



## From the Director


By Ann Comstock, Oblate

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



### Save the Dates

Contact Ann Comstock at (814) 899-0614, ext. 2573 for details on these great events.





**2018 SBA Fundraiser**  
**Wednesday, June 27**  
 (11:00 am - 10:00 pm)  
**Hoss's Steak & Sea House**  
 3302 West 26<sup>th</sup> St. • Erie, PA  
 No ticket needed. Mention SBA so the Association will receive credit.





**Saturday,**  
**August 18, 2018**  
**SBA Purse Bingo**  
 (6:00 to 10:00 pm)  
 Harborcreek Social Hall  
 Harborcreek, PA

**Tuesday,**  
**December 4, 2018**  
**SBA Christmas Party**  
 (6:00 to 9:00 pm)  
 Ambassador  
 Conference Center  
 7794 Peach Street  
 Erie, PA

### \*\*\*We Need Your Help\*\*\*

For the past two years, the Alumnae Association has been spending association money to create many of the Gift Baskets for the party. This cuts into the money we raise for the Benedictine ministry we are supporting. Please consider as a class, a group of alum friends, or as an individual making a donation for the Gift Baskets. Gift baskets, cash or gift cards and gift certificates will help. We greatly appreciate all the classes and individuals who have donated in the past and hope that you will be able to help this year. Please contact Ann Comstock at 899-0614 ext 2573 or at sbaalum@mtstbenedict.org if you wish to help. THANK YOU!

## SBA ALUM SHARE THEIR MEMORIES

SBA has been one of the most important influences of my life. At SBA I learned that there were no restrictions on what I might choose to do with my life. There was no requirement to take one of the socially acceptable jobs: secretary, nurse, teacher, cosmetologist, etc. I was encouraged to explore the types of careers that appealed to me: commercial pilot, marine biologist, research scientist, stockbroker, etc. There were many possibilities out there that I didn't know about or was afraid to try because of my female gender. This was a bit before the mid-sixties with Gloria Steinem and Betty Friedan. Being at SBA with the Benedictines encouraged me to spread my wings and fly. I could do anything. — *Susan Mehalko Roehrl '64*

The sisters made a difference in so many ways but to this day I constantly refer to the World Religions class at SBA. Learning about other religions and belief systems in high school has been so important in understanding other cultural religious beliefs in today's world. — *Denise Bunce Garcia '82*

My mother graduated from St. Benedict Academy in 1928 and was pleased to have me follow in her footsteps. My four years at SBA were growing years for me, having arrived as a shy, anxious 9<sup>th</sup> grader. An atmosphere of nurture and acceptance provided by the Benedictine Sisters and lay teachers surrounded me and I welcomed all that was offered to me wholeheartedly. I am especially grateful for the commercial background I received: shorthand and typing provided me with a grasp of vocabulary, spelling, grammar, punctuation and writing-things that I used in my work as a legal secretary and in the publications sector, and that I continue to use every day. Many wonderful friendships were formed with girls who came from all parts of the city, friends I never can forget. Those four years are among the best of my life. — *Judy Lynch Allison '61*

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I was fortunate to have had the role model of Sister Mary David during my 4 years as a student at St. Benedict Academy. She was and still is an avid part of my daily routine as I am still influenced by the love of music that took root 60 years ago. She would be delighted with the fact that I do 3 singalongs monthly at local nursing home, sing in the Resurrection Choir at Church, and am also a part of the Symphonic Singer Group in Erie. Yes, she made a difference that I will always cherish and remember. Thank you, Sister Mary David (d. 2005). — *Judy Pregler Gido '56*

The SBA community has made a difference in my life by allowing for me to share my time, talent and treasure with others. As a 1983 graduate we learned from the sisters to give back to the community and how the simplest things in our lives are often the most beautiful. I have embraced the SBA mission and made it a part of my everyday living. I currently volunteer at the Emmaus Soup Kitchen and sit on the Neighborhood Art House Marketing Committee. We come back to our roots at some point in our lives and commit to our Lord through small acts of kindness. I remember the many wonderful ways the sisters educated us as students. They prepared us for the world in a variety of ways. They helped to make us strong women with deep faith and a willingness to help others. Thirty four years later I remain in close contact with my classmates of 1983. We all have embarked upon the world sharing our gifts with others. Presently I am serving in my new role as the Executive Director of Mercy Center for Women. Their mission is helping women and children that have been victims of domestic violence. I credit the Benedictine Sisters for opening my eyes at age 15. We learn by example. The endless ways the sisters have helped the community to respect, work, pray and be instrumental people of God is an inspiration. — *Jennie Buffalari Hagerty '83*

Four years and graduation from SBA were the basis of one of the most prolific and valuable formative parts of my life. The lessons learned in Sister Leonarda's Bookkeeping class brought me several profitable positions while attending college classes in my early years of marriage. Sister Barbara Ann and Sister Mary Jude inspired my lifelong love of reading. Sister Teresita is responsible for my values as a citizen. Many of my fellow students became wonderful friends who are still close and part of my life today. But most of all my experiences at SBA helped to form and strengthen the faith that has seen me through the vagaries that befall everyone's lives. I hope that in some small way I can live up to the SBA motto drawn from the Biblical description of "a valiant woman." — *Mary Jane Waldo Adamaszek, '60*

I am grateful that my father was willing to pay for a parochial education. I am also grateful to all of the sisters that made it their mission to make sure his money was well spent. I enjoyed much academic success after graduating from SBA interwoven with a satisfying career. My retirement opened up new opportunities and now I am the parish nurse at St. James Church. — *Sheila Warner, '73 SBA*



*"Spirit of SBA"  
is alive and well.*

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### Keep in Touch...

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. 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](http://ErieBenedictines.org/sba-alum)). Call Ann Comstock at 814-899-0614 ext. 2573 or contact by email: [sbaalum@mtstbenedict.org](mailto:sbaalum@mtstbenedict.org)

### Please visit our Website

Visit [ErieBenedictines.org/sba-alum](http://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](mailto:sbaalum@mtstbenedict.org) to receive electronic reminders and sign-ups. If you don't use email, write to Ann at Mount St. 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.

## REUNIONS

Classes planning reunions next year are eligible to receive a \$35 check to help defray mailing costs. Also provided will be an updated class list from our database as well as a set of labels. Please provide us with any information regarding your reunion that you would like posted on our website. We would also appreciate any follow up stories and photos you might wish to share. All we ask is 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 with friends and classmates. Please contact Ann Comstock at 814-899-0614 ext. 2573 or sbaalum@mtstbenedict.org.

### Class of 1958

The SBA Class of 1958 is planning a 60<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion on Saturday, September 1, 2018 at the Erie Yacht Club. An early dinner is planned. For further information, contact Dolly Kowalski Corsi at 814-453-3796. Watch your mail for further details.

### SBA Spring Luncheon

The SBA Spring Luncheon was held on May 26. At the luncheon 20 scholarships of \$250 were awarded to relatives of alumnae members who will be attending Catholic grade or high schools for the 2018-2019 school year. Scholarship checks will be sent directly to the schools prior to the opening of the school year.

### 2018 Scholarship Winners

Winner	Alumnae Member	Relationship	School
Ethan Taraski	Judith Burke	Grandson	Cathedral Prep
Isabella Bruni	Pat D'Annibale	Great Niece	St James School
Evelyn Logan	Dorothy Abate	Granddaughter	St. Luke School
Mario Corder	Carol Cannarozzi	Grandson	Cathedral Prep
McKenzie Richardson	Katherine Ore	Granddaughter	Our Lady of Peace
Molly Sawdey	Linda Milton	Granddaughter	Mercyhurst Prep
Andrea Fracassi	Marlene Squeglia	Granddaughter	Mercyhurst Prep
Bentley Vereb	Virginia Vereb	Grandson	Our Lady of Peace
Ryan Sweny	Judy Walczak	Grandson	Cathedral Prep
Quinlan Cullen	Margie Tracy	Great Niece	St. George School
Isaac C. Mendes	Mary Dallas	Grandson	Cathedral Prep
Jared Heidt	Joan Heidt	Grandson	Cathedral Prep
Jacob Slater	Arlene Slater	Grandson	Cathedral Prep
Raymond Ferritto	Janet York	Grandson	Cathedral Prep
Madi Bamberger	Nikki Borgia	Great Niece	Villa Maria Academy
Vincent Padalino	Kathleen Polito	Grandson	Our Lady of Peace
Rachel & Holly Ciotti	Jennifer Ciotti	Daughters	Blessed Sacrament
Morgan Eastman	Mary Ida Eastman	Granddaughter	St. Luke School
Andrew Applebee	Cindy Tabolt	Cousin	Mercyhurst Prep
Gwendolyn M. Cerula	Pauline Kowalski	Granddaughter	St. Gregory School



*Snoopy once said...  
"Everyone brings something special  
to the party"*

**We have 25,932 days of our lives to celebrate  
and that's very special!**

**Join the Class of 1966 for a**

**Sensational 70th Birthday Party**

**Friday, June 29, 2018**

6:30pm to 8:30pm

Erie Yacht Club

1 Ravine Drive

Plentiful Hors D'Oeuvres

Sangria Punch

Cash Bar

\$35 per person

Contact Mary Margaret Joswig at mezjoswig@aol.com  
to make last minute reservations.

## Let us pray...

For our SBA alumnae who  
passed into eternity—

Patricia Ziekelbach Goetz.....	'41
Helen Monica Orzel .....	'43
Margaret Joanne Hughes Kress.....	'47
Frances Burgoyne Burt .....	'53
Dolores Grotkowski Holcomb .....	'57
Elaine N. Lipinski Straub.....	'57
Marilyn Przybyszewski Konieczny .....	'58
Leona S. Akus Konopka.....	'60
Carol Lee Huck Smith .....	'62
Betty Ann Jablonski Stuff.....	'65
Doris Ann Wisinski Baranello .....	'70
Charlene D. Heubel Burkholder .....	'75