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RE ECHOES

GOOD COUNSEL ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

The Person Behind the Camera – Sister Mary Kay Ash, '64

Have you ever wondered who takes the photographs at our Homecoming gatherings and at other alumnae events? It is Sister Mary Kay Ash, '64. For about ten years she has taken photos throughout Homecoming Sunday – informal photos of small and larger group gatherings, during the luncheon, and then the formal class photos. She uses a Nikon D80 for most photos, but has also used an iPad as a backup for the class photos. Sister organizes them and puts them on a CD along with printed thumbnails and gives them to the Alumnae Coordinator. She and the GCA Alumnae Association Board select the class photos for ReEchoes and then Sister Mary Kay uses Photoshop to edit the photos. She removes unwanted objects (such as signs) from the background of the group photos and brightens and crops photos as needed. The alumnae office takes care of printing and/or e-mailing photos to graduates. Another SSND, Sister Mary Kay Gosch, takes photos of the awards ceremony during Mass and of the Good Counsel Alumnae award winners. Those photos are also on the CD. Sister Mary Kay also provides a DVD of the Mass for the Alumnae Association and the award winners.

Sister Mary Kay Ash is also the associate archivist for the SSND Mankato Campus. In case you are wondering what an archivist does, the Merriam-Webster definition of an archivist is not very helpful: “a person who has the job of collecting and storing the materials in an archive.” Wikipedia’s definition is more complete: “An archivist is an information professional who assesses, collects, organizes, preserves, maintains control over, and provides access to records and archives determined to have long-term value. The records maintained by an archivist can consist of a variety of forms, including letters, diaries, logs, various other writings, official documents, and sound and/or picture recordings.” In her capacity as archivist,

she sometimes provides photos and/or historical background for ReEchoes articles. And when a sister-alumna dies, Sister Mary Kay gives anything of significance for GCA, such as her diploma, to the alumnae office.

Helping our Alumnae Association is only a small part of Sister Mary Kay’s work as the SSND Mankato Campus Associate Archivist and Audiovisual (AV) Specialist. As archivist, she has access to the historical documents and photos of the Hill and former Mankato Province, so she can help with research whenever needed. She also writes the obituaries of deceased SSNDs. She attributes her experience as an ECHOES staff member as vital in this work. Her main AV role is broadcasting Mass and other chapel and Conference Center events to sisters in Health Care via the closed circuit TV channel. Sister Mary Kay also ensures that funeral masses of the sisters are broadcast and then available



Sister Mary Kay Ash, '64

on the SSND Central Province website as a video. The address <https://www.ssndcentralpacific.org/Live-Streaming-Events> takes the user to the live-streaming page. Clicking on Archived Events under Our Lady of Good Counsel gives a list of funeral services available, including GCA teachers Sister Marlene Breimhorst, Sister Arlene Hodapp and others. The obituaries she writes are also available: www.ssndcentralpacific.org/file/Obituary.

As for hobbies, she likes to go fishing and also enjoys watching the Twins. Sister Mary Kay tries to ride her bike often but does not get to it as often as she would like to. She also collects stamps and takes care of any cancelled stamps that are given to sisters at Good Counsel Hill.

The GCA Alumnae Association is very grateful to Sister Mary Kay for the photos she provides us and for her gracious willingness to help us in any way she can. We can always count on her!

Sister Anita Kolles, '52

Winning sixth place at the Minnesota State Spelling Bee was the beginning of a path that led Anita Kolles to Good Counsel Academy, joining the School Sisters of Notre Dame, and becoming a life-long educator. Anita was taught by the SSNDs during grade school at St. Albert Catholic School in Albertville, MN. In her eighth grade year, she won the Spelling Contest in her school, township, and Wright County before advancing to the State Spelling Bee where she won 6th place out of 175 contestants. Mother Annunciata, the Superior of the Mankato SSND province, heard of this through the Sisters teaching in Albertville and sent a congratulatory letter and a gift and suggested that she come to Good Counsel Academy for high school.

Good Counsel Academy was her home for four years and some friendships made there continue to this day. Anita loved life as a boarder, especially the dorm life in which the limits set for boarders were frequently tested, but breaking the rules was part of growing up in a boarding school. Anita recalled an incident that exemplifies her spirit as a boarder: "The Senior Class Play was called Cinderella of Loreland. Sister Honora indicated to me that there was no need for me to try out for a part. She had the perfect part for me and so I became Ashes, Cinderella's sassy talking cat, who saved her from many mishaps."

Anita's admiration for the Sisters who were her teachers made her want to be like them, so on August 28, 1952, she joined the SSNDs. The preparation time and training before taking religious vows included a year as a postulant and a year as a novice. She took college courses toward a degree in Elementary Education during this time. After taking her first vows, she was sent to Albertus Hall in St. Paul and attended St. Catherine's College. Earning a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Elementary Education and History took longer than the typical four years of college because the practice at that time was for Sisters to begin teaching after about two years of college and to finish the degree by attending summer school for several years. Sister Anita went on to obtain a Master's degree as a Reading Specialist with a minor in psychology from Cardinal Stritch College in Milwaukee. Teaching reading had always been a favorite subject of Sister Anita's and she thought that this degree would help in teaching all subjects. Once again, this required attending several years of summer school.

Her teaching career included teaching assignments at eight elementary schools: St. Mark's, Shakopee (7 yrs.); St. John's, Winona (6 yrs.); St. Agnes, St. Paul (1 yr.); St. Matthew's, St. Paul (8 yrs.); St. Casimir's, St. Paul (5 yrs.); St. Jerome, Maplewood (1 yr.); St. Timothy, Maple Lake (4 yrs.); and St. Martin's, Rogers (10 yrs.). For 25 of these years, she taught primary grades. Sister

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Educator



Anita also served as a principal in Northeast Minneapolis where ten parishes consolidated their schools into one system known as Northeast Regional Catholic. Ten years were spent there as principal, but she always taught reading or some other class in addition to being a principal. Consolidating ten parishes was an ambitious endeavor; they tried to incorporate the ideas and traditions of all the schools and also created new traditions. Sister served as a principal at St. Casimir's and at St. Timothy's in addition to teaching.

One of her joys in teaching second grade students was preparing them for First Communion. It always became the focal point of the school year. Another fond memory began when she was teaching at St. Agnes and took her class to her family farm for a field

trip. Some children had never seen a cow up close, and no one had seen a feed grinder grind corn and wheat into mash. They saw the milk truck pick up the milk from their bulk tank and transfer it to the truck. The field trip included a ride on the hay wagon throughout the countryside. Sister Anita and her family continued to provide this field trip experience for her classes in the other schools in her teaching journey.

Her final move was to St. Martin's in Rogers, MN, place of her birth. She loved teaching her third grade students. They performed the Living Stations every year, recited the Christmas Gospel of St. Luke for prayer services, did their rendition of the poem "Casey at the Bat" several times, learned to spell Mentkiewicz and Pierzinski as challenge words and played ball using her family's bat at games. The students sang the National Anthem at a Twins game every year, and once Sister Anita was privileged to throw out the first pitch. This seems so fitting since a big part of her growing up on the farm in Albertville was playing ball from spring until fall with the one glove, one bat and ball they possessed.

For the past ten years, Sister Anita has lived at Good Counsel Hill and continued to teach in her so-called retirement. She is in her 10th year at Loyola Catholic School (located on Good Counsel Hill), where she is a volunteer tutor every school day and frequently fills in as a substitute teacher. Sister Anita also helps serve lunch weekly at Loyola. In addition, she taught primary school children at the Learning Center at Good Counsel Hill for eight years. As she stated, "Teaching is what I need to do." Sister Anita also has time for a special outreach - volunteering at the ECHO Food Shelf in Mankato every Thursday afternoon.

Sister Anita is truly a fitting GCA Alumna Educator. In her summary of her career she said, "This fall I will begin my 63rd year of teaching. Every morning on my way to school I say, 'I am transforming the world through education - one vowel at a time.' It is what I profess, what I do, and what I love doing!"

An Award Recipient Reflects...

The Good Counsel Alumnae Award honors a Good Counsel graduate or staff member who has shown a significant contribution to their family, church, community, chosen profession or promoting Catholic education. Lousie Blissenbach Stemp '68 was asked to describe what receiving this award meant to her. This is her response: "The Good Counsel Alumnae Award was indeed a humble honor to receive in 2004. I was nominated by a student of GCA (taught her sophomore religion) and knowing I had made a difference in her life and others was truly a gift and came from God. Good Counsel Academy has a special place in my heart as I was not only a student but also part of the faculty at one time. The values GCA embodies of prayer, service and a love for learning (truth) put me on a solid path in life. I am grateful forever to the privilege of being a student at Good Counsel Academy. It was and is my home away from home. 2018 will be my 50th anniversary reunion. I'm looking forward to many classmates returning to the hill. It seems like yesterday."

Our 2017 Good Counsel Alumnae Award Recipients

Alumnae Award winners receive a \$100.00 to be sent to the charity of their choice. Marlene Bauer Houg '71 requested her check be sent to Sts. Peter & Paul Parish in Mankato where she has been a Sacristan for the 11:30 Mass and works in the parish gift shop every Sunday after that Mass. She prepares the hospitality after the monthly Latin Masses. She also serves as an Extraordinary Minister and takes communion monthly to the residents of Pathstone Nursing Home and Assisted Living.

Sister Rosemary Schuneman '56 requested that her check be sent to The Ronald M Hubbs Center for Lifelong Learning in St Paul. The Center offers adult courses in English, GED instruction, and a host of other occupational prep courses.

An update about a former Alumnae Award winner's continued work with the charity of her choice..... Sister Helen Marie Plourde '54 requested that her 2016 Alumnae Award check be sent to the Women's Interest Group. Through this group, she works with the Minnesota Human Trafficking Task Force which has been meeting quarterly regarding the local increase of Human Trafficking during the Super Bowl here in January, 2018. The FBI has reported that "sex trafficking, much of it involving children, is the fastest growing organized crime in the U.S. and that victims at 'lucrative venues' such as major sporting events," making Super Bowl 2018 a real concern for Minnesotans.



GOOD COUNSEL ALUMNAE AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Nominee's Name: (First, Maiden, Last)

Class _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

How long have you known the nominee? _____

When was your most recent contact? _____

Please describe how the nominee has shown significant contribution to their family, church, community, chosen profession or promoting Catholic education and how they have exemplified the highest and best traditions of Good Counsel Academy. We will contact the Nominee for more detailed information. Each award winner will receive a check for \$100 to be given to the charity of their choice. *(Attach paper if needed.)*

Nominator's Name: (First, Maiden, Last)

Class _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Note: Nominator must give her name to validate entry. (If you want your name to be kept confidential, please check here ().

Nominations due December 31, 2017. Mail to:

Good Counsel Alumnae Award
GCA Alumnae Office
170 Good Counsel Drive
Mankato, MN 56001

GCA Alumnae Association Financial Report

By Mary Zellmer, Treasurer

The officers and leadership of the Good Counsel Alumnae Association are committed to being fiscally responsible with the finances that are entrusted to us. With this in mind, we feel it is necessary to share our financial picture with all of the alumnae. A brief look at the activity during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017 shows the following:

Balance Forward\$22,710.55

Income:

Operating Fund\$4,446.00
 (Dues) \$3,260.00
 (Additional Contributions)..... \$ 1,186.00
Coordinator's Fund.....\$ 744.00
Homecoming Registration\$ 1,945.00
Other Misc. Income\$ 324.00
Total Income..... \$7,459.00

Expenses:

ReEchos\$4,702.86
 (Fall 2016 Printing)..... \$1,806.95
 (Fall 2016 Postage) \$ 569.32
 (Spring 2017 Printing) \$1,728.73
 (Spring 2017 Postage)..... \$ 597.86
Coordinator's Salary\$ 5,443.51
Homecoming Expenses\$ 1,802.38
Other Misc. Operating Expenses\$ 604.90
Total Expenses \$12,553.65

Net for Fiscal Year (\$5,094.65)

Ending Balance\$17,615.90

A few things that may be helpful to know . . .

- The Homecoming registration fee is meant to only cover the cost of the homecoming event and not intended to raise additional money for the association. By keeping the registration fee to a minimum, it is our hope that more will be able to participate in the homecoming celebration.
- The \$20.00 annual dues help cover the cost of printing and distributing ReEchoes twice a year, plus other expenses. The vast majority of those who actually pay their dues are those who come to homecoming to celebrate an anniversary class reunion. For the most part, the other alumnae do not pay their dues.
- Beginning with this last fiscal year, the Alumnae Association took over the responsibility of funding the Coordinator's part-time position and it is now included in our budget.
- As you can see above, we spent more than we took in this past fiscal year. However, previous to this year, we had been blessed with a couple of large one-time donations that enabled us pay all of our bills and still have a balance to keep functioning without going into debt.
- We realize that to continue to provide the services that we all enjoy, we need to be working toward a more sustainable budget. We need to increase our income enough to cover the necessary expenses and we continue to identify expenses we can trim.

Now that you have a better understanding of the financial situation, I'm sure you are wondering how you can help. Let us offer some practical suggestions:

- You may notice that this past year we have added a line item on the registration form where you can donate towards the **Coordinator's salary fund**. We will continue to have this opportunity in front of you. This position is needed to keep us focused on the tasks at hand as we continue to move forward. (Note that all of the officers of the Alumnae Board work on a volunteer basis and will continue to do so.)
- Do we have your **email address**? We are trying to gather as many email addresses as we can as that will be the preferred way of distributing ReEchoes. Emailing rather than mailing will save considerably on postage and printing. However, if you do not have email, we will continue to mail a hard copy. The bottom line is that we want to get ReEchoes to you one way or another.
- We encourage all alumnae to try to pay their **annual dues**. Let's discuss this . . .

When was the last time you paid dues to the Good Counsel Alumnae Association? For a few of you, it was last year as you registered for homecoming. For some of you, it might have been a few years ago when you came to the hill for a class reunion. And for some of you, it may have been . . . never? As mentioned last April at Homecoming, the expenses occurred in the last fiscal year were in excess of the amount of revenue taken in. If this continues to be the pattern, the donations which have become our reserve will run out and we will not be able to sustain our work in the years to come. The officers on the alumnae board are trying to be responsible with our financial situation; this includes bringing you more fully into the loop with knowledge and making a gentle push here when it comes to paying annual dues.

If you are financially **unable** to pay these dues, please do not worry about it. Rest assured, you will continue to receive your copy of ReEchoes. We feel this is an important vehicle to keep you connected to your fellow classmates and informed of happenings concerning the alumnae association.

We confidently tell those unable to pay not to worry about it because we believe that God will provide. How does He do this? Well, He blesses others with special gifts and the means to financially accumulate more than they need for their normal daily living. And then He gave them a conscience. Pretty good thinking on His part, don't you think? In the song, *We Are Many Parts*, we are told that the gifts we have, we are given to share. So if you so blessed, you might consider paying your annual dues so we can keep the good things happening. And perhaps you might consider paying a little extra to help out someone who is not as blessed in the ways you might be.

As you reflect on how you can help financially, know that any donation beyond your dues can be tax deductible. Please be as generous as you are able. See last page of ReEchoes.

- _____ \$20.00 for my dues
- _____ \$20.00 donation for someone unable to pay their dues (tax deductible)
- _____ Additional donation toward the Coordinator's Fund (tax deductible)
- _____ Additional donation for the Operating Fund (tax deductible)
- _____ **Total Amount Enclosed**

You may send your check to:

Good Counsel Alumnae Association
170 Good Counsel Drive
Mankato, MN 56001

**Thank you for whatever financial help you are able to give at this time.
When you write out your check, please do so with a smile. Remember that God loves a cheerful giver!**

Women of Strength - Then and Now

Come to Homecoming 2018!

Come join your classmates for Homecoming 2018. Please mark your calendar for Sunday, April 29, 2018 and plan to enjoy a day on Good Counsel Hill with former classmates and teachers. Contact members of your class and make plans to get together.

The classes of 1933, 1938, 1943, 1948, 1953, 1958, 1963, 1968, 1973, 1978, and 1983 will celebrate their anniversary reunions.

Please contact the Good Counsel Alumnae Office at gcalumnae@ssndcp.org or 507-389-4279 if you are willing to serve as a class representative for your anniversary class.

Homecoming schedule of events:

- 9:30 A.M. Registration (Our Lady of Good Counsel Campus)
- 11:00 A.M. Mass (Our Lady of Good Counsel Chapel)
- 12:15 P.M. Luncheon
- 1:30 P.M. Visiting former teachers, tours of new and old academy, spending time with classmates and reminiscing over photos.

We are looking forward to seeing you in April!

Homecoming 2018 Class Representatives

1943

Margaret Shaw Ayers
700 Agency Trl. Unit 106
Mankato, MN 56001
507-388-2555

Carol Schmit Orcutt
1124 Woodland Ave.
Mankato, MN 56001
507-345-6978

1948

Mary Therese Willette Studer
50 Teton Ln., Apt 207
Mankato, MN 56001
507-387-2172

1968

Louise Blissenbach Stemp
407 Prospect St. SE
Chatfield, MN 55423
507-867-4056
Louiseblissen@msn.com

We still need class representatives for the 1953, 1958, 1963, 1973, 1978, and 1983 classes.

Come to the Hill for Homecoming 2018 to celebrate your class reunions, and leave the planning to the Alumnae Association!

A room is reserved for each anniversary class to visit and get reacquainted. Tables are reserved by class for the luncheon, and a beautiful Mass is celebrated in the Good Counsel Chapel.

**If you have any questions,
please contact the
Alumnae Office
at gcalumnae@ssndcp.org
or 507-389-4279.**

A Piece of History!

Sr. Celeste Glovka enjoyed Homecoming 2005. Sr. Celeste was the only representative from the class of 1930 celebrating 70 years since graduating from Good Counsel Academy.

My days at Good Counsel have been very happy ones. It all began way back in 1919.

My dear Mother died at the birth of my brother. He was put in an orphanage in Sioux City. I was taken and cared for by an aunt. Her family was growing so in a few years my grandparents took me in.

They still had 2 girls at home who wanted to attend a Catholic high school. So in Apr. of 1919 my grandpa moved to Mankato from Windom where I was born.

In Sept., my two aunts and I registered at Good Counsel. One of my aunts joined a sewing class, the other became a freshman. I entered first grade. I was 5 years old but going on 6 in Oct. So now each morning we walked 8 blocks and climbed 217 steps. There were no buses, to get to school we had to walk.

I was a member of a classroom of about 10 pupils in Sr. Hilda's room. We were in 5 different grades.

I made my First Holy Communion and First Confession in the Academy Chapel even though our family belonged to Saints Peter and Paul parish. Later when it was time for our Solemn Communion and Confirmation we had to walk down to Saints Peter and Paul School and become part of their class.

For 6th grade there were 4 of us. We went over to the Aspiranture and had Sr. Timona Diedrick for our teacher. When I entered the 7th grade we returned to our 1st grade classroom for 2 years. There were no more little children. Our classroom was across from the Art room where Sr. Memoria Gaspard did her beautiful paintings. It is now Sr. Jan Thibault's office but smaller.

Sr. Theogene Powers was our Junior High teacher. I graduated from grade 8 in June 1926.

For my 4 years in high school I still walked 8 blocks each day and climbed 217 steps. Marcella Hiniker, Rose Wiess, Mary Lamm and I became a daily group of 4. For 4 years we traveled together becoming fast friends. My high school days were happy years. Our big graduation day came on June 5, 1930.

In Sept. of that year I entered the candidature. So now Good Counsel is really home to me. I am grateful to God for His blessing.

Sr. Celeste Gloka passed away August 27, 2012.

Good Counsel Auxiliary

Dear GC Graduates!

I take this opportunity to thank many of you for your engagement as an Active or Supportive member in the Good Counsel Auxiliary. Founded in 1986 the Auxiliary continues to bring immense joy and support to our sisters who are in health care. Some Auxiliary members do this by coming on Friday mornings and gathering with the sisters over coffee and conversation. Some assist with craft activities and bring special treats for holidays. Others give financial support for the purchasing of items of need. Thank you for that wonderful support over so many years.

You might be interested in knowing that Sister Yvonne Nahava, former Academy teacher, turned 100 this year and is the oldest living sister on our campus. For over thirty years she mentored many award-winning science students in several high schools, some of whom won international awards. She herself received numerous awards from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and from the National Science Teacher Association (NSTA). Without a doubt, she touched the lives of many.

There is a form below that begins or renews your membership in the Good Counsel Auxiliary. The sisters thank you in advance for that loving support! May Our Lady of Good Counsel continue to guide us!

Gratefully,
Sister Marion Welter, Good Counsel Auxiliary Moderator

Good Counsel Auxiliary

First/Maiden/Last Name _____

Address _____

Please make your checks out to Good Counsel Auxiliary.

Phone number _____

___ Active membership - \$5.00

___ Supportive Membership - \$10.00

Questions? contact: Sister Marion Welter, 507-389-4200,
170 Good Counsel Drive, Mankato, MN 56001,
mwelter@ssndcp.org

Did you know?

...that every month, a Mass is offered in the Good Counsel Chapel for the intentions of the living and deceased alumnae and their families?

...that on November 2nd of each year, GCA Alumnae that have died during the year are included in an SSND family Memorial Service in the Good Counsel Chapel?

...invitations to attend this service will be sent to the nearest survivor for whom an address can be located?

...YOU can help by notifying the Alumnae office when you hear of an Alumna who has passed away.

Deceased Alumnae

Class		Date of Death
1924	Helen Reyland Goetl	12/14/2002
1933	Sister M Louis Pihaly	3/14/2017
1935	Rose Ann Tholkes Weiskircher	3/29/2017
1936	Mary Jane Kiffe Stasson	2/27/2017
1937	Dorothy Schueller Reece	10/27/2016
1942	Sister Maureen Murrury	5/30/2017
1946	Sister Valeria Theis	3/21/2017
1946	Phyllis Krier Hiniker	3/21/2017
1948	Sister Ann Fasbender, OSB	12/15/2016
1951	Sister Paul Therese Saiko	4/17/2017
1951	Jean Strobel Leonhardt	4/7/2017
1952	Patricia O'Sullivan Krautkremer	3/2/2017
1952	Verna Mae Klein Moe	3/19/2017
1952	Elizabeth Wagener Jorgensen	3/12/2017
1953	Carol Austin O'Brien	8/18/2017
1957	Jeanette Brielmaier Kormann	7/1/2017
1960	Therese George	6/2/2016
1961	Colleen Pearson Bianchi	4/26/2014
1962	Charlene Lunz Schuch	8/11/2010
1962	Judith Muellerleile LaFrance	4/19/2017
1964	Jane Curtis	8/11/2017
1967	Cindy Becker Johannsen	8/22/2017
1978	Cheryl Drummer Hammock	3/7/2017

Happy Birthday

with the most beautiful blessings from

God

Birthdays of Sisters Over 90 Years Old

Oct. 3	Mary Tacheny	Jan. 14	Yvonne Nohava
Oct. 8	Maris Stella Waselak	Jan. 25	Francis Clare Schares
Oct. 17	Beth Haltiner	Feb. 8	Mary Donald Miller
Nov. 4	Miriam Saumweber	Feb. 25	Mary Roman Adam
Nov. 7	Mary Joyce Pietsch	Mar. 13	Rose Schwab
Dec. 10	Lauren Spence	Mar. 24	Claudette Hudalla
Dec. 13	M Ellene Gross	Mar. 26	Mary Elsa Bren
Dec. 24	M. Noel Ewald	Mar. 29	Alice Zachmann



1933

1947

Joan Byrne, Pompano Beach, FL – For years, I looked forward to being at the reunion of 70 years and now it is too difficult for me to travel. After graduating from Mankato State, I taught several years in Rochester. It had to be the coldest winter in



eight children and their families live. The rest are scattered from the Washington coast to Virginia Beach, VA.



1933

Minnesota when I had the opportunity to teach in Puerto Rico, land of warm weather. It was there I discovered the fun of travel and I transferred to France. After France, I taught in Germany, Philippines and Okinawa, Japan. I was teaching the children of military personnel. I did manage to travel to all seven continents. I am now retired and live in Pompano Bach that is in southern Florida.

1947

Sr. Lalande Hennen (Betty Lou), Jordan, MN – Presently I am continuing ministry in pastoral care and education as a volunteer at St John’s Parish in Jordan, MN. Presently I’m assisting in Befriender training for parishioners who do home visitation and I’m leading a book study group along with other pastoral visitation. I’m close enough to Mankato to participate in SSND Committee work. We are planning our 12th Annual Earth Conference on “FOOD: OUR GREATEST RESOURCE” at Good Counsel. It would be fun to meet you there on November 4, 2017.



1938

1947

Rose Dearborn Russell, Spokane Valley, WA – I am still living in a retirement facility in Spokane Valley, but my plan is to move in June to Reno, NV where three of my



1948

1948

Patricia Richtsmeier, Churdan, IA – Paul and I still live on our farm, thankful for our family of six children, nine grandchildren, and five “greats” with more coming! I’m active in Catholic Daughters of America, also an officer in parish Rosary Society. God blesses us every day; life is good.

1950

Sr. Bernelle Taube (Cecili), Northfield, MN - I have lived at St. Dominic, Northfield, earlier in my life for six years and now I am here again for seven more years. It is great to meet my students who now are married and have their own children.

Working for the Lutheran Foster Grandparent Program makes it possible to tutor students in PreK and up to and including grade three every day at school.

On Thursdays at 5:30 I have supper at the Senior Center with the parents and their five small children. The father goes earlier to the center to help prepare the tables and help with the work. Later the mother takes the children and me to the center. After we have had supper we go to their home and pray the family rosary together.

It is a joy to pray the rosary at the Hospital Nursing Home Chapel on the 1st Monday of each month at 3:00. Each person is so special and when someone dies they are missed so much.

On Wednesday evenings from 6:15 - 7:15 I teach religion to 23 third graders who attend the public school. This gives me great joy to use my creative teaching skills. Sometimes we make greeting cards for the nursing home residents and I deliver them personally to each one.

Life keeps me busy and I enjoy a little pre-school child who calls me Grandma and another one who gives me a hug and says, "Hi, Tister Nell!"

1951

Sr. Pat Frost, Mankato, MN - I'm partially retired but working with our SSND Associates. Maybe you'd be interested in joining them? We have a great group!

1952

Everilde (Evie) Fitterer Thelemann, St Peter, MN - We retired from farming near LeSueur, MN and moved to St Peter, MN 15 years ago. We have eight children, 33 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren. I am an active member of Catholic Daughters at the St. Peter Parish.

1952

Germaine Hartung Kuglin, Minneapolis, MN - Can you believe 65 years have passed since graduating from GCA? We were really fortunate to have been blessed with such a wonderful experience and education. My husband, LeRoy, passed away of cancer in July of 2011. We were married 56

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years. Our five children and their spouses live relatively close, and all have been a big help to me. We also have 13 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren. I am very thankful to still be living in my home and driving a car. That independence allows me time to attend mass, swim, play lots of bridge, volunteer and travel.

1952

Jeanne Tibodeau Schuetzkle, Cary, IL - Sorry I was not able make it to Good Counsel this year. My husband passed away in February and we had just moved to an assisted living in Cary.



1953

brothers this year. One died on Feb 15 and the other on March 14. There are still 14 of us living. I continue to keep involved in church as lector, Eucharistic Minister and keeping the flower beds planted and weeded.

1957

Jeanette Fasnacht Lange, Elk River, MN - I still live in my home of 34 years in Elk River, MN. It is a historic town and there are so many things to do here. All my children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren now live in MN, except for my oldest granddaughter who lives in Seattle. My 11 siblings are doing well and all 12 of us get together at times.

1954

Irene Stevermer Mikkalson, Burnsville, MN - Hello to all! I love reading Re-Echoes - Keep it coming. Family doing well!

1955

Bernadine Bless Paul, Maquoketa, IA - I lost two

1957

Mary Budde Dahlberg, Vista, CA – I have lived in California for 57 years – been married to Charles for all that time. I taught high school art for 20 years. I have three children and five grandchildren.

1957

Eunice Wallin Meixner, Owatonna, MN – Since graduating from GCA, I received my BS and MA degrees in home economics. I taught home economics, nursery school, and roller skating along with helping my husband run the Owatonna Roller Rink. We had seven children. They range in ages 33 to 52. I had a radio program for many years and edited two cookbooks during that time. I have been an active member of various organizations including Birthright and Catholic Daughters. I am an Eucharist Minister and have, for many years, been involved in teaching a simple religious ed. class to the severely mentally and physically handicapped during the school year. About 10 years ago, I joined the Faribo Senior Citizen Kitchen Band and shortly after, they made me the director. We entertain at various places, mostly nursing homes, etc. I also help entertain with my puppets with another small group who entertains in Owatonna quite frequently.

I enjoy dancing, playing cards, cooking, traveling, crafts, humor, and being an amateur ventriloquist. I have been a widow since 2009. I am thankful that we were able to do some wonderful traveling together including some pilgrimages before my husband went to heaven.

I have very fond memories of GCA and am very grateful that I was able to be a student there.

1957

Maureen Maiers Rubischko, Prior Lake, MN – I have lived in Prior Lake the last 12 years. I have three sons and one daughter, six grandchildren and one great-grandchild. They live close by except one son and three grandchildren reside in Phoenix. I remember coloring my hair green on St. Patrick's Day 3/17/57, and acting in our play, HMS Pinafore, and not able to get the handcuffs off and having to go to the police station. They were unable to remove them and we then went to Kato Manufacturing to get them cut off. I did not get back to my dorm until about 12:00 A.M.

1957

Mary Ann Wald Hanson, Fremont, NE – I graduated from St. Mary's School of Nursing, Rochester. My husband, Jim, and I have been married 55 years. One of our four sons died in 2012. We have six grandchildren. My sister, Jeanette (1959), was recently diagnosed with Parkinson's disease and has other health issues. She recently moved to the Tribute Assisted Living in Gainesville, VA. Her first impression was the regimen was a lot like living at Good Counsel. She has her cell phone and would love to hear from her friends. (540-349-8255)

Mostly, Jim and I enjoy traveling and settled into cruising on Princess most often. Over the years, we have been to Hawaii, Japan, Germany, Austria, Alaska, the Caribbean, Panama Canal and best of all London and Norway. We have been blessed with family, friends and relatively good health.

I keep in close touch with my GCA roommate, Bev Kraft Scheuren who lives in Ocala, FL.

I dearly miss my Uncle Alton, Father Scheid, my mother and all her siblings. I am indebted to the sisters and priests, especially Father Scheid who taught me throughout my life and those who strengthened my faith! God bless each of you!

1957

Mary Eckes Fox, Sun City West, AZ – Following my husband, Bill's 2005 retirement, we embarked on many road trips throughout this beautiful country. This was culminated by an Alaskan cruise in August 2014, our best trip of all. In July 2013 we moved from California's high cost of living and congestion to Sun City West, AZ, a Del Webb retirement community. We regretted not making this move sooner. Bill was diagnosed with bile duct cancer in December 2013, a cancer connected directly to his 1968 Vietnam service. He lost his battle with cancer on July 1, 2015 and is buried in Fort Snelling National Cemetery, Minneapolis, MN.

Despite living in different areas and states, through the years I am fortunate to have maintained contact and friendships with my grade and high school classmates from North Mankato. Mary (Budde) Dahlberg, Judy (Keltgen) Mans, Marilyn (Schuck) Freeman, JoAnn (Neubert) Borchert and Connie (Prom) Johnston. Over the years we have traveled together to England, New York City (our 70th birthday trip), and to Minneapolis for the Jane Austen annual meeting a few years ago. That's in addition to the times we gathered at 8th grade class reunions, GCA reunions and during family visits. Marilyn lives an hour away in Gilbert, AZ and we get together often.



1958

1958

Sr. Ivo Schoch, Bismarck, ND – Living in Bismarck, ND since 1984, working at Corpus Christi Church in Pastoral Ministry with grief support, funerals, hospital visiting, and the outreach ministries. Great connections with family and friends.

1962

Carol Williams Clair, Boyceville, WI – We live in west central Wisconsin. Our son recently completed a 26 month Peace Corps stint in Panama and is back in the area and got his Master's Degree in Forestry from Michigan Tech University. We live in the country on 2 ½ acres and have been here 34 years. Our place is surrounded by rolling hills and is a wonderful spot to live. I feed the birds and have several feeders and a couple of years ago I started feeding the little red squirrels. Of course the big grays surfaced but don't have many of THEM and a chipmunk or two—all full of antics and fun to watch.

1962

Sr. Monica Wagner, SSND, Mankato, MN – I am in my sixth year as the Donor Relations Person in the SSND Resource Development Office at Our Lady of Good Counsel. I have enjoyed my ministry connecting with our donors: for the Donor of the Day, birthdays, personal visits, planned gifts; and organizing our events locally: Women's Leadership Luncheon, Wine and Chocolate Soiree, Golf Outing/Card Party, Craft Fair and Garage Sale. Join us for fun at these SSND events. I'm grateful for

the many SSND supporters that we have who share their time, talents and treasure. They are a blessing to me and our SSND family.

“No angel is able to count the blessings which even in a single day God gives to a person.” Blessed Theresa Gerhardinger, SSND

1962

Sr. Pauline Eishens SSND, Mankato, MN – I've been on the 'hill' for 16 years. The majority of the time I have been a companion nurse to our sisters. It is a nice place to be and for you to come back to – hint – hint!

1962

Priscilla Boettcher Devine, Edgewood, KY – I'm still teaching and will do so next academic year as well- for the last time! It's OK as I love Xavier University and enjoy the students. But, it does keep me from seeing my children and grandchildren in Los Angeles, as much as I would like to. Sending warmest greetings to all my classmates and I will be there for our 60th, God willing!

1962

Mary Jane Ryan-Connelly, Grass Valley, CA – I retired from the County Office of Education coordinating school programs for high-risk youth after 16 plus years, and moved on to my dream for retirement – that being serving as a hospital chaplain. I have spent the last four to five years qualifying for that - studies with the Chaplaincy Institute in Berkeley, two year residency spent in a large hospital in Sacramento, and completion of a myriad of individual requirements. The happy news is that I completed Board Certification as a professional chaplain last August and am now 'job sharing' the one chaplain position at our local hospital with another counterpart. It is ideal for both of us – meaningful work and extra time off compared to working full time. I feel very blessed.

1962

Maureen Leonard Sullivan, Divernon, IL – I've been a widow for 13+ years. My family of four children, ten grandchildren, one great-grandchild and a 94 year old

mother keep me busy. I do volunteer work at a Springfield hospital as a gift shop buyer and clerk. I love working in my yard with flowers.



1963

1963

Mary Margaret Kujawa, Indianapolis, IN - Thank you for emailing ReEchoes. I believe I saw a picture of Sister Lacadia (Spanish teacher) and happy to see picture of Sister Judith. My twin sons moved me to Indiana by them. My first born son, Jimmy, died May 10, 2010 age 37 and put a deep sorrow in my heart but I focus on Jimmy Patrick in the joy of "JESUS TOWN". I do some volunteer work with the families of terminally ill children. Very glad I had Sister Margareta as a wonderful example of a strong Christian woman. My new phone cell number: 317-798-9493.

1963

Rita Schoch Anheluk, Bismarck, ND - Rodney and I have celebrated 35 years together. We have one daughter, Corey. We both retired in 2013 but keep very busy with family, friends, a few acres, some fishing and community. We are grateful to both remain healthy and active.

1967

Linda Margotto Kaiser, St Cloud, MN - I am the Director/Superintendent in the Diocese of Saint Cloud. My husband, Jon, and I will be celebrating our 45th Wedding Anniversary this year. We are blessed with

five children and twelve grandchildren, all living in this beautiful state.

1967

Barbara Stahler, Seattle, WA - Two children: Kira Davis & Galen Richards and two grandchildren Zarah and Alyze Davis.

1967

JoAnne Pauley Sundem, St Michael, MN - Since retiring from teaching in 2010, we have become 'snow birds'. We winter in Mesa, AZ and love to golf! We have a daughter, son, and are expecting our first grandchild, a girl, in July. We are very excited!!

1967

Beverly Sellner Sanders, Rochester, MN - I've been blessed with a great husband (married 43 years), three sons, two beautiful daughters-in-law and four grandsons. We are enjoying retirement - busier than ever, and just got back from a pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes.

1967

Jane Wagner Wandersee Schaus, St Peter, MN - Looking forward to my 50th reunion! Happily re-married 4 ½ years! Doing a lot of sewing for craft events in the Fall. (American Girl clothes, mittens and ornaments) Still working as a nurse aide and entrepreneur of my own business (<http://wandeerseejr.enagic.web.info/>).

1967

Val Jamieson Carraher, Blaine, MN - I'm living the good life with my husband, our two children, and our seven grandchildren. We travel, spend time with family & friends, and enjoy our retirement immensely. Feeling blessed!

1967

Kathleen Reedy James, Edina, MN - I live in a condo in Edina and I love it! My two sons have given me three wonderful grandchildren, and I love spending time with all of my family. I try to take a big trip over the pond each year, while I'm able and get to spend a month in Florida renting a house with my brother, Mike. We love spending

time with family and friends in the Keys. Best thing, I have my health. Life is better than GOOD!

1971

Joan Hunziker-Dean, Rochester, MN – I work full time as a CRNA at the Mayo Clinic Outpatient Procedure Center in the Gonda Building. My husband, Patrick, is a nursing professor at U of M Rochester (soon to be retired). We have three children and two granddaughters.

1971

Joan Dauffenbach Nichols, Otsego, MN – My husband, Richard, and I have lived on acreage in Otsego, MN since 1990. We are both retired and enjoy our dogs and observing the wild life in our fields. The fields are planted with native grasses and wild flowers.



1973

1977

Leslie Graham, North Mankato, MN – I am happily at home in North Mankato with my cats and dogs. Semi-retired; working part time at Old Main Village as a receptionist.

1977

Patty Pate-Hawn, West St Paul, MN – I am still living in West St Paul. Scott and I will be celebrating 34 years of marriage this September. We are empty-nesters now. Our daughter is 32 years old and loving life in her group home that she shares with three other people who have various disabilities. Facebook has been wonderful for finding everyone.

1977

Lisa Frederick Cummiskey, St Peter, MN – I will be married to Dennis Cummiskey for 35 years in November. Our three children are all college educated and working. We have three dogs that keep us active.



1978



1983

Homecoming Memories

1951

Sr. Pat Frost, Mankato, MN –

Homecoming memory: *Our anniversary celebrations are the most significant for me as it brings together more of the class than other years.*



CLASS 1952 - Back Row: Catherine Schneider Cich, Sr. Paulissa Jirik, Sr. Anita Kolles, Germaine Hartung Kugin, Mary Jirik Raney. Front Row: Marianna Frank Roiger, Evie Fitterer Theleman, Alice Kramer Thull, Stasia Steinbach Wienke.

1952

Germaine Hartung Kuglin,

Minneapolis, MN – Homecoming

memory: *My special Homecoming memory was at my 50th reunion. Four of my classmates put together a memory book for each of the graduates of the 1952 class. With each turn of the page, I am able to reminisce about life at GCA as well as see where each of our paths have travelled since graduation. A special thanks to: Nancy Hagen Fleming, Shari Wirig Hager, Joan Schneider Judge, and Fay Fallenstein.*

1952

Jeanne Tibodeau Schuetzkle, Cary,

IL – Homecoming Memory: *We had such a wonderful time on the Saturday night that Alice Kramer had arranged for our last reunion.*

1956

Ann Schoch, SSND, Billings, MT –

Homecoming memory: *To come to the Hill is to come home to a sacred space, a place filled to the brim with wonderful memories. It was just that in 2016 when 22 of us from the class of 1956 had returned for the 60th year of graduation from our beloved GCA. We reconnected like we had never*

disconnected. We talked the night away, made easier by the gift of Wisconsin wines and cheeses and treats from several areas of the country! Sacred were the stories shared, 60 years of joys and sorrows, of successes and losses, of wonders and disappointments. The Eucharistic celebration was beautiful, dinner delicious, SSND hospitality warm, and the hard work of the GCA Alumnae Board and all who orchestrated the weekend; phenomenal. Only one sadness penetrated our happy hearts that weekend, the reality that 12 of the 66 of '56 were already gone. But not to be sad! They now enjoy the Sacred Space that awaits us all for another Homecoming!



CLASS 1962 - Back Row: Jane Scheurer Trondson, Sr Monica Wagner, Mary Jane Ryan-Connelly, Sr Pauline Eishens. Front Row: Maureen Leonard Sullivan, Ann Durenberger Chantler, Karen Tacheny Lynch. Added: Nora Keenan.

1962

Sr. Pauline Eishens, SSND, Mankato,

MN – Homecoming memory: *On our 50th Anniversary celebration we had a memorial service – the sharings on our deceased members were so touching to our hearts. Those who planned it did a superb job! Thank you!*

1962

Mary Jane

Ryan-Connelly,

Grass Valley, CA

– Homecoming memory: *I distinctly remember a feeling I got at one of the first homecomings I was able to attend*



CLASS 1971 - 3rd row back L to R: Joan Dean, Ann Juberian, Ann Fossey, Millie Herz, Nora Sandvig, Jane Haefner, Kathy Kortz, and Deb Frederick. 2nd row middle L to R: Nancy Meyers, Margaret Swenson, Ginny Ives, Julie Verlenich. 1st row front L to R: Joanie Nichols, Cheryl Wagner, Mary Beth Haack, Pam Oster, Marlene Houg, Sue Tiller.

– yet it was not one of our first homecoming anniversaries. It was more likely our 40th class reunion. It had been a LONG time since our graduation in 1962, and a LONG time since I had seen classmates. Yet, I was moved by each person I met and chatted with, learning about their lives. And inside me I realized and felt, that if I was ever in need of help, I knew, whether they were a boarder, aspirant or day hop like myself, it wouldn't matter. I just knew, deep within me, that I could go to any one of them, and they would be there for me! That feeling and thought comes back to me frequently. Thank you!

1963

Rita Schoch Anheluk, Bismarck, ND

– Homecoming Memory: *I had a super time celebrating our class of 1963 50th reunion. It was wonderful to be back on GCA and SSND grounds. I much enjoyed connecting with classmates, dear former teachers and SSNDs!*

1971

Joan Dauffenbach Nichols,

Otsego, MN –

Homecoming

Memory:

Homecoming 2016

– was the 45th

anniversary for the

class of 1971. Six of us attended and had a wonderful time. We enjoyed walking through the tunnel and getting a tour of Loyola, our former GCA High School building.



CLASS 1972 - Kristine Sweiger Layne, Janet Drummer Fasnacht, Sharon Hoehn Luhring.

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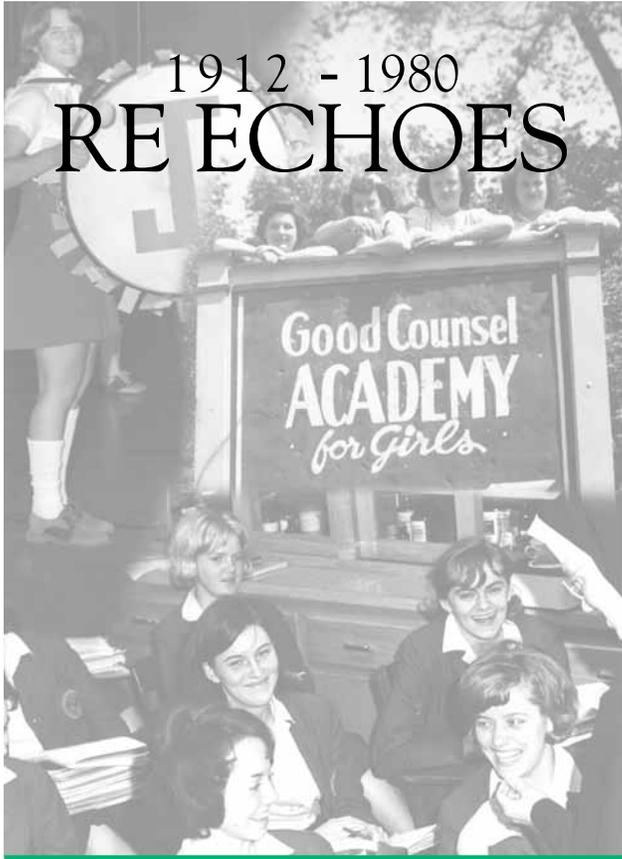
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1968



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