



ALUMNATOR

St. Scholastica Alumnae Association

Fall 2006

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GIRLFRIENDS

A young wife sat on a porch in Waycross, Georgia on a summer day, drinking iced tea and visiting with her Mother. As they talked about life, marriage, the responsibilities and the obligations of adulthood, the mother clinked the ice cubes in her glass thoughtfully and turned a clear, sober glance upon her daughter. "Don't forget your girlfriends," she advised, swirling the tea leaves to the bottom of her glass. "They'll be more important as you get older. No matter how much you love your husband, no matter how much you love the children you'll have, you are still going to need girlfriends. Remember to go places with them now and then; do things with them. And remember that "girlfriends" are not only your friends, but your sisters, your daughters and other relatives too. "You'll need other women. Women always do." What a funny piece of advice, the young woman thought. Haven't I just gotten married? Haven't I just joined the couple-world? I'm now a married woman, for goodness sake, a grown-up, not a young girl who needs girlfriends! Surely my husband and the family we'll start will be all I need to make my life worthwhile! But she listened to her Mother; she kept contact with her girlfriends and made more each year. As the years tumbled by, one after another, she gradually came to understand that her Mother really knew what she was talking about. As time and nature work their changes and their mysteries upon a woman, girlfriends are the mainstays of her life.

After 50 years of living in this world,
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A NOTE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Excitement is building as we prepare for our 2007 Reunion. Please note the reunion dates: July 13, 14 & 15, 2007. The evening of Friday the 13th will be Wine & Cheese, Saturday the 14th we'll have registration, lunch, afternoon business meeting and an evening dinner. Sunday the 15th we'll celebrate Mass in the Monastery Chapel followed by brunch, visiting and farewells.

Our 2004 Reunion attendance was wonderful. We would love to see you for one or all of the events. If any of you feel our fees are not affordable please let me know – and only me. This will be confidential and will be paid from a "special needs fund". There are times in our lives when the money is not readily available. Let's not let anything keep you from returning to YOUR St. Scho.

We are grateful for those of you, along with spouses, who have helped with various Monastery activities including preparing retreat meals, setting up and working the Monastery bake sale, also meals and serving for the six-day Benedictine Prioresses Conference. In advance I thank you who will be helping with this year's Spaghetti Dinner on November 11th and the Bake Sale December 9th and 10th.

I thank you who noted on last year's dues card that you wish to volunteer when needed. We have been using that list and will be contacting you for help with the '07 Reunion. We hope more will note this on the current dues cards included in this ALUMNATOR.

A very special note of gratitude to Julie Robben Lineberry '66. Her volunteer note read "I do newsletters and desk-top publishing – can do on internet and e-mail a proof." It didn't take us long to contact her! Hence, this beautiful ALUMNATOR. Thank you, Julie.

This year the two remaining principals of the Academy celebrated special birthdays: Sister Norbert's 92nd and Sister Consuella's 90th. We recognized each with a \$100 donation to the St. Scholastica Monastery Continuing Care Fund.

Sister Cabrini has told you in her letter about the aviary for the infirmary at the Monastery. Prior to the purchase two of your officers who were available, (Annette Knittig & Dorothy Sullivan) attended a meeting with the aviary company representative, Sister Cabrini and several Sisters. We asked for a 30 day trial before committing the funds. It didn't take long to see this was a good gift. Your donations have paid for the aviary and we have committed to one year of the onsite visits. Please take time to visit the Monastery and see 'the birds'.

I hope each of you and your families are blest with memory filled holidays.

Thank you for your continuing support of our Sisters.

Dorothy Worner Sullivan '60 - President

Dear Scho Girls,

It was Christmas in mid-August this year when Living Design, Inc., from Worthing, SD, delivered an aviary called a Mini-Homestead to St. Scholastica Infirmery! This gift from you Scho Girls to our Infirmery Sisters is a great hit. Initially we thought we'd do a one-month trial to see if the Sisters would find watching birds more attractive than watching television. Even before half a month was gone, I knew the aviary had to be a permanent fixture. The Sisters, not only those in the Infirmery but all of us, are attached! You are invited any time to come to see how much the Sisters appreciate this treasure. Sister Patrick said, "I hardly watch TV anymore; the birds are so much more interesting." I invited the officers out for supper with the infirmery sisters Tuesday, Sept. 5, to hear the gratitude of these bird-lovers! Thank you for financing this \$4660 gift and for paying \$1428 for the first year's monthly care of the birds.

As benefactors you Alumnae are remembered in the Sisters' common prayers and the Eucharist. Each first Monday of the month we have a Mass said for the intentions of our benefactors. Quite a few of you Scho Girls sent donations directly to the Monastery. I sent the list of donors for inclusion with those who send their donations along with their dues to the Alumnae Association's P.O. Box 493. Since I do not know the married names of all the graduates, I hope I didn't

miss any of you who were so gracious to share your goods with us. Even if your name was accidentally omitted you are still included in the daily intercession "for all our many benefactors" and God knows who you are.

A second lovely gift to arrive in August was given by the daughter of an Alumna to honor her mother for her birthday! That special gift was a better camera and wiring to project the Mass and Morning, Noon, and Evening Prayers from chapel to the Infirmery Sisters who are unable to be with the community downstairs. There is no comparison between the quality of the picture from the first camera and this present one. The first evening after the camera was installed I stayed in the Infirmery to pray with the Sisters there. It was a joy to hear the Infirm Sisters, because of the quality of the transmitted picture, able to name each Sister as she took her place in chapel for Evening Praise.

You will notice in the list of Jubilarians in this issue that in 2007 we will have two Sisters to celebrate 75 years as Benedictines: Sisters Norbert Hoelting and Sister Patrick Cingolani. What a milestone! How many of you have had them as teachers or mentors! At age 92 Sister Norbert is still teaching the Fathers of the Church and Scripture to the new members, the postulant(s) and novice(s). Sister Consuela Bauer, the last principal, reached her 90th birthday July 29; she loves to give tours of the monastery and help with household duties. When Sister Marian Walbe, stationed at Hesychia House of Prayer in New Blaine, becomes 90 in November, we will have 12 Sisters in their 90s and one centenarian. Sister deChantal Hyland became 100 years old Oct. 7! We had a big celebration that day; her family and friends joined us and one of her former students at St. Theresa's in Little Rock, Msgr. Scott Friend, was here to preside at Eucharist. We also had a splendid Nonagenarian Party!

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Srs. Patrick, Jovita and Richard watch the birds. Bene on Sr. Patrick's shoulder, likes to observe the Aviary also!

Dear Scho Girls... ...continued from page 2

When I wrote to you last year about this time, I included the information about the Katrina evacuees we were housing the first week of September. By the end of September 2005, with a lot of financial and in-kind help from many of you Alumnae, your husbands, and others, we Sisters had all of them situated in their own apartments. These evacuees maintain a close relationship with us; they are so grateful that we opened our doors and hearts and finances to them. This past May one evacuee and her godchild were burned out of their apartment so the two of them returned to us the next four months until either that apartment was repaired or they found another. They moved into a different apartment Sept. 1. The grandfather of the clan we housed still depends heavily on the Sisters to take him to doctors' appointments and to share our groceries with him since his Social Security check is not enough to cover all his medical expenses. Many Alumnae, Oblates, and other Friends have been very generous to us with garden produce and other food items all summer, so how could we not share? Again we say, 'Thank you.'

At the August 18-22, 2006, Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR) annual meeting in Atlanta, we 800-plus superiors were brought to tears as we listened to a panel of four leaders of religious communities in New Orleans share their ordeal in the wake of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. What was especially touching was the spirit in which they relied on God and on each other despite the horrific trauma and disorientation and fear especially of their elder members. These women know what it means 'to take up your cross and follow me'. When stripped naked of possessions, their dependence on God, who expressed himself/herself through the goodness of others, was their salvation. Some Scho Girls families were touched by this trauma, too. I hope all have found healing and ways to move forward in their lives.

Some of you are on the mailing list of the Monastery newsletter *HORIZONS*, so you can read of some of the happenings with us. For those who are not, you might check our website periodically: www.scholastica-fortsmith.org. With help from a candidate at Subiaco, this site will be updated in the near future.

This past Jan. 23, 2006, the 127th anniversary of our founding in Shoal Creek, we initiated a Development program at the suggestion of several national organizations who are helping religious communities plan for their future viability. Three Scho Girls are part of that 12-member advisory board: Dorothy (and Tom) Calderera; Bettye (and Ed) Franz; and Debbie Bentley. We are grateful for their willingness to serve in this capacity. This board will help raise the funds for the projects recommended by the Monastic Council and the Prioress and the Financial Advisory Board. On this latter board Carol Geels, another Scho Girl, serves with us. We are indeed grateful for those named here as well as all the Alumnae who come at the sound of the phone or an e-mail to assist us in so many ways. Next Mar. 24, 2007, we'll have another Yard Sale and will be needing lots of help from you.

I hope you have your calendars marked for the July 13-15, 2007, weekend Alumnae Reunion. The officers are working towards that day and some of you have volunteered to help. Thank you and God bless you for maintaining such close ties with us, your former teachers and now good friends. It's always a delight when you stop by to visit with us. You are in our community prayers often.

—Sister Cabrini Schmitz, OSB '49

DEATHS

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.
And may perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of the faithful departed
through the mercy of God rest in peace.
Amen.*

Charlotte Ross Hiner '51	Sept. 3, 2004
Sister Rosetta Kuettel	Nov. 26, 2005
Gertrude Finkbeiner Shea '32,	Nov. 28, 2005
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Ann E. Steiert Baumhardt '46	Jan. 27, 2006
Sr. Maurine Schmucker	Feb. 4, 2006
Sr. Simon Edelhuber	Feb. 17, 2006
Mary Joan White '41	Mar. 18, 2006
Gretchen Kaemmerling Limberg '45	July 21, 2006
Frances Leding '59	Sept. 12, 2006

FINANCIAL REPORT 2006

St. Scholastica Alumnae Association

Beginning Balance (September 2005)		\$ 5,904.34
Deposits:		
Dues and Donations	\$9,685.00	
Interest	<u>20.92</u>	
	\$ 9,705.92	
Total Income		\$15,610.26
Expenses:		
Office Depot (Alumnator)	251.10	
Office Depot (Alumnator)	70.54	
Post Master (Alumnator Postage)	264.00	
Post Master (Alumnator Postage)	171.00	
Post Master (Alumnator Postage)	21.00	
I.C. (Mass Stipend)	10.00	
Post Master (Stamps)	7.40	
V. Ricketts (Reimbursement Alumnator)	71.29	
P.O. Box Rent	40.00	
SSM Continuing Care Fund (Honor of Sister Norbert's Birthday)	100.00	
SSM Continuing Care Fund (Honor of Sister Cabrini's Birthday)	100.00	
Post Master (Stamps)	7.80	
SSM Continuing Care Fund (Honor of Sister Consuella's Birthday)	100.00	
SSM (Aviary for the Infirmary Floor)	4,660.00	
SM (Aviary Maintenance One Year)	<u>1,428.00</u>	
Total Expenses	\$ 7,302.13	
Current Balance		\$ 8,308.13
Projected Expenses 2006 Alumnator		\$ 1,500.00

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(L-R) Doris Geels Koch, Jean Anne Bercher Roddy, Dorothy Worner Sullivan, Sr. Cabrini, Virginia Rinke Ricketts, and Annette Vogelpohl Knittig.



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More Donations

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Thanks to ALL!

Mark Your
 Calendars!
 2007 Reunion
 July 13, 14 & 15
 Be There
 We Miss
 YOU!

Girlfriends

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here is what I know about girlfriends: Time passes. Life happens. Distance separates. Children grow up. Marriages fail. Love waxes and wanes. Hearts break. Careers end. Jobs come and go. Parents die. Colleagues forget favors. But girlfriends are there, no matter how much time and how many miles between you. A girlfriend is never farther away than needing her can reach. My friends bless my life! The world wouldn't be the same without them, and neither would I. When we began this adventure called womanhood, we had no idea of the incredible joys or sorrows that lay ahead. Nor did we know how much we would need each other. Every day, we need each other still. (Author unknown)

Editor's note: 30+ years after The Scholastican staff, Sr. Cabrini, note! no punchy headlines i.e.

*"Cabrini says Sisters for the birds.",
 "Sisters get "Wings",
 "Alumnae get Birdy" ...or ...
 "St. Scho on Feds Lists!" - JRL*



St. Scholastica Monastery placed on Nat'l Historic Register

The Department of Arkansas Heritage notified Sister Cabrini on October 6, 2005, that the monastery building was being considered by the State Review Board of the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.

St. Scholastica property was presented for nomination by architect, Galen Hunter, on December 7, 2005 during the State Review Board Meeting.

Hunter's summary presentation stated that the architect, F.W. Reddich, in 1924, utilized native construction materials and developed a structure that serves as a distinct example of Gothic Tudor Revival architectural style that retains its 1924 original appearance. It was also nominated as a significant Religious Property.

Notification came May 9, 2006, that the property had been listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

An unveiling blessing ceremony of the national plaque took place at the monastery May 12, 2006. Sister Cabrini Schmitz, prioress, assisted by Fort Smith Mayor C. Ray Baker, and Brenda Andrews of the Fort Smith Planning Department, officiated at the ceremony. The Benedictine family and guests participated in the event.



A SURPRISE IN THE HOLY LAND

In October, 2005, I had the opportunity to travel to the Holy Land with a group of 40 women. The trip was under the direction of Barbara Bowe, RSCJ who teaches Biblical Spirituality at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, Illinois.

Security was very tight. We had spent the night in Istanbul, Turkey, and were in yet another passport security line when I overheard the woman in front of me talking. I could not believe what I was hearing because I recognized a familiar accent from my youth.

I tapped her on the shoulder and asked, "Where are you from?" "St. Paul, Minnesota," she replied. "Excuse me, but where were you born?" I asked. "Little Rock," came the reply. I then told her I was from Fort Smith. She replied, "I went to school there." My excitement was becoming unbearable as I replied, "I went to St. Scho." "So did I," she replied. Then she asked me what year I graduated. I replied, "1957", and she replied, "So did I!"

Why didn't we recognize each other? My name was changed by marriage and hers by religious profession.

If you haven't figured out by now, Sister Kevin Bopp and Mary Anne Elsken Burford had not seen each other since graduation night. Their lives took them on different paths, but it took a desire to see the Promised Land to bring them together.

Can YOU Lend A Hand?

With July 2007 approaching faster than we can imagine, there are tasks large and small that must be done to prepare for the Reunion. You may help with arrangements, decorations, program, mailings, registration, donation of a door prize, donation of an auction item, host-essing

At the very least you can get in touch with former classmates, friends and relatives that are also alums and make plans to come!

As the years pass more of us may need rides or assistance to be able to participate - reach out to help your fellow alums.

- Call any of the officers and volunteer (page 4)
- Mail in your dues and indicate how you can help (page 11)
- Send an email message at www.scholasticafortsmith.org or www.stschoalumnae.org

Sister Cabrini – Such a lovely birthday surprise came my way. A \$100 addition to our Continuing Care Fund in my honor! How thoughtful of you to remember my birthday and to give me such a valued gift. I do appreciate and treasure the relationships among our alumnae and the Sisters. You all are such loving, supportive folks. No Academy on the face of the earth – at least those I've been acquainted with through the Prioresses meetings – has such a loyal group of Alumnae. Those Prioresses here in January were so impressed with all the ways you helped make their meeting so good. For you I am so grateful. May God bless each of you and your loved ones with all the favors you are in need of.

Sister Cabrini – Thank you for the \$100 gift in honor of Sister Consuella Bauer who was 90 years old July 28th. When Sister Marian Walbe becomes 90 November 21, we'll have 12 Sisters 90 and one centenarian – Sister deChantal Hyland became 100 years old Oct. 7! We had a big celebration that day; her family and friends joined us and one of her former students at St. Theresa's in Little Rock, Msgr. Scott Friend, was here to preside at Eucharist. We also had a splendid Nonagenarian Party Sept. 14. Please help us pray for new and younger members to carry on the Benedictine tradition of prayer and hospitality. It was a joy to have Sister Therese Moreno make final profession June 24th. A young woman from Little Rock/Danville joined the community on the Feast of St. Benedict, July 11th but did not stay. Another young woman from Florida who has spent several months with us will enter mid-November. These are signs of hope that our Benedictine community will continue to give service by prayer and hospitality and good works. You Alumnae are our great benefactors who believe in who/what we are/do. As benefactors you will be listed on our Prayer Board and will be prayed for daily in our community prayers. May God reward you with the abundance with which you bless others.

Sister Consuella – How thoughtful and kind was your generous gift to the Monastery Continuing Care Fund – a cause so dear to my heart. All I can say is, "From my heart I thank you." I hope the birthdays of the Alums who were inspired to honor me so generously will get birthday surprises as I did. God bless you all.

Sister Norbert – Many thanks for the donation honoring my birthday. Your generosity to our Care Fund is appreciated by all.

Gerry White McFarland '43 – My husband's cancer has returned. We always knew it was an aggressive type so he is taking another treatment. Next week we celebrate our 60th wedding anniversary – the Lord has been good to us. My sister, Mary Joan White, is still in a nursing home (Mary Jo has died since the writing of this letter). I thank all the nuns and others at St. Scholastica for my Catholic upbringing.

Jo Hart Pisarick '40 – I really look forward to and enjoy the Alumnator. My sister, Mary Antonette Hart '36, died in November. My other sister, Angie Hart Roberts '38, lost her husband. She has a daughter and son in Mississippi, where she now lives. I am still in real estate and keep busy. I volunteer in the cancer support system, Lioness for the blind and am active at church, and play some golf.

Julie Robben Lineberry '66 – Loved seeing everyone at the reunion. Had a full knee replacement last November and am almost 100% this November. Anyone who gets out this way come see me.

Rosemary Greuel Plunkett-Stith '61 - I'm still around for those of you who might be wondering about me, since I've not written or called. I've had lots of changes in my life these past few weeks. I lost my husband, Wade, on Saturday, September 2 to lung cancer. He fought a courageous battle for over 2 years and gained his eternal reward in heaven. It was a very busy time for me. I will miss him terribly as he was a dear friend and husband. If you want to read his obituary, it can be found at: <http://www.muskogee phoenix.com/obituaries> Wade E. Stith on September 4, 2006. My paternal aunt took her place in heaven the following week on September 8th. I've been taking care of her for the last six years. She was 88 years old and had been in a nursing home since January 2005. I'm not sure what I will be doing with my time after I finish with all the paperwork for the both of them, but hopefully I will take time to do some fun things and maybe travel a little. I purchased a new 2007 Toyota Camry in March and I have less than 3,000 miles on it. I wanted to share my new e-mail address with you. It is: rosemarystith@sbcglobal.net if you will add it your address book. I'm still at the same home address: 3900 S. York St., Muskogee, OK 74403.

Barbara Martin Zeiler '58 – My granddaughter will be graduating from high school in May. She is in the top 10% of her class. My grandson is a sophomore in high school this year. My children still live around the Dallas area. I go to visit them as often as I can.

Lynn Osborne Boag '56 – I am enclosing a check to go to the Flentrop organ fund. My father was instrumental in the selection, purchase and also playing this organ. He felt it an honor to do this. Sr. Norbert was one of his favorite people and hope she is still well and going strong.

Mary Jean Bradney Black '69 – My days at St. Scholastica were wonderful. Appreciate more and more each year how much I learned there, the peace that I found there and the encouragement to know that my limits were only my own.

Sharon Brown Pohlmeier '68 – Tom and I seem to be busier now than when we had kids at home. I'm not sure how that happens. Fr. Erik was transferred in June to St. John's in Hot Springs, so we get to see him more often. Keith and Melissa had their third in July and are hoping to move this way before long. Diane is still in Dallas. She graduated with her Master's in Social Work in December. Jason and Erin live here in Paris. Jason teaches Religion at Subiaco (seems odd to be a Trojan after four years of being a Paris Eagle) His wife teaches at Paris Middle School but will stay home next Fall as they are expecting a baby in June. Kevin is a sophomore at Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio and is having a great time spending the spring semester at their campus in Austria and doing lots of traveling. Tom and I can't figure out how our kids keep getting older, but we stay the same.

Nancy Beecher Winters '68 – We're busy getting ready for our move from Russellville to Bartlesville after the girls graduate from ATU and will be glad when the final transition is made. I'm busy sorting through 28 years of accumulation deciding what to keep and what to put in a garage sale. It's kind of fun. It's hard to leave our friends but it's exciting looking forward to a new chapter in our lives. My sister, Joyce, is retiring from 30 years of teaching at Cook School in Fort Smith. She was chosen Walmart Elementary School Teacher of the year in Fort Smith and then went on to compete with 98 other teachers in Arkansas for Arkansas Wal-

Mart Teacher of the Year. SHE WON and received \$10,000 for Cook School. We are so proud of her. Gloria's husband retired from driving for J.B. Hunt. They stay very busy with their ranch in the Muskogee area (75 head of cattle, some llamas, a few other animals) and four grandchildren. Susan works for AAA and her husband is employed by an electronics firm. She just became a grandmother in August (her daughter is an elementary school teacher – on leave to take care of newborn, Chris). Holly's husband is a basketball coach and is working on his master's to become a principal. My diabetes is a lot better and hopefully it will be totally diet controlled by my next doctor's visit. Thanks for the prayers. My best to Sisters Consuella and Norbert. I have many good memories of when my dad was president of the PTA and I went with him sometimes when he went to meetings.

Jane Ann Anhalt Calvert '59 – Always enjoy getting news from St. Scho. I'm still working part-time at a family clinic. My husband is being treated for CLL and Lymphoma so we have been having some rough days. (Her husband has died since the writing of her letter) I still work in the Sacred Heart Apostolate serving in areas at our parish church and playing tennis as often as this old body allows. Love to all.

Janette Hilton Dahlem '64 - Please note my change of address to P. O. Box 466, Clarksville, AR 72830. After living out west for over 30 years, Gene and I have moved back to our home state of Arkansas. We are so very happy to be back and start each day thanking God for all the blessings He has given us. We have always wanted to move back to be closer to family and friends of old. Our home is in the countryside where we enjoy deer, squirrels and a variety of birds. It is just lovely!

Marjorie Pianalto Horinek __ - We have had several deaths in the Pianalto family. My brother, Lester, passed away in January, 2004; my sister Rita Pianalto Antholz '51 had a stroke and passed away in February, 2004; my brother, John, passed away of a sudden heart attack in September 2004, and in December, 2005, my sister, Shirley's husband, Eldon Price, passed away of cancer. A.J. and I celebrated our 50th anniversary on August 7, 2005 and our family hosted an open house. Other than growing older with aches and pains, we are doing fine. We have 18 grandchildren and 1 great grandson.

Barbara Pirker Greco '58 – Thank you for allowing all of us to still be a part of our beloved St. Scho. How great to hear that Sr. Norbert and Sr. Consuella are still with us. My love, prayers and gratitude to both of them.

Margie Kershen Joyce '64 – I had knee surgery in December and am recuperating. Will be back to work at Green Spring Gardens by January. The girls and I will fly to Texas on December 27th to see dad at the farm for his 92nd birthday celebration. I should be pretty mobile by then.

Estella Post Conatser '49 – We will be Christmasing at my log cabin on the river in Arkansas – all my family is expected – 8 children and spouses and 23.3 grandchildren. We celebrate Jesus' birthday for a week – knowing full well “the reason for the season”. I have boycotted the stores who have failed to acknowledge this and find plenty to buy anyhow.

Mary Risse Devaney '63 – I think the Alumnae Directory is a great idea – a complete list for each class with current addresses, whereabouts unknown and if known deceased. For example, I know that Shirley Casteel, Mary Ann Braun, Mary Frances Ebbing, Theresa Ketter and Rose Ann Leding from the class of '63 are deceased. Thanks to each and everyone of you for giving so much of your time and energy to keeping the spirit of St. Scho alive.

Anna Griesmer Chance '64 – Thank you for maintaining our connection to St. Scho. Bill and I stay busy with library and tech work in our local school – and our grandsons, Cameron and Jackson (I get to play with them most weekends – they are joys!) Leona Hoelting and I are determined to get our classmates together for a “retreat”.

Vera Bock Moss '54 – Thanks to the Sisters and everyone for housing so many evacuees from New Orleans during the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. My children, their families, my husband, Curtis, and I evacuated New Orleans and stayed in Baton Rouge for one month. All of us had some damage but only one daughter had flooding. We thank God for our safety and for so many blessings.

Josephine Weinger Klober '40 – Appreciate all the hard work.

Hermína Elsen Udouj '31 – I guess I am one (if not) of the oldest members of St. Scho to be up and around and enjoying good health (to some degree). I moved to Little Rock in July of 1999, and I have not regretted it at all. Good Shepherd is a nice place to live and besides I have two daughters and a son living in Little Rock. Thanks for keeping me on your roster. I enjoy all the tid bits. Thank you for helping us keep in touch with the nuns and former students. I have wonderful memories of SSA and do wonder where everyone went after graduation in 1931 – that's a long time ago.

Joyce Hoelting Ratcliff '68 – We are busy preparing for daughter's wedding in June. She lives in Omaha and is the assistant manager at a Super Target there.

The following messages are from Guestbook at www.Stschoalumnae.org (slightly edited)

Jennifer Reis '68 I was so sad to have to miss the reunion!! We were entertaining guests from Switzerland in Branson so I couldn't change the plans. The short history of my life is: I have two lovely daughters, Danielle (26) and Theresa (24)-- Danielle graduated from Brown, worked at NIH and will start Law School at Duke two days after her wedding (Aug. 14.); Theresa is in her third year of Vet School at OSU. I taught French for 15 years at Southside in Ft. Smith; quit and had my own financial planning office with Northwestern Mutual Financial Network in Ft. Smith until I was disabled in 1990...four ruptured discs in my back and herniations from tip to tail....I now live with my wonderful husband, Ed Lemerise, in Bella Vista. We travel as much as we can and are very involved in theology studies. I hope you are all well and happy. God Bless you all. jennifer <jenned@cox-internet.com>

Mary Ann Cullivan (Micki) Canterbury '64 I enjoyed the reunion and want to say thank you to all who worked to make it happen. I am also grateful to those who agreed to take on the job of keeping our association going as new officers and planners of the next reunion. Anyway, thanks for the website. husband's family has one, and they are a great way to communicate. Please pray for my sisters, Marissa and Maureen. Marissa has been diagnosed with breast cancer and Maureen with Sjogren's disease this month. I have also tested positive for Sjogren's as well. They are 10 and 12 years younger than I which seems to make it worse somehow. <arazorback@sbcglobal.net>

Dear Scho Alums,

Last evening as I was sitting at my desk and wondering what I might say to you, I saw this quote on my bulletin board: "Do not regret getting old. It is a privilege denied to many." How true and how blessed I am! Think of all the young who are dying in Iraq and in other senseless wars in our world.

Each day I thank God for all the blessings of over 90 years. Especially, I remember the many young women who have been such an integral part of my life. Thanks to you for your love and generosity to this community and for all the leadership you have exerted in your church, school, and jobs. To say the least we are proud of you. May you be blest with good health, love of God and all creation.

In love and prayer, Sister Norbert



Dear Scho Girls,

Mayor Ray Baker coined the slogan, "Life is worth living in Fort Smith, Arkansas." We, the graduates and faculty of the Academy, building on that, could say, "Life was worth living at St. Scholastica's in Fort Smith, Arkansas."

Many of you, maybe all of you, can recall how, whenever another issue of The Scholastican came out, you hastily scanned each page to see if your name was included in some article. I feel like that toward this day when The Alumnator comes out as I look to see how many of our graduates' names are in that wonderful work, The Alumnator.

A debt of deep gratitude is long overdue to those loyal, persevering newspaper staff and Alumne organization staff. Who knows how many hours they spent to keep The Alumnator going and the Alumnae organization alive?

Not only that. Through this little but mighty newsletter they keep all of us in touch with each other. Friendships have survived and grown through the 'modest but mighty' Alumnator.

Very probably you are familiar with the expression, "Life is good because of the friends we make and the things we share." Thank you, Alumnae officers and Alumnator staff; from way back when up to now.

Alumnae all, one final note: Our world is in such terrible disarray. Let us all continue our prayers for peace. And let peace begin with each one of us. Mindful of the SSA graduates of our Academy who came from across the border, Central and South America, may I say "Greetings to all of you. Adios, amigas!" Sister Consuella



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