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## **LETTER FROM YOUR "PREZ"**

Greetings Alumnae!

I am Loretta (Perez) Rominski, ('79), your McAuley Alumnae Association president.

This year's topics: The 2017 All-Alumnae Gathering, The 2018 Emerald Gala and Planning Committee recruitment.

The Alumnae Association's Planning Committee puts together two different events; The All-Alumnae Gathering, which is held 4 out of every 5 years and every 5<sup>th</sup> year The Emerald Gala (last was in 2013.)

The 2017 All-Alumnae Gathering will be held in the OLPH gym (the building that faces our alma-mater), to allow us to have sufficient space to set up display tables for our second annual "Share Your Talents." Reservations for table space, for those who would like to participate in "Share Your Talents" this year must be received by August 7<sup>th</sup>, (see related article and Gathering flyer insert for more information.) Reservations <u>are not necessary</u> to attend the Gathering, only for table space.

The 2018 Emerald Gala will be held, June 23, 2018, at the Greystone Banquet Hall in Perrysburg. Mark your calendars and plan to be there. The venue is very close to I-75, the Ohio Turnpike and several hotels for any who might be traveling to attend. Invitations with much more detail will be sent out well in advance and will require RSVPs.

Currently, our planning committee is dwindling, Bonnie Czarnecki left us last year and Mary (Mercurio) Opaczewski '65, has let us know that this will be her last year. Mary has been on the committee for over 10 years and we are eternally grateful for all that she has done. Several others have been members of the committee for over 10 years as well. The commitment of members is for 2-3 evening meetings per year, one in early February, to plan the sending out of the update forms and one in early to mid-April to plan the newsletter. In the year of the Gala, there would be a meeting in late May or early June to finalize the plans for that event. We also work the Gatherings and the Emerald Galas. Depending on the topics, some write articles or compile information for the newsletters, others pick up supplies for the Gathering or Gala. In the last few years, we have streamlined the process for the update and newsletter and the Gathering runs like a well-oiled machine. Please consider joining the committee if you have time and are willing to help us out.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Gathering on Saturday, August 19th from 11 - 3!

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## **ALUMNAE ACCOLADES**

## McAuley Class of '74's Sue (Eberly) Kanney is Spreading Love in Africa

On May 9, 2017, the home page of the United Nations' World Food Programme USA's website published an article about McAuley Alumnae Sue (Eberly) Kanney, Class of '74:

Titled: They Call Her "Mama Sue"

By: Aliya Karim

[To read the full story visit: <a href="https://www.wfpusa.org/articles/they-call-her-mama-sue/">https://www.wfpusa.org/articles/they-call-her-mama-sue/</a>]

What follows here are a few excerpts from that article:

An unassuming dirt road in Entebbe, Uganda leads to a modern glass-and-cement warehouse where hope, in the form of emergency food relief, is being packaged.

In the middle of this warehouse stands a 60-year-old white American woman named Sue..... Sue Kanney is from Monclova, Ohio, and this is only the second time she's ever been outside of the United States.

In 1979, she married the love of her life. Sue and Ed raised two sons together — John and Jim — in Ohio. .... In the midst of raising two children, the Kanneys also built a wedding photography business. .... But when Ed was diagnosed with cancer in 2012, the pair scaled back the business.

During this difficult time, Sue began working part-time for SkyLIFE, an Ohio-based company that works to improve humanitarian assistance through innovative aerial delivery techniques. When Ed passed away in April 2014, the SkyLIFE family was there for her, and eventually her relationship with the company would take her on a whole new route in life, literally....

Two years ago, SkyLIFE approached Sue with a life-changing opportunity: To work on their behalf in Juba, South Sudan....

"God knocked, and she answered it." – John Kanney, Sue's older son

.... Sue traveled to Juba in April 2016.... Sue spent more than three months in South Sudan, where she helped produce SkyLIFE's innovative, lifesaving boxes. These packages, engineered with special plastic tubing and webbed material, are filled with fortified vegetable oil from the World Food Programme (WFP) before being loaded onto the back of a plane and safely airdropped to families in need in South Sudan.

After her work in South Sudan, she spent the summer of 2016 in the U.S. before traveling this time to Uganda, where she has spent the last six months.

.... "Their nickname for her in Uganda is Mama Sue," her son John says with a chuckle. "They would give what little they have off their backs for her, and she's taken that and reciprocated it and would do anything for them."

Sue attends Sunday mass every week, and she's loved being a part of the packed house at the local Catholic church in Entebbe.... On Palm Sunday, she brought her palm frond to church, but instead of simply placing it on the seat behind her, she waved it in the air with everyone while singing hymns.

"There was a young man next to me, and I shook his hand and he said, 'Now we're supposed to exchange palms.' So, you exchange palms with the person next to you!" Sue recalls. "Why aren't we doing this in the United States? That is so cool."

.... Sue describes the joy she's seen in the faces of those receiving assistance from WFP. Regardless of what little they may have and the violence they have faced, the sight of food, lifesaving, nourishing food, makes them radiate. It's a reminder of their shared humanity.

"All the people over here want the same thing that we do," she reflects. "They all want to live in peace, they want to worship who they want to worship without being afraid, they want to put food on the table for their children. We all want the same things no matter where we live."

#### McAuley Class of '88's Mary Patay Coaches Mackinac Island Lakers Soccer Team to 100th Career Win

Mackinac Island Lakers soccer coach Mary Patay earned her 100<sup>th</sup> career win in 12 years at a Northern Lights League soccer match on September 20, 2011.

After graduating from McAuley, she earned a bachelor's degree in business and psychology from Miami University, a master's degree in health, fitness, and wellness from North Dakota, and doctorate in exercise science from the University of Northern Colorado.

She is the Lakers girls' soccer, basketball and golf coach and, during her earlier years, she also coached volleyball.

#### McAuley Class of '79's Julie Byczynski; Engineer & Artist

Julie Byczynski won the 1995 U.S. Department Energy Award for Best Industrial Technology Project in the U.S., (presented by Al Gore.) Named #1 Industrial Engineer in U.S.

After graduating from McAuley, Julie received her bachelor of science in electrical engineering as well as her MBA from the University of Toledo. She also studied ceramics & sculpture at UT, then later at the Universities of Evansville and of Southern Indiana.

She has won a number of awards for sculpture locally, nationally and internationally. She has participated in over 30 exhibitions of her work, including 6 solo exhibitions, in museums and galleries.



## **SHARE YOUR TALENTS**

Our first annual "Share Your Talents" at the 2016 Gathering was great fun to participate in and seemed to be well received by those who stopped by to check out the displays.

We had varied displays of Porcelain Doll making, Photographs on Canvas, Beaded Kumihimo Braid Necklace making and Quilting.

Though sales were not permitted at the event, some of our displayers did make contacts that later led to sales.

"SHARE YOUR TALENTS 2017" will be held at the All-Alumnae Gathering on August 19<sup>th</sup> so reserve a space if you want to participate! (See enclosed flyer for details.)

The concept is to display a talent that you have, be it art, craft, writing or something totally different (all talents are welcome.) We will set up tables and each participant will have about a 4'x4' space to display their talent.

This is an exhibition, NOT a sale (we cannot legally hold a sale, without a permit or licensure of some kind, which we don't have.) An example: you make jewelry, so you could just display photos or completed pieces or the materials and tools to create the pieces, the steps used to assemble pieces, or all of those things. The choice of what to display is up to the individual displayer.

Some reasons to share your talents include; spicing up our gatherings, sharing things that you create, getting others interested in something you enjoy doing, or even gain exposure for products you want to (or already do) sell. With many of us being retired or preparing to retire, you might find yourself looking for a hobby or hobbies, either just to stay busy or perhaps with an eye toward generating some extra income, and this is one way we can support each other. Displayers wishing to sell anything that they are displaying are welcome to bring and distribute business cards, brochures or other contact information to generate sales at a later date, time and place, but not to sell at the event or on the premises.

## **DECEASED ALUMNAE AND STAFF**

It is with sadness that we list alumnae and staff who have died.

1964 - Mary Joan Samberg Miller	11-27-2016
1965 – Kathleen A Kolinski	03-07-2017
1965 - Mary C. Murray O'Rourke	04-18-2016
1966 - Celestine Ann (Sally)	
Liberkwoski Carmichael	02-16-2013
1967 - Susan Humm Keller	06-03-2016
1969 - Deborah Sarchiz Nelson	09-17-2016
1971 - Edna Lynne Senn Dundon	07-20-2016
1974 - Theresa Rumbaugh	01-26-2017
1977 - Jacqueline A Kriner	09-21-2016

## MCAULEY'S IMPACT ON ALUMNAE

By: Sr. Joanne Mary Boellner

**Question:** Do you believe that your time at McAuley impacted your life in a significantly positive way; and if so how?

Based on comments received, McAuley's impact was deep and life changing. It influenced for many the direction the rest of their lives took. Many happy memories were described in the comments.

First was mentioned an excellent education and the great learning environment. Many said they were well prepared for college and the all-girls school developed in them leadership and selfconfidence.

Another often mentioned result was the deep life-long friendships. There was kindness, respect, joy, and laughter shared between students. Different backgrounds and social status were not obstacles to the sharing and caring that was felt. Reunions, small group luncheons, and Facebook help everyone stay in touch and are a testament to these friendships.

Many mentioned how their faith and Christian values were developed at McAuley. Retreats, religion classes, and talks with some of the sisters influenced some, far more than they realized at the time. Their relationship with God today is the fruit of these experiences.

What follows are the comments from the many alumnae who chose to answer the question. These comments hopefully will spark in you, memories of your McAuley years and the impact it has had on your life.

**Urbina**, Cecilia Haffele – Coming from Lima, Peru and not knowing any of the students in the class of 1962, but very quickly I felt at home with the kindness, friendships, care from all in my class and the Sisters who taught me. Very impressive and grateful.

**Wannemacher**, Marianne Reece – There is no question on this – my Catholic schooling and especially my years at McAuley made a huge impact on my life.

**Young,** Marie Irons – While I came from a very large family, it gave or provided a closeness with others of my age. We were all like sisters and some are still very close and dear to my heart.



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**Jakubowski,** Elaine Levy-Coon – My experience at McAuley was very positive. It provided a great foundation for learning and great preparation for college. The best part was the life-long friendships I made.

**O'Reilly,** Kathy Devlin - McAuley high school was a special place in many ways! The faculty encouraged us as individuals and our values learned at home were reinforced at school. There was respect and love shown among so many I call classmates!

**McHugh,** Georgianne Hobson – I believe McAuley had a great impact in my life. It helped me be who I am. 40 years a working LPN, mother, grandmother, great grandmother. My Catholic faith is still strong.

**Fehlen,** Marcia Slivka – My McAuley experience was a combination of excellent academic preparation, lifelong friendships and strong core values. I am grateful today for this life preparation.

**Floyd,** Kathryn Gifford – Yes, girl power, and my two daughters are both accomplished Engineers and Industry Leaders.

**Raymond,** Paula Neary – Absolutely! It prepared me to enter into the working world as well as married life and becoming the best mom I could be for our three children and grandma to our four grandchildren.

**Dibling,** Mary Beth Rumer – One thing I remember was bucking the system and getting to take art senior year. (No time for the pre-recs) I'm not an artist but have used my ability with color and design for years. I'm still doing display windows and helping customers coordinate color.

**Lynch,** Patricia – The leadership positions at McAuley were filled, of course, with young women. These leadership opportunities helped me throughout my life.

**Love,** Marcia Love-Jackson – Religion never hurts!!! McAuley gave me more discipline, more awareness of results of choosing the pleasure of short term results over long term, and vice-versa, McAuley gave me excellent preparation for college and beyond to grad school.

**Brandel**, Barbara Spiro – I was told once, when in my 20's "I would have guessed you went to an all-girls school because you have so much confidence in yourself."

**Gurecky,** Cheryl O'Connor – I thoroughly enjoyed my entire four years at McAuley. I think it provided me with the religious, educational and social experiences to grow and prosper.

**Matthews,** Deborah – My time at McAuley has had a huge impact on my life in so many ways. I truly blossomed into a woman from the little girl who walked in the door on that first day.

Best, Maureen Crone – yes

Fritsch, Kim Sander – Yes...the importance of education!

**Hill,** Kim McGraw – I remember so many things that had a positive impact on my life. I believe McAuley's classes, teachers, and administration prepared me to go to college and graduate as a teacher. Very proud of going to McAuley, making friends and learning to do my best

**O'Connell,** Julie –I remember Mrs. Welly in particular – she was such a positive role model and always encouraged me and challenged my thinking.

**McMorgan**, Joan – McAuley was the right place for me. It was high school that helped me believe in myself and realize I was OK! That happened with getting to know some great friends that I still have.

**Kosier,** Becky Taylor – My years at McAuley impacted me through the meaningful and some lifelong friendships that were developed there and supported a closer relationship to God. My experience with teens Encounter Christ (TEC) had a significant impact on me and I still have the wooden TEC cross in the top of my jewelry box where I see it often. After 35 years, it is still a warm memory.

**Martin,** Joanne Lund - As a member of the first graduating class, McAuley taught me leadership and fearlessness that has served me well.

**Roberts**, Patricia- Absolutely! The quality of education was very good, the nuns were a positive influence on us and instilled in us a strong desire to do and be good. My friends meant a lot to me and are excellent people.

Daley, Sherry Schermbeck - My time at McAuley deeply impacted my life. I had a life changing experience at 14 years old as one of three non-Catholics in the whole school. I wanted to serve Jesus Christ all of my days, as the Sisters had done. I grew to love them and their demonstration of faith. I knelt down in the chapel one day and dedicated my life to Jesus and I will never forget it. I thought it meant becoming Catholic and entering the convent. Then in my senior year, I met Henry on a blind date - thank you, Joan Schreiner Leitner and at some point, he asked me to marry him. I thought about it, looked at him and thought to myself, "Yes, I'm going to make this man miserable the rest of his life." lol We've been married 53 years this Fourth of July. The day he lost his independence, as Henry likes to put it.

**O'Leary,** Cheri Baur - Definitely. I received a quality education, gained self-confidence and self-discipline.

**Bennett**, Clarice Killian - I received a great education that allowed me to graduate from College, McAuley taught me life skills that helped me be successful in my career as a Retailer Manager for 30 yrs.

**Boellner,** Sister Joanne Mary: I enjoyed my time at McAuley very much. It certainly impacted me, as I entered the Sisters of Mercy as a result of experience with the Sisters at McAuley. They seemed to me to be very happy and joyful in the all they did.



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**Bates,** Rose Kandik - Absolutely. When I left grade school, I had no interest in a future that involved going on to college. McAuley somehow inspired me to leadership there and lifelong learning. It was the first step really, beyond anything my family did to encourage education beyond HS, to be the first in my family of 8 kids, to graduate from college and go on to post college degrees. I owe it all to the wonderful staff and facilities at our beautiful McAuley High School campus!

**Erford,** Carol Ann - yes, thanks to guidance counselor, who helped me voice that I wanted to do theatre, I went to TU and got a BA in theatre and have kept my passion going all these years.

**Kornrumpf,** Kath Patterson - The biggest impact for me was meeting a wonderful group of women – who helped me grow, showed me what true friendship is and how Christians should act. I am still in contact with some of these ladies and when I move back to Ohio in a couple of years, I hope to connect with more of the alumnae.

**Kruszewski,** Mary J. Hinson – Yes, McAuley gave me a great sense of my Christian values and of myself as a person. I leaned that I could make friends with a lot of different people, EVEN IF I CAME from a different area. I felt accepted, even if I wasn't the brightest in the world.

**Babel,** Judy Verny - I do believe that my four years at McAuley helped to ground me in spirituality and point me toward the work that I have done. I think the sisters were quite patient and helpful for those seeking life's persistent questions. We also had a lot of fun and were encouraged to be athletic in that all girls' school.

**Cooper**, Mary Colette - I feel that my time at McAuley impacted my life in a very positive way. It not only gave me an excellent education, but I made many friends that I have kept for life. When they say you make friends for life, it is really true. I have been in contact with many girls I went to school with, and they have helped and supported me in many, many ways!

**Best,** Christine Keller – Yes, McAuley is very much part of my personal history and enabled me to form good friendships with other women. I still have close friendships with several of them and I enjoy keeping up with some of the class of 1969 by way of Facebook. I like to think the values of Mother McAuley and our teachers have helped to make me the Christian woman I am today.

**Wannemacher**, Linda Szymanski - Yes - I feel I have become someone who is caring of others with a big love for God!

**McHugh**, Kathleen Smith - I think the positive attitude of academic excellence expected and demanded by all teachers was a great environment to be surrounded by during those years. I am sure that those habits created in high school carried many of us through higher education and/or job opportunities and career paths.

Glaser, Pamela Linker – Friendships, life-long!

**Galvin, Mary** - Yes, my education at McAuley prepared me to enter my college education at The Ohio State University with a strong background. I felt I was much better prepared than many other students.

**VanGunten,** Mary Jo Fox - Yes, I believe McAuley impacted my life. I felt there was unity among students, teaching me that no matter social status, race, or where you lived, we were all one. Also, I learned about a personal relationship with Jesus and not just about religion.

Jackson, Patricia Nusbaum - McAuley helped me grow both personally and spiritually. I formed friendships that last to this day with people I cannot see for years but reconnect with in just a few minutes. Many times, I will meet a person and in the course of conversation, I will find out they were a McAuley graduate. There will be familiar qualities that are recognizable in these people and I love the camaraderie that often develops. I remember getting irritated at always being told it was time to "reflect" in religion, with music playing and quiet time. Now I appreciate that we were being taught how to be in a quiet space and to turn our minds off for a while. I wish I had appreciated this more at the time!

**Jacobs**, Jennifer Jasin - Loved McAuley, would do it again. **Barrett, Kelly Johnson -** Yes great courses,

**Tunison**, Tami Fowler - I really enjoyed my time there. Met so many great people who I am still in touch with.

**Harms,** Ann Dobson - My McAuley education made me very well-prepared for college. I believe that the all-girl environment at school gave me confidence to develop my personality & individual goals, without the pressure of trying to impress "the boys". I developed some life-long friendships at McAuley, and I'm grateful for that.

#### Trudeau, Jill Marquard - yes

**Merrels, Karla Lewis** – Yes - just a few examples; I am sure that selling Treasure Hunt Raffle tickets and ads for the yearbook helped with my selling skills. Student council impacted my leadership skills

**Waterman,** Nancy Fizgerald - McAuley helped make the person I am today! I loved the school, the teachers and my classmates. Best high school experience!

**Braker**, Patricia Tillman – Yes, my time at McAuley taught me friendship and loyalty and these qualities are valuable in our everyday life. My times at McAuley are good memories!!

**Garn**, Margaret DeMarsh – it helped me be a person with compassion.

**Crossgrove,** Anne Delgado - It enriched my life religiously and enabled me to participate in sports. I have been a lector at Mass since 1990 and my husband has been an usher for several years.

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**Clark,** Aline E. Restorick – I definitely believe that my time at McAuley was very well spent. The influence of the Sisters as well as the majority of the girls probably were responsible for the discipline and drive that influenced who I am today. Loving wife, grandmother and greatgrandmother.

**Siminski,** Susan Jeffrey – Focusing on college prep courses at McAuley provided study habits and academic record for college degrees of the future.

**Mercurio,** Mary Opaczewski – I think the interaction with the nuns (who were real and interacted with us) has had the most impact on me. I still think of Sr. Fatima when I smile at strangers.

**Sattler,** Janise Kaufman – yes, because I remained focused on my Catholic upbringing. At a public high school, I'm not sure what I would have decided about my Catholic faith. God has directed my life and I am grateful for our religious who are not teaching anymore-there are so few.

**Tomasello,** Antoinette Shultz – It gave me a good education and a basis for nurses training.

**Gagnet,** Cathy – yes, definitely. I made lifelong friendships at McAuley, and the school reinforced the values I learned at Darby and St. Pat's.

**Garn,** Peggy (Margaret) DeMarsh – Yes! Learned how to have and be a friend – learned compassion.

**Nally,** Catherine Nally Druffel –Yes! Very foundational in social, emotional and academic ways.

**Nopper,** Christine Carr –I believe McAuley impacted my life in a positive manner. I loved going to McAuley. I had many friends, who were like family. Unfortunately, after marriage and having children we were not in the Toledo area but 7 years. We moved a lot due to my husband's job. Wished I was in touch with friends.

**Trudeau,** Kristin Wetzel – Yes, academically, Science and Math gave me a head start in college. "All of Us" folk singing group was a musical and social experience never to be matched again. Journalism was the foundation for concise written communication.

**Toerne,** Suzen – Yes, great experience at an all-girls academy. Many wonderful times.

**Szilak,** Judi – When touring U of Toledo in 1967 in preparation to choosing a college, we were told McAuley grads were the best academically prepared incoming freshmen. 1967 Detroit riots – lived through them as co-editor of 1968 Gilmarian and U of Detroit Journalism Workshop student. I wrote the yearbook intro section; read it to see how my McAuley Journalism experience impacts me to this day.

**Kaseman**, Pam Taylor –Taught me how to live with diversity and care for those around you.

VanGunten, Sara (Buffy) Toerne – Yes, I do believe that it had a profound impact on my life. I was searching in high school, never finding what I looked for. One day Sister Alma shared her faith and relationship with Jesus with me. At the time, I found it no help but I listened. For years, I pondered what she said to me. In 1977, my sister shared Christ with me relighting all Sister Alma had said to me... I found Christ and now have a very intimate and personal relationship with Christ. My life has had many trials and without Christ, I couldn't and wouldn't survive. I have a wonderful family. I am very proud of husband Kevin of 43 years, four beautiful and smart children, who have blessed us with spouses we love and 7 grandchildren aging from 19 years to 9 months. I am truly blessed.

**Harms,** Amy Cole – I think that your friendships with your girl friends are stronger at an all-girls school. You're not so focused on guys, so you build stronger friendships. I enjoyed my McAuley years and made lasting friendships.

**Byczynski,** Julie – Yes, taught me how to survive, and do whatever I choose, and that I could be amazing if God is in my heart and I am open, so I just do what I think God wants me to, with the gifts I have.

**Savona,** Patricia Speiker – Yes, by being provided with a wonderful education and remaining in touch with some of my classmates.

**Gillham,** Elizabeth Cousino – I believe my time at McAuley impacted my life in a positive way because the teachers there prepared me for college and for life skills too.

**Joyce,** Mary Reed - I do. I learned so much at McAuley, and made some good friends. I learned to manage my time efficiently and it has stayed with me to this day. I took Mrs. Gray's English History class and fell in love with England, that in 2004 I went to England to see some of the things I learned about.

**Jones,** Cheryl Higgins - I don't think it helped me in a scholastic way very much, but socially it was great! I developed friendships that have lasted a life time!

Harms, Ann Dobson - 1) My McAuley education made me very well-prepared for college. 2) I believe that the all-girl environment at school gave me confidence to develop my personality & individual goals, without the pressure of trying to impress "the boys." 3) I developed some life-long friendships at McAuley, and I'm grateful for that.

**Zimmer,** Mary Jo Dey – I believe my years at McAuley made me a more independent and self-assured person. I went to OLPH for grade school and I remember being self-conscious with the boys in the room. At McAuley, there wasn't that fear and I made new friends from other parts of the Toledo area and widened my world.

## **HOW MCAULEY WAS CHOSEN**

#### By Carol Ann Erford

**Question:** How did you come to choose McAuley as your high school? If it was your parents' choice, did you grow to love McAuley?

Many attended McAuley due to familial reasons and because it was the only Catholic girls school in South End, since distance was a great factor for many. Many were swayed by their peers. The school was liked for its newness.

Also, the word was out there that McAuley provided a quality Catholic education and diversity.

No matter the reason, even those who came dubiously to McAuley felt it was their best choice. A love of the school, the Mercy Nuns, education and fun were all had by us and treasured to this day.

Lifelong friendships were made.

The love we all have for our McAuley times has made for a very strong Alumnae Association to this day!

**Urbina**, Cecilia Haffele – My grandmother born in Ohio and living in Toledo OH, was the reason my father sent me to live with her and expand my knowledge of English. I had already graduated from high school in Lima (1959). This journey was truly a memorable experience.

**Wannemacher,** Marianne Reece – It was a given, since I went to grade school at OLPH – and I loved it, wouldn't have traded that decision for anything.

**Young,** Marie Irons – My mother chose McAuley because of distance, it was closer to my home than Notre Dame.

**Jakubowski,** Elaine Levy - Coon - My parents chose McAuley, but it was fine with me. A lot of the girls I went to OLPH with also attended, so it made the transition to high school even easier.

**O'Reilly**, Kathy Devlin – Well, the decision was made by my parents. They knew the value of a Catholic education and they did what was best for each of us. Furthermore, our house was only steps away from McAuley high school.

**McHugh,** Georgianne Hobson – My friend Mary Margaret Wilson was Class of '64 and I wanted to follow her. My mom's best friend, Pat, had a daughter Chris Konczal, who was a class ahead of me also.

**Fehlen,** Marcia Slivka – I attended OLPH and it was natural to move next door for high school, even though my mom attended St. Ursula.

**Floyd,** Kathryn Gifford – We were close. Loved the students. When we won a radio contest with most postcards, I suddenly appreciated our power.

**Raymond,** Paula Neary – It was my parent's choice. I already had two sisters attending McAuley. Our family was also drawn to McAuley because of the Mercy Sisters, who also taught at St. Catherine of Siena Elementary school, which I attended. I have many great memories of McAuley High School.

**Dibling,** Mary Beth Rumer – The Maumee Valley bus went right by our house. There was never a question of where I would go. Looking back, I'm surprised my mom's school, Central Catholic, was never brought up. It had to be the bus, but the Cooper's drove more than we rode the bus.

**Love,** Marcia Love-Jackson – I still love McAuley and feel blessed to have gone there for four years.

**Lynch,** Patricia – My dad wanted me to go to Central, with my two sisters. I insisted on going to McAuley and finally won him over!

**Stronger,** Jackie Elder – My parents' choice, because my older sister was there, and yes I grew to love it then; and more so now do I appreciate the values that "seeped" in despite my teenage resistance!

**Brandel**, Barbara Spiro – Having attended OLPH for grade school, right next door to McAuley, where most of my friends were going, it was a given.

**Geldine,** Ruth – I had seen ads for McAuley and decided to take the entrance exam. I passed the exam and then went to an open house, liked the school and never regretted my decision. Still proud to be a McAuley Alumnae!

**Gurecky,** Cheryl O'Connor – It was a mutual decision that I attend McAuley. It might have been driven, in part, that my older brother, Jeff was a bit of a prankster at Maumee. I think my parents preferred that my sister and I not attend Maumee.

**Matthews,** Deborah – I was five years old, standing in the backseat of our family car when my mom stopped for a school bus. She said "See how nicely these girls are getting off the bus? That's where you are going to high school."

**Braker**, Patricia Tillman – After attending OLPH grade school, McAuley was my next step. Probably my parent's decision.

**Best**, Maureen Crone – My Great Aunt was a nun there, but also wanted my Catholic education to continue. All my big sisters and cousins went there.

**Savin,** Charlene McDermott – All my friends from St. Patrick of Heatherdowns Catholic Church were attending McAuley high school too. I loved my high school days.

**Bauman,** Karen Shinaver - Parents choice and I really did grow to love it. Treasure Hunt and all. Enjoyed being surrounded by only females, gave us all a chance to become stronger and more united.

**Hill,** Kim McGraw – I asked my parents to please let me go to McAuley as I did not want to go to public high school. I truly loved my experiences at McAuley and am so grateful that my parents agreed.



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**O'Connell,** Julie – My parents encouraged a Catholic education – I had several friends and relatives attending McAuley, so it was an easy choice!

**Harms,** Julie Kipp – My two older sisters (Sue and Amy) went to McAuley, so it was assumed I would go there too. I loved McAuley and made lifelong friends.

**McMorgan**, Joan – I picked McAuley myself!! I really wanted to go to a small Christian school. My parents were fine with my decision.

**Kosier,** Becky Taylor – I never knew there was a choice to be made. I lived 200 yards from Bowsher high school, but attending OLPH for eight years, it was always just a given I would attend McAuley. My brothers led the way by attending St. John's. The conversation was always "when you go to McAuley" not "if."

**Martin,** Joanne Lund - My family and I chose McAuley because it was a new school and right next door to my grammar school, OLPH. I loved my years at McAuley. Those experiences helped form the woman I am today. Thank you.

**Roberts,** Patricia - It was my parents' choice, I didn't question it, in those days, we didn't question our parents! It was positive from the beginning until graduation.

Daley, Sherry Schermbeck - I was in Jr. High School at Glanzman Jr. High and Kandace Krasney was in my class and showed me the booklet advertising McAuley. Bowsher was not built yet and Libbey was overcrowded and having lots of discipline problems, so my parents talked about it and very willingly allowed me to attend McAuley. I was raised Lutheran by a Lutheran mother and my father was a Catholic so they were both very much on board with this. They later said it was the best money they ever spent.

**O'Leary,** Cheri Baur - It was my father's choice, but I did grow to love McAuley. On his 90th birthday I wrote him a letter and thanked him, because he worked 3 jobs to make sure I could attend McAuley.

**Bennett**, Clarice Killian - I graduated from OLPH, so it was natural for me to go on to McAuley HS. Since I live in Michigan, it has been hard for me to keep relationships going with my classmates. I do keep in touch with 2-3 ladies, but since our 50<sup>th</sup> class reunion, I have many more classmate friends, mostly on Facebook.

**Boellner, Sister Joanne Mary**: I chose McAuley because it was the newest of the three girl's high schools and closest to home. (Ursula and Notre Dame were much older but had new buildings.) Everything about the Open House appealed to me. The atmosphere of the school was very friendly and inviting.

**Bates,** Rose Kandik- Actually, it was my parents' choice. It was a brand-new school and they allowed me to sign up as the fourth graduating class, which really appealed to me. I loved it from the start 🕞

**Erford,** Carol Ann - Went to OLPH, my parents wanted to continue Catholic education, even though they could hardly afford it. I loved it, thanks to teachers like Mrs. Fitzpatrick and Sr. Joan Marie. By the end of my 4 years, I was paying my tuition, as I started working.

**Kornrumpf,** Kath Patterson - I don't remember how that choice was made – I don't regret my years at McAuley – a lot of great memories!!

**Kruszewski,** Mary J. Hinson - I had friends in upper classes that I knew in my neighborhood and kids that were going from my class.

**Babel,** Judy Verny - I went to McAuley, mainly because it was the only girls' school at our end of town, as transportation / accessibility was an issue. I certainly grew to love it and appreciated the Mercy spirit and attitude.

**Cooper**, Mary Colette - My parents chose McAuley, but I was happy to go there, because my 2 sisters also attended McAuley. I loved it!

**Best,** Christine Keller - Primarily attended because my Great Aunt on my Dad's side of the family, Sister Kathleen Fallon, taught at McAuley and four of my five sisters also attended and graduated in the late 1960's and 1970's. My parents had a strong Catholic faith and sacrificed financially so that we could get a Catholic school education.

**Wannemacher**, Linda Szymanski - Both of my sisters went there first, so I followed in their footsteps and I loved my years at McAuley!

**McHugh**, Kathleen Smith - I must admit, I was not too happy about going to McAuley. My three brothers and most of my friends went to Central. My three sisters (JoAnn, Sharon, Judy) and I were "sent" to McAuley. It is funny how brilliant your parents become the older you get. I am still very proud that I graduated from McAuley.

**Glaser,** Pamela Linker - Parent's choice, old sister and younger all went to McAuley. I am glad we did.

**Galvin, Mary-** We had a three-way split in my house. My Dad wanted me to go to Notre Dame Academy (his sister was an alumna), my Mom wanted me to go to St. Ursula and I chose McAuley.

**VanGunten,** Mary Jo Fox - I chose McAuley because I liked the idea of an all-girl school. I felt it would eliminate the peer pressure that comes from "boy drama".

Jackson, Patricia Nusbaum - I don't remember how I chose McAuley or even looking at St Ursula or Notre Dame. It was likely based on the fact that I lived in south Toledo, but I knew as soon as I started there that it was the best fit for me and I never considered otherwise. I loved the feeling of belonging and the influence of the nuns there. I loved getting to know the nuns on a personal level and seeing their quirks (like Sr. Marilyn Sunderman showing up for class in huge curlers because she was convinced her blow dryer had asbestos in it).



### **HOW MCAULEY WAS CHOSEN** continued from page 8

**Jacobs**, Jennifer Jasin - Lived only a backyard away and my best friend, Tam Salsberry, was going there.

**Barrett,** Kelly Johnson - I always wanted to go to a Catholic high school, and McAuley was the closest to us. Yes, I loved McAuley!

**Tunison**, Tami Fowler - All my really close friends from junior high were going there.

**Perez**, Loretta Rominski - My parents made me go to McAuley, I wanted to be an auto mechanic..... I grew to love the women of McAuley, but have always regretted not becoming an auto mechanic.

**Garn**, Margaret DeMarsh – My parents made me go and I was pretty upset about it. Within a month, I was so happy there! I formed many lasting friendships. I'm really looking forward to reunion in June.

**Crossgrove,** Anne Delgado – My mother attended Notre Dame Academy, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade thru graduation from high school. I chose McAuley, because it was closer to us and Cardinal Stritch wasn't open yet, in Oregon, OH, where we lived. My three younger sisters all went to Stritch.

**Clark,** Aline E. Restorick – I chose McAuley for a number of reasons – 1) It was Catholic, offering good quality education, 2) I knew many friends registered at the school, 3) it was close and convenient to my home.

**Siminski,** Susan Jeffrey – Parents gave me a choice between public high school and McAuley – I chose McAuley.

**Mercurio**, Mary Opaczewski – A Catholic high school was a given at my house. My mom felt that her alma mater, St Ursula, was too far to travel, so we settled on McAuley. I loved it.

**Sattler,** Janise Kaufman - McAuley was my mother's choice. I would have preferred to attend Perrysburg high school. As it was, my closest friends were going to McAuley and I became acquainted with guys at St. Francis. I married a Frannie. My son was a Frannie and we became staunch advocates of Catholic Education.

**Tomasello,** Antoinette Shultz – It was the closest Catholic High School

Bagrowski, Elaine Perry – Parental Choice.

**Gagnet,** Cathy – McAuley was close to our home in the South End and it was Catholic. I'm grateful to have attended an all-girls high school and I made sure that my daughter had a similar experience at Stone Ridge in Bethesda.

**Garn,** Peggy (Margaret) DeMarsh – My parents made me go. After about a month, I was very happy there.

**Nally,** Catherine Nally Druffel – My parents loved the Mercy nuns (order) and sent all five of my sisters and me there.

**Nopper,** Christine Carr – I, like many classmates from OLPH went to McAuley. I always loved McAuley. Made many friends, sorry I am not in contact. Hope to see them at our Reunion. I am really looking forward to my 50<sup>th</sup> reunion – wish to catch up and keep in touch now!

**Trudeau,** Kristin Wetzel – McAuley was the closest Catholic high school to my home, so it was a matter of convenience. My greatest sadness was that my closest friend could not go with me, because of the tuition cost.

**Toerne,** Suzen – My parent's choice, but I never had thoughts to go anywhere else. Really didn't think about it. Besides, I received a scholarship to go.

**Szilak,** Judi – I wanted to go to St. Ursula. My mother wanted McAuley, because as a daughter/daughter-in-law, she felt Ursula was elitist. I hated McAuley uniforms and bobby socks – loved the idea of St. Ursula where you can use any fabric you want for their pleated dress. My mother was right!

**Kaseman**, Pam Taylor – Some of my friends were going there/parent's choice – grew to be fond of McAuley.

**Jarrett,** Patricia – I didn't exactly choose McAuley – my cousin was being sent there and begged and begged me to attend McAuley with her, I went, she left after 1 year, I stayed 4 years – no regrets. Loved those years.

**VanGunten,** Sara (Buffy) Toerne – I cho se McAuley and yes, I did grow to love it. I certainly cherish my years there, as well as the many memories.

**Harms,** Amy Cole – I chose to go to McAuley, as 4 out of my 5 sisters did too. I have great memories of my high school years and my friends today are the friends I had at McAuley.

**Byczynski**, Julie – I asked my father if he would pay for it, he said I'll pay half freshman year if you pay the other half. So, I worked in the cafeteria and after a while he agreed to pay for it all.

**Savona,** Patricia Speiker – Closest to home and was my decision

**Gillham,** Elizabeth Cousino – I chose McAuley as my high school, because I recognized some of the girls already going there from my neighborhood and some of my friends from my 8<sup>th</sup> grade class decided to go there.

**Myers,** Jean Myers-Hinzman – Parents choice. McAuley had a diverse mix of students and allowed for individuals to grow in their own gifts and talents.

**Joyce,** Mary Reed - I ENJOYED McAuley. I had an older sister who went and loved it, and I just followed in her footsteps.

**Jones,** Cheryl Higgins - To be honest it wasn't my first choice but I'm so glad I was there!!

**Zimmer,** Mary Jo Dey – My older sister attended McAuley and so many of my friends from OLPH were going there, it just seemed like a given that I would go there and I never gave it a second thought. I remember thinking that public schools would be scary. Glad I chose McAuley!



## **Gathering 2016**



















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#### **Faculty**

**Sr. Marilyn Gottemoeller -** Finishing four years of working on a formation program for the '16 Board of Trustees of our Mercy Sponsored ministries in several states. I have also been living with novices in Mercy these past years – a wonderful experience of community.

60's

#### Class of '62

**Martin**, Joanne Lund - Our three children gave us a party

of 50 guests to celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary 9-3-16. After painting watercolor florals for twenty-five years, I am now venturing into painting a series of twelve WILD WOMEN 12x12 canvases in acrylics. I recently attended a 2-day art workshop that introduced me to Acrylic Abstract Expressionism, painting on 24x36 canvases. I was in heaven enjoying the process so much. My husband and I are vacationing in Hawaii for two weeks the end of March. Life is good.

**Roberts**, Patricia-After retiring nearly 8 years ago, I started selling antiques in one small booth in a local antique mall. After several years of hard work and lots of learning, my husband and I now have a thriving antiques business. It is too much fun to be work, but it is too much work to be fun! We love it and hope to stay healthy enough to continue for a good while.

**Urbina**, Cecilia Haffele – My husband, Richard and I finally made it to Lima, Peru in November/December 2016 to celebrate our 46<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Our visit to family and friends was truly a great joy and very memorable.

#### Class of '63

**O'Leary,** Cheri Baur - I really enjoy the reconnection with so many school mates through Facebook. Favorite vacations are Smoky Mountains, and Disney Cruises. Will be going on 3 cruises this year.

**Young,** Marie Irons – 2016 found two of my granddaughters getting married, a grandson graduating from college and another graduating from high school. In 2017 Michelle's ashes will be interred at Resurrection and another granddaughter will graduate from college in Boston.

#### Class of '64

**Bennett**, Clarice Killian - I recently retired from Avon after 10 yrs. On Aug. 26, 2017 Mike and I will be celebrating our 50th Anniversary!!!

**Crossgrove,** Anne Delgado – We will celebrate our 46<sup>th</sup> anniversary in April. We had four children (one died at 8 years old) and all three have moved to Florida, 1 in St. Augustine and 2 in Tampa. We have one grandchild who lives in Tampa. I retired after 35 years at Mercy Hospital in Toledo. We enjoy traveling and all forms of cards.

**Jakubowski,** Elaine Levy-Coon – Traveling a lot. This year going to France again and to South Africa on safari.

Link, Mary (Alice) Frost - We are continuing to work on our documentary on Teilhard de Chardin. We had a very successful shoot in France last July, filming the locations where Teilhard grew up. Right now, we are planning our filming trip to China in May. Anyone with any connections to foundations or individuals who would like to see Teilhard's story on public television, please let us know. We have to raise our own production funds, and it is harder to do that than produce the show. For info about him and the film, go to www.teilhardproject.com. He was a Catholic visionary who is still relevant in the 21st Century. We also are enjoying our grandson Gabe, soon to be 2. We joined the grandparent club much later than many of you, and now know why you all raved about the joy involved with grand parenting. On another front, I have connected to a group here in the Washington area composed of alums from other Mercy schools. It has proved interesting and rewarding - our Mercy connection is strong despite having attended schools all over the U.S.

**O'Reilly,** Kathy Devlin – The highlights of each year are the trips to see my children and grandchildren. My three children have blessed me with nine grandchildren. My sons, Peter (Kate) and Stephen (Carrie) have lived for many years in Colorado – the Vail Valley and Boulder. I spent time in Colorado recently and a six-month stay was great! Daughter Amy (Ben) have five children and live in Ft Wayne.

#### Class of '65

**Bates,** Rose Kandik - Andy and I are very active in the Toledo Metro Parks as volunteer trail patrol (VTPs) and other volunteer areas. I am super involved in the Waterville Historical Society (let me know if you're interested in membership!). My current project, in addition to membership chair, small fundraising events, publicity, etc., is co-chairing our upcoming Historic Homes of Waterville Tour. It will be held on Saturday, June 17, 10 AM-4 PM. Feel free to contact me for tickets (see phone & email, above) or see our website: www.watervillehistory.org for ordering online as "Will Call."

In addition to many local interests, we travel frequently including visits to our daughter in Eugene, OR and our son, d-in-law and our grandson in Washington, D.C.

Life is good!

**Clark,** Aline E. Restorick – I was the Director of Neonatal Intensive Care at a large area hospital, the last 8 years, before retiring in 2001. Bill and I have 3 grown sons who are all married. We have 8 grandchildren and 1 great granddaughter. Two live locally and one lives in Columbus area – grateful for all being close.

**Mather**, Elizabeth Emard - Family: have a new grand baby, Ethan, so now have 5 grandchildren, two girls and three



boys. Granddaughter Jordan getting married in June! I'm still volunteering with: Hospice, ushering at theatre, Relay for Life and Women's Prison Crochet Group.

**McHugh,** Georgianne Hobson – We are looking forward this year to our grandson's wedding this summer. I, at 69, have my first passport and have been planning a huge trip. (Ken is doing all the planning.)

**Mercurio,** Mary Opaczewski – My job was eliminated the end of 2009. I'm semi-retired as I find myself involved in lots of things, from the festival craft booth, chairing OLPH's Funeral Lunches, and my porcelain doll making. My crafts ground me for the rest of life. We have 3 children and 8 grandchildren. Life is never dull.

**Siminski,** Susan Jeffrey – Soon to be 70 years old this year and still working full time as a nurse.

#### Class of '66

**Babel,** Judy Verny - I retired last year and moved to Cape Cod to be near my son and his family. Only one grandson and my daughter-in-law are considered true Cape-Codders, because they were born here. The rest of us are called "washashores." Isn't there always a them vs us??

**Erford,** Carol Ann - Last year visited Atlanta, Rock Hill, SC and Charlotte, NC, thanks to my daughter who works in the film industry, in production. Looking forward to visiting her in Albuquerque, NM this month. Still actively involved in theatre, just finished directing 'Angel Street' and prior to that, did a comic turn in 'Out of Sight Out of Murder'. Still enjoying retirement.

**Fehlen,** Marcia Slivka – My husband Ken and I are happily retired spending much of our time traveling. I enjoyed working on the reunion and reconnecting with Toledo McAuley graduates. It has also been fun to spend time with Judy Skeldon and Sue Vogeli in Fort Myers.

Jennings, Sandra K. Paszko - I have been retired since July of 2015 and I love it. I've been busy cleaning room by room and donating items that I no longer use. I try to get to the "Y" as often as I can, enjoying chair yoga and water exercise. I just started back to Weight Watcher meetings too. I also enjoy meeting with different friends every month. I began attending Corpus Christi church on the campus of UT. I love their music! On occasion, I help out with my grandson Drew, getting him to sports events and of course attending when I can. I am planning a trip to meet up with Kitty Taylor at Catalina Island in California to celebrate our 70th birthdays! That is so hard to believe, 70, especially when your mindset is still at the age of 18! Also, I am planning a trip to Florida with my youngest son and my grandson. I am hoping to attend the Gathering.

**Tomasello,** Antoinette Shultz – In October my youngest son, Justin, and I went to Ireland for 8 days with Collette Tours and the Hunt Senior Center.

#### Class of '67

**Garn,** Peggy (Margaret) DeMarsh – Happily retired since 6/12 from teaching. Looking forward to the 50<sup>th</sup> reunion.

Nally, Catherine Nally-Druffel – Retired social worker – 5 years, teacher of special needs children 25, years currently retired and live in Cincinnati (since college.) Married to Richard Druffel for 43 years. We have two sons; Dylan, married to Molly Bortz-Druffel and Neale. Two grandsons Jackson 6 and William 3. I love the outdoors and National Parks. I hike, bike and kayak. Very active. I continue to volunteer in schools, and Cincinnati Nature Center.

**Nopper,** Christine Carr – My husband and I will be married 46 years in May. We have 14 grandchildren and 2 more on the way! We will be moving in June in our same town. One of our daughters and family are buying our present home. Easy transition?

**Toerne,** Suzen – Just retired last September after 43 plus years as a Pharmacist. About time! Loving retirement. Both my daughter and son are engineers, doing great. Two super sweet granddaughters 3 and 5 years old. God is good.

**Trudeau,** Kristin Wetzel – Finally became grandparents this year! Looking forward to Reunion 50.

**Worona,** Gennie Gongwer - Working on 50th Class reunion for McAuley and All Catholic Schools Class of 1967. Hoping for a great turn-out for both but especially for our school, Class of 1967 since the last reunion our class had was our 10 year at the former Laurel Hills in Toledo. Working, enjoying my five grandchildren, traveling and enjoying the best friends ever. Life is so good and I am so blessed!

**Garn,** Margaret DeMarsh – I recently completed my 21<sup>st</sup> half marathon.

#### Class of '68

**Cooper**, Mary Colette - I have 4 granddaughters I help take care of. I am mostly retired, but am working part time at 3B costumes, and pursuing art and drawing which I discovered late in life I had a talent for. I am currently working on getting a divorce and getting my life back! Working really hard at getting my self-confidence back, too!

**Dibling,** Mary Beth Rumer – Still working – stop in and shop local.

**Lynch,** Patricia – I am currently on the faculty of BGSU, teaching Business Law part-time. I also volunteer as a Docent at the Toledo Museum of Art.

**McHugh,** Nancy Corson - I now have a new job. I was working at Kinder Care in Maumee, but I am now teaching at the Kinder Care in Sylvania. Love my job but hope to retire in the next few years.

**Szilak,** Judi – Very active in League of Women Voters – currently State of Illinois Mental Health Issues Specialist.



(Great memory of me arguing against the Mission of the John Birch Society with an "indoctrinated" classmate in Sr. Paul's government class. You know who you are!)

#### Class of '69

**Best,** Christine, Keller - I became a widow after 43 years of marriage to my husband, Dennis Keller, on June 12, 2016. I am enjoying traveling periodically and being a grandmother to my 3 energetic grandsons; Owen (7), Parker (4) and Archie (21 months). Owen and Parker live in Abilene Texas, with son Dennis and his wife Kimberly Keller and I travel down to Texas at least twice a year. My daughter Marisa and her husband Brian Bailitz live in Toledo and I am happy to babysit for Archie as often as I can.

**Kaseman**, Pam Taylor – After 44 years in nursing, working as an R.N., I have retired! Looking forward to traveling with my husband. We will be celebrating our 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in December.

**Kolinski,** Kathleen – Kathe passed away March 11, 2017 in the UTMC Hospital. She had severe arthritis, Pulmonary Hypertension and had been sickly for the last four years, since 2012. Her obituary is in the Blade – March 12, 2017. She was buried out of St. Patrick of Heatherdowns and is in Resurrection Cemetery. From her brother – Stephen Kolinski

**McCarthy,** Terry Lause - Retiring this year. One grandson and 2 more babies due in May and June. Planning to visit classmate Jackie Stronger Elder in New York in September.

**Stronger,** Jackie Elder – Retired in October from nurse manager job at Pregnancy Crisis Center. Still offering massage therapy on a part-time basis from home.

70's

#### Class of '70

**Wannemacher**, Linda Szymanski - Retired in March 2016, 5 Grandkids; 3 girls and 2 boys.

#### Class of '71

Bruning, Patricia Basler - I have retired from McAuley HS in Cincinnati (which will soon be merging with Mercy HS here) and I am now subbing to pay for my and my husband's Obamacare, which has been a Godsend for all you Republicans. I am active in a local group that is working to fight the Trump agenda. My son is now a Certified Public Accountant working for JP Morgan Chase in Columbus. I am not on Facebook, and after the election, I am glad I am. My sister Ellen said it was brutal.

**Matthews,** Deborah – This past fall, I began teaching multi-handicapped at Jackson Middle School in the South-Western School District. The kids are a lot of fun and the teaching staff is great!

**McHugh**, Kathleen Smith - I retired two years ago, after 35 yrs. as a nurse anesthetist. My husband Jerry and I (married 42 yrs. this Oct.) moved to North Carolina and built a house in the foothills with a beautiful view of the Blue Ridge Mountains at the Coves Mountain River Club. Our son Michael lives in Philadelphia, our daughter Colleen in Toledo.

**McNamee**, Maureen Moore – Loving retirement! Still volunteering with immunization-related coalitions, but traveling a lot. Spending lots of time in Austin where our daughter, Molly, is manager for a newly-opened Sprinkles Cupcake store in the Domain. Stop by and say Hi to her!

#### Class of '72

**Glaser,** Pamela Linker - Just graduated with my BSN in Nursing 2016. Had an RN associate degree. We have two grandsons; Saii, 7, and Jiro, 1. Great fun.

**Wassermann,** Molly - Love that the McAuley sisterhood remains intact and active, thanks to people like Mary Jo, who work so hard to make it so. Very grateful for that - THANK YOU, Mary Jo and all those who go to great lengths to organize reunions and keep us all in touch.

#### Class of '73

**Harms,** Amy Cole – This year marks the 17<sup>th</sup> year of my textbook editing business, *Assistant on Call.* We will also be celebrating our daughter's wedding on October 21. This is an exciting year!

**Savin,** Charlene McDermott – My dad, Joseph Savin, age 91, died February 16, 2017 from colon and pancreatic cancer at Hospice of NW Ohio. He was married to Delphine Savin for 65 years. He received Victory, Asiatic Pacific Area Campaign and The American Area Campaign Medals while serving in the Navy. Veterans honored him with a 21-gun salute in Toledo, on February 23, 2017, at his funeral.

#### Class of '74

**Bauman,** Karen Shinaver – Finally a grandma to a beautiful amazing little boy born to my oldest son, Dan, in July of 16. I get to be a mother-in-law again, my youngest son, Kevin, is getting married to an awesome young lady in November.

**VanGunten,** Mary Jo Fox - After 58 years of living in Maumee (mostly on the same street), my husband and I relocated to Sunbury, Ohio. We enjoy seeing a lot more "green" space, while spending time with our 5 kids and our 9 grandchildren.

#### Class of '75

**Jacobs**, Jennifer Jasin - Work at the City of Toledo Taxation Department

#### Class of '76

**Fritsch,** Kim Sander – Getting closer to retirement.

**Kirschner,** Kathryn Hott – Retired as superintendent of Springfield Local Schools. Doing consulting and enjoying twin grandbabies!! A boy and girl a year old.



#### Class of '77

**Hill,** Kim McGraw – My son is living in Moscow for 10 months studying and working there. Brings back memories of the USSR trip we made with Mr. Lenz in Russian History. Great times! Spring '76!

**O'Connell,** Julie –I recently moved back to Toledo after living in LA, NYC, Vegas and West Palm Beach – traveling with my dance and choreography career. My daughter, Kelly will be staring in the upcoming Broadway tour of White Christmas.

#### Class of '78

Harms, Julie Kipp – After living in Cleveland, Houston Texas and Dayton, I have come full circle and am back in Maumee. My daughter in Perrysburg had a baby girl last March, so I felt I had to be closer to them. My husband travels so we were able to do that.

**McMorgan**, Joan – I am very blessed to be working and have such great friends and family. I still love to travel and go to concerts and spend a lot of my free time with my nephews.

**Tunison**, Tami Fowler - I now have 4 granddaughters; Kassidy 11, Avery 9, and twins Tayte and Teah 5. I have been widowed now for almost 7 years. I have my mother living with me.

#### Class of '79

**Byczynski**, Julie – Retired at age 44 from Bristol Myers Squibb global engineering, hold various patents, full time sculptor, and recently went back to engineering as the Plant Engineering Manager at Nylene.

80's

#### Class of '80

**Jackson,** Patricia Nusbaum - News: I recently left Hospice of Northwest Ohio after 8 years

and started working as the Social Worker at the Franciscan Care Center, a Catholic nursing facility operated by Catholic Health Initiatives. I am looking forward to my first time ever working for a Catholic organization.

#### Class of '81

**Kosier,** Becky Taylor – Kids are out of college and employed! Mission accomplished.

**Savona,** Patricia Speiker – I have been at St Luke's Hospital almost 34 years. Both my daughters are married. Mandi got married September 24, 2016. Jenny has been married for almost 8 years. I have two beautiful granddaughters, Macey is 7 and Mackenzie is  $2\frac{1}{2}$ , Ava Marie will arrive in May. My husband Charlie and I enjoy traveling.

#### Class of '82

**Harms,** Ann Dobson - My husband Ed & I are celebrating our 30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this summer, by taking a 2-week camping & hiking trip in Western Austria and Northern Italy.

**Schmude**, Linda Stiff - Married 27 years to my husband Dan. We have a son Ryan, 24, and he is a member of the Ohio National Guard. Our daughter Julie is 10, she is in the 4th grade at Evergreen Elementary. I work as a Composition Developer/Programmer for Conduent (Formerly Xerox Services)

#### Class of '83

**Gillham,** Elizabeth Cousino – My husband and I celebrated our 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017. My oldest daughter, Anne Marie, graduated from Springfield High School in 2016 and is currently taking classes at Owens community college. My other daughter, Rebecca, is in 4<sup>th</sup> grade and enjoys going to Holloway Elementary School.

#### Class of '86

**Quinn,** Carol Bates – Completed MSN as a Nurse Educator in May 2016 from the University of Toledo College of Nursing.

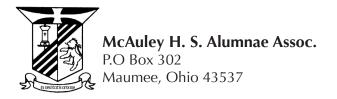
#### Class of '87

**Jones,** Cheryl Higgins - My oldest son will be getting his undergrad next year. My youngest son has gotten his CDL and will be starting his own hauling business. I have joined the LuLaRoe business as a fashion consultant. My Facebook group page is LuLaRoe by Cheryl Higgins! I do ship wherever!

**Zitzelberger,** Amy - I'm getting married March 15, 2017 to Carol Thomas, who is a medical writer, and moving to Canada in June to build a home there. My son will start college next fall at Michigan State with a plan to major in astrophysics. My daughter will be moving to Canada with me to become a high school senior. I have been teaching chemistry at Hazel Park High School for nearly 20 years.

#### Class of '89

**Waterman,** Nancy Fizgerald - I received my Master's in Psychology with an emphasis on Behavior Analysis in October 2013, with a GPA of 3.7 (had to add this to assure all my teachers that I really was listening). I plan on working with the military and PTSD. As a US Navy Sailor, the military is very important to me despite the fact I am no longer enlisted. I have gotten my foot in the door, so to speak, as I currently work for the federal government, and am here to say it is a great place to work.



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