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A NEWSLETTER BY AND FOR ALUMNAE OF ST. JOHN URSULINE HIGH SCHOOL- Spring 2022

A Letter from the President

Dear SJU Alumnae,

I'm so excited we finally have the opportunity to gather together. Thank you all for your patience and understanding the past two years. It's been a difficult and scary time for us all but I'm grateful we can celebrate by awarding Golden Diplomas to three years of graduates! Congratulations Class of 70, Class of 71 & Class of 72. We all look forward to your celebration on April 3rd.

Many of you have already paid for the luncheon - if you are unsure of your payment status please email me: sjualumnae@gmail.com. Just an FYI - Please send emails - I'm unable to check messages sent on social media in a timely manner.

As always, we'll need volunteers to help set up/clean up, sell raffle tickets and assist with registration. Maureen Zane generously offered centerpieces already - thank you Maureen! In addition, we'll need raffle prizes - we've had great success with gift baskets but any items you'd like to donate, we'd be happy to have. Simply bring them the day of the luncheon. Inspired by a request from one of our alumna, I'd like to start a new tradition for our luncheon. This year, we will have a table display to honor classmates no longer with us. If you have a photo or memento of one of your classmates, please bring it to the luncheon so we can honor their memory.

Are you interested in planning our next reunion? We're forming a luncheon committee to take on the task of organizing our yearly event. If interested, please let me know.

Mask mandates are ever changing. I am asking, for the safety and sanity of those attending, masks should be worn unless actively eating or drinking. I appreciate your assistance in keeping everyone comfortable.

I look forward to seeing you all on April 3rd.

In Memoriam

Amy Theresa Gonzales, Class of 1976 away January 22, 2022. From her sister Anna, "I will always remember happier times. You can now be at peace in the arms of all our family who have passed. Eternal Rest Grant Unto my older Sister, Amy Therese Gonzales O Lord and Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Her, May She Rest In Peace Amen." Rest in Peace Amy.



Alumnae News

Maureen Zane shared a note from **Jeanne Morris Petrini**, Class of '64:

“Hello SJU Bears, I am beyond appreciative and so very grateful for your prayers and good vibes. I am slowly recuperating from two heart attacks. It is utterly amazing what medicine can achieve with the resolve of such capable, caring, knowledgeable doctors and beyond amazing nurses and support staff. The swift action of the 911 EMTs and firefighters is beyond compare. I am forever thankful to each and everyone along the way. Again, a huge thank you to my SJU Sisters.”

Sr. Lilian Repak was the subject of a lovely column in the San Francisco Chronicle written by a parent of former students. The author's sons, having been rejected by multiple other Catholic schools in San Francisco, found a home with the Ursulines. When the author warned Sr. Shirley and Sr. Lil that his boys were not perfect, Sr. Lil promised “We'll find their perfect.” It's wonderful to know the spirit we all enjoyed at St. John's lives on. You can find the article at:

<https://www.sfchronicle.com/fisher-paulson/article/In-Sister-Lil-the-perfect-teacher-for-an-16606569.php>

Congratulations are in order for **Marta Sanchez**, Class of '77 and her family's business Casa Sanchez. It's iconic building on 24th Street is on it's way to receiving historical landmark status from the city of San Francisco. Casa Sanchez, known more recently for amazing salsa and chips, has been a staple in the Mission since the 1920's. Congrats Marta and family! Keep up the good work retaining the history of the Mission.

Do you have news to share with your classmates? Send it to sjualumnae@gmail.com for inclusion in the Fall Newsletter. New job or celebrating retirement? Did you take an amazing vacation? Do you have a new grandbaby? We want to see it!

This Year in History - in June of 1972, around the time our Class of 72 was donning their caps and gowns.....

- Billie Jean King won the French Open
- David Bowie releases his “Ziggy Stardust” album
- Five men arrested trying to burglarize DNC headquarters at Watergate Complex
- Game maker Atari is founded in Sunnyvale, California
- Bruce Springsteen signs his first major record deal
- The movie “The Godfather” premieres in NYC
- Dwayne “The Rock” Johnson is born

All memorable events, but shadowed by the Class of '72 receiving their diplomas. Make sure you join us for another memorable event on April 3rd!!

Luncheon Reservation Form

Sunday, April 3rd, 2022

10:00 am Mass St John the Evangelist Church 19 St Mary's Ave., San Francisco

11:30 am Luncheon Eagles Lodge 920 Stonegate Drive, South San Francisco

Chicken Marsala \$60 Baked Salmon \$60 Stuffed Portobello Mushroom \$55
each entree includes salad, desert and wine
No Host Bar available – cash only

Name: _____

Graduation Year: _____ Menu Choice: (circle) Chicken Salmon Mushroom

For members of Class of 1970, 1971, 1972 please list your name below as you'd like it to appear on your Golden Diploma:

To pay by check:

Make your check out to:

Ursuline Alumnae Association

Mail it to:

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Deadline for payments: March 21st

To pay online: www.sj Alumnae.com