

THE ALUMNAE NEWSLETTER OF MOUNT ST. MARY ACADEMY

SPRING 2009

MANY ENJOY PLAYING **MOUNT-OPOLY** AT THE 2009 CHRYSALIS DINNER AUCTION



This year's Chrysalis Dinner Auction was held on Saturday, March 28th. Guests attending the Monopoly-themed event enjoyed cocktails and hors d'oeuvres while bidding on many items featured in the silent auction, and then were treated to a fabulous dinner while having the opportunity to bid on several exciting live auction items.

Chrysalis is Mount St. Mary Academy's largest fund-raising event. Every dollar raised is reinvested directly into improving and expanding the programs available to our girls. Heartfelt thanks to this year's chairwomen, the Hoelscher sisters - **Donna Suchan '78, Kathy Glieco '81 and Kim Curtin '81** - who generously gave of their time and talent to ensure the success of the event. **Mark your calendars! Next year's Chrysalis dinner/auction date will be Saturday, March 20, 2010.**

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Dear Alumnae,

For me, spring is a bittersweet time at Mount St. Mary Academy as it brings a curious mixture of saying hello to the new and bidding farewell to the old. We have registered our incoming freshman class and begun planning for and working on the next academic year. At the same time though, we are slowly getting ready to say good-bye and letting go of our senior class.

As we continue to carry out the wonderful work of preparing our young women for their futures as started by the Sisters of St. Mary of Namur, it is impossible to ignore the fact that we are operating during a time when our economy is staggering. No one knows what these difficult times will bring, but we do know there will be challenges. As a result, we will be actively reaching out to our friends, both old and new, as your continued support is vital to making Catholic education at the Mount, not only possible, but successful.

At this time, the need for additional financial support for the Academy and its students is great. The true cost of a Mount education is higher than our tuition, which we do our best to keep affordable, thanks to direct contributions from our generous supporters.

As "Mounties" are truly very special women, I have every confidence that you, our devoted and generous alumnae, will see to it that Mount St. Mary Academy's place in educating future generations of young women is secured.

Thank you for making it possible to continue the work started by our beloved Sisters!

Dawn M. Riggie

Principal

CLASS REUNION PLANS ARE WELL UNDERWAY...

REUNION

If your graduation year ends in a 4 or 9, congratulations - you are celebrating a special class reunion this year.

The Classes of **1964**, **1974**, and **1994** are still in need of someone to plan their event. Reunion planning is easy and can be a very enjoyable experience reconnecting with classmates and the Alumnae Office is here to assist you. If you're interested in becoming involved with planning your class reunion, or you would like more information about your reunion, contact the Alumnae Office at (716) 877-1358, ext. 304 or email Elaine Duquette at eduquette@mt-st-marys.org.

2009 CLASS REUNION CONTACTS

- 1949 – Betty (Sabo) Myers
- 1954 – Pat (Moss) Means
- 1959 – Pat (Hanssel) Muehlbauer and Carol (Deinhart) Jauch
- 1969 – Michele Burr and Maria (Stallone) Weimer
- 1979 – Ann O'Brian-Dziedzic, Mary Anne (Kaminska) Brick and Carolyn (Leous) Singh
- 1984 – Julie Coppola Cox
- 1989 – Sheilagh O'Connor and Annie Deck-Miller
- 1999 – Victoria Szymula
- 2004 – Lindsey Whissel and Kelly Jakiel

The Class of 1950 meets annually to celebrate mass and to catch up with one another. Shown here last October, the group plans to reunite on October 2, 2009.



The Class of 1958 pose for a group photo after celebrating mass in the MSM Chapel commemorating their 50th reunion last November.



Sr. Marian Baumler, former MSM principal, is surrounded by the Class of 1978 at their 30th reunion celebration last fall.





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Newly inducted senior, Elizabeth Rossi, poses with guest speaker, Kathleen Rizzo Young.

Juniors and seniors become newest members of the National Honor Society

Mount St. Mary Academy recently inducted 39 new members into the National Honor Society.

Kathleen Rizzo Young '77, Senior Vice President of Community Development at HSBC Bank was the featured guest speaker. She told the juniors and seniors that it's not the National Honor Society pin, or the certificate of membership that holds the value, but the tools the girls used to get them.

Ms. Rizzo Young also spoke about the resources and lessons the girls brought to bear to excel in their studies and as young women will continue to serve them well as they go forward. They included: the desire to be the best; the practice of honest self-appraisal; to take advantage of the Mount's diversity; to lighten up and don't be so hard on oneself; be willing to take risks; to conquer their fears – or at least give them a poke every day; and finally, to realize that anything is possible.

MOUNT ST. MARY STUDENTS NAMED TO ALL-CATHOLIC TEAMS

Mount St. Mary Academy fields 22 different sports teams and is proud to announce that the following students have been named to the Western New York All-Catholic Teams for the fall and winter:



GOLF

Chelsea Gilbert – First Team

SOCCER

Kelly Burke – First Team
Bre Catipovic – First Team
Samantha Rizzo – Second Team

SWIMMING

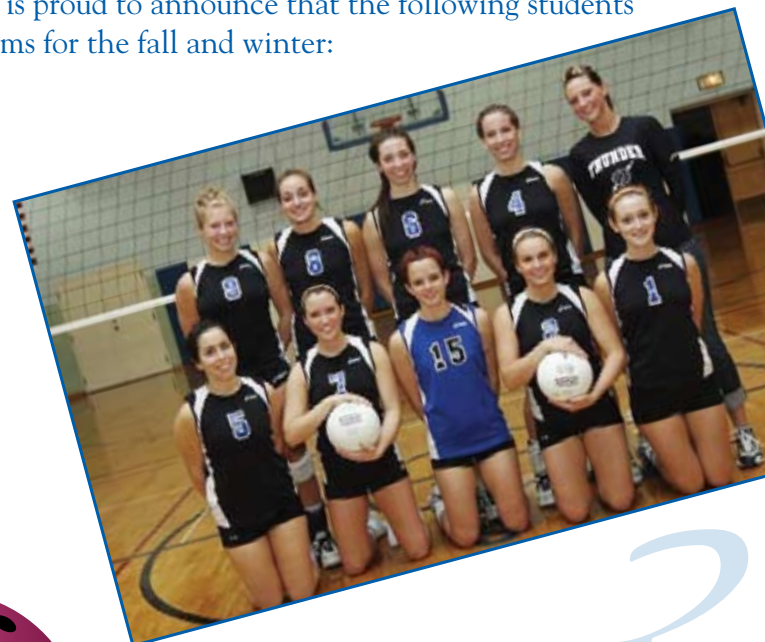
Chloe Macdonald – Second Team 100 Backstroke

VOLLEYBALL

Monica Bailey – First Team
Colleen Brady – Second Team
Elizabeth Rossi – Second Team

BOWLING

Ashley Gluszek – First Team



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Mounties Perform for Inaugural Event



By: Mary Kate Thielman '09

History is more than the words housed in dusty old Global Studies textbooks. It is alive, formed by the decisions made each day, created anew by the actions of a nation. January 20, 2009, the day Barack Obama became president of the United States, will certainly take its place in history books in high schools across America. For students in the Mount St. Mary Academy Marching Band, these lifeless words will be accompanied by vivid memories of a trip to Washington, D. C.

The band, dance team, and color guard celebrated the new president's inauguration by performing at an official inaugural ball, the H.O.P.E. Youth Inaugural Ball. Students also had the opportunity to explore the

Smithsonian Museums, have their picture taken by the Washington Monument, and watch a concert on the mall. Of course, they were also able to browse the wide variety of commemorative Obama merchandise and interact with people from around the nation.

The trip had been in its planning stages since March of 2008, when band director Mr. John Hathaway considered performing for an inaugural event.

"I had been to Washington for an inauguration once before, back in college, and I was looking for a trip that was different than the ones the band had taken in the past."

Although the application for such performances could not be submitted until much later in the year, the band's dedicated team of officers soon set to work planning out the basics of the trip. Students were responsible for looking up hotel information, studying maps of the Washington, D.C. area, and running fundraisers to help pay for the trip.

Senior Chelsea Orcutt, vice president of the band, worked with the other officers to make the trip possible. "We played a big part in making sure everyone was excited for the trip, asking for ideas of things to do, and making sure that the group had opportunities for both fun and performance."

After the start of the New Year, band members came to the Mount early on a cold Saturday morning to board the buses to D.C. After a movie-filled ride, the girls arrived at their hotel with just enough time to change and depart for the ball. Performing at the ball was certainly one of the highlights of the trip.

"I didn't know quite what to expect," said Hathaway. "I knew it would be magical, something not normally experienced in D.C., something to be remembered for a lifetime."

The jazz ensemble had an additional performance at Leisure World, a Maryland retirement community. The audience was very receptive to the performance and loved shouting and clapping along with the band.

Crowds on the day of the inauguration itself were huge and pressing, and the band was only able to make it to the fringes of the mall. However, the trip to Washington D.C. is something that will be remembered long after new editions of U.S. History textbooks come out.

Mary Kate Thielman is the Class of 2009 Valedictorian and will be attending Notre Dame University in the fall majoring in environmental sciences.



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Dear Friends:

First, let me take this opportunity to thank you for such a warm welcome to the Mount St. Mary Academy family. I am extremely excited to have joined the Academy as the director of development & alumnae relations. Although not a fellow alumna, I have many connections to the Mount. Perhaps the most significant is through my daughter, Julia. She will enter the Mount this fall as a member of the Class of 2013.

Having been on board since December, I have quickly learned that the Mount is rich in tradition. One such event was the junior class ring ceremony. Watching members of the junior class receive their class rings from their grandmothers, mothers, sisters, aunts, and cousins, who also graduated from the Mount, was very special.

It is because of your generosity that these traditions will continue. Your support, whether it be through annual contributions, various scholarship funds, the annual Chrysalis Auction, etc. is critical to the Academy as we move forward in an unfavorable economic environment that is full of uncertainty.

I look forward to meeting and working with you on alumnae events and development activities. If you're ever in the building, feel free to stop by and say hello. And if at any time you would like to discuss alumnae or development issues, please **call me at 877-1358, ext. 304** or **email me at eduquette@mt-st-marys.org**.

ELAINE DUQUETTE
Director of Development & Alumnae Relations



**Mount St. Mary Academy annual
development report goes digital!**

*In an effort to reduce production costs,
the Mount St. Mary annual development
report is available online. We invite you
to review the report by visiting
our Web site at
www.mt-st-marys.org and
click on Alumnae.*

MOUNT ST. MARY'S ANNUAL GIVING PROGRAM

As Western New York, along with the rest of the country, deals with the daily news about the extraordinary economic conditions we are currently facing, the students and families of Mount St. Mary Academy are counting on your support more than ever.

Our donors make a Mount education possible for many of our students. Without your support, many would not be able to attend Mount St. Mary Academy. In fact, as our economy continues to sputter, we are fielding many requests for additional financial aid and scholarship assistance.

Please help us continue to provide the educational and spiritual vision that the Sisters of St. Mary of Namur started back in 1927 by making a gift to the Annual Giving Program. You may use the donation envelope found in the middle of this alumnae newsletter, or you can donate online at www.mt-st-marys.org.

For more information, please contact **Elaine Duquette, Director of Development** at (716) 877-1358, ext. 304 or email at eduquette@mt-st-marys.org.



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Alumnae News

ENGAGEMENTS & WEDDINGS



Gina Patrone '99 married Marcus L. Hausman III on September 13, 2008. Her sister **Lucia Patrone Gullo '95** was her Matron of Honor. Her sister, **Marisa Patrone Valentine '96** and sister-in-law, **Jacqueline Hausman '97** were bridesmaids. Gina and Marcus reside in Tonawanda, NY.

Kristen Silvestri '01 announced her engagement to Andrew Peer. The wedding will be held June 6, 2009.

Amanda Dopp '03 announced her engagement to Brandon Serio. The wedding will be held in September 2009 in Grand Island, NY.

Amanda Hark '03 married Ron Beck on June 7, 2008 in Tonawanda, NY.

BIRTHS



Jennifer Englert DeRose '89 and her husband, Jeffery, are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Anna Grace, born March 10, 2009. She joins big sister, Ella Jane. Proud alumnae family members include aunts, **Sarah Englert Martineck '86** and **Jessica Englert '96**.

Ainslie Mau Szczepankiewicz '92 and her husband, Steve, are pleased to announce the birth of their fourth child, Ella Marissa, born June 11, 2008. She joins big sister, Laura, and big brothers, Aaron and Alex.

Lori DiCanio Mancuso '94 and her husband, David, are pleased to announce the

birth of their second child, Jackson David, born September 25, 2008. He joins his proud big sister, Gabriella Josephine (3).

Joelle Fortunate Croom '94 and her husband, Benjamin, are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Elias Canaan, born February 6, 2009.

Maria Velasco Deyell '95 and her husband, Andrew, are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Lucas David, born September 29, 2008. Proud alumnae family members include grandma, **Michele Boutet Deyell '62**, aunts, **Suzanne Velasco Phelps '90**, **Joanna Deyell Eberl '95**, **Rachel Deyell '90**, and **Margaret Deyell '97** and cousin, **Camita Velasco Prelewicz '91**.

Joanna Deyell Eberl '95 and her husband, John, are pleased to announce the birth of their second child, Jack, born November 10, 2008. He joins big sister Grace Rita (2). Proud alumnae family members include grandma, **Shelly Boutet Deyell '62**, aunts, **Rachel Deyell '90**, **Margaret Deyell '97**, and **Maria Velasco Deyell '95**, and great-aunt, **Yvonne Boutet Pohlman '59**.

Colleen Burke Sweeney '95 and her husband, Kyle, are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Caitlyn, born November 10, 2008.

IN MEMORIAM



Please pray for the following members of alumnae families who have died.

Carol Griffio Kowalski '57, sister of **Rose Marie Griffio King '60**.

Robert Buchnowski, brother of **Joanne Buchnowski Penna-Cowe '63**, **Joyce**

Buchnowski '66 and cousin of **Elizabeth Buchnowski Robel '57**.

Fred Gould, April 2007, father of **Sandra Gould Carden '66** and grandfather of **Emily Carden '88**.

Jennifer Riehl, February 2008, sister of **Sandra Gould Carden '66** and aunt of **Emily Carden '88**.

Sally Rejebian, May 2008, mother of **Sandra Gould Carden '66** and grandmother of **Emily Carden '88**.

Brett Thomas, May 23, 2008, husband of **Victoria Hubbard Thomas '79**, son-in-law of **Marie Faulkner Hubbard '47** and nephew of **Diane Faulkner Jachura '53**.

Richard Hauptman, June 7, 2008, father of **Linda Hauptman Fotheringham '73**.

Penniston Rae Kieffer '71, June 27, 2008, sister of **Constance Rae Gould '67**.

Florence Siskey Dimick '34, August 1, 2008.

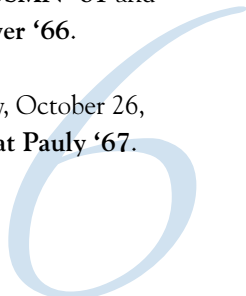
Angelo Mantione, August 18, 2008, husband of **Jennifer Kiersz Mantione '84**.

Mary Sully Love '51, August 30, 2008.

Michelle Malone '77, September 14, 2008.

Maureen Thoen Golden, September 30, 2008, mother of **Maureen Thoen Fox '60**, **Sister Roberta Thoen, SSMN '61** and **Mary Laura Thoen Bower '66**.

Mary C. O'Connor Pauly, October 26, 2008, mother of **Mary Pat Pauly '67**.



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Gregory Hayes Holler, November 5, 2008,
brother of **Karli Holler '05**.

Martha Hays Pack '56, November 12,
2008, sister of **Sister Beth Hays '53**, **Catherine A. Hays '58** and **Susan Hays Sudlik '60**.

Estelle Stuart Wheeler, December 1, 2008,
mother of **Carole Wheeler Broas '52**.

Frank Mergl, January 24, 2009, father of
Melissa Mergl Richey '93.

Anna Anderson Walters '84, January 29,
2009, sister of **Kathleen Anderson '81**.

Michele Sullivan '95, February 28, 2009,
sister of **Christine Sullivan Zells '88**.

Mary Lou Russell Murty '48, March 2,
2009, sister of **Kathleen Murty '49**.

Jane Adamczyk '57, March 30, 2009.

Alumnae Notes



1960's

Sharon Galluzzo Miklas '63 has been working in a major medical center for 20 years doing crisis intervention, individual and family therapy in the New York City metro region. She visits family in Buffalo often and would love to hear from friends from the Mount. Email her at smiklas@att.net.

Liliana Buch Needham '67 left New York State back in 1971 and has not been back since. She only attended Mount St. Mary Academy her senior year because her family moved around a lot. She would love to reconnect with some of the girls that became her friends.

1970's

Pamela Priano '71 is retiring from her job and moving back to the Buffalo area to spend time with her mom. Family is important to her and after being on the West Coast for 26+ years she is ready to be there for her mom. She will be hitting the road and driving back in June with her 16 year old cat, Heather, her 9 year old Yorkie, Buddha, her 11 year old Yorkie, Sushi, and her 4 year old Miniature Schnauzer, Scooter.

Diane Osterman Reboy '71 recently completed a chapter manuscript for inclusion in the American Association of Legal Nurse Consultant's 3rd edition of Legal Nurse Consulting Principles and Practices due to be released later this year. Ms. Reboy's chapter topic includes trial preparation and trial process for legal nurse consultants. She is a medical-legal nurse consultant possessing certifications in legal nurse consulting and as a certified nurse life care planner.

1980's

Jennifer Crawford Forth '85 has moved back to the US after 10 years of living in Australia. She missed the 20th reunion but is looking forward to making the next one.

Buffy Broncato Blackwell '87 has four beautiful children, Shaine (15), Riley (10), Cassidy (8) and Mackenzie (2). She spent eight years in military intelligence in the US Air Force after graduating from Cornell University. She met her husband in the Air Force and they reside in Augusta, Georgia.

Carina Palmissano Trachimowicz '87 and her husband, Michael, have been married since 1999 and have three beautiful children, Joey (5 ½), Connor (3 ½) and Christina (18 months).

1990's

Christine MacMillan Campeau '94 has completed her MBA from Medaille College.

Jessica Englert '96 has recently graduated with a PhD from the University at Buffalo. She is currently completing a Postdoctoral Fellowship in Clinical Neuropsychology and Neuroimaging at Dartmouth Medical School in Hanover, New Hampshire.

Mary Kresge Ghosheh '96 has two children, Iman (4) and Khalil (16 months) and will be celebrating her eight year wedding anniversary in August. Living in Amman, Jordan, she is currently a 7th grade English teacher.

2000's

Anne Roaldi '00 was named "Best Actress" by Buffalo Spree Magazine in their recent Best of Western New York issue.



COMING SOON TO A COMPUTER NEAR YOU!

Mount St. Mary Academy will be joining the ranks of many others and is in the process of developing a Mount St. Mary Academy page on **Facebook**. Facebook is a free access social networking Web site that was started for teens, but is branching out as a tool for busy adults to connect and reconnect with others. By having a presence on Facebook, Mount St. Mary Academy will be able to increase its communication with its alumnae about the Academy's events and happenings.



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What's new with you? (*Education, job announcements, marriages, births, memorials, changes of address, fond memories, etc.*) _____
