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Fall 2018

West Catholic Girls' Alumnae Association's 90th Annual Communion Breakfast

We welcome all classes to come celebrate our 90th Annual Communion Breakfast on Sunday, October 28, 2018 at Drexelbrook, 4700 Drexelbrook Drive, Drexel Hill, PA 19026. Cost is \$35.00. This event is being chaired by Rosalie Dugan McNeff, '61 and Mary Maguin Small, '60. Coffee will be available in the lobby from 9:45AM and doors will open at 10:30AM. Mass will be celebrated at 11:00AM followed by luncheon of Chicken Picatta, Caesar Salad, rolls and butter with warm apple strudel for dessert. Vegetarian and Gluten Free meals are available; please note this on the reservation form when mailing your check.

Checks made payable to West Catholic Girls' Alumnae Association (WCGAA) should be mailed no later than October 18, 2018 to Rosalie Dugan McNeff, 5 Park Ave., Norwood, PA 19074. Please remember to include with whom you would like to be seated. If you are one of the reunion classes make sure to note that on the reservation form.

Chances are included with this *Harvester*. You may return them with your reservation form, or if you are unable to attend, please mail your chances and check payable to WCGAA to West Catholic Girls' Alumnae Association, PO Box 805, Broomall, PA 19008.

West Catholic Girls' gift items will be available for sale at the Communion Breakfast.

RESERVATION FORM ANNUAL COMMUNION BREAKFAST

Sunday, October 28, 2018

Name _____
(first) (maiden) (last)

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

Email _____ Class _____

☐ Member of a Reunion Class

☐ Chicken Picatta ☐ Gluten Free ☐ Vegetarian

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:
WEST CATHOLIC GIRLS' ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION
c/o ROSALIE DUGAN MCNEFF
5 PARK AVE., NORWOOD, PA 19074

\$35.00 per ticket

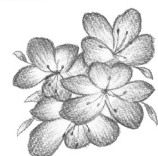
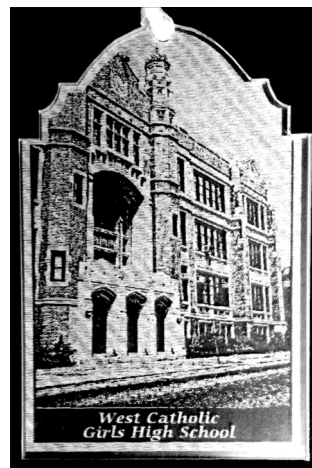
Please enclose the names of those you want to sit with.

No tickets will be sent.

If requested, a confirmation will be sent by email.

Alumnae Gift Items Available at CB

Our sales items are still available and can be purchased at any time. We still have our bracelets, ornaments, note cards, pens (now in a shade of our West Girls blue) and a limited number of the blankets/throws. To order any of these items send your order to Mrs. Rosalie McNeff, 5 Park Ave., Norwood, PA 19074. A description along with a picture and price of all items, except the new blanket/throw, can be found on the Alumnae Association's website, www.westcatholicgirlsalumnae.com. All items will be available at the Communion Breakfast.



Alumnae Board

- 1932 Marie Teti**, 1315 W. Hunting Park Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19140 - (484) 321-1945
- 1940 Margaret Porter**, 217 Monticello, Media, PA 19063-6032 - (610) 892-4588
- 1948 Kathleen Martin Fahey**, 89 Saxer Ave., Springfield, PA 19064 - (610) 544-4632
- 1950 Mary Maxwell Flynn**, 642 Ferne Blvd., Drexel Hill, PA 19026 - (610) 623-6528
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- 1954 Dolores Driver Schnitzel**, 10806 Modena Terrace, Phila., PA 19154 - (215) 637-1058
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- 1956 Cass Jarrett Coakley**, 26 Evergreen Ave., Broomall, PA 19008 - (610) 353-1017
- 1957 Anna Melella Bruno**, 2-11 Bloomfield Ave., Drexel Hill, PA 19026 - (610) 626-0606
- 1958 Felicia Gerace Lynch**, 7902 Arlington Ave., Upper Darby, PA 19082 - (610) 446-1317
- Sr. Claire Smith, SHCJ**, Daylesford Crossing, 1450 Lancaster Ave., Paoli, PA 19301 - (610) 640-4000
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- 1960 Frances Ranieri DiStefano**, 140 Westdale Ave., Upper Darby, PA 19082 - (610) 789-1269
- Mary Maguin Small**, 5095 Adrianna Court, Center Valley, PA 18034 - (484) 995-3525
- 1961 Barbara Spencer Britton**, 123 W. Gardner Ave., Glenolden, PA 19036 - (215) 917-1336
- Betsy Gleason Cunningham**, 1826 Meribrook Rd., Phila., PA 19151 - (215) 879-3282
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- Rose Frank**, 79 Drexelbrook Dr., Apt. 3, Drexel Hill, PA 19026 - (610) 259-5481
- Patricia McLaughlin**, 284 West Ave., Springfield, PA 19064 - (610) 544-0708
- 1962 Maria DiStefano Petolicchio**, 604 Heather Lane, Bryn Mawr, PA 19010 - (610) 527-8592
- 1964 Anne Henry Organ**, 209 39th St., Sea Isle City, NJ 08243 - (609) 263-8348
- 1965 Bette McGrath Diedrich**, 870 Spring Hill Rd., Secane, PA 19018 - (610) 544-6295
- 1967 Rosemary Cipollone Mitchell**, 322 Shadeland Ave., Drexel Hill, PA 19026 - (610) 259-4486
- 1968 Lucille Madalion**, 5 Eldon Ave., Lansdowne, PA 19050 - (484) 437-0740
- 1969 Hannah Dougherty Campbell**, 1325 Robinson Ave., Havertown, PA 19083 - (610) 764-3249
- 1970 Sr. Denise Ware, SFCC**, 353 Wenonah Ave., Mantua, NJ 08051 - (609) 970-4371
- 1971 Peggy Ford Rhoades**, 3704 Bonsall Ave., Drexel Hill, PA 19026 - (610) 284-5820
- 1973 Kathy Deluca Maloney**, 1806 Wynnewood Rd., Phila., PA 19151 - (215) 840-3352
- 1974 Kirsti Flemming Bradford**, PO Box 432, Secane, PA 19018 - (610) 580-7588
- Carol Caratura Cavallo**, 170 Kingswood Ct., Glen Mills, PA 19362 - (610) 812-7642
- 1975 Tina Spivey Randall**, 1235 Marlyn Rd., Philadelphia, PA 19151 - (215) 939-1438

Class Reps

- 1942 Phyllis Lebano Dunn**, 120 West Thomson Rd., Springfield, PA 19064 - (610) 544-3428
- 1966 Kathleen Schultz Buchanan**, 8613 Patton Road, Wyndmoor, PA 19026 - (215) 421-7745
- 1975 Marie Mulcahy**, 550 S. Lansdowne Ave., Apt. 204, Yeadon, PA 19050 - (610) 259-0082

Margaret Porter Blue & Gold Award



Congratulations to Maria DiStefano Petolicchio, Alumnae Board Treasurer, class of 1962 on receiving the Margaret Porter Blue and Gold Award at the Alumni Communion Breakfast on April 29, 2018. Maria was recognized for her years of dedication and tireless hard work in support of both the Alumnae Association and West Catholic Prep. In her thank you speech, Maria expressed her love of art and contributed her knowledge to Mother Mary Alacoque, SHCJ, who she said taught her all she knows about art. She also thanked her "mentor" Margaret Porter, '40 and fellow board member Kathleen Martin Fahey, '48 for all their help and guidance over the years.

Alumnae extends sympathy to families of the following of our class mates who have passed away

Anna Larkin Sullivan, '39
Mother Mary Alacoque (Sr. Margaret Naab), SHCJ, '39
Mary Nigro, '39

Marie Augustine Duffy, '41
Mary Catherine McClory Lessing Peterson, '42
Veronica Hancock, '42

Margaret (Peg) Dougherty McDermott, '43
Marguerite Stesky Marinacci, '43

Mary Campbell Simons, '44
Regina Martin Chapman, '44

Marguerite Quinlan Nunan, '44

Joan Buchanan Giovanni, '46

Olga Primavera Iacobucci, '48

Joann Snyder Begley, '48

Sr. Dorothy T. Beck, ACJ, '48

Annetta (Nancy) Simon, '48

Anna Mae Coulter Coogan, '49

Joanne Eld Moore, '49

Cecelia Murphy Kennedy, '50

Mary (Mickey) Ryan Sullivan, '50

Mary McKenna Crennan, '51

Mary Jane McCormick Martelli, '51

Mary Ann Tacconelli McFadden, '52

Joan Rinaldi Perato, '53

Ellen Riddle Merget, '53

Jeanette Hudome Quigley, '53

Patricia Devine Wilks, '53

Dolores McGee Kelly, '54

Theresa Groves Culp, '54

Joan Elinor O'Connor Hookey, '54

Grace Parisi Massucci, '55

Barbara Weeks Ward, '55

Helen Fricher Brennan, '55

Patricia A. Drumm Rosboschil, '56

Eileen McNeill Nelson, '56

Theresa Oertel Burant, '58

Nancy Nolan Carsello, '58

Eleanor Console D'Antonio, '59

Janice Dodge Samuel, '59

Barbara (Bobbi) Hoban Johnson, '60

Frances (Franny) Cappella Rudderow, '60

Claire Fox Nino, '60

Patricia (Patti) Maguin Penner, '62

Doris Kelley Chambers, '62

Irma Marie O'Brien Sawyer, '65

Frances Marie (Penny) Kane Hager, '67

Louise Rogers, '76

Denise Spinelli Mattern, '84

Yema Soya Bongay, '90

Rosemary Jordan Dotter, Year Unknown

Among us girls

1936 – Cecilia Kelly is living in Center City Philadelphia and would love to hear from her classmates. If you remember Cecilia and would like to get in touch send an email to admin@westcatholicgirlsalumnae.com with your contact information and we will pass it along to Cecilia for her to get in touch with you.

1945 – Elizabeth Angeline Covic (age 91) wrote to give us an update on the Angeline sisters. **Anna Angeline Ziccardi**, '41 is deceased, **Elizabeth** and her other 2 sisters are all doing well; **Edith Angeline Cavicchio**, '43 is 93 and **Helen Angeline Vagnoni**, '47 is 90. Best wishes ladies.

1947 – Anne Marie McGill Brennan let us know that she enjoys living in San Bernardino, CA. She returns to the area for her reunions and joins her friend Inez Coleman Curry, '47. She also wrote that she just spent 2 weeks in Ireland with her children.

1948 – Condolences to **Kathy Rodgers Simpson** on the passing of her husband Thomas, West Boys '47. He passed away in May 2017. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Kathy.

1949 – Condolences to **Mary Mullen Walsh** on the passing of her husband Jack on February 18, 2018. Mary and Jack were married 61 years and have 6 children, 11 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. And our sympathy to **Mary Jane Reilly Huber** on the passing of her husband on the same day.

1949 – Frances Cole Douglas wrote to thank us for all the *Harvester* news.

1952 – Agnes Enright Long's husband Dave wrote to tell us that Agnes is in Long Term Care in Mesa, AZ after suffering a brain aneurysm and is wheel chair bound; He reports she is doing well and enjoys the frequent visits from her children.

1953 – Our sympathy to **Helen Shea Foley** on the death of her husband Leo who passed away on April 14, 2018.

1951 – Congratulations to **Jean Desmond Galanagh** and her husband Jim on their 62nd wedding anniversary. Jean and Jack have 5 children, 12 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. Jean also expressed her gratitude for her West Catholic education.

1955 – Condolences to **Joan Ortolano** on the passing of her husband of 59 years, Ralph on January 21, 2017.

1955 – Sympathy to **Peg Henry Glancey** and **Anne Henry Organ**, '64 on the death of their brother John Henry, '65, West Boys.

1958 – Condolences to **Felicia Gerace Lynch**, **Rose Gerace Strain**, '56 and **Marguerite Gerace Wilkinson**, '62 on the death of their brother Salvatore Gerace, class of 60, STM.

1959 – Diana Spoltore McCarthy wrote to tell us how much she is enjoying her retirement and spending time with other WC Girls Alums at the Collingdale Senior Center.

1960 – Condolences to **Mary Maguin Small** on the passing of her sister, **Patricia (Patti) Maguin Penner**, '62 on May 4, 2018. Patti, her husband Hank and their daughters have lived in FL for many years. Also condolences to the family of **Claire Fox Nino**, '60 on her passing on April 18, 2018 as well as the passing of her husband Louis on December 28, 2017.

1961 – Condolences to **Cathy Breslin Rhoades** on the death of her son, Stephen.

1965 – Congratulations to **Sr. Eileen Moughan, SHCJ** on celebrating her 50th Jubilee. Sister is quoted as stating that she reflects on her 50 years of diverse ministries as "the tapestry of my life".

1965 – Our sympathy is extended to **Barbara Kane Quant** on the death of her sister **Frances Marie (Penny) Kane Hager**, '67 who passed away in November 2017 in Monroe, WA. Penny is survived by her husband Jim their 2 children, and 2 children.

1966 – Sympathy to **Lucille Ciaccia** and **Marian Ciaccia** on the passing of their aunt **Mary Nigro**, **Class of 1939**.

1970 – Maureen Doyle Cimirro let us know that her aunt, **Joanne Eld Moore**, '49 passed away on February 11, 2018. Joanne taught Religious Education in Palm Bay, FL until she was 84.

2018 Spring Luncheon

Our Beach Themed Spring Luncheon was held April 22, 2018 at the Porch at Lamb Tavern, Springfield, PA. For the first time at this event, we sold raffles for 2 mini vacations, generously donated by two of the Alumnae Board members. First prize was 5 days in August in Sea Isle, NJ, won by Mary Ellen Quinn, '64. Second prize was an off season mini vacation in Townsends Inlet, NJ, won by Kathy Kelly Warner, '66. Additionally, we held a silent auction for 10 wonderful beach themed gift baskets donated by members of the Alumnae Board, and chanced off several door prizes. This event was our most attended Spring Luncheon in several years. Congratulations to the Co-Chairs, Rose Frank, '61 and Roe Cipollone Mitchell, '67 on a very successful and fun filled afternoon.

CLASS REUNIONS

Class of 1948 70TH Reunion – The reunion will be held at our Annual Communion Breakfast at Drexelbrook on October 28, 2018. Contact Kathleen Martin Fahey, 610-544-4632. When returning your reservation form please note "Sit with Class of 1948 Reunion"

Class of 1958 60TH Reunion – The reunion will be held at our Annual Communion Breakfast at Drexelbrook on October 28, 2018. When returning your reservation form please note "Sit with Class of 1958 Reunion"

Class of 1959 60TH Reunion – Your reunion is in the planning stages. If you would like information, contact Joan O'Connor Mullarkey at 610-356-2726 or Chris Feeser Jackson at 610-353-3956.

Class of 1968 Combined 50TH Reunion – September 29, 2018 from 6-11PM at Springfield Country Club. Cost is \$85 in advance or \$125 (cash only) at the door. Contacts: Mary Croyden Lee, mlee421@verizon.net, Mag Joyce Mackin, iammag1@verizon.net, and Roseanne Thornton D'Alonzo, roseannedal211@comcast.net

Class of 1969 50TH Reunion – SAVE THE DATE – September 15, 2019 from Noon to 4PM at Drexelbrook's Mansion House, Drexel Hill, PA. Contact Jeanne Hugues Milligan, wcgh1969@yahoo.com

Class of 1988 Combined 30TH Reunion – October 27, 2018 at the Clarion Hotel and Conference Center, 76 Industrial Hwy, Essington, PA. Cost is \$75. Contact wc30reunion@gmail.com

Class of 1998 20TH Reunion – Sunday, October 6, 2018 at the Heritage Ballroom (Barnaby's) 2107 MacDade Blvd. Folsom, PA from 7-11PM. Cost is \$75. Contact Jen Dugan, jdugan61607@aol.com. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the family of Sgt. Clinton Cunningham, Class of 1998.

Dues

As we stated in the Spring *Harvester* to avoid confusion as to when dues should be paid, we will not include the dues form in this issue. If you did not pay your 2018 dues you can still do so and remain an active member of the Alumnae Association. Mail your check for \$10.00 payable to **WCGAA to West Catholic Girls' Alumnae Association, PO Box 805, Broomall, PA 19008**. Include your name (including your maiden name) graduation year, address, phone number, and email address. Thank you for your support of the Alumnae.

Class of 2018

On June 4, 2018 West Catholic Prep graduated 84 seniors. This was another class who excelled with 100% of the students being accepted to college. 221 colleges offered scholarships to the students. The students are attending 46 colleges and 3 students joined the Armed Forces. The scholarships awards totaled \$13,218,798. Congratulations to all.

Incoming Seniors Excel

Congratulations to seven members of the incoming senior class. These seven girls were accepted into a Diocesan Scholar Program which offers college classes during their senior year. Typically, only four from each school are accepted, but because of how impressive these girls' resumes were all seven were chosen.

Our Congratulations to Gabrielle Bioteau, Daja Hosendorf, December Murphy, Gabby Brabham, Sara Collier, Beautiful Murray-Bey, and Erica Cordova-Canas.

Rising Starters Tournament

Congratulations to Tamiya Spraggins, Nylla Johnson, and Ayanna Williams, these 3 WCP freshman girls achieved second place in the Archdiocesan inaugural "Rising Starters" tournament hosted by Drexel University Close School of Entrepreneurship. All 17 Archdiocesan high schools participated in the program. Each team competed internally at their school and the winners then presented their business ideas to a panel of judges consisting of leaders in the business and educational fields. The girls developed Oggo, a system of electronic organization and storage for Home, and On-The-Go.

West Catholic Prep Night at the Phillies

West Catholic Prep had the honor of being recognized at the Phillies game on Friday, June 29, 2018. Even though the home team lost, the night was a great success for WCP. The event was well attended with over 700 tickets sold for the reserved West sections, making it a very successful fund raiser for the school. There was tailgating prior to the game, hosted by the Alumni Association, a short video about the school was shown on the Jumbotron and Len Mazur, Class of 1963 had the honor of throwing out the first pitch. A good time was had by all who attended. Thank you and congratulations to Eleanor Dezzi, Class of 1965 for chairing the event.