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## WEST CATHOLIC GIRLS' ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL SPRING LUNCHEON AND FUNDRAISER SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024

With signs of Spring soon to be in the air, our chairladies, Roe Cipollone Mitchell, '67 and Sr. Denise Ware, SFCC, '70 have chosen SPRING THING for this year's event, which will be held on Sunday, April 7, 2024 from Noon till 4PM. The location will once again be The Oaks Ballroom, 511 W. Oak Lane, Glenolden, PA 19036.

The cost is \$40 and the menu choices are: Prime Rib or Flounder stuffed with Crab Imperial, both served with potatoes and vegetables, or Eggplant Parmigina with Pasta.

Included with this newspaper are the chances for the Scholarship Fund Drawing. Chances are \$5.00 each and 8 for \$35.00, the drawing will be held at the luncheon. We will also be selling chances for gift baskets donated by our board members along with a 50/50 raffle.

All our sales/gift items will be available for sale at the luncheon. At the present time, we have sweatshirts, both crews and hoodies, blankets, pens, magnets, note cards, flashlights, ornaments and notebooks. Pictures, descriptions and prices of these articles can be found on our website under the News tab. They are also available for ordering. If you would like to order any of these items, contact our **Merchandise Officer, Pat Nachbar, 311 Dogwood Lane, Upland, PA 19015, 215-479-6719, patnachbar@gmail.com.**

We hope you will join us. **Please send your reservation form and check made payable to West Catholic Alumnae Association to PO Box 805, Broomall, PA 19008. Cutoff date is March 26, 2024.** Please include the names of whom you wish to be seated.

If you are unable to attend but would like to support the Scholarship Fund, you may mail your chances and check to **PO Box 805, Broomall, PA 19008.** Thank you for your support.

### 2024-25 Executive Board

Effective January 1, 2024, the West Catholic Girls' Alumnae Association's officers are:

President -- Pat McLaughlin, '61

Vice President -- Sr Denise Ware, SFCC, '70

Treasurer -- Maria Petolicchio, '62

Corresponding Secretary -- Rose Frank Brooks, '61

Recording Secretary -- Cathy Maugeri, '71

Membership -- Kirsti Flemming Bradford, '74

Merchandise -- Pat Nachbar, '69

Communications -- Pat McLaughlin,

#### Alumnae Mailing Address

With the change of Treasurer, we also have a new Address. We were able to get our former post Office Box address. All mail should now be sent to:

WCGAA

PO Box 805

Broomall, PA 19008

### RESERVATION FORM SPRING LUNCHEON/FUNDRAISER Sunday, April 7, 2024

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

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

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

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

Email \_\_\_\_\_

- Prime Rib  Eggplant Parmigina  
 Flounder stuffed with Crab Imperial

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  
PO Box 805, Broomall, PA 19008

**Deadline is March 26, 2024**

## 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  
**Rita Gaudet deVecchis**, 1 Christian St, #48, Philadelphia, PA 19147, 215-467-0484, rita\_devecchis@comcast.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  
**Pat McLaughlin**, 304 N. Union Ave, Margate, NJ 08402, (609) 822-7047, 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**, 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 Madalio**, 5 Eldon Ave, Lansdowne, PA 19050, (484) 437-0740, lcmadalio72@gmail.com
- 1969 Pat Bugey Nachbar**, 311 Dogwood Lane, Upland, PA 19015, (215) 479-6719, patnachbar@gmail.com
- 1970 Sr. Denise Ware, SFCC**, 353 Wenonah Ave, Mantua, NJ 08051, (609) 970-4371, dcwsfcc@gmail.com
- 1971 Cathy Healy Maugeri**, 485 S Andrews Ave, Glenolden, PA 19036, (610) 357-4037, c.maugeri@comcast.net  
**Peggy Ford Rhoades**, 140 S. Easton Rd, Apt 205, Glenside, PA 19038, 610-659-1460, 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*

## CLASS REUNIONS

**Class of 1964 60th Reunion**—Plans are underway. Details when available will be sent by the Reunion Committee and will be listed on our website. Questions may be referred to Anne Henry Organ at annorg@comcast.net.

**Class of 1969 Girls' 55th Reunion**—The reunion to be held on Sunday, September 29, 2024 from 12 Noon to 4PM at Anthony's Ristorante in Springfield, PA. Finalized details will be available on Facebook. For questions contact Pat Bugey Nachbar, patnachbar@gmail.com, Eileen Fleming Warren, warrenep@outlook.com, or Cookie Gagliardi Versino, cookiev1003@verizon.net.

**Class of 1974 50th Reunion**—SAVE THE DATE The weekend reunion is being planned for November 2024. Additional details are in the works and will be available from the Reunion Committee and posted on the West Phila Catholic Girls' Class of '74 Facebook page and our website. For more information, contact Carol Caratura Cavallo 610-719-7421.

## 2023 Communion Breakfast

### 94th Annual Communion Breakfast:

This year's Communion Breakfast was held on Sunday, October 22, 2023, at Anthony's in Springfield, PA. The 11AM Mass was celebrated by Monsignor Robert Carroll and Anne Datte again provided the music for the mass. The chairwomen for the event were **Cathy Healy Maugeri, '71** and **Sr Denise Ware, SFCC, '70**. We had over 100 Alumnae in attendance. **Rose McNeff, '61** Merchandise Officer had a full display of our gift/sales items and reported a successful sales day. Our chance drawing was held after the luncheon. The winners are listed below.

1st Prize of \$1000—Maureen Murphy Sadnicki, Class of 1960

2nd Prize of \$500--Helen Martin O'Mara, Class of 1958

3rd Prize of \$300--Mary Feighery, Class of 1955

Congratulations to the winners and thank you to everyone who supported the Alumnae Association by attending the Mass and Luncheon and/or purchasing the chances.

## Among us girls

**1939**—Happy Birthday wishes to **Catherine McGlynn Keenan** who will celebrate her 102nd birthday in February.

**1941**—Our sympathy to Denise Smith on the passing of her mother, **Marie Cox Tatu**. Denise said her mother passed away on Marth 5th, just 3 months shy of her 100th birthday. Marie's family and friends gathered on her birthday to honor her. Marie left 6 daughters, 11 grandchildren, and 22 great-grandchildren.

**1942**—Happy Birthday wishes to **Florence Youngflesh O'Connor** who celebrated her 99th birthday in September. We also heard from 2 other members of the class of 1942, **Ellen O'Neill Koelker**, who resides in San Diego, CA and **Madelyn Murray Daniels** who is living in Parkville, MD. Both of these ladies were reaching out to see if there were any other members of the class on our records.

**1947**—Our sympathy to Paul Gabe on the passing of his aunt **Bernice Marie Sullivan Flynn**. Happy early birthday greetings to **Dolores Lombardi McCabe**, who will celebrate her special day on August 31.

**1948**—Condolences to Joseph DiVencenzo on the death of his mother **Mary (Marie) DiVencenzo**. Joseph wrote that his mother always spoke highly of her West Catholic education and her basketball team. Thank you, Joseph for your donation and for purchasing the Scholarship Fund tickets in your mother's honor.

**1951**—**Hannah Campbell, '69** wrote to let us know that she visited **Sr. Kathleen Duffy, RSM** and **Sr. Rose Morris, RSM**. Both Sisters are 90 years old and reside at McCauley Convent, where they are roommates. Our condolences to Karen Sacco, on the death of her mother, **Anna Murphy Hayes, '51**, and thank you Karen for purchasing the chances in your mother's name. Jeffery Abrams sent us a note telling us that his mother **Patsy Grady Abrams** passed away unexpectedly and peacefully on January 3.

**1952**—**Ann Luciana Kelly** wrote to **Kathleen Fahey, '48** to tell her that her friend **Rita Gloria Flach** passed away.

**1954**—Condolences to Kathleen Warner on the death of her aunt, **Sr. Joan Hasson, RSM**. Evelyn Powers Godshall wrote asking that we extend our condolences to Jim Flynn on the passing of his wife **Joan Stevenson Flynn**. We also received a note from John McClay, husband of **Barbara Roletter McClay** to tell us that Barbara and several of her 1954 friends and classmates have passed. He listed **Barbara Burns, Idna Dougherty, Anne Gilbert McCusker, Margaret Ronan Smith**, and **Helen Reed Readon**. Rest In Peace, ladies.

**1955**—Condolences to Stephen Gozdan and his family on the passing of both their parents on April 3, 2023. His mother **Margaret Doran Gozdan** was a proud graduate of the Class of 1955. And thank you Stephen for the donation to the school in your mother's name. Our condolences also to **Fran Hunt Yuknas, '55** on the passing of her husband, Joseph, West Boys, '55 and her brother Matthew Hunt, West Boys, '52. Fran also noted the passing of **Patricia O'Donnell Heaney**, and **Margaret Gozdan**.

**1956**—Michelle Grosse Dooley wrote to tell us that **Virginia (Ginny) O'Reagan Collins** passed away on January 26, 2023. Our condolences to Matthew Robinson,

who wrote to let us know that his mother **Marguerite Walsh Robinson** passed away in the spring of 2022. He mentioned that Marguerite was very proud of her association with West Catholic Girls and how he heard many stories of her great times from high school. Thank you, Matthew for your very generous donation to the scholarship fund in her name.

**1957**—We extend our condolences to Susan Paparo on the passing of her mother **Susan Campiglia Drake** on July 27, 2022. Susan said her mother loved receiving the Harvester to catch up on West news.

**1958**—We received a note from **Barbara Strasser Seubert, '59** to tell us of the death of **MaryJo Sexton Ward, '58**. MaryJo passed away in Grand Rapids MI where she resided for many years. While at West MaryJo was a cheerleader and a green ribbon girl. Mary Jo had a son, two daughters and a grandson.

**1959**—**Pat Harte** wrote to thank the Alumnae Board for our work to keep the Alumnae together and active.

**1960**—We extend our condolences to **Patricia Murphy deCastongrene, '54** who wrote to let us know of the passing of her sister, **Jane Murphy Lane**. Jane was on a Viking cruise in September when she suffered a stroke. She passed away in Scotland. Jane resided in Orlando, FL with her husband and had 3 children and 10 grandchildren. **Corita Vernet O'Brien** wrote to say that she always enjoys catching up on all the news from her Alma Mater with the Harvester. She also said she had a most enjoyable reunion with her friend and former classmate, **Gloria Hockenberry Murphy** this past summer.

**1965**—A proud **Bette McGrath Diedrich** let us know that her grandson Patrick Diedrich was on the Media Little League team that went to the World Series in Williamsport, PA this past summer. Bette said it was a great thrill for the entire family. Bette also passed along a notice that the Class of 65 meets every other Monday at Monaghan's' Irish Pub for lunch and cocktails. Guys and girls from all classes are welcomed.

**1969**—Sympathies extended to **Loretta Deay Graham** on the passing of her husband, Don. We were notified by **Eileen McGlone Bradley, '72** that **Mary Ann McGlone Keough**, passed away suddenly on March 1, 2023.

**1971**—We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Alumnae Association Vice President, **Peg Rhoades** on the passing of her husband Steve Rhoades, West Boys Class of 1970 on May 26, 2023.

**1973**—Thank You, **Marie C. Brannon** for your generous donation to the Scholarship Fund. Your note said you were sending the donation since you were unable to attend your 50th reunion.

**FYI**—There is an article in the January *Philadelphia Magazine*, ([Phillymag.com](http://Phillymag.com)) about West's new neighbor, The Clark Building. This is the apartment building located on West's former parking lot. The article states that the building pays homage to its next-door neighbor, West Catholic Prep in its exterior design and to television legend Dick Clark, who hosted Bandstand from the building behind the parking lot, now the Enterprise Building.

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

Sr. Irene Lorretta, IHM  
 Marie Cox Tatu, '41  
 Mary J. Shuman, '43  
 Ann Keenan Dougherty Michener, '46  
 Jean Stanley Bierne, '47  
 Bernice Sullivan Flynn, '47  
 Mary DiVincenzo, '48  
 Pauline Collins Duffy, '49  
 Jane Mount Gormley, '49  
 Mary McPeak Mullen, '49  
 Anna Murphy White Hayes, '50  
 Sr Marita Jean, IHM, (Patricia McCormick), '50  
 Mary Friel Short, '50  
 Lillian MacIntyre Stevenson, '50  
 Martha Mary (Sugar) Renoff White, '50  
 Patricia (Patsy) Grady Abrams, '51  
 Anna Murphy Hayes, '51  
 Rita Gloria Flach, '52  
 Sr. Marie Mount, IHM, '52  
 Phyllis Evelyn Shaw McConnell, '53  
 Joan Stevenson Flynn, '54  
 Sr. Joan Hasson, RSM, '54  
 Anna Murphy Hayes, '54  
 Laura Kehoe Sawyer, '54  
 Margaret Diran Gozdan, '55  
 Patricia O'Donnell Heaney, '55  
 Helen Hayes Kapp, '55  
 Marian Kelly Matthews, '55  
 June Geller Vincent, '55  
 Rose Fowler Bell, '56  
 Virginia O'Reagan Collins, '56  
 Marguerite Walsh Robinson, '56  
 Rosemary Malfara Volovage, '56  
 Susan Campiglia Drake, '57  
 Dolores Morello, '57  
 Rosemary Stanton Kiely, '58  
 MaryJo Sexton Ward, '58  
 Jane Murphy Lane, '60  
 Rosalie Carey Hall, '60  
 Joan Picaud Sheehan, '60  
 Kay Flanigan Garvey, '61  
 Patricia Hagendorf Gritti, '61  
 Nora (Nonie) Dolan Henry, '61  
 Maureen Egan Mink, '61  
 Patricia Keeley Dolan, '62  
 JoAnn McCardle Hedderich, '64  
 Eileen Graham McNeil, '64  
 Maureen Looby Mitchell, '64  
 Deborah Green Stinger, '65  
 Eleanor Hogg Chestnut, '68  
 Gail Burke, '69  
 MaryAnn McGlone Keough, '69  
 Kathleen Sheerin McFarland, '69  
 Mary Lutz Izzo, '69  
 Judy Gibson Metelli, '74  
 Kathleen Touzell Allen, '75

## **New Board Member**

This past fall we welcomed a new member to our Board, **Rita Gaudet deVecchis**, Class of 1956 joined us in September, Rita said that she has wanted to join the board for some time and is glad to now have the opportunity. Rita's contact information is listed on the Board List.

## **2024 Dues**

Below is the renewal form for payment of your 2024 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 805 Broomall, PA 19008**. 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. Dues are payable once a year, if you prepaid your 2024 dues, it is not necessary to pay them again. Thank you for your support and generosity.

### **2024 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 805 Broomall, PA 19008**  
**To receive a Dues Card, you must include**  
**a stamped, self-addressed envelope**

## **Burrs at the Beach** **June 23, 2024**

This year's all class reunion will again be held at Keenan's in North Wildwood on Sunday, June 23, 2024. Additional details when available will be posted on the Alumni website, westcatholicalumni.org. Tickets can be purchased in advance from any committee member or at the door. Questions may be referred to Bette McGrath Diedrich, boopscor@aol.com.