

From the Director

By Ann Comstock, Oblate

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

In preparing the SBA Alumnae Section of this edition of *The Mount*, we reflected on the theme for this issue: "Let your works shine and bring forth the image of God. Let all you do reflect God's glory." How does the Association, through its works, bring forth the image of God and reflect God's glory?

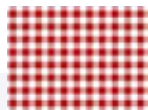
Perhaps a reminder of the Alumnae Association's stated mission is in order here:

"The purpose of the Saint Benedict Academy Alumnae Association is to promote and maintain the bond of the members, support the ministries of the Benedictine Sisters, promote Catholic education and support and encourage its members in their involvement in service to ministries that promote Benedictine values and traditions. 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 so that in all things God may be glorified."



We were taught these Benedictine values as students at Saint Benedict Academy and have endeavored to carry them out as adults. Though the school is gone, the spirit is not! We do what we do as an Association to promote and support these values. Whether it be awarding thousands of dollars in scholarship monies to students attending Catholic schools or celebrating annually with over 425 of our best friends at a Christmas Party that raises thousands of dollars to support a particular ministry of the Benedictine Sisters, we remain true to our mission. Through our prayers, our presence and our financial support of the Benedictine Sisters, we do what we do so "that in all things God may be glorified."

Upcoming Events



June 30 Summer Picnic — Glinodo,
6270 East Lake Road, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.



July 13 - 14 Relay for Life — McDowell High School, 3580 West 38th Street
July 28 "Walk the Halls" — Saint Benedict Academy (Saint Benedict Education Center)
330 East 10th Street, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

December 4 SBA Christmas Party — Ambassador Conference Center,
7794 Peach Street, Erie



Call for Email addresses. . .

We frequently alert Alumnae Association members of upcoming events as well as timely news items. We need your current email address for this. Please send email information as well as your current home address and phone number to Ann Comstock at sbaalum@mtstbenedict.org.

A New Event: Christmas in July

Would you like to walk the halls of SBA with “friends you never can forget”? Would you like to support the Benedictine Sisters’ ministry of providing Christmas gifts to the children of Erie who live in poverty? Would you like to do both at the same time?

Then join your friends and classmates and former teachers for ‘Christmas in July’ at SBA on Saturday, July 28 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Walk the halls of SBA and recall cherished memories. Sit in the cafeteria again where Christmas cookies and punch will be served. What’s your cost for this exciting event? Please bring a new, unwrapped gift of clothes for a child between the ages of infancy and 14. These gifts will be wrapped by volunteers that afternoon and will be donated to the Benedictine Sisters for their Christmas giveaway in December.

If you cannot attend and would like to participate, please send a cash donation or clothing to Ann Comstock, 6101 East Lake Road, Erie, PA 16511. If you have any questions about this new event, call or email Ann: 814-899-0614 ext. 2573 or sbaalum@mtstbenedict.org.



Reunion News

The **Class of 1982** will be celebrating their 30th Class Reunion on Saturday, September 8, 2012. The event will be held at Jr’s on the Bay, starting at 6:00 p.m. until? If any class members are interested in helping the planning committee, the members meet on a monthly basis. Please contact Sue Skrzypczak Chase at 814-825-2980 or mchase1@neo.rr.com. The committee is also looking for updated addresses to send out invitations. Please contact Sue with any recent information you may have.

The 45th reunion of the **Class of 1967** will be held Saturday, July 28 at Glinodo. Plans are being made for a picnic, 4 p.m. to dusk. Contact Janet Romanowicz Hammond at hammondjanet@hotmail.com with any questions.

Classes planning reunions are eligible to receive \$35 to help defray mailing costs. We will also provide an updated class list from our database. We ask that you provide us with new or corrected addresses and any pictures from your reunion to post on our website. It is one of the best ways we have to keep in touch with friends and classmates. Please contact Ann Comstock at sbaalum@mtstbenedict.org or 814-899-0614 ext. 2573 for help.

Let us pray...

For our SBA alumnae who passed into eternity—

Frances D. Mikotowicz Crooks	’42
Isabel A. Grace Wiley	’44
Jane Fischer Hardner	’46
Marilyn Sopp Konzal	’61
Rosemarie Pruzenski Pacuran	’61
Carol M. Skibicki Kurpiewski	’62
Mary Elizabeth Bruno	’66
Lucia Catherine Schnelzer Johnson	’66
Julia Shade	’66
Christine M. Urbaniak Sullivan	’67
Pamela May Marinelli	’71
Jory M. Jackson Valimont	’76
Carroll Ann “Sissy” Moffett	’85
Madelyn Bruder Chaffee	



Scholarship Winners 2012-2013

The annual SBA Communion Brunch was held on April 15 at the Lawrence Park Golf Club. We are very pleased to announce that 20 scholarships of \$200 each were awarded to SBA alumnae relatives who will attend Catholic schools for the 2012-2013 school year. This program, begun in 1991, has contributed over \$56,750 in support of Catholic education. The alumnae association is very pleased to show our support for Catholic education through this annual event.



Scholarship Winners

Student	Alumnae Member	Relationship	School
Lauren Wiertel	Anne Marie Ropelewski '51	Niece	St. Gabriel
Jacob Heberle	Paula Roseborough Medina '89	Nephew	Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
Nia Bowers-Pickens	Tracie Bowers Stuckie '80	Niece	Villa Maria Academy
Joseph Amann	Nancy Martin Wells '56	Grandson	St. James
Sydney Brunner	Esther E. Hubert '56	Niece	St. Boniface
Anthony Malone	Nancy Finchio Malone '60	Grandson	Cathedral Prep
Aydin Zill	Michelle Andrews Zill '65	Grandson	Cathedral Prep
James Kuehl	Barbara Trohoske Magraw '62	Grandson	Cathedral Prep
Calvin & Sean Reed	Mary Alice Gorny Wilczynski '54	Grandsons	Cathedral Prep
Gina Majczyk	Pamela Czerwinski Majczyk '78	Daughter	Mercyhurst Prep
Megan Brzozowski	Dianne Rzodkiewski Brzozowski '61	Granddaughter	Mercyhurst Prep
Sam Riley	Diane Krumpke Swanson '67	Grandson	Cathedral Prep
Katelyn Gourley	Evelyn Komorek Scheidmiller '54	Granddaughter	Villa Maria Academy
Lindsey Friello	Marilyn Sanner Schwab '49	Great niece	Our Lady of Peace
Anna Grychowski	Mary DiPanfilo Grychowski '70	Granddaughter	Our Lady of Peace
Justin Hilbrich	Carol Madras Hilbrich '59	Grandson	Cathedral Prep
Bailey Leona Witherspoon	Tracy Witherspoon '85	Daughter	Mercyhurst Prep
Hannah Marchant	Mary Ann Kaleta Marchant '80	Daughter	Mercyhurst Prep
Michael Causgrove	Patricia Causgrove Wheeler '69	Nephew	Cathedral Prep
Mary Therese Nelson	Karen Berdis Nelson '78	Daughter	Villa Maria Academy

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 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.



SBA Class of 1969 from left to right:

Sue Lackovic Koprowski, Barb Strohmeier, Marie Donohue Catrabone, Margaret Smith Williams, Gerry Burchick Miller, Ann Bauer Glaspell, Theresa Sybyl Ignaczak, Sue Kiehlmeier Custer, Pat Stull D'Annibale, Pat Causgrove Wheeler, Sister Diane Rabe, OSB, Kathy Anysz, Jean Luschini Markiewica, Chris Patalita Pardini.

Happy Birthday . . . The **Class of 1969** turned 60 this past year!!! They decided to celebrate the passage of time with multiple events.

The first event, on August 13, was held at Jr's on the Bay. Several class members enjoyed great food and drink as well as wonderful conversation and a beautiful Lake Erie sunset.

Following this get-together, a few classmates, along with family and friends, took a bus trip to New York City on Columbus Day weekend. Sites visited included Central Park, the Statue of Liberty and the Top of the Rock as well as other well-known NYC sites of interest. Heck, they even got to hold up their birthday banner on the Today Show. They took in a Broadway show and had dessert at Sardi's. One final Happy Birthday Wish was held at the SBA Alumnae Christmas Party on December 6. It was a year of good times, memories and friendships.



Marie Donohue Catrabone, Gerry Burchick Miller, Jeanne Luschini Markiewicz, Sue Lackovic Koprowski, Pat Stull D'Annibale, Kathy Anysz, all from the class of 1969, with friends Sue Scheuer and Barb Horner who also turned 60.

Just a note...

Alumnae Members,

Would you like to demonstrate your SBA school spirit? Why not join the classes that donate a theme basket for the 2012 SBA Christmas party, proceeds to benefit the Inner-City Neighborhood Art House, a ministry of the Benedictine Sisters. If you are still in contact with your classmates, get together to create a basket that will be raffled at the party. Baskets generally are valued from \$50 - \$100. If you moved away and are no longer in contact with your old friends you can still participate. Send a gift card or monetary donation that will be added to your class basket. Please include name, address, phone number, email and year you graduated. Make checks payable to Saint Benedict Academy Alumnae Association. Mail donations or gift cards to:

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