

NAZARETH ASSOCIATION NEWS

Fall 2000

Alumni Gather for Spirit Day & Annual Meeting at Nazareth

On Saturday, September 30, the halls at Nazareth were bustling with activity. Over 120 classmates from Nazareth College, Nazareth Academy and Barbour Hall, as well as from St. Camillus and Borgess Schools of Nursing and St. Joseph School of Nursing in Flint, gathered to renew friendships, reminisce about their former student days at Nazareth and visit with former teachers. The program for the day included a noon luncheon followed by the Association's annual meeting at which time five new members were elected to the board of directors. They are: **Janyth Hess NC '65**, **Dr. Carlos Lopez**, Detroit Public Schools; **Rosemary Fischer MacKay NC '62**; **Sally Mounger**, former Director of Continuing Education at Nazareth College; **Susan O'Conner**, **ABLE Cluster Program, Detroit**; and **Elysa Toler Robinson NC '65**. Board President Charlene Durfee, NC 65 and members of the board of directors reported on the state of the Association and its programs; Sister Christine Parks spoke about the state of the SSJ Community; and this year's Scholarship recipients and Community Service awards were announced. Following lunch, guests visited the History Room, relaxed in Alumnae Hall, strolled the campus. The day ended with liturgy in Holy Family Chapel. Father Richard Leliaert, former faculty at Nazareth College, was the celebrant.

Association Awards Scholarships to Aquinas Students

Corky O'Rourke Thomas NC 62, chairperson of the Scholarship Committee, announced that two \$1000 scholarships were awarded this year and one \$1000 renewal scholarship as well. The recipients of this year's scholarships are **Marijo Adamcik** of South Haven, Michigan, who received the Sister Rosemary Kenamy Scholarship and **Matthew McCarthy** of Richland, Michigan, who received the Sister Kevin Whelan Scholarship. Both students are juniors at Aquinas College and attended the Annual Meeting with their parents.

Marijo is majoring Business Administration and Sports Management. Her volunteer activities vary from helping the Kiwanis Club clean up I-196, working in "Soups On for All" sponsored by God's Kitchen, to acting as a builder and fund raiser for Habitat for Humanity. Matthew is majoring in Biology earning a Secondary Education Teaching Certificate. He has served as chairperson of the Student Affairs Committee and as representative on the Resident Hall Council. He also

works with the Christian Appalachian Project in Lancaster, Kentucky and the YMCA where he co-founded Project P.L.A.Y. (Providing Leadership Advancement for Youth). Both Marijo and Matthew plan to participate in the summer abroad program and will be studying in Ireland.

Kate Marie Thole of Adrian, Michigan has received a renewal of her \$1000 scholarship and will be completing her senior year at Siena Heights University.

Board Approves New Peace Camp Program in Southeast Michigan

Over the past two years, the Nazareth Association has partnered with a variety of Southwest Detroit community organizations to provide a six-week long special summer program that serves children from 5 to 18 and their families. The Association requested and received grants from United Way Community Services of Detroit (\$2500 in 1999 and \$3,000 in 2000) to be used for this project. Peace principles are the heart of the program and are infused throughout the curriculum.

The 2000 *Stay Safe Summer Peace Camp* served 189 children from diverse ethnic groups, with the largest number being Hispanic. The two main goals of the program are 1) to establish a common understanding of what constitutes a peaceful, inclusive environment where each person has the opportunity to participate and win; and 2) to establish a process for introducing, reinforcing and maintaining those social-interactive behaviors in the classroom, at home and in the community which demonstrate that our children understand and value a peaceful, inclusive environment.

The Nazareth Association is committed to establishing year-long peace clubs as a component of after school recreation and educational enrichment programs in collaboration with other partners. The peace clubs will emphasize the application of peace principals by program participants.

Phyllis Davis Williams '68, past president of the Nazareth Association and current board member, has been associated as a volunteer with the Beard Learning Center and as such became interested in this project. An important part of moving ahead involves recruiting, planning and training staff and volunteers. Volunteers will serve as group assistants, workshop leaders, mentors, cooks, Peace Elders and cultural role models. The Nazareth Association can continue to be an integral part of this project by receiving and administering grants for various related projects. Association members can become individually involved as volunteers. To learn about how you might participate, contact Phyllis Davis Williams. Her office number in the Detroit area is (248)-557-6640.

