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

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
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 Sellery Theiss ’81

**Katelyn Kaveney**
Daughter of Lori Dombrowski Kaveney ’80

**Andrew John Huzar**
Nephew of Donna Huzar Whitford ’61

**Lindsey Friello**
Grandniece of Marilyn 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 Wilcynski ’54

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**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.

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

If you are 70½ 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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