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## WEST CATHOLIC PREP... *A Century of Excellence*



The celebration continues....West Catholic's 100 years of education will be celebrated with a Gala on May 6, 2017 at the Springfield Country Club, 400 W. Sproul Rd, Springfield PA.

Tickets are \$150.00 and can be purchased through the school's website, [www.westcatholic.org/acenturyofexcellence-gala](http://www.westcatholic.org/acenturyofexcellence-gala) or by contacting Regina Hairston, Director of External Affairs at 215-386-2244 x215. RSVP by April 15, 2017

All Alums are invited to what promises to be a fun filled evening. The evening begins at 6PM with Registration, Open Bar and Silent Auction. Dinner is 8PM with Decades of Distinction Spotlights throughout dinner. Dancing with music provided by a DJ will start at 9PM.

Throughout the evening a photo booth will be available and a professional photographer will be on hand to capture the event.

There are also several ways you can sponsor the event with photos and ads for the tribute book. Details and ordering forms are available on the school's website.

Join us for this milestone event and fun filled evening.

## West Catholic Girls' Alumnae Association Presents:

### *In Your Easter Bonnet*

Fill out below and return with your check  
(\$30 per person)

### WCGAA SPRING LUNCHEON

#### *In Your Easter Bonnet*

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(if married, please include maiden name)

Class \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(include City, Town, State, Zip)

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Please seat me with \_\_\_\_\_

for our Spring Luncheon on Sunday April 9th, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. at the Heritage Ballroom 2107 Mac Dade Blvd, Holmes, PA (next to Barnaby's). Cost is \$30.00 per ticket and tables of ten are available. Tickets will not be mailed for this event.

Please mail your check payable to WCGAA to:  
Peggy Rhoades  
3704 Bonsall Avenue,  
Drexel Hill, PA 19026



Please include your name, Class Year, address and phone # when returning check. It is not necessary to WEAR A HAT TO ATTEND. PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED FOR MOST PATRIOTIC, BEST WEST CATHOLIC, COMICAL, AND PRETTIEST HAT. QUESTIONS: PLEASE CALL HANNAH @ (610) 764-3249

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- 1974 Kirsti Flemming Bradford**, PO Box 432, Secane, PA 19018  
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## Among us girls

**1936 – Grace Doherty Steck** sends her regards. Grace pursued a nursing career after graduation and served in the Army during WWII.

**1950 – Marge Hoban O'Toole** and her husband Joe, West Boys Class of 1950, celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on June 9, 2016. They have 5 sons and 12 grandchildren. Condolences to **Joan Seckinger Ashton** on the loss of her husband Joan has moved to a retirement community in Bremerton, WA. Extending sincere sympathy to the Staerk family on the loss of their mother, **Mary (Mae) Boyle Staerk-Sitasz**. Her three sons, their wives, nine grandchildren and three great grandchildren are mourning her loss.

**1957 –** Condolences to **Peg McAdams McKeever** on the death of her sister **Anna McAdams Raffaele**, Class of 1950

**1962 –** Condolences to **Peg Edmondson Torro** on the passing of her husband John. **Maria DiStefano Petolicchio** and her husband Ray celebrated their 51st Anniversary.

**1963 –** Condolences to the family of Elizabeth Mullen Creed on her passing.

**1990 –** Congratulations to **Charity Fisher Hughes** on receiving her Doctorate in Philosophy from Capella University.

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

Eleanor Collins Shannon, '36  
Mary McRheil McElwee, '37  
Rosalie Quigley Hutton, '39  
Catherine Flanigan King, '39  
Sr. Agnes Marie Kelleher, '39  
Veronica (Ron) Casey Roche, '39  
Ellen Mullen Vaughn, '40  
Elizabeth Gercke Roantree, '40  
Mary Leet Sabol, '40  
Agnes Malloy Dean, '40  
Marylou Bohannon McCardle, '40  
Gertrude McGarvey McCormick, '41  
Rosemary Kerr Falls, '41  
Margaret Swanick O'Donnell, '41  
Mary Weeks Pecoraio, '41  
Mary Frain Maloney, '42  
Helen Brady Fennen, '42  
Elizabeth McCallum Ward, 42  
Rosemary Duffy Jones, '43  
Mary Dace, '43  
Rosemary Corcoran O'Neill, '43  
Mary O'Brien Daley, '43  
Gabrielle Iorio Devine, '44  
Theresa St. Legar, '45  
Charlotte Rose Wilkens Middleton, '47  
Doris Brady O'Neill, '47  
Marjorie Sweeney O'Connor, '47  
Rosemary Maguire Nilan, '47  
Ann Catherine Gatens Scanlin, '47  
Mary Volk Cole, '48  
Marion Catherine Rosegrant Wagner, '49  
Dolores Cunningham Rogers, '49  
Anna McAdams Raffaele, '50  
Bernice Shafron Tomblason, '50  
Guadalupe Arellani Green, '50  
Mary (Mae) Boyle Staerk-Sitasz, '50  
Catherine Thornton Wendel, '51  
Joan McCormick Malampy, '51  
Adele Palina Martino, '52

Joanne Russell Plummer, '53  
Patricia Jones Quinn, '53  
Mary Furlong Meehan, '55  
Eleanor Leonardo Richard, '56  
Barbara Schwartz Turner, '56  
Margaret Kelly Downey, '57  
Mary Meck Downey, '57  
Margaret Reddy Daly, '58  
Philomena Thomas Garrett, '58  
Dolores Oertel Powell, '59  
Margaret Leone Mango, '59  
Barbara A. Byrne, '60  
Ann Marie (Nancy) Sawyer, '60  
Kathleen McGovern, '60  
Doris Dombroski Booth, '60  
Barbara Mattia Aleardi, '60  
Joanne Dougherty Hefferick, '61  
Helen Lerro Sargent '61  
JoAnn Lewis Marchetti, '61  
Vivian Smith, '61  
Elynore McCawley Hartz, '61  
Eileen Dougherty Locke, '61  
Sally Freil Corr, '62  
Margaret Hogg Mooney, '63  
Mary Anne Smith, '64  
Terry Nylan Mullen, '65  
Carol Molan Ingenito, '68  
Frances Smith, '69  
Joanne Glace Davey, '70  
Barbara Liberati, '71  
Paula Wiley-Davis, '73  
Cynthia Fair Hawthorne, '74  
Patricia (Patty) Balmer, '78  
Regina Brady Keichline, '78  
Eileen Marie Commons,  
year unknown  
Marian Kearney Thornton,  
year unknown

## A WONDERFUL FIND



A special thanks to Hannah Dougherty Campbell, Class of 1969 for finding the original drawing of our school seal on ebay (left). The seal along with the envelope address to Rev. Burns, the first principal of the school, was placed on ebay for sale. The Alumnae Association purchased the seal and will be framing it and placing it at the school. It was offered for sale by an auction house who found it in a box of papers purchased at an auction in Lancaster, PA. It is a mystery who had it and how it got out of the school.

We also found another West "antique" on ebay, a 1936 HOW AND WHAT Conduct Book. This appears to be a handbook for new students on how to find their way around the building and also what was expected of them as a student.



### West Catholic Alumni & Alumnae Mark Your Calendars! Plan to join us Friday, March 17, 2017 for St. Patrick's Day.

In our centennial year we will celebrate 100 years of Catholic education in West & Southwest Philadelphian grand fashion on St. Patrick's Day itself.

#### 9:00 am - Mass at Old St. Joseph's Parish Church

4<sup>th</sup> & Willings Alley, Old City Philadelphia - Park at Ritz Parking on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street below Chestnut Street

- followed by -

#### 11:00 am sharp - Raising of the Colors

United States & Irish Republic flags

Irish Memorial, Front & Chestnut Streets

We will be the 1<sup>st</sup> High School to raise the colors at this memorial!

#### Post Irish Memorial Celebration at Monaghan's Irish Pub WC '68, MBS '64

Joe Monaghan's place is 2 blocks off Route 420 & Route 291 in Essington, PA.

Make a Left onto Route 291 (look on right for sign) - Ample parking on lot at 414 Powhattan Ave. or on street.

His St. Patrick's menu includes a Free Buffet of Ham, Cabbage & Potatoes.

Other items off menu include: Shepherd's Pie, Hot Roast Beef Sandwiches, Hoagies, Burgers & Platters.

Enjoy Live Bag Pipes, DJ with Irish Music (Mike Dougherty WC '87)

#### 2pm - Donate a scone and enter it into The Best Scone Contest


Our Judges will be the IHM Sisters from St. Barnabas & St. Francis De Salles Schools.

See You There!

All Burrs Welcome!

Also, don't miss going to Coach's Bar & Grill across the parking lot (2 properties down) to visit with Joe McGowen WC '71 and more West Catholic friends.

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## WCGAA Scholarships

The Alumnae Scholarship Committee awards three scholarships to Catholic female students entering West Catholic Prep. We are presenting awaiting applications, due March 31, 2017. If you are aware of any Catholic female applying to WCP and is interested in applying for one of these scholarships, please contact Betsy Gleason Cunningham, Class of 1961 at 215-879-3282.

## Board Member Update

In the past year our Alumnae Board has added 5 new members:

- Sr. Claire Smith, SCHJ  
Class of 1958
- Christine Feeser Jackson  
Class of 1959
- Barbara Spencer Britton  
Class of 1961
- Rosemary (Roe) Cipollone Mitchell  
Class of 1967
- Kirsti Flemming Bradford  
Class of 1974

## COURTYARD GROTTTO

The Alumni Association is heading a project to move the Grotto that was at their former building at 49th St to the courtyard at WCP. There will be a brick pathway leading to the grotto. Three size bricks are available for purchase.

4x8 with 3 lines of text for \$100

8x8 with 6 lines for \$150

12x12 with 8 lines for \$200

The seal of the girls' school is available in the clipart to place on your brick.

Visit their website [www.westcatholicalumni.org](http://www.westcatholicalumni.org) for a link to order the brick.

## Annual Membership Drive

A Special request...Become or remain an active member of the Alumnae Association.

Your annual dues of \$10.00 allows us to support the school, publish this newspaper twice a year and maintain our website. Here are some of the recent ways you have allowed us to support our Alma Mater: donation to the Girls' basketball team for shirts for the players, donation to the Art Club for supplies to allow them to continue their art projects, donations to the school for renovations and refurbishing of the library and chapel.

This newspaper and the website are how we communicate with you to let you know about events, news, school activities, and keep you abreast of what is going on.

For your convenience, last year we began to include the dues membership form in both issues of the Harvester.

Please consider filling out the dues form located to the right. Be sure to include your maiden name and class year. Mail the form and your check for \$10.00 payable to WCGAA to PO Box 805, Broomall, PA 19008. Thank you.

We have the popular WC bracelets back in stock. The bracelets are \$18.00 and \$3.00 postage and can be ordered on the Alumnae website.



In addition to the bracelets we also have pens with the Alumnae name imprinted on them. The pens are metal and are a combination ball point pen and stylus. They are \$3.00, 2 for \$5.00 and \$3.00 postage and can also be ordered on our website.



Use our email, [admin@westcatholicgirlsalumnae.com](mailto:admin@westcatholicgirlsalumnae.com), to order either item.

## CLASS REUNIONS

**Class of 1972 Combined 45th reunion**, September 29, 2017. This will be a combined West Catholic and St Tommy More reunion. Springfield Country Club from 7PM to 11PM. Contacts Kathleen Mulvihill Lunn and Patty Maiorano Cranage. Email: [wc.class72@gmail.com](mailto:wc.class72@gmail.com)

**Class of 1967, 50th Reunion**, Save the Date October 14, 2017 at Springfield Country Club. Contact Kathy Morella Falgi

**All Class St. Francis De Sales and Most Blessed Sacrament Reunion**, April 21, 2017 St. Francis De Sales Auditorium, 917 S. 47 St. \$40 per person, \$60 per couple Contact John McKee 610-931-8018

*Reunion Planners...When you make arrangements for reunions, please email [admin@westcatholicgirlsalumnae.com](mailto:admin@westcatholicgirlsalumnae.com) and we will post on the website.*

### ANNUAL DUES STATEMENT

AMOUNT: \$10.00

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(if married, please include maiden name)

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(include City, Town, State)

Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Class \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail your check for \$10.00 payable to WCGAA along with this form to:

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

**SPRING LUNCHEON -**  
**APRIL 9, 2017**

**West Philadelphia Catholic Girls**  
**High School Alumnae Association**  
**P.O. Box 805**  
**Broomall, PA 19008**