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West Catholic Girls' Alumnae Association 96TH Annual Communion Luncheon

It's that time of the year again when we will have our annual Communion Luncheon. We hope you'll join us. This year's event will be held on Sunday, October 26, 2025 at Drexelbrook, Drexel Hill, PA 19026 from 11:30 AM to 3 PM. Cost is \$40.00. Doors will open at 11:30 AM with coffee available. Mass will be celebrated at Noon and the music will be provided by Anne Datte. The luncheon will follow.

Our chairwoman for this year's Luncheon is **Kathleen Mulvihill Lunn, Class of 1972**. Please mail your check made payable to West Catholic Girls' Alumnae Association along with the reservation form to **Mrs. Kathleen Lunn, 214 Blue Ridge Rd, Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462**. Deadline for reservations is October 10, 2025. No payments can be accepted at the door. If you have any questions, Kathleen can be reached at 215-964-1561 or lunn4@aol.com.

Meal choices are Boneless Chicken with Stuffing and Maple Glazed Salmon. If you have dietary issues and cannot order either of these choices, please contact Kathleen Lunn at 215-964-1561. A cash bar will be available after Mass.

If you have any questions, you may contact either Kathleen at the above number or Peggy Ford Rhoades at 610-659-1460.

The Classes of 1960 and 1970 will be celebrating their 65th and 55th Reunions at the Luncheon. If you wish to attend, contact **Mary Maguin Small**, maryjls@aol.com for the Class of 1960 or **Sr. Denise Ware, SFCC** on 609-970-4371 for the Class of 1970. Please note Class of 1960 or 1970 on your reservation form.

Chances, which benefit the Alumnae Scholarship Fund, are included with this newspaper. You may return them with your reservation form. If you are unable to attend and would like to purchase the chances, you may mail them along with your check to our address, **WCGAA, PO BOX 805, Broomall, PA 19008**. If you wish to make a donation to the Scholarship Fund, please mail your check made payable to West Catholic Girls' Alumnae Association to the PO Box and note the check Scholarship Fund Donation. Thank You.

And, of course, our gift items will be available for purchase that day. At the present time, we have sweatshirts, both crewnecks and hoodies, blankets, note cards, emblem magnets, pens, note pad and pen set, flashlights, lanyards, key rings, ornaments of the school, and long sleeve T-shirts. If you wish to purchase any of these items by mail, contact Mrs. Pat Nachbar at 215-479-6719.

RESERVATION FORM ANNUAL COMMUNION LUNCHEON Sunday, October 26, 2025

Name _____
(first) (maiden) (last)

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Class _____

Email _____

- ☐ Boneless Chicken with Stuffing
☐ Maple Glazed Salmon

MAIL FORM AND CHECK FOR \$40.00 PAYABLE TO
WEST CATHOLIC GIRLS' ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION
c/o MRS. KATHLEEN LUNN, 214 BLUE RIDGE RD,
PLYMOUTH MEETING, PA 19462.

Please enclose the names of those with whom you wish to be seated.
DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 10, 2025

Margaret Porter Blue and Gold Award



This year's Margaret Porter Blue and Gold Awardee was **Patricia McGovern Gottschall '55**. Pat was recognized for her years of service, hard work and dedication of her time and talent to the Alumnae Association and West Catholic. Over her 65 years on the board, Pat served as Vice President and Recording Secretary, along with many hours of volunteering and chairing the Communion Breakfast and several other fundraising events. Pat was a real trooper when it came to stepping up for the cause, and one year even suited up as Santa Claus for a Christmas visit to a local nursing home. Thank you Pat, for all your contributions over the years.

Alumnae Board

- 1954 Dolores Driver Schnitzel**, 10806 Modena Terrace, Phila., PA 19154, (215) 637-1058
- 1955 Peggy Henry Glancey**, 100 Halcyon Drive, Apt B103, Media, PA 19063, (610) 325-8748
Patricia McGovern Gottschall, 585 N. Atlantic Ave, Apt 217, Collingswood, NJ 08108, (856) 858-8302
- 1956 Cass Jarrett Coakley**, 26 Evergreen Ave, Broomall, PA 19008, (610) 353-1017, casscoakley@verizon.net
Rita Gaudet deVecchis, 1 Christian St, #48, Philadelphia, PA 19147, 215-467-0484, rita_devecchis@comcast.net
- 1959 Sr. Rosie Hagan, IHM**, 8245 West Chester Pike, Upper Darby, PA 19082, (610) 998-5276, rosiehagan41@yahoo.com
Joan O'Connor Mullarkey, 2000 Blue Bird View, Unit 2112, Newtown Square, PA 19073, (610) 356-2726, joanmullarkey6@aol.com
- 1960 Frances DiStefano Ranieri**, 517 Blythe Ave, Drexel Hill, PA 19026-5215, (610) 789-1269, xoremusx@yahoo.com
Mary Maguin Small, 5095 Adrianna Court, Center Valley, PA 18034, (484) 995-3525, maryjls@aol.com
- 1961 Barbara Spencer Britton**, 123 W. Gardner Ave, Glenolden, PA 19036, (215) 917-1336, bbritton2108@yahoo.com
Rose Frank Brooks, 6945 E. Main St, Apt 3343, Mesa, AZ 85207, (610) 547-0731, auntrosie2002@yahoo.com
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Rosalie Dugan McNeff, 5 Park Ave, Norwood, PA 19074, (610) 532-1827, mcneffr@yahoo.com
- 1962 Maria DiStefano Petolicchio**, 604 Heather Lane, Bryn Mawr, PA 19010, (610) 527-8592, mariapeto@verizon.net
- 1964 Anne Henry Organ**, 209 39th St, Sea Isle City, NJ 08243, (609) 263-8348, annorg@comcast.net
- 1965 Bette McGrath Diedrich**, 870 Spring Hill Rd, Secane, PA 19018, (610) 544-6295, boopscor@aol.com
- 1966 Kathleen Schultz Buchanan**, 2000 Huntington Ave, Apt 926, Alexandria, VA 22303 (215) 980-8855, copabuchanan@yahoo.com
- 1967 Roe Cipollone Mitchell**, 4001 Andiron Terrace, Downingtown, PA 19335, (610) 259-4486, roern98@hotmail.com
- 1969 Pat Bugey Nachbar**, 311 Dogwood Lane, Upland, PA 19015, (215) 479-6719, patnachbar@gmail.com
- 1970 Sr. Denise Ware, SFCC**, 353 Wenonah Ave, Mantua, NJ 08051, (609) 970-4371, dcwsfcc@gmail.com
- 1971 Cathy Healy Maugeri**, 485 S Andrews Ave, Glenolden, PA 19036, (610) 357-4037, c.maugeri@comcast.net
Peggy Ford Rhoades, 140 S. Easton Rd, Apt 205, Glenside, PA 19038, 610-659-1460, peggyrhoades1@gmail.com
- 1972 Kathleen Mulvihill Lunn**, 214 Blue Ridge Rd, Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462, (215) 964-1561, lunn4@aol.com
- 1974 Kirsti Flemming Bradford**, PO Box 432, Secane, PA 19018, (610) 580-7588, kbradford565@gmail.com
Carol Caratura Cavallo, 170 Kingswood Ct, Glen Mills, PA 19342, (610) 719-7421, cclcc426@comcast.net
- 1975 Julie Pomante**, 1011 Glenn Rd, Wallingford, PA 19086, 215-715-0675, julia.pomante@longandfoster.com
Tina Spivey Randall, 1239 Marlyn Rd, Phila. PA, 19151, (215) 939-1458, tinarandall18@yahoo.com

In Memoriam

2025 has been a sad year for our Alumnae Board. In the first 7 months of this year, we said goodbye to 4 long time dedicated members.



Sr. Claire Smith, SHCJ who joined the Board in 2016, passed away in February. Sister was a giving and loyal board member. She supported all events and was always willing to share her education experience and knowledge with us. She was a calm and thoughtful contributor to all meetings. We will miss her.



Mary Maxwell Flynn passed away in March. Mary was a long time board member serving several decades on the board. Mary held several officer positions, including several years as Corresponding Secretary. She was always ready to step up and fill a need. For 2 years Mary generously donated her shore home for a week's vacation in our chance drive.



Kathleen Martin Fahey was a board member for 77 years, having joined the board upon her graduation in 1948. It's safe to say Kathleen was the longest serving board member. Over the years she held several Officer Positions, including several years as President, and chaired many fundraising events. Kathleen passed away in July.



Also in July, we had to say goodbye to **Helen Deane Concanon**. Helen was 60 year plus board member. Over the years, Helen held Officer Positions and chaired many events. She was always ready to help and never said "No", even though she had her hands full raising her 8 children.



In March we also lost a faithful and supportive friend of the Alumnae when **George Light** passed away. Many of you know George from his years on the Alumni Board and as chair of Burrs on the Beach. George was a true friend of the Alumnae and was a loyal and devoted West Catholic supporter.

Space does not allow us to really let you know all that these people have done to support West and our Association.

Among us girls

1945 — Bee Ollinger, '67 wrote to let us know that **Rosemary McGraney, Class of 1945**, passed away on December 22, 2024, at the "young" age of 97. Bea said that Rosemary was a great basketball player for West Girls and that she lived a full and happy life. She was a rabid Eagles fan and always a West Catholic Girl.

1951 — Thank you **Marie Gentile Hewes** for your generous donation, and we're sorry you were unable to attend the Spring Luncheon.

1960 — Mary Maguin Small let us know that her grandson, Devin Venezia received his White Coat at the College of Osteopathic Medicine on August 8, 2025.

1961 — Congratulations to **Cassie McGrath Petz** on receiving the Cardinal O'Connor God and Country Award at the West Boys Communion Breakfast in April. Cassie was recognized for her years of services as an Air Force nurse.

1961 — Thank you to **Vera Moore Piperno** who sent a note thanking the Board for all their work and also stating that she enjoys reading the "Girls" news in *The Harvester*.

1961 — Condolences to **Fran McMahon Deeney** on the passing of her husband, Marty.

1963 — Condolences to **Helen Hennelly Davies** on the passing of her sister, **Mary Hennelly Pellegrini, Class of 1960**. Helen says she will truly miss her and shared that Mary loved reading *The Harvester*.

1964 — Condolences to **Kathleen Signs Coates** on the passing of her sister, **Eleanor Signs Wade**.

1967 — Our sincere apologies to **Sharon Nelson Donohue** who was incorrectly listed in the In Memoriam in the

Spring Harvester. We're happy to report Sharon is alive and well.

1967 — Thank you to **Linda McGuigan Piotti** who enclosed a note with her raffle tickets thanking the Board for their "work in keeping us together".

1968 — Condolences to the family and friends of **Janet Mullen Krimm** on her passing. After graduation Janet attended Misericordia Nursing School and then obtained a Master's Degree in Nursing from the University of Pennsylvania. She continued on to graduate from Temple Law School. Janet practiced as a nurse and Nurse Practitioner for 45 years.

1969 — Condolences to **Hannah Dougherty Campbell**, former Board member, on the loss of her 42 year old son, Patrick, who passed in February after a terrible bout of cancer. Hannah wishes to thank all who prayed for him. Patrick, who graduated from O'Hara, often teased his mother about her love of West Catholic.

1971 — We also extend our sympathy to Hannah on the death of her sister, **Elizabeth Dougherty Moore**.

1974 — Our sympathy to the sisters of **Patricia Byrne Rappucci**, who passed away in January 2024. Her sisters, **Mary Bryne Tobin, '66** and **Elizabeth Byrne Baer, '70**, shared that Pat was Valedictorian of her 1980 class at Cabrini University.

6 Alums enjoyed a trip to Niagara Falls in August and wanted to share their good time. They are **Barbara Garttmeier '74; Cathy Healey Maugeri, '71; Cathie Lewis Kruger, '72; Pat Miller, '71; Mary Lytle, '72** and **Rose Miller Husser, '74**.

We extend our sympathy to families of our classmates who have passed away

Margaret Fallon Donaldson, '37
Eileen O'Neill Collins, '40
Anna Braun Walddt, '40
Muriel McKinley Carpenter, '42
Rosemary McGranery Dougherty, '45
Jeanne Golden Kelly, '45
Yolanda DiSantis Panichelli, '45
Mary E. (Betty) Young Bossard, '47
Jeanne Mackenzie Troncelliti, '47
Kathleen Martin Fahey, '48
Catherine Walsh Harkin, '48
Sr. Gloria Keltz, OSF, '48
Sr. Marie O'Malley, IHM, '49
Joan Tucker Huttinger, '49
Joan Hopely Dougherty, '50
Mary T. Maxwell Flynn, '50
Constance Stevens Harmon, '50
Ann (Nancy) Walker Costigan, '51
Regina Desmond Galanaugh, '51
Catherine Lynn Lesage, '52
Helen Deane Concannon, '53
Shelia Smith Duffy, '53
Anna Lawn Dwyer, '53

Phyllis Brady Fordham, '53
Patricia Delaney Albert, '54
Barbara LaMond Groth Bogsch, '54
Patricia Delaney, '54
Anna Lawn Dwyer, '54
Shirley Stevens Redcross, '54
Laura Kehoe Sawyer, '54
Madeline Scannell Curley, '55
Joanne M. Kehoe, '55
Elizabeth Fox Mulcahy, '55
Carol Bouchard Ott, '55
Diana Stall, '56
Sr. M. Cecilia Molloy, IHM, '57
Joanne Muldoon, '57
Christine Sabatini Donohue, '58
Patricia Goerlach Pasquella, '58
Marguerite Edwards Simpson, '58
Sr. Claire Smith, SHCJ, '58
Patricia Ann Wilent Blank, '59
Sr. Janet Henry, RSM, '59
Madeline O'Mahoney Puma, '59
Marge Tinney Graham, '60
Gerry Keating Heckmanski, '60

Mary Hennelly Pellegrini, '60
Elizabeth (Betsy) Shannon, '60
Margaret (Peg) Larkin Solomon, '61
Elizabeth Shea Coleman, '62
Theresa Fiorella O'Connor, '62
Maureen O'Connor Duckworth, '63
Margaret Jordan Mader, '63
Sr. Louise Quinn, OSF '63
Kathleen Malloy Larkin, '64
Maria Romano Podhiny, '64
Alvina Gupton Barnard, '65
Bernadette O'Neill, '65
Nancy Swallow Costello, '66
Ann O'Hanlon Robinson, '66
Theresa Garzarelli DiTomo, '68
Maureen McCloskey Meehan, '68
Suzanne D'Aversa O'Connor, '69
Aleta Provence, '69
Anne Monahan Doherty, '71
Elizabeth Dougherty Moore, '71
Patricia Byrne Rappucci, '74
Shelia Lee Reid, Year Unknown

CLASS REUNIONS

Class of 1955 70th Reunion—The class will celebrate their reunion with a luncheon on Sunday, September 28th from 1 to 4 PM at Anthony's 865 Springfield Rd, Springfield, PA. For more information contact Patricia Roche Mescanti, 610-793-7931 or thedish14@outlook.com or Patricia McGovern Gottschall, 856-858-8302.

Class of 1960 65th Reunion—The reunion will be held at our Communion Breakfast on October 26, 2025. Contact is Mary Maguin Small, maryjls@aol.com.

Class of 1965 60th Reunion—The reunion will be held on Friday, October 24, 2025 from 1 to 4 PM at the Springfield Country Club. Contact Bette McGrath Diedrich, 610-733-3949 or Peggy Sheffield Panicelli, 610-420-0987

Class of 1970 45th Reunion—The class of '70 will have their reunion at our Communion Breakfast. Contact is Sr. Denise Ware, SFCC, 609-970-4371.

Class of 1975 50th Reunion—The Class of '75 will celebrate at a combined 50th reunion on November 21, 2025 from 7 to 11PM at Lazaretto's, 99 Wanamaker Ave, Essington, PA. Cost is \$75 and includes Cocktail Hour, Buffet, DJ and Cash Bar. Mail checks made payable to Joseph Smith to West Catholic 75 Reunion, PO Box 2013, Vincentown, NJ 08088.

2025 Spring Luncheon and Fundraiser

This year our Spring Luncheon was held on Sunday, April 13, 2025 at Anthony's in Springfield, PA. We had chances for gift baskets donated by our board members, a 50/50 raffle, and a drawing for a special prize of Phillies Package valued at \$1000 that included 2 seats in the Diamond Dugout behind home base, food and drink and free parking. The drawing of the winners for the Spring Scholarship Chance Drive was also held. Congratulations and thank you to our co-chairs **Peggy Ford Rhoades, '71 and Sr. Denise Ware, '70** for another successful event. The winners were: The winners were:

- 1st Prize of \$1000—Josie Cassello Capaldi, '57
- 2nd Prize of \$500—Mike Wilson
- 3rd Prize of \$300—Marie Gilchrist-Hunter, '67
- Phillies Package—Dolly Schnitzel, '54, who gifted the prize to her daughter Donna

Congratulations to all the winners and thank you to everyone for supporting our event and the scholarship fund.

2025 Dues

We thank all alums who have paid their 2025 dues. For the convenience of those who have not yet paid, the form is below. Again, if you sent your dues with the form in the Spring issue you are paid for this year.

2025 DUES STATEMENT

Name _____
(if married, please include maiden name)

Address _____
(# and Street)

(City, State, Zip Code)

Zip _____ Class _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Please mail your check for \$20.00 payable to WCGAA along with this form to:

West Catholic Girls' Alumnae Association
PO Box 805 Broomall, PA 19008
To receive a Dues Card, you must include
a stamped, self-addressed envelope

Alumnae Gift Items

Our Gift Items continue to be a big success. Presently, we are selling: Note Pad and Pen Set, \$5.00; Flashlight, \$3.00; Combination Pen and Stylus, \$3.00; Pack of 5 Note Cards with a drawing of the school on the front for \$6.00; Magnets with all 4 emblems, \$3.00; Blankets/ Throws, \$25.00; and 2 styles of Sweatshirts, Crewnecks, \$20.00 and Hoodies, \$30.00, Ornament of the school, \$10.00, Long sleeve t-shirts, \$20.00, Lanyards, \$2.00 and Key Rings, \$2.00. If you are unfamiliar with any of these items, you can find a description and picture on the NEWS page of our website www.westcatholicgirlsalumnae.com. **Pat Bugey Nachbar, '69** is our Merchandise Officer and she can be reached on 215-479-6719 or patnachbar@gmail.com. Contact Pat if you are interested in any of the items but unable to attend the Communion Breakfast. Pat will advise you of the postage for the items and where to mail the check. Thank you for your support.

Class of 2025

The 97 seniors of the Class of 2025 graduated on June 4, 2025. They were awarded a total of \$43 million in Scholarships. While most of the graduates went on to continue their education, some chose to enter the Armed Services or the work place. We wish all of the graduates much success in their chosen fields.