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West Catholic Girls' Alumnae Association 94TH Annual Communion Breakfast

As you start to look forward to the Fall season and the many things that will be happening, we hope you'll include our annual Communion Breakfast in your plans. The event will be on **Sunday, October 22, 2023** at Anthony's Restaurant, 865 W. Springfield Rd, Springfield, PA 19064. Cost is \$40.00. Doors will open at 10 AM and coffee will be available. Mass will be celebrated at 11 AM followed by the luncheon. A cash bar will be available after the mass. Meal choices are Chicken Francaise with potato and vegetable or Eggplant Parmesan with a side of spaghetti.

Our chairwoman for this year's Communion Breakfast is Cathy Healy Maugeri, Class of 1971. Please mail your check made payable to West Catholic Girls' Alumnae Association along with the reservation form to **Mrs. Cathy Maugeri, 485 S. Andrews Ave, Glenolden, PA 19036**. Deadline for reservations is Friday, October 13, 2023. No payments can be accepted at the door. If you have any questions, Cathy can be reached at 610-357-4037 or c.maugeri@comcast.net.

Chances, which benefit the Alumnae Scholarship Fund, are included with this newspaper. You may return them with your reservation form. If you are unable to attend and would like to purchase the chances, you may mail them along with your check to our address, **WCGAA, PO BOX 2458, Philadelphia, PA 19147**. If you wish to make a donation to the Scholarship Fund, please mail your check made payable to West Catholic Girls' Alumnae Association to the PO Box and note the check Scholarship Fund Donation. Thank You.

And, of course, our gift items will be available for purchase that day. At the present time, we have sweatshirts, both crewnecks and hoodies, blankets, note cards, emblem magnets, pens, notebooks, and flashlights. If you wish to purchase any of these items by mail, contact Mrs. Rosalie Dugan McNeff, 610-532-1827.

RESERVATION FORM ANNUAL COMMUNION BREAKFAST Sunday, October 22, 2023

Name _____
(first) (maiden) (last)

Street Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Class _____

Email _____

- Chicken Francaise Eggplant Parmesan
 Gluten Free

MAIL FORM AND \$40.00 CHECK PAYABLE TO
WEST CATHOLIC GIRLS' ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION
c/o MRS. CATHY MAUGERI, 485 S. ANDREWS AVE,
GLENOLDEN, PA 19036

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

DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 13, 2023

Margaret Porter Blue and Gold Award



At their recent Communion Breakfast, the Alumni Association presented the Margaret Porter Blue and Gold Award to **Bette (Liz) McGrath Diedrich, Class of 1965** and Alumnae Board Member. She was recognized for her years of supporting the Alumnae, Alumni, and West Catholic, as well as, her parish. Bette is an active member of both the Alumnae and Alumni Boards and willingly volunteers and assists in all fundraisers. Bette is used to serving the community as she spent 47 years as a Registered Nurse at both Misericordia and Penn Presbyterian Hospitals. Thank you for your service and we are proud to have you as a member of our board.

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**, 257 N. State Rd, Apt 7E, Springfield, PA 19064, (484) 479-3454
- 1954 Dolores Driver Schnitzel**, 10806 Modena Terrace, Phila., PA 19154, (215) 637-1058
- 1955 Peggy Henry Glancey**, 100 Halcyon Drive, Apt B103, Media, PA 19063, (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 *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 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, joanmullarkey6@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, (610) 547-0731, auntrosie2002@yahoo.com
Betsy Gleason Cunningham, 1826 Meribrook Rd, Phila, PA 19151, (215) 879-3282, betsync1826@verizon.net
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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**, 2000 Huntington Ave, Apt 926, Alexandria, VA 22303 (215) 980-8855, copabuchanan@yahoo.com
- 1967 Roe Cipollone Mitchell**, 4001 Andiron Terrace, Downingtown, PA 19335, (610) 259-4486, roern98@hotmail.com
- 1968 Lucille Madalion**, 5 Eldon Ave, Lansdowne, PA 19050, (484) 437-0740, lcmadalion72@gmail.com
- 1969 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
- 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*

2023 Spring Luncheon

Over 120 Alumnae and guests attended our Spring Luncheon on Sunday, April 23, 2023 at the Springfield Country Club. We had a Chinese Auction of gift baskets donated by our Board members, a 50/50 drawing, and a special prize drawing for a Phillies Package, valued at \$1000 that included 2 seats in the Diamond Dugout behind home base, food and drink and free parking. The drawing of the winners for the Fall Scholarship Chance Drive was also held.

The winners were: 1st Prize of \$1000 – Sister Mary Ann Basile, Class of 1946; 2nd Prize of \$500 – Mary Ann Kusner, Class of 1959; 3rd Prize of \$300 Maureen – Lutz Bullwinkle, Class of 1970; and Phillies Package – Kathy Maloney, Class of 1973

Alumnae Spotlight



In this issue of Alumnae Spotlight we wish to honor our longest serving board member, **Kathleen Martin Fahey, Class of 1948.**

This past June, Kathleen celebrated the 75th anniversary of her graduation from West Catholic Girls' High School. Kathleen is proud of her years at West where she was an Honor Student and a four-year music major, being a member of the orchestra, concert band and marching band.

Kathleen joined the Alumnae Association as Class Rep for her class immediately after graduating and has been an active and valuable board member ever since. She has held Officer positions on the Alumnae board; Financial Secretary, Vice President, and President several times. She never hesitates to "step-up". On more than one occasion Kathleen served as chair of the Alumnae Communion Breakfast and our Spring Fundraiser, as well as several other functions over the years. She also chaired all of her Class Reunions.

In addition to giving her time and talents to the Alumnae and West Catholic, Kathleen also volunteered at her parish, St. Francis of Assisi in Springfield, Delaware County where she taught CCD for 20 years and served as Eucharistic Minister for over 30 years.

Kathleen, you are very deserving of this recognition and we are proud to have you as an Executive Board Member of the Alumnae Association.

Among us girls

1950—Condolences to the family of **Palma Ann Carfagno Lelli** who passed away on June 22, 2023. Her daughter Regina wrote that Palma was a proud graduate of the Class of 1950 and that she will continue to proudly wear her mother's class ring as her experiences there brought her much joy.

1951—We received a note from Teresa Delaney Divinnie telling us of the passing of her mother **Mary Swift Delaney**. Teresa noted that her mother cherished her days at West and shared many wonderful stories and memories with her children and grandchildren through the years

1951—Condolences to John Duffy, husband of **Mary Sherman Duffy**, who passed away on April 9, 2022. Thank you, John for your generous donation and payment of Mary's dues. Mary who became a registered nurse anesthetist was buried in Florida where she and John resided.

1953—Joseph Balbierer wrote to let us know of the passing of **Alice Egan Balbierer** on December 15, 2020. Alice was in a rehab hospital for a broken hip and contacted Covid-19. She is survived by her four children and seven grandchildren.

1954 and 1955—We received a nice note from Mary Kehoe, sister of **Laura Kehoe Sawyer, '54** and **Joanne Marie Kehoe, '55**. Mary wrote to let us know that Laura now lives in NJ with her daughter and that Joanne (Jodi) passed away 4 years ago. Mary stated that, while she herself did not attend West, she always enjoyed the West stories told by her sisters.

1956—Condolences to Colleen Hickey Gallagher on the passing of her mother **Patricia Sproul Hickey**. Colleen wrote to say that her mother loved West and always had such wonderful memories and girl friends from her years at West. Colleen also said that her sister has her Mom's class ring.

1957—**Nanciann McKeever, '79** wrote to tell us that her mother, **Margaret McAdams McKeever, '57** passed away. Nanciann said her mother loved West Catholic and always made sure to donate to the Alumnae Association.

1957—**Evelyn Powers Godshall** wrote to tell us of the passing of **Eileen Dempsey Mamrol** and asked that we extend our condolences to her family.

1958—Condolences to **Mary Ann Kusner**, on the loss of her cousin Alice Patricia Reinhart Serba on August 12, 2022.

1959—Condolences to Tom Brown on the passing of his wife **Margaret Smith Brown** on February 20, 2023. Thank you, Tom for purchasing the scholarship chances in Margaret's name and for your very generous offer to use the winnings as a donation, if she won, which unfortunately she did not. But thank you for that.

1959—Congratulations to **Carole Marshall Ward** on receiving a 50-year service plaque for the Ladies of Millsboro Fire Company Auxiliary.

1960—**Corita Vernot O'Brien** wrote to say Thank You for the good work of the Alumnae Board.

1964—**Sr. Jane McFadden, IHM** received the Brother Anselm, FSC Award at the Alumni Communion Breakfast. Sister was recognized for her long dedication to education. She has had many assignments including a 21-year missionary vocation in South America. She is currently the Vice Principal at St Frances deSales School in Philadelphia.

1966—Our sympathy to **Joan Lynch Bickel** on the passing of her husband Wesley on November 12, 2022.

1969—Correction Notice. In the last *Harvester* we published our congratulations to **Linda Dressler Schneider** on the birth of her first grandchild, Callie Grace. Linda also noted that she had moved to Castle Pines, CO to be near her daughter and family. Unfortunately, we listed Linda's class year as 1959. Please accept our apologies, Linda.

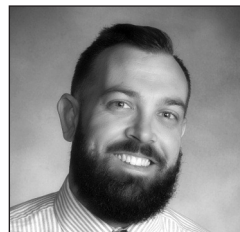
News from 45th and Chestnut

West Catholic Prep has a new Principal and Assistant Principal of Academic Affairs.

Congratulations to **Mr. Michael Field** who was appointed Principal in April. Mr. Field previously served as the Interim Principal from May 2022 through November 2022 and again from February 2023 until his appointment as Principal. Prior to that assignment Mr. Field was the Assistant Principal of Academic Affairs. Mr. Field holds a Bachelor's Degree in Marketing from Indiana University and a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from St. Joseph's University.

We also wish to extend our congratulations to **Ms. Maureen Deviney** for her appointment as the new Assistant Principal of Academic Affairs on June 26, 2023. Ms. Deviney has been at West for 16 plus years and has earned respect for her exceptional leadership skills and understanding of the academic landscape. She is a strong leader who will inspire both students and teachers to reach their full potential.

West's students are in good and capable hands with this new Leadership Team.



CLASS REUNIONS

CLASS OF 1968 COMBINED 55TH REUNION – The reunion for the Class of 1968 will be held on Saturday, September 23, 2023 at the Springfield Country Club, 400 West Sproul Rd, Springfield, PA 19064 from 5PM to 9PM. Cost is \$90 prepaid and \$110 at the door. Contacts are Rosanne Thornton D'Alonzo, rosannedal211@comcast.net and Rick Spires, rmspires1@yahoo.com.

CLASS OF 1969 GIRLS' 55TH REUNION – SAVE THE DATE – Plans are underway for the reunion to be held on Sunday, September 29, 2024 from 12 Noon to 4PM at Anthony's Ristorante in Springfield, PA. Stayed tuned for additional details. Contact is Pat Bugey Nachbar, patnachbar@gmail.com.

CLASS OF 1973 COMBINED 50TH REUNION – The Class of 1973 will hold a combined reunion on Saturday, November 4, 2023 from 6PM to 11PM 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, Philadelphia, PA.

Class of 2023

Congratulations to the class of 2023. Once again, we proudly salute our recent graduates. On Tuesday, June 6, 2023 the class attended their Baccalaureate Mass at St. Francis deSales Church. The following day, Wednesday, June 7, 2023, they celebrated their graduation, which was held at the school. 90 students said good bye to their high school days and embarked on their futures. The class was awarded \$27,263,863 in scholarship dollars from over 300 colleges and universities. Most of the students will continue their education at one of these schools, while others have decided to join the armed services or move into the work field. We send our best wishes and congratulations to all of the students and wish them well in the future.

2023 Dues

We thank all alums who have paid their 2023 dues. For the convenience of those who have not yet paid, the form is below. Again, if you sent your dues with the form in the Spring issue you are paid for this year.

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

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

Sr. Mary Rita Robinson, RSM, (Rita Marie Robinson), '44
Sr. Janet Dougherty, RSM, '46
Sr. Ethel Sweeney, RSM, '46
Anna Rita Joyce Boyer, '47
Sr. Agnes Hughes, IHM, '48
Mary McCullough Kane, '48
Sr. Natalie Marie Lariccia, RSM, '48
Jennie Tynan Custer, '50
Sr. Clare DiGregorio, SSJ, '50
Catherine McDonnell Kane, '50
Sr. Mary Crawford, IHM, '50
Palma Ann Carfagno Lelli, '50
Mary Swift Delaney, '51
Mary Sherman Duffy, '51
Sr. Judith Mary, IHM, '51
Joan McCaffrey Falcone, '51
Laura McLoughlin McCandless, '51
Eileen O'Hara Barclay, '52
Patricia Kelly Brannon, '52
Margaret Keenan McGonigal, '52
Sr. Rita Edward, SSJ, '52

Alice Egan Balbierer, '53
Mary Richer Pawling, '53
Sr. Maria Fatima Pitt, RSM, (Ruth Gail Pitt), '53
Joan Stacks Bott, '55
Elizabeth Davis Brown, '55
Anna Generoso Cuozzo, '55
Marjorie Senn Graham, '55
Dolores Smith Hicks, '55
Ann DiDonato Maguire, '55
Ann O'Donnell Migatz, '55
Sr. Mary Christella Mitchell, RSM, (Carol Mitchell), '55
Frances Carretta Creighton, '56
Janice Dever, '56
Patricia Sproul Hickey, '56
Sarah (Sally) McLaughlin Dennon, '56
Sr. Shawn Marie Maguire, SND, '57
Eileen Dempsey Mamrol, '57
Margaret McAdams McKeever, '57
Madlyn Brown Hunter, '58
Dorothy Monaghan Lewis, '58

Margaret (Peggy) Smith Brown, '59
Lillian McCarthy Gayton, '59
Kathryn Kennedy Kirk, '60
Dolores Finney Saunders, '61
Maryann McNulty Testa, '62
Helene Kelly DiVito, '63
Rita Creedon Riddle, '63
Marlene Kattaron Gagliardi, '64
Kathleen D'Annunzio McCafferty, '64
Catherine McBride Sciubba, '64
Lorraine Giancinto DiPietro, '66
Margaret Scanlan Friel, '66
Phyllis Doyle, '66
Maryellen Mayberry, '66
Joyce Grygos Hall, '67
Leah McIntosh McGettigan, '67
Anna Russell, '67
Carol Rucker, '68
Anna Schaab Bobst, '69
Maureen Nappi, '69
Kellie Anne Kennedy, '86
Kathleen Tinney Scarpato, '86