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## Calendar

**Monthly Alumnae Meetings**  
- 2nd Wednesday of Month -  
Check Web site for details  
[stxavialumnae.org](http://stxavialumnae.org)

**Homecoming Sunday**  
October 27, 2013

**Mass for Deceased Alumnae**  
Friday, November 1 at Noon  
St. Pius Church,  
Providence, RI.

## HOW TO CONTACT US

E-mail through Web site  
[stxavialumnae.org](http://stxavialumnae.org)  
Send Note to:  
P.O. Box 20452  
Cranston, RI 02920

## THANK YOU TO:

*All of our dedicated  
Executive  
Board Members  
who  
voluntarily  
give  
their very precious time  
so gracefully to the  
Association's success  
and  
special thanks  
to the  
50th Class Reunion  
Committee of 1963*

# St. Xavier Alumnae News

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September, 2013

## JOIN US ON HOMECOMING SUNDAY ! OCTOBER 27, 2013

*Noon Mass at Our Lady of Mercy Church  
followed immediately by luncheon at  
Quidnessett Country Club  
Honoring the Class of 1963-50th Reunion  
and all five year classes ending in 3 and 8  
USE RESERVATION FORM INSIDE THIS NEWSLETTER  
All checks should be made out to St. Xavier Alumnae Association  
and sent to P.O. Box 20452, Cranston, RI 02920*

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL  
Ann Doherty at 401 941 4079 or use Contact Page at [stxavialumnae.org](http://stxavialumnae.org)

**DEADLINE DATE FOR RESERVATIONS - Saturday, OCTOBER 19 !**

## DIRECTIONS

**Directions to Our Lady of Mercy - 65 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, East Greenwich, RI 02818**

From Points South:

95 North

Merge onto Quaker Ln/RI-2S via Exit 8A toward RI 4/East Greenwich

Turn LEFT onto RI-401/DIVISION STREET (continue about 2.4 miles)

Turn RIGHT onto 2<sup>nd</sup> Street (.2 miles)

Turn RIGHT onto 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Turn LEFT onto 3<sup>rd</sup> Street

Church is on the left

From Points North:

95 South to Exit 9 (Route 4)

Turn RIGHT at end of Exit onto RI-401/Division St.

(continue 2.4 miles)

Turn RIGHT onto 2<sup>nd</sup> Street (.2 miles)

Turn RIGHT onto 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Turn LEFT onto 3<sup>rd</sup> Street

Church is on the left

**Directions from Our Lady of Mercy to  
Quidnessett Country Club, 950 North Quidnessett Road, North  
Kingstown, RI 02852 (2.78 miles)**

Go Southwest on 3rd St.

Take a left on 5th Ave.

Take a RIGHT onto Main St./US-1

Turn LEFT on Forge Rd. at traffic lights

Bear RIGHT onto OLD Forge Rd (you will see Chianti's Restaurant)

Continue to end of Old Forge Rd.

Turn LEFT onto N. Quidnessett Rd.

Quidnessett Country Club is on the left

**CLASS REPRESENTATIVES for HOMECOMING**

If you have any questions, please contact a representative associated with your class below:

**70th Reunion - Class of 1943**

Mary Drury Bursell,  
401 596 1179

**65th Reunion - Class of 1948**

Antonette Guiliani Oliver,  
401 438 3635 and/or  
E. Teresa Heslin Mahony,  
401 732 5916

**60th Reunion - Class of 1953**

Irene Armao Coletta,  
401 484 5031,  
ulisseandirene@cox.net and/or  
Mary Quarnstrom Merrick,  
401 737 7138

**55th Reunion - Class of 1958**

Debbie Storti Casey,  
401 364 0088 and/or  
Joyce Durfee Tobias,  
401 732 6699,  
jmtdwt@aol.com

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*All other classes*

*Ann Doherty, 401 941 4079*

*nan4ann@verizon.net or*

*use contact page at stxavialumnae.org*  
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**50th Reunion -**

**Congratulations!**  
**Class of 1963**

Pamela Porter Podgorski,  
401 615 8668,  
pampodgorski1@verizon.net

**45th Reunion - Class of 1968**

Jean Furlong Murray,  
401 556 8069

**40th Reunion - Class of 1973**

Adele Richtarick,  
401 821 0178,  
delly5@verizon.net

**35th Reunion - Class of 1978**

Andrea Hinderline Sharkey,  
401 474 8301, andeehs@yahoo.  
com, and/or  
Liza Bartlett,  
401 265 3122, myliza@aol.com

**Kathleen Keenan Monahan**

401 781 0319 for the following classes:

**30th Reunion - Class of 1983****25th Reunion - Class of 1988****20th Reunion - Class of 1993****15th Reunion - Class of 1998****2014 Alumnae Newsletter**

Do you have some news you would like to share in the September 2014 newsletter?  
If so, please use the form at the top of page 7.

## CLASS NOTES AND NEWS

### MEMORIES and 'Catching Up' CLASS OF 1950

**Loretta MacDougald Lapierre** was happy to hear that the Alumnae Association is alive and well! She met a few Sisters of Mercy at a fundraiser and mentioned that she had attended St. Xavier's, but never received any alumnae notices since graduating in 1950. When the school closed on Broad Street, she thought that was the end of the Association. Although she was disappointed to have missed so many "anniversary" years, she was pleasantly surprised to find that it was so vibrant.

"My days at the academy were wonderful. I was in the academic building and had amazing teachers. I enjoyed being a class officer and especially singing in the Glee Club under Sister Mary Emily. What I appreciate most is the education I received. Back then there were no study periods and just one half hour for lunch. It was serious study coupled with a warm, friendly atmosphere. Unfortunately I have lost touch with most of my classmates.

"My husband and I have nine children--six daughters and three sons, twenty-four grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren! Along the way, I went to continuing-ed classes at Dean College and Northeastern, majoring in computer science and became a technical writer (software manuals). I continued my love of singing through the years and enjoyed taking part in a little theater, solo work and choruses. When the children were young, I had them all singing through the years (inspired of course by *The Sound of Music*). We were the Lapierre Family Singers and entertained mostly at church and school functions, with one appearance at the Jay Kroll TV show. My husband graduated from St. Raphael Academy and was in printing his whole career.

"Our oldest daughter, Linda, has her Ph.D and teaches at Roger Williams University; son Paul is a computer analyst; Sue enjoys being at home with her farm animals, horses, goat, sheep, chickens and 2 dogs. Peter lives in Nashville and works with computers. Carol lives in Florida and is a CNA. Laurie is a director of a Florida corporation, Michele is in the legal department of Roger Williams University. Maria works for her husband's two magazines, Christopher is a mechanic and has his own garage in Attleboro, MA. And they all have adult children! Anyway, a lot of information, but then I have a lot of years to catch up!"

**Alice Heaney Ferretti, '53** - After graduating, Alice worked as a medical secretary for several years. She then took a break to raise her family. Thereafter, she worked for and then retired from the Providence Journal. She is hoping to attend her 60th reunion!

**Class of '63**-extends congratulations to Maureen Raia Taylor who received her doctorate from Northeastern University in Higher Education Leadership.

#### ANNIVERSARY

**Dolores Langella Cappali, '59** and her husband Tom celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at the Wannamoisett Country Club. The celebration was planned by their three children with nearly 60 in attendance, including their six grandchildren.

#### NOTE OF THANKS

**Irene Coletta, '53** - extends a thank you to all who helped reach the goal for the Class of 1953 scholarship. Reminder--if you have not made a contribution, you may do so by using the form on page 7 of this newsletter. Irene is looking forward to seeing many of you at the Class of 1953 table celebrating the 60th reunion! She also acknowledges the wonderful notes of appreciation, recognizing her efforts in reaching the scholarship goal.

#### BIRTHS

**Elizabeth Magnone Murphy, '75** is the proud grandmother of Emily Rose Jarvais, born September 25, 2011 and Paige Victoria Murphy, born May 8, 2012.

#### MEMBERSHIP DUES

Membership dues run  
from October, 2013 to October, 2014.

Even if you are not attending  
Homecoming on October 27,  
please use the

*Reservation form on Page 7 for your dues payment  
and  
scholarship donations.*

#### SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Up-to-date dues-paying members may sponsor a child, grandchild, niece, nephew or foster child for a Catholic high school scholarship. Further information will be forthcoming for dues-paying members.

Applications, as always, will be available for downloading online at:  
[stxavieralumnae.org](http://stxavieralumnae.org)

#### We are looking for memories/stories about the Blessed Mother Statue for the 2014 Newsletter

If you have a story/memory you would love to share about the beautiful statue of the Blessed Mother that graced the St. Xavier Academy courtyard, please use the form at the top of page 7.

*To continue to be a viable organization, we need the support of all alumnae. Please, can we count on you?  
(See Pages 6 and 7 to learn how you can make a difference for Catholic high school students and their families.)*

- \*JANET FREGAULT
- Class* \*MARY KING MC KENNA
- 31 CATHERINE MONTI VENDITTI
- 32 MARY TIERNEY WALL
- 35 JEANNE VIGEANT
- 35 MARGARET HARTY O'ROURKE-KENNEY
- 35 MARY GALLOGLY HACKMAN
- 36 FLORENCE MURPHY SENEAL WHALEY
- 37 ANN PICKERING LE CLERC
- 37 ANGELA KING, RSM (SR. MARY ALEXINE)
- 38 ANNE DE RESTIE BARRY
- 38 RITA MUELLER LANGEVIN
- 38 MARY CONCETTA MONTI, RSM
- 38 LOUISE FITZPATRICK KILPECK
- 38 ELIZABETH DRISCOLL HOLMES
- 38 DORIS KEROACK POWER
- 38 LENA HASSELL MC DONOUGH
- 38 DORIS ALARIE
- 39 ANN FITZSIMMONS SCANLON
- 39 LOUISE ORABONA DEL PRETE
- 39 EVELYN KAVANAGH REILLY
- 39 FLORA DRAGON CLARK
- 40 ODETTE CARDANHA MACIEL
- 41 VERONICA COTTER HARTMAN
- 41 FRANCES WINWARD LUTHER
- 42 KATHERINE KENNEDY GEARY
- 42 DOROTHY GALVIN ARCHIBALD
- 42 MILDRED BRENNEN NUGENT
- 42 CECILE SOULIERE
- 43 GERTRUDE MC CORMICK CLARK
- 43 RITA DONAIS CROOK
- 43 PHYLLIS CARR TURENNE
- 43 RITA MC COY, RSM (SR. MARY WALTER)
- 43 MARY HOLTON MC KENNEY
- 44 MARION NOLIN
- 44 ELIZABETH ELMER
- 44 EILEEN FLYNN MILLERICK
- 44 MARY SNOW PLANT
- 46 ELIZABETH WHITEHEAD PARTINGTON
- 46 MARY SMYTHE CURTIS
- 46 GENEVIEVE BROGAN ERICKSON
- 46 EILEEN SULLIVAN
- 46 BEATRICE COLUCCI
- 46 MARY JANE BOWE MC LEISH
- 46 MARY EVANGELA MC ALEER, RSM
- 46 VILMA RICCI MORRO
- 47 MARY AYLESWORTH TAYLOR




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

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*Rejoicing  
in the  
glorious light  
of  
God's Kingdom*

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- 47 JEAN SWEENEY VILLANOVA
- 47 MARGARET BOWEN LESTER
- 47 GERTRUDE PIGEON TAYLOR
- 47 CONSTANCE MC GIRR MC ALEER
- 47 ANGELA FORTE MICHELETTI
- 47 MARIE CLARK LYNCH
- 47 THERESA CULLERTON DUBUQUE
- 48 JOAN MULLIGAN, RSM (SR. FRANCELYN)
- 48 ANN BURNS BLAIN
- 48 NORMA BERARDINELLI LASORSA
- 49 PATRICIA MC CANN TEVYAW
- 49 BARBARA MC COY SALESESSE
- 49 ANN COONEY HARRIS
- 49 CAROLYN REYNOLDS RYAN
- 50 FRANCES ALMONTE MEDEIROS
- 51 DORIS HACKET CLARK
- 51 MADONNA DOORLEY MAGGIACOMO
- 51 CLAIRE O'MARA FONTAINE
- 51 GWENDOLYN GAUDET WESTERMAN
- 51 HELEN TOOLE
- 51 GLORIA SANTANIELLO, RSM (SR. ATONIUS)
- 51 SANDRA WINANS WALSH
- 51 NANCY TASCA RUSSO
- 52 THERESA DESMARAIS LANTAGNE
- 52 GLADYS GAUTHIER SMITH
- 52 ANN CUMMINGS MALMBORG
- 53 GRACE ANNOTTI WASTILA
- 55 DOLORES MC PHILLIPS BONETTI
- 55 MURIEL HOLMES OUELLET
- 56 CAROL BELFIELD CHRISTMAN
- 57 NORMA MURRAY DI PIETRO
- 57 ROBERTA MC CONNELL BEAUCHAMP
- 59 BEVERLY KOLY COLEMAN
- 59 CONSTANCE LARSON GUENETTE
- 60 ROSE REGO GORMAN
- 61 MARGERY CAMPBELL DWYER
- 61 EILEEN MANCHESTER SHAW
- 61 DIANE DETORO DEVOGEL
- 62 ANGELA KASKIEWICZ ZALABOWSKI
- 62 ANGELA PANTALENA HAYGOOD
- 62 CAROLE RIVARD ANDREWS
- 65 JUDITH SULLIVAN ANGELL
- 65 ELIZABETH SANDBERG BREWER
- 66 MAUREEN O'BRIEN DEMBER
- 66 MARY RYAN
- 71 DENISE LAMBERT CARON
- 71 NORA MOORE

\*Class unknown



**IN MEMORIAM**  
**Lucille Alice Blake 1927 – 2011**  
**Class of 1945**

Classmates will long remember with respect and affection their beloved friend Lucille Alice Blake. She was an exemplar of her Roman Catholic religion by attending daily Mass and remembering generously upon her death numerous Catholic affiliated associations. Alice meaningfully expressed her love for St. Xavier Academy by creating the Lucille Blake Scholarship Fund, which will help the Association provide scholarships to worthy Catholic high school students for many years to come.

Lucille's love of learning by all accounts was unquestionable. She attended St. Francis Xavier Academy on a full academic scholarship, graduating in 1945. She graduated from St. Charles Grammar School as valedictorian in 1942. After working ten years in Woonsocket, she spent 37 years as administrative assistant in the Mechanical Engineering Dept. of M.I.T. under nine different professors. In 1988 she received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, *cum laude* from Northeastern University and was admitted to the *Sigma Epsilon Rho* Honor Society.

Lucille made many foreign acquaintances as she traveled to the Near, Middle and Far East, North Africa, Europe, Mexico and Canada. Her friends in the Informal Needlework Group at MIT looked forward to listening to stories of her adventurous travels.

Lucille enjoyed sewing and knitting much of her own clothing, reading and planning for her many travel adventures, and cooking for and entertaining her many friends. She especially enjoyed her cooking classes with Julia Child and Jacque Pepin as well as her stimulating courses at Hamilton House, Providence.

She was devoted to her parents and aunts in their old age. A friend recalls her steadfastness in the care of her dear mother and aunts. She recounts that Lucille withstood her own illness (leukemia) with tremendous strength.

Susan Marcotte Famiglietti, '67, daughter of Gabrielle Thibodeau Marcotte, relates her mother's memories of Lucille:  
**...my mom always spoke so fondly and highly of Ms. Blake as well as of the friendships forged between several of her high school friends, including my mom, in the Blackstone Valley area. My mom has had some physical setbacks, but was happy to be able to attend the beautiful, spiritual and 'classy' celebration of her classmate's life. As a St. X grad myself, I was inspired by the achievements, thirst for knowledge and experiences as well as the grace of a sister alumna. My mom and I are confident that the Good Lord and His Blessed Mother have welcomed Ms. Blake to her eternal reward.**

As one of Lucille's MIT friends said, "Lucille made our lives richer by her zest for life. She was so adventurous and wanted to do everything. She was a special person and a good friend. I will miss her very much."

And another friend in the MIT needlework group told about Lucille's expedition to Sri Lanka at the time of the devastating tsunami-- "Not being able to contact her was something we will soon not forget. When we finally learned that Lucille was safe, we decided that she should never go anywhere without letting us know. Lucille is now in a safe place and has left us with fond memories."

Lucille valued her Catholic high school education, demonstrated by her establishing the Lucille Blake Scholarship Fund, which for years to come, will provide scholarships to deserving Catholic high school students, sponsored by up-to-date dues-paying members of the Alumnae Association. The St. Francis Xavier Alumnae Association is grateful for her generosity and charitable remembrance of the families who struggle to meet the ever-soaring cost of a Catholic high school education. Lucille was a living example of the Christ-like values she learned at St. Francis Xavier Academy.



*My child, never forget the things I have taught you.  
Store my commands in your heart, for they will  
give you a long and satisfying life.  
Proverbs 3:1-2*



## ENDOWMENT FUND

**An endowed fund is a way to establish named scholarships on a permanent basis.  
(See the bottom of page 7 for creating a one-time memorial or tribute scholarship.)  
A \$10,000 minimum is required to establish a named endowed fund.**

If you would like information on how to create a permanent scholarship endowment fund in honor of family, friends or loved ones, please fill out the following form and send to:

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

**We are a 501c3 Non-profit Association.  
Your contributions are tax deductible.**



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I am interested in having more information about establishing a permanent scholarship endowment fund to assist Catholic high school students sponsored by up-to-date dues-paying members of the St. Xavier Alumnae Association.

FIRST NAME

MAIDEN

LAST

CLASS YEAR

PHONE

E-MAIL

STREET

CITY

STATE

ZIP

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*A generous person will prosper.  
Whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.  
Proverbs 11:25*

**Alumnae Class Notes and News/Memories for 2014 Newsletter**

Send this form/details to Mary Aquino-Dacey, 1 Winterberry Dr. Coventry, RI 02816 / 401 828 2761 /grace14@cox.net  
Please Print !

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Maiden Last

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

New Address   
 New Job   
 Marriage

Promotion   
 Birth   
 Published

Retirement   
 Honor   
 Other



Please use another sheet of paper for any details.

**HOME COMING RESERVATION FORM - FOR SUNDAY OCTOBER 27, 2013**

Everyone is invited to **HOME COMING SUNDAY Mass and Luncheon**

~12:00 NOON MASS AT OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH~

Not attending?

**DEADLINE**  
**FOR HOME COMING**  
**RESERVATIONS**  
 Saturday, October 19 2013!

**LUNCHEON IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING**  
**AT QUIDNESSETT COUNTRY CLUB**  
 (See directions on first page of newsletter)

Please use this form for dues and scholarship donations.

\*Dinners for Religious Sisters of all Orders who graduated from or taught at St. Xavier's are gratis.  
 No dues for those lovely ladies who have reached their 70th Reunion !

**Please Print !**

First \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_  
Abbreviate order if a religious sister

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

Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Winter Address if available \_\_\_\_\_ (Months) From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Check Box if ABOVE is a CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please write in number of dinners - Baked Scrod #  Chicken Francaise #  Vegetarian Lasagna #

*Tables are arranged according to Class Year*

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

Through **October 2014 DUES** - \$10.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE - we count on your DONATION to the Scholarship Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**THANK YOU!**

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

**We are Non-profit 501c3 /Tax Deductible**



Make check payable (no cash) to: St. Xavier Alumnae Association and mail to P.O. Box 20452, Cranston, RI 02920

You can honor a cherished relative, classmate or friend with a Memorial or Tribute Scholarship with **\$500 or more.**

Please complete this form and make out

your check to St. Xavier Alumnae Association and send to P.O. Box 20452, Cranston, RI 02920

Donations are tax-deductible.

**Please Print !**

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$500 \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \$ \_\_\_\_\_

First/Maiden/Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Memorial Scholarship for: \_\_\_\_\_ Tribute Scholarship for: \_\_\_\_\_

My gift can be matched by my employer (Please let us know by calling Barbara at 401 864 4494)

Your scholarships are so very much appreciated by Catholic High School Students and their families. Thank you! Thank you!