
Alumnae - CLASS OF 1955**

CLASS OF 1961

Ann Marie Viherek

**In Memory of
Deceased Classmates**

Joan Salisbury Daniels

CLASS OF 1953

**In Memory of
her niece
and Namesake
Joan Cooney '61**

Alumnae - CLASS OF 1965

THANK YOU !

**Classes
Meeting the Goal
of \$1000
for
Scholarship Funding are:
CLASS OF 1960
and
CLASS OF 1961**



2015 CONTRIBUTIONS (continued)

LUCILLE BLAKE
ANNUAL
MEMORIAL
SCHOLARSHIP FUND
\$3,000

Awarded to
females attending Rhode
Island Catholic high schools

\$5,000
Annual
Donation
MARY LOU CLARK
Class of 1950
and
JIM CLARK

THE CLARK FOUNDATION

THANK YOU!

Please consider one of the following for funding October, 2016 scholarships.

(1) *Memorial Scholarship in the name
of a loved one for **October, 2016.** (\$500)

(2) *Tribute Scholarship for **October, 2016** (\$500)

I would like to learn more about the following:

- Matching Employer Gift _____
- Charitable Gift Annuity _____
- Life Income Gifts (Trusts) _____
- Gift of Retirement Plan Assets _____
- Bequest in my Will/Life Insurance Policies _____

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Paypal on website

PLEASE PRINT FIRST MAIDEN LAST

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number () E-mail CLASS _____

*Please indicate name(s) for MEMORIAL OR TRIBUTE SCHOLARSHIPS ON ANOTHER PAPER

INVITATION TO ALL CLASSES - PLEASE JOIN US
HOMECOMING - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2016

11 o'clock Mass at St. Timothy Church with a lovely Luncheon immediately following at
Quidnessett Country Club ~ Directions on Mailer

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS - WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2016 !

No dues for those beautiful ladies who have reached their 70th Reunion.

*Dinners for Religious Sisters of all Orders who graduated from or taught at St. Francis Xavier Academy are gratis.

PLEASE PRINT

FIRST _____ MAIDEN _____ LAST _____

*Abbreviate Order if a Religious Sister

CLASS _____ PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

STREET _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

Check if above is change of address

Please write in the number of dinners.

FISH

CHICKEN

VEGETARIAN

Number of Reservations ~ @ \$35.00 each \$ _____

Through October, 2017 DUES - \$10.00 \$ _____

Please - we count on your

DONATION TO THE

CURRENT 2016 SCHOLARSHIP FUND ~ \$ _____

THANK YOU !

TOTAL \$ _____

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NEWS AND INFORMATION

**CONTRATULATIONS TO ANN CASSIDY MORRILL
CLASS OF 1952**

Ann received the Rhode Island College Alumni Service Award on May 5, 2016 at the 2016 Alumni Awards Dinner. Ann, a retired teacher from Seekonk Public Schools and married to Kenneth Morrill for 56 years, raised seven children and a foster child. An environmental activist, she volunteered tirelessly for numerous environmental causes including Save the Bay and the Environmental Council of RI. Among many conservation awards she has received are the Rhode Island Foundation’s Merit Award for Outstanding Community Service in 2005 and the Walsh Award for Outstanding Environmental Advocacy in 2008.

Ann M. Doherty, ‘57, Carol McKenna McGrath, ‘54 Carol Moffitt Maynard, ‘61, Mary Aquino-Dacey, ‘61, Betty Francis Magiera, ‘47 and Elaine Sheridan, ‘56 represented the St. Xavier Alumnae Association, honoring our sister alumna.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND ~ We need your help! Please see Page 5 of this newsletter for different ways you can be a part of contributing to the Saint Francis Xavier Scholarship Fund for **OCTOBER 30, 2016**. Scholarship awardees will be announced on October 30, 2016 at the Homecoming luncheon.

Any up-to-date, dues-paying alumnae member (for 2017) who graduated from St. Francis Xavier Academy can sponsor a child, grandchild, niece, nephew and/or foster child for a Catholic high school scholarship. Scholarship awards are based on need, academic performance and a written essay as to why a Catholic high school education is important to the applicant. Applications for 2017 will be available some time in the spring.

RETIREMENT ~ Mariann Panzarella Impagliazzo, ‘62

MASS FOR DECEASED ALUMNAE

Friday, November 4, 2016 - 9 a.m.
Saint Robert Bellarmine Church
1804 Atwood Avenue
Johnston, RI 02919

SUBMISSIONS FOR NEXT YEAR’S NEWSLETTER

Do you have something you would like to share in next year’s newsletter? If so, please contact us through our web site at stxavieralumnae.org, or our post office address.

Deadline date is May 31, 2017.

Suggestions: Your story since graduating from SXA - New Job - Marriage - Promotion - Birth - Published-Retirement- Honor - Share Your Memories Article - Other.



Contributions for SXA memorabilia are applied to Scholarship Funds. Miscellaneous items will be available at the Sunday October 30, 2016 luncheon.

**OUR DEEP PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY
TO THE FAMILIES AND CLASSMATES
OF OUR DECEASED ALUMNAE**

(Alumnae Records of Deceased - July, 2015 - August, 2016)

CLASS

- 1926 IRENE CARMELL MCLELLEN
- 1934 ALICE GALLAGHER HOLLAND
- 1936 HELEN FREEBORN LOW
- 1936 FRANCES D’ANGELO
- 1936 MARGARET MCGUIRL LANGHAMMER
- 1936 MARGARET FLYNN MARTINELLI
- 1937 DOROTHY FINUCANE MARONEY
- 1937 SR. MARY KILIAN CONLEY RSM
- 1938 MARY C. BARRETT
- 1938 MARY GOLDEN MORAN
- 1938 HELEN KENNY CONNELL
- 1939 AGNES CANNAVO PECKHAM
- 1939 VIOLET VENAVA IAFRATE
- 1939 CAROLINA SQUILLANTE MICCOLIS
- 1939 JESSIE OLSON LARKIN
- 1940 SR. MARCELLA SHANLEY RSM
- 1940 PATRICIA GREENE PAPE
- 1941 SHIRLEY WASHBURN HEATLEY
- 1941 LOIS HAGGERTY HUBER
- 1941 YVETTE ADAMS PATENAUDE
- 1941 ALMA BLAIR NEWMAN
- 1942 LOUISE CRAIG FERREIRA
- 1942 EILEEN RUSSELL MORRISSEY
- 1942 MARY ERBA RAYHILL
- 1942 ALICE LIVESY FREED
- 1942 MARY E. TASILLO
- 1942 EVELYN DOMENICO PAGLIO
- 1942 MARY DONAHUE SCHLEMMER
- 1944 EILEEN A. WALSH
- 1944 MARGARET FAY ARPIN
- 1944 IRENE CLOUTIER DESILETS
- 1944 MARGARET PELRINE COOK
- 1944 BERNICE BARLOW SURTEL
- 1944 MARY ARBOUR PHILLIPS
- 1944 MARY KELLY WALL
- 1945 YVETTE THIBAUDEAU LARIVIERE
- 1945 ANN FLYNN LANGWELL

BELOVED DECEASED (continued)

- 1945 HILDA ANNA CARBONE DENBY
- 1945 JANE COWSILL LAUTIERI
- 1945 ANNA ALOISIO BOVA
- 1945 ROSEMARY O'KEEFE CAMPBELL
- 1945 OLGA CALUORI WILCOX
- 1946 EILEEN DUFFY MCGINIS
- 1946 ANNA CARIGLIA GEMPP
- 1946 MICHELINA RASPALLO ROSSI
- 1946 MARY NUGENT DOYLE CARTY
- 1946 MARGARET ASCOLI GEOFFROY
- 1946 EILEEN DEAQUIAR BOYLE
- 1946 GERALDEEN A. FAY
- 1946 BARBARA PAPPAS BROWN
- 1946 DOROTHY EVANGELISTA GARRIEPY
- 1946 VIRGINIA HOPKINS GAMMINO
- 1947 JOYCE DAIGLE BENNETT
- 1947 THERESA HAGAN CONLEY
- 1947 GLORIA MUNROE LEFOLEY
- 1947 ELLEN HINDLE WATERS
- 1948 MARY MCGWIN CARNER
- 1948 SR. MARY EDWARDINE BLACK RSM
- 1948 OLIVE JILLSON SWEENEY
- 1948 SR. MARY MICHAEELEN HAMILTON RSM
- 1948 DORIS MARTINEAU PICARD
- 1949 FRANCES MASTRANGELO WASYLYK
- 1949 PAULINE SCAVITTO HOYAS
- 1949 ROSE BERTHERMAN OATES
- 1949 BARBARA COMMETTE OLIVIER
- 1949 MARY GREENWOOD GIFFORD
- 1949 CAROLYN REYNOLDS RYAN
- 1949 CLAIRE ROCHEFORD CHUTE
- 1950 PAULINE TELLIER VIENS-TENCHER
- 1950 JOAN SULLIVAN MURRAY
- 1950 TERESA LAVERY BEATTIE
- 1951 MARGARET NAIRTNEY BELLIVEAU
- 1951 SR. MARY CARMEN DEMEULE RSM
- 1951 JOYCE LUCEY CHALKO
- 1952 ANGELA HANRAHAN CHATWIN
- 1952 ANN TEUBERT KELLEHER
- 1952 JANICE WRIGHT FONTAINE
- 1952 MARGARET CONNORS BRACKEN
- 1952 MARTHA B. GUNN
- 1952 CLAIRE FARRELL TALBOT
- 1953 MARGUERITE CAMPANELLA COLLINS
- 1953 SHARON LEE MCLAUGHLIN
- 1954 SHIRLEY KEARNEY LEITE
- 1954 PATRICIA FLANAGAN GIRARD
- 1954 PATRICIA FORKIN MADONNA
- 1954 BEVERLEY MCKENNA INFUSSI
- 1954 ELAINE WETZELAER O'NEILL
- 1954 ARLINE MAYNARD PRIOR
- 1955 GERTRUDE M. RONCI
- 1955 MAUREEN GAUTHIER BROCHU
- 1955 MARIA MARCHETTI DAVIS
- 1955 MARY MCATEER PODEDWORNY
- 1955 GLORIA BRZOZA SELBY
- 1955 ALICE BRIGGS STRUMOLO
- 1956 MAUREEN CONNELLY
- 1956 ANN SHERMAN WEINGARTNER
- 1957 MAUREEN RIORDAN-MORASH
- 1957 ANN HESKETH MANDEVILLE
- 1957 JEANNE SKRUPSKY CAITO
- 1957 MARY LOU MINIATI DICIENZO
- 1957 DIANA BRUNO RAINONE
- 1958 GERALDINE A. CROWLEY
- 1959 LOUISE ANTAYA TOOMEY
- 1959 GAIL GIARD BROWN
- 1960 KATHERINE BLAKE SIMPSON
- 1961 VIRGINIA E. HOURIGAN
- 1962 OLIVE DONAHUE PLEP
- 1962 ROSE ZAINO DIPIPPA
- 1962 DIANE BOUTHILLIER DERUOSI
- 1962 MARY ANN GALLOGLY SCOTT
- 1966 MARION MOTTA MILANO
- 1966 HELEN ARMATA HANNA GOMEZ
- 1966 NANCY MEDEIROS HUDSON
- 1967 ROBERTA MURRAY
- 1967 DIANE PITASSI ANTONI
- 1967 DOREEN WHITESIDE DAVIS
- MARIA MARCHETTI DAVIS
- HELEN MCDERMOTT

THE CLASS OF 1966 WISHES TO REMEMBER THEIR DECEASED CLASSMATES IN PRAYER AS THEY LOOK FORWARD TO CELEBRATING THEIR 50TH REUNION.

STRONG AND CONFIDENT - SXA LADIES

Linda Fogell Kozack from the 50th class of 1966 shares the following memories since graduating from SXA 50 years ago. Her life experiences show a sisterly kinship through the happy and also challenging times all of us face at one time or another. And, her story shows how the Sisters of Mercy, our teachers at SXA, had a strong bearing on our development into confident women becoming all that we could be.



Barbara



Donna



Linda

St. Francis Xavier Academy

After attending 9th grade at Saint Michael the Archangel School in Providence, Linda spent sophomore, junior and senior years at SXA. She was pleased with all of her teachers; she loved Sister Lucretia who taught biology. Linda says, "She was an excellent teacher, and if someone got into trouble she would speak sternly, but the twinkle in her eye relieved any possible stress on the receiving end." Linda recalls how beautiful inside and out Sister Sharon was—"She came into our class on November 22, 1963 and gently told us that dear President John F. Kennedy had died from an assassin's gun". Linda feels fortunate to have received many years of education from the Sisters of Mercy.

After Graduation from SXA

After graduating from Saint Francis Xavier Academy in 1966, Linda along with her two classmates, Barbara Rush and Donna Vendettoli, went on to nursing training at Roger Williams General Hospital. Having received their Catholic high school education from the Sisters of Mercy in the Scientific Division at SXA, they felt well prepared to tackle whatever the program offered them. They worked hard through all shifts and in many units, including Surgical, ICU, Special Care and Psychiatric. Their solid academic background, unflinching determination and confidence instilled at SXA, brought them through the three-year program to graduation. The three friends started their nursing journeys at the Veteran's Administration Hospital. After that they went on to many different nursing experiences in other hospitals, serving medical needs at every level including private care. To this day Donna works part time at Quonset, caring for military men and women returning from combat. Barbara retired from the Veteran's Administration several years ago. Linda, Barbara and Donna have been faithful friends from the time of their graduation at SXA to the present. As in the past, they know they can continue to count on each other's being there through the celebrations and demands we all experience on life's journey.

Linda meets her husband.

Linda worked at the Veteran's Hospital for about a year. One day when she was on duty, she met her husband to be, Richard Kozack, a Vietnam War veteran. At the time of his discharge, he asked her if she would go out with him to McDonald's. They dated a year and then married. Born a year apart, her children, Heather (now 45) and son, Ethan (now 44), would become more than the treasures parents typically see in their children as they watch them grow.

Retirement

Linda did not plan to retire in 2011. She became sick with cirrhosis of the liver—also called fatty liver disease. Linda makes one thing clear, saying, "The cause was not alcohol, as some would think." Her daughter, Heather, who lives in Virginia with her three daughters was Linda's angel and lifesaver. Relief came for the family's deep concern when Heather was found to be a perfectly matched liver donor for her mom. They had the surgeries at New York-Presbyterian/Columbia Hospital because of its reputation for successful liver transplant surgeries. Heather's liver started to regenerate in the recovery room, and at this time is over 90% regenerated. Linda also has over 90% liver regeneration, eliminating meds as time passes—great reason for recently having a one-year post op celebration.

At the same time that Linda was recovering in August 2015, Richard was diagnosed with Merkle cell carcinoma, an aggressive and rare cancer that started as a lump in his knee. He has gone through radiation treatments and is doing well. Her son Ethan, her other angel, was at their sides throughout their recuperations, staying with them and making sure he met their every need. Linda says, "One would think that Ethan was a nurse's assistant the way he learned quickly and performed. He gave five-star care."

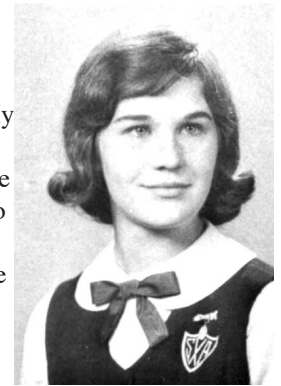
Although Linda suffered through shingles a few months ago, she is feeling wonderful and looks beautiful. She values the experience and friends she has gained as she attended the alumnae Executive Board meetings and summer luncheon. She praises the board members for their hard work, expertise and organization in preparation for the annual Homecoming event in October. As Linda and Richard continue to get more healthy, they look forward to each day, celebrating the joy given to them by their children, Heather and Ethan, and their three beautiful granddaughters, Morgan (age 15), Isabella (age 13), and Casey (age 11).

We are grateful that Linda took the time to share her story, which is similar in many ways to all of our stories. We hope that you are able to meet her and some of her classmates on Sunday, October 30, when the Association will honor the class of 1966 at their 50th Reunion luncheon.

The following is a reprint from the 50th reunion memory book of the Class of 1961, which this year celebrates its 55th reunion. The article captures the shared traditions of SXA Mercy girls that bind us together, as well as highlighting the positive, indelible imprint left by the Sisters of Mercy, which influenced not only the writer's unique life experiences, but all of ours as well.

MEMORIES

by Vera Kilmartin Candelmo, Class of 1961 - 55th Reunion Class



Mercy Hall housed my assigned freshman homeroom, in the basement, if memory serves me. My homeroom teacher offered, let's just say, a less than warm welcome. This was greatly offset, however, by a jumble of new and very friendly faces. And lockers—my first—and I loved it and the “grown up” nature of high school it implied. In just a few weeks, walking into Mercy Hall became one big extended “Hi!” to everyone. If groups or cliques were to form, freshman year escaped that.

I remember the rigor of study, the pile of textbooks lugged home each afternoon (the days before backpacks!), my fear of algebra and the kick of ditching the dreaded brown oxfords for sneakers at the end of the day. (In the coming years this ritual would include hitching up the uniform skirt to an acceptable length before venturing “downtown.”) The provincial Providence girl in me was amazed that girls came to St. X from such *far away places* as Narragansett, Chepachet and Attleboro.

Friendships began to form helped by what I perceived as immense freedom at lunch (this a far cry from my strict grammar school). I dutifully bought my lunch checks. (Who knew that for the next three years I would be the one to *sell* them?) Life was good—armed with my daily purchase of Ok-E-Doke cheese popcorn, new friends and chatter all around the tables. Afterward, we would all drift into the gym to talk some more before a bell summoned us back to class. I remember being enthralled by the seniors and their otherworldly talk of college, nursing school, interviews and, what was a PC Mixer? I had just learned the ropes of the LaSalle Canteen!

Green ribbon gave way to pale blue—I thought we almost approached “cool” status. My sophomore homeroom was unique in that we were a mix of both college and commercial students. (We had chosen our respective divisions at the end of freshman year—although I could not have known the many ways those divisions would indeed divide.) This was made real to me by my (unlikely?) winning the sophomore essay competition for a prized by-line in the *Xavierette*. (I shared this honor with Cheryl Foster—good company!) I wanted desperately to write for the school newspaper and when junior year began, I presented my essay-winning self to the faculty moderator who told me with a dismissive air that I was not in the ‘right’ division. I could, however, type. (This unfortunate dichotomy also precluded any creative participation in the yearbook as well.)

While our academic programs were a source of stratification, in good measure there was much to unite us. We shared many classes, activities and events and enjoyed participation in basketball, cheerleading, plays and musicals, glee club and orchestra. Together we prayed the Latin Mass kneeling on the auditorium floor, stomachs growling. We anticipated Father-Daughter dances and either were, or admired from afar, “the Sodality girls.” When prom time came we were collectively schooled in the formality of “Sister Mary Marjorie, I would like to present my escort...” We thought it our own kind of normal to sing hymns mid-prom and to wish Our Beloved Mother goodnight. As seniors we awaited the only not-in-the-gym dance, the Alumnae Ball, held at the beautiful Biltmore Hotel Ballroom. Of course there was senior religion with Father Schmultz... “Life is hard ladies life is hard...” Our send-off to adulthood!

For us commercial (secretarial) students, Mercy Hall was our second home and we had our allies in kindly Sr. Mary Seraphine, Sr. Marie LaSalette and other wonderful mentors. We somehow agreed to work ourselves to death for Sr. Mary Concepta (all while knowing she loved us!) yet having so much fun, led by our charismatic homeroom president Marcia Marcantonio. To be a student of Sr. Concepta, however, was where the fun ended—the St. X equivalent of boot camp. Sister had extremely high expectations of “her girls” and we were reminded of those expectations on a daily basis. Speed! Accuracy! Drill! Again! And, it worked. My class left St. Xavier Academy as skilled, secure, white-gloved young women ready for the world of work that awaited us. Sr. Mary Concepta would have it no other way. Her creed of excellence served me, and I’m sure many others, well in adult life as we ventured far beyond the strictures and structures that defined our 1950’s—era selves.

When I look back at my senior year, I see a barely decent “flip” hair-do, a worn, shiny uniform (one lasted all four years!), my miraculous medal pinned above the distinctive SXA emblem, “runs” that counted as stockings and, finally, that red taffeta bow. At home now, freshman fears a distant memory, I was happy to know so many, many great girls whose presence in the totality of my years would be fleeting, but indelible. We left St. Xavier Academy a sisterly band—the thread of connection lasting a lifetime.

I am grateful to have been a Mercy girl, a member of the Class of 1961. It has taken the wisdom that (blessedly!) comes with age to fully realize how very fortunate I was to have been shaped and molded, instructed and educated and, yes, graced by the Sisters of Mercy.

When I lost my infant son early in marriage, it was that stern taskmaster, Sr. Mary Concepta, R.S.M., who would reach out to me with words of consolation and hope—the long embrace of Mercy. Rest in peace, beloved Sister, and ever, my gratitude.

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A Prayer for Our 110 Year Old Alumnae Association

We pray to you Lord, God of life,
and God of those who hope.
We pray that you hear our prayer for peace.
We pray for Governments throughout the world.
We pray that evil will be overcome
bringing all wars to an end.
We pray for all peoples who are poor and neglected.
We pray for those among us
who experience pain and suffering.
We pray especially for all
members of the St. Xavier Alumnae family.
We pray for continued good sisterhood among our members
and success for Catholic
High School scholarship funding. Amen.
by Irene Armao Coletta, '53

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**To: St. Timothy Church:
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**To Quidnessett Country Club
950 North Quidnessett Avenue
North Kingstown, RI 02852
401 884 1100**

From Points South: Take I-95 North
Take Exit 13 toward US- Route 1/TF Green Airport.
Merge onto Airport Connector Road.
Take US-1 Post Road ramp.
Turn LEFT onto Post Road/US-Route 1 North.
Turn RIGHT onto Airport Road.
Turn RIGHT onto Warwick Avenue.
1799 Warwick Avenue is on the right.

From Points North: Take I-95 South
Take Exit 13 toward US Route 1/TF Green Airport.
Merge onto Airport Connector Road.
Take US Route 1 Post Road ramp.
Turn LEFT onto Post Road/ US Route 1 North.
Turn RIGHT onto Airport Road.
Turn right onto Warwick Avenue.
1799 Warwick Avenue is on the right.

Leaving the Church take a LEFT (North) on Warwick Avenue.
Turn LEFT onto Airport Road.
Turn LEFT onto Post Road/US Route 1 South (about 6.5 miles).
Turn LEFT onto Forge Road at traffic lights.
Bear RIGHT onto Old Forge Road.
(you will see Chianti's Restaurant)
Continue to end of Old Forge Road.
Turn LEFT onto North Quidnessett Road.
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