

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

Twenty years ago this spring, the final commencement, benediction and closing ceremony occurred at Nazareth College in Kalamazoo. I was in attendance that day and it was definitely a day of mixed emotion, to say the least. The names of those present leading the events of April 26, 1992, will live forever within the community of people who make up our Nazareth College: Rosemary Kenarny SSJ, Oliver Evans, Phyllis Davis Williams, Virginia Paganelli-Carusio, Helen Battle SSJ, and Benediction by Rev. Richard Leliaert O.S.C. Presentation of the College Symbols, Mace and Medallion, were given to three leaders: Oliver Evans, President of Nazareth College, Helen Battle SSJ, President of the Sisters of St. Joseph, and Phyllis Davis Williams, President of the Nazareth College Alumni Association. The last name, Phyllis Davis Williams, continued her leadership role and became the first President of the Nazareth Association - a person who would assist in laying the groundwork for the past twenty years, which continues into the future and beyond.

As much as the closing of the college was a heartbreaking day, the birth of the Nazareth Association has been filled with much delight. Many wonderful gifts have been shared with others, more than could ever seem possible. This year, 2012, we are privileged to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Nazareth Association. The challenge of a small non-profit group to establish itself as a viable and self-sustaining collection of individuals, comprising not just one type of person but rather a representation of the many graduates and friends of our Nazareth institutions of learning, is to be commended. Because of the efforts and the generosity of many, the hard work and success that has followed is an example of our devotion to all that we have learned at the schools associated with Nazareth. Our loyalty to the Sisters to carry on their mission of scholarship, service to others, and opportunity to change and enhance the world in which we live through community service has been a driving force that has defined the character of those connected with the Nazareth Association.

There is nothing so satisfying to the spirit than to work within an organization that truly supports the goals and mission of the Congregation of St. Joseph, formerly the Sisters of St. Joseph. As it was in the beginning, the Nazareth Association continues today to live up to its ideal, to carry on the tradition as a living testimony to the Nazareth heritage by promoting and providing opportunities for continued intellectual and spiritual growth and community service. Join me in acknowledging and thanking all those who have played a part and have been instrumental in the success of the Nazareth Association over the years. We look to the future to continue to share the blessings that we have been entrusted with.

I will end by quoting Blessed Mother Teresa:

“I slept and I dreamed that life is all joy,
I woke and I saw that life is all service.
I served and I saw that service is joy.”

As evidenced by our past, may our future be given opportunities of joy to serve those who are in most need of our time, our talents and our gifts.

Anne Marie Bradley, NC'91

Grants Committee

By Joyce Glomski

On April 2, Grant Committee co-chairs Margaret Derhammer and Joyce Glomski met and sent out 2012 grant application letters. The Special Needs Community Grants Programs provides financial assistance to the ministries of the Nazareth CSJ sisters. Also serving on the committee this year are Jan Hess, Mary Van Tassel and Mimi Elwell.

Our thanks to Joyce McNally for serving as committee chairman in the past and for all her help in mentoring the new co-chairs.

Your support of the Nazareth Association helps fund this worthy cause.

Scholarship News

By Priscilla Cronley-Swiat

The Scholarship Committee was one of the first established by the Association to continue the mission of the Sisters of St. Joseph.

At present, scholarship recipients are selected in April and awarded at Spirit Day. Applications, due by March 15, are found on-line and have specific requirements: rising junior or senior at a Catholic college or university, three letters of recommendation, official academic transcript showing at least a 3.0 GPA, an essay reflecting personal connection with the Association's goals as expressed in the mission statement, and a list of extra-curricular and community-service activities.

An additional scholarship is awarded to a rising junior or senior in a full-time nursing program which does not have to be at a Catholic institution.

The selection committee for the 2012-2013 Nazareth Association scholarships met April 18 and reviewed the applications for this year. \$7,000 in scholarships will be awarded at Spirit Day in September.



The Visit that Keeps on Happening!

By Suzanne Lareau



Here we are, Marie Swartz Lareau, Nazareth College '36, and me, Suzanne Lareau, Nazareth College '65, in about 1945 on the front steps of Nazareth - steps that I would ascend many times through the years. Perhaps we were there for the fall college reunion, to visit my sister Joann or to visit the sisters who had such an impact on our lives, values and goals. Some years later, I continue to climb those steps as a board member for Nazareth Association.

The powerful influence of the Sisters of St. Joseph infused our lives with a love of education and dedication to service. Our gratitude to the Sisters of St. Joseph lives on in many ways.

Spirit Day September 28 & 29, 2012

Seeking addresses

If you know of any changed or new addresses for our files, please send them to the office by July 1st so we can be sure everyone gets an invitation for Spirit Day.

Auction Donations Welcome

Each year at Spirit Day, we have a Silent Auction. This activity has become a favorite with our attendees. If you have items that you would like to donate for the auction, we would be glad to accept them. We are looking for large and small unused items - anything from gift baskets to a time share slot. To donate, contact the office.

Spirit Day 2012... and a few reasons to attend!

By Mary Jo O'Donnell Maher

If you are thinking about going back to Nazareth for a reunion this year on Spirit Day, Sept. 28 & 29, "do it!"

My class of 1961 had our 50th reunion last Spirit Day weekend! There were eight from our class at the reunion. It is over now, but many good memories remain of a most enjoyable and wonderful weekend for all those who attended. It really was so much fun to meet and hug old classmates again. Our class thought the weekend was "well worth it." Some came alone and some came with husbands. Many of us now had white hair and talked about some aches and pains and surgeries but the laughter came fast and furious when we talked about the "olden days" on campus. Memories flowed and more laughter followed. Nazareth was part of our journey and went into making us who we are today! I am glad that I had Nazareth for those years.

The liturgy late Saturday afternoon was especially wonderful. Memories of time spent in that chapel were renewed. The priest- celebrant for the Mass gave a good homily and the singing was beautiful. The Silent Auction following the Mass was fun and quite entertaining. Refreshments were tasty as were all the other food served over the course of a couple of days.

I do remember being a senior in 1961 and seeing older women in the cafeteria line. I asked, "Who are those old ladies?" and someone answered, "They are here to celebrate their 50th anniversary of their graduation from Nazareth." I laughed! No way was I going to ever do that. Who would come back fifty years later? I was too happy at that time to be getting out of school and starting my first teaching job in Detroit?

Well, here I was fifty years later laughing and visiting and enjoying time with 'old' friends! I was a senior citizen! It sure didn't seem like that long ago. Life has gone very fast. There have been mountains to climb and valleys to cross. A reunion like this is good for the soul as we think about all that has happened to us over these fifty years!

It may take a bit of time to encourage your classmates to attend Spirit Day this September. The gathering could be life-giving for everyone and would definitely be worth the effort just for the fun of being together again. I hope to see you there!

A Family Celebration

By Sally Carmody Moser

It was 1968, a tumultuous year in history marked by antiwar, civil rights, women's liberation movements, two shattering assassinations, the Beatles, the Rolling Stones and the year our wedding reception was held in the Georgian Room at Nazareth College. It seemed a perfect place as Dave was a proud graduate of Barbour Hall in 1952, and I received my B.S. degree in Medical Technology from Nazareth in 1962.

Now, celebrating sixty and fifty year reunions, we are an "old retired couple." Hardly! Dave retired from a career in sales and marketing, and I left the laboratory scene about six years ago. But today, Dave is a volunteer for CASA, a Court Appointed Special Advocate, advocating on behalf of children going through the foster placement system. I am co-chair of our parish Social Justice Commission in Grand Haven and continue to support Upendo Village and a hospital lab in Kenya. Of course, there is always time for grandchildren, golf, chorale and trips to faraway places.

We are grateful to the Sisters of St. Joseph for the memories and friends we cherish and the values that have truly shaped our lives. Dave and I are excited about Spirit Day in September and look forward to visiting with the teachers and friends who will be there, roaming the rooms, grounds and museum (!) and sharing our memories.





Spirit Day Presentation

Marianne Novak Houston will do a presentation at Spirit Day, Saturday, September 29.

Marianne holds a Masters degree in Religious Studies from Lumen Vitae Institute, Brussels, Belgium. She is the director of Michigan Courage and Renewal and a facilitator and consultant with the Center for Courage and Renewal in Seattle.

With Dr. Parker Palmer and his associates, she helped establish the international Courage to Teach and Courage to Lead programs and facilitates retreats in the US and abroad. Marianne retired in 1998 after forty years of teaching in elementary through university classrooms.

Currently Marianne facilitates a retreat series – “Living from Within: Journeying Toward an Undivided Life” and co-facilitates with Caren Dybek a retreat series called “Courage to Lead: Nurturing the Heart of the Leader,” both held at Transformation Spirituality Center in Kalamazoo.

Her recently published collection of original poems, *On the Street*, follows a lifetime of writing both prose and poetry, and supports the work of Ministry with Community, a daytime shelter for the homeless.

Spirit Day Inspiration

By Mary Van Tassel

Spirit Day participants are going to get a chance to "Bloom from Within." Each year our Spirit Day Reunions give us a chance to celebrate our roots and revisit our old friends who helped form who we are today. Many of us have blossomed more than we ever expected and now is the time to explore blooming from within.

From Root to Flower: Blooming from Within is an inspirational program presented by Marianne Novak Houston. Following the Georgian Room luncheon and Scholarship and Grant presentations, Marianne will lead us in this journey, as one of your afternoon activity choices.

Other Spirit Day choices include exploring the History Room, which holds treasures of Barbour Hall, Nazareth Academy, Nazareth College, St Camillus/ Borgess School of Nursing, and St. Joseph, Flint, School of Nursing and recording living history interviews.

Mass will be celebrated at 4:00 in the Chapel followed by our *After Glow* activities with refreshments and the conclusion of the Silent Auction.

Look for your invitation in late summer but start now to call your classmates and friends - make plans for a wonderful weekend at Nazareth.

This is your time to Blossom!

Plan Now to Attend
Spirit Day 2012
September 28 & 29

Ecovillage Site Plans

The Kalamazoo Gazette recently reported that the Comstock Township Planning Commission granted preliminary approval to a schematic site plan for Manitou Arbor Ecovillage. Sister Virginia Jones of the Congregation of St. Joseph and Mike Swartz, engineer from Prein & Newhof, said the goal is a non-profit “green” community. It will be located on forty acres on East Main Street between 28th and 30th Streets. About forty percent of the site is intended to remain as open space. Residential units will have to meet some level of green requirements. “Our effort is to create a sustainable residential community that emphasizes wise energy use and has a minimum impact on the environment... This is not a commune but an intentional community in which people can choose to live together independently,” Jones said. Construction will begin after final approval is granted and about twenty units in the development are reserved.

Sisters of St. Joseph Serve at Ministry with Community

By Sr. Margot Eder CSJ

One of the favorite service projects for Sisters of St. Joseph living in Kalamazoo is *Ministry With Community*. MWC began in 1978 at North Presbyterian Church to provide “basic services to adults with no other place to turn.” Since its earliest years, Sisters have served as volunteers in a variety of ways.

From being a basement operation in its founding, it has evolved to an incorporated agency with its own building where the poor congregate. “The mission of Ministry with Community is to improve lives by providing food, daytime shelter and other services to people in Kalamazoo struggling with homelessness, poverty, mental illness and other challenges.” Rebuilding lives, restoring hope, dignity, and self-respect takes daily face-to-face contact with people in crisis.

Sisters currently volunteer by helping to prepare and serve the Wednesday noon meal each week. It’s always important to interact with the members as much as possible. Also, we have participated in some annual fund-raisers. The “Underwear Party,” hosted by Borgess Hospital in December, draws a huge crowd. The admission is a donation of gloves, scarves, underwear, socks and other items that are given as Christmas gifts to MWC members. The “Gumbo Cook-off” also draws a big crowd. Twenty-plus local chefs volunteer their time and goods to compete for the best gumbo. Sisters work and participate in both these functions.

Each spring, MWC celebrates its members and volunteers at an award ceremony. Several years ago, it established a special *Sisters of St. Joseph Group Volunteer Award* to recognize the contribution of our sisters, especially our deceased Sr. Mary Bader. In the form of a plaque in the front lobby, it honors service groups who contribute time and talent to serve the members.

In a related activity, Sisters participate in the annual “A Good Friday Walk with the Homeless.” The group gathers at MWC and walks to eight sites in downtown Kalamazoo that provide services to the poor and homeless.

You can learn more about the agency by visiting www.ministrywithcommunity.org



Music Program Plus

By Dr. Patricia Ann Quattrin Ph.D.

The Benton Harbor Girls Academy has added a new staff member to its faculty this year. Charlene Jones-Clark is our Office Manager and our Music Teacher. Charlene brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to her position of teaching music. She studied Music Performance at Mercyhurst College D’Angelo School of Music in Erie, PA, and has been performing, cutting records, and writing music for over twenty years.

The format that Charlene uses in the classroom, called the “Keys for Life,” is a music curriculum that she created and developed. This curriculum teaches the girls the basics of music history, including composers over the centuries, choral performance, vocal training, and individual performance technique. The girls and the Academy staff are excited about what has been learned this year.

On Wednesday, May 16, 2012, Charlene and the girls will present a concert entitled “IMAGINE.” The concert will take place at 1:00 p.m. at the Academy, which is located at 580 Columbus Avenue in Benton Harbor. Included in the concert will be songs from such artists as Michael Jackson, Bette Midler, The Beatles, Louis Armstrong, and original material written by Charlene. In addition, the girls will perform a special dance routine celebrating the “King of Pop,” Michael Jackson, choreographed by Ms. Angelique Bell, a teaching assistant in the Academy. Light appetizers will be served following the program. Everyone is welcome.

Kids Read to Dogs

By Joyce McNally

A degree in education can spin off in a direction unplanned and yield a level of satisfaction unimaginable. This is what happened for Rosemary Makinen Moser NC '64. She began her career as a junior high mathematics teacher. In the mid-80's, she was introduced to the idea of *pet therapy* for patients in the hospital and nursing homes. She was intrigued by the concept. Rosemary had recently completed a 5-year course, *Bible Study Fellowship*, and was challenged to design a ministry based on what she had learned. She decided to visit patients with her Airedale Terrier as a companion. It didn't happen immediately – contacts with places she might take her 'dale had to be made, the 'dale had to be registered, specific dog grooming requirements had to be met, plus there was some initial reluctance on the part of the institutions with this "new approach." Her first clients were residents at Fontbonne, patients at Borgess Hospital and in the Borgess Hospital Psych Unit.

Soon she learned about the READ program, *Reading Education Assistance Dogs*, which really caught her attention. For nearly twenty-five years, Rosemary has taken her dogs – first Morgan, then Vladimir, and now Jax – to one of the area elementary schools where children have the opportunity to read to the dog for short sessions. The benefits to the child are amazing! The youngster gains self-confidence. Their fear of reading aloud and making mistakes and fear of embarrassment is removed. The animal is attentive, and reading becomes fun, positive, and exciting. Rosemary is applying her earlier experience as a classroom teacher in a new way. She has worked with many children over the years and seeing the smiles on their faces when they achieve in reading is very rewarding.

In addition to regularly scheduled days at school, Rosemary and her 'dale are involved with BARK, *Books Are Reaching Kids*, a summer program at one of the public libraries. It's also about reading, similar to the school program. Rosemary recognizes the value for the children and continues doing this with enthusiasm! As Vladimir would say, "It's tough work being loved, petted and read to by all the kids!"

Notes from the Website

2/25/12 - **Seeking BSN Class of 1962**

Hi Everyone, It's time we got together. Please contact me about arrangements.

Mary Kirklin Remer (maryremer@gmail.com)

5/6/12 **Nazareth College Graduation Class of 1976**

It has been 35 years!! Let's start thinking about meeting at this year's SPIRIT DAY in September. Would be great to see everyone once again! If you are interested - send me an email. Thanks -

Randy Berd (rjberd@gmail.com)

We're Coming to Celebrate

By Carole Cousino Wielosinski



We'll be at Spirit Day in September; hope you will join us in the celebration. It will be so much fun to reconnect, share our journeys, and track life's twists and turns.

I for one graduated with medical technology for a career. I worked several years in that profession then took a break to raise children.

I eventually did retire as a director, but not in a laboratory position. It seems that spending seventeen years working with the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ and establishing Lindenwood Retreat and Conference Center, in the rural cornfields of Donaldson, Indiana, was my most fulfilling career.

Being a wife and mother, my three young men, granddaughter and endless interests continue to fill the rest of my waking hours.

The Passing of a Master Teacher

Vera Wallach, born in Berlin, Germany on July 25, 1922, died February 25, 2012, in Kalamazoo. The passing of Vera Wallach (born Sprinz) is a tremendous loss to family and friends who adored and loved her. We will remember her as a gallant, compassionate, generous, and wise person, who enjoyed nothing more than being involved in community projects, with a special interest in the local library and nature conservation. She enjoyed a peaceful life on the lake, reveling in the nature around her. Here, she filled many hours listening to Baroque music, stimulating her dazzling intellect listening to the BBC World Service, and reading a fascinating array of books and newspapers. Vera's early journey was not an easy one. She was born into a life of sophistication and privilege in Berlin, but the arrival of the Nazis brought devastation into her life. She was sent via Kindertransport to England where she was regarded as an enemy alien and interned as a teenager in Holloway Women's Prison, followed by confinement on the Isle of Man. When the war ended, she commenced her nursing career. Tragically, Vera lost both of her parents at the Auschwitz Concentration Camp. Her brilliant older brother, Professor Dr. Helmuth Sprinz, was living in the USA, and it was to join him that Vera came to this blessed country.

Her arrival in Richland, Michigan, was a result of meeting her scientist husband, Dr. Donald Wallach. Sadly, Vera lost him tragically at a young age and she was left without children. Vera's cheerful demeanor and the rare elegance with which she conducted herself gave no inkling as to the hardships and tragedies that had cast a shadow over her life. She found fulfillment and joy in the simple pleasures of life, and it has been a privilege to know and love her.

You are constantly in our thoughts, Aunty Vera. With eternal gratitude from Christopher Sprinz, Martina Talbot-Rice, Sara Kennedy and all those who had the privilege of being your friends.

(Provided by Langeland Funeral Home)



Remembering Vera Wallach....

Sally Moser is a Nazareth College grad of 1962 and a medical technologist who interned at Borgess and later worked there in the lab. Sally sent the following:

“Hello former Borgess workers! Do you remember this dynamic nursing instructor? She often brought her students into the lab or autopsy rooms and I remember her quite well. Wouldn't it be nice if nursing instructors would do that more now?”

Nazareth Board Member, Mary Redmond, Borgess School of Nursing '63 wrote: “Thanks so much for remembering Mrs. Wallach. I was just so surprised to learn of her personal history. She had an unusually difficult history, but made up for it by being a compassionate, thoughtful and wholesome person. She set an invaluable example.”

Memorials

Scholarship Fund Donations in memory of:

Sr. Mary Bader by Catherine Begandy
Classmates of NA '55 and NC '59 by Alice Herber
Sr. Philomena, SSJ, Nazareth Academy by Mary Danigelis
Margaret & Frank Kremer by Mary Louise Hause

Unrestricted Donations in memory of:

Marguerite Bechard by Gloria O'Connell
Lucille & Reginald Newell by Marilyn Morrison
John Olech by Ruth Olech
Frances Elaine Carver by Robert Carver
Sr. Martha Hallock by David McMorrow
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Sr. (Casilda) Anna Cryan by Floramae Kliber
Kathleen Gavin by Celeste Tomich
Eleanor Pelzer CSJ by Marcia Bila
Helen Durako by Jolene & Harold Scott
The Fix Family by Norah Fix
Irene Pryzbylski by Monica Bennett
Charles and Mary Theisen by Bill, Susan, Tim, Elaine,
Jack & Jackie Theisen, Pat & John Seward

A Tale of Two Cities and a Fireplace

The following information is from an article in a publication called *College News* which could be a publication that the alum organization produced while Nazareth College was still in existence.

Kalamazoo, Michigan - The person, who designed the beautiful carved oak mantel in the Georgian Room on campus that we have admired for so many years, is unknown. It is speculated that it came from the Black Forest regions of southern Germany. It was transported to St. Louis, Missouri, in the early nineteenth century. St. Louis was very prosperous at the time owing to its focus in lumber, beer and shoes. Wealthy citizens of St. Louis were building elegant homes. Typically furniture and cabinets were built in Europe, and then shipped to America to accomplish these impressive styles.

Around the turn of the century, some of the first mansions in a well-to-do residential area near the river front were demolished to make way for an expanding business district. One of those homes belonged to Joseph G. Chapman, a lumber merchant who had an imported oak mantel for his library. He had it removed and stored above the stables of his new home, where it remained until 1944. The stables were scheduled for demolition, and Chapman's daughter, Isobel, had to dispose of the mantel. Isobel gave it to Ferdinand D. Maguolo, an Italian cabinet maker who had worked with her late husband.

Given the size of the mantel, the Maguolo family was unable to find a suitable place for it in their home so the priceless cabinet was put in storage again. In 1947, after the death of Maguolo, the mantel became the property of George J. Maguolo, Ferdinand's son. George J. Maguolo was the architect for several buildings at Nazareth College in Kalamazoo. When he found out that Nazareth College wanted to build a lounge with a large fireplace, he knew he had found a home for the mantel. He presented the cabinet to the Sisters of Saint Joseph. They honored him by naming the lounge the Georgian Room.



Detail of the fireplace in the Koestner home in St. Louis, Missouri.



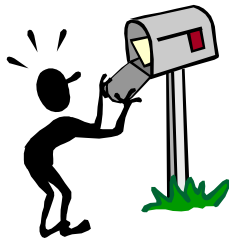
Joseph Koestner and his sister, Priscilla

St. Louis, Missouri - Having always admired the fireplace in the elegant Georgian Room during visits to Nazareth with his mother, Charlotte Hennis Koestner, NC '37, and sister, Priscilla Koestner Swiat, NC '63, and having a large three story brick mansion to re-model and furnish over thirty-five years, Dr. Joseph Koestner of St. Louis, Missouri, finally has installed a magnificent hand carved replica of our fireplace in his home.

It is a happy coincidence that Joe's sister and husband, Martha and Jack Gesmundo, vacationed in Honduras at a home with exquisite wood carvings. Being the owner of Hawk's Hollow Builders in Richland, Jack knew the work involved artisanship of highest quality. He asked to meet with the carvers and was impressed with samples of their work. Back home, Jack and Martha relayed the experience with pictures. Joe got the idea that here was someone to recreate the fireplace he had always admired and never could find at antique stores over the years.

After several calls, a number of quotes, many pictures and a trip to Honduras by Joe, himself, Wooden Bridge Trading Co. committed to do the project. After two years, complications and frustrating delays, the piece was finally done. The company was ready to ship and volunteered two workers to accompany the piece and install it in St. Louis. After more delays, packing crates, and travel time, it was proudly put into place in May, 2011.

So the fireplace from Germany, used and stored for years in St. Louis, ended up in Kalamazoo, Michigan, and is now recreated and used again back in its hometown of St. Louis, Missouri.



News & Notes

If you have news that you would like us to publish in our next issue, write us or e-mail the office. Please include your name (with maiden), school and year. We'd love to hear from you!



Borgess School of Nursing

Arlene (Sulko) Stewart, Borg'55 - I presently live in Biloxi, MS, and would love to hear from my classmates. I saw an article from Leona Barnes about Joan Wojey Wagner in the fall newsletter and about Marilyn Sutherland who passed away. There were no addresses or phone numbers so I could contact them. Also, Ruth Berghoff Olech, whose husband passed away - no address. I am currently living in Mississippi on the beautiful gulf coast and would love to have company, have a wonderful guest suite. I was doing some health care after Hurricane Katrina and some flu shot clinics. Now I am only working at the church festival in the first aid booth.

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Nazareth College

Judy (Zirnhelt) Washburn, NC'66 - Bob and I retired about 15 years ago. I was a 4th and 5th grade teacher in Goodrich. I've been in a wheelchair for about 10 years. I've had MS since 1975. It went into remission for 20 years. I hope to see my classmates at Spirit Day in 2016 for our 50th. We have 3 children who are fortunate to have jobs, and we have 5 grandchildren. We go to Ireland and France each year to visit relatives. We love taking communion to shut-ins. Finally, I am asking whoever made the 'Our God is an Awesome God' plaque for the 2011 silent auction, please make another for 2012.

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Monica (Pryzbylski) Bennett, NC'45 - Thank you for the Fall 2011 Nazareth Association news. It arrived yesterday and I read it from cover to cover. The past year has changed our family structure and introduced double sorrow into our lives. My sister, **Irene Pryzbylski, NC'46**, died on April 25, 2011. She faced death valiantly. In November, 2011, our brother, Peter, died under kind Hospice care. I'm now the matriarch of our family.

Wilma Avis Arnold Means – My mother, **Wilma Arnold, NA'47**, attended Nazareth Academy and was very proud to have done so.



She played the pipe organ at Nazareth, I think. I found this picture of St. Claudia McGrail in her bible after she passed in 2007. I believe she had a good relationship with many nuns at the Academy. God bless the works and the Sisters of St. Joseph.

Cathy Kanyuk Krout, NC'73 – I want to thank you for the information you provided on **Anita Lenzion Spietz, NC'70**. I looked her up on the Internet and, with a drop of my heart, discovered she had passed away in 2003. Too young, but in reading her legacy at the University of Washington, there's a foundation set up in her name for deserving nursing candidates. My memories of her will always be a young, beautiful, compassionate woman with clearly set goals ahead of her. I believe she met them. My nursing career will continue to reflect her influence.

Nazareth Association 2012 Board of Directors

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May They Rest in Peace

Our prayers are offered for the following:

Nazareth Academy

- 1943 - **Mildred June (Vanderberg) Webster**
died April 10, 2012.
- 1947 - **Barbara (Sarnac) Thompson**
died May 2, 2012.
- 1950 - **Frances Elaine (Johnston) Carver**
died November 12, 2011.
- 1958 - **Carlotta (Bautista) Miller**
died November 2, 2011.
- 1959 - **Joan (Gores) Humble**
on the death of her husband, Gary W. Humble,
March 14, 2012.

Nazareth College

- 1944 - **Margaret (Malane) Duczynski**
died January 20, 2012.
- 1944 - **Mary Lu (Colligan) Dozier**
died December 13, 2011.
- 1949 - **Rita M. Redmond**
died March 8, 2012.
- 1956 - **Elaine Ford**, formerly Sister Marie Paul
died Feb. 27, 2011.
- 1957 - **Joan (Cunningham) Nock**
died October 25, 2011.
- 1958 - **Lourdes Conde Fahl**
on the death of her husband, William T. Fahl,
April 22, 2012.
- 1964 - **Diane M. (Okon) Lubaway**
died September 26, 2011.
- 1965 - **Linda Baranowski-Smith**
on the death of her mother, Phyllis (Filomena
Egidi) Baranowski, March 30, 2012.
- 1968 - **Mary Catherine (McEachen) Karagon**
died October 27, 2011. Mary is the sister of
Rita (McEachen) Neal, NC'64.
- 1985 - **Thomas W. Roon**
died March 23, 2012.
- 1992 - **Prisca Adhiambo (Aundo) Ongwela**
died November 11, 2011.

David Rovellet White, husband of **Diane White**, NC faculty
1970-80, died September 19, 2011.

Ben Bricker, who taught ceramics and jewelry-making at
Nazareth from 1971 to 1987, died December 12, 2011.

Marie A. Clancy-Hagerman, NC biology instructor in the
late 60s, died October 31, 2011.



St. Camillus/Borgess School of Nursing

- 1937 - **Rita McGinnis Sheeran**
died March 31, 2012.
- 1945 - **Mary E. (LaVanway) Niedzwiecki**
died February 17, 2012.
- 1947 - **Mary Ann (Tober) Mashke**
died Nov. 19, 2011.
- 1955 - **Mary Helen (King) Kaser**
died February 16, 2012.
- 1957 - **Kathryn (McKee) McElwain**
died October 14, 2011.
- 1957 - **Geri (Finch) Creasey**
died March 3, 2012.

Borgess and Nazareth College

Dorothy (Gibson) Courtney, Borg'38 & NC'39, died
March 25, 2012. Dorothy is the sister of **Phyllis (Gibson)
Foster, NC'43.**

Katherine (Huskey) Creek, Borg'65 & NC'79 on the
death of her mother, Elizabeth J. Huskey, December 3,
2011.

Deceased Members of CSJ

Memorials may be made to Congregation of St. Joseph,
3427 Gull Road, PO Box 29, Nazareth MI 49074.

- Sr. Laurentia McMillian NC' 46**
died in January, 2012.
- Sr. Verence McQuade NC'50**
died February 11, 2012.
- Sr. Marie Walter Page NC'51**
died in January, 2012.
- Sr. Jane Maison (Frederine) St. Camillus/NC'54**
died in October, 2011.
- Sr. Merlyn-Anne Nelson, (Rose Gemma) NC'62**
died in October, 2011.
- Sr. Mary Catherine Beda, (Fredrika) NC'69**
died in November, 2011.
- Sr. Evelyn Virginia Endicott (Consilia) NC'63**
died in March, 2012.



Nazareth Board Retreat

By Suzanne Lareau

Our eighteen member board met on May 4th and 5th at Nazareth Transformations Center for a retreat directed by Karen Woods of Cornerstone Community Resources.

The event began with supper on Friday evening. Sr. Irene Waldmann graciously accepted an invitation to join us and shared her thoughts about the beginnings of the Association in 1992 as well as our many accomplishments over the past twenty years. During the course of the evening, we did team building activities, investigated the skills and interests of the members, and discussed the changing role of a 21st Century non-profit board.

On Saturday, the work continued in the format of small group discussion with time to share with the total group. We worked on issues of board identification, articulation, and agreement to the commitments necessary to operate as an effective unit. The work of the board is effective when the vision and mission is shared and the direction is clear and supported by all members.



Sr. Irene Waldmann speaking to the board on Friday night.

NEWS AND NOTES

Let us hear from you: work, retirement, marriage, children, grandchildren, trips, volunteer activities, etc.

We'd like to know and so would other members of the Nazareth Association.

Please fill out the form below and return to Nazareth Association P.O. Box 224 Nazareth, MI 49074

Name _____

(Be sure to include your maiden name.)

With which school or schools were you affiliated? _____ What years? _____

What news would you like to share with us?

Include your address, telephone number, or email if you would like us to include it in the Newsletter so lost friends can contact you.

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