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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Ursuline girls!

I pray this letter finds you all healthy and safe in this most uncertain time. 2020 has certainly been a year full of individual and collective trials as our community and our nation struggles to move forward. I thank you all for your patience and support as we rescheduled and then postponed this year's luncheon.

All luncheon monies that were received via credit card have been refunded. If you paid by check and the check cleared

your account, we sent you a refund. The luncheon and dues checks that you mailed in the Spring were not deposited and have been shredded. I apologize for that but at the time I was not making trips to the PO Box due to the lockdown. Too much time has elapsed for those checks to be cashed. We will consider you paid for 2020 if we received your dues check. If you believe you are due a refund and did not receive one, please contact me. Again, I apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused you.

At the time of our luncheon, we make donations to the Ursuline Sisters, St. John's School and St. John's Parish. We recently made those donations for 2020.

CLASS OF 1971

It is time to start preparing for your Golden Diploma Ceremony scheduled for 2021. Reach out to classmates, find those you have lost contact with and then let us know what you'd like to see at your ceremony. We will be honoring the Class of 1970 together with the Class of 1971 at our next luncheon so start planning!

As of this writing, our plan is to hold our next luncheon in Spring of 2021 at Patio Espanol. Our Spring '21 Newsletter will have details. No reservations will be accepted until next year.

I also want to thank those to volunteered to help with the lunch, specifically Maureen Zane who graciously offered to provide table decorations, Marge Silva who was prepared to keep track of the Class of '70, and the numerous offers of raffle prizes. Special thanks to the Class of '70 for their patience and understanding!

Please keep yourselves safe, wear your masks and don't forget to vote!

Theresa Keane '77

ALUMNAE NEWS



Condolences to the family of **Noreen Dunn, '56**. Noreen passed away on August 25th. Noreen was remembered for her skill on the basketball court and for being a good role model for her classmates. Noreen is survived by her twin sister, Sr. William Eileen Dunn. Rest in Peace Noreen.

Diane Bayica Clark writes that she's living in Paradise, site of the Camp Fire last year. She does miss The City but they often choose to stay close to home because fire danger is so high. Stay safe Diane!



Renee Cafferata, '70 passed away peacefully on June 12th. Renee and her husband Emil traveled the world, living life to the fullest. Her family remembers her larger than life personality and her festive holiday celebrations. Rest In Peace.

Annette Luppens Demaree, '55 writes that she has moved from California to Colorado. Annette tells us Colorado is a beautiful state and she is enjoying the snow because she doesn't have to shovel it!



After a courageous battle, **Marlene Betsch-Rasmussen, '72**, passed away at home on September 18. Marlene and her husband Bob relocated to Michigan in 2000. Friends and family remember her big heart and her support of animal clinics and rescue programs throughout her life. Marlene was a strong supporter of our group and was encouraged in the last weeks by all the prayers. Rest in peace Marlene.



Condolences to the family of **Christine Baima, '70** who passed away in May. Christine is survived by her twin sister Kathleen as well as two brothers. A graduate of St. Peter's Elementary School, Christine spent time working for the FBI after graduating SJU. Rest in Peace Christine.



Congratulations to **Janet Bidwell Brambila, '87** on the birth of her first grandchild Scarlett Alice Brambila, born August 5th, 2020.

Kathy Peyton, '70 writes that she's still in Maryland caring for her Mom who is 94 years old with advanced Alzheimer's. She lives in a nice quiet neighborhood with a great parish. Kathy reports that she has about forty nieces and nephews now. Since her parents had twelve children, the family keeps growing. Some of you may remember her sister Margo who will celebrate thirty years as a Carmelite nun.

Rest in Peace, **Donna Kovacich Wetteland**. Donna passed this September after a brave battle with ALS. Much of Donna's life was centered around her work at St. Tim's where her and her husband were active members coaching in the sports program, helping with fundraisers and founding the after school care program. Donna's family and friends will miss her dedication, friendship and wry sense of humor.



School Picnic 1970

71 FLASHBACKS!



F.U.T.U.R.E Bus

Who remembers Project Future? Implemented in 1970, the project involved new teachers, a little yellow school bus and 18-minute pods. **Four United To Upgrade Regional Education** combined the efforts of St. John's, St. Paul's and Notre Dame High Schools. The plan was for ICA to join hence the Four in the name. Teachers and students would travel between the schools for classes such as Physics, Journalism and Art. Who can forget Sr. Pat Lucy from St. Paul's driving up Mission Street in her little Covair to teach Math at St. John's!



70-71 Student Leaders



Christmas 1970

70 FLASHBACKS!



Senior Sneak 1970



1970 Prom

From Valerie McGrew, past president

Dear St. Johns Grads,

When the school closed, I went to a meeting and somehow got on the Alumnae Board. For the next many years I helped organize the luncheons and got to know some great people-Diane Gragnani, Gayle Vannucci and Marge Silva who all worked so hard for the Alumnae Association. The last few years Theresa Keane has taken a leadership role with the Association and is doing a fab job. Naturally, I attended all the luncheons and always reflected on what my Golden Diploma day would be like so I was seriously bummed when we could not get together last April due to Covid. But then I remembered these luncheons are about friendship and fellowship. The planning process with Jan Moran Dennison, Mary Vella Gomez, Mary Fourre Darling and Sue Frizzell Walker was a pleasure-a great opportunity to become re acquainted- a great opportunity for fellowship.

Look forward to seeing you all when we can get together again.

Valerie Hull McGrew 1970



June 2, 1970 Graduation Day