

# NAZARETH ASSOCIATION NEWS

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10th Anniversary celebration  
planned for Spirit Day,  
September 28, 2002

by Charlene Durfee, President

Ten years ago, when Nazareth College announced its closing, it caused a deep sense of loss for many of us. Those of us who received something special from being at Nazareth College were reluctant to let it go. It was determined that in some way we must continue the spirit and traditions of the Sisters of St. Joseph. We soon realized our feelings were also shared by men and women who had attended Barbour Hall, Nazareth Academy, Borgess, St. Joseph, and St. Camillus Schools of Nursing. We felt the same sense of longing to remain connected.

A series of meetings was held which resulted in the formation of the Nazareth Association. Our purpose is two-fold: to continue the legacy of the Sisters of St. Joseph and to provide an organization to maintain communications and connectedness among members of each group. Through our scholarship and grant programs, our involvement with the Schools of the 21st Century and the Summer Peace camps in southeast Michigan, we have found a way of passing on what we have received. It is also our hope that with your help we will be able to preserve our connectedness by developing and maintaining a complete database of former students.

Ten years have passed. We are proud of our accomplishments and look forward to new and exciting possibilities. As we celebrate our first ten years we hope you will be part of that celebration and our future.

***Come celebrate with us!***

***Celebrate the legacy of our past;  
Create a legacy for the future!***

Hankerd Family Scholarship  
to be awarded

In honor of Marian Hankerd, NC '37, a special honorary scholarship will be awarded this year. "The Hankerd Family Scholarship" will be awarded in addition to our two scholarships given annually. The scholarship is supported through donations from board members and friends of the Association who wish to recognize Marian's generous contribution to the Nazareth Association.

The Hankerd family of Pleasant Lake, Michigan has always been interested in furthering education, spiritual growth and community activity. Patrick Hankerd's three daughters and one granddaughter joined the Congregation of Sisters of St. Joseph at Kalamazoo. Sr. Marion entered in 1902 and served two terms as Superior General of the order, 1923-1929. She was instrumental in the completion of the Nazareth College Charter in 1929. Other Hankerd family members entering the order were Sr. Scholastica, Sr. Rita, and Sr. Marie Charles. Marian Hankerd, granddaughter of Patrick Hankerd, graduated from Nazareth College in 1937. She later earned an MA Degree from George Washington University and a PHD from the University of Pittsburgh. In 1986 she was a recipient of the Nazareth College Distinguished Alumni Award. When the college closed in 1992, she became a founding board member of the Nazareth Association and served through the 2001 term.



**Nazareth Association Scholarship  
applications are available for college students  
who are of junior or senior status and interested  
in attending a Catholic college.  
To obtain an application form, contact  
Nazareth Association, P O Box 224,  
Nazareth, MI 49074; or phone (616) 342-1191.**

