

# Serviam

*A newsletter by and for members of Ursuline Alumnae Association - Fall 2019*

## Letter from the President

Hello ladies!

2019 was a successful year for our organization. After decades of using the Irish Cultural Center for our annual luncheon, we found out the center was making a major change in catering operations. We were lucky to find our new venue, Patio Espanol. I was worried the change in venue would affect attendance, but we had approximately 150 classmates attend – not bad for a school that’s been closed for 30 years! Feedback on the day of our luncheon was very positive – the ease of parking was much appreciated by many of you. Thank you again to all of you who helped make the day a success. Special thanks to Maureen Zane for taking on the task of providing centerpieces! And to the Murphy girls – Shelia, Mary and Maggie who organized and ran the raffle. And as always, big thanks to our core group of volunteers, Valerie McGrew, Marge Silva and Chris Keane who provide much needed help all year long. And thank you, our members, for your continued support.

We’ll return to Patio Espanol in 2020. The mass at St. John’s has moved from 9:30 am to 10:00 am so our luncheon will begin at 11:30 this year. Invites will go out in the Spring Newsletter, but our website is open for business and you can reserve your seat and pay 2020 dues now

We’re always looking for members who’d like to help with the luncheon – especially with soliciting donations for our raffle in 2020. You can reach us at [sjualumnae@gmail.com](mailto:sjualumnae@gmail.com).

My wish for you all is a blessed Christmas surrounded by family and a healthy, prosperous New Year.



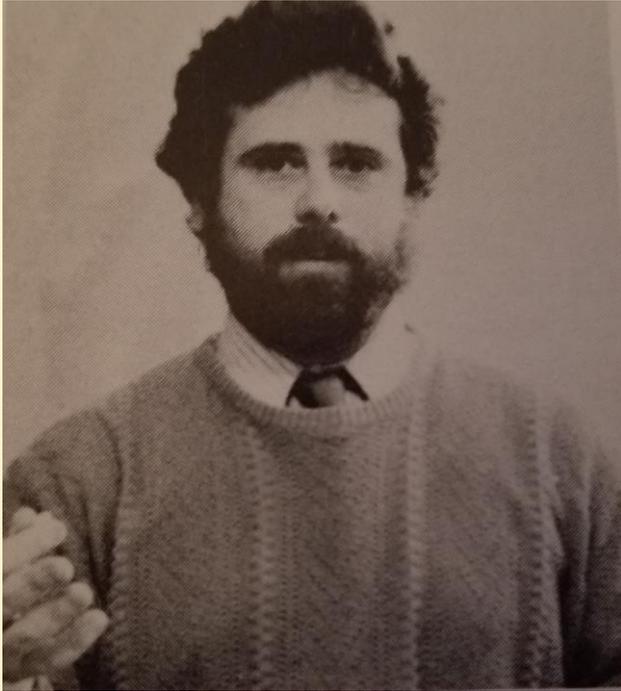
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## Alumnae News

### Rest In Peace

Condolences to the students and family of **Mr. Thomas Webb** who taught at St. John's in the 80's. Several of his former students remembered when he taught them how to change a car tire! He was also remembered as someone who embodied the ideal of Serviam and served his church and his community until his final days. Rest in Peace Mr. Webb.



**Lauren Gee**, Class of '77, passed away in August after suffering a stroke in 2018. Lauren was part of the infamous "St. Paul's 6", a group of our classmates who took advanced classes at St. Paul's back in the day when we were part of the Tri-School project. Always an entertainer, Lauren was a Song Girl during her Junior year and later had a career in film production. She was also a member of the Ursuline Honor Society and Student Council. She was the type of person who left a lasting impression, once you met her, you never forgot her. Our condolences to her mother on this tragic loss. Rest in Peace Lauren.



**Happy Anniversary!** Dorothea (Campagna) and George Chrisman celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary in April. Dorothea is a 1955 grad and she and her husband were married at St. Johns. They have been parishioners of Our Lady of Angels for 48 years and have three sons and eight grandchildren. Congratulations!

**Congratulations!** Frances (Norton) Woods, Class of 1950, writes that she and her husband of 56 years relocated to Orange County in August of 2018. Two of their children live in the Mission Viejo area. They have 7 grandchildren and traveled to Anchorage for a visit with their first great grandchild!

**Terry Mortara**, Class of 1948 and husband Fred recently decided to leave their Millbrae home and move into a retirement community. Terry reports they are enjoying a "real retirement"! She sends her best to all her fellow '48 classmates.

### Treasurer's Report

Checking balance 2/1/2019	\$20,631.00
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Transfer to savings	\$10,000.00
Deposits	\$9,827.03
Donations	-\$1,500.00
Catering for 2019	-\$6,525.16
Catering for 2020	-\$1,000.00
Luncheon Expenses	-\$501.42
Newsletter expenses	-\$624.91
Admin expenses, web hosting	-\$358.68
Checking Balance 12/13/19	\$9,947.86
Savings Balance 12/13/19	\$10,012.44

### NEWS and DUES

Please send in your latest news for inclusion in the next newsletter. It is great to hear from all our Alumnae-tell us about what is going on in your life - both big & small.

2020 Dues are currently being accepted! Your dues support the activities of the Alumnae Association including publication of the newsletters and the annual luncheon and contributes to donations to the Ursuline Sisters and St. Johns Parish & School. When you send in your dues, which is \$15 per year, please include your maiden name, class year and e-mail address. :[sjalumnae@gmail.com](mailto:sjalumnae@gmail.com)

**You can pay your dues online via Pay Pal or Credit Card at <http://www.sjalumnae.com/>**

**OR by mail:**

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## Journey of the Ursuline Nuns

Last fall, Charleen White and her sister, Marie White Borovina ('66) travelled to Quebec City, Canada and visited Ecole des Ursulines, the first school for girls in North America. Founded in 1639 by Marie of the Incarnation, a French widow who entered the Ursuline monastery at Tours, France after her son began his formal education. After taking her final vows, Marie had a vision directing her to bring the Catholic faith to the New World. She arrived in Quebec City, New France in 1639 when the city consisted of six houses. Marie and her group established a convent and a school where they began teaching native Indians girls how to read and write. The school is still in existence today. As well as being an educator, Marie of the Incarnation was a prolific letter writer. The 8000 letters she wrote are one of the best sources of information on the founding of Canada. Canonized by Pope Francis in 2014, Marie of the Incarnation is considered the mother of the Canadian Catholic Church.



*Thank you Charleen for sharing your travels with us. Do you have a story to share for the newsletter?  
Email us at [sjalumnae@gmail.com](mailto:sjalumnae@gmail.com)*

### **Class of 1970!**

We're looking for members of Class of 1970 for next year's luncheon. If you're a member of that class or have contact information on other classmates, please let us know at [sjalumane@gmail.com](mailto:sjalumane@gmail.com)

# 2019 Annual Luncheon

