



# 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 received nearly \$30,000 in memorials in the year 2009. 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

Greetings,

Recently, while in a meeting with our financial advisor, Paul Erickson, and discussing our budget, he asked "Has the Spirit always provided enough in the past to accomplish the Association goals?" While the answer was short and sweet, "Yes," that question continued to radiate deeper in me. It has helped me to feel more confident in making plans for the Association to grow and broaden our scope of helping those in need.

Growth can be seen in the fact that this year the Association will be awarding ten \$1,000 scholarships, more than we have ever awarded in one year. We have recently taken on new projects regarding documenting and preserving the history of not only the schools that make up our Association but also the Sisters of St. Joseph who sponsored these schools. We continue to have wonderful attendance at the Detroit Gatherings and Spirit Days. And we have received reports from previous grant recipients, like the Benton Harbor Girls Association, that they have grown from our support and belief in their mission.

Provisions inspired by the Spirit come in so many different shapes and sizes. Whether it is the financial support from our members, the finding of lost alums, the time contributed to one of our projects, the prayers of members for the causes we support, or the volunteering done in the name of the Association, we are blessed. I want to thank all of you who answer the call to support the Association, spiritually and physically.

As a member of one of the last graduating classes from Nazareth College, I realize that our membership will dwindle. However, I do envision our Association continuing on for many years to come, continuing to provide support for doing good work because of the efforts we are putting forth today. You can support the Association in a variety of ways, such as:

- Joining the board of directors
- Serving on a committee
- Preserving your memories by participating in our oral history project
- Donating memorabilia to our archives
- Attending Spirit Day and/or one of our other gatherings

Please accept my most sincere "Thank you" to each of you for your unique way of supporting our Association.

In the Spirit of Naz,  
Michael D. Coleman NC '91 & '92  
President, Nazareth Association

## Our Thanks to Sister Irene Waldmann, CSJ

By Suzanne Lareau

Nazareth Association works because of the many generous people who contribute their time and talents to make the Association vibrant and to create new connections to the community. We are most grateful to Sr. Irene Waldmann, CSJ, who has given of her expertise and excellence in moving us into new ventures. Irene has been on the board since 2003. I have observed that whatever project she takes on is accomplished with excellence and thoroughness. We appreciate Sister Irene sharing her history and rich experiences with us!

Irene's idea of expanding our mission to include community service created a forum for members to access volunteer opportunities in Flint, Detroit, Kalamazoo and Benton Harbor. Her concept of organizing a Flint Gathering was to acquaint members with the works of the community and to give us an opportunity to learn about the needs of the Flint community. We appreciate her vision!

Our newsletters have been enriched by the many connections Sister Irene has maintained. She often wrote great articles about our alums and her close scrutiny enabled us to publish a newsletter that received praise for both content and presentation. We benefited from her presence and work in organizing the many details of our annual Spirit Day. We appreciate her imagination!

Our heartfelt thanks for the meetings attended, the projects accomplished and the many connections Irene has made on our behalf. There will always be an open space for Sister Irene at any of our activities. Our best hopes and wishes are with her as she continues the good work that keeps coming her way. We appreciate her patience and generous spirit!

### Rosaries Needed

By Mary Ann Redmond

I am collecting unused rosaries for a community in Cameroon. This effort is in conjunction with the Kalamazoo Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, who offer support to these people.

Baskets will be provided at Spirit Day weekend for donations to this collection. Many of us have several rosaries that come in the mail, or are just not being used, that can be forwarded to this mission. Thanks!



Irene Waldmann, CSJ, receiving a gift basket from the board. Looking on are Priscilla Swiat and Michael Coleman.

## Special Needs Community Service Grant Program

By Joyce McNally

Requests for Grant Applications were mailed to potential recipients in April. Nazareth CSJ sponsored ministries are eligible. Examples of a program or project that benefited by a modest infusion of funds last year are: the adult literacy program in Flint, the eight parish nurses from the Tawas, MI area who were able to attend a required nursing continuing education conference, and the purchase of seasonal decorations for the new Borgess Gardens Nursing Home, located on the campus at Nazareth.

The Nazareth Association is very grateful to you for your continued generosity for supporting this program and making it possible to help where it is very much needed.

Applications are due by July 15. The Grant Committee will meet in August to determine the allocation of \$6,000, the budgeted amount for 2010. The members of this year's committee are Carol Brockman, Margaret Derhammer, Joyce Glomski, Janyth Hess, Linda Huss, Rosemary MacKay, Dave Moser, Mary Van Tassel and Joyce McNally, Chair.



## ~ A Valiant Woman ~



Sister Mary Bader, one of the Kalamazoo area's best-known nuns, a member of the Sisters of St. Joseph for more than 70 years and a past president of Nazareth College, died November 19, 2009, just two days before her 93rd birthday.

"Sr. Mary saw the good in every person and was generous with her talents," say her friends. As a nun, one might consider those traits requisite, or a given for one who takes a vow promising self-sacrifice. "But, no," they say, "Sister Bader was particularly gifted. She had a great sense of trust in God and in her fellow human being, too," said Sister Irene Waldman, "and that's why she attracted so many friends, because everyone was good as far as she was concerned." Waldmann was academic dean at Nazareth College during some of the years Bader was its president in the 1960s and 1970s.

Sr. Mary was inspired to develop ways to help where she was needed and her faith made her approachable to her students, to laity, and to people in the greater community.

Mention some social causes in Kalamazoo - including homelessness and hunger - and Bader was among those who founded ways to help address them or was a torchbearer for efforts to meet other's needs.

Sister Mary single-handedly integrated the Park Club at Bronson Park in downtown Kalamazoo. Until the mid 60s, women had to enter the club by a separate entrance. One day Sister Mary decided to enter by the men's entrance. Wisely, the men decided it was time for a policy revision.

"Mary recognized that everybody had God-given gifts, including those in line for soup as well as the volunteers she worked alongside," said Judy Markusse, former executive director of Ministry with Community. Mary Bader was involved with the Ministry throughout its 31-year history.

"She was humble, gracious and put Christ's call for us to serve each other very seriously," Markusse said.

Sister Mary was among the sisters who, in 1985, developed Bethany House, a shelter for abused and homeless women. She lived at the house for 15 of its 24 years, ministering to women who came to live there.

"I've known Mary for over 50 years," said Sister Joan McCabe, also of the Congregation. "One of our founders said go out into the city and go into the four corners and see what the needs are, and that's what motivated Mary to do a lot of what she did. She was an innovator; she helped create new things," McCabe said.

For years, Bader was an educator. She earned an undergraduate degree in French from Nazareth, a master's degree in French from the University of Notre Dame and a second master's degree, in theology, from St. Mary's College, Notre Dame. She taught in several schools of the congregation, including schools in Detroit and Flint, but also at Nazareth Academy, here in Kalamazoo. Sr. Mary was president of Nazareth College from 1962 to 1974, shepherding the college through the turbulent years of the Vietnam War when student protests were common. Waldmann and others recalled how Bader understood some students' passionate stance against the war, but encouraged them to channel their activism by volunteering for local causes. "She marched with the students down Gull Road and out to WMU and joined the protests there. She was very world-minded," Waldmann said.

Mary was 15 years old when she first entered the Sisters of St. Joseph of Nazareth in 1932, pronouncing her first vow in 1934 and her final vows in 1938.

McCabe said, "Throughout Bader's life, she was a person of great hope, and she was able to see the beauty in other people, and I think that's what people recognized."

Sr. Mary served on the Nazareth Association Board for many years. Her calm demeanor and practical common sense helped to clarify many discussions. We valued her friendship and will cherish her memory forever.

## A Tribute to Board Member Ruth Yerks

By Charlene Durfee

Ruth Yerks, age 94, of Kalamazoo, died November 30, 2009 in Kalamazoo. She was born January 12, 1915 in Belding, MI, the daughter of George and Anna (Magin) Engemann. In 1920, the family moved to Kalamazoo and joined St. Joseph Parish.

Throughout her life, Ruth enjoyed a bit of adventure, beginning when she was quite young. Before Lindbergh crossed the Atlantic, Ruth enjoyed her first flight. In 1925, she and her uncle flew in an open cockpit plane, taking a quick round trip over a farmer's field. Ruth helped in the family grocery store and learned to drive at age thirteen to help with errands.

She attended St. Augustine High School and earned a scholarship to Nazareth College. After graduating, Ruth found a teaching position in Manistee earning \$85 a month. There she met and married Nelson Yerks in 1942. Six years later, they moved to Kalamazoo with their daughter, Ann Marie.

Ruth taught at Washington Elementary for thirteen years. By then, Ann, and her husband, Duane Riege, a Naval Officer, were stationed in Hawaii. Ruth and Nelson retired and spent the winter with them. After that, they enjoyed visiting their two granddaughters wherever the family was stationed.

Ruth was deeply saddened by the death of Nelson in 1989. She kept herself busy with various groups. Her pastor at St. Joseph asked her to handle the details of baptisms, weddings and funerals. Twenty years later, she had recorded over 1,500 baptisms and found her job description had grown. She also became a Eucharistic Minister, volunteered at the Kalamazoo Psychiatric Hospital, Ministry with Community, and Nazareth College. She received the Alumni Service Award from Nazareth College in 1990 and in 1997 the Alumni Service Award from Hackett Catholic Central High School.

Ruth served on the Nazareth Association Board of Directors from its formation in 1992 until her death. She was well known for her interesting stories, her wonderful muffins and her beautiful spirit. We will miss her.

## Spirit Day 2010

*For the white and the blue,  
Dear Nazareth for you,  
For the school that we all love the best;  
Other spots may be dear'  
Other friends bring us cheer;  
Still with you will our hearts ever rest.*

Do those words bring back special memories?  
Come share those memories with other Nazareth  
campus alums during the annual Spirit Day



## Volunteers Make the Difference!

Thanks to all our fall mailing helpers. The folders, stuffers, stickers and labelers were: Sr. Rosemary Balog, Janice Candela, Sr. Adele Donovan, Charlene Durfee, Sr. Ann Carolyn Gervaise, Sr. Mary Hallock, Sr. Theonilla Holahan, Jinny & Joe Kerney, Sr. Marcine Mercure, Sr. Peg Parks, Sr. Joan McCabe, Joyce McNally, Ruth Olech, Mary Ann Redmond, Priscilla Cronley Swiat, Sr. Irene Waldmann, and Michelle Barrett-Hamilton. If you would like to spend an hour or two in great company, call the office and leave your name and phone number. Many hands make light work!

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To volunteer for a committee, call the office and leave a message for the chairperson listed below.

Scholarships ~ Priscilla Swiat  
Grants ~ Joyce McNally  
History Project ~ Janice Candela  
Spirit Day ~ Mary Van Tassel  
Board Membership ~ Suzanne Lareau  
Community Service ~ Anne Marie Bradley



## Gateway to Spirit Day ~ 2010

By Mary Richards Van Tassel

Spirit Day 2010 at Nazareth will be on September 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> at Nazareth's Transformations Spirituality Center. We are excited about this year's reunion as we will celebrate the honored classes that end in '0 and '5; for example 1940, 1945, 1950.... We heard that Borgess School of Nursing alums from the class of 1960 have done a great job of contacting their classmates and making arrangements to celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion with us at Nazareth. If you are from an honored class from any of the schools that make up the Association, you will be receiving a reminder card in the mail soon. If you have lost track of your classmates, the Association may be able to provide you with a class list to help in your quest to organize your reunion; just contact the office at 269.342.1191.

One of the goals of the Association is to make reunions at Spirit Day easy and fun for our members. This year on Friday, we are planning evening activities focused around an old fashion tea and socializing. Saturday will start out with continental breakfast, followed by our annual meeting. Lunch will be served in the Georgian Room, on the Nazareth campus, and will include the presentation of our scholarships and grants. The afternoon will include activities such as: tours of the new Borgess Gardens nursing facility and the Nazareth History Room, a viewing of the DVD, **The Nazareth Story: A Legacy of the Sisters of St. Joseph at Nazareth**, an opportunity to preserve your story by being part of our Oral History Project, a presentation of historical postcards from Nazareth, and Mass in Holy Family Chapel. The day will end with an afterglow (more food and socializing), providing another opportunity for guests to make final bids on our silent auction items and a chance to bid on items in our live auction.

For those coming from out of town, Transformations offers very nice overnight accommodations at Nazareth in their recently renovated guest rooms. We suggest you make your reservations early, as rooms generally fill up quickly. You can see the guest rooms on their website: [www.transformationscenter.org](http://www.transformationscenter.org). You can reserve your room by contacting Transformations directly: 269.381.6290, ext. 310.

*What can you do?* Contact your classmates and encourage them to come! You will find that even if their hair has turned grey, they are the same person you remember!

*We can be the Gateway to your past classmates, but only you can make them part of your future good times.*

### An Aerial View of the Nazareth Campus – 1930



This picture is from the collection of Michael Coleman. He will be giving a presentation on his collection of historic images and postcards of Nazareth at Spirit Day this year – September 24 & 25, 2010.

## A Note to Nursing Alums

By Mary Richards Van Tassel, BSN'63

I hope that all of the Borgess and St. Joseph's Schools of Nursing Alums will take advantage of the wonderful opportunity each year to attend the all school reunions at Spirit Day. There are usually around ninety guests who make the journey to Nazareth. The Nazareth Association does all the work for you and all we ask in return is that you contact your classmates, especially those celebrating their big anniversary dates, and encourage them to attend.

Last September, the Borgess nurses from 1959 combined their 50<sup>th</sup> class reunion with Spirit Day and had a wonderful time sharing old pictures and stories about the good old days at Borgess.

I hope to see more reunion classes from the schools of nursing take advantage of this opportunity. I also want to encourage the nurses to give towards the Marian Vyverman Nurses Scholarship that is awarded each year on Spirit Day to a deserving student studying nursing.



## Nazareth History Project Update

By Janice Candela

First, we would like to thank everyone who has given or sent memorabilia to help with our project. If it pertains to any of our five schools, and if you want to part with it, we will preserve it in our archives. Remember, too, that we are continuing to do oral histories. Just call the Alumni Office and we can set up an appointment.

Our distribution of the DVD, "The Nazareth Story," continues to go well. If you would like to receive a copy, check our website for mailing instructions or complete the form below.

Your History Project Committee:

Janice Simon Candela, Darlene Pullano Mosher,  
Mary Ann Serdel Redmond, Anita Schmidt  
Rosenberg

## Auction Donations Welcome

Each year at Spirit Day, we have a silent auction. This activity has become a favorite with our attendees. Some start their Christmas shopping at the auction.

This year we are having a live auction as well. If you have articles that you would like to donate for the auctions, we would be glad to accept them. We are looking for large and small unused items to auction off - anything from gift baskets to a time share slot. To donate, contact the office.

### Nazareth DVD Available

A recent comment from one of the sisters: "Congratulations and thanks to the Nazareth Association for producing the 'Nazareth Story' DVD. What a masterpiece, treasure and fruitful product of a labor of love. Yes, indeed, Nazareth lives forever! Thank you to all and to Sister Irene Waldmann for sharing this gift." We also appreciate the tireless work of Janice Candela and Darlene Mosher.

To order a copy of the DVD, "**The Nazareth Story: A Legacy of the Sisters of St. Joseph at Nazareth,**" complete the order form below.

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| Number of copies          | _____          |
| Shipping & handling       | \$ <u>3.00</u> |
| (Suggested donation \$15) | \$ _____       |
| Amount enclosed           | \$ _____       |

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Sr. Cathey DeSantis, CSJ and Cleo Bradley looking at their plan for the Senior Housing in the Gratiot Neighborhood.

## Life in the City: Fueled by Your Donations

By Suzanne Lareau

Detroit is really in the news - farming, schools, urban development and city government; problems and solutions abound. What is the solution to the city's complex problems? It appears that there are a multitude of groups working to mend and heal the city and one of those is *The Detroit Catholic Pastoral Alliance*. As part of the Alliance, Sister Cathey DeSantis, CSJ has been working to *strengthen the quality of life in its communities by engaging members in the social, moral, political and economic issues of the Metropolitan-Detroit area* (mission statement).

The Alliance began informally in 1967 by a group of inner city priests who had a vision of bringing life and services to a community in transition and need. Some of the original members are Fathers Bill Cunningham, Clem Kern, Tom Finnegan, Norm Thomas, John Markam and Frank Granger.

Their work continues in the office at Gratiot and McClellan on Detroit's eastside, reviving *Gratiot Woods*. Nazareth Association's grant money is helping to support one of their many programs.

Sister Cathey took me on a tour of the neighborhood to see the houses that have been rehabbed, new homes built, neighborhood gardens, a beautiful senior housing center, a rehabbed building housing four loft apartments, and a bakery run under the auspices of the Capuchins. Another of their programs, *The Epiphany Education Center*, provides tutoring to enable children in first through eighth grades to achieve their potential. To volunteer for tutoring, call 313.267.1830.

Amazing work is being done to revitalize the neighborhood and provide services for Detroiters, both young and old. The money you donated to the Nazareth Association has contributed to the efforts of the Alliance in establishing a community of hope in Detroit. If you are interested in other volunteer opportunities, contact the office at 313.922.1435 or email at [dcpa3@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dcpa3@sbcglobal.net)



### Memorabilia Items Available

- Birthday/Anniversary Book 12 month Book with Address Pages \$12
- Canvas Zipper Tote Bag 20"x 15"x 5" \$15
- Royal Blue Fleece Front Zip Jacket MED, LG, XL \$35
- Light Blue Hooded Zipper Sweatshirt MED, LG \$35
- Heather Gray Sweatshirt with Blue "N" MED, LG \$25
- Men's navy blue golf shirts/schools on sleeve L, XL - \$18.00 2X - \$20.00
- Women's navy blue golf shirts/schools on sleeve LG, XL \$18
- Golf balls with the Nazareth "N" sleeve of three \$6
- Note cards of *Nazareth Through the Years* (post card reproductions) 5 / \$3.00 10 / \$5

To order – state item, color, size and cost plus \$5 shipping and handling.

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# Detroit Gathering 2010

By Suzanne Lareau

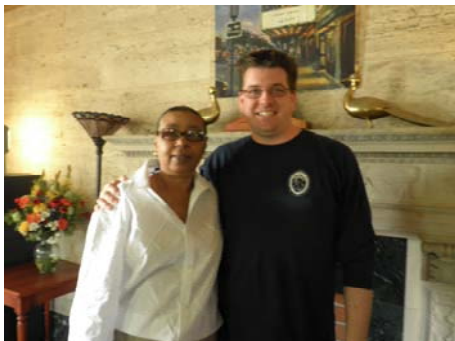
Members of the Nazareth Association gathered at the College for Creative Studies on Sunday, May 18. We enjoyed the company, the beautiful setting and the good food provided by Michael Coleman. It was evident from our conversation that Nazareth, for many of us, provided a gateway to our futures. The stone gateway at the entry to Nazareth led us out to teach, nurse, and nurture. We learned to give with generous and joyous hearts and curious and active minds. All this was apparent as I listened to the adventures and dedication of those attending the event. Thanks Michael for creating a setting for all of this to happen. We meet each year in May and hope more of you will join us in 2011.



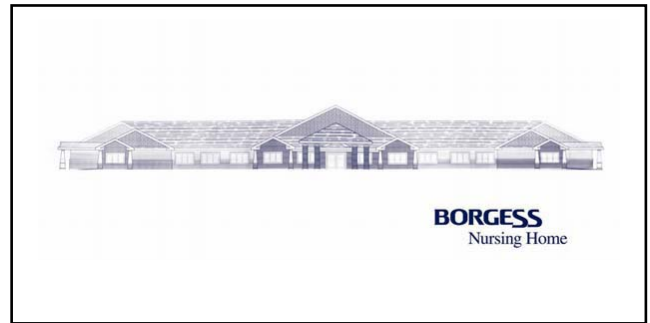
Michael Coleman, Rosemary Tinetti, Peggy Wessel, CSJ, Michelle Barrett-Hamilton, Mary Margaret (Langrill) Lusch, Ruth Barrett, Phyllis Davis-Williams, Dan Barrett, Rosanne (Sutur) Zell, and Suzanne Lareau.



Classmates of NC'70 – Rosemary Tinetti, Peggy Wessel CSJ and Mary Margaret Lusch.



Tresann Smith and Michael Coleman



## Borgess Gardens From Concept to Reality

By Kim Loftus

The dedicated Sisters from the Congregation of Saint Joseph are making life even more pleasant for the over 100 residents at the Borgess Gardens Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center nestled within the Nazareth Campus in Kalamazoo. “We cannot thank the pastoral care Sisters enough for their daily presence here,” says Borgess Gardens Administrator Bart Carrell. “They help our residents with everything from simple conversation to spiritual guidance and wheelchair transport.”

There are thirteen Sisters of Saint Joseph now residing at Borgess Gardens, which features bistro-style living rooms, flexible meal options, personalized routines and mostly private rooms. The \$17 million facility opened in November of 2009 on an almost ten-acre site generously donated by the CSJ. “The close proximity to the Nazareth campus makes it so much easier for us to visit, carry on our healing mission and serve all of the residents,” says Sr. Tami Schab, CSJ, MSW. “For the sisters who moved here from the old Borgess facility, it’s like coming home.”

Borgess Gardens fundraising campaign is nearly complete with only \$300,000 left to raise. CSJ has generously supported this project with the land donation and additional grants of \$120,000, as well as a gift from the Nazareth Alumni Association.

The spacious environment also includes a dedicated chapel space, with Mass celebrated on Sundays and Thursdays. Both Bart Carrell and Sister Tami encourage any Nazareth Association member to visit, spend time with the residents and tour the Borgess Gardens.

For more information on this amazing addition to the healing mission at Borgess, visit their web site [www.gardens.borgess.com](http://www.gardens.borgess.com).



# Scholarship News

By Priscilla Swiat

We are proud to announce that Nazareth Association will award \$10,000 in scholarships this year to students who will be juniors or seniors at Catholic colleges and universities in the fall. In addition, the Marian Vyverman memorial scholarship will be given to a nursing student in any accredited nursing program.

Four new scholarships will be awarded this year, as well as six renewals. Applications were received by the March 15th deadline and the 2010 scholarship committee met in April to decide the winners, which will be announced at Spirit Day, September 25, 2010.

Next year's scholarship deadline is March 15, 2011. Applications are available on our web site or by contacting the Association office.



## Benton Harbor Girls Association For Learning and Self-esteem

By Patricia Ann Quattrin Ph.D.

The second year of our After-School Program, funded by a CSJ Mission Fund Grant, will end on May 27<sup>th</sup> with a party for the families and a program of "step" performed by the girls. It has been a very successful year, with an emphasis on reading and math, along with life skills. The girls who come regularly raised their math and reading grades from Ds and Cs to As and Bs. Volunteers from the community worked with the girls on these academic subjects, as well as on knitting, crocheting, gardening, crafts, field trips, and much more. BHGA is most pleased by the volunteer participation we have. These women add so much to our programs and, in turn, receive much in return through the relationships they develop with our girls.

The *Girls Discover* Summer Program begins June 22 and runs through July 29 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. In the mornings, the girls will concentrate on reading activities with volunteers who work one-on-one with them. The afternoon hours will focus on math activities. Once a week, the manager of Flagstar Bank will teach the girls about money management. Several exciting field trips are planned, including one to the Chicago Planetarium. All in all, a successful year, with the dream to open a girl's middle school academy soon to be realized. More about that to come...



### Nazareth Association 2010 Board of Directors

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## 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 (include maiden), school and year. We'd love to hear from you!

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**Ben and Sharon (Teske) Schmidt, NC 84**, were married in 1984. Ben works at Borgess. Sharon worked at Bronson and various medical facilities while raising and home-schooling their four daughters.

**Gwen (Herald) Reid, SJF '58**, married in 1961 and was widowed in 1971. She remarried and has four children, two step-children and twelve grandchildren. Gwen works part time, loves golf and choral singing. She attends all her class reunions and can't wait for the next one. She would love to hear from classmates.  
[t.g.reid@sbcglobal.net](mailto:t.g.reid@sbcglobal.net)

**Richard Kolar, BH'61**, writes: "Dear Sisters - I will never forget my days at Barbour Hall. I fondly remember Sr. Regina who was in charge of our 1<sup>st</sup> grade dorm. Also Sr. Bartholomew was a great influence on an 8 year old boy. Sr. Blanche was my second grade teacher. I was sad when she was transferred to a school in Wyandotte. Great memories. God bless your work."

**Mary Beth (Sowulewski) Looby, NC'74**, was named Michigan's Professor of the Year. Mary Beth, who is a professor at Delta College, received the award Nov. 19 in Washington, D.C.

A recent article in the Hometown Gazette, told of **Cathy McCarthy, NC'early 70s**, and her passion for weaving on a loom. She became interested in weaving after doing research for a thesis at Nazareth College.

**Lisa A. Anderson, NC'75**, nursing student, is working at the University of Virginia Health System in Computing Services. She lives in Charlottesville, VA since 1976 and loves it.  
[laa@virginia.edu](mailto:laa@virginia.edu)

**Carolyn (Ringlein) Studer, NC'60**, was happy to receive her copy of "The Nazareth Story" DVD and is sharing it with her sister, **Dorothy Ringlein, NC'42**.

**Peggy Wessel, CSJ, NC '70**, writes, "I met **Bernyce Edwards, NC'49**, at a funeral this week. We were so happy to be at Good Shepherd (Annunciation) together and shared our common Nazareth bonds with others important to us."

**Charlene (Theisen) Durfee and Jan Hess, NC'65**, hope their classmates will join them at Spirit Day this year to celebrate their 45<sup>th</sup> reunion. **Elysa Toler Robinson** and **Dotty Willard Catrice** say they'll be there too.

**Mirion Yang Bearman, NC'59**, wrote from Australia that **Patricia Bokor Burgstahler, NC '56**, passed away on April 17, 2010 in Lawrence, Kansas. She had received her master's degree in Music Therapy from Kansas University. She was 76 years old and had taught music lessons from her home for 50 years. In 1992, Patricia received the Distinguished Teacher Award, given by the White House Commission on Presidential Scholars under George W. Bush.

**Sharon (Sanfilippo) Koziel, NC'70**, "Website is looking great and I hope we get lots of photo for the photo albums. I have such great memories of my years at Nazareth College. Hi to all!"  
[sharon@koziel.com](mailto:sharon@koziel.com)

### Nazareth College Class of 1970

Our class will be honored at this year's "Spirit Day" weekend, September 24-25; therefore, it is very important that you be here. As you make your plans to attend, please contact other classmates and make sure they are making arrangements, too.

This will be a wonderful way to come together with those with whom we shared our years at Nazareth and find out how that spirit continues in the efforts of the Nazareth Association. We hope to see you all at the Friday evening reception.

Your classmates,  
Jan (Simon) Candela ,  
Anita (Schmidt) Rosenberg

**May They Rest in Peace...**  
Our prayers are offered for the following  
and their families:

**Marie (Gabriau) Schurrer, NC'35**, mother of **Alice Schurrer, NC '73**, died December 12, 2009.

**Margaret (Balwin) Grimes, NA'37**, died May 15, 2010.

**Jane Schweitzer Stock, SCSN '39**, passed away November 4, 2009.

**Helen (McPherson) Reynolds, BSN'39**, passed away August, 2007.

**Marilyn (Wheeler) Read, NA'46**, died October 5, 2009.

**Virginia Carroll Dillenbeck, SCSN '47**, died October 18, 2009.

Leo Clarke, husband of **Patricia Boissoneau Clarke, BSN'48**, died May 1, 2010.

**Janet Toepp Hayes, BSN'49**, died October 16, 2009.

**Thaddeus "Ted" Nowak Jr., BH'52**, died December 12, 2009.

**Margaret (McGuire) Carroll, BSN'55**, died November 4, 2009.

**Charleen (McDivitt) Shehan, NC'57 Division of Nursing**, passed away January 7, 2010.

**Nancy J. (Nielsen) Gilmore, NC'57 Division of Nursing**, passed away November 19, 2009.

**Patricia Bokor Burgstahler, NC '56**, passed away on April 17, 2010.

**Marilyn (Morse) Lierman, BSN'57**, died January 16, 2010.

Robert L. Insidioso, husband of **Rosemary Andrus Insidioso, NC'59**, died April 24, 2010.

Larry Egberts, husband of **Donna Egberts, BSN'63**, died in November, 2009.

**Margaret A. Eller, NC'76**, died November 22, 2009.

**Thomas H. Nicholson, NC'81**, died December 20, 2009.

**Ananda "Tump" (Dillon) Bricker**, wife of Ben Bricker, former faculty of NC, died January 17, 2010.



**Laurie Laman-Burke Roberts, NC'81**, died on April 30, 2010.

George Albertson, father of **Gerald Albertson, NC'85**, died October 21, 2009.

**Dennis Keith Lancaster, NC'87**, died February 21, 2010.

Clara Ruth Keating died on Saturday, December 19, 2009. "Clare" was the wife of **Jim Keating**, former Nazareth College faculty member.

**John Joseph "Joe" Brogger, Sr.**, former Barbour Hall Board member, died March 9, 2010.

**Robert R. Lennon**, former NC Board member, died May 7, 2010.

**Eileen Miller**, Nazareth Academy teacher in the 40s, died in December, 2009.

William O. Cagney died April 7, 2010. His wife, **Anne McHugh Cagney, NC '44**, died in February of 2008. They are the aunt and uncle of **David, Gregory and Timothy McMorrow**, who attended Barbour Hall, and **Judy McMorrow, NC'77**.

## **Deceased Sisters of the Congregation of St. Joseph**

**Sr. Aquinata Hamilton, NC'45**, died December 7, 2009 at Borgess Gardens.

**Sr. Marilyn Sullivan, NC'63**, died March 7, 2010. After a number of years teaching high school history, Sister Marilyn was invited to be the Secretary of the Congregation in the 1970s. It was then that she began to envision a History Room similar to what she ultimately developed and for which the Nazareth Association owes her a debt of gratitude. During her years as the Congregation Archivist and Historian, she received authorization from the Diocese to begin diocesan jail ministry, which she also did with creativity and compassion for 18 years.



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