

From the Director



The Class of 1961 will hold their 45th class reunion at the annual Alumnae Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 5, 2006 at the Avalon Hotel.

Please call Judy Allison (814) 838-4938 or Heddy Hellmann (814) 454-0695 if you plan to attend. Table reservations will be made for classmates to sit together.

Speaking of reunions, we'd love to help! If you are planning a reunion, please contact me at the Alumnae Office, 814-899-0614, Ext. 2573.

We will provide you with a startup kit, mailing labels and a current class list. Please e-mail any information and photos taken at the event. We will post them on our Web site at ErieBenedictines.org.

— Ann Comstock, '64
Alumnae Director

Let us pray...

For our sister alumnae who passed into eternity—

Marian Rastatter Haag	'32
Agnes C. Paluch Rohan	'36
Mary Cavanaugh	'40
Dorothy T. Ferrick Yurkiewicz	'48
Peggy Szorek Condry	'49
Nancy Snider Kelly	'49
Judith A. Gutowski Rosenberg	'57
Joan Kupniewski Brown	'60
Kathleen Bules Szewczykowski	'67
Lorraine Zmudzinski Wood	'67
Susan Fletcher Bayliss	'68
Susan Grafius Cassi	'74
Susan Ayers Kedzior	'74

Visit ErieBenedictines.org for event updates and to download sign-up forms, or send your e-mail address to Alumnae Director Ann Comstock at sbaalum@mtstbenedict.org to receive electronic reminders and sign-ups. If you don't use e-mail, write to Ann at Mount Saint Benedict Monastery, 6101 E. Lake Rd., Erie, PA, 16511. And whenever you see or hear about SBA alumnae being honored or highlighted for their achievements, let us know. Clip an article, jot it down, or call us, so we can share the news with all our members.



Calendar of Events

Thursday, October 12

SBA Executive Board Meeting

Mount Saint Benedict Monastery

Tuesday, December 5

SBA Annual Christmas Party

Avalon Hotel

Alumnae Brunch

On Sunday, April 23, the annual Alumnae Communion Brunch was held at the Lawrence Park Golf Club. More than 80 women gathered to meet with friends while enjoying a wonderful brunch. At the event, \$4,200 in scholarships for students attending Catholic schools for the 2006-2007 school year were awarded. Since 1991 the alumnae association has awarded approximately \$34,000 in scholarships.

This year's winners were:

Katherine Titus

Granddaughter of Betty Jo Pruchniewski Marz '47

Kaitlyn Kooser

Granddaughter of Louise Lechner Kooser '37

Emily Smith

Granddaughter of Patricia Grugin Smith '42

Julie Marie Theiss

Daughter of Christina Selleny Theiss '81

Katelyn Kaveney

Daughter of Lori Dombrowski Kaveney '80

Andrew John Huzar

Nephew of Donna Huzar Whitford '61

Lindsey Friello

Grandniece of Marily Sanner Schwab '49

Rebecca R. Rossi

Granddaughter of Audrey Kuklinski Gallagher '59

Ethan Taraski

Grandson of Judith Ruland Burke '57

Julie Malinowski

Niece of Camille Malinowski Pakela '59

Lindsay Goddard

Niece of Janet Bulishak Frazer '56

Rebecca, Jayme & Justin Cooper

Grandniece & nephews of Gert Respecki Crynock '41

Kyle Bowden

Nephew of Eileen Bowden Cullen '66

Amelia Wisinski

Daughter of Diane Wisinski '72

Sarah Herrmann

Niece of Katherine Herrmann Straneva '68

Alexandra Buczynski

Granddaughter of Evelyn Ratkowski Buczynski '55

Laura Jankowski

Cousin of Dolores Jankowski Madura '55

Adam Murawski

Grandson of Lucille Gorny Murawski '41

The Cooper Kids

Grandchildren of Janet Respecki Benovic '57

Megan Falconer

Grandniece of Ruth Falconer Fox '60

Calvin & Sean Reed

Grandsons of Mary Alice Gorny Wilczynski '54

Do you hear what I hear?

November 25, 2005, Warner Theatre, Erie, Pa.:

Under the direction of Sister Marilyn Schauble, OSB, 147 SBA alumnae and Benedictine Sisters presented the "Christmas Gift of Peace" concert. It was a memorable event and a once-in-a-lifetime happening.

We are in the process of determining if there is the possibility of forming a new group of singers and are tentatively looking at the summer of 2007 before anything can begin. Eighty former members of the group are interested in singing together again.

Are any other alumnae members interested in joining the group? We would also welcome new members from your family and friends.

If you are interested, please contact Ann Comstock at 814-899-0614, Ext. 2573 or e-mail her at: sbaalum@mtstbenedict.org.

1936 was a very good year! Were you born then?

If you are 70 ½ or older, own an IRA and would like to contribute to our Heritage of Hope Capital Campaign, the recently passed Pension Protection Act of 2006 can help you do just that. The act permits individuals to roll over \$100,000 from an IRA directly to qualifying charities like The Benedictine Sisters of Erie without having to count the donation as taxable income. The provision is limited for tax years 2006 and 2007, so you need to act quickly.

If you are interested in making such a gift, please talk directly with your professional financial advisor and then call Jo Clarke, director of annual giving, at (814) 899-0614, Ext. 2281.
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