

# Nazareth Association News

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## MISSION STATEMENT

*The members of the Nazareth Association, consisting of alumni, faculty and staff, and friends of the schools once operated by the Sisters of St. Joseph at Nazareth, Michigan, seek to continue the century-old tradition of wholistic human development through reunions and informative programs for the membership, as well as scholarships and grants to memorialize the search for knowledge and service to the world community.*



## Leave Your Legacy Through Gifting

Nazareth Association has been blessed to receive significant memorials in the past. 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 our scholarship programs, promoting education for young people.

Contact the Nazareth Association office for more information.

## President's Message

Every time I return to Nazareth for a meeting, I look across the lawn and see the windows of the Georgian Room. I remember the good times in the residence halls and some great meals in the Walnut Room (tablecloths and Steak Night!) but the Georgian Room remains one of my favorite memories.

During my era at Nazareth – the mid 1970's - the Georgian Room was used for special events such as receptions, workshops and the annual graduation convocation. What added to the mystery of this special room was the fact that it was usually kept locked. It reminded me of growing up, when my parents used our living room only for "company".

The Georgian Room was also used for many "High Teas" during the 1960's and early 1970's. The all-female student body would gather to hear Sr. Mary Bader, President of Nazareth College, and others speak about the college and the world. Eventually, the teas were discontinued and replaced with guest lecturers addressing the needs of social justice. The backdrop of that beautiful fireplace created from the woods of the Black Forest regions of southern Germany was spectacular.

I think about the times I used this room to do some "all-nighter" studying or typing a term paper that was due within hours of class. We begged the security guard to open up the room as a quiet study center but he was at times hesitant because "the sisters might wonder why the lights were on" if they looked down from their residence on the top floor of the Administration Building.

For the past few years, our Spirit Day luncheon has been held in the Georgian Room. The furniture and that beautiful white area rug are no longer present. We fill the room with banquet tables and chairs but our memories of this room remain.

I loved my years at Nazareth College and whether your memories recall the wide staircase at Nazareth Academy, Alumnae Hall at the motherhouse, the Barbour Hall drill formations, or the hallways of Borgess Hospital, I encourage you to return and recall them at this year's SPIRIT DAY. The theme is "We Remember When..." and in addition to the sisters providing their stories, we will also be telling our stories of laughter, joys, challenges and sorrows.

And as with each memory, I am positive that it ends with a THANK YOU to the Sisters of St. Joseph for giving us the opportunity to experience growth in our academics, social and spiritual foundations. And that spirit continues today with the Nazareth Association.

As president of the Nazareth Association, I want to thank you for your energies, financial support and responses to our appeal letters. With your dollars, we continue to carry forward the mission statement found in the left column. I am most grateful and look forward to personally thanking you at this year's SPIRIT DAY.

Randall J. Berd, Nazareth College 1976

## Grant Follow-Ups

Detroit  
Pastoral  
Alliance/  
McClellan  
Block Club  
Activities



Sr. Cathey DeSantis, CSJ reports that the grant request was for the Gratiot Woods neighborhood where the Detroit Catholic Pastoral Alliance works. The residents are “tough” and committed to their community. Many vacant lots in the neighborhood made it difficult to keep the neighborhood clean and well-kept. Members of the block clubs decided that a lawn mower, strong enough to use in the vacant lots, would help tremendously. That’s how the well-received Nazareth Association grant money was spent - to purchase a lawn mower and other tools that neighbors could use to keep vacant properties looking good.

### Ministry with Community Grant

The grant was awarded to Ministry with Community through Sr. Maureen Metty, CSJ and Janet Karpus to purchase kitchen equipment used for food preparation to serve the growing numbers of homeless in the Kalamazoo area. This assistance allowed the kitchen staff to improve the quality and diversity of meals making the participants more healthy and energetic. After careful shopping, the staff purchased several items including an electric can opener, a high-priced item that has been significant in saving time and providing safety and cleanliness for staff. Likewise the expensive 60 qt. stainless stockpot replaced a well-used one of much lesser quality and is a better tool for the community’s cooks who prepare many homemade soups, etc. on a regular basis. Other items purchased were new tools to make the job easier or to replace ones that have been broken over time. With this funding, Ministry with Community was able to prepare over 110,000 meals for participants during the year.

### Macomb County Warming Center

Sr. Rose Clement Canuelle, CSJ and Kathleen Goodrich received a grant for the Warming Center in Macomb County. The funds are being put to good use for equipment and for people in need. First of all, the center provides a needed place where people are served in various ways with their immediate needs as well as helps for their future, such as job skills training, including interview practice and help with appropriate clothes for interviews. The Center is very grateful for the Nazareth Association grant.

### N.E.W. Life Adult Literacy Program, Flint

Sr. Jan Popilek, CSJ received a Nazareth Association Special Needs Grant to help pay for the tests that students take to earn their GED. Eighteen students have achieved their GED and are either enrolled in college or have contracted a job. Some of them are working and going to school. Some have gone on to have very high grade point averages in college. Sr. Jan is pleased to report that several students have come back to help other students study to pass the test. Also, two of our students have been asked to speak to a class at Mott College about how attending GED classes has changed their lives.

### Borgess Resounding Spirit Musical Group

Dr. Robert Hill was awarded a grant for the Borgess Resounding Spirit Choir, of which Sr. Paula Terese Pilon, CSJ is a member. The grant money was used mainly for two purposes. The first is to pay for a year-long membership in the Society for the Arts in Healthcare membership. This allows greater access to resources and other grant writing opportunities. The second purpose is to purchase sheet music. The choir uses this music for events such as participation in the Sacred Music Festival. They also hosted a Spring Benefit Concert, held on Friday April 25th at Holy Family Chapel to raise money for Ministry with Community, a local drop-in center for the homeless in Kalamazoo. At this center, people receive meals, and can get showers, do laundry and have other basic needs met, and receive a number of social services to help rebuild their lives. The choir also performs at events for the hospital such as our upcoming Borgess Volunteer Appreciation Dinner in June. The Borgess Resounding Spirit choir mission is to provide restorative support and inspiration to patients, staff and the community. The choir uses the communal experience of singing to provide encouragement and revive the spirit. The choir thanks the Nazareth Association for helping to continue this mission throughout Borgess Health and in the greater Kalamazoo community.





Nazareth  
Assisted Living  
Residents  
By Sr. Grace Scola

Jana VanAntwerp and I received a grant to bring joy to sisters in assisted living at Nazareth. We have had a great time this past year, thanks to the grant fund that Nazareth Association has generously given us. We wined and dined in small groups about every three weeks with the Assisted Living Sisters. They thoroughly enjoyed themselves. With the help of Jana, our head nurse, and Sisters Pat Mullen and Pat Dillon, I was able to serve a nice meal to some lovely gracious women. We are all so grateful. Altogether, we served about 35 Sisters. In April and May, we are having small group gatherings again with a tea. We have recovered the old silver teapot accessories, and Karen Tavernier and Joyce McNally have donated tea serving sets. So we are set to go!

Karen Tavernier also taught a group of Sisters a class on hat making. They were all very excited! Sisters purchased hats and decorated them for our Easter Parade. With the guidance of Karen and assistance from Sisters Pat Mullen, Agnes Breitenbeck, Jean Kennedy, Mila Sones, and me, we were able to decorate and exercise some creativity. It was an interesting and delightful afternoon. It resulted in some great surprises when the hats were completed with ribbons, bows, flowers and jewels. These hats will also become the admission ticket to our tea parties. A huge thank you to Nazareth Association board member Karen Tavernier who not only instructed and helped us, but who also contributed many materials and ingenious ideas. Thank you again for your generosity and interest.



Shrine  
Catholic  
High School  
Nicaragua  
Trip



Sr. Mary Ann Wyllie, CSJ obtained a grant for a Shrine High School Student Immersion Trip in Nicaragua again this past year. The Association's financial support has been critical in offering this trip. Sr. Mary Ann says the students lived and worked among the people. Among other things they worked in a rural area at a one room school where they tore out rusty old fencing. After the trip, Mary Ann asked the students to reflect on, "How will you carry this experience with you into the rest of your life? How has this changed your life?" Here are some replies:

"I realize that I must actively be the change I want to see! Get involved in charity and volunteer opportunities!"

"This trip has changed my life and I vow not to change back. I don't live to serve; I serve to live."

"This experience will never leave me because I have already changed the way I look at the world and am inspired to take action."

"This experience has changed my life by opening my eyes to the vastness of the world and showing me that I can make a difference in the world."

Sr. Mary Ann, coordinator of the trip, is most grateful to the Nazareth Association for this grant.

## Scholarship News

By Priscilla Swiat

At their meeting April 16th in Coloma, the scholarship committee selected the ten award winners who will be announced at the Spirit Day luncheon on September 27, 2014. A decision was made that in the future the rotating scholarships honoring the former CSJ schools (Barbour Hall, Nazareth Academy, and the Schools of Nursing) may be named in honor or memory of a favorite instructor, sister or classmate of that institution. Next year's scholarship will honor the Academy. If you, as a former Academy member, have fond memories of a special person you would like to nominate, please contact us. Another option is offered for individuals or classmates who provide funds of \$1000 and submit their honoree's name to the committee. An example may be donations by an honored class at Spirit Day. Upon approval of the board, the scholarship can be awarded through our established process. What a wonderful way for classmates to unite and honor their favorite mentors!

# 2013 Spirit Day Pictures



## We Remember when.....

The theme for the 2014 Spirit Day will be "We Remember When." ... because many of the CSJs have volunteered to talk about their early years in the Congregation with a panel presentation at the Saturday afternoon session. This will be your chance to ask questions and find out the inside stories. This discussion will be one of the afternoon break-out sessions after the Georgian Room luncheon, where grants and scholarships will be awarded. We will also have a postcard presentation, a History Room tour and treasure hunt, and a Spouses' Program with a day trip to the Gilmore Car Museum with docent Jerry Van Tassel.



At the end of the afternoon, a Mass will be held honoring our departed classmates.



SPIRIT DAY 2014 will begin with a reception on Friday evening, September 26<sup>th</sup>. Spirit Day is held annually for **everyone associated with the schools** formerly sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph. This year, we will be honoring classes ending in 4 and 9 but all are welcome.



RESERVE THE DATES, SEPTEMBER 26 & 27, AND BEGIN CONTACTING YOUR CLASSMATES FOR A SEPTEMBER REUNION. For assistance with class contact information, call the Nazareth Association office (269.342.1191) and leave a message with your request.



Mary Van Tassel, Borgess School of Nursing '63 Spirit Day co-chair.



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- Spirit Day information will be posted on our
- website – [www.nazarethassociation.org](http://www.nazarethassociation.org) –
- beginning in July. Invitations will be mailed in
- August or you may register on the website.
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## “Nazareth is Always in My Heart”

An interview with Olga Bonfiglio

“Where I am today in my life, I owe to Nazareth College!” Olga was Director of Communications at Nazareth College during the late 1970's. Her life was affected by learning the lesson of service to others from John Lore and the college sisters, especially Sr. Irene Waldmann, Srs. Martha and Mary Hallock, and Sr. Rosemary Kenary. Service meant “doing for others, not for your own glory, or more money or power or advancement.” It was at Nazareth that she developed a love for social justice. She remembers the college as a community-minded organization - a "homey" place for learning and living. Everyday life at Nazareth was cooperative rather than competitive.

Once the college was opened to male students, Olga moved into public relations. The new focus was to change the Nazareth College image from a women's college and nursing institution into a college whose programs would also attract male students. Nazareth College designed cutting-edge weekend management programs which did attract male students. During this time, Olga remembers the easy access she had to the Kalamazoo Gazette newsroom because of her predecessor, Sr. De Paul, who had gained the hearts of everyone there at the Gazette office. Sr. DePaul taught us to “be better at what we do.”

In 1995 she received a doctorate in Curriculum and International Education from Western Michigan University and taught at Kalamazoo College and served as Director of the Education Department. She says she was well prepared to be of service to the students by what she learned at Nazareth.

Olga joined the Sisters of St. Joseph for a time and was greatly influenced by Srs. Lois Barror, Rosemary Balog, and Rosemary Tierney. Olga was awarded a Kellogg Fellow Scholarship and had opportunities to travel, a dream of hers. Since then she has traveled to twenty-three countries. Her social justice commitment was strengthened as she learned about the cultures of many peoples.

Olga is a freelance writer recently published in *America* magazine. In 2005 she published *Heroes of a Different Stripe: How One Town Responded to the War in Iraq*, which includes interviews with many from Kalamazoo. Presently she is working on a book on gardening and meditation. Someone once said to her, “You always bring up the spiritual dimension of things.” Olga agrees and says she learned this from her days at Nazareth. Olga has returned to Nazareth for some of our Spirit Days as “Nazareth is in my heart always.”

For Olga's trip blogs: [olgatravels.blogspot.com](http://olgatravels.blogspot.com) and [traumarecoveryassociatesinrwanda.blogspot.com](http://traumarecoveryassociatesinrwanda.blogspot.com)



## “Keep on Learning and Changing”

An interview with Chris Quattrin

Christopher Quattrin, after working with his father in construction, decided to enroll in Nazareth College's Master of Business Management Program in the late 1980's. His mother, Patricia NC'78, may have influenced him, but Christopher notes that this decision has taken him to exciting and fulfilling career opportunities. Among his lasting lessons at Nazareth was to look in the mirror often and note the changes you see. If you don't change, you die. Similarly, if you quit changing in your work, your career will die. So keep on learning so that when opportunities present themselves, you will be ready to act. Another powerful lesson concerned ethical behavior at work. No matter how much it hurts to do the right thing, do it. Quit a position if you have to, rather than compromise your integrity. A third lesson is on automation: computers make automatic the manual process that you map.

Christopher applied these learnings in career opportunities that have taken him across the country. He worked for three years as Manager of Cost Estimation for Kmart, building two hundred stores a year with a one billion dollar budget. Then he spent a number of years for the Smith Group as Chief Estimator in “Design to Cost” projects. These included work at MacNamara Terminal, Ford Field, Tiger Stadium, Detroit Institute of Arts, Michigan State University Bio-Physics Building, Discovery Channel Towers, Detroit Downtown YMCA, St. Jude Hospital and some Detroit schools. He also worked as Cost Engineer for Barton-Marlow working with companies on over-budget solutions. Currently he is working in software development, has created a consulting group for the building of systems, and consults for insurance companies with large-loss claims.

Christopher carries within him the need to remember the people around him and mentor them in the same manner as he was mentored. He tries to help them grow to be the best person they can be. He has helped many people move forward, sometimes helping them decide to enroll in classes or programs. He helps them with their studies and papers and sees them succeed even when they think they can't. “My education at Nazareth College, and from the Jesuits at the University of Detroit, has helped me help many others to be successful.”

Christopher resides in St. Joseph with his three children.

## St. Camillus Graduate Around the Globe

An Interview with Mary Durm Mechtenberg

Mary wanted to be a nurse since she was six years old. She entered the Borgess nursing program as part of the St. Camillus unit. It was a three year, year-round program and she graduated in 1960. Memories that stand out for her were the housemother at the door checking students in and out, the tunnel between the nurses' residence and Borgess Hospital, teachers Sister Benedicta and Vera Wallach, and many great friends.

She entered the Sisters of St. Joseph for a time (1960-71), and in 1967, received a B.S. degree from Nazareth College and later in 1972 a Masters in Nursing from Wayne State University. She enjoyed two years of hospital nursing in Mercy Hospital, Monroe and a year or two at Borgess Hospital.

Mary said that she was open to opportunities and inherited a spirit of adventure from her family. In 1968-69, she worked in Vietnam for Catholic Relief Services. She worked to assist refugees with health care problems, taught health care classes at several orphanages, and gave hundreds of immunizations to children to prevent cholera and typhoid. During 2002-2004, she and her husband, Tom Mechtenberg, worked with the Peace Corps. She taught classes on HIV to intermediate and high school students in the West Indies. In 2005, she worked in refugee camps in Sri Lanka following a horrific tsunami, which killed hundreds of thousands of people. She and her husband worked with locals to set up sanitary facilities and organize local camps.

In 2009 and 2012, she and her husband assisted Palestinians in their efforts for peace and justice with Michigan Peace Team. In 2011, she taught HIV classes in Uganda through the Fort Portal Diocese. Currently, she helps with the summer migrant ministry program at migrant camps in Berrien County.

When asked where she got the toughness to do some of these things, she replied that she just took the opportunity to do what she could to make a difference when these opportunities presented themselves - and that she did inherit a spirit of adventure from her family. She has truly made a difference for others around the globe to help create a more just and humane society.

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Previous issues of the newsletters are available on our website. Since 2009 the issues are in color! Use the Nazareth Association Website to see what we have accomplished and what your friends have been up to!



## **Sister Gabrielle Henning, CSJ**

Bernice Henning died January 16, 2014. She was born in St. Johns, MI., on July 1, 1914, the daughter of Frank and Elizabeth (Mueller) Henning. A member of St. Joseph Parish at the time of her entrance into the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph, she received her final vows on January 9, 1939.

Sister Gabrielle earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Piano from Nazareth College, a Master of Arts degree in Education from the Catholic University of America, and a Doctorate in Education from Michigan State University. She began her ministry as a music teacher at Barbour Hall and Nazareth Academy and then she became a full-time faculty member at Nazareth College in the departments of Music and Education, a position which she enjoyed for 44 years. She taught summer classes at Aquinas College in Grand Rapids and the University of Detroit. After retiring from teaching, she continued at Nazareth College as Director of Grants and Accreditation. In retirement at Nazareth Center, she continued to apply for grants and foundation funds to meet specific needs for Nazareth Center and Fontbonne Manor.

Sister Gabrielle taught the students in her education classes, "Those who instruct others unto justice shall shine as stars for all eternity." May she, too, now shine eternally in the presence of the God she served so faithfully.

### Memorabilia Sales

These are a sample of the items we have for sale. Check out pictures on Facebook: Nazareth College in Kalamazoo, MI or contact Dan Barrett by phone at 800-234-6531 ext 222 or email, [dbarrett@behnkeinc.com](mailto:dbarrett@behnkeinc.com)

Blue Fleece jackets with Nazareth Association logo – small to XXXL \$40 - \$45

Light Gray Nazareth Crest logo sweatshirts  
Small to XL \$33 - \$35

St. Camillus/Borgess School of Nursing crest long sleeve T-shirts – small to XXL \$20-\$22



## Memories of the Villa St. Anthony

Villa St. Anthony School for Girls, grades K-6 of Nazareth Academy opened in 1942. It was located in nearby Comstock on East Michigan Avenue, about three miles east of Nazareth. That same year Camp Woodland was opened, a spiritual and recreational 4-week summer camp for young girls ages 5-15. Villa St. Anthony School closed in 1956. Camp Woodland closed in 1962.



*Date 8-11-1944*  
Girls receiving instruction in archery at Camp Woodland.

### Camp Woodland in the 1940's

In the mid 1940's Beverly "Mitzi" Muter Bouvrette, a 4<sup>th</sup> grade student from the SSJ staffed St. Veronica School in East Detroit, was the only girl from her class who attended the SSJ's summer Camp Woodland at the Villa St. Anthony. Her first time away from home, Mitzi remembers great fun swimming in the large outdoor pool, going down to the river, doing arts and crafts, and meeting lots of girls from different races who all wore navy blue shorts and white tops. She remembers learning manners as a Sister of St. Joseph ate with the girls at each table for every meal. Mitzi says she was grateful for learning how to pick up a glass correctly from the bottom so the chance of germs would be less, and something just as foreign to her -- how to share! When it was time for the girls to leave, some girls were sad as their "home" was the Villa, which Mitzi found out was a residential school. Mitzi's train ride back home to East Detroit all alone was also most memorable.

### Sr. Marlene Lammers' Memory of the Villa

Sr. Marlene Lammers, now in her 90's and a resident at Borgess Gardens, remembers her days as a novice, about 1946, in the Sisters of St. Joseph. The bus would bring the class to the Villa, three or four miles from Nazareth, for good times at a picnic. Among other things, she remembers the time the novices went down to the river. A small boat was tied to the shore. Of course, the sisters were told they could not ride in the boat, but three novices got into the boat to just sit. To their surprise, a strong wind came up suddenly, broke the rope, and carried the sisters out into the river. Immediately they were rescued, but from then on, the novices just looked at the boat tied to the shore.

## Nazareth Association 2014 Board of Directors

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## WANTED: BOARD MEMBERS

By Anita Rosenberg

The Bylaws of the Nazareth Association require that "a good faith effort will be put forth to ensure that the board is comprised of at least one representative from each of the schools that make up the Association." These schools are Nazareth Academy and College, Barbour Hall, St. Camillus/Borgess and St. Joseph/Flint Schools of Nursing.

We need nominees from all of the schools for the 2014-2015 Association year, but in greatest need for representatives from Barbour Hall, Nazareth Academy and the Schools of Nursing. The term begins in October and extends for three years. The Board meets five times a year. Members also have the opportunity to serve on various committees including scholarships, grants, member recruitment, newsletter, etc.

Please contact Anita Rosenberg at 231-780-1276 if you are interested, know of someone you think may be a good nominee or have questions regarding the duties and responsibilities of the Association Board.



## In Tribute to the CSJs

By Randal Berd

The Nazareth Association initiated a new tradition last year in commemorating the Congregation of St. Joseph. Annually, the board will select two sisters that served as exemplary professional, academic, and spiritual mentors to students, faculty, and staff. In 2013, CSJ Sisters Irene Waldmann, Mary Hallock and the late Martha Hallock were honored for their years of service to the thousands of students they came in contact with during their respective administrative and classroom tenures.

In tribute to them and the CSJ community, trees were planted in their honor on the grounds of Nazareth campus.

We are excited to continue this tradition at Spirit Day 2014. Trees represent growth. So many of the Sisters gave us a firm foundation – our roots – both in our personal lives and professional careers and we want to continue to acknowledge their endeavors and sacrifices with this simple gesture.

The event will take place on Saturday morning, September 27<sup>th</sup>, at the conclusion of the annual business meeting. The site of the tree planting will be near the main entrance of the Transformations Conference Center. This location is most fitting and ideal. We will be reminded each time we gather for future Spirit Days of the continuous *transformation* within us and these trees.

The Nazareth Association Board of Directors will be selecting this year's recipients at their June board meeting. The sisters selected will be announced in July on the Nazareth Association website [www.nazarethassociation.org](http://www.nazarethassociation.org).



## Sisters Celebrate 125th Anniversary of Founding in Kalamazoo

By Mary Anne Dalton, CSJ

On Sunday, July 6, 2014 the Congregation of St. Joseph at Nazareth will joyfully celebrate the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their founding in Kalamazoo. It was on July 6, 1889, that Mother Margaret Mary Lacey and nine sisters from Watertown, NY, responded to the call of Father Francis O'Brien, pastor of St. Augustine Church to come and help begin a much needed hospital. The sisters arrived by train and joined with Fr. O'Brien to establish Borgess Hospital to serve the sick in the area. An old mansion in town was purchased and remodeled for hospital rooms, and a convent and chapel for the sisters. The hospital opened in December 1889 with twenty beds and served by eight local physicians.

In the early years in Kalamazoo, the new foundation of Sisters of St. Joseph began their principal works of the congregation. In 1891, the sisters took charge of St. Francis Home for Boys, an orphanage then situated in Monroe, Michigan, but later was housed in Detroit, and began educational ministry at LeFevre Institute, later renamed St. Augustine School. In 1895, the St. Camillus School of Nursing was established at Borgess by Sr. Raphael O'Brien, and subsequently in 1925 became affiliated with Nazareth College. In 1897, the sisters opened Nazareth Academy, a residential school for young women, grades 1-12. In 1902, Barbour Hall opened as a residential school for young boys. In 1924, Nazareth College was incorporated as a four-year liberal arts college for women, but later became coeducational in 1970. St. Joseph School of Nursing in Flint opened in 1958.

Over the years, the institutions of the Sisters of St. Joseph have served thousands of graduates. To this day, the Nazareth Association of alums stands as a tribute to the many that were educated at Nazareth. Thus, on Sunday, July 6, 2014, the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Sisters of St. Joseph founding in Kalamazoo will be celebrated at Nazareth, beginning with Mass at 1:00 p.m., and followed by activities and refreshments. Tour Nazareth's extensive History Room museum on the ground floor which chronicles the lives of all who were part of the Nazareth institutions. *(Adapted from the DVD The Nazareth Story: A legacy of the Sisters of St. Joseph at Nazareth 1889-2009 produced and available from the Nazareth Association)*

### Sisters of St. Joseph Celebration of Founders' Day 125 years in Kalamazoo

Sunday, July 6, 2014

Mass ~ 1:00 p.m.  
Holy Family Chapel

2:30-4:30 ~ Tours, Refreshments,  
Experience Our Beautiful Campus

For information call (269) 381-6290 ext. 432



# News & Notes

How are you "keeping the spirit alive" in your community? The Nazareth Association Newsletter would like to know...email your story to [nazarethasn@voyager.net](mailto:nazarethasn@voyager.net).

## Nazareth Academy & College

**Alice (Pratt) Herber, NA'55, NC'59** celebrated a milestone birthday by climbing the Sydney Harbour Bridge last year. A couple of years earlier her younger sister, **Paula Pratt, NA'62, NC'66** also climbed the Bridge. While in Australia Alice visited **Mirion (Yang) Bearman, NC'59** and her husband, Michael.

## Nazareth College

**1965 - Sarah May Fugler NC'65** wrote: I'd like to see if Sr. Vivian is still alive. I know that she went on from the academy to be a principal in Detroit. We went to my mom's in Jan. for her 100th birthday. She wanted a tea to celebrate so that is exactly what it was. A High Tea at a local Tea Room.  
(Editor's note: Sr. Vivian died July 27, 2007)

**1965 -** After the publication of the picture in the Spring 2013 newsletter of classmates from the class of '65 meeting for lunch in Fort Myers, Charlene was contacted by several alum who would like to join them in the future. None were available when, **Charlene (Theisen) Durfee, Mary Ellen (Crego) Krueger, Carolyn (Borer) Moening and Gloria (Smith) O'Connell** met in Feb. but we hope they will make it next year. **Jeanette (Szumowski) Coleman NC'68** wrote: Lunch would be fun for sure. I went to Nazareth 1964-1966. I left after my sophomore year. Stan & I are in Florida from Nov. until April. **Ann (Yerks) Riege, NC'68** wrote: We have a house in Colonial Club Country Club. I will pop down in Nov. for a long weekend, then again in Jan., Feb. and March. I go back and forth because I am still working. BUT yes, it would be super to get together for lunch!

**1980 - From Sharon (Ringlein) Anderson-Western:** I was sorry to miss Spirit Day. Thankfully I recently had a mini-reunion with classmates and enjoyed Art Prize in Grand Rapids. **Kathy (Balough) Izenbaard, Marylynn (Manuszak) Drygas** and I had a great time and are planning our next adventure already.

**1992 – Rachel (Crow) Prater** posted on the website: Mar. 18, 2014, Afghanistan – I am currently deployed with the US Navy in Kandahar, Afghanistan. Would love to hear from anyone from class of 1992.  
Email: [praterrachel@yahoo.com](mailto:praterrachel@yahoo.com)

**1992 - Sonya (Huff) Archer** wrote: For a few years, I taught elementary school and then transitioned into child abuse prevention work. At age 50, I became a Christian and was baptized with my husband and children. I believe the sisters planted many seeds for me. I am now Executive Director at Love INC in Allendale where I help people who are struggling financially and spiritually. I hope to share the love of Christ with people like it was shown to me.

## St. Camillus/Borgess

**1952 – Emajene (Noon) Hopkins** sent us Betty Contardo's obituary. She knew Betty at Community Hospital. Emajene was in the last February class of Borgess Hospital.

**1965 – Mary Agnes (Weir) Bell** wrote: I graduated from Borgess and specialized in OB nursing for over fifteen years. Then I was drawn to holistic healing and energy; that has been my specialty now for over 20 years. After studying the work, I taught with the American Holistic Nurses and then developed my own school of energy healing in 1995. I am still teaching, especially for health care professionals. I also have a private practice in Phoenix, AZ, where I live and I love my work! You can contact me at [mbell5500@gmail.com](mailto:mbell5500@gmail.com) or 808.651.2045 and see what I'm doing at [www.foundationforunity.com](http://www.foundationforunity.com).

## Grad Receives National Award

- **Mary Ellen Pellington NC'72**, traveled to Washington D.C. to receive the 2014 National Medal for Museum and Library Service from First Lady Michelle Obama on May 8<sup>th</sup>. Winners were selected from nationwide nominations of institutions that demonstrate innovative approaches to public service, exceeding the expected levels of community outreach.
- Mary Ellen is the Library Director of the Octavia Fellin Public Library which serves the City of Gallup, N.M. and McKinley County as well as neighboring counties and residents of Arizona.
- The Library is committed to providing quality services and programs that are inclusive of its community's diverse cultures and ethnicities.
- See our Nazareth Association web-site for the complete press release.



## May They Rest in Peace



Our prayers are offered for the following:

### Nazareth Academy

1949 - Anita "Becky" (Brown) Swem died Feb. 21, 2014.

1955 - Lois Marie (Gordenier) Mayfield died Feb. 21, 2014. She is the sister of Frances Gordenier, NA'57.

Mary Flynn'55 and Maureen Flynn'53 on the death of their brother, James Dennis Flynn Mar. 29, 2014.

### Nazareth College

1947 - Kathleen (McHugh) Drzick - on the death of her daughter, Margaret Lynne Bindemann, Mar. 10, 2014.

1948 - Evelyn Marie (Gruber) Johnson died Oct. 25, 2013.

1952 - Hildegard Lasecki died in June 13, 2012.

1953 - Dr. Mary Kathleen (O'Donnell) Cloud died Nov. 5, 2010. Also attended Nazareth Academy 1949.

1959 - Judy (Kraus) Campbell died Jan. 1, 2014.

1960 - Patricia Ann Goode died Nov. 25, 2012.

1960 - Marita Jean Botti died Jan. 22, 2014.

1966 - Loretta (Kerbawy) Sova - on the death of her mother-in-law Cecilia Rose Sova, Jan. 6, and her brother Thomas Edward Kerbawy, Mar. 24. Loretta also lost a granddaughter, Brooke Madeline Sova in 2013.

1966 - Colette (Renier) Whalen died Nov. 18, 2013.

1980 - Sharon Anderson-Western - on the death of her mother, Marilyn Ringlein, Apr. 30, 2014. Marilyn is also the sister-in-law of Carolyn (Ringlein) Studer, NC'60. Sharon's mother-in-law, Gloria Cummings also died this year.

1986 - Margaret (Caldwell) Greydanus - on the death of her father, Dr. James Caldwell, Feb. 2, 2014.

### St. Camillus/Borgess School of Nursing

1943 - Margaret Mary (White) Lattin died Dec. 22, 2013.

1947 - Mary Ann (Tober) Mashke died Nov. 19, 2011.

1948 - Colleen (Haley) Schanz - on the death of her husband, Albert J. Schanz, Jan. 29, 2014.

1948 - Betty June (Wood) Contardo died Dec. 26, 2013.

1948 - Sylvia (Wing) Passinault died Nov. 23, 2010.

1953 - Patricia (David) Burke - on the death of her husband, Dr. Howard J. Burke, Oct. 8, 2013.

1953 - Dr. Betty J. (Gulley) Rutherford died July 29, 2013.

1964 - Judith Lee (Gorman) Klein died Jan. 8, 2014.

1969 - Kayla (Hillis) Vandegriff died April 21, 2008.

1969 - Mary Elizabeth (Hamlin) Martelli died Jan. 3, 2014.

## Deceased Members of CSJ

Memorials may be made to  
Congregation of St. Joseph,  
PO Box 29, Nazareth MI 49074.

Sr. M. Michel Burrell (NC'64) died Nov. 11, 2013.

Sr. Mary Ellen Ward (NC'48) died Apr. 1, 2014.

Sr. Barbara Beebe (Borg '51) died Apr. 12, 2014.

Sr. Rebecca Curtin (NC'67) died Nov. 17, 2013

Sr. Jane Beehler (NC'65 ) died May 2, 2014.

## Memorials

### Scholarship Fund Donations in memory of:

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