



# Newsletter

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## LETTER FROM YOUR "PREZ"

Greetings Alumnae!

My name is Loretta (Perez) Rominski, Class of '79, and I am your McAuley Alumnae Association president.

I find myself hearing from or seeing McAuley alumnae, randomly throughout the year. I receive calls after the update comes out (because my phone number is listed there) and I run into both, women who I actually know, and women who don't know me, but have seen my picture in a newsletter or on Facebook. In my "cheerleader" role as the alumnae association president, I usually suggest attending the next annual gathering or joining our planning committee. Sadly, more than once, the response has been something heated, along the lines of; "Why would I want to see any of those girls again? They were mean to me!" or "I hated high school!" I then find myself defending the alumnae association, which in hindsight is humorous to me, since I was dragged into it myself, many years ago, by my pushy older sister, as I too had felt some angst over my high school years. At our recent newsletter planning meeting, we discussed this issue, and I found that I am not the only one who has experienced this type of reaction, so I was compelled to write this letter.

Why attend these annual gatherings you may ask? Well, I say there are many reasons to consider it. Personally, and with some authority, I can say that everyone has had a good time at all of the gatherings that I have attended. After all, what's not to like; food, conversation, raffles for gift cards and money, and fellowship with women of similar life experiences and interests. As women, we are driven to support each other, to reach out to those in need, to share our joys and our trials and to just enjoy one another's company. The things we all have in common are not limited to a shared high school; we are all women, daughters and have lived in or around northwest Ohio; many are wives, mothers, grandmothers and sisters; and still more are widows, orphans and survivors of or suffering from a range of illnesses. Many of our alumnae find themselves caring for elderly parents, others for special needs children, while some, sadly, are the one needing to be taken care. Most of all, we are all women of this world, who need other women in our lives.

To those who hated their high school years, I say; you are not alone; I too "hated" high school! However; I am older and wiser now and I have come to realize that as much as I have changed over the years, so have the "mean girls" and the "cliques" and the multitude of other labels we had for each other back when we were silly teenagers. As an adult, I have found friends among our alumnae who attended McAuley while I was in kindergarten. There is no reason that you must only associate with your own class or age-group. There are 30 years of McAuley alumnae to choose from, and some are just like you. In my own graduating class, there is a great deal of apathy when it comes to attending gatherings, and I am generally the only member of my class to attend, and that is a shame. As we get older, life changes, but one thing that remains constant is a woman's need for girl-friends to spend time with.

**In closing, I challenge you all to come to The All Alumnae Gathering this year on Saturday, August 15th at 11:30 a.m. and maybe make a new girl-friend! You'll be glad you came!**

I hope to see you there!

Loretta the "Prez"

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# SURPRISES AT "THE GATHERING" 2014

We had a somewhat low turnout last year for The (Annual All Alumnae) Gathering. TOO BAD!!!! Those who did attend experienced a little bit of McAuley-style nostalgia when Colette Erford Leyland, abetted by her sister Carol Ann, hosted a "Mini-Treasure Hunt!"

Though we used fake money, there were still many little prizes for all of the winners. We had many avid players and great fun was had by all! Even if you weren't there, you may have heard about the fun from some of your friends who did attend. Actually, people are still talking! No telling what will happen this year. But you will have to come to The Gathering on Saturday, August 15th, 2015 from 11:30 to 3:00 find out!



## CLASS OF '66; STILL FRIENDS AFTER ALL THESE YEARS!

One of the best things about The (Annual All Alumnae) Gatherings and Class Reunions is the chance to reconnect with our classmates. Some of us have taken that a step further; for example, several from the class of '66 reunite on a somewhat regular basis during the year for lunch, dinner or just a pleasant time at one of our homes.

This started a few years ago when a few "willing participants" got together to plan our 45 year reunion. We discovered that though we have all changed over the years, we still retain some of the traits of our youth. We, also, reminisce about the 'good old days' between talking about our families, jobs and retirement.

So take a chance! Come to "The Gathering" August 15, 2015. We '66ers would love to see more of our classmates become "willing participants". The group seems to grow each year in number of attendees and Kathy Saco, Carol Ann Erford, Ann Daly O'Shea, Beth Cooksey, Chris Debrock Ankenbrandt, Sandy Schwind Stricker, Janise Sattler Kaufman, etc., will welcome you with open arms!

Planning will begin soon for our 50 year reunion! Want to be involved?

## DECEASED ALUMNAE AND STAFF

It is with sadness that we list alumnae who have died in the past year.

'62 Sandra Stanford Dennis	May 9, 2014
'65 Joanne Radocy Nelson	June 24, 2014
'65 Marcia Ann Geiger Krisher	May 15, 2015
'69 Linda Sczesny	March 9, 2015
'72 Sue Rehard	October 27, 2014
'77 Stephanie Harris	September 9, 2013
'80 Michalene Radawec Webb	October 4, 2014

**ATTENTION ALUMNAE:** *If you learn of the passing of a McAuley Alumnae, a family member of an Alumnae (parent, sibling, spouse, child or grandchild), or a former McAuley faculty or staff member, please contact Mary Jo (Zimmer) Dey '72, Alumnae Association IT Officer by email at [mcauleyhighschool@gmail.com](mailto:mcauleyhighschool@gmail.com), so she can post the information. You can also use the McAuley Alumnae Association webpage: [www.mcauleyalumnae.com](http://www.mcauleyalumnae.com) to let her know or post it on the McAuley Facebook page listed as: McAuley High School Toledo, OH, join the group then post the link to the Obituary, if for an Alumnae or family member, please post the name(s) and class year(s) of the related Alumnae, if known.*

## RETIREMENT, THE DREAM AND THE REALITY

There were many nice responses from our alumnae on this question in the 2015 update, so thanks for answering!

Quite a few of our alumnae not yet retired are dreaming of the time they can spend with family or traveling on the open road. Retirement for a few will be moving to warmer climes!

Of those already retired, at least half the responders are traveling to visit family scattered around the states and "mooching" off of them (LOL)! A few of these travelers are making it their mission to visit all of the 50 "nifty" United States before they "leave this earth." A few of the travelers are close to reaching this goal! Go Alumnae! Other retirees have moved to Florida or other warm places, so no more shoveling snow for them! We also have some snowbirds who can't give up, entirely, on Ohio. A few wish they could travel more, but when on a fixed income (especially a single fixed income), it can be hard to do.

Alas, some feel they can never retire, while others love what they do and continue to work instead of retire. We have semi-retired alumnae who find the perfect balance of work and still enjoying family and travel and many extracurricular activities.

The most popular realities and dreams of things to look forward to are; spending more time with family, travel, reading, helping those less fortunate and beaching it in sunny weather.

## MEMORIAL MASS NOTICE

All are invited to a liturgy celebrating the memory of our departed alumnae, family members, faculty and staff on **Sunday, June 28, 2015**, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Bernardine Home in Fremont. The address is 1220 Tiffin St., Fremont, OH and is about one hour from Toledo. This is part of the Sisters of Mercy prayer ministry. Former faculty and staff living there include; Sr. Joan Marie (Imogene), Sr. Mary Jane Martin, Sr. Margaret Wasserman (Elvira), Sr. Noel Frey, and Sr. Pauline Swint. Sr. Nancy Merkle is coordinator of this convent and Sr. Breta Gorman lives nearby. You are most welcome to stay for dinner.

Please RSVP to Sr. Joanne Boellner 419-283-4509.

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## 60's

### Class of '62

**Martin, Joanne Lund** – We are enjoying traveling from coast to coast to visit our youngest grandchildren – 2 in New York City ages 5 and 9. The youngest is age 5 is living in Seattle. Our older grandchildren, ages 20, 18, and 14 live in Madison near us.

**Spitulski, Barbara Brady** – Daughter Christine Smith (Brady) just received the “Golden Apple Award” for teaching from the Maumee Chamber of Commerce. I’m very proud.

**Urbina, Cecilia Haffele** – My husband Richard (Dick) Haffele and I will celebrate our 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on August 28, 2015. Hopefully we will take a trip to celebrate in Lima, Peru.

**Wannemacher, Marianne Reece** – Still employed full time and still enjoying it. When that stops I guess I will also!

**Williams, Beth (Elizabeth) Dieringer** - I am enjoying teaching First Communion class at St Anthony parish in Lakeland with the bonus of having my grandson, Jacob, as a student.

### Class of '63

**Blodgett, Ann Hallett** – I have been a “Close to my Heart” consultant for 5 years. I was also a “Creative Memories” consultant for 7 years. I really like showing people how to preserve their memories.

**Golsdorf, Rosann Louy** – I enjoy retirement in our new house near Pensacola. For 49 years, Jim and I have been in Ohio, Florida, North Carolina and now back in Florida. Our 3 children have 4 grandchildren at different Universities. We love our friends, yard work, St Jude Church and counted cross stitch.

**Young, Marie Irons** – Throughout the year of 2014, we, as a family, have remembered, traveled and shared the happy memories of my eldest daughter, Michelle, who passed away on November 10, 2013, just a week after her 49<sup>th</sup> birthday. Michelle had her favorite places that she traveled to and those favorite people with whom she traveled. 2014 found us traveling to Sydney, Australia on and near her 50<sup>th</sup> birthday so we could put some of her ashes to rest in the Sydney Harbor. She loved the water. Whether sailing on it or scuba diving, she loved the water. Sydney was on her bucket list. Her sister took her ashes to Times Square, the Brooklyn brownstone, where her Uncle Jim lived, Casino Windsor, where she often went for shows and a little gambling. Her ashes were placed on a coral reef in the Bahamas, one of her favorite places to dive. Her ashes have been placed in a Chapel in Sedona, Arizona along with a perpetual candle. Chuck and I celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in April 2014 with a large party with family and friends. We were actually married on May 16, 1964. This year found us taking a cruise to the Eastern Caribbean, lacing some ashes at South Beach in Miami and hanging her license plate (PADTRIX) at the Hog’s Breath Saloon

in Key West, Florida. She has been a worldwide traveler in ash form. These are all memories of one lost to us and forever in our hearts. It has been a year of grieving her loss, celebrating her life, keeping forever in the hearts of everyone who knew her. We will travel as a family to Las Vegas in April to place her ashes in the Bellagio Fountain, one of her favorite spots in all of Las Vegas. She is where she loved to be. Double Arc and the FASD Clinic, of which she gave her volunteer hours, have established the Michelle Marie Irons, MD Award for Volunteerism, which was awarded posthumously to Michelle this past year. We welcomed a new bride (Jeanette) to the family with the wedding of our grandson, Brandon Beaverson in Pigeon Forge, TN this past summer and welcomed the newest great-granddaughter, Mia Michelle Highsmith. We now have 18 grands and 3 spouses plus 4 great grands. Our numbers are rising. Our youngest daughter, Ginny, and her family have now relocated to El Paso, TX from Honolulu, HI. Her husband is in the US Army. We will soon celebrate the graduation from Ohio State University of our grandson, Anthony Chambers, while some of his cousins are entered in colleges in Alabama, Ohio and Massachusetts, their graduation dates are down the road.

**Potrzebowski, Mary Jo McMillan** – According to one of my grandsons I am now a Cyborg. I had a complete hip replacement in August and this March I had the first of two complete knee replacements. Hoping to be dancing very soon. I checked off a bucket list item when my son and I ventured to Niagara Falls to see the frozen Falls. Stunning!

**Schaal, Susan McCloskey** – I have been married 42 years this April; we have 2 daughters and 8 grandchildren. My husband worked for Hallmark Cards for 37 years and he retired in 2010 and we moved to Bluffton, SC from Leesburg, VA.

### Class of '64

**Crossgrove, Anne F. Delgado** – We have 3 children – all college graduates and one, 11 year old grandson, all living in Florida. We love to travel and get to Ohio and Texas at least once a year. We love casino gambling and bridge, euchre, and poker at least 4 times a week.

**Endsley, Susan Iwinski** – Several times a year I do a presentation for the Pre-Cana program offered by the Dayton/Cincinnati diocese. The focus is on understanding and accepting differences, using Myers-Briggs Temperament survey terminology. I belong to the Social Justice committee in my church. I am part of a poetry writing group. I’ve been playing tennis with the same group of women for 25 years!

**Konczal, Christine Galvin** – In addition to my job as Director of United Way in Ottawa County, I’m joining the board of directors of Strength for the Journey, a non-profit organization in the Dominican Republic that is working to break the bonds of poverty by providing education and enrichment to Haitian and Dominican children and their families.

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**Link, Mary Alice Frost** – Shout out to McAuley alums in the DC/Maryland/Northern Virginia area. The Sisters of Mercy located in Silver Spring, Maryland, are looking for graduates of Mercy schools to meet on an intermittent basis. I have been to several of the meetings, and they have been excellent. E-mail me if you have an interest in coming to one of these, or just to get together without going to the meeting.

**Metzger, Suzanne Kwiatkowski** – The fifty year reunion, last summer, was great!

**O'Reilly, Kathy Devlin** – Singing a lot! We are singing Handel's Messiah on Good Friday and Saturday – over 90 singers from several area churches held at Amelia Baptist church. Also a member of Song Spinners and we perform our spring program for nursing homes and civic groups. Also involved in bible study and I enjoyed meeting people who visit the island and rent my villa. Also love visiting my 9 grandchildren – 5 in Chicago and 4 in Colorado.

**Ryan, Marilyn Errington** – Our 50<sup>th</sup> reunion last fall chaired by Carol Wagner Stephens was fantastic! Thanks to all that made it a joy filled, laugh inducing day.

## Class of '65

### **50 Year Reunion Info:**

#### **SAVE THE DATE!**

When: Sept. 12, 2015, 1-4 pm

Where: Stone Oak Country club

Please Contact Marty Young Drown by email at [ammomom@bex.net](mailto:ammomom@bex.net) for more info or to provide contact info for yourself or a "missing" classmate.

**Boellner, Sr. Joanne** – After 40 years of teaching, I am retiring at the end of this school year.

**DeWald, Elaine Hazelwood** – Three grandchildren, Julia Sopher 15, Connor Sopher 11, and Gabriella Sopher 9.

**Leahey, Kathy Metsinger** – Looking forward to the Class of 1965's 50 year reunion!! Hope to see many old classmates. Reunion is set for September.

**McHugh, Georgianne Hobson** – We are going to have our second great grandson in April-very excited. Ken has finally retired for sure. Starting to plan for a trip to Texas sometime this year.

**Mercurio, Mary Opaczewski** – Two of my granddaughters are involved in School Theater. Jordan was in the chorus of "Annie" at Maumee. I helped with the costumes. Daryan had a lead role in Bowsher's production of "Seussical." Looking forward to our 50<sup>th</sup> reunion.

**Nadeau, Linda Gogol** – Last spring my second oldest son, Ken, married his boyfriend Max. We are so happy for them!

**Palans, Mary** – Retired and moved to Kalamazoo 5 years ago to be near my daughter who was pregnant. Now she has 3 children and my days are spent with them. I also love to read and go to the movies.

**Yoe, Susan Zemla** – Busy planning a wedding this year for our son and his lovely fiancée!

**Young, Marty Drown** - I am very busy with planning our **50<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion**, with the help of several classmates. I am also working full time at Mercy Health Partners.

## Class of '66

**Babel, Judy Verny** – I've been living in Cincinnati since 1984. I am a certified chaplain in one of our hospitals here. I hope to work another year or two fulltime. Enjoying this time of my life.

**Cooksey, Elizabeth Andrews** – Up to 7 grandchildren by now – all in one family! What fun!

**Jennings, Sandra Pasyko** - I have 25 years in with Lucas County Clerk of Courts at Domestic Relations Family Court Center. I have done the post-divorce work. Now I am ready to retire this year and I am excited!

## Class of '67

**Worona, Gennie Gongwer** – Divorced 8/6/14 after 45 years of marriage. No name change, working full time.

## Class of '68

**Koschinski, Rose Anne Wheatley** - Retiring to North Idaho is invigorating! This resort community sits along Lake Pend Oreille, and at the base of Schweitzer Ski Resort - great settings for our outdoor adventures. I volunteer at St. Joseph's Church, in community groups, and pursue quilting activities. Traveling always opens new experiences in every season - Victoria, Glacier, Death Valley, Sedona, Bend OR, and more. Retirement is awesome!

**Lynch, Patrica** – I continue to teach Business Law to business majors at BGSU. I am in the 1<sup>st</sup> year of a 2 year program to become a docent at the Toledo Museum of Art.

**Poland, Terri Christofferson** - My husband and I just returned from a trip to Las Vegas for our Packaging Trade Show. We enjoy visiting new cities and took a walking tour of the downtown area and enjoyed hearing the history of this famous city. Other cities we have toured are San Francisco, Albuquerque, Savannah, Lake Tahoe, Rome, to mention a few.

**Yager, Jeannette Signorelli** – I have 4 wonderful grown children – 3 sons and one daughter. All but one son live in the Toledo area, the fourth one lives in New York City. I love living in Arizona and wonder if I could ever go back to the snow and cold - but I do miss my family and friends.

## Class of '69

**Best, Christine Keller** – Happily retired after 26 years at the University of Toledo. Enjoying time spent with husband of 42 years, Dennis, and two adult Children. Son Dennis lives near Houston, TX and I try to get there 3 times a year to spend time with 2 grandsons. Daughter, Marisa back in Toledo and we're looking forward to the birth of her son, this summer.

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**Hoffmann, Tina Bowen** – In December of 2008, I retired from Pfizer where I was Director of Facility Operations for the Ann Arbor Research Facility. Shortly thereafter I was persuaded by the University of Michigan to return to the work force as a facility manager at the same Research Facility from which I had retired, which had been purchased by UM. In December 2014, I retired from that position. My husband and I renovated a lake house in Charlevoix, Michigan, where we have moved and now live full time. I plan to pursue my hobbies of fiber arts and gardening.

**McCann, Susan** – This July, my oldest son Peter will be married and I will gain an 11 year-old grandson! I'm looking forward to the trip to Portland Oregon which is where he and Erica live and traveling with my younger son Sean. And I continue to feed my passion which is to stage-manage shows at the Toledo Rep, The Valentine and the Village Players and to professionally dress actors in productions like "Book of Mormon" at the Stranahan Theatre.

**Straub, Cynthia** – I'm still working (and plan to for another 4-5 years) at UMS (University Musical Society), an arts presenting organization at UM. My son, Andrew, is recently engaged and will be married next year.

## 70's

### Class of '70

**Hungling, Susan Anderson**  
– Sold my Harley Davidson in spring of last year and used the

money to take down and rebuild my beautiful front porch.

### Class of '71

**Cassidy, Colleen Cook** - I retired in the summer of 2013 from Elmwood school district as a student aide. I decided I would be one of those double dippers so I am subbing out there. Right now I am helping with the PARCC test reading to special needs students and was asked to work until the end of the year. Our son Eric and his family moved out to Newton Iowa in October and in April we will become grandparents again this time a girl. Steve and I will be out there to take care of Oliver when Sabrina Shey will be born on April 16<sup>th</sup>. We plan on moving out west in a couple years after Eric decides where they will settle down. We became grandparents for the first time on July 4, 2013 and let me tell you Oliver is one firecracker, but we sure do love him, keeps us busy.

**Dylewski, Josephine Boismier** – Celebrating 41 years married to husband, Gary. Living in Windsor, Ontario. Our oldest son Ryan and daughter-in-law, Melanie gave us 4 grandchildren, Jackson 8, and triplets, Zoey, Logan and Emma 4. Son, Josh and his fiancée, Katie getting married May 2<sup>nd</sup>. So looking forward to more grandchildren

**Florian, Janet Koschalk** – Randy and I enjoy watching (chasing) our 21 month old grandson, Connor, one day a week and he always keeps us laughing! He will have a new

brother or sister in October, which will be a perfect gift for my birthday.

**Glaser, Linda Bueno** - I just retired from the American Psychiatric Foundation to spend time with my husband Alex and travel. Travel will include seeing family and friends including our two grandkids. We are going to Ecuador to visit Alex's family in March. I already volunteer at the local food bank and am involved in my church, St Peter's in choir and as a lector.

**Kerscher, Sally** – Still working on my house built in 1901, which I purchased in 2002. It's coming along nicely but is a constant "project." I'll never be a bored retiree. I am the secretary for Friends at Bellevue, a neighborhood organization that raises money for scholarships for High School Seniors. It all keeps me hopping.

**Orlowski, Casimira** – Traveled to Italy again in spring 2014. Two weeks in Tuscany and a fun side trip to Milan – took in an opera at La Scala. Beautiful country!

### Class of '72

**Alssen, Catherine Alssen-Drescher** - My last day of work was August 18, 2014 - the end of an era at the Munich Airport (well, at least for me!) To celebrate, my husband and I flew to Hawaii (4 islands) plus Seattle for the month of October 2014. As of March 6, 2015, we are proud grandparents for the first time - it's a boy and all are well!

**Beach, Deborah Berkel** – I am still doing some residential cleaning and have no plans to retire for about ten years. I am enjoying my three grandchildren and love when my four children are all in town and together at the same time. Once a year I go to Arizona to visit my sister, Dr. Cynthia Beach (Class of '71). Ahhh, the sun and desert is always a welcome change from the Toledo cold winter. I guess I could say life is still good!

**Best, Maureen Crone** – Retired after 30 years as a tax preparer. Married to Mike for 39 years, two kids 31 and 29. Still volunteering at Bingo – always action packed.

**Heydinger, Diane Landers** – My husband, Eric and I have two sons and they are both graduating this spring (2015). Christopher is graduating from college and Andrew is graduating from high school.

**Rush, JoEllen Stamp** – I paint with opaque watercolors and acrylics, enjoy colored pencils and oil pastels as an artist, all for pleasure with the gifts God gives me each day.

**Van Gunten, Sara Toerne** – My 6<sup>th</sup> grandchild, a boy, was born in November 2014.

**Wassermann, Molly** – "Good times and bum times, I've seen them all and my dear, I'm still here...." So sayeth Stephen Sondheim, who speaks for me far better than I ever could.

**Zimmer, Mary Jo Dey** – I became a grandma for the 1st time December 1st. My son, Kristopher and his wife Lauren

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welcomed Logan Francis Dey into our family on that date. We are overjoyed! They live in the Harbor Springs, MI area so it is a 5-6 hour drive to see him but better than, say California or Alaska. My husband, Steve, continues to try to get me to move closer to the grand-baby (and his parents) but I like it here in the Toledo area.

## Class of '73

**Harms, Amy Cole** - We took a short, 5-day cruise to the Western Caribbean in Feb. with my parents, Sue Harms (1968), Julie Harms Kipp (1978), Anne Harms Dobson (1982) and her husband Ed. Getting together in May for a long weekend with Beth Schneider, Pat Hanna, Cathy Bettinger Keys, and Ellen Bruning Abel (all Class of 1973) to celebrate our 60<sup>th</sup> birthdays in Nashville, TN. Looking forward to traveling to Germany and Austria with my husband Syd, my sister Julie Harms Kipp (1978), and her husband Dan, in Sept. – Oct. of this year.

## Class of '74

**Badhorn, Michelle Hall** - My husband Jeff and I will be married 10 years this July! I work for Dippin' Dots Ice Cream as a Region Manager & Key Account Manager (Sales). I am our liaison to our corporate partners as well as our franchisees, national and local accounts. I work with amusement parks, sports venues, zoos and waterparks.

I am fortunate to live in Arizona where winters are easier and summers can get hot - I would not trade it... I truly have enjoyed connecting with fellow classmates on Facebook.

**DeCrane, Melissa Kissner** - In 2014 I received the Golden Apple Award from the Bishop of Toledo for teaching excellence. Later that same year I chose to retire from Our Lady of Perpetual Help Elementary School where I have taught English to junior high students for many years. My husband of 33 years, Joe, and I are taking advantage of my free schedule and doing more traveling. We have a 21 year old son, Geoff, who is studying to be an IT specialist.

**Mercurio, Karen Schwegler** – My daughter and son in law have been on HGTV. They bought a firehouse in Midtown St. Louis and are in the process of rehabbing it. They have a Great Dane named MOJO and are getting a puppy, Hank, the end of April. My son and daughter-in-law are stationed in Virginia. He is a senior EOD tech with the Navy. They also have 2 dogs so we are the proud grandparents of 4 grand dogs!

## Class of '75

**Hauptrecht, Cathy McLean** – What's happened to the Class of '75??

Ok, so it has been 40 years since we left the halls of McAuley, but I have pretty vivid memories of what a fun class we were. Of course some of you had a bit more fun than others (you know who you are!!) We are trying to select a day and venue to have a casual get together (aka: **40 YEAR REUNION.**) I have heard from a few of you

already, but there are sooo many that we haven't heard from in years. If you have an interest in getting together and you have not already contacted me, please email me at [cathymclean@wellesbowen.com](mailto:cathymclean@wellesbowen.com). Looking to finalize plans by June 15, 2015. Final details to come. Thank you and enjoy your summer!

**Barker, Mary Jo Borel** - My twins turned 24 this year. One is in her second year of teaching 4<sup>th</sup> grade following in her Grandmother's path and the other was promoted to sous chef at her job. They are great kids and raising them was the best job I ever had.

**Blaah, Kathy** - Continuing to race cars; now in vintage Porsche. Podiumed this year for the first time. Great fun! I had a great experience recently meeting a friend of a friend - a doctor in Chicago who turned out to have been at St. Johns HS while I was at McAuley. Lots of connections and mutual friends. Love that small world stuff. Family is good and still Chicago-based these days. We miss Mom and all her Toledo-area news that she passed along to us.

**Gurecky, Marcia** – Filled out by Cheryl Gurecky O'Connor. Please keep Marcia in your prayers. She was diagnosed with ALS on May 9, 2014. She is in the final stages. You may call me if anyone wants further info at 419-230-1948.

**Jones, Rosalinda** – I'm retiring on April 30, 2015, after 31 years of service, from the University of Toledo Medical Center.

**Koepfer, Laurel Johnson** – 16 years as Government Relations Officer at SERS. Hope to retire at 20!

**Taylor, Jeanne Prater** – My husband and I have moved to South Carolina. After 32 years at The Blade, I retired to semi-retirement and the beach life.

**Taylor, Vicki Bertka** – Our oldest son, Brian, is 28, married, and soon-to-be promoted to 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant in the Air Force. He is an instructor pilot and hopes to land a fighter pilot slot in 3 years. Our youngest son, Kevin, is 22 and graduates from the University of Cincinnati in May 2015 with a BBA in Marketing. He currently works part time as a merchandizer for Kellogg's and just accepted a position as a regional sales rep for Kellogg's beginning 9 days after he graduates! Holy Toledo, we will be busy helping him to find an apartment and then move him out of our house and his residence in Cincy into a new abode in the next 6-7 weeks! So then we will truly be empty nesters! No grandchildren yet, but maybe soon?! No major medical issues (YAY!)

## Class of '76

**Fritsen, Kim Sander** – 25 years working for the State of Ohio. Looking forward to a trip this spring to Austin, Texas to see my youngest son.

**Hoepfl, Marie** – We have two daughters, both violinists, who are now studying music performance in college. One is a freshman and one a junior. My husband, a woodworker,



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is now focusing his full attention on building violins (davidfinckviolins.com). Somehow this mother who can barely carry a tune had had the good fortune to be surrounded by beautiful music.

**Janas, Mimi Bishop** – Still employed as the Director of Annual Gifts at Ursuline Academy of Dallas. Also a Trustee for Ursuline Educational Services, which networks all Ursuline schools in the U.S., including St. Ursula Academy in Toledo.

**Kasper, Christine Barnocki** - We had our first grandchild in 2015, a beautiful boy named Richard 2/18/14. He is the son of our youngest son Michael and his beautiful wife Amanda. I am still working full-time as an occupational therapy assistant here in Ft. Myers. I love sewing for my grandson. There are just so many cute things to make for him.

**Kirschener, Kathryn Hott** – retired, June 2014, as Superintendent of Springfield Schools. Doing consulting for Educational Service Center. Daughter married in July 2014 – wonderful wedding.

## Class of '77

**Baker, Nancy Ellis** - Hello all, I am still working at Oracle, traveling more than I would like! My oldest daughter, Corinne, is a United Church of Christ minister in Des Moines, IA; she just got engaged and will be married in the spring of 2016. My middle daughter, Amanda, is a human resources consultant in Chicago, and my “baby”, Ethan will be heading off to college at Carleton in MN in the fall. Jim and I are coming up on 29 years of marriage and are looking forward to being empty-nester's this fall.

**Hollister, Susie Muller** – Currently working in the Treasurer's office of Sylvania City Schools. Previously worked in Treasurer's office at St. Francis De Sales High School. Two grandchildren in Hershey, PA with a grandchild on the way in Nashville, TN.

## Class of '78

**Boykin, Cynthia DeLand** - Life is very busy! My husband and I have our 12 year old son, who is the youngest of 5, still making us run the race of much younger parents. I am a Court Appointed Special Advocate for Lucas County and I volunteer for several organizations. I am also busy advocating for my autistic daughter non-stop. Lately my husband and I have been busy turning our back yard into an adult play yard by building a half-court basketball court, deck furniture and gazebo.

**Harms, Julie Kipp** – My daughter, Sarah, 25 got married to Jake Mercer on July 12, 2014 and lives in Bowling Green. She teaches in Toledo. My son, Johnny, 22, graduates from Miami University in May and then immediately starts at Ohio University's physical therapy program.

**McMorgan, Joan** – I still am working with seniors at Waterford at Levis Commons. In my free time I still enjoy going to concerts and spending time with my nephews.

**Sawyer, Tari Herman** - Since I moved from Toledo right after High School I did not have the opportunity to stay in close touch with my fellow class members, although I am now loving re-connecting on Facebook! I have been blessed with Mary Cobb's presence twice in the past year. Once in Arizona during a visit and most recently when she was stranded during our ice storm! We really picked up in the comfortable High School Friend manner that you cannot beat!

## Class of '79

**Jardine, Patricia Jezak** – Last June visited Ireland with Tracy Schnapp ('79) and had a magical time. We were enchanted with Killarney and the food was fabulous.

**Shuman, Renee Klapper** - My husband and I sold all of our belongings and our house near Tampa almost 2 years ago. We moved aboard our 38 foot catamaran and moved to the Florida Keys. We do a lot of sailing on our boat. We are planning to retire this fall and sail off into the sunset. We plan on starting in the Bahamas then covering the entire Caribbean down to the Panama Canal. Then we will make a decision if we want to jump the big pond. I find it ironic that our graduation song was “Come Sail Away”, at that time I knew nothing about boats. But now I will be sailing away.

# 80's

## Class of '80

**Floyd, Shannetta Griffin** - I am currently the Sr. Director of Planning and Development for the Indianapolis Airport Authority. I have been in aviation for close to 30 years and this is my dream job. I have been married for 26 years in August to my high school boyfriend Rod who went to Bowsher. We have 2 children - Tierra (23) who graduated from Indiana University on an academic scholarship and is now working with General Mills as a marketing analyst. My son Roderick Jr. (19) is a freshman at the University of Cincinnati on an academic scholarship majoring in business with an emphasis in marketing

**Jackson, Patricia Nusbaum** – I work as a social worker for Hospice of Northwest Ohio and I am amazed at how many co-workers I have met who are also McAuley grads.

## Class of '81

**McCartney, Marie Lillis** – Life is busy but fulfilling. Celebrating 30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this year. Kevin and I have 6 children and 3 granddaughters. I enjoy my job as a nurse in a family practice office. Two more weddings coming up in 2015, one in Indianapolis and one in India!

**Zakorzeny, Kathy Grzeszczak** – My daughter, Ashley, graduated in May 2014, moved to Tennessee, has a Doctor of Physical Therapy Degree and has her practice there. Andrea graduated from Grad school in August 2014, has a Masters in Science and under grad in Exercise Science. She is teaching classes at a Health Plex in Cincinnati.

# 2015 McAuley Alumnae Updates

## Class of '82

**Reed, Angela Williams** – My son Damien got married August of 2014 and his twin brother Deven, made me a grandmother January of 2015. My grandson's name is DeSean and I will be called Tutu.

**Savage, Elaine** - I have been an LPN for 30 years now. I work at Promedica St. Luke's, and I have worked there for the last 23 years. I also see Patty Speiker almost every day. She is an RN that works in social services. Her maiden name at McAuley was Savona. When I first got out of LPN school I worked in long term care for almost 8 years. I loved it! I also went back a couple times for an RN degree and almost completed a program, however, times have changed so much that it's very rare to be able to get to know your patient anymore. I found that while in college, I really loved English. I probably should have built a career off that love. I also love history and remember Mrs. Gray's history classes at McAuley. I really loved that subject. I moved in with my mother after my father passed away about 3 years ago. We have a good time together and help each other out. She also puts up with my 2 cats, Chloey & Zoe! So, for now this is what I have as an update for you. I really miss McAuley.

**Wallerstein, Carol** - I am working as a psychologist in the Michigan Department of Corrections. I have two great children; a son, Carter-15, and a daughter, Teddy-13. I am living with my partner of 17 years and have become a pseudo-farmer lady with dogs, cats, a couple of calves, and a bunch of poultry (for fresh organic eggs and bug control.)

## Class of '83

**Smith, Dina Biglin** – So excited! My oldest son Grayson is headed to college this fall. Heading to the University of Cincinnati to study Biochemistry!

## Class of '85

**Joyce, Mary Reed** – As of this year, I am working in a preschool instead of a daycare. Working in a preschool has always been my dream job, as I can have my summers with my children and I have off on their breaks as well. I am able to enjoy my family more as I am not working full time anymore.

**Vance, Debbie Wotring** - I am a K-2 Principal for Ohio Virtual Academy with 2,250 students. I am currently working on my doctorate in Educational Leadership at the University of Findlay. I have been married for 29 years to my husband Brad who is the Lead Pastor at Northpoint Church in Toledo. We have four children who all attended Toledo Christian in the former McAuley school building. In the fall all four of my kids will be in college at University of Toledo, University of Miami (OH), Lourdes University, and Moody Bible College, Chicago.

## Class of '86

**George, Maradee Valenti** - We continue to survive the recent cold winters here in Chicago – but wouldn't want to live any other place. My step-daughter has had her second child this January. So, I am a grandmother twice over! Our Noah (15) continues with his travel soccer and is working on college recruitment to continue his sport. Our A.J. (5) just won a house mites championship with his hockey club. I continue working for Aon as an insurance broker/claim consultant and my husband continues to work for ATI Physical Therapy as the IT Director.

**Liedel, Leslie** – I've been teaching an honors seminar on utopias and dystopias and will be taking my students to Salt Lake City, Mt Zion National Park and Las Vegas in May!

## Class of '87

**Grubb, Tricia Callahan** - After graduating Miami University in 1991, I left Ohio for Kentucky where my family and I resided for 12+ years. In 2008, we came back to Ohio and back to the beautiful campus of Miami U. Both of our daughters, Kathryn and Olivia now attend Miami and Zac recently received his PhD from Miami in Biology. Soon we will all be Miami graduates. While delighted to be back in Ohio and connected to McAuley alumna, I am looking forward to interning this summer at University of Luxembourg in Europe. More on that experience next newsletter.

## Class of '89

**George, Laura Baldino** – Enjoying life in Charleston, SC with my husband Scott and son Orion. I stay busy being a soccer mom; have a career in marketing and running two home businesses with my husband. In my free time I love training Krav Maga and mixed martial arts as well as helping other women grow spiritually. I love keeping in touch with my McAuley friends via Facebook.

**Waterman, Nancy Fitzgerald** – I obtained Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and working to obtain Master's Degree in Psychology with hopes of working with violent criminals to determine behavior that will predict future violence or horror.

## Faculty

**Sr. Marilyn Gottemoeller** – This is my second year working part-time in our Mercy Community Ministry Office in St. Louis, and I love it. I'm also one of four professed members living in our novitiate community (novice boot camp!) and we have some wonderful, talented novices from California to Rhode Island.

**Laird, Barbara** – Looking for a travel partner, mostly in Europe. My husband doesn't fly anymore. I design itineraries and stay in B & B's. No fee, share accommodation expenses.

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