Mount Mercy Academy presents The 2011 McAuley Gala...
From the President’s Office

“I never knew the charm of spring, never met it face to face… April in Paris, chestnuts in blossom… holiday tables under the trees”, croons Frank Sinatra!

Ever since my French classes at Mount Mercy with Sister Mary Jane I have longed to see Paris and the lovely French countryside. Although my romantic dream has not yet been fulfilled those little Parisian-type experiences have become part of my imagination as well as my life experiences.

In my mind’s eye I can see La Tour Eiffel, alive with twinkling lights, the beacon of Paris, seen from the riverboat gliding through the evening waters of the River Seine. Versailles and the Louvre have fascinated me for years as I pursued them through books and film. My young fingers labored to master Jacques Offenbach’s “Orpheus in the Underworld” (Can Can) on the piano while my friends attempted the lively and very precise dance, surely unrecognizable as authentic Moulin Rouge! I practiced communicating in the lyrical French language with my pen pal from the village of Maine et Loire, France, and with my French Canadian aunt from St. Regis Falls, NY.

Over the years several excursions to French Canada have helped feed my fascination with all things French. Montreal’s Notre Dame Basilica, open on a sunny afternoon for a live indoor/outdoor music festival with Charles Du Toit and the Montreal Symphony was simply heavenly. This was followed by coffee and pastry at a side walk café and shopping in the little boutiques. Equally thrilling was lunch in Quebec City’s monumental Chateau Frontenac looking out over the historical Plains of Abraham.

Soon “April in Paris” will become a bit more real and my dreaming will be satisfied once again in this year’s McAuley Gala on April 2nd! I really can’t wait to enter the Parisian ambiance, now in preparation by our decorating committee with little hints beginning to leak out to wet our appetites. See the article on page 3 on how to become involved in “April in Paris.”

Join me for this virtual excursion to Paris in April without the hassle of packing suitcases and airport security. We’ll have a wonderful time and who knows, we could find ourselves closer to making a Parisian experience a reality in the near future. See you there!

Merci Beaucoup!

Dr. Mary Ellen Twist
Career Day at MMA
MMA’s Guidance Office Welcomed Alumnae and Friends to Give Insight to the Students on Their Careers

*Top Row:* Claire Sumbrum ’99, Jessica Connors, Mary Gugliuzza, Sheila Connors ’83, Kristen Langdon Arcuri ’87, Maureen McCarthy Connors ’81, Katrina Zambron, Joy Carney Kent ’87, Ann Marie Patterson Morreale ’95, Elizabeth Carey Ras ’87, Maureen Robertson McOwen ’90
*Bottom Row:* Kristen Snyder ’07, Maggie Guerriero ’04, Amanda Schroeder ’04, Lauren Dunford Kuwik ’00, Kate Cleary ’96, Kim Burzynski Grandville ’96. Not pictured here: Jackie Roach

Susan Makai of Buffalo’s own, *Personal Best,* was invited to MMA to present a workshop with the students on business etiquette.

MMA Ambassador Kaitlyn Murphy ’11, Sheila Connors ’83, Maureen McCarthy Connors ’81 and MMA Ambassador Quinn Cassidy ’11

Students listening intently during one of the speaker presentations
### McAuley Gala

#### Take a trip to Paris with us and no passport required!

The McAuley Gala will be held Saturday, April 2, 2011 at Mount Mercy Academy.

Be among the 300 alumnae, parents, and friends as we celebrate MMA’s premier event. This year’s theme will feature beautiful daffodils, Eiffel towers, and berets! Tickets are $115 and include a four course Parisian-themed gourmet dinner by Frontier Catering, five hours of open bar, and a live and silent auction.

We welcome John Murphy from WIVB Channel 4 News as this year’s celebrity auctioneer.

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### Can’t make it to the Gala on April 2nd?

You can still participate by donating an item for your colleagues and friends to bid upon; you can serve as a corporate sponsor or advertise in our catalogue. We also have lots of preparation tasks for volunteers especially the week of the Gala. Finally, participate and get in on the awesome raffle prizes. We have something for everyone’s interests...

A $1,000 Walden Galleria Shopping Spree, Sabres Tickets, an iPad and finally a “Taste of American Paris” with a trip to the New Orleans French Quarter!

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### If you would like to make a donation to the Gala, here are some items we are looking for;

- summer-themed gifts, Buffalo-themed art, vacation home rentals, gift certificates or tickets to an event.
- All of the proceeds from the Gala help to ensure the best possible education for the young women of MMA.

If you would like to make a donation to the gala, purchase tickets, become a sponsor, volunteer or have any questions please call Jody Harvey, Director of Institutional Advancement at (716) 825-8796 ext. 324 or jharvey@mtmercy.org or Brittany Finnegan-Zandi, Development Manager at (716) 825-8796 ext. 321 or bfinnegan@mtmercy.org.

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### To purchase raffle tickets, simply cut-out the ticket below for each raffle you want to enter. (You only need one form per raffle for the three ticket option). You can enter any number of raffles you like. Return the form with payment to: Mount Mercy Academy Gala Raffles, 88 Red Jacket Parkway, Buffalo, NY 14220.

#### Raffles

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### 2011 McAuley Gala Steering Committee

**Freshman**
- Barbara Kelleher Fitzgerald ’78
- Vincent Barrick
- Jean (Cronin ’76) & Mark Cassidy

**Sophomore**
- Joanne (Hilmey ’82) & James Cullen
- Catherine (Warda ’81) & James Bender

**Junior**
- Savanna & Bryan O’Connell
- Trish & Mike Glascoct

**Senior**
- Patricia (Keane ’82) & Dan Marren
- Kathy (Broderick ’76) & Joe Murphy
- Mary (Waters ’81) & Tim McDonald

**Alumnae**
- Rosanne (Simoncelli ’75) & Rick Wilson
- Cynthia (Gardner ’77) & Garry Johnson
- Sharon (Lillis ’82) & Doug McCormick

**Honorary Co-Chairs**
- Joan Klipfel Lillis ’53
- Donald Ware

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### McAuley Gala Presented by M&T Bank

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### McAuley Gala 2011

#### The Sabres raffle is due by Monday, March 14th for an early drawing. The other 3 raffles are due by March 28th and will be drawn at the Gala on April 2nd. Winner need not be present.
Alumnae in the News

Arlene McKenna Rola ’48 and Maureen Canney ’52 National Philanthropy Day Honorees

The Association of Fundraising Professionals, Western New York Chapter, held its annual National Philanthropy Day Luncheon on Wednesday, November 17, 2010 at the Adam's Mark Hotel in downtown Buffalo. Mount Mercy took this opportunity to honor two alumnae who have demonstrated exceptional philanthropic leadership on behalf of MMA. This year MMA honored Arlene McKenna Rola ’48 and Maureen Canney ’52.

Both women serve as weekly volunteers in the Advancement Department at Mount Mercy and each have over 20 years in their positions. Maureen heads up the memorial program which raises over $10,000 annually for the Academy. Arlene has located lost alumnae to help us maintain our database records and with over 10,000 living alumnae that is no small feat!

Both of these alumnae have served Mount Mercy and their community throughout their lives in so many leadership capacities. Arlene Rola, a retired school teacher, is a past Alumnae Board member, McAuley Auction committee member and currently serves as head sacristan at St. Martin of Tours. Maureen Canney a retired administrator for the West Seneca Central School System has supported Trocaire College, Holy Family Parish, The Sisters of Mercy Associates program and currently occupies a seat on the Board of Trustees for the South Buffalo Catholic Schools.

It was our honor to highlight the accomplishments of these dedicated individuals who emulate the spirit and drive of Catherine McAuley, the foundress of the Sisters of Mercy.

Dr. Rosann Lana ’95 Forms Buffalo OB-GYN practice in Snyder, New York

Dr. Lana and her newly formed Buffalo OB-GYN group was featured in a Buffalo News article in December 2010. Rosann Lana, a 1995 graduate of Mount Mercy, studied medicine and received her degree at SUNY at Buffalo medical school. She has consistently worked in Western New York with the women she is now in practice with at Buffalo OB-GYN. The number one priority of the all-female doctor group is providing "high quality consistent care and counseling to women throughout their lives."

From the Office of Institutional Advancement

Mount Mercy Academy provides a thank you letter for all types of gifts at the time of the donation. Letters should be kept in a safe place until processing of taxes. Mount Mercy does not provide comprehensive statements summarizing donations each year. Mount Mercy is happy to provide copies of any letter that has been lost or misplaced. Please contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at (716) 825-8796 ext. 324 if you need a replacement letter or have any questions.
FALL WINE TOUR
Alumnae and friends of Mercy enjoyed a crisp sunny day on the Chautauqua/Lake Erie Wine Trail. The Fall Chautauqua Wine Tour Excursion gathered a full bus load of alumnae and friends who enjoyed the varied wineries of the region and then a wonderful dinner at the quaint White Inn in Fredonia. Watch for our Fall 2011 wine tour date, then let the alumnae office know if you would like to try a new region for this trip!

MERCY HONORS DAY AND DINNER
We had record number of alumnae and friends turn out to pay regards to our Distinguished Alumnae and Spirit of Mercy honorees at 11th Annual Mercy Honors dinner held on November 4th. The honorees also had an opportunity to address the students during the day at the Academy.

As some of you may recall, our last issue featured an article about alumna Megan Lynch ’05 (pictured below). Megan is currently stationed with the USO at the Sather Air base in Iraq. Megan arranged to have sent to the Academy the official United States Flag that was flown over the former “Victory Over America Palace” on Camp Slayer in Baghdad Iraq.

On November 4th the day of the Mercy Honors Dinner, we planned a formal flag acceptance ceremony. The emotional poem entitled “Olde Glory” was read by several representatives of the Academy including Megan’s own mother and faculty member, Kate Couglin Lynch ’76 (pictured above). The flag was passed to each reader and was finally presented to 2011 Distinguished Alumna honoree, Colonel Marguerite McDonald Garrison ’77. (Not many dry eyes in the auditorium after the emotional poem concluded.)

Our thanks to Megan for giving us an opportunity to reflect on our flag and our service people during Veteran’s week.

Each of the honorees then shared some words of wisdom with the students. “The students were so attentive,” said one of the honorees after they had finished. Each honoree had a unique perspective on how Mount Mercy had affected and shaped their lives. Sharon Green was unable to attend but the words of wisdom from this seasoned educator were particularly poignant for students who are preparing for college.

Elizabeth Carey Ras ’87 (pictured above) shared the difference her Mount Mercy ring had made even getting her an extra edge in an important job interview.

Linda Perrone Rooney ’63 commented that the interaction with the students made a distinct impression on her and we should nurture this alumnae/student relationship in any way we can for the future.

The 2010 Mercy Honors Dinner again showcased the high caliber of Mount Mercy Academy alumnae. Our distinguished alumnae honorees Sharon Green ’68, Reading Coordinator for Niagara University and founder of the Global African Village and Business First and WKBW Broadcaster Elizabeth Carey Ras ’87 were a true reflection of both professional and community success. Two standing ovations were reserved for former Principal, Advancement and Alumnae director, Sister Sally Walz ’56. Her service to the Academy has been unmatched. Distinguished Alumna Colonel Marguerite Garrison startled the speaker as she let out an enthusiastic “ho ha” during one of the introductions. Her delightful acceptance was only equaled by her wisdom and down to earth manner. The Colonel currently serves as the Vice Chief of the Initiatives Group for the Vice Chief of Staff of the Army.

Dr. Linda Perrone Rooney ’63, our Spirit of Mercy Honoree’s, graceful and inspirational presentation highlighted how her spirituality was nurtured at Mercy and has led her on a service journey throughout her life. Her spirituality continues to guide her even today in her work and the care of her mother as she struggles with Alzheimer’s disease.

The address delivered by sophomore and Alumnae Scholarship Winner, Megan Sheehan highlighted why the Alumnae Association continues to sponsor events to foster the qualities
of leadership to become strong inspiring individuals such as our 2010 Mercy Honorees. Megan indicated that she hopes to be giving her acceptance speech as an honoree some day!

The 2010 Mercy Honors Dinner raised over $6,700 for the Alumnae Scholarship Fund. Every school year, the Alumnae Association awards a full four year scholarship to a deserving Freshman.

Please see the nomination form below to recognize a Distinguished Alumna or an individual who embodies the Spirit of Mercy. Nominations for the 2011 Mercy Honors Dinner are due by July 15th. Save the Date for 2011 Mercy Honors Dinner – Thursday November 10, 2011.

**BREACKFAST WITH SANTA**

Santa and Snow – what would the holidays and Buffalo be without them. Well, maybe a little less white would have made the Breakfast with Santa committee and the Alumnae Director a wee bit more jolly this year!

But, amidst three feet of snow, school closings and snow removal woes just days before the man in the red suit was slated to arrive at the Academy, the Alumnae Association successfully kicked off the holiday season with our Annual Breakfast with Santa. His sleigh pulled up on time and all of the 150 attendees where there to visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus. The children enjoyed creating a special snow or gingerbread person to commemorate the day. Everyone enjoyed the delicious cinnamon rolls freshly baked by the Alumnae Board that morning. Thank you to all the Board elves for donating and wrapping the gifts which are carefully selected for every good boy and girl on Santa’s list. The Breakfast with Santa also added over $300 profit to our Alumnae Scholarship Fund.

Mark your 2011 calendars now: Breakfast with Santa is the always the first Saturday in December. So, it’s December 3rd for this coming year.

Over 50 alums gathered at our two holiday events for our New Alum (Classes 2006-2010) and Young Alum (Classes 1994-2005) groups. Our thanks to Dog Ears/Caz Café and City Tavern for allowing us to use these great venues and the wonderful beverages! Watch the new website for news about some more upcoming New/Young Alum events – maybe a pub crawl and/or a summer picnic! Contact Grace Gannon Jackson in the Alumnae Office at 825-8796 ext. 306 or gjackson@mtmercy.org with any other fresh ideas.

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**2011 Mercy Honors Nomination Form: Distinguished Alumna or Spirit of Mercy**

Please send to: Mercy Honors 2011 Nominations, Mount Mercy Academy, 88 Red Jacket Parkway, Buffalo, NY 14220

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Staying Connected

As the Alumnae Director, I try to encourage all alumnae to stay connected to their Mercy roots no matter the distance. We publish and mail the 10,000 copies of this publication around the world and our website is available 24/7! But, with 10,000 of you and one of me the task may seem daunting... It is often that one-on-one phone call, the email or meeting someone at a reunion that does the trick.

I recently received a phone call from Anne Roche Conti ‘62 who resides in Alaska. She called to thank me for sending the blue microfleece Mercy cardigan she ordered. She also had recently replaced her Mercy ring. She wanted to make sure that other alumnae realized that these little momentos help her to feel connected and the purchase was made so easy with the help of the Academy and the Alumnae Office.

Help Us Continue Circling the Globe with our Rings of Mercy Around the World

Our last issue also featured an article with a request to send photos of our alumnae wearing our signature rings around the world. Our first few entries have begun to arrive and are below. Please continue to send your photos!

Calling All Authors

Mount Mercy instilled in each student the necessity of good writing skills. We are aware of many Mercy graduates who took that skill to the next level and are published writers. We are seeking to highlight the writing achievements at the Academy and want to showcase your work. Please forward a copy of your published work to the Alumnae Office at 88 Red Jacket Parkway, Buffalo, New York 14220.

Meet Christine Newman, Director of Marketing and Communications

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My efforts have been concentrated on building the new Mount Mercy Academy website and developing marketing strategies for this upcoming spring recruiting season.

Thank you to all the faculty, staff and Board members that had a hand in appointing me to this position. And, many thanks to the staff and students that teach me every day what being a Mercy girl is all about.

Christine Newman, Director of Marketing & Communications
Phone: (716) 825-8796 ext. 308 | Email: cnewman@mtmercy.org

Alumnae Association Second Annual Friday Fish Fry

What is lent without a good fish fry? Stop by Mercy’s Dining Hall on March 25th from 4:30-7:30pm. Share some great food, beverages, desserts and catch up with alums and friends and bring your family.

We encourage you to get your tickets ahead of time – last year we sold almost 600 dinners in a three hour period! We offer curb side and take-out service.

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| KID’S CHICKEN FINGER MEAL | $6.00 | $7.00 |

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Celebrating our legacy, continuing the circle of Mercy...

Your Mount Mercy Academy Annual Fund appeal letter should have arrived within the past few months. Our signature blue and gold ring adorns the front of the envelope and for many of us it remains one of the symbols of a Mercy experience.

We have less than six months to finish the Annual Fund and the appeal has raised one-third of our goal. If you have never been able to support the Annual Fund or have been unable to assist us in the past few years, we invite you to “take the challenge.”

(See below the letter I received from one of our alumnae which delineates her generous challenge.)

Make your donation today by using the form below or simply go to our website at www.mtmercy.org and make an online donation. We thank you for helping us celebrate the legacy and continue the circle of Mercy!

With Gratitude,

S. Mary Ellen Twist

Dear Sister Mary Ellen –

I'm not sure when the Annual Fund Drive is going to start but I decided that I wanted to participate this year. I read in the published report for last year that there are a lot of alumnae who don't make any contribution.

I made a provision some years ago for the Mount to receive something when I die. I've decided to give this money to MMA at this time, rather than at some time in the distant (I hope) future.

So, I'd like to set up a fund to match contributions from those who have not given in the past five years or who have never given – in whatever amount they decide to give – up to the sum of $35,000. I hope that this will be given thoughtful consideration by these alums.

After all, we're all Mercy girls and the Mount has been an important part of our lives.

Yours very truly,
(Anonymous)
MMA Student Update

Academic Scholarship Winners for the Class of 2015

We congratulate and celebrate the twelve amazing eighth graders that earned MMA’s Academic Scholarships from their scores on the Catholic High School Placement Test.

Academic Excellence Scholarship

- $1,000 for 4 years
- Emily Sheehan
- Notre Dame Academy
- Samantha Makowski
- Our Lady of Victory
- Madeline Stoklosa
- Queen of Heaven
- Julianna Diamond
- Our Lady of Victory

Principal’s Scholarship

- 1/2 off Tuition for 4 years
- Shannon Nichols
- St. John Vianney
- Elissa Wolf
- Queen of Heaven
- Joelle Wagner
- Queen of Heaven
- Lauren Siminski
- West Seneca West
- Kaitlyn Griffin
- St. John Vianney

Alumnae Scholarship

- Full Tuition for 4 years
- Elissa Wolf
- Queen of Heaven

Academic Achievement Scholarship

- $500 for 4 years
- Jillian Byrne
- Ambrose Catholic
- Noelle Fisher
- Discovery School #67

Students Succeed with Catholic Health Partnership

The Mount Mercy Academy partnership with Catholic Health has certainly proven to be exciting for eight MMA juniors this year. In September 2009, a new and strategic partnership began between the Catholic Health System and Mount Mercy Academy. This partnership aimed to provide Mount Mercy students a potential career track, beginning with their high school education, continuing through college and into health/science employment in the Western New York area.

In continuation of this effort, under the guidance of Ms. Anne McGillicuddy, Director of Volunteers at Mercy Hospital, and with the support of Ms. Teresa Melonson, internal coordinator at MMA, and the Mount Mercy teachers who have encouraged participation in this extraordinary experience, eight MMA students were able to spend quality time over eight weeks with caring, accommodating health care professionals in eight different departments at Mercy Hospital. MMA juniors Cara Barnes, Heather Buck, Emily Diaz, Colleen Garvin, Kelly Hess, Jessica Krieger, Janelle Lauciello, and Bryanna McKinnon participated during first semester, with more students eagerly awaiting their own participation during the second rotation scheduled to take place in the spring of 2011. The program allowed individual students the opportunity to experience first-hand learning in the following departments at Mercy Hospital: Pathology, Maternity, Radiology, Respiratory, Physical Therapy, Ambulatory, Medical/Surgical Nursing and Emergency Center.

From her experience, MMA Junior Kelly Hess, who hopes to enter the field of Nursing, learned that she is most interested in a career having patient interaction, while Bryanna McKinnon was especially drawn to Radiology, where she had the opportunity to examine x-rays and ultrasound images which she found extremely appealing.

The collaboration between Catholic Health and Mount Mercy Academy and the program that has grown from this partnership offers truly exceptional opportunities to MMA students seeking to study the Sciences and enter the field of healthcare after college. Mount Mercy Academy is pleased to be able to make this extraordinary program available to its students.
Memorials (September 30, 2010 to January 26, 2011)

We pray each day for those whose names are inscribed in our Memorial Books. Eternal rest grant unto the, O Lord.

A special thank you to those families who have designated Mount Mercy Academy as the recipient of memorials for their loved ones.

Margaret M. Lahiff Monaghan ’29 by Mt. Mercy Academy Alumnae Association
Anne Cullen Moore ’35 by Mt. Mercy Academy Alumnae Association
John Adamczyk by John & Helen Munch, Cathy Rafter
Phillip Adamo by Barbara Mascia Kasza
Michael Anderson by Bonnie & Nelson Cosgrove
Leo Astyk by Pat Kelly
Dorothy Behan by Mt. Mercy Academy, Sr. Mary Ellen & Paulette Gaski
Donald Benchik by Joe & Sharon Hoffstetter & family
Daniel E. Bigelow by Rev. William R. Bigelow, Maureen & Bill Schanbacher
Irene Biekowski by Maureen Canney
Karen C. Bohn by Maureen Canney, Nelson & Bonnie Cosgrove, Mary P. McNamara, John & Helen Munch
David Brigham by John & Helen Munch, Arlene Rola
Lottie Broda by John & Helen Munch, Cathy Rafter
David Brown by Ann Faltyn
Frances Byrne by David & Colleen Sluszar
Joseph Campbell by Mount Mercy Academy Sunshine Club
Frank Cardullo by Arlene Rola
James Carlo by Kathy Glavey, Pat Kelly, Peggy & Dan McFarland, Mt. Mercy Academy Alumnae Association, Mt. Mercy Academy Community, Eileen & Sam Pascuzzi, Ann & Jim Sullivan
Wanda Carney by Gene & Jean Boechel, Joan Cuthbert, Pat Kelly, Peggy & Dan McFarland, Dave & Sheila Stanchak, Margaret & Ken Staszk, Jim & Ann Sullivan
Robert A. Connors by Mary M. Kuebler
Mark Crawford by Bob & Nancy Wood
Jack Cullum by Kathy Glavey, Cathy Rafter
Ruth Cuthbert by Joan Cuthbert, Margaret & Ken Staszk
Richard E. Danieu, Jr. by Mary M. Kuebler, Nancy A. McCarthy
Paul Danyfuk by John & Helen Munch
Mary DeMike by Pat & Hank Deminkie
Gerald Deinzer by Mary M. Kuebler, Maureen & Bill Schanbacher
Patricia Edwards by Kathy Deet
Helen M. Eitenbeis by Adline McGuire
Joseph A. Fahy by Dan & Helen Sooren
Kathy Finnegan by Lee & Nancy Hartung
John Flood by Mike & Colleen Chase, Pat & Don Ehans, Joe & Sharon Hoffstetter & family, Kathy Glavey, Jack & Noreen McBride, Jack & Helen Munch, Janet Orwell, Cathy Rafter, Kathleen Schlehr, William & Joanne Stanton
Jill Full by Paul & Elizabeth Quinn Hurlber
Jeannie “Gigi” Greene by Jean A. Flowers, Madonna E. Hetlig, Jim & Anita Neenan, Peg O’Connor, Maureen & Bill Schanbacher
Msgr. Charles Griffin by Ray & Chris Gallagher
John Grzadzick by Mike & Peggy Wade
David Gump by Patrick & Laurie Sullivan
Dorothy Hall by Paul E. Didas
Jack Halldin by Madonna D. Hetlig, Jim & Anita Neenan
Russell Harnel by Susie & Paul Michaels
Edward Haun by Dave & Sheila Stanchak & Boys
Bernard Heavey by Dave & Sheila Stanchak
Nancy S. McCarthy Hendricks by Mary Alice Reardon Dunphy
Adrian L. Herr, Jr. by Dennis & June McNaughton
Phyllis Rash Jackson ’34 by Mt. Mercy Academy Alumnae Association, John & Mary Recktenwald
William P. Jackson by Maureen Canney, Chris & Ray Gallagher, Kathy Glavey
Amy J. Karalous Karek by Peg McMorrow
Jack Keighan by Sandy & Maya Stapleton
Mary Ann Keller by Pat & Hank DeMicke, Kathy Glavey, June & Dennis McNaughton, John & Helen Munch, Jim Robertson, Margaret Scalan & James Canney
James T. Kelley, Jr. by David & Colleen Sluszar
Shawn Kelley by Frances A. Kulik
Ann Kirkpatrick by John & Helen Munch
Charlotte Koprowski by Jack & Noreen McBride
Elizabeth Almeter Kopp by Zita Kavanagh
Joseph Lee Kuebler by Mary M. Kuebler, Ed & Ann McCarthy
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Raymond McFlin by Mary and Dennis Ratchuk
June M. McPeek by Anne M. Rath Berenice McMahon by Carol A. Leonard
Joseph J. McLeod by Bill & Joyce Roberts
Theresa Mikoll by Carol Filipski
Peggy Moran by Leonard & Catherine Coppola
Mary Mergoteno by Sandy & Maya Stapleton
Helen Donovan Moser by Betty McNamara
Alice Rothfus O’Connor ’40 by Mt. Mercy Academy Alumnae Association, Joanne M. Schwartzott
Lyne Sweeney O’Day ’60 by Maureen Reilly Oxelson
James O’Leary by Tom & Judy Parry, Bob & Kathy Fischer, Noreen & Jack McBride
Agnes Oliver by Maureen Canney
Mary Kate Opera by Al & Kathie Zaboki
Anthony Pavone by Dave & Sheila Stanchak & Boys
Joseph Pera by Barbara Paolucci
Mary Reicher by Maureen & Bill Schanbacher
Maire Reynolds by The Beggott Family, Maureen Canney, Mt. Mercy Sunshine Club, Margaret & Ken Staszk
Ron Robertson by Gary & Ruth Kresser
Mary Pat Rogers by Lyle & Jean Schwab
Rosemary Rooney by Zita Kavanagh
Robert Rozek III by Mr. & Mrs. Francis X. Feeley, Grace Jackson, Mt. Mercy Academy, Sr. Mary Ellen Twist, Britanny Zandi
Mary Dorothy “Dolly” Roth by Joan Flynn, Procknal Family, Cathy Rafter
Michael Ryan by Bonnie & Nelson Cosgrove
Rose Sandecki by Vers & Kathy Fischer, Jack & Noreen McBride, Nancy A. McCarthy, Ian & Patricia McManus, Peg McMorrow, Kathleen Schlehr
Sr. Dolores Schott, RSM by Maureen Canney
Raymond Schwenk by Lee & Nancy Hartung
Dorothy Simantow by Charles & Sandra Unlom
Agnes Shea ’40 by Mt. Mercy Academy Alumnae Association
Mary Simone by Guy & Margaret Latona
William Slater by Cathy Rafter
Ralph Sorrentino by John & Helen Munch
Dorothy Stancepani by Maureen Canney, Kathy Glavey
Donald Sullivan by Joe & Sharon Hoffstetter & family
Ruth M. Suszynski by Guy & Margaret Latona
Gloria Topper by Maureen Canney, Arlene Rola
Josephine L. Tracy by Zita Kavanagh
Norman Ubelhoer by Patricia Graham
Donald J. Vaccaro by Kerry & Colleen Painter
Gerald Vaccaro by John & Helen Munch
Ronald Vollone by Joe & Sharon Hoffstetter & family
Barbara Bohen Ward by Tom & Judy Parry, Mary Lickfeld
Mary C. Graham Warda ’54 by Patricia Graham, Mt. Mercy Academy Alumnae Association
Maureen Whiting by Susie & Paul Michaels
Joan Wilson by Bob & Marilyn Walker
Celine Winch by Aldine McGuire
Irene Winkelbes by Howard & Sally Hutton
James F. Yochum by Nelson & Bonnie Cosgrove, John & Helen Munch
Carl Zemba by Dan & Helen Szovoren
Stella Zwaan by Francis & Mary Jo Feeley
Michael Zawistowski by Mount Mercy Sunshine Club
Reunion Recaps

So many classes took the opportunity to celebrate their five year anniversary reunions this year, the alumnae office was booked for weekends straight thru the middle of fall. We are thankful for the many Mercy alums who step forward to organize their celebrations and make donations for class gifts for students in need and memorial funds. The planning and outcome of the reunions reinforces why Mercy is in existence for over a century.

ALL YEAR REUNION 1930-1949
The gathering of classes 1930-1949 was held in August at Curly’s for our yearly luncheon. The donations and profit from this reunion group was $536.

1950
Mercy Center was the site for a memorial mass and then a celebration for the Class of 1950’s 60th reunion. Maureen Weir McCafferty and Marguerite Crotty Flanigan headed up the reunion which raised $330 for the Alumnae Scholarship Fund.

1955 (pictured above)
The Class of 1955 coincidently celebrated their 55th reunion this year at Curly’s in October. Sheila Ryan Lempko and Mary Lou Shea Graffeo planned a wonderful dinner and enjoyed catching up with their friends. This social occasion also raised nearly $1,000 for a student in need.

1960
You would never guess that Kathy Ahrens Burke and the ladies from the Class of 1960 were celebrating fifty years this past graduation weekend! They certainly gave this alumnae director a run for her money! The donations from their reunion totaled over $1500 for the Alumnae Scholarship Fund.

1965
It has been almost a year since Shirley McCartan Banko and her crew set sail for the MMA reunion cruise. The cruise was open to alums from any class and guests! There were over 100 of us and the proceeds of the reunion for the Alumnae Scholarship Fund was over $500. We are still looking for the planning committee and class to assist the alumnae office with our next reunion cruise.

1970 (pictured above)
The Class of 1970 under the direction of chairperson Trish Higgins Glose started their reunion planning with the goal of raising enough funds to send a Mercy girl to school for four years! Congratulations – the profits and donations are topping a record of over $6,000 and the donations continue to come in!

1980
The Hamburg waterfront served as a backdrop for the 30th reunion celebration for the Class of 1980. Over 50 alums enjoyed the dinner and beverages from the patio and the profits and donations for the Class of 1980 Memorial Fund was nearly $1200. Our thanks to June Philbin Brennan and Colleen Dempsey Schul for their hard work!

1985
The 25th reunion for the Class of 1985 was celebrated with style under a tent on the Buffalo waterfront. Karen Tomory Pachtman did a great job organizing all the details for the reunion from her home in Arizona. The profits and donations for this reunion were over $1100.

1990 (pictured above)
The Class of 1990, under the direction of Peggy Kennedy Mulderig, also chose the Buffalo waterfront for their reunion. The formal dinner included invitations to spouses and guest faculty from the Academy. The nearly $800 in profits and donations went to the scholarship fund in memory of Carole McPeek Fund.

2000
Ten years slipped by quickly for the Class of 2000 but their memories were fresh! Liz Shea even ordered lollipops like those offered in the MMA bookstore as part of their offerings for their classmates. Maureen Smith Crossman and her committee raised nearly $550 in profit and donations.

Thank you to all of you who support Mercy and our reunions, you are continuing the circle of Mercy.

The reunion classes listed are challenging the Classes ending in 1 and 6 to meet or exceed their tremendous reunion donations which have totalled over $13,500!
Reunion Plans in Progress

1961
The save the dates are out and the invitations for the 50 year reunion will be mailed soon, so check your mailboxes for all the details of your weekend long celebration. Vincenetta Ventresca O’Donnell, Kathy McNaughton Glavey and Lillian Albrecht Dunlavey and their committee have planned the celebration to begin on Saturday, June 11th with a Memorial Mass at the Mercy Center Chapel to be followed with a gala celebration at Romanello’s South Restaurant. A graduation day appearance at Kleinhan’s and a luncheon at Mount Mercy Academy Dining Hall will occur on Sunday, June 12th. Contact Vincy at vincenetta@aol.com, 716-822-5929 or Kathy at kglavey@gmail.com, 716-825-4965 or Lillian at lildunlave@aol.com, 716-208-3283.

1981
Thirty years of friendship will be celebrated by the Class of 1981. Some classmates are getting together to start the planning for a fall reunion. Contact the alumnae office if you would like to assist. Check the Mercy website and the Mercy Alumnae Facebook page for more information soon.

1986
Kelli Monaco Hannon, Sheila McMahon Curry and friends from the Class of 1986 have begun to meet to make plans for your reunion. Watch our website for more details or the facebook “Mount Mercy Academy Class of 1986.” If you have any questions, please contact Kelli at kmonacoHannon@yahoo.com, 716-826-7742 or Sheila at 912-9746.

1991
The Class of 1991 asks you to save the date July 16, 2011 to celebrate your 20th reunion. Your reunion chairpersons Marcy Rachuna Disbrow and Erika Wyeth Boechttcher invite you to check out the facebook page they have started for the reunion. The weekend will feature a dinner at Root Five Restaurant on the Hamburg waterfront. Contact Marcy at 716-254-8240 or Erika at 716-816-9936 with any questions.

2001
Ten years is certainly a reason to celebrate, so Class of 2001 members please save the date June 25, 2011 for a dinner at Lucarelli’s Banquet Center. Your invitations will arrive in the spring, but you may contact chairperson Susan Dzierzewski Stelbein at 716-354-5702 or susied24@yahoo.com for any more details in the meantime. Make sure the alumnae office has your current address, so your invite will arrive in a timely manner.

ATTENTION: If you graduated in a year ending in 6 or 1 and you don’t see any news above or want more details, it’s time to call the alumnae office to start plans for your reunion. We will send out save the dates for you, if you pick a date early! Confirm your correct addresses by contacting the Alumnae Office at 716-825-8796 ext. 306 or via e-mail at gjackson@mtmercy.org.

All the alums who planned their reunions the past three years comment on how easy it was! You plan the where and when and the Alumnae Office does the rest! We assist with class lists, invitations and reservations.

Be a part of the class committee and have some fun nights out with friends while you enjoy planning your event. (The Alumnae Office has heard that the planning nights are legendary!) Contact Alumnae Director Grace Gannon Jackson via e-mail gjackson@mtmercy.org or phone: 716-825-8796 ext. 306.

Alumnae Annual Meeting, May Mass and Brunch

Sunday, May 1, 2011
All alumnae are invited to attend Mass for our deceased alumnae, followed by May crowning and brunch. This event also serves as the yearly alumnae gathering and Annual Meeting. Contact Grace Gannon-Jackson, Alumnae Director, at (716)825-8796 extension 306 or gjackson@mtmercy.org for details or to add your name to the invitation list.
Alumnae Updates

1973
Jean Bateau Stanley
Jean recently traveled to Washington D.C, where she was a finalist in the Dorland Health People's Choice Award in recognition for her value of the elderly and received an Honorable Mention award.

1987
Beth A. Maroney Dilberto
Beth a graduate from Niagara University is currently a teacher in Grand Island. She is the mother to two children, Evan and Cassie.

1988
Mary Suzanne Morawski Palmeri
Mary Suzanne is a graduate of SUNY at Buffalo where she received her Bachelor degree. She married Samuel in October of 2002 and they welcomed their daughter Lena Susan (see photo on next page) in August of 2008. Mary Sue has been with WeeFolk child care for 17 years.

1997
Heather Weber Palmer
Heather and husband, Thomas Palmer, are now proud parents of daughter Samantha Kate (see photo on next page). Samantha joins big sisters Julia, age 6 and Lauren, age 4.

1998
Christine Smith Belin
Christine is now a first time mom to daughter Ellie, born August 2009 (see photo on next page). After 8 years of service at M&T Bank, Christine resigned and has started her own business. Her business Organize Me allows her to highlight her love of organization. Find more from Christine on Facebook!

Elizabeth Hayes Goodman
Elizabeth has been a teacher in Fort Worth, Texas for the past 9 years. She was married in Buffalo in January of 2010 to Joshua. The couple is expecting their first child in May of 2011.

2001
Sara Mehlretter Drury
On July 31, 2010, Sara Mehlretter (MMA '01) wed Jeffrey Drury, a Chicago native, in a ceremony at St. Gabriel's Church in Elma, New York. Witnessing the ceremony was sister to the bride and Maid of Honor Rachel Mehlretter '04, mother to the bride Kathleen (Kaczmarek) Mehlretter '72, and godmother Mary (Mehltretter) McCabe '75. Rebecca Rogers '01), Melissa Dimartino '01, and MMA Dean of Students Catherine Luhr also attended and celebrated the wedding.

Save the Date: Third Annual MMASK – Friday, June 3rd
It's difficult to think of a road race as we battle our snow covered streets and sidewalks, but the plans are set for our Annual MMASK which is scheduled for June 3, 2011.

The certified route will again begin before the Cazenovia Park Bridge near the Casino. We will have The Stonebridge Band, kids zone and Connors hot dogs at our after party. The Honorary Race Starter this year is longtime faculty member and runner – Bob Fix. Ray McGurn, race enthusiast and South Buffalo booster from Go’in South is our 2011 Civic Pride Awardee. The application and registration will be available online and feel free to contact our Alumnae Office if you want to assist on our committee.

Whether you are runner, a walker or want to share in some after party fun, join us for the MMASK on June 3rd!

Stay up to date with MMA
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Visit the MMA website at www.mtmercy.org and on our Facebook page!
**Weddings and Engagements**

Joan M. Lauber ’00 to Kurt A. Schluchter (June 25, 2010)
Bridesmaids: Christine Lauber ’09 and Kathryn Lauber ’05

Sarah Mehlretter ’01 to Jeffery Drury (July 31, 2010)

Victoria Fitzner ’04 to Jason Roberts

Jennifer Hallinan ’03 to Nicholas Licata (October 2010)

Kelly Nowinski ’99 to Charles Gray

Meegan Michalek ’97 to Matthew Becker
Jamie Boeheim ’02 to Patrick Howard (May 1, 2010)

**Mercy Babies**

Allison Jean to Erin Smith ’95 & Brian Renowden

Samantha Kate to Heather Weber ’97 & Thomas Palmer

Ellie to Christine Smith ’98 & Michael Belin

Colter Kingston to Jenny Koester ’96 & Jason Carney

**Alumnae Update Form**

Please send to: Mount Mercy Academy, Alumnae Office, 88 Red Jacket Parkway, Buffalo, NY 14220. You can complete online at www.mtmercy.org or email to horizons@mtmercy.org. News of classmates is always appreciated, especially engagement, weddings, births, deaths and special honors. Keep up your Mercy connection! This form not only keeps our records up-to-date, it provides the alumnae community the opportunity to know what your classmates are doing with their Mercy education.

**NAME** - first, maiden (if applicable), last  **SPOUSE’S NAME** (if applicable)

**TODAY’S DATE**  **YEAR OF GRADUATION**

**ADDRESS**

**CITY / STATE / ZIP**

**PHONE NUMBER** (with area code) - HOME - OFFICE - CELL -

**E-MAIL ADDRESS**

**CURRENT OCCUPATION**

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.** What have you been doing since graduation? (Tell your classmates about college, family life, career, volunteer, recreation activities.)

Contact me to mentor: □
Profile of a Mercy Girl

Mount Mercy Academy is committed to the character, learning, and growth of every child. We seek to transform young women from bright-eyed adolescents into reflective and courageous young adults who pursue with vigor and optimism the opportunities that life offers.

MMA creates leaders. In an average high school setting, evident students emerge from the masses as leaders – they seize the roles of student government officers, club presidents and sports team captains. At Mount Mercy Academy, each and every student has the opportunity and obligation to assume leadership roles to prepare them for success.

We guide each student to be her own best self – to become a woman who distinguishes herself in faith, knowledge, integrity and compassion. All Mercy girls have the full potential to make outstanding accomplishments in all areas of their lives – family, community and career.