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## WEST CATHOLIC GIRLS' ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL SPRING LUNCHEON AND FUNDRAISER Saturday, April 18, 2020

Our annual Spring Luncheon will be held on Saturday, April 18, 2020 from Noon to 4 PM at the newly renovated Ridley House (formerly Barnaby's) at 2107 MacDade Blvd, Ridley Park, PA. Cost is \$35.00.

Back by popular demand, we are again presenting "WEST HAS TALENT" as our theme. Our last talent show was a huge success and everyone enjoyed seeing "West Girls" perform their talents for us. For this year's show we are looking for singers, musicians of any instrument, and possibly a comedy skit, also any group of friends that would like to perform some line dances. If you would like to be a part of the show, please contact the chairlady, Hannah Dougherty Campbell at hannahcampbell@hotmail.com or call her at 610-764-3249.

Luncheon choices are Chicken Francaise, or Salmon served with twice baked potatoes, string beans almondine, salad, rolls, coffee, tea and cheesecake for dessert. There are also Vegetarian and Gluten Free choices.

Tables of ten are available. Please complete the reservation form below and mail with your check for \$35 payable to West Catholic Girls' Alumnae Association no later than April 9th to: Kathleen Buchanan, 8613 Patton Road, Wyndmoor, PA 19038.

Please include the names with whom you would like to be seated. No tickets will be mailed. Any questions, call Hannah Campbell at 610-764-3249.

As always, all sales items will be sold at the luncheon. At the present time we have: emblem magnets \$3.00, combination pen and stylus \$3.00 or 2 for \$5.00, note cards depicting a picture of the school \$6.00, blankets/throws \$20.00 and 2 types of sweatshirts, crewnecks for \$20.00 and zippered hoodies for \$30.00. All proceeds support the Alumnae Association.

### RESERVATION FORM SPRING LUNCHEON/FUND RAISER Saturday, April 18, 2020

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Maiden) (Married)

Class \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email \_\_\_\_\_

- Chicken Francaise  Salmon  Vegetarian  
 Check this for Gluten Free

Note: Tables are available for a maximum of 10 people.  
Please attach the list to your reservation form and return with you check(s) payable to WCGAA and mail to:  
Kathleen Buchanan  
8613 Patton Road  
Wyndmoor, PA 19038  
Deadline is Thursday, April 9th.  
No payments can be accepted at the door.

### CHANCES

Once again thanks to the generosity of two members of the Alumnae Board we are again able to chance off 2 vacations. Both prizes this year are flexible, you choose when you want to go. The first prize this year is a week at a 3-bedroom vacation home in Lake Harmony, Pocono Mts. PA. This prize can be taken any week (Saturday to Saturday) from May 2020 to April 2021. This is a family vacation, no smokers, no pets, please. You will have access to the pool, lake and skiing. The second prize is again 3 days at the 3-bedroom Condo in Townsend Inlet, NJ. This vacation can be taken anytime between September 2020 (after Labor Day) and May 2021 (before Memorial Day). This is also a family vacation, no groups, please. We also have a 3rd prize of \$250.00 cash.

You may return your chances, which benefit our scholarship fund, with your luncheon reservation or if unable to attend, mail your chances or donation to our Post Office Box: WCGAA, PO Box 805, Broomall, PA 19008.

### BURRS @ THE BEACH

The 33rd annual all class, all school reunion, Burrs at the Beach will be held on Sunday, June 28, 2020 from 1PM to 7PM. The location is the same as previous years, The Inlet on Olde (formerly Westy's Irish Pub), 101 E. Walnut St, North Wildwood, NJ. Tickets are \$25. Free buffet, reduced drink prices and raffle prize will be available, also a DJ for your listening and dancing pleasure. Contact Bette McGrath Diedrich, '65 at 610-544-6295 for tickets.

## Alumnae Board

- 1940 Margaret Porter**, 1048 W. Baltimore Pike, M422, Media, PA 19063  
**1942 \*Phyllis Lebano Dunn**, Riddle Village, Media, PA 19063  
**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, flynnonferne@aol.com  
**1953 Helen Deane Concannon**, 275 N. State Rd, Springfield, PA 19064, (484) 479-3454  
**Peg 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, Willowbrook, Media, PA 19063  
**1956 Cass Jarrett Coakley**, 26 Evergreen Ave, Broomall, PA 19008, (610) 353-1017, casscoakley@verizon.net  
**1957 Anna Melella Bruno**, 2-11 Bloomfield Ave, Drexel Hill, PA 19026, (610) 626-0606  
**\*Marie Mulcahy**, 550 S. Lansdowne Ave, Apt 204, Yeadon, PA 19050, (610)259-0082  
**1958 Sr. Claire Smith**, SHCJ, Daylesford Crossing, 1450 Lancaster Ave, Paoli, PA 19301, (484) 328-8254, csmith@shcj.org  
**1959 Christine Feeser Jackson**, 316 Freedom Blvd, West Brandywine, PA 19320 (610) 353-3956, wctinky@msn.com  
**Sr. Rosie Hagan**, IHM, 8245 West Chester Pike, Upper Darby, PA 19082, (610) 998-5276, rosiehagan41@yahoo.com  
**Joan O'Connor Mullarkey**, 10 Marwood Dr, Broomall, PA 19008, (610) 356-2726, hannaoc@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  
**Betsy Gleason Cunningham**, 1826 Meribrook Rd, Phila, PA 19151, (215) 879-3282, betsync1826@verizon.net  
**Rose Frank**, 79 Drexelbrook Dr, Apt 3, Drexel Hill, PA 19026, (610) 259-5481, auntrosie2002@yahoo.com  
**Pat McLaughlin**, 838 Garrett Lane, Apt 1B, Springfield, PA 19064, (610) 544-0708, patmc22@comcast.net  
**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  
**1963 Donna Livoy Houghton**, 1290 Allentown Rd, Apt 179 East, Lansdale, PA 19446 (610) 306-8432, dthough2255@hotmail.com  
**1964 Anne Henry Organ**, 209 39th St, Sea Isle City, NJ 08432, (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**, 8613 Patton Rd, Wyndmoor, PA 19038, (215) 980-8855, nanandpop19@gmail.com  
**1967 Roe Cipollone Mitchell**, 322 Shadeland Ave, Drexel Hill, PA 19026, (610) 259-4486, roern98@hotmail.com  
**1968 Lucille Madalion**, 5 Eldon Ave, Lansdowne, PA 19050, (484) 437-0740, lucille.madalion@foxroach.com  
**1969 Hannah Dougherty Campbell**, 1325 Robinson Ave, Havertown, PA 19083, (610) 764-3249, hannahcampbell@hotmail.com  
**1970 Sr. Denise Ware, SFCC**, 353 Wenonah Ave, Mantua, NJ 08051, (609) 970-4371, dcwsfcc@gmail.com  
**1971 Peggy Ford Rhoades**, 3704 Bonsall Ave, Drexel Hill, PA 19026, (610) 284-5820, peggyrhoades1@gmail.com  
**1973 Kathy DeLuca Maloney**, 1806 Wynnewood Rd, Phila., PA 19151, (215) 840-3352, mkmtipa@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 Tina Spivey Randall**, 1239 Marlyn Rd, Phila. PA, 19151, (215) 939-1458, tinarandall18@yahoo.com

\* *Class representative*

## Alumnae Board Changes

The Alumnae Board welcomed two new members in 2019:

**Donna Livoy Houghton, '63**  
**Sr. Rosie Hagan, IHM, '59**

We also lost our oldest Board Member, **Marie Teti, Class of 1932** this past October. Marie was 106 when she passed. Marie was a member of the Lay Dominicans. She was an active member of the Board for many years and even after entering the Dominican Nursing Home she continued to keep in touch with several of the members to learn what was happening at West and with the board. At her Funeral Mass her nephew and godson eulogized her with many family stories and shared that when the family cleaned out Marie's room they found over a hundred pairs of rosaries and her pictures of which there were many, were all of either Jesus or him.

The 2020-2021 Alumnae Board Officers are listed on our website.

## 2019 Annual Alumnae Communion Breakfast

Our 91st Annual Communion Breakfast was held on Sunday, October 27, 2019 at Drexelbrook Country Club, Drexel Hill, PA 19026. The Mass was celebrated by Monsignor Robert Carroll with music provided by Anne Datte. The Mass and luncheon were well attended with over 190 in attendance. We were fortunate to have several guests join us; Brother Richard Kestler, FSC, former President of West and 2 members of the West Boys' Alumni Board. Thank you and congratulations to our co-chairs, Kathleen Schultz Buchanan, '66 who made all the arrangements and Sr. Denise Ware, SFCC, '70 for handling all the Mass details and developing and providing the Mass program.

Congratulations to our three chance ticket winners. John Ferguson, son of Eileen Jackson Ferguson, Class of 1951 held the \$1,000 1st prize winning ticket, 2nd prize winning ticket of \$500 went to Fran Crowley, President of the Alumni Association, West Boys' Class of 1977 and the 3rd prize winning ticket of \$300 went to Marlene Pella Anthony, Class of 1956.

## Farewell to President Colistra



West Catholic Preparatory High School President Paul Colistra announced on February 10th that he will step down at the end of the school year. Colistra who has served as President for four years, and as Vice President for Institutional Advancement for four years prior to that, has accepted a role as President at Saint Xavier High School in Louisville, Kentucky.

Since 2012, Colistra has been integral in the school's efforts to nearly double enrollment, stabilize the financial operation, and creation a \$5,000,000 endowment which provides financial aid and scholarships for students.

Although his time at the school is coming to an end, Colistra sees this as a natural part of being a school leader. "I was always taught that the work of school leader should never be likened to a sprint, where a single runner will finish the race. But, rather a relay in which one leader must pass the baton to the next. I look forward to watching the next leader continue to build upon the legacy of West Catholic."

The Board of Directors will name a search committee in the coming weeks, and a search will commence for the school's next President. According to Board Chairwoman Jessica Dasher "Paul has built a strong foundation for the school, and he did that through a tireless commitment and work ethic. He always put the mission of serving our students and families at the forefront, and we look forward to selecting the next leader who will continue that."

## In Memoriam



This past year West lost one of its most beloved teachers, **Sr. Jane Dawley, SHCJ**, formerly **Mother Mary Walter**. Sister taught at West Girls' for eight years, 1962 to 1970. She was greatly respected and loved by her students, many of whom attended her funeral in August. For 64 years, Sister Jane dedicated her life to the meaningful work of

teaching, counseling, and serving others. In 1989, Sister began working with the Sisters of Mercy at Gwyned Mercy Academy where she served as a counselor and helped ease the post high school transition for the school's college bound students.

## Among us girls

**1944 – Dorothy Elwell Weiseth** wrote to advise us of the passing of her sister, **Mary Elwell Howrie, '40** in November. Dorothy also said she was celebrating her 94th birthday in February. Happy Belated Birthday Dorothy.

**1957 – Phyllis Lennon** sent a letter saying how much she enjoyed the article "From the first Gleam," and to let us know she appreciates being kept up to date on what's happening with her fellow classmates and Alumnae members.

**1958 – Nora Tinney Mulvaney** wrote to let us know that her son, Father Frank Mulvaney, a Redemptorist priest, was made pastor of Visitation BVM church in Kensington. Nora also wrote that she loves getting *The Harvester*, along with her sister **Margaret Tinney Blair, '54** and cousin **Kathleen Tinney Stephano, '58**.

**1959 –** The class of 1959 recently loss one of their loyal WC supports. **Patricia Walsh Uzdzienski** loss her 10 year battle with cancer.

**1960 – Sister Kathleen McAlpin, RSM** will guide an 8-day retreat based on the Spiritual Exercises and serve as a Spiritual Director for a Pilgrimage to Spain in the footsteps of St. Ignatius. The Pilgrimage will follow the newly designed "Ignation Camino" or Ignation Way from June 17 to 27, 2020. For information, email Kathleenmcalpin@gmail.com

**1961 –** Condolences to **Anne Smith Domino** on the loss of her husband, Butch.

**1964 –** Condolences to **Pat Case Gilmore** and **Elizabeth Case, '53** on the loss of their sister, **Theresa Case Zinszer, '56**.

**Reunion Donations – Several classes celebrated their reunions this fall and sent along donations. They are:**

**1954 –** Chairlady, **Rose Rielly Wells** presented a check for \$1000 at our Communion Breakfast in October. She requested the check be used for the Scholarship Fund.

**1959 –** Thank you to the class of 1959 reunion for their donation to the Scholarship Fund in the amount of \$1769.28. The check was presented by chairladies **Joan O'Connor Mullarkey** and **Chris Feeser Jackson** at our recent Alumnae Board meeting.

**1969 –** The class of 1969 recently celebrated their reunion at the Drexelbrook Country Club and sent along photos, which have been posted on the Gallery page of our website. Chairlady, **Jeane Hugues Milligan** also sent a check in the amount of \$4500 for the Scholarship Fund.

*Thank you to all the grads of these classes for your donations to the Alumnae.*



## 2020 Dues

Below is the renewal form for payment of your 2020 dues. Dues are payable at the beginning of each calendar year. Please fill out the form and mail with your check for \$15.00 payable to West Catholic Girls' Alumnae Association to our mailing address, PO Box 805, Broomall, PA 19008. Thank you for paying your dues, which allow us to continue to publish this newspaper and maintain our website, as well as respond to any request for support of the school.

### 2020 DUES STATEMENT

AMOUNT: \$15.00

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

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

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

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

Please mail your check for \$15.00 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**

## CLASS REUNIONS

**Class of 1950 70th Reunion** – The reunion is in the planning stages. IF you would like information contact either Mary Maxwell Flynn, 610-623-6528, cell 610-952-6758, or email flynnonferne@aol.com or Louise Lang, 856-845-6262, cell 856-981-7913, or email louiselang1@aol.com

**Class of 1955 65th Reunion** – The reunion will be held on October 11, 2020 at Anthony's, Drexel Hill, Pa. For information contact Peggy Henry Glancey, 610-325-8748

**Class of 1960 60th Reunion** – This reunion is also in the planning stages. To be informed of further reunion information and to update the contact list for the reunion, please email Mary Maguin Small, maryjls@aol.com with your mailing address, maiden/married name and email address.

**Class of 1965 55th Reunion** – Reunion will be held October 3, 2020 from 1 to 6PM at the Clarion Hotel. For information contact Bette McGrath Diedrich, 610-544-6295 or Peggy Sheffield Panichelli.

**Class of 1970 50th Reunion** – The combined reunion of West Girls, West Boys, and STM will be held Friday, October 23, 2020 from 7-11PM at the Springfield Country Club. For information contact Eleanor Gallagher Armstrong at 215-779-0945.

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

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

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|---|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Jane Dawley, SHCJ –<br>(Mother Mary Walter) | Maureen Warren Golden, '49            | Mary McGlenn, '55                |
| Rita Duffy Henderson, '32                   | Joan Tanda Martella, '49              | Diane Baker Barnholt, '56        |
| Marie Teti, '32                             | Elizabeth Roache Mulligan, '49        | Elizabeth Picaud Malone, '56     |
| Mary Dunn Fay, '40                          | Greta Cetrone Centrone, '50           | Louise Ellis Wolf, '56           |
| Mary Elwell Howrie, '40                     | Rosalie Welker Clark, '50             | Theresa Case Zinszer, '56        |
| Margaret Mary Warren Finnaren, '41          | Patricia Sweeney Doyle, '50           | Connie DeBuono Machetti, '57     |
| Mary Ann Cox Casciato, '42                  | Dolores O'Regan Durkin, '50           | Pat Larney Daley, '58            |
| Marie McBrearty Murphy, '42                 | Marie Allen Hyland, '50               | Andrea Lanshe Morrisey, '59      |
| Mary Francis McDonough, '43                 | Gertrude McGowan DePalma, '50         | Patricia Walsh Uzdzienski, '59   |
| Catherine Fitzgerald Monk, '43              | Catherine McClenaghan McLaughlin, '50 | Winifred Smith Pettis, '59       |
| Annabelle Moore Logue, '44                  | Mary Elizabeth Delaney Teti, '50      | Joan Scullin Sporkin, '59        |
| Kathleen St. Leger Mullin, '44              | Joan Mersinger Trifiletti, '50        | Sarah Poole Bullock, '60         |
| Rose Marie Laurelli Neczypor, '44           | Catherine Gormley Rhoad, '51          | Teresa Knoll Boyle, '61          |
| Elizabeth Broadbent Eccles, '45             | Mary Bealor Flanagan, '52             | Patricia Duffy, '61              |
| Rosemary Foster Thomas, '46                 | Winifred Manion Glockner, '52         | Janet Micolucci Lombardi, '61    |
| Patricia Toland Hyland, '45                 | Victorine Weeks Mattox, '53           | Marilyn Dwyer Murphy, '61        |
| Phyllis Gillian Kane, '45                   | Mae Walther McLaughlin, '53           | Janet Monroe Kuders, '63         |
| Teresa Gallagher Kinee, '45                 | Patricia Kirlin Augustine, '54        | Dolores D'Amore Palo, '66        |
| Rosemary Foster Thomas, '46                 | Elizabeth Anderson Byron, '54         | Alice Lavelle, '66               |
| Margaret Sweeney Tobin, '46                 | Patricia Andrien Mensack, '54         | Catherine Lee Sharkey, '67       |
| Marion Andreson Zalecky, '46                | Mary Sheridan Woods, '54              | Virginia Massa Belvich, '68      |
| Dolores Rapottine Crandley, '48             | Angela Verdi D'Andrea, '55            | Geralyn Kirkpatrick Mattera, '74 |
| Sophie Faustino Glod, '48                   | Sr. Mary Jane Darrah, SSJ, '55        | Patricia McDevitt, '81           |
| Virginia McGrail Meehan, '48                | Constance Musi Hayden, '55            | Sandra Sileo-Piel, '84           |
| Patricia Gibbons Ashton, '49                | Elizabeth Hering James, '55           | Tyra Shyguy Smith, '86           |
|   | Joanne Marie Kehoe, '55               | Kimberly Johnson, '93            |