



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.



St. Camillus/Borgess School of Nursing Class of 1960.

Celebrating 50 years

Sitting from left to right: Lenore Domers-Merrill, Ann (Adams) Frasier, Jean (Hale) Milbocker, Theresa (Schomogyi) Farrell, Celine (Wojey) Kilduff, Mary (Banner) Woodhams.

First row standing: Aileen (Moore) Stevens, Michaelyn (Wheeler) Page, Mary (Durm) Mechtenberg,

Patricia (Essig) Zerfas, Mary Simon, JoAnn (Opalek) Harris.

Second row standing: Patricia (MacKay)Crane, Jeanne (McKenna) O'Brien, Doreen (Roy) Brunet, Judy (Werthman) Rich, Barbara (Shuckhart) Reece, Sandy (Schuster) Llewellyn.

Back row standing: Barbara (Hayes) Bauer, Johanna (Karaba) Hurst, Scotty (Forsyth) Connolly, Judy(Nagel) Forster, Mary (Godlewski) Schueler

Greetings from the President

First, I would like to say "**Thank You**" to everyone who participated in Spirit Day 2010. It was an amazing event this year. Whether you helped stuff envelopes or joined us to celebrate, everyone who participated contributed to making it a very special occasion. It is always a good thing to "come home."

Next, I would like to thank our members for their generosity over the past several years. It enabled us to award the largest amount of grants and scholarships in our history this year. This is amazing since we are in a time when many organizations have had to cut back on their services and yet we have expanded ours. This marvel is possible because of the faith and trust our members have in the work we do, **Keeping the Spirit Alive**.

Finally, I would like to take a moment to recognize that hard work and dedication of our current and past board members. Each one has unique talents and gifts that they have graciously offered to our Association. I am truly grateful for the foundation that has been set in place by previous board members and for the fantastic group that I am honored to be working with now.

May you and your families be blessed throughout the upcoming holiday season.

In the Spirit of Naz,

Michael D. Coleman, NC '91 & '92

President, Nazareth Association

Plan Now to
attend
Spirit Day
2011
September
16-17



Scholarship Recipients: Patricia Randall (receiving for her son, Richard Randall), Mary Margaret Koch and Elizabeth Carrier

2010 Scholarship Awards

By Priscilla Cronley Swiat

This year at Spirit Day, Nazareth Association awarded ten \$1,000 scholarships for the 2010-2011 academic year.

Each year we award scholarships in memory of Sr. Kevin Whelan (1899-1995) and Sr. Rosemary Kenarny (1925-1994) who taught at Nazareth College. We are also awarding a Barbour Hall Scholarship this year to honor the many sisters and staff members who dedicated their lives to educating and guiding boys and young men at the boarding school.

Additionally, three awards are made possible due to the generous donations from the families and estates of Ruth Holahan and Mary Vocelle. This year, one of the Vocelle Scholarship will honor the passing of Sr. Marilyn Sullivan, active in jail ministry and responsible for the development of the Nazareth History Room. The other Vocelle Scholarship is a renewal of last year's in honor of Sr. Catherine Ward.

The Marian Vyverman Memorial Scholarship is given by her family to an outstanding nursing student in honor of Marian Vyverman, a 1947 graduate of St. Camillus School of Nursing.

This year, the Association is also awarding three scholarships to honor the passing of: Sr. Mary Bader, CSJ, recently deceased social activist; Ruth Yerks, long time Board member and dedicated alumna; and Marian Hankerd, dynamic alumni activist and founding member of the Association.

This year's winners are:

Sr. Rosemary Kenarny Scholarship Renewal– Richard Randall, of Portage, is a senior at Xavier University with a double major in Accounting/ Finance with a minor in Economics.

Sister Kevin Whalen Scholarship Renewal – Matthew Duffy, of Byron Center is a senior at University of Detroit Mercy working on a degree in Engineering.

Barbour Hall Scholarship – Jonathan Grobbel, of Grand Rapids, is a senior at Aquinas College majoring in History, he will be a 4-year graduate and entrepreneur.

Vocelle Scholarship Honoring Sr. Marilyn Sullivan – Barbara Mellstead, of Holland, is a junior at Aquinas College with a double major in Accounting and Business Administration.

Holahan Family Scholarship Renewal – Mary Margaret Koch, of St. Joseph, is a senior nursing student at University of Detroit Mercy/Aquinas College.

Vocelle Scholarship Renewal – Stephanie Waite, of Richland, is a senior at St. Mary's College Notre Dame, IN. She is majoring in Chemistry and hopes to teach.

Marina Vyverman Scholarship – Elizabeth Carrier, of Grosse Pointe Farms, is planning on serving in an ICU unit after graduation. She is a senior at Madonna University and a Hospice volunteer.

Sr. Mary Bader Scholarship – Kristina Starbucks, of Paw Paw, is a junior at Aquinas College majoring in Theology with a focus on "service to others."

Ruth Yerks Scholarship – Edward Seymour, of Dorr, is a junior at Aquinas with a double major in Accounting/Business and a minor in Spanish.

Marian Hankerd Scholarship – Daniel D. Surmont, of Grosse Pointe Woods, is a junior at University of Detroit Mercy in Biology/Pre-Dental.



2010 Grant Awards

by Joyce McNally

This year the Nazareth Association was able to give financial support to CSJ ministries in Mexico, Nicaragua and Michigan. Since 1994 over \$55,500 in grants has been awarded. Many thanks for all the support you provide for the Special Needs Community Service program.

Grants in 2010 were given to:

Jeanne Gamache CSJ (\$1000) to support further education for eleven young students in **Nicaragua**. They work during the week on the family farms and attend school all day on Saturdays. Follow Sr. Jeanne's work at <http://sisteract3.blogspot.com>

Cathey DeSantis CSJ (\$500) to purchase supplies for the *Dads Love to Read* project. Detroit area dads volunteer to read to K-4th grade students before school begins. The students also read to the dads. Through this project the students' reading skills have improved.

Kathleen Kaiser CSJ (\$500) toward the support of the *Strengthening Diocesan Liturgical Life Program* through the **Office of Hispanic Ministry, Diocese of Grand Rapids**. Participation in this program improves the skills of those responsible for Spanish and/or bilingual liturgies for their parishes and parishioners.

Mary Ann Ankoviak CSJ (\$500) to purchase supplies and material for a variety of parish needs, including RCIA, funeral planning, and training for lectors and E.M.'s. The recent merger of three area parishes to become **Our Lady on the River Parish** in Marine City has dramatically presented new financial challenges.

Janice Popilek CSJ (\$1000) to continue work begun in 2007 in Flint at **St. Luke North End Women's Life Center** and the adult literacy program. The grant will assist learners and tutors with the cost of gas and bus passes. They depend on this help in order to attend classes regularly.

Rita Ann Teichman CSJ (\$1050) at **St. Joseph Health System** in Tawas to purchase equipment for PowerPoint presentations. It will be used for various community health education presentations such as: stroke, disaster, medication awareness and suicide prevention. **Kim Easterle RN** coordinates these programs.

Rita Ann Teichman CSJ (\$450) at **St. Joseph**

Health System to cover registration costs for five Spiritual Care Volunteers to participate in distance learning presentations between November '10 and March '11. Michael Sullivan, Chaplain manages the program.

Rita Ann Teichman CSJ (\$500) at **St. Joseph Health System** to meet a portion of the cost of a team of ten professional and volunteer healthcare staff to participate in an on-line Palliative-Hospice Care Program. It is designed to assist in sorting through various patient care issues. **Michael Sullivan, Chaplain** coordinates the program.

Nina Rodriguez CSJ (\$500) toward costs to live for three months in **Juarez, Mexico**. She will work in community as part of a Peace Team in Juarez, working for peace and justice. Please, see <http://mptinjuarez.blogspot.com>

Grant Awards Selection Committee for 2010: Carol Brockman, Margaret Derhammer, Joyce Glomski, Janyth Hess, Linda Huss, Rosemary MacKay, Dave Moser, Mary Van Tassel, and Joyce McNally (Chair). Sr. Irene Waldmann served as liaison.

Spirit Day Pictures



Above: Anne Marie Bradley, Maria Zuniga, and Patricia Broten

Below: Long time friends...



Sights, Tastes and Sounds of Spirit Day 2010

By Mary Van Tassel, co-chair Spirit Day

A big thanks for the **SIGHTS**: Borgess Gardens tour , Nazareth video presentation, post card collection presentation, History Room tour, tables decorated for the tea and auction, and special celebration of mass with Bishop Murray.

TASTES: Brown breads and tea, ice cream sundaes, catered lunch, pop corn and non-alcoholic wine tasting

SOUNDS: Recording of the living histories, laughs and giggles from all the reunion participants, and the nursing class of 1960 as they watched with glee as one of their members was still able to fit into her student uniform.

If you didn't get to experience these fun filled reunions of all the schools of Nazareth College, the Academy, Barbour Hall and the Schools of Nursing, don't pass this up again. Start working on finding your classmates for September 16 and 17th, 2011, and enjoy this special opportunity to reconnect and experience the sights, sounds and taste of the next Spirit Day. If you need help finding your classmates, we can help with that too. See you next year.



Borgess School of Nursing Class of 1970

Pictured front, left to right: Mary (Galt) Baukus, Susan (Franz) Williams, Cheryl (Demchuk) Quebbeman, Beth (Lynch) Beam
Middle row: Marla Dwyer, Pat (Brandt) McDonald, Rita (Krull) Sutherland, and Loretta (Davidson) Wise
Back: Paula Stalbaum, Marion Thornton, Rosemarie Nedeau-Cayo, Deirdre (Donovan) Kijewski, Gloria (Mejeur) Terpstra



Borgess Class of 1980 Rosanne Zell and Sharon Anderson- Western



Beth Beam and Suzanne Walker '70

About fifty graduates of St. Camillus/Borgess School of Nursing attended Spirit Day at Nazareth this year. The largest groups were celebrating their 40th and 50th anniversaries. The Class of 1960, shown on the front cover, brought name badges with their nursing graduation pictures and lots of memorabilia to share and enjoy. The class of 1970 donated their class angel and a nursing cape to our history archives and donated \$400 in honor of classmate, Marsha Larsen, and former teacher, Sr. Carolita (Carol Yops). As the pictures show, the nurses brought great enthusiasm and laughter to our gathering. We hope to see them all again soon.

Nazareth Academy & Nazareth College Honored Classes



Nazareth College Class of 1970

Front, left to right: Margaret (LaCombe) Frundl, Janice (Simon) Candela, Peggy Wessel CSJ, Back row: Rosemary Tinetti, Mary (Langrill) Lusch, Anita (Schmidt) Rosenberg, and Mary Beth Nienstedt.



Nazareth College Class of 1965

Jan Hess, Charlene Durfee, Elysa Toler-Robinson and Becky Sibilski



Nazareth College Class of 1960

Front: Marilyn (Newell) Morrison, Marita Botti, Jeannine (Chalifoux) Miller, Mary Schwartz, CSJ, Betsy (Comps) Dunaj Second row: Barbara (Bogosoff) Kowalski, Joan (Sefa)Turner, Jacque (Donner) Miller, Judy Carty , Joyce (Sitar) McNally Back row: Dorothy (Desmond), Carolyn (Ringlein) Studer, Pat (Patton) Johnson, Charlene (Stephenson) Krieger



Academy Class of 1960

Beverly (Isabell) Pollard and Darrell (Urban) Dombrowski



Class of 1955

Joan (Wojey)Wagner/Borgess and Virginia (Diehl) Schunke, Academy

Spirit Day 2010

By Suzanne Lareau

It all started on noon of September 24 when one by one the Nazareth Association board members pulled up with their cars filled with silent auction baskets, tea services, refreshments and fall themed decorations. The Lacy Room was transformed, creating a setting for an amazing two-day reunion. We had 130 members in attendance and honored graduates whose years of graduation ended in either a five or a zero. The honored members were distinguished by the a beautiful silk flower created and generously donated by Patsy Lincolnhol, St. Camillus/Borgess class of '1959. Honored class members were also given a generous discount toward purchase of memorabilia. The tone of the event was created by the enthusiasm of all in attendance. Of special note - the St Camillus Nursing classes of 1960 and 1970 were very well represented in both numbers and spirit.

Friday evening, the Lacy Room was a perfect setting for tea and laughter! The tables were beautifully decorated with individual board members china, centerpieces and homemade treats. The silent auction tables were laden with a variety of items. Notable were the paintings donated by our Sisters Marie Benzing and Frances Dutil. We appreciate their talent and generosity.

Saturday was a full day with brunch, our yearly business meeting, lunch in the Georgian Room, scholarship and grand presentations and mass in Holy Family Chapel. After lunch there were tours of the new "Borgess Gardens" and a showing of Michael Coleman's extensive collection of post cards of Nazareth through the years, pretty amazing! Also, Janice Candela and Darlene Mosher shared the Nazareth DVD, which is still available for purchase.

Thank you to the Sisters of St. Joseph and Transformation's staff who provided hospitality and assistance, as well as their cheerful and generous support. The liturgical music coordinated by Sr. Betsy Maher, CSJ was magnificently uplifting! Thanks to all who attended and those who were with us in spirit! Your loving support enables Nazareth Association to share our abundance and continue to grow.

~ We'll Miss You, Friend ~



Sr. Theonilla Holahan

June 8, 1915 – June 23, 2010

Anna Holahan was born in Detroit, the daughter of Thomas and Catherine (O'Neil) Holahan. Anna entered into the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Nazareth on June 21, 1930. She received the name Sister Theonilla and pronounced final vows on August 25, 1936.

After earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Nazareth College and doing graduate studies at St. Louis University, Sister Theonilla taught in schools including St. David, Detroit; St. Augustine, Kalamazoo and St. James, Ferndale. She worked in the SSJ Guild Office and the business office of the congregation. In 1992 she retired, but continued a ministry of service to the sisters at Nazareth Center and Fontbonne Manor, in addition to assuming duties as administrative assistant to the Nazareth Association. She was affectionately known as "our office girl."

Sister Theonilla was a woman with strong convictions, great faith and a wonderful sense of humor. She was always busy helping others whether it was making beautiful cards on the computer or taking care of others. She greeted everyone with "Hello, Friend" and slyly confided she didn't have to remember names that way. She was very close to her sister, Sister Bernita, and they companioned each other along life's journey. Now the God whom Sister Theonilla sought so earnestly has welcomed her home and filled her with love and peace.

May She Rest in Peace

A Tribute

By Anne Marie Bradley RN, BSN, NC '91

"Many people will walk in and out of your life,
But only true friends will leave footprints in your
heart."
Eleanor Roosevelt

This summer I lost a friend, but she will forever live in the depth of my heart. Sister Theonilla Holahan, CSJ died June 23rd, 2010, in Kalamazoo. She was 95. Through the Nazareth Association, I had the privilege of meeting and working with Sister Theo over the years. She was easy to befriend. I enjoyed her welcoming spirit and vitality. As the years progressed, we became kindred spirits of sorts. Maybe it was our Nazareth connection, maybe it was the Detroit stories we shared with one another, or the care I gave her the night she fell and broke her hip. We became connected. After our Association meetings, I would make a point to spend time with her in her room, which, of course, had the best view at Nazareth – straight up the main drive over the front door! It was in sharing the gift of presence, that we deepened our friendship.

One year, for her birthday, the Association donated white tube socks for the patients at Cabrini Clinic in Detroit. She would tell everyone "life is easy and my needs are few." She loved the work that was done at the Cabrini Clinic, "the service to the poor forsaken people whose needs were great," was very important to her. She would say the volunteer work at the clinic was truly the work of Christ. I credit her interest in the Cabrini Clinic with my own curiosity and then involvement with the people we care for there.

I received many a card in the mail, as did others, with inspiring messages and some funny ones too! She was special and she used her cards to reach out to others as part of her ministry in her older years. This past spring she sent me a card with the most wonderful message of joy and generosity; it still makes me smile when I read it. A few years ago, she mentioned to me that I would be a pallbearer at her funeral, and I was. We revered her for the way she lived her life, with kindness and compassion. She did it her way! Full habit and all, she will live in many people's hearts and her memory will make us smile.

Yes, Sister Theonilla. "We will all gather at the river, the beautiful river, we will gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God!"

Nazareth Association Sponsors BH Girls Academy Student

By Patricia Ann Quattrin Ph.D.



Pictured: Hilda Molter, member of the BHGA Corporate Board and Patricia Quattrin, Executive Director

Thanks to the generosity of Nazareth Association, one more girl is able to attend the newly opened Benton Harbor Girls Academy. The Board, at its May meeting, voted unanimously to provide a sponsorship of \$7000 for one girl to attend the Academy for one year. This brought the total sponsorships received thus far from organizations and individuals to nine, thus providing nine girls the opportunity to experience an excellent, faith-based education of mind and body.

The Academy opened on September 16 for 4th and 5th grade girls in the former St. John's Catholic School. The classroom is non-graded, allowing each girl to be assessed and then to move through the State-mandated curriculum at her own pace. The student-pupil ratio is very small, providing each girl with one-on-one assistance. The day begins at 8:00 a.m. with breakfast and lessons on healthy food choices. The academic day goes from 8:45 to 3:30. After-school activities include lessons once a month in horticulture and growing a garden; and weekly lessons in art; physical activities, such as golf lessons, swimming and yoga; music and dance lessons; and life skills, such as knitting, sewing, and cooking.

The girls are coming to school each day excited to be there. After a morning of intensive reading and math testing, a 5th grade girl told a teacher assistant that learning at the Academy was so much fun. Isn't that what learning should always be?

Grandmothers for Peace

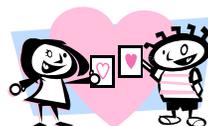
By Mary Jo O'Donnell Maher, NC '61

Six years ago when our fifth grandchild was born, I was so happy that he was here at last! However, because our country was at war in Iraq and Afghanistan, there was a sense of sadness and worry. I did not want my grandson to grow up in a world without peace, fighting in a war and perhaps being killed - or expected to kill. I knew that other grandmothers felt the same way and I didn't want it for any of their grandchildren either. My friend, Gayle Maurer, and I decided to pray for peace and ask others to do the same. Thus began the grandmother prayer group.

Friends and family were invited to pray daily for our own grandchildren, by name, as well as for ALL the children of the World! People sent me lists of their friends and added to our numbers. Families, friends, neighbors, church groups, nuns, priests, and strangers are now praying with us! We have no fees and no meetings. We mail out a newsletter every couple of months and sent over five hundred in August.

In the newsletters we sometimes offer a 'project' that will help promote peace in some small way. Projects have included: shoes to a soldier in Iraq who asked for them for children there; blankets and beanie babies etc. to Casa Materna (a house in Nicaragua that helps poor pregnant mothers with natal care before and after the birth of their babies), blankets for the warming center in Detroit Holy Trinity Parish, mosquito nets for Africa, letters to the tsunami victims, school supplies for Detroit and New Orleans, shirts for migrant workers, a surgery for a Smile Train child, and linens for a youth home destroyed in the earthquake in Haiti. There is no obligation to work on these projects. They are there if you want to do a little more than pray! We just want you to pray for peace in our world for the sake of our own grandchildren and for every child! You do not need to be a biological grandmother...you simply need what we call the loving heart of a grandmother! We pray and we do small things with great love.

If anyone wishes to pray with us and to receive a newsletter, please write to me. Mary Jo Maher
61294 Wedgewood Dr., Washington, MI , 48094





By Anne Marie Bradley

Community Service is alive and well in Detroit. Through the Nazareth Association, the St. Frances Cabrini Clinic of the Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church has profited by the generosity of many of our volunteers. Located in historic Corktown in Detroit, the clinic is the oldest free health care clinic in the United States. The Cabrini Clinic provides a holistic approach toward meeting the primary health care needs of economically disadvantaged residents of southwest Detroit and beyond. The clinic exists to serve those who fall through the medical and social safety net and help them connect with basic resources, offering education, prevention and treatment without charge, but with deep compassion and respect for the people who are served.

Over the years, Nazareth individuals have had deep association with the Clinic from both an administrative and volunteer point of view. Our very own Sr. Lenora Benda, spent seven and a half years providing nursing leadership and guiding the care of the patients. Sr. Lenora was instrumental in developing a monthly foot clinic with a volunteer podiatrist and established a specialty referral arrangement with Henry Ford Hospital's Community Partnership Program. She is a credit to the CSJ community and a gift to those she was privileged to serve. In 2007, Sr. Lenora was the recipient of a Nazareth Association Grant, helping the clinic convert medical records to a proper filing system. The new system organized patient charts and records for efficient retrieval, improved staff efficiency and access to charts, and developed a simple system which volunteers could easily learn. The Clinic was also the recipient of another Association grant which provided the foot clinic with supplies and equipment to treat the diabetic patients and gave each patient a new pair of clean white tube socks after each visit.

Numerous Nazareth volunteers also spend time at the Clinic helping as nurses and facilitating the pharmacy. Marge LaCombe Freundl NC '70, Mary Margaret Langrill Lusch NC '70 and Anne Marie Schropp Bradley NC '91 were recently seen volunteering and contributing to the success of the operations. Other volunteers who have donated their time at the Clinic include Lorraine Kilcoyn NC '56, Katie Krevsky NA '58, Ardele Seymour SCSN '63 and Suzanne Lareau NC '65.

This year the Cabrini Clinic is proud to celebrate sixty years of service to the community. As part of the Nazareth Association and also a volunteer at the Clinic, it is a great honor to be a part of such an important asset to the greater Detroit Metro area and to know that we have an impact on those less fortunate than ourselves. I feel we were given many gifts from Nazareth and it is important that we share those gifts with those around us. Volunteering at the Cabrini Clinic is a great way to do this.

“We're an island in an affluent society. Most people just don't believe there are any poor anymore. But there are plenty of them. We're here for a reason.” Monsignor Clement Kern (1907-1983)



Nazareth History Project Update

By Janice Candela and Darlene Mosher

Keeping our artifacts and mementos organized has become easier because we now have a traveling storage cart. It is painted our school colors of royal blue and white. Please keep us in mind when you are cleaning out photos, newspaper articles and objects that pertain to any of our four schools. If provided to the Alumni Office, we will preserve them and display them for the schools history. Our DVD “The Nazareth Story” has been a great success. We have distributed over 125 copies during the past year. It is still available and an order form can be found on our website, nazarethalumni.org. It makes a great gift for a friend or alumni.

In July, Dr. Mirion Wang Bearman of Australia, Nazareth College class of 59, visited with Sister Irene and Sister Pauline. During her visit we were able to schedule an oral interview about her days at Nazareth College. We will continue to schedule oral interviews with alumni by appointment when the opportunity presents itself.

Help us keep our History alive!

Keeping the Spirit Alive: St Luke's N.E.W. Life Center

By Suzanne Lareau

Recently I visited the inspiring and dynamic, St. Luke's N.E.W. Life Center in Flint, Michigan. The program provides support for single-parent mothers and grandmothers in raising children to become self-sufficient providers for their families and not victims of the economy and environment in which they live. The clients may be women released from jail working to rehabilitate themselves; others are working to improve reading, writing and computer skills. Some are in need of advice in how to manage complicated systems for employment and life skills. Many are looking for the safety and support of a loving community.

This inspired work is being done by our Sisters of St. Joseph: Judy Blake, Janice Popilek, Rita Berby and Rose Lambertz as well as Carol Weber, O.P. and supported by many generous volunteers. The needs seem to be endless and their dedication and passion to create a community of skill building and support is evident in the center. The creative and innovative programs the sisters and of volunteers at the N.E.W Life Center continue to evolve as the needs present themselves.

If you live in the Flint area we invite you to participate in their ministry at some level. Perhaps in tutoring, preparing or distributing clothing for the Street Ministry, contributing clothing or food for the food pantry or just being a caring and loving presence in the center. Donations of fabric, thread, yarn or sewing machines and sergers as well as financial support are needed and appreciated. The Diocese of Flint provides the former St. Luke's School building. The remainder of support comes in the form of grants, donations and a multitude of fund raising activities. Your support and involvement will be a significant factor in the good work continuing to expand. Their needs are great, as is their love and generosity.

Contact information: judyblakessj@yahoo.com
or N.E.W Life Center, 3115 Lawndale, Flint, MI 48504, 810.239.8710

Fun at Spirit Day



Pat Denny CSJ, NC '65, Mary Schwartz CSJ, NC '60, and Marie Beaulac CSJ, NC '65, enjoying the Friday night tea with friends.



Everyone had fun at the After Glow and Silent Auction!

New Board Members

Two new board members were elected by the membership at the annual meeting at Spirit Day.

Margaret (Fields) Derhammer is a 1959 graduate of Nazareth Academy and a 1962 graduate of Borgess School of Nursing. She and her husband, Dick, raised three children. Two of her sons attended Barbor Hall. Widowed in 2004, Margaret worked as a RN for forty-one years. She is active at St. Thomas More parish, Catholic Family Services and on the Nazareth Association grant committee.

Joyce (Kotlarz) Glomski, Nazareth College class of 1983, earned Science degrees from Western Michigan and Kellogg Community College. She and her husband, Michael, have two children. Joyce is certified histotechnician/histotechnologist and works as a radiologic technologist at MSU/Kalamazoo Center for Medical Studies. She is an Advanced Master Gardener and also serves on the Association grant committee.

Barbour Hall 1941 Graduate John D. O'Mally

Continuing The Spirit

By Anita Rosenberg

Each year, Nazareth Association awards grants to various ministries which have been identified as exemplifying the Nazareth Spirit, furthering the work of the Sisters of St. Joseph. We know that many of you, as individuals, are involved in similar activities in your community. In an attempt to capture the "Nazareth Spirit" that is out there amongst our alumni, we are asking that you tell us about what you are doing. If you know of other alums, who also may be engaged in such ministries, encourage them to share their stories with us. Examples of activities may be as a volunteer, or involvement in a parish project, a sponsorship, or as a board member of a community based organization.

Please submit a short article for the Association Newsletter to let others know where and how the Nazareth Spirit is alive and well. You may forward the article to our newsletter committee at nazarethassn@voyager.net.

John is the longest serving member of the faculty of Loyola University in Chicago, which he joined in 1953 after receiving his bachelor's degree in psychology and the juris doctor degree in law from the same University. A licensed attorney in Illinois and Michigan and admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court, he also had extensive experience in banking.

John was a student at Barbour Hall starting with 5th grade. During his last year, the school became a Junior Military School headed by Lt. J. Foohey. John was one of the school's Cadet Captains. Foohey had graduated from St. Thomas Military Academy, of St. Paul, Minnesota, and John attended that school for his high school education.

After graduation from St. Thomas, John was drafted and served in Italy. He was the assistant to a Jesuit Catholic Chaplain and became interested in taking his college education at Loyola University in Chicago. He enrolled in 1947 and has never left there except for a year when he was recalled into the Army in 1961.

John has written articles for legal and other journals and has devoted his spare time and vacations to acting as the executive vice president of the 1st National Bank or Winnetka, where he headed the trust department.

He is an active member of Sacred Heart Parish in Winnetka, has been active in the ancient orders of Catholic knighthoods and is a Knight of Malta, a Knight Commander of the Constantinian Order of St. George, a Grand Cross Knight of the Equestrian Order of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem and office of the order of St. Maurice and St. Lazarus. John's wife, Caroline Taylor, passed away several years ago. He has two sons, also graduates of Loyola University. John Jr. is a graduate of Vanderbilt's law school and Taylor is a Harvard University MBA. Both sons are in the field of finance and their six children keep John frequently worn out, but still willing.

John reports that his memories of Barbour Hall are very supportive for him and he will never forget the kindness and generosity of the nuns, especially Sisters Gerard, Antoinette, John Marie, Hubert and in particular, Sister Augustine Barrett.

Barbour Hall



May They Rest in Peace...

Our prayers are offered
for the following and their families

Nazareth College:

Kevin Thomas Dooley, son of **Lucille (McNally) Dooley**, NC '41, died July 19.

Dorothy Ringlein, NC '42, sister of **Carolyn Studer**, NC '60, died July 25.

Anne (Tradii) York, NC '43, died December 26, 2009.

Frances (Klein) Donovan, NC '43, died May 15.

Edward Frances Kliber, husband of **Floramae (Fisher) Kliber**, NC '44, died May 20.

Bernyce Edwards, NC '49, died August 22.

Patricia Ann (Potter) McKenzie, NC '57, sister of **Dorothy Barnett**, NC '60, died June 27.

Regina MacKay, NC '60, died September 28. She is the sister of **Patricia MacKay Crane**, BSN '60.

Vida Tomi (Stennecke) Dockter, NC '67, died May 26.

Peggy (Wydra) Kettle, NC '68, died May 23, 2009.

Charles Roberts, brother-in-law of **Kathleen (Kern) Roberts**, NC '68 died July 15.

Laurie (Laman-Burke) Roberts, NC '76, died April 30.

Deane Albert Mansfield, NC '80, died August 30.

Carol Ann (Maslanik) Donovan, Masters Degree NC '80, died June 17.

Robert R. Lennon, former Chairman of the Board of Nazareth College, died May 7.

Florence Clarke, former mathematics teacher at Nazareth College, died August 17.

St. Camillus/Borgess School of Nursing:

Allen J. Beebe, husband of **Joyce (Hass) Beebe**, SC/BSN '63, died March 27.

Marilyn (Sutherland) Rizzo, BSN '55, died July 31.

Nazareth Academy:

Maxine Burleigh, sister of **Rosemary Balog**, CSJ, NA '54, died July 20.

Academy and College:

Maureen (Flynn) Warren, NA '49 and NC '53, died August 24.

Deceased Sisters of the Congregation of St. Joseph

Justin Schmitter, CSJ, NC '52, died May 26, at Borgess Gardens at the age of 100.

Robertine Treppa, CSJ, NC '55, died May 10.

Marie Travers, CSJ, NC '55, died August 28.

News & Notes



Joyce (Haas) Beebe, SC/BSN '53, is a mother of six and grandmother of thirteen. She is a retired Occupational Health Care Manager, recently widowed. She has happy memories of Nazareth.

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Helene (Lewis) Rivers, NA '62, is retired from the Chicago Police Department after 34 years as a city employee. She is a widow with three children and six grandchildren. She works part time for HUD in Covert, MI, volunteers with St. Vincent de Paul Society, Bangor Parks and Recreation, Arts Council, Housing Commission and the Black History Leadership Society.

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Mary Jo Maher, NC '61, wrote, "Thank you again for a wonderful Spirit Day weekend! Everything was done so nicely. We truly enjoyed it. We realize how much work goes into such a grand production!!! Thank You! Nazareth is alive and well!!! I am proud to say I graduated from Nazareth and love the Sisters of St. Joseph!"

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