

From the **Director**

By Ann Comstock, Oblate

*“We’ll always come to thee again,
when Alma Mater calls”*

“When hearts listen, angels sing.”

I like this anonymous quote. Looking back on the year 2014 I think this phenomenon occurred often, especially in regards to the Saint Benedict Academy Alumnae Association. In fulfilling our purpose – to support the ministries of the Benedictine Sisters and to promote Catholic education – the alumnae did listen. We listened with our hearts and acted.

We supported the sisters in their work for the poor, the needy, the underpaid and the homeless. We joined with the sisters in attempting to make the world a better place. Our efforts this past year helped to fund the Saint Benedict Education Center’s *Refugee Settlement Program* through monies raised at our Annual Christmas Party.



We awarded \$5,000 in scholarships to relatives of alumnae members attending Catholic schools. We donated financially to the appeals made by the sisters on behalf of one or more of their ministries. Alumnae members volunteered, donated services and items where needed and prayed for the sisters and the success of their work.

Hopefully our work added a few notes to the angelic score.

Mark the Date:

Spring Luncheon and Marketplace

Saturday, May 30, 2015

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Ambassador Conference Center



The Class of 1965’s 50th Class Reunion will be held at the Spring Luncheon. For further information, please call Pat Zimmerman Flagella ‘65 at 814-864-8521.

In March 2015 a mailing of future spring/summer events and dates will be coming your way. Included in this mailing will be the nomination form for the Catholic schools scholarship awards.

**“SPIRIT OF SBA”
IS ALIVE AND WELL.**

Let us pray...

For our SBA alumnae who passed into eternity—

- Sister Rita Pruchniewski, OSB ‘43
- Myrtle Jean Weil Dodsworth ‘45
- Jean M. Lawson Herbst ‘45
- Leona A. Rydzewski Radomski ‘45
- Dorothy Wisniewski Whipple ‘46
- Joann Whelpley Baltes ‘50
- Joan M. Carney McCallion..... ‘51
- Sister Christine Vladimiroff, OSB ‘57
- Susan K. Wells Fratarcangeli ‘61
- Joan Martha Measel Sonnenberg ‘61
- Rose Marie Krupinski Mello 70
- Kathleen Morphy Kinnane ‘71
- Lorraine E. Matson Sauers ‘77

Reunions

We want to hear from you! Class reunions every five years are a tradition with SBA alumnae. We will gladly include information regarding your reunion on our website. Send us the facts and we'll post them as soon as we get them. We'll send you an updated class list from our database and a set of mailing labels. Please provide us with any follow up stories and photos (digital, please) you might wish to share and we will post them on our website (ErieBenedictines.org/sba-alum). Classes who are planning reunions are eligible to receive a \$35 check to help defray mailing costs. We ask that you provide us with new or updated addresses for the database. It is one of the best ways we have to keep in touch.

Please contact Ann Comstock. Call 814-899-0614 ext. 2573 or contact by email: sbaalum@mtstbenedict.org



*“We are each of us angels
with only one wing,
and we can only fly by
embracing one another”.*

– Luciano De Crescenzo



*We thank thee
for thy guiding care
And all we've learned
from thee
To fill our hearts
with higher power
And opportunity;
To make the best
of everything,
Meet troubles
with a smile,
To hold aloft
our highest aim,
And hail thee
all the while.*

SBA School Song

*St. Benedict's,
St. Benedict's,
We'll always
hail thy halls;
We'll always come
to thee again
When
Alma Mater
calls.*



Please visit our Website

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

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