

# alumnae

## alive in '05 *"I believe in music, I believe in love."*

More than 150 alums sang this song during "Encore '94."

In 1994, the sisters asked the alumnae to come together to help raise money to begin a new ministry, the Neighborhood Art House. We responded in true SBA tradition. Over 150 alums, oblates and sisters practiced faithfully under the direction of our dear Sister Mary David every Monday evening for an entire year.

The result was Encore '94—a night most of us will never forget that brought in more than \$40,000 for the Art House. Since then, SBA alums have raised an incredible total of more than \$400,000 in support of Benedictine ministries, Catholic education and the Alumnae Association.

We gather again this year, 180 strong, with the sisters to celebrate their 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of service in Erie. The chorus, under the direction of Sister Marilyn Schauble, will perform a Christmas Peace concert "Alive in '05, a St. Benedict Academy Homecoming"—in the historic Warner Theatre on the evening of Friday, Nov. 25.

Our alums have always shown our love, gratitude and support for the sisters in the past, so this year will be no exception. We gathered with the sisters in March to mourn the loss of Sister Mary David. What better way to pay tribute to her and the many gifts she and the sisters gave to us than to come together for another concert?

Practice has already begun and the Encore spirit is alive and well!

**Barbara Brown, president of the alumnae association, shares these thoughts:**



"The alumnae are all so grateful for the education we received and the relationships we built while at the academy ... helping the sisters celebrate their 150th year seemed like the least we could do.

"I believe I speak for the entire SBA alumnae association in saying we want to give back to the sisters who taught at the academy for 119 years of the 150 they have been in Erie.

"As for my own path in life, it was shaped by the integrity and spirituality of the women that modeled Jesus' love and life to me. Join us on Nov. 25 as we pay tribute to the Sisters of St. Benedict."

*"We'll always come to thee again, when alma mater calls. ..."* (SBA school song)



*Sister Rosanne Loneck, OSB, '61 (left), laughs with Ann Kuna Shiel, '79, and Jackie Orzechowski Szoszorek, '79.*



*Sister Judith Bobn, OSB, '58 (right), is delighted to see Mary Ann Kania Muller, '66.*

The concert will benefit the Benedictine sisters and their ministries in honor of the 150th anniversary.

Concert information will be going out to alums in August and will include information about:

**Concert tickets:** \$16 per person. Tickets will be available through the Warner Theatre Box Office at that time.

**Overnight accommodations** available for the weekend at nearby hotels.

**New memorabilia items**, including SBA tote bags, polo shirts and sweatshirts will be available at the concert and also at the Christmas dinner.

**Cat's Meow art pieces**, created by The Bare Woods from a print of both academies. Pre-paid order is \$20 each plus \$4 shipping /handling.

Place your own spirit ad in the concert program.

### CALENDAR of events

**Wednesday, June 29**  
Alumnae Summer Picnic  
Mount St. Benedict  
Monastery, 6 p.m.

**Saturday, July 16**  
**Sunday, July 17**  
Relay for Life

**Friday, Nov. 25**  
Homecoming Christmas Concert  
Warner Theatre, 7:30 p.m.

**Saturday, Nov. 26**  
SBA Annual Christmas Party  
Avalon Hotel, 6 p.m.

**Sunday, Nov. 27**  
Close of Homecoming Weekend  
Liturgy of the Eucharist, 10 a.m.  
Reception to follow  
Mount St. Benedict Monastery

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.

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## alumnae brunch



Georgeanne Kuklinski, '66, and Cynthia Patalita, '66



Meg Maly, '71, her sister Nicolette Maly Azicri, '68, and Charlene Matson Serfozo, '68



Anne Marie Kuna Shiel, '79, and her mom Carol Fischer Kuna, '56

On Sunday, April 10, the annual alumnae Communion brunch was held at the Lawrence Park Golf Club. More than 75 women enjoyed the brunch and the opportunity to meet with old friends. At the event, \$4,000 in scholarships were awarded. Since 1991 the alumnae association has awarded approximately \$29,750 in scholarships.

### This year's winners were:

**Dan Marz**, nephew of Rosemary Niebauer, '72

**Katelyn A. Kaveney**, daughter of Lori Kaveney, '80

**Andrew Rettger**, nephew of Patricia Rettger, '76

**Katie Sebastian**, granddaughter of Pat Straub, '59

**Gavin Eisert**, grandson of Mary Eisert, '64

**Jamey Cooper**, great-nephew of Gert Crynock '41

**Victoria Murawski**, granddaughter of Lucille Murawski, '41

**Nicholas Maly**, nephew of Nicolette Azicri, '68

**Katlynn Machalinski**, daughter of Marlo Machalinski, '91

**Marie Earll**, niece of Jane Earll, '76

**Ashley Lent**, granddaughter of Phyllis Volk, '58

**James Durovchic**, cousin of Charlene Schroeck, '62

**Alexandra Grab**, great-niece of Pat Gennaro, '57

**Tyler Perkins**, great-nephew of Mary Philip Kiehlmeier, OSB, '35

**Noah Skrzypczak**, nephew of Susan Chase, '82

**Victoria Steineck**, daughter of Jane Steineck, '76

**Josh Cooper**, grandson of Geraldine Waiter, '62

**Julie Theiss**, daughter of Christina Theiss, '81

**Mario Corder**, step-grandson of Carol Cannarozzi, '71

**Katelyn Sedelmyer**, granddaughter of Dorothy Kraus, '45

## let us pray ...

### For our sister alumnae who passed into eternity—

Irene A. Strobel Seyboldt '35	Irene Wizikowski Kacprowicz '57
Elinor M. Dailey Wagner '37	Maryann Elizabeth Mikula Swanson '63
Rosemary Meyer Lucore '38	Barbara J. Greca '66
Ann Marie Polaski '41	Jean Shewan Abata '78
Margaret L. "Peg" Kessler '49	



## news from the alumnae director



St. Benedict Academy alumna **Jackie Mikrut Ennis, '60**, was honored as one of the Dynamic Dozen of Women Making History for 2005 by the Mercy Center for Women. The women were selected because of their demonstration of dedicated service in the neighborhood, workplace or community; honesty, integrity and strong moral values; commitment to women's issues; courage of convictions and a commitment to personal growth and development.



**Sister Carol Pregno, OLC, '60**, is the Superior General of the North American Union of the Sisters of Our Lady of Charity in Carrollton, Ohio. A graduate of Villa Maria College, Sister Carol became interested in social work through her experiences with the sisters at Gannondale: their acceptance and compassion, their commitment to emotional and spiritual healing, and their calling forth the residents to become all they could be.

**Consuelo (Beck) Beck-Sague, M.D., '70**, has retired from the U.S. Public Health Services after more than 20 years, the last 19 at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta. She and her husband will be moving to the Dominican Republic where they will work in providing specialized care to Dominicans and Haitians living with HIV.



**Mary Ann Borgia Frew, '62**, is married to David Frew, Ph.D.; both are retired from Gannon. David is the executive director of the Erie County Historical Society and Mary Ann is its operations manager. She recently initiated the very successful "Ethnic Erie" project at the Watson-Curtze Mansion.

A graduate of Saint Vincent's Hospital School of Nursing, she worked as an RN there and at Metro Health Center. A faculty member at Gannon University, Mary Ann became director of the medical assistant program. After retiring, she taught at Erie Business Center.