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WEST CATHOLIC GIRLS' ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL SPRING LUNCHEON AND FUNDRAISER SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2026

As we begin to look forward to the upcoming Spring season, we hope your plans include our annual Spring Luncheon and Fundraiser. We are excited to announce that this year we will hold our event in a new venue, The Inn at Swarthmore. The Inn is located at 10 South Chester Road (Route 320), Swarthmore, PA 19081. The date is Sunday, April 26, 2026 and the time is Noon to 3PM.

The cost is \$50. The menu choices are Bourbon Seared Salmon, Roasted Chicken with Marsala Cream, and a Vegetarian selection, Stuffed Pepper with "impossible meat" (plant based), Rice and tomato Sugo (Gluten free). A cash bar will be available.

We will again have our popular basket raffle, with the baskets and gifts donated by our board members. There will also be a 50/50 drawing, as well as, our Special Prize Drawing for a Phillies Package consisting of 2 seats behind home plate, food, drinks, and reserved parking.

Chances, which support the Scholarship Fund, are included with this newspaper and the drawing will be held at the luncheon. The chances are \$5.00 each or 8 for \$35.00. And as always, we will have our gift/sales items available for purchase at the luncheon.

We hope you'll join us for a fun filled afternoon and a chance to catch up with your classmates and friends. You may mail your check and reservation form to this year's Chairlady, **Mrs. Cathy Healy Maugeri, 485 S. Andrews Ave, Glenolden, PA 19036**. If you have any questions Cathy can be reached at 610-357-4037 or c.maugeri@comcast.net. Deadline for reservations is Wednesday, April 15, 2026. You will be notified via email or phone once your registration has been processed.

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

Introducing Alumnae's New President



I was raised in Southwest Philly attending Most Blessed Sacrament and then on West Catholic, class of 1970. After graduation, I taught at Gesu for two years before entering the IHM's in 1973. After a short period with the IHM's, I left and began a ministry in education as a teacher for 13 years and a principal for 18 years.

In 1986, I entered the Sisters For Christian Community, a community that allowed me to continue ministering in Philadelphia. In 2002, I crossed the bridge to South Jersey to begin a ministry in Religious Education, which I did for 16 years and then back in school as a librarian. I am now "retired" -substitute teaching, making homemade soups for Soup and Scripture during Advent and Lent and making sandwiches for the homeless in Camden every other month.

My life is full but I wouldn't change a thing! I am happy to be a part of West Catholic Alumnae Association.

RESERVATION FORM SPRING LUNCHEON/FUNDRAISER Sunday, April 26, 2026

Name _____
(First) (Maiden) (Married)

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone number _____ Class _____

Email _____

Chicken Salmon Vegetarian

Please seat me with: _____

Mail Form, list of those with whom you wish to be seated,
and \$50 Check payable to WCGAA to:

Mrs. Cathy Healy Maugeri
485 S. Andrews Ave
Glenolden, PA 19036

Deadline is April 15, 2026

Alumnae Board

- 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
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- 1956 Cass Jarrett Coakley**, 26 Evergreen Ave, Broomall, PA 19008, (610) 353-1017, casscoakley@verizon.net
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- 1959 Sr. Rosie Hagan, IHM**, 8245 West Chester Pike, Upper Darby, PA 19082, (610) 998-5276, rosiehagan41@yahoo.com
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- 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
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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**, 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
- 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, 1250 Greenwood Ave, Apt 524, Jenkintown, PA 19046, 610-659-1450, 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 REUNIONS

Class of 1956 70th Reunion—Plans are underway for the reunion to be held in October. Details to follow. Contact Cass Jarrett Coakley at 484-802-1524.

Class of 1961 65th Reunion—The reunion will be held at the Communion Breakfast on October 25, 2026. Details to follow at a later date. Committee Members: Rose Frank Brooks, 610-547-0731, Rosalie Dugan McNeff, 445-800-5023 and Pat McLaughlin, 215-817-9337.

Class of 1966 60th Reunion—There will be a casual get together on Thursday, October 8, 2026 at Stingers on the Water, 401 Swarthmore Ave, Ridley Park, PA at 1PM. Contact is Eileen O'Donnell Barone, 856-906-9800. Eileen asks that all classmates spread the word as there will not be a mailing.

Class of 1971 55th Reunion—This reunion will be celebrated with a luncheon on November 15, 2026 from 1 to 4 PM at the Springfield Country Club. Cost is \$50. Additional details will be on the Alumnae website. Contact Dottie McLaughlin Mitchell, 484-431-4619 or Dotm23@gmail.com.

A New Era

The Alumnae Association Board held elections in November and our new Executive Board began their term on January 1, 2026 (see below). After almost 10 years it was time to pass the torch to our new President, Sr. Denise Ware, SFCC, Class of 1970.

It has been an honor and privilege to lead the Alumnae Association. I have many rewarding and great memories of what we have accomplished over this time and I am very grateful to have had this opportunity. I will continue my support for the Alumnae and West Catholic Prep as the Editor and Author of this newspaper as well as maintaining our website.

Thank you for your generosity and support to the Alumnae Association. We couldn't exist without it and I know we can count on you to continue your support so that we can offer Scholarships to deserving young females at WCP.

The new Executive Board is:

President: Sr. Denise Ware, SFCC, '70
 Vice President: Mary Maguin Small, '60
 Treasurer: Maria DiStefano Petolicchio, '62
 Asst Treasurer: Roe Cipollone Mitchell, '67
 Recording Secretary: Cathy Healy Maugeri, '71
 Corresponding Secy.: Rose Frank Brooks, '61
 Membership: Kirsti Flemming Bradford, '74
 Merchandise: Julia Pomante, '75
 Communications: Pat McLaughlin, '61

With Sincere Thanks and Gratitude,



Pat McLaughlin, '61
 Past President

Among us girls

1942—Thank you to Michael Rooney, son of **Anne Roney Rooney, Class of 1942**. Anne passed away in 2022 but Michael remembers her every year by purchasing the chances and sending a donation.

1953—Condolences to the family of **Dorothy Sweeney Barnes, Class of 1953**, who passed away in December 2024. Dorothy's family wrote to let us know that she was a lifelong supporter and proud graduate of West Catholic Girls'.

1954—We received a note from **Sr. Georgine Marie (Emily Williamson)** letting us know that **Kathleen Kilgallen Guerten** recently loss her husband of 65 years.

1958—Congratulations to **Patricia McGowan Elerson** on the birth of a new addition to the family. Melody Marie is the family's fifth generation.

1959—Congratulations to **Carole Marshall Ward** and her husband on their 62nd Anniversary. And our prayers for Carole after she fell and broke 9 ribs.

1963—Our sympathy to **Suzanne Shaw Iannetti** on the loss of her best friend for 75 years, **Marjorie Brennan** who passed away on July 10, 2025.

1965—Condolences to **Helen Walchak Barrington** on the loss of her husband of 50 years,

who passed away in June 2025.

1969—**Debbie Kelly** wrote to let us know that she enjoys the *Harvester* and sends a copy to her friend **Jackie Gentile Ferola** who lives in Italy.

1969—Congratulations to **Hannah Dougherty Campbell** on having her article, "You're Rude" included in the January edition of *Chicken Soup for the Soul*. The edition is titled "Changing Bad Habits and Changing Your Life".

1974—Condolences to **Mignon Preston Nolan** on the passing of her husband Robert.

1974—**Carol Cartura Cavallo** would like her classmates to know that the Class of 74 is planning a 70th Birthday Bash in the fall. Details will be on the West Phila Catholic Girls' Class of 74 Facebook page.

After each edition of the *Harvester* is published we receive several notes from our members thanking us for all we do to keep you updated on what is happening. This time we received notes from **Mary Bernadette Conran DiRita, '59, Anne Smith Domino, '61, Linda McGuigan Piotti, '67, Patricia Gallo-Stemmer, '67 and Vicky Duffy McLaughlin, '69**. Thank you, we appreciate your kind words.

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

Rita Duffy Kulp '37
 Rose Antonucci DeClemente '43
 Helen Sheeran Markwardt '43
 Sr. Margaret Rastatter, RSM '44
 Margaret Stritch Reilly '45
 Ruth Brady '46
 Frances McClelland Stevens '46
 Rose Bloomfield Convery '47
 Rita Larkin D'Aquino '47
 Lucretia Fumo Panichelli '47
 Maria Vasturia Quinn '47
 Margaret Cantwell Ranieri '47
 Licia (Lee) Tinari Allman '49
 Dr. Ann Craver Andrews '49
 Dolores Kearney Brough '49
 AnnaMae Famigletti Daloia '50
 Margaret Nyland Burns '51
 Dorothy Kelly Barnett '52
 Joan Schofield Betz '52
 Ellen Hays Cassidy '52
 Joan Ricciotti McCullough '52
 Patricia McGinn '52
 Margaret Keenan McGonigle '52
 Sr. Loretta Mickey Pinner, IHM '52
 Dorothy Sweeney Barnes '53
 Barbara Timmons Higgins '53

Virgina (Ginny) McKenna Lott '53
 Nancy Crowley Yokem '53
 Carol McFarland Dean '54
 Rosemarie Ferreri Rinaldi '54
 Sr. Catherine D'Alessandro, IHM '55
 Lorraine Hoban Hopkins '55
 Joanna Ciliberti Johnston '55
 Dorothy Ann Gilmore Kalbach, '55
 Margaret Morrone Perti '55
 Maureen Donohue '56
 Sr. Cecelia Molloy, IHM '56
 Sarah King Brennan '57
 Patricia Copley Carr '57
 Ruthanne Cunningham Kelly '57
 Joanne McHugh Brown '58
 Kathleen Coary Burke '58
 Louise Reed Brucher '59
 Emma Dutton-Hindley Krieger '59
 Madeline O'Mahoney Puma, '59
 Helen Goldhan Campanile '60
 Patricia Crowley Downs '60
 Bertha Organ '60
 Mary Ann Broderick '61
 Flora Jane Gillin Corkery '61
 Angela Boncardo Hart '62
 Maryanne Patterson Toner '62

Jane Roberts Trub '62
 Marjorie Brennan '63
 Shelia Fair MacMaster '63
 Patricia Geriot Pare '63
 Mary Burke Burbidge '64
 Joanna Weeks Hitchner '66
 Ann (Nancy) Delaney Devine '68
 Kathleen O'Neill Rishkofski '68
 Isabel (Betty) Hasson Walsh '69
 Patricia Small Mendoza '72
 Celeste Jones '74
 Regina Johnson '74
 Pat Chalk Resnick '74
 Maria Sabatina '74
 Mary McNeil O'Toole, '79
 Patricia Muglie Peterson '79
 Terriann Penza Kane '83
 Bernice Bendson Begley,
 Year Unknown
 Barbara McNichol Daly,
 Year Unknow
 Clare Maloney Flood,
 Year Unknown
 Constance Quinn Small,
 Year Unknown

2025 West Catholic Communion Breakfast

This year's Communion Breakfast, our 96th was held on Sunday, October 26, 2025, at Drexelbrook Country Club. Mass was celebrated by Father Michael Field and Anne Datto again provided the music. Congratulations to our chairwoman for the event, Kathleen Mulvihill Lunn, Class of 1972 for a successful and pleasant afternoon. We had a wonderful turnout with 140 Alumnae in attendance, including 2 classes celebrating their reunions. The Class of 1960 celebrated their 65th reunion and the Class of 1970 celebrated their 55th reunion. We also had successful sales day of our gift/ sales items. Our chance drawing was held after the luncheon. Congratulations to the winners:

- 1st Prize of \$1000
Rose Frank Brooks, Class of 1961
- 2nd Prize of \$500
Mary Ellen Quinn O'Neill, Class of 1964
- 3rd Prize of \$300
Irene Gifford Calabrese, Class of 1958

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



Class of 1960



Class of 1970

37th Burrs at the Beach

This year's West Catholic all class reunion, Burrs at the Beach will be held on Sunday, June 28, 2026 from 1 to 6 PM. The annual event will again be at Keenan's Pub in North Wildwood. Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door and include free buffet, reduced drink prices, raffle drawings, DJ and dancing. Checks should be made payable to Friends of West Catholic. Additional information will be posted on the Alumni website, www.westcatholicalumni.org.

Alumnae Gift Items

Our Sales Items continue to be a big success. Presently, we are selling: Note Pad and Pen Set, \$5.00; Flashlight, \$3.00; Combination Pen and Stylus, \$3.00; Pack of 5 Note Cards with a drawing of the school on the front for \$6.00; Magnets with all 4 emblems, \$3.00; Blankets/ Throws, \$25.00; and 2 styles of Sweatshirts, Crewnecks, \$20.00 and Hoodies, \$30.00, Ornament of the school, \$10.00, Long sleeve t-shirts, \$20.00, Lanyards, \$2.00 and Key Rings, \$2.00. 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. Julia Pomante, '75 is our new Merchandise Officer and she can be reached by texting her on 215-715-0675. Contact Julia if you are interested in any of the items but unable to attend the Communion Breakfast. She will advise you of the postage for the items and where to mail the check. Thank you for your support.

2026 Dues

The form to renew your dues is below. If you have moved in the past year, please check the box under the address line, so that we do not miss your new address. Thank you to everyone who pays the annual dues. This allows us to continue to provide you with our news and cover our expenses. Dues are payable once a year and several of our members send them in with each Harvester, if so we apply that money to the following years dues. Thank you for your support.

2026 DUES STATEMENT

Name _____
(if married, please include maiden name)

Address _____
(# and Street)

_____ (City, State, Zip Code)

Check if new address Class _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Please mail your check for \$20.00 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