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## WEST CATHOLIC GIRLS' ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL SPRING LUNCHEON AND FUNDRAISER SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2023

Spring is fast approaching and that means so is our annual Spring Luncheon and Fundraiser. This year we will be hosting our event at the Springfield Country Club, 400 W. Sproul Rd, Springfield, PA, 19064. Our chairlady for the luncheon is Hannah Dougherty Campbell, Class of 1969. The date is **Sunday, April 23, 2023** from 12 noon to 3 PM. Cost is \$40.00. The meal choices are Chicken Marsala, Penne Pasta with Grilled Vegetables, and Gluten-free Chicken. There will be a cash bar available.

Chances will be sold for gift baskets donated by our Board Members and a 50/50 drawing. As always, we are enclosing the Scholarship Fund chances with this newspaper. The chances are again \$5.00, and 8 for \$35.00. The drawing will take place at the luncheon.

Please send returns of the luncheon reservation form and/or the chances to **Sr. Denise Ware, SFCC, 353 Wenonah Ave, Mantua, NJ 08051**. Make your check payable to WCGAA. The reservation form (below) includes a space for listing with whom you wish to be seated. Please reply for the luncheon by April 15, 2023. Thank you for your support.

### 93<sup>rd</sup> Annual Communion Breakfast



**Kayla James**

Our 93<sup>rd</sup> annual Communion Breakfast was held on Sunday, October 23, 2022 at The Oaks Ballroom in Glenolden, PA. Monsignor Robert Carroll celebrated the Mass with 100 plus Alumnae in attendance. Monsignor is a 1967 graduate of West Boys and also celebrated our Communion Breakfast Mass in 2019. The music was again provided this year by Anne Datte. Roe Cipollone Mitchell, Class of 1967 was this year's chairwoman. Roe did a wonderful job of planning and coordinating all details for the event, including beautiful handmade centerpieces that she and her granddaughters designed and made. Thank you, Roe for a job well done.

This year we were fortunate to have one of our scholarship students, Kayla James attend along with her mother, also a West Alumna. Kayla addressed the group and shared what her West education and experience means to her. She also told us she is a 3<sup>rd</sup> generation West attendee, her grandfather graduated from West, as well as, her mother, Alyse Walker, Class of 1993. Thank you both for joining us.

After Mass we drew the winners for the Scholarship Fund chance drive. The winners were:

- 1st Prize of \$1000—Mary Ford Simpson, '64
- 2nd Prize of \$500—Betty Chiorazzi Dougherty, '54
- 3rd Prize of \$300—Barbara Fagley Swain, '55

Our thanks to all who attended and/or purchased the chances. We are grateful for your support.

### RESERVATION FORM SPRING LUNCHEON/FUNDRAISER Sunday, April 23, 2023

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

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

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ Chicken Marsala   ☐ Gluten Free Chicken  
☐ Penne Pasta with Grilled Vegetables

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

Mail Form, list of those with whom you wish to be seated,  
and \$40 Check payable to WEST CATHOLIC GIRLS'  
ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION c/o Sr. Denise Ware, SFCC,  
353 Wenonah Ave, Mantua, NJ 08051

**Deadline is April 15, 2023**

## 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
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- 1955 Peggy Henry Glancey**, 100 Halcyon Drive, Apt B103, Media, PA 19063, (610) 325-8748  
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- 1957 \*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  
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**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, (610) 547-0731, auntrosie2002@yahoo.com  
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**Pat McLaughlin**, 304 N. Union Ave, Margate, NJ 08402, (609) 822-7047, patmc22@comcast.net  
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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**, 4001 Andiron Terrace, Downingtown, PA 19335, (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  
**Pat Bugey Nachbar**, 311 Dogwood Lane, Brookhaven, PA 19015, (215) 479-6719, patnachbar@gmail.com
- 1970 Sr. Denise Ware, SFCC**, 353 Wenonah Ave, Mantua, NJ 08051, (609) 970-4371, dcwsfcc@yahoo.com
- 1971 Cathy Healy Maugeri**, 485 S Andrews Ave, Glenolden, PA 19036, (610) 357-4037, c.maugeri@comcast.net  
**Peggy Ford Rhoades**, 3704 Bonsall Ave, Drexel Hill, PA 19026, (610) 284-5820, peggyrhoades1@gmail.com
- 1972 Kathleen Mulvihill Lunn**, 214 Blue Ridge Rd, Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462, (215) 964-1561, lunn4@aol.com
- 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 Julie 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*

## New Board Member

We are pleased to welcome back Kathleen Mulvihill Lunn, Class of 1972 to the Alumnae Board. Kathleen rejoined in September. Her contact information is in the Board List.

## Our Addresses

On the front page one of this newspaper, we list our website address in the banner at the top of the page. Starting with this issue we will also include both our email and mailing addresses. Our email will appear on page 2 and our PO Box mailing address on page 3. Our email address, admin@westcatholicgirlsalumnae.com also appears as a link on our website and our email and mailing addresses both are listed on all emails we send.

## The Alumnae Association Wants You!!!

**We want you to get involved.**

**We want your support.**

**We want you to join us.**



The Alumnae Board is looking for new members. We would like to expand and welcome any graduate to join us. There are several years that do not have a board representative, especially from 1976 on. If you're interested, and there is already someone representing your class don't let that stop you. Several years have more than one representative.

Normally, we meet on the second Sunday afternoon of each month from September thru May.

If you are interested in joining the Board, please contact Kathleen Schultz Buchanan at 215-980-8855 or send an email through the Alumnae Association's website, www.westcatholicgirlsalumnae.com. We look forward to hearing from you.

## Burrs at the Beach

Burrs at the Beach, all class reunion, will be held on Sunday, June 25, 2023 at Keenan's in North Wildwood from 1-6PM. Tickets are \$25.00. Contact Bette McGrath Diedrich, '65 at 610-544-6295.

## Among us girls

**1934**—Kay Francis wrote to let us know that her mother, **Catherine Frentzen Myers**, passed away, just missing her 104th birthday.

**1950**—Our sympathy to **Janet Gallagher Takemoto, Class of 1971** on the passing of her mother, **Janet Lederer Gallagher**.

**1953**—Thank you **Jane Zardus Purvis** for your generous donation in thanksgiving for your 5th and 6th great-grandchildren. Congratulations.

**1956**—Condolences to **Dolores Timlin Grove** on the passing of 2 of her sisters, **Mary Jane Timlin Harty, Class of 1948** and **Winifred Timlin Hansberry, Class of 1959**. Dolores also mentioned that she is the only one remaining of the 8 Timlin children.

**1956**—Thank you to “The Debs” for remembering **Marlene Petta Anthony** with a donation to the

Scholarship Fund in her name. **Mary Fenza Toy** wrote saying that the donation is made by her long-time friends who formed “The Debs” in Freshman year and have kept in contact ever since.

**1959**—Congratulations to **Linda Dressler Schneider** on her first grandchild, Callie Grace. Linda also noted that she moved to Castle Pines, CO to be near her daughter and family.

**1959**—We extend our sympathy to the family of **Sara Piccirilli Buonadonna** on her passing on May 13, 2022. And thank you to her 4 children, all West Catholic graduates, for purchasing our Scholarship Fund chances in her name.

**1963**—Our condolences to **Marge McGarvey Copple** on the passing of her husband. Thank you, Marge, for your prayers for the success of our Communion Breakfast.

## Alumnae in the Spotlight

We would like to occasionally spotlight members of our Alumnae. In this first article we are highlighting two Alumnae who have entered Religious Life. If at any time, you wish to tell us about a fellow Alumna and her accomplishments, please send us the information and we will periodically tell their story in an issue of this Newspaper. You can either mail the information to our PO Box, PO Box 2458, Philadelphia, PA 19147 or email us at [admin@westcatholicgirlsalumnae.com](mailto:admin@westcatholicgirlsalumnae.com).

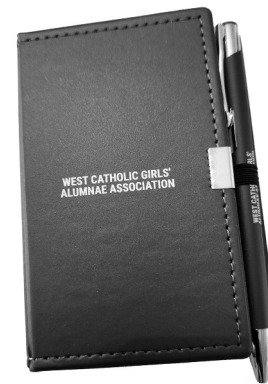
Many West Catholic girls have entered various religious orders since the school's opening in 1927. Here are just two of them.

**Sr. Julia Mulvihill, OSF, Class of 1962** – Sister Julia hails from St. Barnabas Parish. She entered the Order of St. Francis in September of 1962 and was in the first graduating class of Our Lady of Angels College, now Neumann University. From 1967-1975 Sister taught elementary school in Philadelphia and then in 1975 she became Principal of St. Benedict's in West Oak Lane for the next 17 years. In 1991, Sister spent several years as a foster parent at the Franciscan AIDS baby home in Germantown. Then in 1997 Sr. Julia became Vice President of Mission and Healthy Community at St. Agnes Medical Center in Philadelphia. For the past 18 years, Sister has been assigned to Nyumbani Children's Home in Kenya where she ministers to HIV orphans. Thank you, Sr. Julia for your sacrifices and generosity to those in need.

**Sr. Denise Ware, SFCC, Class of 1970** – Sister Denise Ware is a proud graduate of MBS and graduated from West in 1970. While at West she participated in Sports and was a Library Aide. Initially Sister Denise entered the IHM order in 1973, but later became a Sister for Christian Community in 1986. She loves the life of community living and praying together. In the SFCC, each is totally responsible for themselves. For over 38 years, Sister Denise has served at Gesu, Corpus Christi, St. John the Baptist, St. Elizabeth, Our Mother of Sorrows, St. Charles Borromeo, St. Mary of the Assumption Schools in Philadelphia as well as many Catholic schools in New Jersey. Her days at West prepared her for the religious life as she spent weekends helping out at the Dominican Retreat House and volunteered at Little Sisters of the Poor. In today's world, Sister enjoys private prayer and asks God for patience. Sr. Denise is a much-loved hard-working member of our Alumnae Board. We are proud of her service to others, and we salute all members of religious communities.

## Alumnae Association Offering New Gift Items

We are excited to announce two new gift items.



A 3x5 note pad and pen set. The cover of the book is a medium shade of blue with a matching pen. Inside there is a blank note pad, 2 sets of post-its and 5 arrow page flags. Both the notebook cover and pen are imprinted with WEST CATHOLIC GIRLS' ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION. Cost is \$5.00 and postage is \$4.00.



A 7-inch-long stick type flashlight with LED bulbs. The design includes a pen clip and hole for a key chain. The flashlight is light blue plastic with black trim and is imprinted with WEST CATHOLIC GIRLS' ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION alongside an American flag. Cost is \$3.00 and/or 2 for \$5.00, postage is \$4.00.

Plus, we still have our sweatshirts, both crewnecks and hoodies, pens, emblem magnets, note cards, and blankets. Pictures and prices are on our website under the NEWS tab.

To purchase any of these items send your request and check to Mrs. Rosalie McNeff, 5 Park Ave, Norwood, PA 19074. If ordering more than one item, check with Rosalie first as combined shipping may reduce the cost of the postage. Her contact information is 445-400-5023 or [mcneffr@yahoo.com](mailto:mcneffr@yahoo.com).



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

Catherine Frentzen Myers, '34  
 Kathleen Kane Ritvalsky, '39  
 Clare Smith Shields, '39  
 Thelma Eileen Horgan Esker, '41  
 Winona Holloway Mosley, '41  
 Catherine Judge McDermott, '42  
 Helen Beatty Martin, '43  
 Julia Ward Dougherty, '45  
 Teresa Sweeney Cellucci, '46  
 Ann Neary Dearman, '46  
 Patricia Marx Concannon, '47  
 Elizabeth Kearney Kelley, '47  
 Mary Jane Timlin Harty, '48  
 Frances Burns Horan, '48  
 Mary McCullough Kane, '48  
 Margaret Hughes Driscoll, '49  
 Helen Caulfield Steckclair, '49  
 Helen Mellon Uhrlik, '49  
 Janet Lederer Gallagher, '50  
 Regina Deeck Kanicchi, '50  
 Joan Crunkleton Morse, '50  
 Marie Devlin Pickard, '50  
 Mary Friel Short, '50  
 Marilyn Curran Dressel, '51  
 Mary Jean Lista, '51  
 Kathleen McClory Floyd, '52  
 Sr. Mary King, IHM, '52  
 Ann Sweeney Richardson, '52  
 Carol Finley Boerckel, '53  
 Patricia Byrne Christie, '53  
 Sr. Joan Marie Doud, MMS, '54  
 Sr. Ann Newell, IHM, '54  
 Theresa McGlone, '55  
 Lora Falcone Procopio, '55  
 Doris Walsh Zurzola, '55  
 Marlene Petta Anthony, '56  
 Joan McGough Keating, '56  
 Judith D'Ascenzo O'Brien, '57  
 Patricia Lachall McCunney, '58  
 Suzanne Mack Reilly, '58  
 Babbetta (Betty) Lewis Aiello, '59  
 Sara (Sally) Piccirilli Buonadonna, '59  
 Winifred Timlin Hansberry, '59  
 Mary Durning Cipolloni, '60  
 Diane Giello Howe, '60  
 Marie Shields Quinn, '60  
 Adeline Martini Maffei, '61  
 Regina McDevitt Molineux, '61  
 Nancy Waltrous, '61  
 Claudia Welch Brown, '62  
 Rosemary Fitzpatrick, '62  
 Alice Dougherty Schaeffer, '62  
 Marellen Nachbar Flood, '63  
 Winifred Duross Ford, '63  
 Margie McFadden Quinlin, '63  
 Elizabeth (Betty) McCloskey Bolin, '66  
 Anna Marie Massa Whelan, '66  
 Grace Drumm Wyatt, '66  
 Franny Talbot Chandlee, '67  
 Joanne Somers, '67  
 Maureen Chubb Davis, '69  
 Mary Ann McGlone, '69  
 Lisa Marie Centroni, '71  
 Diane Mazzola Smith, '71  
 Yolanda (Lani) Wing, '71  
 Rita DeGirolamo Ferkler, '72  
 Janice Barnes Brooks, '76  
 Cynthia Stocklos Collicchio, '77  
 Yvette Smith, '80  
 Janet Blizzard, '82  
 Amour Coaxum, '82  
 Deanna Holmes, '82  
 Teresa Latch, '82  
 Michele Mathis, '82  
 Stephanie McNeal, '82  
 Susan Nameli, '82  
 Lorine Seeney, '82  
 Patricia Louhisdon, '86  
 Sr. Miriam Fidelis Tobin, Year Unknown

## 2023 Dues

Below is the renewal form for payment of your 2023 dues. Dues are payable at the beginning of each calendar year. Please fill out the form and mail it with your check for \$15.00 payable to West Catholic Girls' Alumnae Association to our mailing address, PO Box 2458 Philadelphia, PA 19147. Thank you for paying your dues, which allow us to continue to publish this newspaper, maintain our website and email accounts, well as respond to any request for support of the school. Thank you for your support and generosity.

### 2023 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**

## CLASS REUNIONS

**Class of 1968 Combined 55th Reunion**—This reunion is being planned for September 23, 2023 at the Springfield Country Club, 400 W. Sproul Rd, Springfield, PA 1964. Further details are not yet available. They will be posted on our website and the Alums Facebook page when finalized. Contact is Rosanne D'Alonzo.

**Class of 1973 Combined 50th Reunion**—The class of 1973 will hold a combined reunion on November 4, 2023, from 6 to 10PM at The Oaks Ballroom, 511 W. Oak Ave, Glenolden PA. Cost is \$80 and checks may be sent to Dennis Creedon, 7 N. Columbus Blvd, Unit 211, Philadelphia, PA 19106. Please include your email for confirmation.

**Class of 1983 40th Reunion** will be held in June 2023. Details to follow. They will be on our website and the Alums Facebook page when available. Contact is Tracie Henry.