
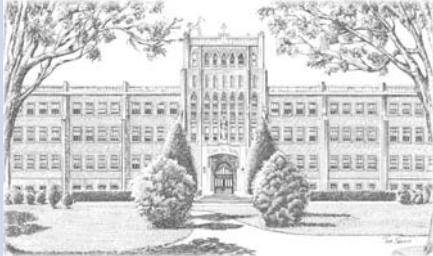


Focus

Celebrating  years of educating young women.



*The Alumnae Newsletter of
Mount St. Mary Academy*

Winter 2007

Mount St. Mary Academy, founded by the Sisters of St. Mary of Namur, is a Catholic, private, college preparatory school for young women. Within a nurturing and academically challenging environment, the Academy strives to develop the whole person. Guided by our Catholic tradition, and rooted in Gospel values, we educate young women dedicated to lifelong learning, moral integrity and service to and acceptance of others.



Desperately seeking Palm Trees and Parrots!

Look no further than Mount-aritaville – the Mount’s Chrysalis Auction 2007! On March 24th you can put away your ice scrappers, slip into your flip-flops and strut your stuff at one of the most enjoyable events in Western New York.

Tickets are only \$75 and if you reserve by February 16th, you’ll be entered in a drawing for \$75 in “Auction Bucks” for spending on auction night. This evening is selling out – so call the hotline at (716) 877-1358 ext. 306 to make sure you don’t get left out in the cold...literally! Can’t attend? No worries! You can help by sending a gift, making a donation, becoming a sponsor, or purchasing a ticket for someone else.

In addition to fabulous food and beverages, auction items include a beautifully crafted leather sofa, television armoire, week in a 4-bedroom home in Dublin, a Hollywood VIP tour package, Sabres tickets, airline tickets to Myrtle Beach, plus a new Up Close and Personal section!

Special thanks to our wonderful sponsors:

Larry Mulvey of Trans-Ocean Products, Drs. Herzog, Yustin and Jones DDS, HSBC, Carroll Financial Services, Myrtle Beach Direct and Rich Products.

Introducing the Gemtones

The Gemtones, Mount St. Mary Academy’s new a cappella ensemble, made its debut performance at the Christmas concert on December 20th. The ensemble, consisting of 27 talented girls, is a choral group that uses unaccompanied singing and improvised harmonies to create their sound.

Look for a full showcase of the group’s music at Coffee House, set for March 28th at MSM, or contact Miss Lauren Aquilina at laquilina@mt-st-marys.org for more details.

Buffalo Jazz Review

If you are looking for a fun way to spend a Saturday evening, come to the Buffalo Jazz Review on March 3 at 6:00 p.m. at Mount St. Mary Academy.

Ten area high school bands will be performing great jazz music in a nightclub atmosphere. Delicious Buffalo-themed food including roast beef, chicken wings, desserts, and a variety of beverages will be available for purchase.

Admission is \$5.00 and tickets can be purchased by contacting John Hathaway at (716) 877-1358.



Dear Sister Alumnae,

I often write you about being able to see the past, present and future here at MSM and how wonderful it is to see the ties that bind us together. This issue of Focus is filled with just that.

Past – Last week Barbara Johnson our Development Director and one of our current seniors Danielle Donner visited with one of our sister alum. While this is lovely in and of itself, what is remarkable is that Evelyn Clark Cook is from the class of 1931 the first class Mount St. Mary Academy graduated!

On September 8, 1927 when MSM opened, Evelyn was a member of the freshman class, one of 19 students. It was a mark of the severity of the Depression that only three girls were left in the class by graduation time. She was a student when on October 18, 1928 the statue of Mary above the front entrance, a gift of the students, faculty and parents of Saint Mary’s Seminary, was put in place. On June 21, 1929 she saw the tradition of the Mount play begin with a production titled “The Ninth Promise.” She was a student here when on December 8, 1930 the first Mass was celebrated in the Mount Chapel. Then on June 14, 1931 Evelyn graduated with Rose Ruggiero and Eileen Oates. This first graduation

ceremony was held in the chapel with the entire student body acting as a guard of honor for the graduates. Yes they wore long white dresses and carried red roses.

Present – This past December we presented the young women of our Junior class with their Mount St. Mary Academy rings. Our very unique rings are tied on red roses and presented at the liturgy for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8th. My niece, Rebecca Hurley is a member of that class, and it was a poignant moment, for Becca, my family and me, when she was called to come forward. She received my aunt’s ring, her great aunt, Sally Hurley ’45. The ring was presented by Sally, Becca’s grandmother Mary Jane Thachik Bedore ’58, my daughter Sarah Riggie ’99 and me. For all of us, to be part of this ceremony and hand on that tradition of MSM to Becca, meant the world.

Future – This week our acceptance letters went out welcoming in a brand new crop of Mounties — these young girls will be the class of 2011. Doesn’t that sound so far in the future?! But it’s not. It amazes me how quickly time does fly. At freshmen Orientation every August I tell parents to savor and treasure each moment of their daughter’s high school experience because it is over in the blink of an eye.

In August our new “Mounties” come to orientation and then in September walk into our halls for the first day of school. They are unsure, nervous and filled with anticipation. Before you know it, they are old hands at finding their way around, knowing who’s who and what’s what here.

Their years here really do fly by marked by experiences and events they grow to love and treasure: Big Sister/ Little Sister, Meet the Mount Day (or Night), Thanksgiving Liturgy and Brunch, Father Daughter Dance, School Spirit Week, Winter semi-formal (Date Dance for those of us who graduated before 2000), Mother Daughter Breakfast, Sleep- outs, Junior Ring Ceremony, Prom.

The belles of St. Mary’s weave wonderful memories of fun and friendship, service and faith, learning and loving. Then, in the blink of an eye they are back in the Auditorium onstage in long white gowns carrying red roses receiving their Mount diplomas.

And while I label these experience *Past*, *Present* and *Future* they are all really intertwined and woven together. Women have always seemed to understand the truth that life is a circular continuum. We receive life to pass on life. We guard it and protect it and treasure it. What the Sisters of St. Mary of Namur founded and worked so hard for, has given us what we have today. Our actions today provide this Academy for young women in years to come.

In September Mount St. Mary Academy will celebrate our 80th Anniversary. We look back with tremendous gratitude for the gift our beloved Sisters have given us – buying the property out in the hinter lands where the trolley didn’t even go and their absolute faith in Mount St. Mary Academy that had them break ground and begin construction in the height of the Great Depression. Those women never wavered in their belief that this work was undertaken for the glory of God and would prosper and bear abundant fruit. Mother Veronica will always be revered for her dedication to what for all of us became home.

The cornerstone was laid. The building built. The first group of sisters moved in to take up residence. Bishop Turner came to bless the grounds and each room in the building and on September 8, 1927 Mount Saint Mary Academy opened its doors. Over the past 80 years almost 6,000 young women have benefited from the Sisters’ vision, dedication and hard work.

Thank you for your support. Thank you for your part making Mount St. Mary Academy a dynamic school of excellence set in a nurturing environment that enriches the minds, hearts, bodies and souls of young women, who emerge as leaders in our changing world. We certainly have a lot to celebrate and celebrate we will!

Dawn M. Riggie ’71

celebrate...we will!



Rebecca Hurley received her school ring from great aunt, Sally Hurley ’45 (center). Sharing the day were Mount Principal, Dawn Hurley Riggie ’71 (left in photo), Dawn’s daughter, Sarah Riggie ’99, and Rebecca’s grandmother, Mary Jane Thachik Bedore ’58.

80 Years of Memories

Save the date of September 8th, 2007 when the Mount St. Mary Academy will be celebrating its 80th Anniversary. An invitation will be mailed to you, but in the meantime, we would like to reflect on 80 years of memories.

September 8, 1927 – Mount St. Mary Academy opened, with a freshman class of 19 students. Evelyn Clark Cook was one of those girls. She took three buses to make the journey to school: the Grant Street bus to Hertel, then the Hertel Bus to Delaware where the Mount bus would pick students up. There wasn't much around Mount St. Mary's back then. Evelyn describes it as being "like the wilderness," with nothing but fields and wildflowers.



Danielle Donner '07 visits with Evelyn Cook '31

were going to wear." A sentiment shared by many of today's students.

Most girls brought their own lunch in those days, but the Sisters provided milk or hot chocolate. Evelyn remembers eating a lot of ham sandwiches because ham would keep well.

While many graduates will tell tales of some of their mischievous adventures, when asked if she ever got into any trouble, Evelyn giggled and said, "Not that I remember!" She recalls the nuns being strict, and when asked if they had clickers in 1927, Evelyn chuckled and exclaimed "Oh yes – I remember those clickers!"

A sign of the times when not many women went on to post secondary school, she took a job at a local accounting firm following her graduation from the Mount. It was there that she "thinks" she met her first husband, Bill Ryan. Evelyn laughed, "It was so long ago – I can't really remember!"

Now widowed, Evelyn enjoys her life in a Kenmore assisted living facility. She visits with her son, Michael, and his family who live still in the area.

Celebrating her 75th year as a Mount graduate, Evelyn says she is very proud to have experienced the school at that time.

It was considered a tremendous privilege for a girl to attend a private school. Danielle, who will graduate this spring, found meeting Evelyn to be a once in a lifetime opportunity. She's looking forward to taking Mrs. Cook on a tour of the Mount once the spring weather arrives, and might even make her a ham sandwich for old time's sake!



Recently, senior student, Danielle Donner, and Barbara Johnson, who is the Mount's Director of Development and Alumnae Relations, went to visit Evelyn. She has some vivid memories of those days, including the two-piece navy blue uniform with the starched white collar. Although those collars were hard to keep clean, "it wasn't so bad wearing the uniform," said Evelyn. "At least you didn't have to think what you



Evelyn Cook, seated, bottom right.

Do Something Good For Yourself

Right about now, you're probably wondering what went wrong with some of your New Year's resolutions and why you didn't keep them. If not, you're definitely one of the lucky few. For those of you who are like the rest of us, you still have time to make one resolution that will change your life. Become a student in the Catholic Biblical Studies Program (CBSP).

If you are interested in a serious, structured study program of the Bible taught by qualified teachers, the Catholic Biblical Studies Program is for you. You not only learn the books of the Bible following the guidelines of the Catholic Church, but also each two hour class is intellectually stimulating and affords you participation in prayerful reflection and discussion. Each year of study is comprised of three ten-week sessions. You commit to and pay for ten weeks at a time. It is totally up to you as to whether or not you complete all four years of the program.

The Bible is for everyone and classes are open to adults of all ages and creeds. New classes begin each September. To get more information about this great opportunity:

- Call Rose Furfari Buscaglia ('60) at (716) 773-5290
- Call the CBSP office at (716) 871-9180, or
- Check out the website: www.cbstudies.org.

Be good to yourself, resolve to call today and become a biblical student.

Save the Date for the Annual Betsy Murphy Scholarship Golf Outing

Proceeds from this golf outing provide for a scholarship given in Betsy's memory to a student at Mount St. Mary Academy.

DATE: May 19, 2007. Payment required by May 1, 2007
2 man scramble with tee times from 9:00 a.m. to noon,
on a first paid basis

WHERE: Sheridan Park Golf Course

DINNER: Town of Tonawanda Police Club, 25 Roswell Park, Tonawanda

DONATION: Golf, Cart, Lunch and Dinner: \$80.00 Per Person
Dinner Only: \$25.00 Approximately 5:00 p.m.

For additional information, golf application, or to arrange pick-up of donations, please call Mary Lynn Murphy at (716) 877-2478. Checks may be made payable to The Betsy Murphy Scholarship Fund and mailed to 82 Twyla Place, Buffalo, 14223.



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Karen Capitano Dotterweich '78
Joan Foley Whiteman '55
Donna Frauenhofer '72
Marie Gaulin Vogt '50
Marcia Gruber '71
Kelly Hennessy '97
Suzanne Herbert Corbett '58
Marcia Kieta Illig '54
Kathy Kirwan McNair '90
Karyl Klapetzky Culligan '53
Elizabeth Leous Bressette '77
Carolyn Leous Singh '79
Flora Lott Doraski '70
Gabrielle Markle '06
Antoinette Murzynski Andolina '59
Dawn Parrino Littlefield '84
Mary Patricia Pauly '67
Sharon Poltowicz Brzezinski '89
Ramona Scarpace '73
Beverly Seibert Nixon '71
Meghan Smith Reidy '95
Barbara Warren Strzyz '60
Mary Pat Wiedeman-George '83

Donations for Library Media Center

Anonymous
Claire Brachmann Perez '62
Emily Chamot '05
Elizabeth Estoff '00
Catherine Fancher '97
Betsy O'Connor White '75
Denise Rositta Gavilan '86
Carol Wolf Pope '57

Other Restricted Gifts

Anonymous
Dawn Hurley Riggie '71
Anne Kohl '84
Ann Luhr '80
Mary McMahon Jakiel '75
Bridget Power Black '76
William Weppner

Memorials and Tributes

The Estate of Robert J. Miller

In memory of Sr. Joanna Creamer
Mary Lake DesJardins '57
Carolyn Nenni '56

In Memory of Maureen Dzialga Bommer '81
Stephen Bommer

In Memory of BA Fanning

Shirley Basil
Vincent Collins
Amy Strychasz Heilman '91
Jill Jennings
Sisters of St. Mary of Namur
Robert Black
Christine Robinson Smolen '64

In Honor of Dawn Hurley

Riggie '71
Sally Ann Hurley '45

In Memory of Christine

May Merz '70
Bonnie May

In Memory of Helen McCadden

Best '47
Bonnie May

In Memory of Mary Ellen

McCadden May '42
Bonnie May

In Memory of Gina Militello

Class of 1986

In Memory of Sara Susty

Prelewicz '60
Carol Bunning
Dawn Courson
Robert Efthemis
Mark Grichen
Mary Wintermantel Herbst '60
Elizabeth Booth Hoffman '60
Mary Mack
Mike Prelewicz
Lynette Ryan
Geraldine Palka Brown '60

In Memory of Justyne

Rakoczynski '69
Maureen Daly Bolling '69
Catherine Clough Catalano '69
James Cavalieri
Kathleen Hacherl DeNisco '69
Mary Patterson Finn '69
Majorie Koza
Joanne Mogy
Mary Brachmann Murdock '69
Dawn Nelson '69
Charlene Pietrzak Saeva '69
Lynne Short
Denise DeMeo Tepas '69

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To all the individuals and companies that support our many events, students and groups – thank you!



A Final GIFT *shared with our community*

For almost 80 years, Mount St. Mary Academy has shared with our community a Catholic Christian tradition of education, support, laughter and friendship. By making provisions to remember the Mount in your Will, you will be returning a portion of the gifts God has bestowed upon you during your lifetime.

Making a bequest offers you a great deal of flexibility. It ensures that your wishes are explained, documented and clear. You may choose to leave a specific dollar amount, a fixed percentage of your estate, or you can designate that the balance (residue) of the estate is left to a charitable organization such as Mount St. Mary Academy after you have provided for selected individuals.

The exact wording you will need to include is: "I hereby give and bequeath to Mount Saint Mary Academy, 3756 Delaware Avenue, Kenmore, New York, 14217 the sum of \$ _____"

If you like, you may specify how you would like your donation to be used. For example, you may wish to leave \$5,000 as a memorial scholarship.

The Simple Things

by Michelle Collier '07

The simplicity of kindness
 The actions of love
 The heavenly gifts
 Sent from above
 The touch of an angel
 And the calm that it brings
 The song of the birds
 And the flutter of wings
 The little baby
 With the adoring eyes
 The simple beauty
 Of a sunrise
 The calm after the storm
 Smelling so sweet
 The colors of a rainbow
 Make a great treat
 The simple things in life
 The ones that make life worth living
 The ones that we miss
 Because we think life isn't giving
 The smile from your neighbor
 Who you thought didn't care
 The hug from a friend
 Who you really needed there
 It's just the simple things
 The ones that bring joy
 It's just God's message to us
 Live life and enjoy.

Methods of Giving

| Type of Gift | Form of Gift | Benefit to School | Benefit to You |
|---------------------------|---|--|--|
| Outright Gift | Cash, Stocks/Securities Real Estate, Insurance Vehicle | Perpetual income Interest income potential | Income tax deduction No capital gains tax on appreciated gifts |
| Bequest | Cash, Real Estate Personal Property Percentage or Remainder of Estate designated by the donor | Immediate benefit to School Bequest may be held in perpetuity and invested to fund School needs as | Possible estate tax deduction Opportunity to make a perpetual gift |
| Charitable Gift Annuities | Cash, Stocks/Securities Real Estate | Upon the death of the donor or last surviving annuitant, remaining assets generate interest income for the school | Guaranteed fixed income for life Portion of income is tax-free Income tax deduction Reduction of estate taxes |
| Insurance Policies | Name School as policy owner and/or beneficiary | School receives full face value of policy upon death of the donor, or may receive current surrender value prior to donor's death | Opportunity to make substantial future gift to School at current manageable cost Income tax deduction for value of the policy when transferred Premium payments may be deducted as gifts |
| Retirement Plan / IRA | Name School as beneficiary of death benefit | Significant gift upon death of donor | Opportunity to make a major gift Estate and income tax savings |

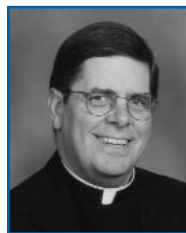
For more information on giving opportunities, please contact Barbara Johnson, 716-877-1358, ext. 304



In Memoriam

Please pray for the following members of the Mount community who have passed on.

Rev. Gary J. Bagley, November 14, 2006, Uncle of Jennifer Bagley Gauld (1988), Julianne Bagley Rider (1991), Molly Bagley (1997), Kate Bagley (2002), Megan Bagley (2005), and Jessica Bagley (2007), and brother of Mary Bagley (1984). The Mount community will dearly miss Father Gary. He was a tremendous supporter and assisted Mount St. Mary Academy with Campus Ministry retreats, liturgical celebrations and at times of crisis. Father Gary served as pastor of St. Benedict parish since 2001 and was president of the board of directors of Hopevale Inc., a social services organization dedicated to youth. He was ordained in 1972, in his home parish of St. John the Baptist in the town of Tonawanda. His first assignments were as chaplain of St. Vincent de Paul Camp and as assistant pastor of St. Christopher parish in the Town of Tonawanda. "Father Bagley had a tremendous impact on many young lives during his 25 years in the diocesan youth department. His legacy lives on through them, many of whom have become leaders in our diocese today," Bishop Edward U. Kimiec said.



Rev. Gary J. Bagley

Richard J. Barlog, January 8, 2007, father in-law of Dr. Elizabeth Paroski Barlog (1974).

Michael A. Hanna, January 13, 2007, grandfather of Julie Hanna Zgoda (1995) and Lori Hanna Coons (1997).

Dr. Ann Marsh Stadelmaier (1968), August 30, 2006, sister of Mary Linda Marsh Puckett (1956) and Kathryn Marsh (1965).

Mary Lou Maxwell Kemp (1947), November 22, 2006

Sister Kathleen McDonald (1964), December 26, 2006, sister of Maureen McDonald Hannon (1973). A Sister of Mercy for more than 41 years, Sr. Kathleen was a teacher in parochial schools and a college campus minister. Her classmates and friends will dearly miss her.

Robert A. Meyer, October 24, 2006, father of Mary Edda Meyer Day (1968), Susan Meyer (1965), Dr. Ann Meyer (1973) and Elizabeth Meyer Dodge (1978).

Bulletin Board

Christine Cala Tricoli (1981) has just recently been promoted to Managing Director, Human Resources/Employee Development and Regulation, for the New York Stock Exchange Group.

Amy Dziekan Majewski (1987) moved to California in 2000 and worked in Huntington Beach as a Resource Specialist. Her and her husband David are the proud parents of son, Benjamin (2 years old) and daughter, Evelyn who was born in 2006. Amy and family have just moved back to Western New York this past spring. Amy states, "Nothing beats family and friends!"

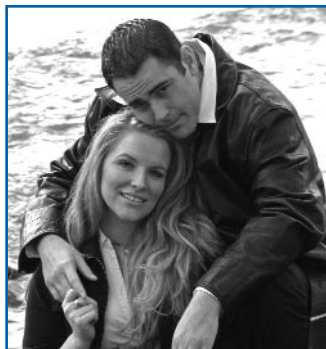
Jennifer Koba Rice (1997) has been very busy. After a very difficult pregnancy, she and husband Eric were blessed with a daughter, Madison Elizabeth-Marie Rice, born on June 16, 2006. Madison joins big brother, Collin (7), and sister, McKenna (3). Shortly after having Madison, Jennifer accepted the buyout that Delphi had offered. She says, "I am now a stay at home mother and loving every moment. Eric and I bought a new house and we all love it!"

Lynn Madden Marinelli (1980), chairwoman of the Erie County Legislature, has received the Susan B. Anthony Award from the Western New York Inter Club Council. The award was established in 1955 to recognize a woman in the community for professional and civic achievements. Lynn is the first woman to head the Erie County Legislature, to which she was elected in 1996. She served as chairwoman of its government affairs committee, is a past chairwoman of its community enrichment committee, and is a past chairwoman of its energy and environment committee.

Kenmore Mercy Hospital Foundation presented Dr. Edward Stehlik and Margie Phillips Stehlik (1970) with the 2006 Sister Mary Mechtild Memorial Award on November 17, 2006. Established in 1980, this award is the hospital's highest honor to recognize individuals who have demonstrated a dedication to community service, visionary leadership, excellence in patient care and the ideals of unselfish service toward others.

Susan Weisbeck Cohen (1957) is retired from the University at Buffalo after 22 years. Following her marriage three and a half years ago, she moved with her husband, Stefan, to St. Petersburg, Florida. They come back for three months every summer to spend time at their Erie Beach summer home in Canada. This gives Susan an opportunity to visit with her daughter, grandchildren, friends and family. Susan is hoping she will be in the area next year for her 50th class reunion.

Engagements & Weddings



Jennifer Parker and Christopher Gardner

Jennifer Parker (1997) and Christopher Gardner are engaged. The wedding date is set for November 23, 2007.

New Arrivals



Grace Rita Eberl

Joanna Deyell Eberl (1995) and her husband, John, welcomed their first child, daughter Grace Rita who was born on October 23, 2006. Proud alumnae family members include grandma Shelly Boutet Deyell (1962), aunts Rachel Deyell (1990) and Margaret Deyell (1997), and Maria Velasco Deyell (1995), and great-aunt Yvonne Boutet Pohlman (1959).

Demaree Doyle Poole (1969) and her husband, Robert, are thrilled to announce the birth of their granddaughter Regan Sue Peiper.

Nurture

Reunion NEWS

*Classmates from 1961 gather
in front of the Mount
Chapel's altar during their
45th reunion mass.*



October Storm Doesn't Deter 45th Reunion

The October storm of 2006 did not deter 40 alumnae from the class of 1961 from attending their 45th reunion. On October 20th, the girls met at My Tomatoe Pie to reminisce during a casual event. The next day, they gathered for mass at the Mount Chapel, and remembered their deceased class members by presenting a rose for each, at the altar, during intercessions for the Prayer of the Faithful. A tour of the Mount followed mass. Afterwards, the girls enjoyed an evening at Morgan's Restaurant for visiting, dinner and sharing with each other. It was a memorable weekend for all.

A donation to the Mount from the Class of '61 was forwarded to the MSM Alumnae Director as part of the continuing support the alumnae feel is important for the future of the school which has given them such a wonderful basis for life.

Class of '56 Celebrates Christmas

The Class of 1956 held their annual Christmas Party on November 30th 2006 at the Annunciation Mother House. Each woman brought her favorite dish to share in the potluck dinner, which was followed by a gift exchange. Those in need were not forgotten as canned goods were collected for City Mission. In addition, the women made a donation to the Sisters of St. Mary of Namur with the funds remaining from their 50th reunion.



*Back row from left:
Margaret Daley Ruhland,
Judy Manz Ivancie,
Brigitte Keilholz Schick, Carolyn Nenni, Sandra Sukiennik DeGlopper, Jane Gilbert Mulawka and Kathleen Crowley
Patterson.
Front row from left: Julie Gilbert Renner, Lois Cummins McCormick, Maureen Hitzges Meyer, Sr. Rita Claire Pfaff
and Barbara Yageric (photo taken by Eileen Murphy Grimaldi).*



Left to right: Marjorie Jakiel and Liz Reiser, class of 1975, are joined by Alicia Kilger and Jessica Griffin from the class of 2000.

Alumnae New Year at Cole's

Mounties welcomed 2007 at Cole's Restaurant and Grille in early January. Liz Reiser '75, who was visiting from California, could not believe her luck when she read we were planning a Mount gathering while she was in town. In addition to lively discussions, the group enjoyed grilled quesadillas, munchies and drinks.

Decade Reunion

Gathered on the Eve of Thanksgiving, MSM alumnae who graduated within the past 10 years returned to renew friendships and memories. Guests were stunned to see some of the changes and improvements



that have occurred — especially the 2006 graduates who saw the new internet café and library media center, which were created during the few months they've been gone.

UPCOMING Reunions

Class of 1957

It's the 50th reunion and plans are carefully underway. The class plans on joining the 80th anniversary celebrations at the Mount on September 8th and will enjoy dinner at Harry's Harbor Place. Of course more information will be mailed to you, but in the meantime you can contact Judy Gibson at (716) 877-8592 if you have any questions.

Class of 1967

The group planning the reunion would like to communicate plans with each of you via email. Please send an email to Kathy Riley at rileykathy4321@aol.com with your email and snail mail addresses and phone number.

Along the way, a few '67 classmates have been lost. Please help find these missing Mounties: Patricia Ames, Eleanor Bojanek, Liliana Buch, Olga Buch, Carol Burczynski Reger, Nancy De Coux, Kathleen Duncan Harper, Mary Deborah Favet D'Ambrosia, Marsha Foch, Judith Foran Ward, Cheryl May, Kathleen McKeone Ruecker, Gail Melchiorree, Sandra Murphy Doscher, Jeanne O'Day Jacobs, Sally Wagner, Katherine Wawrzynek, Joann Weeks, Kathleen Roth, and Dorothy Shea.

Class of 1972

Bev Capraro and Connie Clifford Parry have graciously offered to coordinate the planning process. Bev can be reached at bufalobev@aol.com or (716) 838-6686, and Connie can be reached at connie54@forterie.com or (905) 894-4843.

Class of 1977

Joan Panepinto Pedlow is willing to start some planning, but she needs everyone's contact information. Please contact her at (716) 773-6229. Since Kathy Rizzo Young, is chairing the Mount's Chrysalis Auction on March 24th – we hope to see a table or two of 1977 classmates lending their support.

Class of 1982

It's early days yet, but Lisa Page Smario is hoping her classmates are ready for a 25th year reunion! Please reach out to her by e-mail at lmps264@verizon.net.

Class of 1987

Organizers want to reach out to classmates as plans begin to take shape for the 20th reunion. Please contact Marilyn Hartley at (716) 875-2458 or Maureen (Heffern) Ponicki at moheffern@hotmail.com.

Class of 1997

Angela Christiano has stepped up to the plate to organize this reunion. Angela teaches at the Mount, so she's close at hand! Please contact her at achristiano@mt-st-marys.org if you'd like to help or share your ideas.

What's in Your Closet? A Mount Tradition Continues

Among the many traditions held dear at the Mount is one that all of our alumnae share – the dress code for graduation day of long white dresses and red roses! The proof can be seen in the graduation photos lining alumnae hall, which show almost 80 years of that tradition.

However, the expense of sending their daughter to college can make affording that traditional white dress difficult for some families. This year, our Parents Association has set aside an evening on March 14th where they'll have dresses available for free or a minimal cost for our juniors and seniors.

If you have an appropriate graduation dress in your closet you are willing to donate or sell, please contact our Parents' Association representative, Mrs. Shannon Skibinski at work (716) 691-9517, home (716) 691-3321, or by e-mail sskibinski@adelphia.net. Your support will help one of our students share this beloved Mount tradition.

Alumna of the Year Nominations

We're looking for your nomination for the alumna who you believe should be specially recognized. Nominations should be submitted no later than April 1, 2007. The chosen alumna will be honored during May's Baccalaureate Mass.

What qualities should you consider when making your nomination? The alumna must be a graduate who has excelled in some dimension of her life. You should consider the following:

- She has established and lived by her own standard of personal excellence based on her Christian faith.
- She has engaged in learning and personal growth as a life-long pursuit.
- She has been sensitive to the needs of family, the civic community, American society or the global community and has used her gifts to serve those needs.

Please send your nominations including a brief write-up of why you think she should be nominated to: Barbara Johnson, Director of Development, Mount St. Mary Academy, 3756 Delaware Avenue, Kenmore, NY 14217.

Alumnae Awards & Baccalaureate Mass Tuesday, May 22nd, 7 p.m.

Please join us at our special ceremony welcoming the Class of 2007 as official alumnae of Mount St. Mary Academy. The evening liturgy will begin at 7 p.m., followed by a reception in the gymnasium. Tickets are \$10 per person and may be reserved by calling (716) 877-1358 ext. 304.



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MSM Alumnae

The mission of the MSM Alumnae Association is to establish and maintain an active, visible and interested association of alumnae whose purpose is to strengthen and support their allegiance to Mount St. Mary Academy.

Tell us what you'd be interested in. Please complete and return this form to 3756 Delaware Ave., Kenmore NY 14217, or e-mail your ideas and suggestions to Barbara Johnson at bjohnson@mt-st-marys.org.

Would you be willing to help with:

- | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> scholarship selection | <input type="checkbox"/> event planning | <input type="checkbox"/> open house |
| <input type="checkbox"/> alumnae award selection | <input type="checkbox"/> phonathons | <input type="checkbox"/> sunshine club |

Would you be interested in any of the following:

- | | | |
|--|---|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> fitness class at the Mount | <input type="checkbox"/> financial planning | <input type="checkbox"/> wine tasting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> computer class at the Mount | <input type="checkbox"/> dinner club | <input type="checkbox"/> golf outing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> bible study at the Mount | <input type="checkbox"/> book club | <input type="checkbox"/> card club |
| <input type="checkbox"/> other (please specify): | | |

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