

JOTTINGS

The AIC / MHA Alumnae Newsletter | SUMMER 2022



Letter from the Board

Greetings from the Alumnae Academy Board! We truly hope that each of you are happy and healthy. It has been a difficult road to navigate the last few years for everyone. The Board is excited to announce that we will be hosting the Alumnae Reunion weekend this year! The Reunion will be held the weekend of September 24th & 25th, 2022.

There are several activities planned for the weekend. We will be having a Pitch In Cookout on Saturday evening. If you plan on attending the Cookout, please bring a side dish to serve.

Hotel rooms have been blocked off at several area hotels. Hotel information and the agenda are included in this edition of "Jottings."

We will be celebrating the following classes ending in 0,1,2,5,6, & 7. All classes are welcome. The Board is looking forward to seeing everyone in person. Please reach out to your fellow classmates and make your plans and reservations now! The reunion will be here before you know it. We would love to have a huge group to celebrate with this year.

We hope everyone has a great summer and look forward to seeing all of you in September on the Hill!

Sincerely,
The Academy Alumnae Board

Please take this moment to update any and all information by visiting www.thedome.org/update-your-info/, so that we can assure you are receiving the most up to date information as it becomes available. If you are unable to use the provided link, please email memoriesoftheacademy@gmail.com.

Did You Know?

Ever wonder where your favorite Sister is? What are they up to? What are their interests? What led them to join the Monastery? Great news, friends! You can find your Sister by doing the following:

- 1) Go to the thedome.org
- 2) Click on "About Us"
- 3) Go to "Find a Sister"
- 4) Click on her picture and Voila! Up pops a short bio and update!

Alumnae Board

Allison Walker Guide
President, Class of 1992

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Class of 1960

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Class of 1969

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Class of 1982

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Class of 1982

Elaine Baumgart
Class of 1959



Dear Alumnae,

I hope that this issue of “Jottings” finds you well. When 2020 began, little did we expect that we would be dealing with a pandemic and its effects on our daily lives. We made the difficult decision to close the monastery to visitors and to “cloister” the community of sisters living here. I know that many of you have had to make difficult decisions regarding your own well-being and that of your family.

Some of you have, sadly, been affected personally by this disease. Be assured of our prayers for you and your loved ones who have suffered. We also offer prayers of gratitude for all who have recovered and hope that strength returns with every passing day.

I want to thank you for your continued support of the sisters. As alumnae of the Academy, you got to know a number of sisters. We are grateful that you continue to think of us and of all your teachers. We sisters remember you and are always happy to hear from you, learning about your life experiences and your families.

I hope that you enjoy this issue of “Jottings,” and I also hope that we may be able to welcome you to visit this fall. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, we can’t know for certain if we’ll be able to host the alumnae reunion as planned or if we’ll have to adjust. Time will tell. No matter, though, be assured of our continued prayers for you and your families. Whenever we are able to gather in person, we look forward to your return to the hill.

God bless you!

Sister Anita Louise Lowe, OSB

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Academy Alumnae Reunion Weekend 2022 Agenda

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Informal Gathering / Dinner

The Schnitzelbank - Jasper

6:30 PM EST

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Registration and Meet & Greet

The Events Center

12:00 PM - 4:00 PM EST

Guided Tour of Monastery

& Academy Buildings

Meet in the switchboard area/main entrance of the Monastery — toward the church.

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM EST

Tours will be given by Sr. Jane Ann.

No one is allowed in the Monastery Church after 4:00 PM.

Informal Gathering &

Pitch In Cookout

Madonna Lake Shelter/Outdoor Classroom

4:00 PM - 8:00 PM EST

*Please bring a dish and lawn chairs if you want,
we will have benches and tables set up.*

Food will be served at 6:00 PM.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Continental Breakfast

Event Hall/Gym

8:30 AM - 10:00 AM EST

Mass in Event Hall/Gym

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM EST

Dinner, Academy Alumnae

Meeting & Auction

The Events Center

12:00 PM - 3:00 PM EST

Tours will be offered at 2:00 PM.

Register Today for the 2022 Alumnae Reunion

September 24 - 25, 2022

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Grad year _____ Phone _____

E-mail _____

Alumnae registration and dinners \$50

Adult guest at dinner on Saturday \$15

Adult guest at dinner on Sunday \$15

Children 10 and under at dinner on Saturday \$10

Children 10 and under at dinner on Sunday \$10

Online registration: alumnae.thedome.org

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION

To be entered into a special drawing,
register before **July 30, 2022!**

Registration Deadline: August 31, 2022

Please check all that apply:

- ☐ I will attend the Saturday grill out dinner.
(Please bring a side dish to share.)
- ☐ I will bring _____ adult guests for dinner.
- ☐ I will bring _____ children for dinner.
- ☐ I will attend the Sunday dinner.
- ☐ I will bring _____ adult guests for dinner.
- ☐ I will bring _____ children for dinner.
- ☐ _____ # of meat meals
- ☐ _____ # of vegetarian meals

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

Mail in registration: send this form & your check to:
Sisters of St. Benedict
802 E. 10th Street • Ferdinand, IN 47532

☐ **Pay in-person upon arrival:** cash or check only

Please complete the registration form and check the box above even if paying in-person. This will provide us with more accurate numbers when confirming with the caterers.



2022 Alumnae Reunion September 24 - 25, 2022

- Register early, the deadline is August 31
- **Don't forget cash or your checkbook** for Raffle Tickets
- Guided tours of the academic building on Saturday from 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
- Reserve a hotel room before they're gone

Hotels with Room Block & Special Rates:

Holiday Inn Express
2000 Hospitality Drive
Jasper, IN 47546
(812) 482-3344 **
MHA/AIC Reunion *

Comfort Inn
123 Scenic Hills Court
Ferdinand, IN 47532
(812) 817-0484
MHA/AIC Reunion *

Hampton Inn
355 3rd Ave
Jasper, IN 47546
(812) 481-1888
MHA/AIC Reunion *

Comfort Inn
1970 Hospitality Drive
Jasper, IN 47546
(812) 556-2888
MHA/AIC Reunion *

* Reservation Code for our discount.

** Must call the Holiday Inn Express directly.

Regístrese hoy para la reunión de alumnas 2022

24-25 de septiembre de 2022

Nombre _____

Domicilio _____

Código postal _____

Clase de _____ Teléfono _____

Dirección de correo electrónico _____

Registro y cenas de alumnas..... \$50

Invitado adulto en la cena del sábado..... \$15

Invitado adulto en la cena del domingo..... \$15

Niños de hasta 10 años en la cena del sábado..... \$10

Niños de hasta 10 años en la cena del domingo..... \$10

Registro en línea: alumnae.thedome.org

REGISTRACION TEMPRANA

Para participar en un sorteo especial, regístrese antes del **30 de julio de 2022!**

Fecha límite de inscripción: 31 de agosto de 2022



Reunión de alumnas 2022 24-25 de septiembre de 2022

- Regístrese temprano, la fecha límite es el 31 de agosto
- **No olvide el dinero en efectivo o su chequera** para los boletos de la rifa
- Visitas guiadas al edificio académico el sábado de 14h a 16h
- Reserve una habitación de hotel antes de llegar

Por favor, compruebe:

- ☐ Asistiré a la cena del sábado.
(Favor de traer un postre para compartir.)
 - ☐ Traeré a _____ invitados adultos para la cena.
 - ☐ Traeré a _____ niños para cenar.
- ☐ Asistiré a la cena del domingo.
 - ☐ Traeré a _____ invitados adultos para la cena.
 - ☐ Traeré a _____ niños para cenar.
 - ☐ _____ # de comidas de carne
 - ☐ _____ # de comidas vegetarianas

Monto total adjunto: \$ _____

Envíe por correo: envíe este formulario y su cheque a:
Sisters of St. Benedict
802 E. 10th Street • Ferdinand, IN 47532

- ☐ **Pago en persona a la llegada:** solo en efectivo o con cheque

Complete el formulario de registro y marque la casilla de arriba incluso si paga en persona. Esto proporcionará un número más preciso para los proveedores de servicios de catering.

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* Código de reserva para nuestro descuento.

** Debe llamar directamente al Holiday Inn Express.



Benedictine Hospitality Center

Find rest and healing, renewal and peace for your body, mind, and spirit at the Benedictine Hospitality Center. For rates and availability, call (812) 367-1411, ext. 7309; email hospitality@thedome.org; or complete and submit the online form at thedome.org.



Programs & Retreats

Come experience one of our spiritual programs and retreats. You can see all our upcoming ones and register for them online at thedome.org/retreats.

What I Wore

Martha Rasche, Class of 1982

After a 25-year career in newspapers, Martha Rasche, MHA '82, has been helping seniors write their life stories since 2014. As part of that work, she keeps a blog at TheseAreOurStories.com, documenting parts of others' stories as well as some of her own. To help make ends meet financially, she also works part time at a local thrift store. When we asked her to share one of her blogs with us, she chose this one:

These days find me sorting donations at the local St. Vincent de Paul store, and not long ago I came upon a large grocery bag filled with old clothing patterns. Butterick, Simplicity, McCall's.

Immediately, images surfaced of homemade clothing from my childhood, along with the memories surrounding them.

For a special day of Head Start, Mom made for me what I always considered my "Cheerios" outfit — it was a pair of shorts and a sleeveless top made of bright yellow fabric sprinkled with what looked to me like white "Cheerios" cereal. Near the bottom of the shirt, the side seams were replaced by a couple of white seam-binding ties.

When I was in elementary school, my older sister Barb spent a summer Saturday afternoon sewing me a jumperlike dress of orange, navy and white plaid with big navy buttons. How proud was I when I could wear my new dress to church that very evening!

Another summer, in the days leading up to my sister next to me in age, Rose (MHA '76), going



on a weeklong 4-H reward trip at Purdue University, our sister Clara sewed what seemed like an entire new wardrobe of shorts and blouses for her. (This was the summer of 1974; I remember TV news of President

Nixon's impeachment proceedings blended with the hum of the sewing machine.) I was so jealous! When I earned the same trip a few years later I also got new home-sewn clothing, including a pair of khaki shorts with a snazzy matching vest.

In June of 1975, when I was 11, I spent two weeks with my sister Dorothy (AIC '69), Mom and Great-Aunt Mary driving to California and back, visiting relatives along the way. In rural Nebraska, Mom bought two pieces of flowered cotton material — the perfect, practical souvenir from the local mercantile — from which she sewed me smock tops. One of those smocks, the red one, stuck around for more than 35 years, first in my own school wardrobe and then, much faded, in what my mom wore around the farm.

Alumnae Updates

If you have a personal update you'd like to share with your former alumnae, you can visit alumnae.thedome.org/life-updates/ and fill out the online form.

CLASS OF 1966

Mary Catherine "Catie" Thompson (Dauby): Married for 35 years, spent the last four years living in Kentucky, and have granddaughter who will soon be two years old.

CLASS OF 1971

Margaret Hill (Slaats): I am retired now, still living in Texas. Sadly, my husband Chuck passed away in August 2021 just a few months short of our 40th anniversary. I still enjoy substitute teaching occasionally, and I live in a very active over-55 neighborhood with lots of activities nearby.

CLASS OF 1972

Deborah Burchard (Eaker): I am a retired Family Nurse Practitioner, currently a Parish Nurse.

CLASS OF 1977

Dianne LeDuc: I am a Nurse Manager Also an Oblate at the convent and a member of Women of the Rule.

CLASS OF 1979

Angela Eisele: I am now retired from federal law enforcement.

CLASS OF 1987

Jennifer L. Stuecker: I am very grateful for my life, family, friends, animals, and job. Looking forward to September and our 35th MHA reunion!

CLASS OF 1988

Rydberg (Mott): My husband and I just downsized as all 3 kids are grown. We spend time between our Rockford home and our cabin in northern Minnesota.

CLASS OF 1990

Elizabeth Churnesky (Darish): Married for 24 years with 1 child (Ava), who keeps us busy with volleyball and pole vaulting. MHA will always be a special place. We have a ton of great memories!

CLASS OF 1991

Saluja Varghese Goldman: 😊

CLASS OF 1992

Liz Watkins: I have lived in South Florida the last 12 years. I recently got a promotion in the school district. I am a Learning Team Facilitator and I am coaching the teachers.

CLASS OF 1993

Shaily Gupta: We are settled in Florida for a couple of years at least. Both of my children are off to college so my husband and I are adjusting to being empty nesters.

CLASS OF 1994

Tamara Tiefel (Rossi): Married with 2 kids and living in Florida.

CLASS OF 1996

Jackie Daniels (Perry): Loving life, but I miss my MHA family. Always and forever.

CLASS OF 1999

Amy Conrey Andreas: Still living and working within the boundaries of the Blackfeet Nation/eastern slopes of Glacier National Park...just finishing up my 22nd year of teaching. I am currently the librarian at Browning High School. I am the mother of a wonderful 13 year old daughter who I wish had the opportunity to go to MHA! I love and miss all my sisters from MHA!

May They Rest In Peace

ALUMNAE

Wilma Kay (Alvey) Damin, 1955
Neoma (Bartley) Eckerle, 1943
Sr. Mary Benet Goodrum, 1952
Maryann (Ryan) Hesler, 1964
Sr. Mary Karen Hill, 1953
M. Gayle McGinnis, 1972
Heidi La Nae Nestricks, 1986
Ann (Emge) Northern, 1970
Eugenia (Hoffman) Rahman, 1953
Doraine E. (Whitcomb) Richard, 1952
Elizabeth Ann "Betty" (Bartley) Roos, 1948
Mary Martha Schafer, 1978
Sr. Theresita (Imelda) Schenk, 1938
Celene (Matheis) Schott, 1956
Alice Catherine Schroering, 1948
Jeanne (Murphy) Simpson, 1961
Sr. Joanna (Iona Marie) Trainer, 1950
Theresa M. (Kloek) Wahl, 1948

FACULTY & STAFF

Sr. Ruth Ellen Doane, S.P.
Carol L. Pigman
Sylvia (Krampe) Spencer

FAMILY OF ALUMNAE

John Abernathy
Husband of Kathleen Ann (O'Connell) Abernathy, 1966

Ronald Alstadt
Husband of faculty member Carolyn Alstadt
Father of Mary Alstadt, 1982

Leonard Joseph Borha,
Brother of Firma (Borha) Young, 1954

Dave Eckert
Husband of Barbara (Vogler) Eckert, 1960
Father of Kristie Eckert, 1989

Rick Fritz
Husband of Carol Jean (Parson) Fritz, 1960

Ed Geiss
Husband of Pat (Thompson) Geiss, 1960

Bernard Hezik
Husband of Judith A. (Pomrenke) Hezik, 1981

Robert Kissel
Brother of Sr. Mary George (Mary Barbara) Kissel, 1941

Kent Kunz
Husband of Judy (Jochem) Kunz, 1959

John Joseph Kennedy
Father of Kathleen (Kennedy) Keilman, 1982

Martha Mott
Mother of Catherine (Mott) Rydberg, 1988

Marly Sablik
Husband of Beverly (Shively) Sablik, 1957

Marilee Smith
Mother of Michelle (Smith) Jankowski, 1985

Rosemary Watkins
Mother of Liz Watkins, 1992

Bill W. Whitehouse
Husband of Patricia "Patty" (Stipper) Whitehouse, 1967

Volunteer Opportunities

Multiple opportunities to help the Sisters are available. They are always looking for support and help with the following:

GARDENING

Keep the monastery grounds clean and pristine by tilling, planting, weeding, mulching, harvesting and tree trimming.

MAINTENANCE & HOUSEKEEPING

There are opportunities for painting, pressure washing, moving furniture, washing cars, cleaning and more.



THE BAKERY

Be part of the inner circle of the Monastery Baked Goods by making, dusting, sorting, or packaging our products for sale to the public. They're busiest October through December.

CHRISTKINDLMARKT

During this annual mid-November festival, you can volunteer to sell Monastery Baked Goods, or be a greeter or helper in the Monastery Gift Shop or Event Hall throughout Christkindlmarkt weekend.

To learn more or volunteer, contact Sister Doris Schepers by email at dschepers@thedome.org or call 812-367-1411, ext. 2821.



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You can fill out and mail in the registration form found inside this issue of "Jottings" or save time and paper by registering online at thedome.org/reunion2022.

Deadline to register is August 31.

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