

# Nazareth Association News

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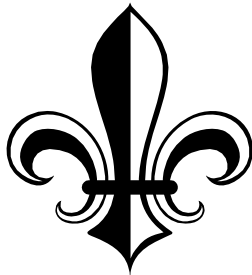
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## MISSION STATEMENT

*THE NAZARETH ASSOCIATION believes in the mission and tradition of the Sisters of St. Joseph as exemplified and fostered by their century of work at Nazareth, Michigan: development of the whole person and responsiveness to human needs. To that end, the Nazareth Association exists to carry on that tradition as a living testimony to the Nazareth heritage, by promoting and providing for its members and others, opportunities for continued intellectual and spiritual growth and community service.*



## Leave Your Legacy Through Gifting

This past year, we were gifted with nearly \$60,000. We are honored to be the stewards of these monies and are committed to use them to further the mission of Nazareth Association.

You, too, can leave your legacy through a gift to Nazareth Association. What a wonderful way to make what you value live on! This can be accomplished through grants which support the good works of the sisters and through our scholarship programs promoting education for young people.

Contact the Nazareth Association office for more information.

## President's Message

by Suzanne Lareau

A healthy organism adapts, changes and evolves to thrive in the situation and times. This is true of both individuals as well as organizations. In 1992, the founders of Nazareth Association were aware of this need for adaptation and change. They knew the importance of holding onto the spirit of an institution and letting go of the external structure. As the sixteen years have passed since our inception, there has been continuous growth in both the spirit and work of the institutions on the Nazareth campus. Much of the old has fallen away and we work toward a new creation. We continue to *work to fulfill our mission of the development of the whole person and responsiveness to human needs.*

The Association has been empowered to do this by the generosity of our alums and members of the Association. This past year, our work has been furthered by bequeathals totaling nearly \$90,000. These are from the estates of Ruth Holahan (the sister of Sr. Theonilla) and Mary Vocelle, a 1934 graduate of Nazareth College. Because of their generosity, we have created three new scholarships and additional funds for the grant program. The scholarships are named for their donors. This year, the *Mary Vocelle Scholarships* will be given in memory of Sr. Edith Morrison and Sr. Martha Hallock.

These monies will continue to work for the good of the organization for years to come; in this way, the mission of the Association continues. We are committed to be excellent stewards of the legacy of Nazareth!

Save the Date!!

Spirit Day 2008

September 26-27

“Moments to Remember”

Bring Your Photo Albums!

Honored Classes – all years ending in 8 and 3

Special Honored Classes \* 1958 - 50 years \* 1983 - 25 years

Business Meeting ~ Lunch & Presentations ~ Liturgy ~ After-glow

Rooms are available at Transformations –

Contact Sr. Lucy Schneider (269) 381-6290 ext 310

Invitations will be sent in August.

Please contact us for class lists so you can encourage your friends to attend!

## Today's Lepers Need Healing

by Anne Marie Schropp Bradley  
NC '91

Being a part of the Schropp family, I learned early in life the need to give to others by volunteering at church, in our city and around our neighborhood. Both of my parents were involved in volunteer groups that gave them a sense of purpose beyond our own family. We were part of a larger community and had a need to give back what we had been given. I have been part of the Nazareth Association, serving on the Board as secretary for this group of volunteers. We steward the philanthropy of the organization, your financial gifts, to help others. We are able to assist students in continuing their college education through the scholarship program; we also provide small grants for non-profit groups associated with the Sisters of St. Joseph. This is our way of enhancing programs that assist the less fortunate.

In September 2007, I decided to volunteer as a registered nurse at St. Frances Cabrini Clinic of Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Detroit. The clinic has received a number of grants from the Association, and the clinical nurse manager is Lenora Benda, NC '64, a Sister of St. Joseph. I thought it was time for me to share what Nazareth has given to me. I have been actively volunteering at the clinic on the second Tuesday of each month. There, I see about twenty-five individuals seeking primary medical care. It has

surely been an enlightening experience, one that I would not want to trade for anything. I find a sense of purpose in what I am able to do for these people. The uninsured, poor people who come to the clinic each week have amazing stories to tell. Many live with chronic disease issues and, if it were not for the volunteer nurses, doctors and pharmacists at the clinic, many needs would not be met, compromising their health even more.

Let me relate an experience I had with one gentleman last fall. He was homeless with an obvious psychiatric disorder. He also had diabetic ulcers on both of his legs and feet. He confided to me that he had gone to the Hotel Yorba the night before and paid \$30 to spend the night. He said it was the first time he had taken a bath and slept in a bed in over three weeks. Nevertheless, he still carried quite a stench. After traveling far, and waiting long, he was hungry, and I was able to provide peanut butter crackers and juice to assuage his hunger. He was so grateful.



Earlier in the month, he had been a patient at Detroit Receiving and had uni-boots placed on both of his legs; he was at our clinic for his meds and to have the dressings checked and replaced. I actually had to cut the bandages off his legs, but the sores were healing. We cleaned his legs, redressed the sores, gave him new white socks, filled his medications, and sent him on his way. I felt that I had touched and helped a leper of our society. Though I did not know where he would go that night, I knew I had made a difference for this one person. I had seen the badly bruised body of Christ in one of his servants. I couldn't help but wonder how many other men are wandering the city streets with nowhere to go, nowhere to sleep, no food in their belly.

When anthropologist Margaret Mead (1901-1978) was asked "What is the first sign you look for to tell you about an ancient civilization?" she replied, a "healed femur," not a weapon, kitchen utensil, armor but a "healed femur." Ms. Mead explained, that when someone breaks a femur, they can't survive to hunt, fish or escape enemies unless they have help from someone else. So a healed femur indicates that someone else helped that person, rather than abandoning him to save himself.

It occurred to me that that's what we in philanthropy are all about - healing femurs of one sort or another. And that's what our education at Nazareth was all about - it's Christ's message lived out day by day.

## Borgess Alumni Association

by Gladys (Murphy) Sudeikis '63

The Borgess Alumni met at Transformations Spirituality Center, Nazareth, MI., on Spirit Day 2007. Mary VanTassel and Gladys Sudeikis had been acting for the Association in the absence of elected officers following the death of Marian Vyverman and were appointed chairperson and secretary pro-tem for this meeting. Membership is declining due to attrition (school closed in 1972). There is money in our treasury and the Vyverman family will donate \$1,000 for the next five years for a Marian Vyverman Nursing Scholarship. The decision was made to fold Borgess Alumnae Association into the Nazareth Association with the stipulation that our Nursing scholarship need not necessarily be given to a Catholic attending a Catholic school. This is presently the requirement for the other scholarships given by Nazareth Association. A separate membership list for the Borgess Alumni will be maintained and, at least, two board positions will be earmarked for Borgess Alums.

Plan to attend this year's Spirit Day, Sept. 27, 2008 and bring your classmates. Honored classes this year are those who graduated in years ending in 3 or 8. The first fifty nurses to sign up for Spirit Day at Nazareth will receive a special gift.

Invitations will be sent in August. If you or any of your friends do not receive one, call the office and leave your name and address on the answering machine. An invitation will be sent to you.

## CSJ News

**Sister Betty Veenhuis, NC '66,** Borgess Liaison for Patient Visitation, Mission & Values, received the 2008 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dream Keeper recognition at a celebration of Dr. King's holiday jointly sponsored by Borgess Health and Bronson Healthcare Group. Sr. Betty was honored for her community leadership and "compassionate and dedicated commitment to bettering the lives of others."

**Sister Edna Ternes, NC '36** was the first recipient of the Sister Edna Ternes Life Time Achievement Award sponsored by Catholic Family Services at the Kalamazoo Country Club on February 7, 2008. Sister was one of the first sisters to receive a Masters in Social Work from St. Louis University. After serving at St. Joseph Hospital in Flint, she became Director of St. Agnes Foundling Home at Borgess in Kalamazoo, and in 1975, she was responsible for merging it into the newly developed Catholic Family Services of Kalamazoo, and became its director. Sister is retired at Nazareth.



## Community Service

by Irene Waldmann, CSJ

Do you and your friends have gifts and talents just waiting to be put to good use? Are you interested in joining other Nazareth Association members in providing community service in your area?

The Nazareth Association Committee on Community Service seeks to involve members and friends in coming together to provide services in the Kalamazoo, Flint, Benton Harbor, and Detroit areas.

Services may be tutoring, counseling, planning and budgeting with poor women or families; helping in food pantries or soup kitchens; coaching or teaching children in athletic endeavors; assisting in clinics or parish home health, etc. Each group would be free to explore the areas of expertise represented by the volunteers and match that with the particular areas of need in or around your community. In above-named communities, you will find Sisters of St. Joseph already involved and awaiting whatever assistance you might be able to offer.

The point is to use your talents and service orientation together with other Nazareth Association members to provide a needed service in your area.

We have people waiting to hear from you. . . just let us know that you are willing and we will point you in the right direction.

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## News & Notes

Congratulations to John and **Ruth Olech**, NC '56, on celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary April 12, 2008!

**Mary Jo O'Donnell Maher**, NC '61, writes, "Dear Sisters of St. Joseph, Thank you for all you did to teach and inspire me so many years ago. Nazareth remains in my thoughts and memories of a wonderful experience."

"If any alum wish to pray with other Grandmothers, I'd be happy to tell them about our prayer group! We have no fee, no meetings, an occasional project that helps children is optional and a newsletter every couple of months. We aim to inspire you to use prayer and good works to help! Call (586)-677-0756 to be on the list.

**Catherine (Hassler) Begandy** NC '68, writes, "I am always pleased to receive communication from my alma mater. My memories are always fond of the college where I had such a good Catholic education. It is sad to hear of the deaths of former instructors, but I am happy about the scholarships and charities with which Nazareth Association carries on the fine work of Nazareth College.

Please give my regards to Sister Mary Bader, who was president when I graduated. She has always remained an inspiration and blessing to me.

We just moved to my home state of Minnesota after thirty-four years in California and Arizona.

Thanks for continuing Nazareth College's finest traditions."

**Judy Washburn**, NC '66, writes, "I was told I have MS about the mid 70s. I am now in a wheelchair but my MS went into remission for 21 years, which allowed me to retire from the Goodrick School System.

Bob and I went to Europe for the month of October, 2007. We visited thirty Irish relatives, thirty-five French relatives and one

classmate from high school in Germany. We love to travel and it was great. We have eight wonderful grandchildren who live nearby."

Lydia Hoff informed us that her mother, **Margaret M Grimes**, NA, is residing at Tendercare of Kalamazoo on South 11<sup>th</sup> Street. friends of Margaret can visit or call Lydia at 382-1209.

Lydia asked to join our mailing list since her family has a long association with Nazareth. Sister Euphasia was her mother's cousin.

**Margaret Aselin O'Donnell**, NC '41, accepted our invitation to join Nazareth Association. She says she enjoys the Nazareth Association News very much. Welcome, Margaret!

**Ellen (Jackson) Hazewinkel**, NC '84, joined us also and sent a donation to the scholarship fund. She says, "After an eleven year period of staying home to raise children, I'm back to re-entry into the Nursing profession. As I am so thankful for the blessings, not only as a student, but as an adult, I wish to share those blessings with others that are also going to school."



## Web-Site Postings

**Mary (Dockendorff) Donner**, NC '72, writes, "I've kept in touch with **Christine Maynard** (now Taylor), class of '73 and recently found an alum from '82 who is also a member of my church. Wowzers! Christine and I were visiting in Savannah, GA a number of years ago and ran into **Neal Zoss** who was then working with the Department of Children and Family Services in Bradenton, Florida. Again, wowzers!!!

I also kept up with **Mr. Carver** for a number of years until he moved to Colorado (Loveland, or some such town) and **Jim Keating**, who lives in Muskegon, and I still keep regular correspondence with **Michael Huston** – my advisor, mentor, and best friend. He's SUCH a hoot!!!!

I am a paralegal, though currently not employed in the legal profession. I was recently elected to the McHenry County Board. Who would have thought that I'd get involved in politics! I am also the Coordinator for the Rockford Diocese Deaf Apostolate, McHenry Deanery and I interpret at Mass on Sunday mornings at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Crystal Lake.

I have two lovely daughters, Meghan who is married to Scott Schiman (children are on back order) and Emma who had the joy of living in Watervliet for the past two years and is now attending Alma College. She loves Michigan as much as I do.

On August 26<sup>th</sup>, my husband of 32+ years, Bob, passed away in Alma, having just moved Emma into her dorm for her freshman year. He was just 61 years old. We are doing OK with humor in our stories, love in our hearts and strength from God. He, above all, knows how much I need it."

## From the Web-Site Message Board:

12/28/2007 Hello, Interested in contacting Barbour Hall Jr. Military Alums who attended 1967-68 or obtaining Barbour Hall uniforms. I attended in '68 and have a renewed interest in the school and contacting Alums. Thank you! **Chuck Mielke**

12/27/2007 Class of '86, BSN. I would be interested in hearing from my classmates or others. I live in MD and work as a CRNA. I am married and have two boys. **Janet Lee**

## News & Notes continued

12/27/2007 Just found your web site and think it would be great if we could add photos with people's names. Could we find some free add-on program that could do that? I'll look around.

**Sharon Koziel (Sanfilippo)**

12/26/2007 Greetings from the class of '75. Still in search of the meaning of life but having a helluva good time in the process. Cheers!

**Greg McMorrow**

12/23/2007 Graduated around 1945. Would love to hear from fellow students.

**Tom Whaley**

11/18/2007 I'm trying to locate Sr. Pauline Zeleznik. A search on Google brought me to your web site, but I can't find her here. I'm an old friend from Orchard Lake and would like to send her a card. If you can't give me her address, I'd be more than happy to give you mine, to pass on to her. Thank you.

**Maria (Skwarski) Reisner**

10/04/2007 Hello to all. I am a graduate of Nazareth College '91. It's difficult to believe sixteen years have gone by since graduation. A few weeks ago, my family and I stopped by for a brief visit. We were on our way to my son's soccer tournament in Indiana. We ran into **Ann Marie Shropp Bradley**. It was great talking to her and walking around the campus again. Since I left Nazareth College, I've gotten married. We have three wonderful children who keep us plenty busy. I'm still active in soccer and am currently employed by Ford Motor Co. as a journeyman electrician. It would be great to hear from former classmates and/or teammates (soccer). Anyone from 87-91 in particular, e-mail me or leave a message on this site so we know how you're doing.

**Ron Karam**

09/03/2007 Graduated in 1951. Spent nine years at the Hall. A classmate (Paul Callaghan) put me onto this site.

**Bill Shaw**

08/25/2007 Former Barbour Hall Students - Any of you out there I would certainly enjoy hearing from you. I attended Barbour Hall from 1946 to 1951.

**Paul W. Callaghan**

06/29/2007 Please forward class lists of years 1956-57-58 to

**D.H.VROBEL**

596 CHICORY LANE  
CINCINNATI, OHIO 45244

06/20/2007 '88 grad, '84-close staff (C.E. office & then Admissions. I got an email from Virginia Caruso today and she mentioned Nazareth Association. So I googled it and WOW you have done a beautiful job. It would be nice to hear from other "non traditional" students who suffered though weekend classes.

**Jane Monkkonen-Lemon**

06/13/2007 Message for Sr. Lenora Benda. Lenora, if you get this please email me your address and contact information. It's been a long time but I think of you often and just found your picture among other items of the past.

Love,

**Barbara Reilley**

05/30/2007 I would love to hear from former classmates. I have so many good memories from my years at Nazareth. I am thankful for the strong women in my life at that time who mentored me. Anne Breznau, Pat Frazier, Aubrey Gordon. What a blessing they were to me. I received my Masters degree in Social Work through GVSU and my goal is to earn my Doctorate before my 50th birthday! I would love to hear from my old friends.

**Theresa Collins-Camburn 86**



James Carver, former Nazareth College Professor of Theatre

## Memories of Nazareth College

Darlene Mosher, NC '62, recently interviewed James Carver, Nazareth Professor of Theatre from 1960 - 1977. Among other interesting comments, Mr. Carver related that "When they built the administration building, they had built a church . . . but had not finished it. . . and I saw it as an opportunity to use it as a theatre. And so the first production that we ever did in that space was 'Murder in the Cathedral.' There was no electricity . . . so I built some footlights from tin cans and put in vigil lights all along the front and I put lights anywhere I could. . . We did several shows in the space. I remember doing the play '1984' and 'The Warrior's Husband.' . . . Several students became theatre majors - one is the head costumer at Oklahoma State University."

(To read the entire interview, which will become a part of the developing video on our history, please see the Nazareth Association Website at:

[www.nazarethassociation.org](http://www.nazarethassociation.org)

## In Loving Memory

Deceased Members & Friends



**Our prayers and condolences are offered to the following:**

**Eileen Miller**, former faculty member of Nazareth Academy, died Dec.10, 2007 at Kairos Dwelling.  
[www.lifestorynet.com](http://www.lifestorynet.com).

**Marilyn Fisk (Newell) Nikitas**, NA '47 who died Dec.16, 2007, was employed by Borgess Medical Center for 23 years.

**Mary Melissa Eckley**, NA '30, passed away Dec. 16, 2007.

**Wilma Fitzgerald Willett**, NC '49, died Jan. 26, 2008

**Dorothy Mae (Abshire) May**, St. Camillia's '43, who passed away Jan. 29, 2008, worked for over 40 years as a staff nurse and head of O.B. department at Three Rivers Area Hospital.

**Marilyn J. (Barnes) Simmons** BSN '42, who passed away Jan. 31, 2008, worked as a registered nurse and operated the John Deere dealership in Lawrence with her husband.  
[www.timeformemory.com/adams](http://www.timeformemory.com/adams)

**Anne E. (McHugh) Cagney**, NC '44, died Feb. 25, 2008. Visit [www.lifestorynet.com](http://www.lifestorynet.com)

**Martin Pozeznik Jr.**, who managed the Nazareth farm for 44 years, died Sept. 25, 2007. Martin was honored with a Points of Light Foundation award. Memorials can be made to Kairos Dwelling or Michigan Heart Fund.

**Julie A. (Diver) Speese**, NA '51, passed away Jan. 17, 2008.  
[www.lifestorynet.com](http://www.lifestorynet.com).

Debra Thiel Crouch, daughter of **George Thiel**, NC '82, died Nov. 25, 2007, after an extended illness.  
[www.lifestorynet.com](http://www.lifestorynet.com)

Francis John Drzick, age 51, died Mar. 25, 2008. Francis is the son of **Kathleen McHugh Drzick**, NC '47.

Arthur Redmond died Feb. 1, 2008. Arthur was the husband of **Barbara Simonds Redmond**, NA.

**Barbara Shevchik**, NA '48 died Nov. 11, 2007.

Jennifer Packer, age 52, died March 9, 2008. Jennifer is the daughter of **Patti Harris Packer**, NA, '49.

**Mark Your Calendar!**  
**Spirit Day 2008**  
**September 26&27**

### NEWS & NOTES

For the Nazareth Association  
Newsletter

We'd like to hear from you.  
What have you been up to?  
Who have you seen lately?  
Send us your news and we will  
Include it in our next newsletter.

Please send your name (include  
maiden), school and year.

Mail or email to the address on  
the head of the newsletter.

## Class of 1958 Nursing School Reunion!

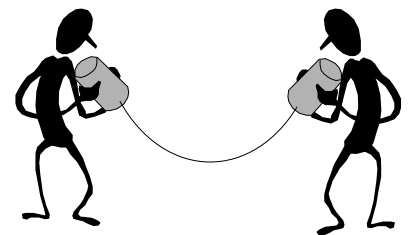
The 1958 Class of the School of Nursing for Borgess and St. Joseph, Flint are having their reunion in Kalamazoo September 16-17.

Part of their agenda includes a Mass (or perhaps only a prayer service and Holy Communion -- depends on the availability of a priest) at 11:00am on Thursday, Sept 17, followed by lunch and a tour of the History Room. We hope many of the nurses will return for Spirit Day on the 27th. Contact the Association office for more information.

## Alums Seeking Alums

**Barbara Crego Barth**, NC '69, has contacted the Association and would like to organize a 40 year reunion for her class. She would like people to contact her at: 817 Park Chase, Evans, GA 30809 or [bcbarth@comcast.net](mailto:bcbarth@comcast.net).

Calling all 1969 Graduates of Borgess School of Nursing. We would like to get together for a 40th reunion sometime in the spring or summer of 2009 but we need to find everyone. If you're out there e-mail - **Ellen Collier Muller** at [ellenann48@hotmail.com](mailto:ellenann48@hotmail.com).



## Nazareth College Mourns the Loss of Two Sisters



**Sister Cheryl Allen (SSJ 1956-2008)** earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Nazareth College in 1956. Later, she earned a PhD in Biochemistry from the University of Illinois. She then joined the Nazareth College faculty in 1974 until she left to study at the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley. She then began a ministry in bioethics for the Sisters of St. Joseph Health System in 1984. She served in that capacity, a developing ministry in healthcare, and left it only to accept a position in leadership for the Sisters of St. Joseph. Later, she became the “in-house” ethicist for the St John health care program in Detroit. She was active in this role until her untimely death on February 14, 2008.



**Sister Edith (Marie Jesse) Morrison (SSJ 1934-2008)**

Those who attended Nazareth College between 1944 and 1986 will remember Sister Edith for her mathematical genius as well as her passion for her students and for the college. Sister Edith served at the College for 38 years, as professor of mathematics, freshman and/or sophomore advisor, and student mentor. She lived life with intensity as a member of the college faculty, as a religious, and as a peace activist.

Sister entered the Congregation in 1934. She earned a BS degree in mathematics from Nazareth, and a Ph.D. from Catholic University of America. She also pursued postgraduate studies at Stanford in California.

Mirion Yang, a double-major in math and chemistry at Nazareth College, upon hearing of Sister’s death, wrote from her home in Australia, “. . .what a gloriously fulfilled life she led. She will always be part of my life – her knowledge, her wisdom, her gentleness, her love, her ability to always persist in her beliefs—and for that I am most grateful.”

Sister’s last years were spent at Nazareth in congregational leadership and at secretarial posts where needed. She is remembered at Nazareth for her leadership with Pax Christi, an international organization promoting peace and justice. Sister died February 27, 2008.

### Nazareth Academy Music Teacher Dies

**Sister Corrine (Thoma) Harris (CSJ 1933-2008)**

Formerly Sister Thoma, Corrine died March 21, 2008. She was a favorite music teacher at Nazareth Academy for many years. She earned a BA from Nazareth, and Bachelor of

Music and Master of Music from DePaul University in Chicago. When the Academy moved to O’Brien, Sister moved to Lansing where she served in liturgical ministry, organist and choir director, at St. Casimer Church. She also championed work toward justice and equality for women both in the Church and in society. Sister herself characterized her life and mission in Psalm 150:4,6 *“Praise him with strings and reeds, let everything that breathes praise Yahweh.”* In her later years in Kalamazoo, Sister always enjoyed her luncheons with NA Classes of the late ‘40s.



### We Fondly Remember...

**Recently deceased Sisters of  
St. Joseph -**

**Sister Anna Bappert** died Nov. 18, 2007. She was a teacher and principal and taught in the Nazareth College Reading Center.

**Sister Priscilla Tobin** passed March 7, 2008, after teaching elementary school for 34 years.

**Sister Johnine Andrews** died March 27, 2008. Sister taught business education and special education in Catholic high schools.

## 2008 Scholarship Awards

by Hildegard Molter

The Nazareth Association Scholarship Committee has been busy reading applications and selecting our scholarship winners for the 2008-2009 academic school year. The deadline was March 15 and winners were notified by April 30.

This year we are awarding four \$1000 scholarships, including two with money from the Mary Vocelle estate. One of the Vocelle Scholarships is named in honor of Sister Martha Hallock and the other one in honor of Sister Edith Morrison. Both were teachers at the college. The third scholarship is named in honor of St. Camillus/Borgess and St. Joseph Flint Nursing Schools. The Vyverman family is providing the fourth scholarship in honor of their mother, Marian Vyverman.

Our winners will be announced at Spirit Day on Sept. 27 and posted on our website at [www.nazarethassociation.org](http://www.nazarethassociation.org).

Since 1994, the Association has awarded \$48,000 to 39 deserving students attending Catholic Colleges. This is made possible through the generous and continued support and interest of our Association members. We thank you all.

Applications for the following year (2009-2010) will be available in November.

**Deadline will be March 15, 2009.** To obtain an application, contact:

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(269) 342-1191

## Special Needs Community Service Grant Program

by Joyce McNally

Grant applications are currently being sought for 2008. The focus is on Nazareth CSJ sponsored ministries with a special need or project that would benefit from a modest financial boost. Some of the grants awarded last fall helped to establish a much needed literacy program for clients in the city of Flint, supported the continuation of the art program for St. John Vianney middle school children in collaboration with the Flint Institute of Art and provided funds to St. Frances Cabrini Clinic in Detroit to convert their medical records to a proper filing system. These are just a few examples of what the Nazareth Association has been able to do thanks to your past generosity. Your continued support will be greatly appreciated.

## Girls Association Receives Grant

by Dr. Patricia Quattrin

The Benton Harbor Girls Association for Learning and Self-esteem is the recent recipients of an SSJ Mission Fund Grant in the amount of \$37,000.00 to support an after school program for middle school girls in the Benton Harbor area. The program will introduce girls in grades four to six to a variety of skills and learning experiences to be offered by academic and business volunteers from the Benton Harbor-Saint Joseph community. One-on-one tutoring in reading and math, music, sports and physical activity will also be available for the girls.

On Saturday, May 17, the BHGA, a 501C3 non-profit corporation, is holding their first fundraiser, a Dinner/Dance at DeMars Catering on M-140 at Watervliet exit #41. The fundraiser will help the organization develop property in residential Benton Harbor which was purchased with donations and will house an all girls middle school academy. The academy will provide a safe, nurturing environment in which girls will build self esteem, self-efficacy, self-discipline, and appropriate group and social skills, along with their education.

Anyone interested in purchasing tickets for the Dinner/Dance (\$20.00 each) or making a donation to the BHGA can contact Dr. Patricia Ann Quattrin, Director, at: (269) 983-4571

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## Nazareth Campus News



Ginny Jones CSJ at the entrance to the nature preserve at Nazareth.

### From a “Green” Vision to a “Green” Reality

by Irene Waldmann, CSJ

Forty years ago, Sister Virginia (Ginny) Jones came to Nazareth fresh from her doctoral studies at Michigan State University. Nazareth College was eager to develop environmental science studies, and Sr. Ginny was eager to teach and explore the campus and develop one of its hidden treasures, the far back campus. She discovered what some of us had known as the Land of Vision - fields, wetlands and a pristine stream. Most of us, as students in the forties and fifties, were fearful of what we called the quicksand back there, and heard stories of wagons and their occupants being swallowed up in the marshes. But it was worth the chance to pick those forget-me-nots we used for

wreathes at the Baccalaureate breakfast.

Fast-forward to the late '60's and early 70's are when Sister Ginny joined the science faculty and began her curriculum in environmental studies. With Sr. Ginny's knowledge and understanding of the environment, the preserve became more than a Land of Vision. It became a true expression of the new Covenant between God, humans and all creation, symbolized in Genesis 9:13 as the "bow in the clouds." And thus was developed the land known by that name.

The vision of years past became a reality in its own time. It also brought us into the 21<sup>st</sup> century and an interest in the environment and its value to the world's inhabitants. Sr. Ginny began to teach environmental science at Nazareth. She sponsored field trips and hands-

on classes to encourage her students to build trails and plant trees, to nurture the land and its wild growth. Grants were sought and eager hands began their work. Today, the preserve boasts an extensive 1000 foot boardwalk system— which allows visitors to pass with ease over terrain that would otherwise require a strenuous slog through boot-sucking muck and marsh grass. Nazareth students and Barbour Hall boys, helped by Kalamazoo nature-lovers, and Boy Scouts, including several Eagle Scouts, lent their hands and hearts to carefully preserve the pristine nature of the land. Sister's hope of a preserve where faith and environmental ideals meet in a harmonious symbol of spirituality became a reality.

Today, through extensive negotiation, this 60-acre nature preserve has become a part of the Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy, and part of the public domain. "We want the public to use it for what we call *re-creation*," said Sr. Ginny. "We know that before formal religion existed, people encountered something of the holy in the natural world. And that something – that peace, solitude and wisdom – is what we believe people can still find here."

Weather permitting during Spirit Day, Sister will direct interested nature lovers to explore the land and its beauty. Or stop by when you're in the area and find the entrance at the far north end of the campus.

(Some if the above is taken from an article by Tom Springer in the SWMLC newsletter, [Landscapes.](#))



## Annual Spring Run For the Health of It

The last weekend of April is the time for the annual “Run for the Health of It” with start and finish lines on the Nazareth Campus. Over the years – approximately 30 now – the run has expanded in opportunities and grown in numbers of participants. There are three competitive race events, as well as three non-competitive events: the Motivational Mile for those celebrating a health-related victory, rehabilitation or a physical lifestyle change; the Kids Fun Run, and the Priority Health 5K Walk which helps raise money for cardiac rehab and research.

The campus is the site, weeks before, for those warming up for the race. The Friday evening event for the youngsters is the highlight for many of the campus residents. Every participant receives an award – a blue ribbon – which they proudly sport on their Borgess T shirt. Often dads, moms, aunts or uncles accompany the child. It’s a great way to introduce the children to healthy walking or running.

*Put this event on your calendar and meet some of your former classmates and their children here the last weekend of April!*

## Nazareth Campus to House New Borgess Nursing Home

When Nazareth College closed, Borgess purchased the former Nazareth Sports Center, which has developed into a popular health and fitness center. Now the Sisters of St. Joseph are contributing a large section of the west-side property for a state-of-the-art nursing care facility to replace Borgess Nursing Home on Kalamazoo’s east side.

Recently Bill and Julia Van Domelen donated \$5.5 million of the estimated \$17 million to develop the care facility.

“For Bill and me, our many personal connections with the Sisters of St. Joseph over the years have fostered a fondness and great admiration for the spirit of their congregation,” Julia said. “We hold these wonderful, quiet missionaries in our community dear to our hearts. We hope others in the community will share in our passion and vision to create this great asset for the community” Julia added.

The new facility will be modeled on the Eden concept, including an environmentally friendly and alternative/green-house living concept. It will be available to lay people and sisters and will seek Medicare and Medicaid approval.

## Former Nazareth College President Honored

Dr. Jack Hopkins, President of Nazareth College in the ‘70s, plans to retire as the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Kalamazoo Community Foundation in July of this year. Recently, he was the recipient of the Irving S. Gilmore Lifetime Achievement Award at the annual STAR (Sharing Time and Resources) Awards ceremony honoring him for thirty years of giving.

Dr. Hopkins has been a generous contributor of time, energy and resources since coming to Kalamazoo. His position on the Community Foundation has put him in touch with the numerous agencies that service the poor and homeless, and this has increased his impetus to continue giving even after his retirement from the Foundation. Dr. Hopkins belongs to St. Thomas Student Parish at Western Michigan University and has served in various church ministries.

Jack said he is proud to be recognized among the many people in Kalamazoo who volunteer their time and resources, and we are proud to have been responsible for bringing him to Kalamazoo and Nazareth over thirty years ago.



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