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 stxavieralumnae.org

DEADLINE DATE FOR RESERVATIONS - Saturday, OCTOBER 19!

DIRECTIONS

Directions to Our Lady of Mercy - 65 3rd 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 2nd Street (.2 miles)
  Turn RIGHT onto 4th Avenue
  Turn LEFT onto 3rd 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 2nd Street (.2 miles)
  Turn RIGHT onto 4th Avenue
  Turn LEFT onto 3rd 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

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.
MEMORIES and 'Catching Up'

CLASS OF 1950

Loretta MacDougal 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

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

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

Rejoicing in the glorious light of God's Kingdom
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 alumn. 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.
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.

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

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

Phone: ________________________________________________________________

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS
Saturday, October 19, 2013!

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

Donations are tax-deductible.

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

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!