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RE ECHOES

GOOD COUNSEL ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

GCA *Alumnae Educator Award*

Kathy Bednark ('65) is the recipient of our GCA Educator Award this year because of her strong belief about the importance of education and how she has carried out this belief throughout her life as an educator in her professional and volunteer work. When asked to describe how the values she learned at GCA stayed with her since graduation, her answer spoke to the centrality of education as a core belief: "First and foremost it is my belief that education is the key to growth in life; it is probably why I support efforts of others to learn, especially language."

After graduating from Good Counsel Academy and majoring in education with a minor in music in college, Kathy served as a School Sister of Notre Dame teaching elementary school students and leading music ministry. She taught in five elementary schools in Minnesota and said that she truly loved working with both children and parishioners. She also had the privilege of working in a parish in Guatemala for one year. This experience awakened in her a strong desire to respond to the needs of others. Although Kathy went on to work in the business world for ten years and completed a Master of Management Administration degree, she continued to see how education and people skills were paramount in her work.

Kathy eventually returned to the world of education for about nine more years but instead of dealing with elementary school students, she was the coordinator of the Career and Academic Planning Center at Normandale Community College in Bloomington, Minnesota. While at Normandale, she also taught Career Development Classes to people from many different agencies and organizations. According to Kathy, "Each day, I enjoyed helping people – from the youngest students to older adults – find their way. Since I had previously worked in both non-profit as well as for-profit settings, I brought a valuable skill mix to my position."

In addition to her actual professional outreach in the field of education, Kathy could be considered a "professional volunteer" and has a wide and impressive list of educating and helping others through her volunteer activities. The list includes more structured educational



Kathy in Guatemala.

efforts such as teaching English as a Second Language at her local library and in centers in Florida, California, and Texas; working with Global Volunteers teaching English programs in Peru, Hungary, and Poland; and teaching teens in a summer English language camp in a UNESCO project in Poland. She also has done volunteer work at St. Joseph's Home for Children, Teresa Living Center, Eastside Learning Center, Hibiscus Children's Center, the Children's Museum, and the Benjamin Mays Literacy Program.

Kathy and her husband, Rob Pajala, have been married 28 years and share a love of traveling and camping. They love to live simply. Their camper is called "Stubby" since it is usually

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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? _____

On a separate paper, please describe how the nominee has shown significant contribution to their family, church, community, chosen profession or promoting Christian 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.

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 October 31, 2019.

Mail or email to:

Good Counsel Alumnae Award
GCA Alumnae Office
170 Good Counsel Drive SJH Suite 100
Mankato, MN 56001
gcalumnae@ssndcp.org



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the smallest vehicle in the campground. The photo of Kathy was taken in 2017 in Guatemala when she and Rob participated in a trip called "Route of the Maya", a journey whose purpose was to increase cultural understanding. She appreciates learning about people of all ages, races, and creeds.

Kathy also sees the importance of education in her own life and is a fan of continuing education and has taken classes in everything from massage therapy to computers. She practices Spanish every day in a constant quest to communicate more fluently in Spanish. This past winter while she was in Florida, she tutored students in English through an organization called "Hispanics in Action". The students were from Cuba, Columbia, and Costa Rica. In her nomination letter, Pat Gohla ('65) speaks to Kathy's desire to reach out to each person she meets through language. Pat states, "Kathy has the gift of really listening to each individual she meets. She learns a bit of their language to be able to communicate and let them feel important along with their culture, customs and reality. Her service is promoting the values from her time and education at Good Counsel Academy. She speaks volumes by her presence."

Through her ongoing efforts to educate and be educated, to listen and communicate, Kathy exemplifies the theme of next year's GCA homecoming ... ***Come to the Table!***

Our 2019 GOOD COUNSEL ALUMNAE *Award Recipients*

Alumnae Award winners receive a \$100.00 check to be sent to the charity of their choice.

Sister Ann Schoch '56 gave her check to the Maryknoll Lay Missioners, Solidarity with South Sudan in Maryknoll, NY. Maryknoll Missioners is an organization inspired by the mission of Jesus to live and work in poor communities in Africa, Asia, and the Americas, responding to basic needs and helping to create a more just and compassionate world.

Mary James-Neher '75 gave her check to the Good Counsel Auxiliary to help take care of the School Sisters of Notre Dame and to thank them for their many years of selfless service to others. Her Catholic education introduced her to the role of the church in lifting people out of poverty and oppression in the developing world.

GCA Alumnae Association Financial Report

July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019

Our financial report for this past fiscal year shows continued generosity from our Good Counsel Alumnae. As you will see below, during this timeframe our expenses once again exceeded our income. We are grateful we still had money in reserve from a previous donation given several years ago, as this has kept us afloat for a few years now. A brief look at the activity during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019 shows the following activity:

Balance forward.....\$ 18,819.37

Income

Operating Fund.....	\$ 7,656.00
(Dues and Additional Donations)	
Coordinators Fund	\$ 1,103.00
(All Donations)	
Homecoming Registration	\$ 2,294.00
Other Misc. Income	\$ 1,061.00
Total Income	\$ 12,114.00

Expenses

ReEchoes	\$ 5,071.05
(Printing & Postage for Fall 2018	\$2,266.96)
(Printing & Postage for Spring 2019.....	\$2,804.09)
Coordinator's Salary	\$ 5,742.83
Homecoming Expenses.....	\$ 1,803.52
Other Misc. Operating Expenses.....	\$ 579.19
Total Expenses	\$ 13,196.59

Net Loss for Fiscal Year **(\$1,082.59)**

Ending Balance\$ 17,736.78

We are grateful to all who made extra donations to help cover our expenses.

This allowed us to continue to provide the services enjoyed by the Alumnae Association, including the Fall and Spring issues of ReEchoes, Masses for the deceased alumnae, our annual contribution to the SSND Auxiliary and organizing the annual Homecoming gathering in April. Let's take a closer look at how we were able to meet these needs.

- **195 Alumnae** paid their dues
- **28 Alumnae** paid dues for another unknown alum unable to pay her own dues
- **34 Alumnae** made an extra donation to the Coordinator's Fund
- **85 Alumnae** made an extra donation to help cover operating expenses
- **21 Alumnae** gave a donation in the form of a memorial

You might be interested in a brief review of the financial picture for the past few years.

	<u>2016-17</u>	<u>2017-18</u>	<u>2018-19</u>
Starting Balance	\$22,710.55	\$17,615.90	\$18,819.37
Total Income	7,459.00	13,952.00	12,114.00
Total Expenses	12,553.65	12,748.53	13,196.59
Net for Year	(5,094.65)	1,203.47	(1,082.59)
Ending Balance	\$17,615.90	\$18,819.37	\$17,736.78

The boost in income from alumnae the past two years was very generous. As officers of the Alumnae Association, we continue to look for ways to cut expenses, without jeopardizing the services we offer. Since ReEchoes is a major expense, we continue to ask for your help in forwarding email addresses to us and updating us with changes of addresses. With the email addresses we are able to print fewer copies of ReEchoes. Sending the issues to you by email saves tremendously on postage. For those who do not have email, having a current address on file allows us to avoid paying the post office a fee for each returned piece of mail. Please help us keep your contact information up to date. We also appreciate when alumnae inform us of classmates who have died. This ensures that they are included in our annual memorial Mass each November.

This past year several memorials were received in memory of classmates who had died and also in memory of some former teachers. It is gratifying to realize that the connections made during our high school years are remembered. They are important and cherished by many Good Counsel alumnae. This is why the Alumnae Association continues to offer the Homecoming each April. This is why we encourage you to come to Homecoming. Come to the Table. Renew the friendships. Remember the good times. Share the memories. Lift each other up. And in the process, enjoy being lifted.

Yes, Come to the Table.

Come to the Table

Renew the Friendships. *Remember* the good times. *Share* the memories.

Please join us for **HOMECOMING 2020!**

Come join your classmates for Homecoming 2020. Please mark your calendar for Sunday, April 26, 2020 and plan to enjoy a day on Good Counsel Hill with former classmates. Homecoming will be held on the feast day of Our Lady of Good Counsel, and we will celebrate the day with a special liturgy. Contact members of your class and make plans to get together.

The classes of 1940, 1945, 1950, 1955, 1960, 1965, 1970, 1975, and 1980 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)
- 11:55 A.M. Presentation of 2020 Good Counsel Alumnae Awards and 2019 Educator Award (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!

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?

... that 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.

Homecoming 2020 CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

1950

Lois Gruenzner Neubert
717 Grant Ave
N. Mankato, MN 56003
507-388-4558

1955

Patty Prought Wendlandt
53598 Goose Rd
Garden City, MN 56034
507-546-3847
wendlan1@aol.com

1960

Dolores Wanzek Portz
2001 Roe Crest Drive
N. Mankato, MN 56003
507-388-3554
dolpor@hotmail.com

1965

Phyllis Schwartz Beckett
PO Box 249
Paonia, CO 81428
970-234-4359
Pbeckett133@gmail.com

1970 - Volunteer needed

1975

Jeanne Osdoba Kelly
40 University Ct
Mankato, MN 56001
507-317-9086
Jeannekelly79@gmail.com

1980

Mary Drummer
1708 Esplanade Apt 9
Redondo Beach, CA 90277
310-373-9055
mdrummer@verizon.net

We still need a class representative for the 1970 Class.

Come to the Hill for Homecoming 2020 and leave the planning to the Alumnae Association!

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

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

A Message from
Sister Marion Welter '50,
Good Counsel Auxiliary Moderator

Dear GC Graduates!

Your membership as Active or Supportive members of the Good Counsel Auxiliary has been a tremendous support to the sisters in Notre Dame health care. In addition to volunteers who give support in varied ways, recently 40 new chairs were purchased by the Auxiliary for the activity room. This also serves as a place where sisters are able to view the live streaming of the Mass and other activities that are held in the chapel and conference center. This was possible because of your active and supportive membership and gift donations.

There is a form below that begins or renews your membership in the Good Counsel Auxiliary. The Auxiliary has given support in various ways for 33 years. What a history! The sisters in health care thank you for all your loving support!

May Our Lady of Good Counsel continue to guide you.

God bless you!

Sister Marion Welter, Moderator

Happy Birthday

*with the most beautiful
 blessings from God.*

Birthdays of Sisters age 90-100

Sept. 20	Andrea Zelenak
Oct. 3	Mary Tacheny
Oct. 8	Maris Stella Waselak
Oct. 17.	Beth Haltiner
Nov. 4	Miriam Saumweber
Nov. 7	Mary Joyce Pietsch
Dec. 8	Lalande Hennen
Dec. 10	Mary Lauren Spence
Dec. 24	Noel Ewald
Jan. 25	Francis Clare Schares
Feb. 8	Mary Donald Miller
Feb. 26	Mary Dominic Klaseus
Mar. 2	Mary Arthur Kunze
Mar. 13	Rose Schwab
Mar. 24	Claudette Hudalla
Mar. 29	Alice Zachmann
Mar. 29	Rochelle Trembley

GOOD COUNSEL AUXILIARY

 First/Maiden/Last Name

 Address

 City/State/Zip

Please make your checks out to Good Counsel Auxiliary.

Phone -----

___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

Deceased Alumnae

<u>Class</u>		<u>Date of Death</u>
1939	LaVona Guentzel Schmidt	4/29/2019
1942	Sister M Moira Tighe OFM	6/29/2018
1943	Mary Brielmaier Tschirley	4/27/2019
1943	Rena Nissen Hinton	6/11/2019
1944	Mary Lou Pearson Graif	7/18/2013
1946	Clarine "Connie" Roy Eull	5/3/2019
1948	Mary Hendricks Pribyl	1/21/2019
1948	Marian Dedrickson Quarve	3/12/2017
1950	Nadine Wagner Coleman	1/18/2018
1953	Joan Welsh Myers	2/28/2019
1953	Marcia Doto Bennett	12/18/2015
1954	Shirley Izen	5/18/2019
1962	Jane Scheurer Trondson	5/25/2019
1965	Mary Menden Marxer	4/3/2019
1973	Anne Schorer Bibbs	6/13/2019
1973	Judith Blackman Hopkins	8/1/2019
1973	Sharon Barten Johnson	8/7/2019
1974	Linda Hlavac Kump	6/29/2019
1979	Laurie Huseby Willey	5/23/2019
1980	Jeanne Miller	4/27/2019



School Sisters of Notre Dame
Central Pacific Province

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Saturday, October 12, 2019 • 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Our Lady of Good Counsel

170 Good Counsel Drive, Mankato



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For more information:

507-389-4212 or mmurray@ssndcp.org

Proceeds benefit the School Sisters of Notre Dame Central Pacific Province.

To make a donation online: www.ssndcp.org/cf

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!

We are looking for current addresses, phone numbers and **EMAILS** for these graduates.
EMAIL addresses are preferred.

Please send an email to gcalumnae@ssndcp.org or call our office at 507-389-4972.

THANKS !!!!

1950: Shirley Neuman Wirtz, Mary Noy Tonn, Donna Thomas Peterson

1951: Gloria Zweber

1955: Annette Becker Watson, Beverly Burt Hinkel, Donna Dolen Conley, Barbara Forster Winter

1956: Mary Dorn Pritchard, Ivona Fritz Wichmann, Mary Townsend

1960: Isabel Basquez, Carol Fleming Boyd, Virginia Krebsbach Flanagan, Suzane LeBlanc, Yvonne Peltier Lehnen, Lois Wallrich Linsley, Annette Zachor Taylor

1961: Dorothy Barnett Renner, Patricia Hilyer Jacobson, Gay Werneke Bowers

1965: Lois Adrian Schwinghammer, Margurite Chirpich Elmer, Marcella Hottinger Dahl, Diane Jacobs Vogel, Linda Patterson, Jean Salscheider Taussig, Teresa Zorn Picotti

1966: Karen Hinkle Heaton, Gloria Kelly McCall Markuson, Karen Krautkremer Melchior, Mary Milbrandt Harris

1970: Mary Charrey, Rosemary Curran, Jenny Marie Kabage, Katherine Nelson Phillips, Aida Preciado, Judith Scheeler Thomas

1971: Susan Davidson, Julie Green Verlennich, Mary Murphy, Penny O'Sullivan Koerner, Joyce Pouliot, Mary Schaub Bolin, Margaret Stahler, Susan Fortier Miles, Rosa Guzman, Linda Juberian Suter, Karen Koenig Anderson, Gail Prokop Kerr

1975: Liz Dalton Clark, Cindy Drummer Toombs, Jane Gislason Osborne, Cindy Miller Potter, Ruth Moreno, Charlotte Schmitz Yohanes

1980: Kathy Eng, Anastasia Hunziker, Gwen Taurman

1939

LaVona Guentzel Schmidt – Mankato, MN
My 80th Anniversary! I broke my leg last Thanksgiving. I am now in assisted living at Primrose Retirement Community, Mankato, wheel chair bound, but working on the walker. Editor's note: LaVona was present at Homecoming on April 28, 2019 and passed away the following day.

1942

Patricia Chambliss – New Smyrna, FL
What a wonderful download. (ReEchoes) I am so delighted and thank you! I enjoyed all the review, pictures, stories of Good Counsel Alumnae, so few of my group from 1942 left. I am 94, recently resigned my bridge directing and teaching after 45 years. I send regards to anyone "left" that remembers me. Thank you for your efforts. God bless.



1945

1948

Rosemary Hub Petersen – Brooklyn Park, MN
We recently moved to St. Therese Senior Apartments in Brooklyn Park, MN. It is great to be close to our family. We have daily Mass and many activities.

Mary Ann Embacher Pongratz – Mankato, MN
I had a couple surgeries and then shingles. I am improving slowly. I am living at home by myself, but had help last fall when I had shingles. I still am able to get to church daily and volunteer there a little. God has been very good to me!

1947

Rose Dearborn Russell – Sparks, NV
I continue to live with one of my daughters. I have three of my children here in the Reno area, but all eight of my children were here for my 90th birthday. We had a grand celebration. The last time we were all together was when my husband, their father, died five years ago.



1940

1949

LaVerne Dick Beaudry – St. Michael, MN
Earl and I are in an assisted living facility and are happy to be here. So many activities and friendships we have to enjoy together. We now have 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. When they visit, we love all the time spent with them.

Virginia Rstom Kruse – Mankato, MN
I was married 68 years ago and widowed for the past 31 years now. I have six married children, 19 grandchildren and so far 32 great-grandchildren. I retired Sept 29, 2018 and am so grateful for all my family and good health.

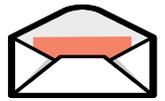
Joyce Kramer DeCock – Marshall, MN
After graduation from GCA, I attended St. Bens for one year. I worked as a secretary for two years and married Dorrence DeCock on Aug. 25, 1952. We farmed near Lucan for 35 years, retired and moved to Marshall in 1968. We recently moved to a retirement complex. We had three sons and three daughters and have 33 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren. Keeping in close contact with all makes for a very interesting life. We also enjoyed family lake vacations, sporting events, concerts and traveling and still do. We joined pilgrimages to Fatima, Lourdes, Guadalupe and other shrines in Germany. We appreciate daily Mass and are active in our parish activities. I will always be grateful for the GCA friends and fun times at Good Counsel, the Sisters' training and religious values learned at Good Counsel.

1950

Jacqueline Ulmen Zbaracki – Stillwater, MN
There are four of us GC grads living in this Presbyterian Senior Community, Boutwells Landing! Sister Patricia Marie



1950



Thomas (my friend and classmate), Annette Johnson, and Yvonne Kenworthy. Boutwells is 60% Catholic and thanks to the Good Shepherd Sisters, we have Mass Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday!

S. M. Yolanda Latessa, SSND (Irene Latessa) – St Paul, MN
I was a primary teacher for 50+ years. I retired from teaching and am now living in my home parish with three sisters. We pray the rosary before daily Mass. I joined the funeral choir and the women’s society. Another sister and I visit ladies who live alone.

Anne Connor Frederick – North Mankato, MN
I have moved into an assisted living facility in upper North Mankato – Monarch Meadows. I like it a lot. I don’t drive anymore.

1951

Jean Schneider – Glen Ridge, NJ
I continue to travel twice a year to Brasil where I started, with my son’s help, St Ann’s Community Center in the city of Nossa Senhora do Socorro. (Our Lady of [Perpetual] Help) This city is just outside the capital city of Aracaju in the northeast state of Sergipe. The enlargement of the house/center has been completed and it now has two stories with a meeting room and three classrooms, plus a medical room, kitchen and reception area. It is currently being used by several young psychologists doing counseling, and a pharmacist who does simple health screening for community residents. A cooking class and tutoring services are planned for April. Things move slowly in Brasil and the political situation is very bad with so much corruption in government.

The idea of the center is to provide training so women are prepared to get jobs and to provide some basic health care since the government health service is so bad. My adopted son, Fr. Joao Bosco Lima, is Brazilian but was ordained a priest on Newark, NJ. I met him when he was a seminarian here and we have been working together ever since. I adopted him later.

Patricia Frost, SSND – Mankato, MN
I enjoy assisting our Associates. If you are interested in being a part of SSND ministry and spirituality, consider being an Associate member!

1955



1952

Catherine Schneider Cich – Edina, MN
I live in a condo and love it; it is very near church. I enjoy being a volunteer at the Food Shelf at church. My family is near and growing—12 great-grandchildren.

1954

Josephine McCarthy Roper – Lombard, IL
I am still living in my same house here in Lombard. I am fortunate to have five of my six children living nearby, (one lives in California) as well as nine of my 10 grandchildren. Two great-grandchildren live in NY state. I keep busy with a strong group of longtime friends.

An exercise class keeps me going three times a week and so does a garden club and its activities as we help our community with volunteer garden work and funding for scholarships. I have never lost my love of reading, so of course, I am in a book club. I hope all my classmates are doing well, too.

Irene Stevermer Mikkalson – Burnsville, MN
All is well in Burnsville!

Helen Marie Plourde, SSND – St. Paul, MN

Like so many of us, I wonder “Where have the years gone?” The years have gone by carrying years of teaching piano, adding harmony to this world. It is so satisfying to have a few pursue music degrees.

Other successful avenues pursued were LMFT, Reflexologist, church musician and liturgist. And through it all, the knitting needles happily clicked along. As a member of the SSND Women’s group, many issues important to women and girls, with the last 16 years focus on Human Trafficking issues, continue to guide my advocacy, and awareness-raising work. Change is the only constant!

Judith Schweiss Johannessen – Maplewood, MN
About 10 years ago, nine of us got together at a cabin in Michigan. Great memories!

Verna Frederick Hager – Madison Lake, MN
I have been married 61 years and have a son and a daughter, five grandchildren (girls) and six great-grandchildren (finally got one boy with five girls!)

1955

Phyllis Fay Smith – St Peter, MN
I spent 40 years in nursing, much of that time working in mental health facilities. The sunshine of my life is my five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

1957

Mary Eckes Fox – Sun City, AZ
Classmates Marilyn Schuck Freeman and Mary Eckes Fox met to celebrate their 80th birthdays with a High Tea. Both live in the Phoenix metro area.



1960

1959

Ruth Ann Kunz Hacke – Morgan, MN
My life has become super busy this past year as Guardian for a family loved one. Allan and I have been married 55 years and are doing good. Have 2 kids, and 5 grandkids – 4 girls and 1 boy, ages 9-19. I enjoy watching their sporting events, school plays and 4H dog and horse competitions, county and state. In other words “family is my world and I love it.”

Jo Sampson Lang – Port Aransas, TX
I will still be displaced until August, 2019 due to Hurricane Harvey. Rebuilding homes and lives is a long drawn-out process.

Jean Dufek Ferber – San Diego, CA
In June, my husband and I will have been married 55 years. We have been very blessed in many ways, especially with three wonderful daughters, two sons-in-law, five grandchildren and one great grandson, now five months old. John’s job took us from Minnesota to Washington DC where we resided for ten years. We have now lived in San



1965

Diego for the past 20 years, not missing the cold and snow for a minute...especially this winter!! I was a Hospice Volunteer for 12 years and a volunteer Coordinator in the emergency department at our local hospital for six years. Our youngest granddaughter was born with Charge Syndrome in 2009 and from that point on I became one of her primary caregivers. Having Kate in our lives has been one of the best blessings

ever. Her joy and happiness bring much of the same to us and everyone she meets. Yes, we are blessed indeed! Greetings and love to all my classmates of '59!

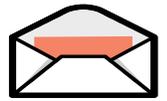
Bernadette Welter, SSND – St Paul, MN

I am still enjoying my homemaking ministry of 25 years. I have met so many wonderful senior citizens in the process and have been enriched by them. Formal classroom education was not my strength, so I am grateful for this more flexible ministry.

1962

S. Pauline Eischens – Mankato, MN

I’m retired and am a volunteer in the “Free Store” for Partners of Affordable Housing. It is located on The Hill in the basement formally known as the new GCA Aspiranture Recreation Room. It is a service to homeless, near homeless and low income individuals in nearby three counties. I’m usually there 6 hours a day M-F serving the wonderful people who come, accepting many household donations, sorting them and placing them on shelves.



1964

Julie Chatleain - Edina, MN

Well, on June 15, 2018, after 20 years as an Admin in the Legal Dept. at International Dairy Queen, I finally retired! It was a great day. I couldn't stop smiling all day long. Am now getting used to the retired life with volunteering a few days a week, sleeping in late, visiting with friends, and yes, taking naps! Love it!

Sister Janet Heiar, SSND - DeWitt, IA

After 46 years as an early childhood educator, I have moved into pastoral ministry in DeWitt, Iowa. I serve the homebound, visiting the sick, etc. and connecting with family more frequently.

Elizabeth Stahler Pauly - Jordan, MN

Retired - Quilting - Teaching Piano - Playing Bridge in Jordan, MN since 2002. Husband, Dick, still working (his hobby). We have two children, one granddaughter now a sophomore at MSU in Mankato.

1968

Cathleen Conley Neils - Delafield, WI

I have been a piano instructor for the past 20 years. More time is spent traveling the country visiting my three children and four grandchildren, as well as my brothers and sisters.

1969

Roberta (Bobbie) Vosburg Schweim - Mapleton, MN

I have been married 45 years to Ralph Schweim. We have two children, one son, Doug, married to Audra and they have two children, Mackenzie (15) and Carson (13). And one daughter, Amy, single who lives in Durango, CO. I have lived on a farm all of my married life.

Mary Wagner Zbaracki - Duluth, MN

I live in Duluth and love it! I'm still employed as a Diabetes Educator at St Luke's. I have three grandchildren.

Pauline Feist - Mankato, MN

I will be retiring for the second time in June. I have been working with autistic children in middle school for the last 3 ½ years. I am ready to be able to travel and sleep in. I remember our dance class and the sisters showing us how to act like ladies. Also

running around in the tunnels.

Mary Paul Davis - Belton, TX

Still happily married to Jim, a retired Episcopal priest and have two lovely grandchildren and a daughter in Pennsylvania and a son in Wisconsin; semi-retired and working as a consulting chief medical officer.

Anne Goettlicher Edmonds - Huntsville, AL

Since leaving Good Counsel 50 years ago, I have been blessed with an unbelievable full and amazing life. Like most of us, I passed through times of loss and sadness but was also blessed with times of great joy.

After my "Hippy" days in California and Colorado I joined the U.S. Army and went to Europe where I met the love of my life. We spent the next 33 years traveling the world and raising our two children as a military family. In 1991 we retired to Huntsville, AL where I was able to continue my Federal Civilian career with the Army, a job I retired from last year after 33 years of service.

Sadly, I lost my husband in 2000 but am blessed with two beautiful, talented grandchildren, ages 15 and 10 who fill my life. I am still an avid traveler with many adventures planned for the coming years.

My years at GCA were foundational and impacted my entire life. Not only did I receive a premier education but the compass that has guided me along the journey.



1975

1971

Theresa Weimert McLaughlin - Mankato, MN
I have been retired for six years and thoroughly enjoying it. We just had our sixth grandbaby in February, 2019. We have a total of six (two boys & four girls). I play softball and golf. Enjoy traveling, gardening and our lake home stays.

Joan Dauffenbach Nichols - Otsego, MN
I am happily retired and living in Otsego, MN. I love spending time with my husband, granddaughter, and other family members, including our dogs.

1974

Kathy Reed Day - Corinth TX
After living in Texas for about 34 years, I'm so excited to be coming to a reunion and see some dear friends.

Teresa McCann O'Connor - Billings, MT
I am sorry not to be able to join the class of '74 for the 45. Our daughter will be graduating from medical school the following weekend and we will already be on our way. I will plan on the 50th. Bill and I are transitioning to retirement after long careers as lawyers. Our two sons are lawyers also. All are married and the first grandbaby arrived last summer. All is well.



1980

Can you name these gals?

Two photos of Class of 1970 - one from 2002 and one from 2010.



Homecoming Reunion Memories



LaVona Guentzel Schmidt '39 and Elizabeth Freundl Gibson '40

1949

LaVerne Dick Beaudry – St Michael, MN

My best memory for Homecoming was always to have Mass once again in the chapel.

Peg Byron Haggerty – Seattle, WA

Just being together with my beloved classmates of 1949 “Day Hops”, “Boarders”, and “Aspirants” plus our SSND friends.

1951

Patricia Frost, SSND – Mankato, MN

I have great memories of our 50th and 60th reunions. It is such a joy to reconnect and remember together the wonderful times we had at GC and to hear of the events in our lives since then.



Class of 1949

1954

Marylea Springer Lombard – Syracuse, NY

I remember the 35th when Fr. Scheid shared dinner with us at the Holiday Inn, North Mankato the Saturday night before Homecoming. Happy gathering that evening.

Irene Stevermer Mikkalson – Burnsville, MN

It is always good to get back to the Hill where my two sisters and I graduated from high school.

Helen Marie Plourde, SSND – St. Paul, MN

I recall with delight our 50th reunion. So many were able to return. I appreciated our 60th, too, even though not as many returned. I love the sharing of where life led each of us. And I despair at how the whole alumnae body drags the tempo when singing “Our Lady of Good Counsel!!” It is all part of memory lane.



Dolores Wanzek Portz '60

1959

Jo Sampson Lang – Port Aransas, TX

I am proud to be a Good Counsel Alumna.

Bernadette Welter, SSND – St Paul, MN

A highlight for me was our class of 1959's 25-year reunion, which is now 35 years ago. So many classmates were able to return. For lots of them it was the last time and so I treasure the joy of the day.



Class of 1959

Homecoming Reunion Memories



Sister Loriann Stanton '61

1964

Elizabeth Stahler Pauly - Jordan, MN

I remember our 10-year reunion. Sister Mary Ellen Wagner was dying so I saw her in the infirmary. My husband was waiting for me outside but jumped in to give CPR to an elderly alumna who later died. We both had a hard time with this reunion.

1969

Mary Dauffenbach Zellmer - North Mankato, MN

We had a great response for our 50th reunion last April. I am so grateful that 37 classmates were able to come to Mankato to reconnect for this milestone anniversary. Over three days of visiting, we remembered who we were then and celebrated who we are today. We made great memories and were able to enlarge the group of classmates who meet for lunch each month.



Class of 1964



Class of 1969

1971

Joan Dauffenbach Nichols - Otsego, MN

I enjoy recognizing classmates by their laugh or a certain characteristic. Some things do not change.



Judith Knobloch Thompson and
Gloria James Winter '79

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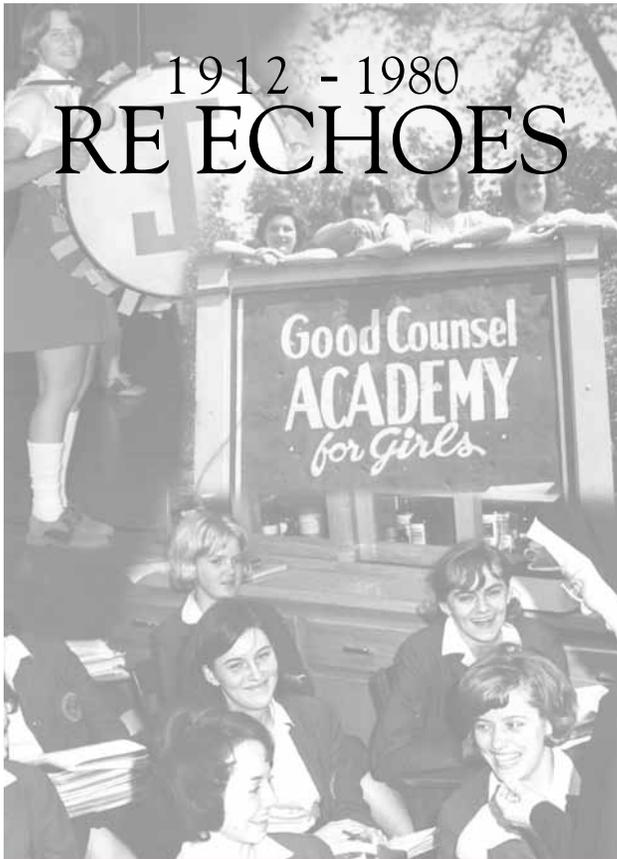
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