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WEST CATHOLIC GIRLS ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL SPRING LUNCHEON AND FUND RAISER SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 2018 GETTING READY FOR THE BEACH

Time to get ready for the beach and summer! Our Annual Spring Luncheon will be held on Sunday, April 22, 2018 at The Porch at The Lamb Tavern, 865 W. Springfield Road, Springfield, PA 19064, from Noon until 4PM. Cost: \$35 per person. Cash bar. This event is being co-chaired by Rosemary Cipollone Mitchell, '67 and Rose Frank, '61. There will be raffles and door prizes to get you ready for those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer and the beach. Summer clothing, sandals, flip-flops, capris, beach cover ups, beach hats are all encouraged! DEADLINE FOR THIS EVENT IS MONDAY, APRIL 9TH.

Tables are available for a maximum of 8 people. Please complete the Reservation Form, including your maiden name and graduation year and the same information for your table partners, attach a list with your Reservation Form. Return it together with your check(s) payable to WCGAA to: Rose Frank, 79-3 Drexelbrook Drive, Drexel Hill, PA 19026. Tickets will not be mailed for this event. Your check is your receipt. And as always our West Catholic Girls' gift items will be available for sale.



RESERVATION FORM SPRING LUNCHEON/FUND RAISER Sunday, April 22, 2018

Name _____
(First) (Maiden) (Married)

Class _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Phone number _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____

☐ Chicken Parmigiana ☐ Famous Crab Cake ☐ Vegetarian ☐ Vegan
☐ Check this for Gluten Free

Note: Tables are available for a maximum of 8 people.
Please attach the list to your reservation form and return
with you check(s) payable to WCGAA and mail to:

Rose Frank,
79-3 Drexelbrook Drive,
Drexel Hill, PA 19026
Deadline is Monday, April 9th.
No payments can be accepted at the door.

CHANCES

Wondering what those chances are for? Well, this year we're having a special raffle at our Spring Luncheon. Thanks to the generosity of two of our Board Members, we are able to chance off two mini beach vacations. First prize is 5 days in August, the 18TH to 23rd in Sea Isle City, NJ. This is a great opportunity for a family to vacation in a 5 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath home, (no groups, please). The second prize is 4 days at a 3 bedroom Condo in Townsends Inlet, NJ. This trip can be taken anytime between September 2018 and May 2019. You can enjoy your vacation either from a Thursday to Monday or if you prefer from Monday to Thursday. The timing on this prize is flexible, you can choose when you want to go. This is also for a family vacation, no groups. If you're unable to make the Luncheon, send your chances to our Post Office Box, PO Box 805, Broomall, PA 19008.

BURRS @ THE BEACH

Now that you're thinking about summer and the beach, mark your calendars for Sunday, June 24, 2018. That's the date for the 31ST all class, all school reunion, Burrs @the Beach. It will be held in North Wildwood at The Inlet On Olde, (formerly Westy's) 101 E. Walnut St, North Wildwood from 1PM to 7PM. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Contact Bette McGrath Diedrich, '65 at 610-544-6295 for tickets.

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
- 1953 Helen Deane Concannon**, 275 N. State Road, 7E, Springfield, PA 19064 - (484) 479-3133
- Peggy Gallagher Riley**, 111 Leon Ave., Norwood, PA 19074 - (484) 494-0918
- 1954 Dolores Driver Schnitzel**, 10806 Modena Terrace, Phila., PA 19154 - (215) 637-1058
- 1955 Peggy Henry Glancey**, 314 Lewis Rd., Broomall, PA 19008 - (610) 325-8748
- Patricia McGovern Gottschall**, 585 N. Atlantic Ave., Collingswood, NJ 08108 - (856) 858-8302
- Helen Sheridan**, 441 N. Middletown Rd., A221, Media, PA 19063 - (484) 443-8088
- 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
- 1959 Joan O'Connor Mullarkey**, 10 Marwood Dr., Broomall, PA 19008 - (610) 356-2726
- Christine Feeser Jackson**, 316 Freedom Blvd., West Brandywine, PA 19320 - (610) 353-3956
- 1960 Frances Ranieri DiStefano**, 140 Westdale, Ave., Upper Darby, PA 19082 - (610) 789-1269
- Mary Maguin Small**, 3104 Village Dr., 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
- Rosalie Dugan McNeff**, 5 Park Ave., Norwood, PA 19074 - (610) 532-1827
- 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 Mary Rafferty**, 263 N. Bishop Ave., Clifton Heights, PA 19018 - (610) 623-8018
- 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**, 363 Wenonah Ave., Mantua, NJ - (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
- 1975 Tina Spivey Randall**, 1235 Marlyn Rd., Philadelphia, PA 19151 - (215) 939-1438

Class Reps

- 1942 Phyllis Lezano Dunn**, 120 West Thomson Rd., Springfield, PA 19064 - (610) 544-3428
- 1966 Kathleen Schultz Buchanan**, 8613 Patton Road, Wyndmoor, PA 19026 - (215) 421-7745
- 1974 Carol Caratura Cavallo**, 170 Kingswood Ct., Glen Mills, PA 19362 - (610) 812-7642
- 1975 Marie Mulcahy**, 550 S. Lansdowne Ave., Apt. 204, Yeadon, PA 19050 - (610) 259-0082

Alumnae Board Elections

In November the Alumnae Board held elections for new officers. The existing officers were all reelected for another 2 year term and one new position was created. The new position of Merchandise Officer is held by Rosalie Dugan McNeff, Class of 1961. Rose has been handling the sale of all Alumnae merchandise since we started selling these items.

The Officers are:

President

Pat McLaughlin, '61

Vice President

Mary Maguin Small, '60

Treasurer

Maria DiStefano Petolicchio, '62

Recording Secretary

Rose Frank, '61

Membership Officer

Cass Jarrett Coakley, '56

Corresponding Secretary

Mary Maxwell Flynn, '50

Website Officer

Pat McLaughlin, '61

Website Assistant

Mary Maguin Small, '60

Merchandise Officer

Rosalie Dugan McNeff, '61

We also want to welcome 3 new members to the Board:

Lucille Madalion, '68

Sr. Denise Ware, SFCC, '70

Tina Spivey Randall, '75

Papal Honors

Brother Richard Kestler, FSC was recently among 28 honorees within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia who received a papal honor. Brother has received the Cross Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice which was established in 1888 by Pope Leo XIII and is given to Catholics who have shown distinguished service to the church and the papal office.

In addition, both Dawn Chism '73 and Gerald '59 and Anna Davis were honored as well. Dawn received the Benemerenti Medal which is awarded for exceptional service to the Catholic Church and Gerald and Anna Davis were honored as Dame and Knight in the order of St. Gregory the Great.

The honors were conferred upon the individuals by Archbishop Charles Chaput during a Vespers service Sunday, Jan. 21 at 4 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul, Philadelphia.

CLASS REUNIONS

Class of 1968 Combined 50TH Reunion — September 29, 2018 at Springfield Country Club. Contact Mary Lee Croyden, mlee421@verizon.net, Mary Joyce Mackin, iammag1@verizon.net or Roseanne Thornton D'Alonzo, roeseannedal211@comcast.net

Class 1988 Combined 30TH Reunion — October 27, 2018 at Clarion Hotel, Essington, PA. Cost is \$75.00. Contact wc30reunion@gmail.com

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 1948 70TH Reunion — The reunion will be held at the Communion Breakfast on October 28, 2018. Contact Kathleen Martin Fahey, 610-544-4632.

Reunion Planners...When you make arrangements for reunions, please email admin@westcatholicgirlsalumnae.com and we will post on the website.

89TH Annual Communion Breakfast

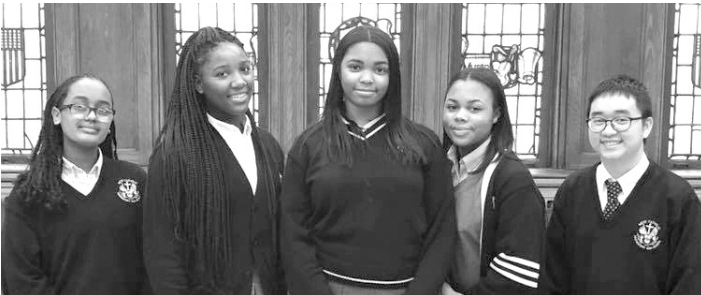


West Catholic Prep Principal Kelly Lanza (left) and Margaret Porter '40 (right)

Our 89TH Annual Communion Breakfast was held on Sunday, October 22, 2017 at Drexelbrook, Drexel Hill, PA 19026. The mass was celebrated by West Catholic Grad, Father Maximilian Maxwell, OSB. Father traveled from Latrobe, PA to be with us. Diana Nerri

provided the music for the mass. Due to the generosity of our Alumnae members we were proud to present two checks to WCP. A check for \$500 was given to the LaSallian Interact community service group, this student group provides meals for the homeless, visits and helps out at the Ronald McDonald House, along with other good deeds for the West Philadelphia community. The second check for \$5000 was given to Principal Kelly Lanza to be used for the ongoing mission of the school. Congratulations to three chance ticket winners. Mary Marker Giove, Class of 1966 held the \$1,000 1st prize winning ticket, 2nd prize winning ticket of \$500 went to Martina Rominger, Class of 1944 and 3rd prize winning ticket of \$300 went to Louise Blount, Class of 1955.

Penn Pipeline Students



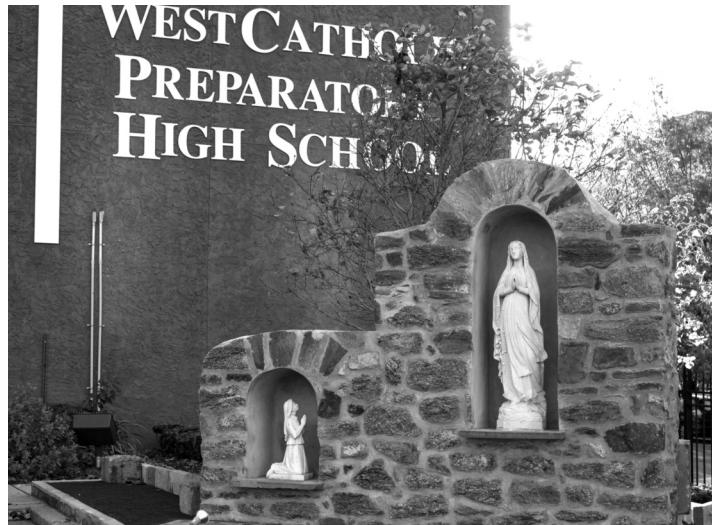
West Catholic Prep is proud to announce the following five students in the junior class have been accepted into the Univ. of Penn Pipeline Program: (L to R) Sebleh Alfa, Miyanha Martin, Elexys McDowell, December Murphy and Chong Pham. The Pipeline Program is a two-year program offered by Penn to high school students. It's a dual program where students will work part-time at the University of Pennsylvania Health System as a paid employee, while also taking college courses at Community College of Phila., which will count towards their credits when they're off to college in two years. Essentially, they will have a semester or more of college credits before they step on campus. Thanks to the University of Pennsylvania for the having them as part of the program, and congratulations to the students!

Girls' Basketball Appreciation Day



Alumnae Appreciation Day...The West Girls' Basketball Team, "The Lady Burrs", held an Alumnae Appreciation Day on Saturday, January 20, 2018 in conjunction with their games with Westtown High from Chester County. The Junior Varsity and Varsity teams both won their games, the Junior Varsity team won by 51-8 and the Varsity team's game was 64-45. At half time all Alumnae in attendance were recognized by the team, each lady was presented with a red rose by a member of the team. After the game a reception was held in the Learning Commons. Thank you and congratulations to the team, the coaches, and the Administration at WCP. Pictures from the day were posted on the West Catholic Alums Facebook page by Tom McGinn.

Blessed Mother's Grotto



The grotto which was originally on the grounds of the Boys' school at 49TH street has been moved to the parking lot at the school, 4501 Chestnut St. This was a project undertaken by the Alumni Veterans Committee and chaired by Johnnie Walker, class of 1986. The grotto was dedicated on November 10, 2017 after the Veterans' Mass at the school. All bricks purchased by Alums of both schools are placed in front of the grotto. The next time you're in the area stop by and see this beautiful site.

Annual Dues Campaign

For the past 2 years we published the dues form in both editions of *The Harvester*. Our intention was to make it easier for our Alumnae to send their dues and remain active members of the association. However this has caused some confusion as to when dues are to be paid. To make it easier we will only publish the form in the Spring *Harvester* – please pay your dues with this issue. In the fall issue we will publish a reminder for those who have not paid their dues. Thank you to all our faithful Alumnae who send their dues each year. It is your generosity that allows us to publish this newspaper, maintain our website and continue to support the school, along with offering scholarships to deserving young ladies.

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

Among us girls

1938 – Bernadette O'Neill Hugues and **Dorothy Elizabeth (Betty) Steck Allen** reconnected after all these years when they both moved to Little Flower Manor in Darby, PA. They are enjoying sharing stories and each other's company.

1940 – On November 13, 2017 the Alumnae Board celebrated **Margaret Porter's** 95TH birthday at our monthly board meeting.

1955 – Dorothy Trotter Lairdieson's granddaughter Jennifer O'Neill has been received into the postulancy of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Condolences to **Kay Fallon Chermol** on the passing of her sister, **Marie Fallon Gavula**, class of 1952 in September. Marie is survived by her husband, Joseph, 3 children and 7 grandchildren. Condolences to **Mary Ellen Connor Norpel** on the death of her husband Joe this past July. Joe was class of 1955, West Boys.

1961 – Condolences to **Evangelene Katrakazis Hartje** on the passing of her husband this past May.

1965 – Condolences to **Bette McGrath Diedrich** and **Cassie McGrath Petz**, Class of 1961 on the passing of their sister Mary Veronica McGrath Ponzio, Class of 1970 in January.

1972 – Tangela Jackson Randolph wrote to let us know that she has been employed by the Federal Government since 1980. Tangela is married with one daughter and 2 grandchildren.

1982 – Dineen Goodman McDevitt wrote to say that after 30 years she married her childhood sweetheart from 1978-1982. **Eunice Hill** wanted to say hi! She shared that her high school years were some of the best of her life thanks to West Catholic. She still remembers her graduation for the old Civic Center.

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

Ruth Milligan, '37
Sr. Mary Rita (Regina) Ritti, RSM, '37
Marie Gilman Krehbriel, '37
Helen Heppler Driscoll, '38
Mary Turner Smith, '39
Mary Petrini Tascioni, '40
Sr. M. Margaret Elizabeth Jones, IHM, '40
Regina (Jean) Donnelly Haley, '40
Rosemary Monks Colonna, '40
Elizabeth Shreiner Gallagher, '40
Mary Margaret Di Carlo McCarthy, '41
Rita Dunleavy Reynolds, '42
Sr. Marian Teresa Brophy, '42
Anna Marie Foxberry, '42
Marie Gillespie Carey, '43
Margaret Kearney DeAngelis, '46
Beatrice Tiley McGowan, '46
Josephine Cunningham, '46
Inez Coleman Terry, '47
Eleanor DiGiacomo Daly, '47
Mary Thomas Maffei, '47
Josephine Robinson Deschert, '48
Mary Jean Kearney Massaro, '49
Marie Hinkle Busillo, '49
Mary Jane Stanford Kochuben, '49
Josephine Webb Rowley, '49
Mildred Cook Burns, '51

Joan Keise McGee, '51
Anne McLaughlin Hollenback, '51
Patricia Gorman Nugent, '51
Irene Wolfe Smolcynski, '51
Mary Yeager, '52
Marie Fallon Gavula, '52
Barbara Cosgrove Lang, '53
Marie Lee Leibfreid, '53
Rose Anne DeLuca Amabile, '53
Elizabeth (Betsy) LoBosco Cunningham, '53
Sr. Catherine Carroll, '55
Sally Martin Schneider, '55
Ann Marie (Nancy) Nyland Smith, '55
Patricia Henkel Kelly, '56
Joan Fenton McNichol, '56
Katherine Agnes Mars Hamilton, '57
Elizabeth (Betsy) Williamson, '57
Barbara Houghton Henry, '57
Mildred Hogan Murtaugh, '59
Patricia Harley Zellman, '59
Kathleen O'Malley Hills, '59
Margaret (Maggie) Reynolds Salladino, '59
Cathleen (Cate) McLaughlin Truax, '59
Geraldine Martin Vasilatos, '60
Ellen Grossweiler Murphy, '60
Dottie Miller Moore, '60
Judith McCoy Roller-Fannin, '61

Lorraine Mielke Flagge, '61
Madeline Goldey Kerwood, '61
Eileen Hasson Doyle, '62
Carol Ann Crawford McCann, '62
Elaine Caurso, '63
Pauline Seczech, '63
Pamela Ann McLeod, '64
Louise Yeager Colagrecio, '64
Anna Marie McCullough Cappa, '64
Patricia McFadden, '64
Maria Kokol Joyce, '64
Tina O'Toole Kingsmill, '65
Janet Farrell Leavy, '65
Helen Orme McAndrews, '67
Alice Marie Mancini Koerenti, '67
Louise Bielli Trickler, '68
Joanne Glace Davey, '70
Jeanne Mielich Alper, '70
Mary McGrath Ponzio, '70
Jacqueline Chapman, '73
Dorothy Cox Peruto, '73
Lydia Pugliese Feeney, '74
Gervaise Simmons Bradley, '74
Theresa Ambrosine Ettore, '74
Susan Sansone Acerba, '76
Diane Canaris McAloon, '93
Teresa Walsh McMurrough, unknown