

## From the Director



### MAIL CALL!

We need your e-mail address in order to complete class lists for reunion purposes. Please send it, including your first, maiden, last name and class year to Ann Comstock. [sbaalum@mtstbenedict.org](mailto:sbaalum@mtstbenedict.org)

## Let us pray...

For our SBA alumnae who passed into eternity—

Barbara DeHarde DuShole	'34
Jean Nash Buchanan	'39
Rosemary Pitzer Heintz	'39
Helen Scheffner Kennerknecht	'42
Rita M. Lorenwski Coy	'43
Genevieve Taccone	'44
Kathryn Ennis Zillman	'44
Martha G. "Marcy" Lorei Blackmond	'49
Rosemarie Senger Kirk	'49
Patricia Cleaver Curry	'52
Helen Ropelewski	'55
Barbara Zysk Miller	'56
Carol Neyman Olson	'59
Barbara Sutula Baltes	'58
Mary Ann Callahan Niedzielski	'59
Maxine Kaminski Kaveney	'64
Rebecca Shade Bolmanski	'84

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

### SBA 2010 Events:

**Annual Communion Brunch** - Sunday April 11. Liturgy 9:30 a.m. at Mount Saint Benedict Monastery followed by brunch at 11 a.m. at Lawrence Park Golf Course Country Club.

**Spring Night at the Races** - Thursday, May 13 at Presque Isle Downs. Buffet dinner in the Club House.

**Annual Summer Picnic** - Thursday, June 24 at Mount Saint Benedict.

**Summer Reunion** - Classes '89, '90 and '91 - Saturday, July 24 at Mount Saint Benedict.

**Annual Christmas Party** - Tuesday, December 7 at the Ambassador Conference Center.



## Reunions



**Back row, from left:** Audrey Kuklinski Gallagher, Patty Benecki Straub, Pat Maksimowski Buczynski, Karen Richards Shrum, Marcia Windsor Allshouse, Diane Baniszewski Valahovic  
**Front:** Carol Madras Hilbrich and Bonnie Kinsinger (left to right)

## Memories old and new

The SBA Class of 1959 celebrated their 50th reunion the weekend of September 19th and 20th. On Saturday, 56 classmates gathered for dinner at the Erie Yacht Club and on Sunday they gathered to celebrate Mass at the Mount, followed by brunch, also at the Mount. Many traveled from as far away as Florida, Colorado and California. Cameras were flashing, and laughter rang through the room as old memories were recalled and new memories were made. It was clear that as the years go by, old friends become more valuable and important in all of our lives. The Reunion Committee had a great time getting together to plan the weekend and were very pleased with the turnout and the wonderful camaraderie that was felt by all. - Pat Benecki Straub '59

Visit [ErieBenedictines.org](http://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](mailto: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.

# We had a holly jolly Christmas!

The 2009 SBA Christmas Party was held December 1 at the Avalon Hotel. A total of 403 alumnae members attended! Thanks to your generosity, \$3,810 was raised from the Basket Raffle for the Saint Benedict Child Development Center and the 50-50 drawing raised \$708 to be used for this year's scholarship fund for Catholic Education. Thank you for your faithful attendance at this yearly event and your extreme generosity.

Thanks to the help of Kathy Kutz '65, Jo Clarke and Sister Susan Freitag, OSB, many of the classes attending were able to gather for class pictures. Each alumna received a copy of her class picture. We present them here for all who were unable to attend.





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## News of Note

Rosalie (Czulewicz) Stolinski Siciliano '59 has published "Stormy Waters," a book on conquering grief. It has been described as "taking readers from the edge of darkness to the light of hope" and is based on her experience of the unexpected passing of her husband. You can read more about it at [stormywatersbook.com](http://stormywatersbook.com). It is available in bookstores everywhere.



## Helping Hands Program Update

**Volunteers are needed to:**

### Benetwood Apartments

- Help residents with computer skills (classes or one-on-one); to do arts and crafts with residents or a short-term exercise program (2 or 3 weeks).

**Sister Pat Hause**

641 Troupe Road, Harborcreek, PA 16421  
(814) 899-0088  
[benetwood@neohio.twcbc.com](mailto:benetwood@neohio.twcbc.com)

### St. Benedict Community Center

- Cover for staff members (over lunch/for a few hours in afternoon); helping host groups, answering phone, performing opening/closing procedures.

**Sister Dianne Sabol**

320 E. 10<sup>th</sup> St., Erie, PA 16503  
(814) 459-2406  
[iluv2kayak@earthlink.net](mailto:iluv2kayak@earthlink.net)

### Saint Benedict Education Center

- Be a computer lab aide several hours per week; a sewing instructor, also a tutor/mentor for refugee population several hours per week.

**Sister Miriam Mashank**

330 E. 10<sup>th</sup> St., Erie, PA 16503  
(814) 452-4072, Ext. 234  
[mmashank@stben.org](mailto:mmashank@stben.org)

### House of Healing

- Help sort donations; act as a receptionist for phone/door.

**Sister Stephanie Schmidt**

146 W. 25<sup>th</sup> St., Erie, PA 16502  
(814) 480-8738  
[director@houseofhealing-erie.org](mailto:director@houseofhealing-erie.org)

### Mount Saint Benedict Wellness Program

- Assist in running the Healing Drum Program.

**Sister Helen Heher**

Mount Saint Benedict  
6101 East Lake Road, Erie, PA 16511  
(814) 899-0614, Ext. 2403  
[wellness@mtstbenedict.org](mailto:wellness@mtstbenedict.org)

### Emmaus Ministries

- Form a team to bake and deliver desserts ( 30 dozen cookies or 200 pieces of cake, brownies, etc.) one day a month to the Soup Kitchen; form a team to cook and serve at Kids Café (4 to 5 persons) 1:30 – 4 p.m.

**Sister Mary Miller**

**Margaret Kloecker**  
345 E. 9<sup>th</sup> St., Erie, PA 16503  
(814) 459-8349  
[kloecker@earthlink.net](mailto:kloecker@earthlink.net)

### The Inner-City Neighborhood Art House

- Act as a receptionist 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday (Feb. – May); read for Hooked on Books Summer Program noon to 12:35 p.m. (June 28 – July 29).

**Sister Anne Wambach**

201 E. 10<sup>th</sup> St., Erie, PA 16503  
(814) 455-5508  
[annewosb@yahoo.com](mailto:annewosb@yahoo.com)

### Lake Erie-Allegheny Earth Force

- Maintain database; a half day or more to help with general office tasks (mailings, photocopying, collating, restoring program materials after use). Half day or more per week.

**Sister Annette Marshall**

**Sister Pat Lupo**

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