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West Catholic Girls' Alumnae Association's 93rd Annual Communion Breakfast

This year our Communion Breakfast will be held at The Oaks Ballroom, 511 W. Oak Lane, Glenolden, PA 19036. The date is **Sunday, October 23, 2022** and the cost remains \$35.00. The doors will open at 10AM with the Mass at 11AM followed by the meal. As in previous years, coffee will be available before the Mass.

Our celebrant will be Father Maximillian Maxwell, OSB, who celebrated our Mass last year. Father Maxwell, a 1996 graduate of West Catholic Boys, is a Benedictine monk and priest of St. Vincent Archabbey in Latrobe, PA. The Mass Program will again be provided by our board member, Sr. Denise Ware, SFCC.

The event is being planned and organized by Roe Cipollone Mitchell, Class of 1967. Please mail your reservation form and your seating choice, along with your check made payable to West Catholic Girls' Alumnae Association (WCGAA) to Roe no later than October 6, 2022. No payments can be accepted at the door. Her address is **Mrs. Roe Mitchell, 322 Shadeland Ave. Drexel Hill, PA 19026.**

Chances, which benefit the Alumnae Scholarship Fund, are included with this Harvester. You may return them with your reservation form. If you are unable to attend, and would like to purchase chances, please mail your check and chances to our PO Box: WCGAA, PO BOX 2458, Philadelphia, PA 19147.

If you would like to make a donation to the Alumnae Scholarship Fund you may mail a check payable to WCGAA to the PO Box. Please mark the check, Scholarship Fund Donation. Thank You.

As always, our gift items will be available for purchase at the Communion Breakfast.

RESERVATION FORM ANNUAL COMMUNION BREAKFAST

Sunday, October 23, 2022

Name _____
(first) (maiden) (last)

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Class _____

Email _____

- Chicken Marsala Eggplant Parmesan
 Salmon with Sweet Chili Sauce Gluten Free

MAIL FORM AND \$35.00 CHECK PAYABLE TO
WEST CATHOLIC GIRLS' ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION
c/o MRS. ROE MITCHELL, 322 SHADELAND AVE
DREXEL HILL, PA 19026

Please enclose the names of those with whom you wish to be seated.

DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 6, 2022

Margaret Porter Blue and Gold Award



Peggy Henry Glancey, Class of 1955, received the Margaret Porter Blue and Gold Award at the Alumni Communion Breakfast held on Sunday, April 24, 2022. Peggy was nominated for the award by the Alumnae Board in recognition of her hard work and support of both the Alumnae and WCP. Peggy has served on the board for 52 years and has held Officer positions. She chaired many events over the years and is always on hand at every event to pitch in and help in any way. In addition, Peggy chairs her class reunions. Congratulations Peg, well deserved. And thanks for all you do.

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, flynnonferne@aol.com
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- 1960 Frances DiStefano Ranieri**, 517 Blythe Ave, Drexel Hill, PA 19026-5215, (610) 789-1269, xoremusx@yahoo.com
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- 1961 Barbara Spencer Britton**, 123 W. Gardner Ave, Glenolden, PA 19036, (215) 917-1336, bbritton2108@yahoo.com
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- 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
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- 1971 Cathy Healy Maugeri**, 485 S Andrews Ave, Glenolden, PA 19036, (610) 357-4037, c.maugeri@comcast.net
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- 1973 Kathy DeLuca Maloney**, 1806 Wynnewood Rd, Philadelphia, 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 Julia Pomante**, 1011 Glenn Rd, Wallingford, PA 19086, 215-715-0675, julia.pomante@longandfoster.com
Tina Spivey Randall, 1239 Marlyn Rd, Phila. PA, 19151, (215) 939-1458, tinarandall18@yahoo.com

* *Class representative*

Spring Luncheon

We were pleased to again host our annual Spring Luncheon on Sunday, March 27, 2022. Thank you and congratulations to Sr. Denise Ware, SFCC, Class of 1971 for chairing this successful event.

The fun afternoon was attended by 125 Alumnae who were entertained by a DJ playing the Sounds of Motown. Thank you to Andrew Brady, President of West Catholic Prep and Lauren Stager, Director of Institutional Advancement of WCP for joining us.

We had a silent auction for wonderful gift baskets, donated by our Board members. In addition, we had a 50/50 and a raffle for a special prize, 2 tickets for a Phillies game with seats in the Diamond Dugout behind home base. This prize was won by Nancy Adorno Dunn, Class of 1969. We also drew the winners of the Scholarship Chance Drive at the event.

The winners of the Scholarship Fund Drawing are:

1st Prize of \$1000 – Kathleen Duncan Fredericksdorf, Class of 1960

2nd Prize of \$500 – Carolyn Keenan, Granddaughter of Nancy Coll Gibbons, Class of 1960

3rd Prize of \$300 – Mary Burton Donovan, Class of 1962

Congratulations to the winners and Thank You to everyone who purchased tickets and supported this Fundraiser.

Member Update

The Alumnae Board welcomed 3 new members since our last *Harvester*. Their contact information is included in the current Board List.

We are pleased to welcome:

Pat Bugey Nachbar, Class of 1969

Cathy Healy Magueri, Class of 1971

Julia Pomante, Class of 1975

And welcome back to former Board member:

Kathy DeLuca Maloney, Class of 1973

Also, regretfully, we said good-bye to **Anna Melella Bruno, Class of 1957**, who resigned.

Among us girls

1942—Thank you to **Ellen O'Neill Koelker** who sent us \$75 to pay her dues for the next 5 years. Ellen resides in San Diego, CA.

1946—Condolences to the family of **Dolores Smith McNulty** who passed away in January. Dolores, who was predeceased by her husband, resided in CA and leaves 4 children and 2 West grad siblings.

1953—Thanks to **Jane Zardus Purvis** for her generous donation in memory of her deceased classmates.

1954—Condolences to **Rosemarie Reilly Wells** on the passing of her husband John on October 6, 2021. Rose and Jack were married 66 years and had 8 children.

1959—**Patricia Wallace Gavaghan's** husband, Mike sent a very generous donation in her memory. Patricia passed away last year. Thank you, Mike.

1959—**Dee Walsh** wrote to let us know how much she likes her new WCGAA sweatshirt and was anxious to wear it to work to show off her alma mater.

1960—Louis Grebler wrote a very touching letter about his wife **Mary Ann Trombetta Grebler**, who passed away in September 2021. Louis wants to thank all the nuns and priests who made Mary Ann the very special person she was. Louis said he still misses her every day.

1960—The Class of '60 continues to hold Mini Reunion Luncheons every 3 months. Contact **Mary Maguin Small** at maryjls@aol.com for further information.

1961—Condolences to **Yvonne DeFabio Corbi** on the passing of her husband, Joe.

1962—Our sympathy to **Priscilla Rozycki Auriello** on the death of her husband Anthony in January. Priscilla and Anthony were married 56 years and

have 2 children, Beverly who resides in Tucson, AZ and Gary who lives in Willow Grove with his wife and daughter. Priscilla is a Lector and Eucharistic Minister in her parish, Queen of Peace in Ardsley, PA and was also a PREP teacher.

1964—Sarah Klein sent a note to tell us her aunt, **Ellen "Eloise" Carrigan, '64** passed away in November 2021. One of her fondest memories of her aunt, who moved to NYC after graduation and began a professional dance career as a ballerina, is that after retiring from Radio City she and a small group of fellow dancers challenged plans to demolish the legendary music hall and saved Radio City for the enjoyment of future generations.

1967—Want to read a book written by a fellow Alum? You have two opportunities to do so. Congrats to both of these 1967 grads. **Josephine Pasquarello Delaney** just published her second book, *Life's Journey*, a book about the life of her grandmother, who traveled from Italy to South Philadelphia in 1899 seeking a better life and love. **Patti Gallo Stenman's** 2018 book titled, *Diary of A Beatlemaniac: A Fab Insider's Look at the Beatles Era* focuses on her teen years in Southwest Philly and her time at West.

1970—Special shout out to **Robin Borlandoe**, aka *Lifeguard Grandma* who is working as a lifeguard at the City of Philadelphia pools. Robin, who could be enjoying her retirement, took the job so that Philly's children would have the fun of a day at the pool.

1976—Condolences to the family of **Kathleen Joyce Nelson Bobe**, who passed away in February. Kathleen was one of 5 siblings who all graduated from West; John, '60, Christopher, '62, Noreen, '67, Jean, '72, who wrote to let us know, and Kathleen in '76.

Alumnae Gift Items

Our Gift Items continue to be a big success. Presently, we are selling: Combination Pen and Stylus, \$3.00 or 2 for \$5.00; Pack of 5 Note Cards with a drawing of the school on the front for \$6.00; Magnets with all 4 emblems for \$3.00; Blankets/Throws for \$20.00; and 2 styles of Sweatshirts, Crewnecks for \$20.00 and Hoodies for \$30.00. If you are unfamiliar with any of these items, you can find a description and picture on the NEWS page of our website www.westcatholicgirlsalumnae.com.

Rose McNeff is our Merchandise Officer and she can be reached on 610-532-1827 or 484-800-5023. Her email is mcneffr@yahoo.com. Contact Rose if you are interested in any of the items but unable to attend the event. Rose will advise you of the postage for the items and where to mail the check.

LOOK 50th Reunion Plans

There will be a 50th reunion of the participants of these programs on Sunday, October 9, 2022 from 11AM to 4PM. The reunion will be held at the school. The cost is \$25.00, which will cover lunch and a donation to the school.

If you were a member of these programs, you are invited to attend an afternoon of conversations with former classmates and teachers reconnecting after 50 years while sharing memories and reflecting on what the program meant to you.

For more information or to RSVP contact Jacque Farrell-Mulholland, '71 at jacquemulholland@gmail.com or 704-608-2525 OR Kate Ward-Gaus, '72 at katewardgaus@outlook.com or 215-704-3231.

Please RSVP by October 1, 2022.

CLASS REUNIONS

CLASS OF 1967 COMBINED 55TH REUNION will be held on Friday, October 7, 2022 from 5PM to 9PM at the Springfield Country Club, Springfield, PA 19064. Cost is \$75.00. Mail check, payable to WC Class of 1967 Reunion, to Mr. Rick Thomas, 504 Norris Lane, West Chester, PA 19380. Additional information can be found on the WC Alums Facebook page.

CLASS OF 1972 is will hold 2 reunions to celebrate their 50th:

OCTOBER 21-23 at The Grand Hotel, Cape May, NJ. Note the incorrect date was shown in the Spring Harvester. Cost is \$125.00 For additional information regarding the banquet and hotel reservations, contact Kathleen Mulvihill Lunn or Patty Maiorano Cranage, WC.class72@gmail.com

OCTOBER 8, 2022 COMBINED REUNION at the Springfield Country Club, Springfield, PA. Cost is \$90.00. For additional information contact Eileen McGlone Bradley, nospameb54@gmail.com or John McAndrew, jjmcanrews@gmail.com.

2022 Dues

Thank you to those who have paid their 2022 dues. Your dues payment allows us to continue to publish this newspaper, maintain our website, notify you by email of any news between issues of the Harvester, as well as respond to any request for support of the school. While we appreciate your generosity, it is only necessary to pay your dues once a year. If you paid when you received the Spring *Harvester*, we have you noted as paid for 2022.

For the convenience of those members who have not yet paid, the form is shown to the right.

Class of 2022

West graduated 86 seniors on June 8, 2002. The ceremony was held in the school auditorium. The Graduation was presided over by His Excellency, Archbishop of Philadelphia, Nelson Perez. This was another successful class of students. They received \$14,454,490 in scholarships and will be attending 39 colleges and universities. Our congratulations and best wishes to all the graduates.

2022 DUES STATEMENT

Name _____
(if married, please include maiden name)

Address _____
(# and Street)

(City, State, Zip Code)

Zip _____ Class _____

Phone _____

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

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

Margaret Taylor Powell, '31
Cecilia Kelly, '36
Dorothy Dietzler Leaf, '37
Regina Lookabaugh Glatfelter, '38
Catherine Hamilton Myers, '39
Sarah Stackhouse Traceski, '39
Marion Tedesco Sibick, '41
Kathleen Curren McCormick, '44
Dolores Smith McNulty, '46
Helen Hinkle Lyons, '47
Helen Flood Blizzard, '48
Patricia Brogan Carroll, '48
Jean Flatley Christians, '48
Regina Rhodes DiEnno, '48
Jacqueline Robinson Dischert, '48
Mary Boyle Powers, '48
Margaret Logan Carey, '49
Joan McHugh Tricome, '49
Catherine (Kitty) Conway Centofante, '50
Mary Purcell Green, '50
Kathryn Russell Bloemker, '51
Ellen Mullany O'Laughlin, '51
Nora McCabe Flynn, '52
Shirley Barnhart, '53
Mildred McGarvey Connell, '53
Janet Jillard McLaughlin, '53
Viola Miller Burtis, '54

Constance Bradley McKenzie, '64
Margaret Crines Thompson, '54
Jean Abbonizio Dean, '55
Sabina Molloy Callahan, '55
Patricia Flanagan Cappellano, '55
Marge Corcoran, '55
Sr Mary Christella, RSM (Carol Mitchell), '55
Mary Pat Follman, '55
Donna Weston Spratt, '55
Dorothy Reed Hughes, '56
Ellen Meisner McDonnell, '56
Winnie Regan O'Neill, '56
Maryann McLaughlin Congialdi, '57
Carmela Strollo Crescenzo, '58
Marlene Teti Pauls, '58
Estelle Sculbba Walls, '58
Patricia Collins Driaden, '59
Patricia Wallace Gavaghan, '59
Emma Haigh, '59
Margaret Cozzi Meehan, '59
Barbara Crawford Ansert, '60
Mary Ann Trombetta Grebler, '60
Judy Acton Lynch, '60
Joan Daly Maxwell, '60
Kathleen Casale McGarvey, '60
Elia LaGrossa Miller, '60
Catherine (Pat) Bowdren Nestor, '60

Rita Allen Shapiro, '60
Adeline Martini Maggie, '61
Barbara Burtcel Schuler, '61
Carol Ralston McCool, '62
Alice Dougherty Shaeffer, '62
Mary Gallagher Belzner, '63
Teresa Denise McGowan, '63
Mary Reilly Mullarkey, '63
Ellen (Eloise) Carrigan, '64
Elaine Rechner-Ward, '64
Margaret Wishing Staats, '64
Ann Myers Becroft, '66
Connie Gallagher Paul, '66
Anna Marie Massa Whelan, '66
Jean DiDonato, '67
Jo Ann Ferkler, '69
Marie Tentarelli, '69
Denise Wenke McCauley, '69
Sandra Delores Thomas, '70
Barbara Paquier Loney, '70
Eileen Flanigan Blackmore, '71
Lisa Cetroni, '71
Mildred Flood, '71
Margie Colliton Miller, '73
Kim Allison Whitaker, '74
Kathleen Nelson Bobe, '76
Hyrarn Hill, 2016