

Ursuline Alumnae Association

SERVIAM

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Ursuline Alumnae!

Happy Fall, 2022!

We are hard at work planning the 2023 luncheon. I have a confirmed date of Sunday, April 23, 2023 at the Basque Cultural Center in South San Francisco. Reservation details will be in the next newsletter. This year we had a robust turnout of 126 ladies, and I would love for that number to increase in 2023. Please reach out to your classmates and please make sure they're receiving our newsletter. If not, ask them to send contact info to sjualumnae@gmail.com.

As always, I'd like to thank those who assisted at this year's luncheon: Maureen Zane who provided centerpieces, Dorothy Salters Militar who set up and sold raffle tickets, and Mary, Shelia and Maggie Murphy who ran our raffle. Also, huge thanks to Marge Silvia for securing the Mass and Christine Keane for taking care of the financials. Thank you, ladies. The spirit of Serviam is strong!

Theresa Keane '77

CLASS OF 1973

It is time to start preparing for your Golden Diploma Ceremony scheduled for 2023. Reach out to classmates, and find those you have lost contact with and have them email at: sjualumnae@gmail.com.

In order to reduce costs, we'd like to send the newsletter digitally. If you are receiving this hard copy and would like to switch to email please send an email to sjualumnae@gmail.com. Thank you!!

URSULINE UPDATE

Update on the Ursuline Western Province from Sr. Shirley Garibaldi '64

We continue to be alive and breathing as we face each day with the assurance of God's presence and guidance. We continue to serve in California, Idaho, Montana, and Alaska. Although our numbers have decreased, we continue to have a strong presence in these states. As we age, we see we cannot continue to do some of the ministries we did as younger religious but our contact with people, our prayer and what we can do remains strong.

This last year we lost Sr. Francis Xavier Porter. Some of you may have had her as a Science teacher at St. John's. She lived in Great Falls, Montana and cared for our archives housed there. She lived at the Ursuline Centre there and had a strong presence at the retreat center. As many of you may know, we lost quite a few buildings in the fire of 2017. The cost to rebuild our retreat center was enormous, and we no longer had the personnel to staff the center. All else was gone, and the high school had already been sold to the Roseland School District. We only had the convent left, and that was empty. Following the fire we rebuilt the priest's quarters, put a new roof on the building, painted the building and installed new carpeting. Following that, we put it on the market, and the Bishop was interested in purchasing it. Later, realizing he could not afford it, the Marian Sisters of Santa Rosa bought it, along with the remainder of the land, for their community. We leave a legacy of over 135 years in Santa Rosa.

We are now working on giving input for the rewriting of our Constitutions, evaluating our Road Map for the next 5 years, and including a viability study of the province for the future. As you can see, we are busy in many ways. The days slip away, and we continue to be there for each other and for all the people we have served and continue to serve in some way. Be assured of our prayers for all of you. You are wonderful and courageous women facing the daily challenges in the world we are living. Those of us who attended so enjoyed the gathering in April and look forward to our next one to see you again. Please continue to hold the Ursulines in your prayers as we face our challenges as a community in this time and in this place.

Many blessings on each of you.

Sister Shirley



ALUMNAE NEWS

Dear Alumnae,

We had a grand time, as five of us Bears from the class of '64 along with our husbands, visited **Arlene (Mazzola '64) Katsikalaki** in Palekastro, on the Greek Island of Crete, where Arlene has been living with her husband Yorgo for years. In Palekastro, Arlene is called Amalia. The traveling Bears were: **MaryAnna (Donahue) Machi, Pat (Byrne) Duggan, Ginger (Marovich) Caldwell, Mary (Micheletti) Del Monte and Diane (Musumeci) Grant**. Staying at Arlene's Villa Amalia which overlooks the Mediterranean Sea and her olive groves with long time St. John's pals made for quite a special week! Three of us, Arlene, Diane and I, have known each other since first grade, from St. John's Grammar School, so we share 70 years of friendship! We all hope that you are able to connect with your St. John's friends, too, as Ursuline Bears and their friendships are the best! In the picture below, we are singing "Serviam!" With hopes that you are staying well,
Ginger (Marovich '64) Caldwell



Left to Right: Arlene, Ginger, Pat, Mary, Diane, and Mary Anna in Crete

Diane (Musumeci, '64) Grant wrote, "After living on a sailboat for 25 years, cruising from Mexico to Colombia, my husband Les and I bought a powerboat in Washington and have been discovering the beauty of the Pacific NW. This summer we crossed into Canada and cruised to Princess Louisa Inlet, a steep canyon leading to a pristine anchorage famous for its glacial cascade, "Chatterbox Falls". Anchored in the bay, we enjoyed the view and the constant sound of rushing water. It was a

worthwhile journey, and we will carry precious memories of these majestic glaciers back to California in the Fall, where we hope to reconnect with our dear Bear friends.”

JoAnne (Zane ‘66) Gaffey shared that her very dear friend since high school, **Donna (Brennan ‘65) Duncan** died after many years of suffering from palsy. Donna’s memorial service took place in Felton, CA where her parents are buried. She is survived by her husband, Retired Colonel Scott Duncan, her daughter Carrie, her granddaughter, Maddie, as well as her sister **Rita (‘68) Hensic** and family. JoAnne writes that “Donna will be in my heart always, and her soul shall live on forever. I cherish every moment we shared together. I love you, my friend!”

Kathi (Bruzzone ‘65) Beerbohm writes, “After 62 years of being a lifelong Californian, it took both our children settling on the East Coast for us to dare uprooting in order to live closer to them and their children. First, in Columbia MD for 12 years where Mark and I could visit our daughter and her family in DC regularly, albeit via the dreaded Beltway. We also accumulated miles on SW Airlines shuttling from MD to MA where we could enjoy time with our son and his family. Last year, on a leap of faith, we made a move to VA to live in an attached unit to our daughter's new home, a chance to test our flexibility and take on the task of downsizing. What a win-win! More time to have an active part in our grandson's life, an opportunity to be useful, both as chief chef of the house and gardener in the backyard, while benefiting from a son-in-law who answers all my tech questions and a daughter who is my model for parenting and my best friend. I've vowed to make continuing education a part of my life and with zoomed classes, it's never been easier. I've also vowed to make volunteering an integral part of my schedule and once we're "beyond Covid restrictions," I'll be returning to a Sunrise Assisted Living home to deal cards to the seniors, an hour that is as much fun for me as it is for its residents. Finally, I've never stopped singing in a Chorus after leaving St. John's, first in Peninsula Master Chorale, then in Columbia's Pro Cantare and soon in the Arlington Chorale. So Serviam is still a meaningful incentive in my life to reach out, make a difference, and learn how to live well in this life and world we've been given.”



Kathi Bruzzone Beerbohm

Received from **Marsha (Kamena) Eberhardt, '59** regarding **Yvonne (Markovich) Sigrist, '59** passed away peacefully on Friday, September 23, 2022. Her spouse Ernie and Hospice were with her on the beautiful Feast of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, aka Padre Pio...what a glorious celebration in Heaven. Rest in Eternal Peace, Yvonne.

Marian Rose (Martinez) Singares '73 passed away peacefully under hospice care on Thursday, August 18, 2022 following a brave and prolonged struggle with brain cancer. Marian was ready to be reunited with those loved ones who passed on before her.

Do you have thoughts to share? Please send them to MaureenTZane@aol.com, and they will appear in our next newsletter. Please be sure to add names to photos!





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