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WEST CATHOLIC GIRLS' ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL SPRING LUNCHEON AND FUNDRAISER SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2022

Our Spring Luncheon is back! We are happy to announce that we once again will have our Annual Spring Fundraiser. This year's event will be held on Sunday, March 27, 2022 at the Oaks Ballroom, 511 W. Oak Lane, Glenolden, PA 19036 from 12:30PM to 4:30PM. Come join us for an afternoon of music for your listening pleasure as the committee has selected a theme of *Motown Dance Party* with a DJ playing your favorite "oldies". The cost is \$35.00 per person. Please mail your check, made payable to WCGAA to Sr. Denise Ware, SFCC, 353 Wenonah Ave, Mantua, NJ 08051, along with a note with whom you wish to be seated, by **Friday, March 18, 2022**. In addition to our chance drawing, we will have a Chinese Auction and a drawing for a special prize and, of course, our gift items will be available for purchase. A cash bar will be available as well.

Chances for the benefit of the Scholarship Fund are included with this newspaper. You may mail your check for the chances along with your luncheon reservation or if you are unable to attend, mail your check for the chances, made payable to WCGAA to Sr. Denise at the above address.

RESERVATION FORM SPRING LUNCHEON/FUNDRAISER Saturday, March 27, 2022

Name _____
(First) (Maiden) (Married)

Street Address _____

Phone number _____ Class _____

Email _____

- Chicken Francaise Eggplant Parmesan
 Vegetarian Gluten Free

Make checks payable to WEST CATHOLIC GIRLS'
ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION and mail to:
Denise Ware, SFCC
353 Wenonah Ave
Mantua, NJ 0805

Please attach a list of with whom you wish to seated.
Deadline is Friday, March 18, 2022.
No payments can be accepted at the door.

INTRODUCING NEW PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE BOARD



Our new Executive Board was elected for a 2-year term in November, 2021. They took over their new responsibilities on January 1, 2022. The new officers are:

Kathleen Schultz Buchanan, Class of 1966 was elected President of the Alumnae Board. Kathleen has been on the Board for the past several years and is very excited about her new role and responsibilities. Kathleen hails from St. Barnabas parish in southwest Philly and currently resides in Wyndmoor, PA. She and her husband Gary are the proud parents of 5 children, 11 grandchildren and a great-grandson. Kathleen retired in 2015 from her career as a Trusts and Estates Paralegal. Congratulations Kathleen, the entire Board is looking forward to working with you as our new leader.

The other Officers are:
Vice President – Peggy Ford Rhoades, '71
Treasurer – Sr. Denise Ware, SFCC, '70
Recording Secretary – Mary Maguin Small, '60
Corresponding Secretary – Rose Frank Brooks, '61
Membership – Kirsti Flemming Bradford, '74
Merchandise – Rosalie Dugan McNeff, '61
Communications – Pat McLaughlin, '61

PLEASE NOTE

We now have a new address:
West Philadelphia Catholic Girls' Alumnae Association
PO Box 2458, Philadelphia, PA 19147

Alumnae Board

- 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, flynnnonferne@aol.com
- 1953 Helen Deane Concannon**, 275 N. State Rd, Springfield, PA 19064, (484) 479-3454
- 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
- 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
Rose Frank Brooks, 6945 E. Main St, Apt 3343, Mesa, AZ 85207, 215-547-0731, auntrosie2002@yahoo.com
Betsy Gleason Cunningham, 1826 Meribrook Rd, Phila, PA 19151, (215) 879-3282, betsysc1826@verizon.net
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
- 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**, 8613 Patton Rd, Wyndmoor, PA 19038, (215) 980-8855, copabuchanan@yahoo.com
- 1967 Roe Cipollone Mitchell**, 322 Shadeland Ave, Drexel Hill, PA 19026, (610) 259-4486, roern98@hotmail.com
- 1968 Lucille Madalio**, 5 Eldon Ave, Lansdowne, PA 19050, (484) 437-0740, lucille.madalio@foxroach.com
- 1969 Hannah Dougherty Campbell**, 1325 Robinson Ave, Havertown, PA 19083, (610) 764-3249, hannahdcampbell@hotmail.com
- 1970 Sr. Denise Ware, SFCC**, 353 Wenonah Ave, Mantua, NJ 08051, (609) 970-4371, dcwsfcc@yahoo.com
- 1971 Peggy Ford Rhoades**, 3704 Bonsall Ave, Drexel Hill, PA 19026, (610) 284-5820, peggyrhoades1@gmail.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*

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

- Simone-Monea Rogers, WCP
Freshman Student
- Anna Marie Moore Furey, '36
 Margaret Decker Eaton, '43
 Elizabeth Donegan Sheils, '43
 Ann Hermann, '44
 Anna Lounsberry, '44
 Joanne Marie Shovlin Annas, '45
 Marie Mohr Moore, '45
 Sr. Rita Small, RSM, '45
 Margaret McDevitt Goebel, '46
 Dorothy Baker McGough, '46
 Maryann Devince Purcell, '46
 Alice Tatum, '46
 Mary Teresa Friel Gildea, '47
 Mary Magee Wallace, '48
 Mary Pallozza White, '48
 Margaret Townsend Groate, '49
 Patricia Leuthe, '49
 Rita Maher McAneny, '49
 Joan McLane O'Donnell, '49
 Marian Gorski Anderson, '50
 Mary Rorke McGeehan, '50
 Sr. Kathleen McKee, RSM, '50
 Mary Cloran Pease, '50
 Elizabeth Glowacka, '51
 Mary Jo Murphy Reavy, '51
 Helen Weimann Schell, '51
 Sr. Marita Donald Toland, IHM, '51
 Anne Sucher Clark, '52
 Margaret Kane Rogowski, '52
 Joan Kendrick Van Lenten, '52
 Helen (Honey) McLaughlin Verna, '52
 Lillian Lentini D'Auria, '53
 Peggy Dowell, '53
 Mary McKenna Letherland, '53
 Peg Gallagher Riley, '53
 Margaret (Peg) Friel Skillman, '53
 Marie McLaughlin Varano, '53
 Mary Jo McCully Groves, '55
 Sr. Virginia Hasson, '55
 Sr. Kathleen Theresa Maguire, IHM, '56
 Helen Small McGoldrick, '57
 Roseann Dezzi Morrison, '57
 Margaret Lociento Nawn, '57
 Regina Veturys Walters, '59
 Mary Diane (Mimi) Watrous Flynn, 59
 Joyce Levengood Harrison, '60
 Denise Hodges, '60
 Madeline (Dee) Duffy Micola, '60
 Patricia DeuBuque Parsons, '60
 Dorothy Ann Shannon, '60
 Kathryn Tuohy Warner, '60
 Frances Wawrzyniak Shankowitz, '61
 Katy Engle Erken, '63
 Eileen Glen Belanger, '64
 Eileen Gallagher Danko, '65
 Dolores (Lori) Gonnella Spino, '65
 Gertrude (Trudy) Sweeney Cunningham, '66
 Peggy Jones Dever, '67
 Carol Marshall McGoldrick, '67
 Mary Foy Armstrong, '68
 Barbara Paquier Loney, '70
 Jacqueline Master Carlin, '71
 Jewett Nance Doumbia, '71
 Roseanne O'Neill, '71
 Betty Jean Long Adair, '72
 Patty Hughes Wisely, '75
 Neve Theresa Fala Marino, '76
 Joann (Josie) Raimondo, '83
 Pamela Dawn Smith, '91
 Mary Ellen Harley, '92

Among us girls

1948 — Condolences to **Mary Beth Magee Currie, '70** on the loss of her aunt **Mary Magee Wallace**. Mary was an Air Traffic Controller in the Navy where she met her husband. They resided in Texas until retirement, then relocated back to Philadelphia before moving to St. Petersburg, Florida. Condolences **Dolores Procopio-Hazel, '48** on the passing of her dear friend **Mary Pallozza White**. Dolores shared that she, Mary and **Joan Martinelli Brunner** reconnected a few years ago through *The Harvester*. Dolores and Mary discovered that they were neighbors living just around the corner in VA. She is very grateful for the time they had together these past 3 years.

1949 — **Elizabeth Lynch Roe** reports she and her husband Pete, West Boys Class of '48 moved in with their daughter. We would like to extend our sympathy to her on the loss of her good friend **Patricia Leuthe, '49**. Elizabeth also noted that she is grateful for the work of the Alumnae Board for West Catholic.

1951 — **Joan Ryan Pusey** wrote to let us know that she and her 2 sisters, **Margaret Ryan Lachmann, '68** and Eileen Ryan Moore Villa Maria Academy, '56 lost their brother Richard, West Boys, Class of '61 in May 2021. We also want to congratulate Joan and her husband on celebrating their 64th wedding anniversary on September 14, 2021.

1953 — It is with sorrow that we report that the Alumnae Board lost a beloved long-time member this past September when **Margaret (Peg) Gallagher Riley** passed away. We extend our sincere sympathy to Peg's family. Condolences to the family of **Peg Friel Skillman** who passed away this past May. Peg's daughter, Meg wrote to tell us how proud her mother was of being a West Catholic Alumna and always shared stories of her high school days. Meg also said that she knows Peg is smiling and would be very proud of her grandson Mason, who recently started teaching at WCP. **Jane Purvis** wrote and asked that we extend our sympathy to the family of **Lillian Lentini D'Auria**, who passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on May 3, 2021. **Irene Jones Schreiner** wrote to say that she is still living under the lighthouse and enjoying the Monarch migration from her garden. She sends her best wishes to all her classmates.

1954 — Our sympathies to **Patricia Case Gilmore** on the loss of her husband William, STM, class of 1954. Pat and her husband were married 63 years and have 9 children, 19 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild. **Evelyn Godshall** asked that we extend condolences to **Betty Mulligan Taylor** on

the loss of her son, Richard Taylor. **Marian Sudall Seaman** reports that she moved to a retirement community in Tucson, AZ to be closer to her son and his family. Marian also says hello to **Ruth Spillane Leinhauser**.

1959 — **Judith Hassett Atchley** wrote to say that as she is turning 80, she is still thankful for the wonderful education and fond memories of West.

1960 — Condolences to the family of **Dorothy Shannon, '60**. Her nephew Jack wrote to tell us that Dot passed away in November 2021.

1961 — Our sympathy to **Catherine McGrath Petz** on the loss of her son, Daniel. **Rose Frank Brooks** tied the knot on November 27, 2021 and has relocated to Mesa, AZ with her new husband, Ben. Congratulations to the newlyweds. Condolences to **Barbara Spencer Britton**, Alumnae Board Member, on the loss of her sister **Joann (Josie) Raimondo, '83** on January 7, 2022.

1963 — Condolences to **Helene Kelly DiVito** on the death of her son, Jeffery. Jeffery was a Deputy Sheriff in West Chester, Pa. Helene and her husband Dave reside in Palm Coast, FLA. We extend our condolences to **Mary Burke Burbidge** on the death of her husband Joe, "Jason" on Thanksgiving Day.

1966 — Condolences to **Florence Leonetti Giannini** on the death of her sister **Sally Hatcher Massaro, '60**. We extend our sympathy to **Judith Neduchin Saladino** on the death of her husband, Richard. Condolences to **Kathleen Lynch Cullen** on the death of her husband, William (Billy) Cullen, West Catholic Boys, class of 1965.

1969 — **Hannah Dougherty Campbell** recently received notification that her short story, *Ladybugs*, will be published in the next Chicken Soup book, *Chicken Soup for the Soul: Too Funny!* Sympathy to **Cathy Vagnoni Kivach**, on the loss of her husband Andy on October 14, 2021.

1975 — We extend our sincere sympathy to her family and her West Catholic family on the death of **Patty Hughes Wiseley**. Patty was a beloved employee in the main office at WCP for 25 years. She was the first voice you heard when calling the school and many times the first person you met when entering the building. We thank her for all she did for West and its students.

We have again heard from several Alumnae thanking the Board for our work supporting the school and its students. Some of those who wrote are: **Charlotte Owston Theis, '42, Pat Harkin McNamee, '55, Rosemary Smith Tierney, '56, Corita Vernet O'Brien, '60** and **Vicky Duffy McLaughlin, '69**.

CLASS REUNIONS

Class of 1972 50th Reunion will hold 2 reunions:

The Grand Hotel, Cape May, NJ on October 29, 2022. Cost is \$125.00. For information contact Kathleen Mulvihill Lunn or Patty Maiorano Cranage at WC.class72@gmail.com

Springfield Country Club, 400 W. Sproul Rd on October 8, 2022 from 6 to 10PM. Additional details to follow.

Class of 2002 20th Reunion will be held March 11, 2022 from 7-10PM at IASTE Ballroom, 2401 Swanson St, Philadelphia, PA 19148. Cost is \$55.00 Contact Kelly Stapleton Grugan at Cash App: \$kellygrugan25 OR Venmo:kellygrugan25

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

2021 Communion Breakfast

After last year's cancelation we were excited to be able to have our 92nd Communion Breakfast on Sunday, October 24, 2021. We met at Anthony's in Springfield and had 140+ Alumnae in attendance. Father Maximillian Maxwell, OSB celebrated our Mass and Anne Datte provided the music. Br. Richard Kestler, FSC, Fran Crowley, President of the Alumni and Lauren Stager, Director of Institutional Advancement at West were our guests. Thank you to our co-chairs Kathleen Schultz Buchanan, '66 and Sr. Denise Ware, SFCC, '70 for a job well done.

We held our Fall Chance Drawing at the luncheon following the Mass. Congratulations to the winners:
\$1000 1st Prize – Sr. Kathleen Haughley, SNDdeN, '50
\$500 2nd Prize – Elaine Scirrotto Fantini, '53
\$300 3rd Prize – Judy Hassett Atchley, '59

Thank you to everyone who supported this Fundraiser for the Alumnae Scholarship Fund.

Remembering Peg Riley



The Alumnae Board said goodbye to a long time and much-loved member this past September when Peg Gallagher Riley passed away. Peg, a 1953 graduate, was a ray of sunshine and a joy to be around. Those who knew her will fondly remember that Peg always had a joke to tell when she saw you. Peg will be missed by all the Board members and especially by her family. Several Board members attended her funeral and at the request of her daughters, we honored her by singing our Alma Mater.

WCGAA Gift Items



Our gift items will be available for sale at our Spring Luncheon and Fundraiser. At the present time we have our 2 types of sweatshirts, the crew neck for \$20.00 and the zippered hoodie for \$30.00, the blanket for \$20.00, emblem magnets for \$3.00 and a new pen design for \$3.00 apiece or 2 for \$5.00 (pictured). You may also order these items by mail. To order by mail send your check made payable to WCGAA to Mrs. Rosalie McNeff, 5 Park Ave, Norwood, PA 19074. Shipping costs are \$8.00 for the sweatshirts and blankets and \$4.00 for the magnets and pens. If ordering more than 1 item, please contact Rosalie for the shipping costs, as we will combine shipping costs. She may be reached on 610-532-1827 or by mail at mcneffr@yahoo.com.

2022 Dues

Below is the renewal form for your 2022 dues. Dues are payable once a year at the beginning of each calendar year. Please fill out the form and return it with your check for \$15.00 payable to West Catholic Girls' Alumnae Association (WCGAA) to our new address, PO Box 2458, Philadelphia, PA 19147. Thank you for continuing to pay your dues, which allows us to publish this newspaper, maintain our website and our new email system, as well as, respond to any request for assistance from the school.

2022 DUES STATEMENT

AMOUNT: \$15.00

Name _____
(if married, please include maiden name)

Address _____

Phone _____ Class _____

Email _____

Please mail your check for \$15.00 payable to WCGAA along with this form to:

West Catholic Girls' Alumnae Association
PO Box 2458, Philadelphia, PA 19147
To receive a Dues Card, you must include
a stamped, self-addressed envelope