

From the Director

By Ann Comstock, Oblate

*"We'll always come to thee again,
when Alma Mater calls"*

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Just a thought...

On the program cover for the SBA 2013 Christmas Party were the following five lines:

It all began in 1856...

Then came Saint Benedict Academy

Next came

Saint Benedict Education Center

AND...THE TRADITION GOES ON!

Nicely put. These five lines embody the history and the story of SBA as well as the Spirit of SBA. The buildings in which we were educated may now be used to house other students but we, the alumnae of Saint Benedict Academy, are there in spirit.

We are so grateful for the education we received and the relationships we built while at the academy. We are committed to carrying out the philosophy of our Benedictine education – to develop to our full potential, to build community wherever we are, and to offer our gifts for others. We support the ministries of the Benedictine Sisters, and promote Catholic education.

We arrived, we received, and now we help return to others that which we received. The circle is complete. Just a thought...

Mark Your 2014 Calendar

Sunday July 27 SBA SeaWolves Picnic/Game
Jerry Uht Park



Tuesday December 2 SBA Christmas Party
Ambassador Conference Center



**"SPIRIT OF SBA"
IS ALIVE AND WELL.**

Let us pray...

For our SBA alumnae who passed into eternity—

Mary Virginia Kraus	'37
Agnes Magdalen Haibach Waldinger	'37
Amelia E. Bava Zamaria	'39
Elvira 'Vera' Chimenti DiSanti	'46
Irene Alamenciak Hansen	'48
Jeanne Moske Hiegel	'48
Marjorie A. Peplinsky DeBias	'50
Dorothy H. Foissett	'51
Mary Jane Seelinger Dahlkemper	'52
Audrey A. Tong	'53
Audrey A. Deptula Dietz	'55
Barbara A. Szczesny Chiaramonte	'59
Kathleen Przychodzien Fabian	'60
Barbara Brojek Korn	'60
Marilyn L. Brunner Wayland	'60
Catherine Vallimont Zapolski	'60
Sandra Kimmeth Neil	'64
Dorothy Diana Bielski Walkiewicz	'65
Rosemary St. George	'67
Janet O. Owsiejko Thomas	'67
Mary Ann Welsh	'72
Julie Ruth Vitelli Liebel	'74
Darlene A. Conway	'75
Debra Zorn Fritts	'83
Denise George Stablein	'84

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 (www.eriebenedictines.org/sba-alum). 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'll also post them on our website. Classes 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, Alumnae Director. Call 814-899-0614 ext. 2573 or email: sbaalum@mtstbenedict.org



Scholarship Winners 2014-2015

We are very pleased to announce that 20 scholarships of \$250 each were awarded to relatives of SBA alumnae who will attend Catholic schools, grades K through 12, for the 2014-2015 school year. Since it began in 1991, this scholarship program has contributed over \$66,750 in support of Catholic education. The alumnae association is pleased to show our support for Catholic education through this program.

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Student	Alumnae Member	Relationship	School
Skyler Sonney	Karen Kuchinski Sonney	Grandson	St. George
Mitchell Wagner	Bernadette Olewski Slomski	Grandson	Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
Jack Hilbrich	Carol Madras Hilbrich	Grandson	Our Lady of Peace
Joseph John Selleny	Suzanne Riddle Selleny	Grandson	Blessed Sacrament
Isabella Pacinelli	Michelle Pacinelli	Daughter	Mercyhurst
Sidney Brunner	Esther Hubert	Cousin	St. Boniface
Sophia Chaney	Jeanne Marie Ryan	Granddaughter	Our Lady of Peace
Hannah Cravener	Rose Ann Sekula Garbulinski	Granddaughter	Villa Maria Elementary
Carmella Leone	Christine Somolani Zalas	Granddaughter	Our Lady of Peace
Abigail Hinds	Jennifer Krumpke Troncione	Niece	St. Boniface/Mt. Carmel
Logan Lego	Mary Akus Soltis	Grandson	Mercyhurst
Natalie Tabolt	Cindy Anderson Tabolt	Daughter	Mercyhurst
Courtney Kindle	Valerie Joint Purzycki	Daughter	Holy Family
Shane & Ashley Kujan	Charlotte Kowalski Kujawinski	Grandchildren	St. George
Amy Lynn Buettner	Deborah Wodecki Buettner	Daughter	Mercyhurst
Christopher Seth	Bridget Presutti Seth	Son	Mercyhurst
Megan Dugan	Linda Shreve Freytag	Niece	Villa Maria Academy
Anthony Sparacino	Sharon Plumb Sparacino	Son	St. Joseph High School
Emily Lemonski	Barbara Kabylnski Seelin	Cousin	Seton Keough High School
Mark Miller	Theresa Jankowski Hiney	Grandson	St. Luke

Please visit our Website

Due to the timing of *The Mount* magazine schedule, SBA's two main social events usually have been held by the time the magazine is published. **Check the website eriebenedictines.org/sba-alum frequently for current information.** There will always be an announcement on the page regarding upcoming events along with a downloadable reservation form that can be printed at work or home.

For those living out of town and unable to attend, we always include numerous photos of the event on the website. You can view the occasion and try to spot any classmates. You can also view pictures from past events. They are archived for your enjoyment.

Visit ErieBenedictines.org 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 it down and send it to us or call us with details so we can share the news with all our members.

Saint Benedict Academy Silver Bells 2013

SBA Christmas Party



Each year, the Alumnae Association holds its annual Christmas Party. It has become our premier social event of the year and each year it seems to grow and improve. Last year's party, **Silver Bells**, proved the point: over 465 alumnae members gathered at the Ambassador Conference Center to celebrate, to share memories and rekindle friendships. It was such a beautiful sight – all the lights, all the smiles, and all the girls having fun! Anticipation ran high as alum waited to hear if they were lucky winners of the more than 100 beautiful, donated themed gift baskets. The party committee received donations from 13 major sponsors as well as gifts and donations from 95 others. Monies raised provided a generous gift of \$6,800 to Saint Benedict Education Center's *Refugee Resettlement Program*, a ministry of the Benedictine Sisters of Erie. As always, it was a wonderful event, one that grows and improves with each passing year. Thanks to all who made it such a memorable evening.

