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RE ECHOES

GOOD COUNSEL ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

*Pause, Reflect, Dream**Significant changes give us pause to reflect back and to dream forward, to appreciate, to reminisce, and possibly mutter a few 'I wish I had...'*

It is that time for us. As the land and structures of Good Counsel are readying for a transition, it gives us pause to reflect on what we value from our days on the Hill. We don't all hold the place in the same value; some can't imagine their lives without having gone to school there... others not so much. But it was during those years that we explored the journey of becoming who we are today. It challenged us to think, to learn, to make new friends, to give thought to our place in the world, to stand up for what we value.

The courage to give a speech, now becomes the courage to take on a social issue. The resolve to show up for class becomes the courage to show up in life...for a friend, for a family member, for a cause. The tunnel you explored may be the roots of a career that challenges the norm. 'Chapel time' may now have deepened to a life of mediation and prayer. Teams we were on, the pepfests we planned, the choir we sang in, seeded skills we have built on to create work teams, families and shared activities. (However, many are still trying to figure out tennequoit!) The friend you made may still be at your side; to laugh, to cry, to hold you and your dreams.

How very blessed we have been.

Over the next years, the land and structures will take on new tenants. The worldwide order of SSND has had to adjust to the changing times; increased interest in religious life in other nations, particularly Africa, and a declining number entering the traditional religious lifestyle in the US. To support the Order and the work they do, adjustments have had to be considered over these many years-not just on Good Counsel Hill, but worldwide. These decisions have not and are not being made in isolation. Although we would like to know the outcome, as we have spent precious learning and growing years on

the Hill in Mankato, that outcome is currently not clear. However, one thing is clear: proactive changes need to be made to financially support the family of Sisters, their living communities, demographic changes and escalating costs. So as communities in Africa are being built and expanded, here they are being consolidated and reconsidered.

As you can imagine, there are many moving pieces as the Sisters carefully weigh these decisions. They ask for people's patience, understanding, and most of all prayer as they continue this difficult but necessary journey of divesting, both at Good Counsel and throughout their province.

In those prayers, let's include the place; the land, the buildings, and the gardens that have held so many dreams, stories and friendships that have shaped our lives. May it come to be in good hands and continue to nurture those who spend time there.

Yes, discussions are going on about the future of the property. *No*, we don't know what will happen. *Yes*, it's scary and exciting. *No*, we don't lose the stories. *No*, we don't lose the friends, and the connections.

The goal of Good Counsel was to build strong minds, bodies and spirits of young women. We are all testament to that. We carry that within. That's not going to change. We can use this time to ready ourselves for this transition. For some it is significant, for some it is sad, for some it becomes 'just another day'. But for now, we have breathing space to reevaluate the impact on us individually and collectively.

Maybe, just maybe, the walls of this place provided a place for our souls to take root. That what really was built was the heart in each of us. And that stays long after land and buildings are repurposed.

Submitted by Elizabeth King '69

Reflections on What Good Counsel Means to Me

Patricia Murphy Chambliss, '42 – New Smyrna Beach, FL

I am forever grateful to the SSND nuns for what they have meant to me, and my brothers. All four attended and graduated from Loyola under the SSNDs. I attended St. Peter and Paul school, then GCA. I loved all of my teachers and admired them. They are special, devoted to teaching and of course, their vocation. May the Holy Spirit be with them always. The hymn of Our Lady of Good Counsel makes me cry every time I think of it and Sister Sylvia at the organ! God bless them all! I lived just below GC Hill and can't imagine The Hill without the SSND buildings! And my sons sledged down them when I returned to Mankato from the Navy and moved back to the USA from Venezuela. Blessings to all. Precious memories.

Beverly Fries, '49 – Good Counsel

I became a School Sister of Notre Dame and now I am back ~ at 90 years and hope my last years are calm and relaxed. I enjoyed my sports-basketball, volleyball and tennequoit-teams, plus orchestra. Guess I forgot about the subjects. Guess they took second place. Will relax now ~

Joanne Thyken, '51 – Fountain Hills, AZ

My years at GCA were wonderful years. Wonderful teachers... wonderful friends...wonderful ideals. I carry all that with me to this day, many years later. The work of the sisters and the academy lives on. Thank you.

Diane Anderson Walth, '52 – Mesa, AZ

I especially appreciate the excellent education I received at GCA. It prepared me to excel in college.

Pat Lieb, '53 – Burnsville, MN

Many places on The Hill serve as memories and gratitude as a resident student in the early 50's - Echoes Room which was also a kind of social gathering spot after school hours, obviously the chapel, the flooded open parking lot for winter skating, and the music room where years in Glee Club sparked a lifelong love of choral music. The bond among some of the resident students continues to this day as a group of us in the class of '53 still gather for monthly lunch and socializing and for shared rides to GC events - Delores Swanson, Marion Strobel Helget, Eileen Welsh, Mary Felix, and Pat Lieb.

Julianne Dietz Loney, '57 – Maricopa, AZ

Thank you.

Fran Ritter Sargent, '57 – Janesville, MN

The day of the announcement really brought lots of memories to mind and a loss of something that I cherished as a Good Counsel Grad which I am proud of.

Eunice Wallin Meixner, '57 – Owatonna, MN

I felt so privileged to have been a student at GCA. Thanks to Sister Yvonne, I was able to go there. It was a wonderful school with such a peaceful and holy environment. There were 66 in my class and what wonderful classmates they were! Part of my heart is still on that campus!

Barbara Dahlseid Parisien, '58 – St Paul, MN

My favorite memories of being a student on The Hill are working in the Echoes room with Sister Dorothy and the Echoes staff. I've continued to be a writer and editor throughout my life and the foundation was laid in that room.

Pat Citrowske Buysse, '59 – York Springs, PA

My favorite memory of Good Counsel was singing in the choir under Sister Sylvia. As Aspirants, we were not permitted to join in on many of the activities of the school, since we had a tight schedule under Sister Pierre. One thing I missed was the prom. We were not allowed to go, and instead, were told to ask another Aspirant to be our date to attend our dance and banquet in the Aspirant's building. I have written a book, *On Fridays We Dance*, about my six years at Good Counsel. I loved The Hill and the surroundings. They were beautiful.

Nancy Wallin Schmidt, '60 – New Ulm, MN

Good Counsel has been in Mankato for years. I went to school there as a day student. I have beautiful memories of school with the marble floors that are still the same as when we had school there and the Chapel. The nuns have been a big part of my life and I'm hoping they will be able to stay at Good Counsel. Sell the land on 4th Street but leave the nuns on The Hill in their home where they deserve to stay because they served Mankato for so many years. God Bless.

Marcy Mongeau Capelle, '62 – Racine, MN

As a student at GC I sadly did not realize the value of my parent's sacrifice to give the opportunity of such a wonderful education. I have grown up since those days and gratefully I can say have many fond memories, ranging from daily mass, to tennequoit and volleyball. Not to mention friendships that are still valued and enjoyed today. My prayers are that our esteemed chapel not be replaced or destroyed.

Sharon Henrich Inhofer, '62 – Land O Lakes, FL

My heart was saddened to hear about possibly selling and razing of the rest of the buildings on The Hill. My years at GCA helped make me the woman I am today. The education we received I realize now was superior to anything we have today. The teachers were super. I was in the aspiranture and had such a spiritual and fun time. Lifetime

friendships were formed. I pray for all GCAers. God bless and help us in these trying times. God is good!!!

Sharon Jude Hiemen-Strain, '62 – Tigard, OR

I have wonderful memories of my time at Good Counsel. The education I received was the best; the faculty was amazing; the activities were always fun - the annual pep rally stands out; daily Mass in that magnificent chapel was very special; the annual chicken dinner brings back multiple memories; and the list goes on. The best memory is all the wonderful girls I met and became friends with, and who I often think about today. I always feel blessed when I tell anyone that I graduated from Good Counsel Academy in Mankato, MN. Prayers for the School Sisters of Norte Dame as they go forward with their plans for the use of the campus and for the health care of the sisters.

Karen Tacheny Lynch, '62 - Janesville, MN

Just have a couple thoughts ... One is that I've been lucky because my sister, Sister June Tacheny, has lived at Good Counsel since her retirement so I have been to the beautiful chapel several times to worship with her at mass. It is so beautiful and even though it's different than when we went to school it still brings back lots of memories and I too hope whatever happens, nothing happens to this beautiful chapel. Just the other day my two sisters and I visited with three nieces up there on the grounds. Everything is still very beautiful. Hopefully we will be able to have our 60th reunion there!

Maureen Leonard Sullivan, '62 – Divernon, IL

When I heard of the decision to sell Good Counsel, I was so sad to think we might lose the chance to gather and celebrate in our beautiful Chapel and walk and reminisce around The Hill. When I came back for our 55th reunion I felt so happy to relive memories from my time at GCA. I can remember when we were in the Chapel and started singing our school song. I was choked up and had tears streaming down my face. I guess I'm getting more sentimental with age. I'm praying we'll be able to meet together one last time in that beautiful place.

Priscilla Boettcher O'Clock, '62 – Edgewood, KY

Unfortunately, I was one of those students who bounced in and out of trouble over my four years on The Hill! Nothing too serious - just a bit of a rule breaker. It was well into my adult life before I came to truly appreciate the gifts I had been given - excellent education, spiritual foundations, and lifelong friendships. Frequently I reflect on the words, "Mother tell, oh tell, me what am I to do?" I look forward to the 60th (hard to believe) and connecting with all my classmates that can join us.

Nora Keenan, '62 – New Brighton, MN

I fell in love with The Hill itself when I first rode up the old driveway to the campus. The branches of the trees formed a lovely canopy over the road and gave the place a special

entrance. The place grew in importance to me over my high school years and then during my years there as a SSND. I love the chapel and the sense of peace and sacred space that comes over me when I enter the area. I am thankful for the encouragement I received from my teachers when I was a student and for the life-long friends I made during all my times on The Hill. I take the good education somewhat for granted but am grateful for what went beyond education per se the grounding in social justice, the instruction on the spiritual and corporal works of mercy, and the emphasis on living a moral and virtuous life in service to others. My years as part of the Good Counsel Academy Alumnae Association Board brought me back to The Hill after decades of living away from Mankato, and I have relished the opportunity to reconnect with the Sisters, the alumnae, and the place itself. I appreciate the graciousness of the SSNDs in sharing their space with us for the Alumnae Association Office and for our Homecomings.

Mary Margaret Kujawa, '63 – Anderson, IN

The wonderful example of Sister Margareta Bertrand stands out the most to me. Her example led to a path of holiness; I am grateful.

Vicki Bohnert Goodwater, '63 – Battle Creek, NE

In reply to the question about what I would miss most about going to school on The Hill. I would miss the peace and tranquility of those wonderful grounds. It is truly a blessed place! Anytime I have been in Mankato I love just walking around there and visiting the grotto.

Susan M. Schmidt Thompson, '64 – Thayne, WY

I feel very privileged to have received my education there and I thank God everyday for my precious Catholic faith.

Pat Donovan Lounsbury, '65 – St Paul, MN

Being a Graduate of the class of 1965, I cannot believe it has been well over 50 years. I am so thankful for the excellent education, the life-long friendships formed, and the warm and happy memories of my time as a border there. I loved Sister Hermana and our choir trips; where other singers would just sit in amazement, by the number of gals stepping onto those risers. Sneaking down to the Dairy Queen and trying to eat our ice cream treats as we half ran up those steps in time for study hall. Lots of "Trouble with Angels" moments.

Patricia Gohla, '65 – Rice Lake, MN

GCA offered leadership experiences for us. We met girls from around Minnesota who came as boarders. The Hill was quiet and beautiful. Our teachers were dedicated...and most teachers were School Sisters of Notre Dame...many

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who had masters and doctorate degrees in their respective fields. Day students came from the different parishes in the cities of Mankato, North Mankato and Madison Lake. Today, all areas of students go to the newest education building on The Hill. I have many good memories that last forever.

Julia Goettl Knauss, '67 – Hawley, MN

Great education and outlook on life.

Linda Margotto Kaiser, '67 – St Cloud, MN

The Hill was a second home and still is today. When I drive into Mankato, I look up and I see a warm welcome to a place I call my second home. The School Sisters of Notre Dame have played a significant role in forming the person I am today. They inspired me to use my God-given talents and to know that I could do anything I set my mind to. My prayers are with the Sisters as they transition to where God is taking them.

Ruth T'Kach, '68 – New York, NY

The absolutely most touchingly priceless component of my four magical years on The Hill during my GC adventure was creating the friendships that would remain a part of my heart and life forever. Soul sisters connected eternally, supporting, caring, praying and cheering for each other. Laughing until our stomachs hurt and somehow everything turned out all right. It was such a wonderfully unique experience that even now more than 50 years later I count these “girls” as my best friends. They have forever changed my life for the better.

Michele Keane, '69 – Lake Elmo, MN

What did GCA mean to me.... wow, what a question. It was so important that I wrote my doctoral dissertation about it! “Educating for Gender Subversion: A Case Study of an All-Female Catholic High School”, U. of St. Thomas, 2003. I was so impressed with the women from my class of 1969. I interviewed many of the women and Sister Rose Marie, who was my principal and Sister Benjamin. I am thankful for my education and for the strong women who taught me.

Mary Dauffenbach Zellmer, '69 – North Mankato, MN

The Hill represents tradition and a sense of peace to me. My family is in the fourth generation of being educated on those beautiful, sacred grounds. (Fifth generation if we count great great-grandma being taught to sew by the Sisters). I appreciate so much the sacrifices my parents made so that my sister and I could attend Good Counsel. My daughters attended school on The Hill at Loyola and now my grandchildren are at Loyola. So many good

memories from being on The Hill. Throughout my four years of high school, my daughters' and grandchildren's schooling and activities, in addition to my involvement with the Good Counsel Learning Center and the GCA Alumnae Board, I have been able to still feel very connected to The Hill. So many blessings!

Laura Butzer, '70 – Shorewood, WI

Taking liberty from Maya Angelou

I can't remember all that was said

I don't remember what I did

I will never forget how I felt-that I mattered.

Kathleen Kortz, '71 – Minneapolis, MN

GCA was a lifesaver for me, as a boarder; and I know for others as well. Home was a place I needed to get away from, and the town I was in had dreadful education. My first day at GCA was a revelation and relief. I actually considered applying to be a nun.

Marlene Bauer Houg, '71 – Mankato, MN

The Hill! I will miss the beauty of all the nature that surrounds Good Counsel Hill! The hidden treasures as I discovered walking on The Hill!! The awesome beauty of the Chapel!! All the people and things that brought me closer to Our Lord!!!

Anne Schlosser Menard, '73 - Loretto, MN

Those four years had a profound effect on my life. A large part of who I am today is because of my life at GCA. It is no wonder why 50 years later, I still remember as if it were yesterday.

Kathy Reed Day, '74 – Corinth, TX

My four years at GCA had a huge impact on who I am today! I didn't realize that at 15, 16, or 17! How I wish I could relive those years knowing what I know now. But I have a deeper level of faith in God, a greater respect for Sisters and Priests and will always remember my very closest friendships.

Peggy Thul Noga, '76 – Rochester, MN

I am grateful for the many caring teachers (SSND and lay teachers) who gave me a good education and encouraged and inspired me. I am also grateful for the friendships I made with classmates and other GCA students.



An Academic Perspective

Michele Keane, PhD; Class of '69

In addition to the individual reflections shared by alumnae in this issue, we are sharing some of the findings from Michele Keane's, '69, research on GCA as an institution and her summary of her interviews with students and faculty.

Michele's dissertation, *Educating for Gender Subversion: A Case Study of All-Female Catholic High School* (University of St. Thomas, Doctor of Education, June, 2003), was based on past studies that examined the relation between self-concept and single-sex versus coeducational schools and theoretical literature which explored the social issues surrounding education and the development of self. For example, one theorist developed a construct about how people develop when they work or live in institutions where a large number of like-situated people are cut off from the wider society for an appreciable amount of time. Another theorist described how a person can grow if they are in a public sphere where there can be informed discussion and reasoned agreement. This framework helped her develop her survey questions and analyze the results. Her dissertation referred to GCA as an All-Girl Academy (AGA) and changed the names of the people interviewed to protect their privacy.

Michele's study was a qualitative, single-site case study of Good Counsel Academy during the four year period of 1965-1969. The purpose of her research was to explore how the School Sisters of Notre Dame in an all-female, Catholic high school educated the young women in a counter-cultural way to eliminate the gender roles and biases of society and constructed alternative models for their students. It explored the development of leadership qualities in the young women attending school when women were considered subordinate within the patriarchal society and church. Michele researched how these young women were socialized to take themselves seriously, stand up for themselves, and become competent, authentic women who have a vision of what society could be and work toward that end.

She used four forms of data collection: an informal group conversation of 20 women from her graduating class, individual interviews with fellow students and two nuns who taught there during 1965-69, a written survey sent to 50 alumnae from her class, and documents about the founding

and mission of the School Sisters of Notre Dame (SSND). The interviewees included aspirants, boarders, and day students.

Michele's research included examining the history of the SSNDs and their mission. She stated, "I can look back now and recognize how the sisters lived their mission while teaching the young women who attended AGA (Good Counsel Academy). Before the beginning of the Women's Movement in the 1960's, when women's place in society was quite insignificant and powerless, the sisters modeled leadership and strength to their female students, empowering them to reach their full potential. The programs and extra activities exposed us to current social injustices and asked us to take initiatives to change them. With sisters working in thirty countries, global and societal concerns were among the topics for class discussion."

The results from her interviews showed how the nuns directed the students' small acts of rebellion to develop personal growth and confidence in the young women. Quoting from her dissertation, "With a public sphere free from domination and open to informed discourse, the students found their voices and began to practice leadership by challenging and questioning inequities. They learned they could bring about change and make a difference not by using force, but by using reason."

She quotes one of the respondents as saying, "We rebelled in small ways and in a safe place, nurturing activism in later life. From allowing different uniform shoes, to wearing earrings, to getting a student lounge, we were encouraged to learn the process in order to bring about change."

Based on her findings, Michele also concluded that the "nuns delegitimized the dominant patriarchal ideology by nurturing a feminist environment and creating a safe space for the young women to experiment with their new identities. The validity of society's and the church's claim to truth was being questioned by women and an alternative social structure was being constructed where women recognized their own worth and believed they could make a difference and used reasoned discourse rather than force to legitimize the new norms."

The interviews also illustrated how experiences varied for aspirants, boarders and day students. The aspirants and boarders reported having very structured schedules during the weekdays and weekends with assigned cleaning jobs, study halls, and very little free time. One person remembered having just one hour and twenty minutes of free time each day, broken up into three different sections. Another boarder recalled that, "You couldn't have anything

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in your room, no pictures, no posters, nothing on your dresser. Perhaps a statue of Jesus would be okay, but no clutter of any kind. As the nuns walked down the hall, they wanted to see the same thing in every room. So, you can imagine, my first year, I came with a trunk and it had things like shorts and pants and pictures of family and friends and all of this gobbledygook. I took it right back home because I couldn't use any of those, no family photos, no friends, no shorts, no pants. These things were not allowed. I think the idea was "Your focus is here. You are here to learn."

An alumna recalled that, "During the four years of high school, as an aspirant, the daily routine changed considerably. When I first came, I felt like we functioned like "little nuns", but by the time I graduated it was more of an environment in which to experience a form of Christian community. The environment that evolved when I was a junior and senior suggested a greater awareness of and attentiveness to the healthy development of young women, whether they became sisters or not."

The day student's schedule was tightly scheduled during school hours but they did not have to live under the "imposition of sequenced activities by those in authority" other than their parents.

The advantages of the school uniform were cited from a different perspective than the typical one of being economical. Several respondents thought the uniforms were freeing because they did not have to worry about looking cool for boys. One person said, "We knew what our rules were and the outside rules. We played the game. We all did our hair and went to the dances and wore tons of make-up and those little mini-skirt do-dahs, and platform heels. We did all that. But on the Hill, we were all equal. There wasn't that gender game to play."

Michele ended her dissertation by reflecting on her own experience. She asked herself, "Would my life's choices have been different if I had not attended AGA (Good Counsel Academy)? That is difficult to say. I do know that during those four years I was given the opportunity to recognize and develop my talents to their maximum. Most importantly, I know I learned the value of women and friendship. Was I aware of being a participant in someone else's vision? Absolutely not. But I am extremely grateful that the SSND had an alternative vision and wanted something more for women. In hindsight I can say it is because of their struggles, strength, and foresight that I am able to lead, model, and mentor as I do and continue to demonstrate an alternative ideology to those with whom I come in contact."

Research findings summarized & submitted by Nora Keenan '62

HOMECOMING 22

Sunday, April 24, 2022

Alumnae Homecoming plans usually start many months before the big day in April. We cancelled homecoming for 2020 and 2021 and acknowledge this resulted in great sadness for many alumnae, especially the anniversary classes. In discussing Homecoming 2022 with the Campus Administrator at Good Counsel, we were told to **let the planning begin!** So, with renewed excitement, we are looking forward to having the alumnae reuniting on **The Hill on Sunday, April 24, 2022.**

Besides the graduating classes having a special anniversary in 2022, we will plan to also highlight the anniversary classes that we missed the last two years when Homecoming was canceled.

Anniversary classes, or any classes, that wish to gather on Saturday before Homecoming, would benefit by having a Class Representative coordinating their reunion. Volunteers are welcome!

Class reps can obtain a current listing of their classmates, with their contact information, by contacting the Alumnae Office. Dolores Portz, our Alumnae Coordinator, can be reached at gcalumnae@ssndcp.org or 507-389-4279. But be assured, all alumnae are welcome to attend the all-school Homecoming in April. Please plan to attend if you are able. It will be the perfect time and perfect place to **Pause, Reflect, Dream**

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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, 2021.
Mail or email to:**

Good Counsel Alumnae Award
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GOOD COUNSEL AUXILIARY

Dear GC Graduates!

What a year it has been with the weaving in and out of the COVID-19 virus and its variant. Of course, this has called our sisters in skilled health care, the health care professionals, and all of us sisters to be open to the moment. In spite of restrictions, and Auxiliary Active Members not being able to come for regular visits, some opportunities are being offered in-house. The Activity Director offers small group sessions that include participation and stimulation. In addition, spiritual and educational opportunities are provided via zoom. However, they never replace face to face visits of members. As always, the source that sustains all of us is a faithful and loving God. A number of items have also been provided through your membership, including a special bed and mattress for special needs and other smaller items.

If you would like to support the Auxiliary's effort as an Active or Supportive member please fill out the form below.

*May you be richly blessed for your support, and may
Our Lady of Good Counsel, counsel and direct you!*

Gratefully,
S. Marion Welter, Moderator



Good Counsel Auxiliary MEMBERSHIP

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Please make your checks payable to Good Counsel Auxiliary.

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GCA Alumnae Association Financial Report

July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021

Given the uncertainty caused by the pandemic during this past year, we were pleasantly surprised to see that our income surpassed the amount received the previous fiscal year ending June 30, 2020. While you, the alumnae, did your part to keep our financial books in order, the board also took steps to reduce the expenses. We saved about a \$1,000 by communicating to you with a postcard this past Spring instead of the usual edition of ReEchoes. We felt we could make this change because Homecoming had to be cancelled again and the Spring issue usually carried Homecoming information, including pictures of the anniversary classes. With Homecoming canceled, our Coordinator was also able to reduce her hours slightly and thus reduce her salary from the previous year.

Here is a quick review of the year:

Balance Forward.....	\$15, 847.90
Income	
Operating Fund.....	+ \$7,895.00
(Dues and Donations)	
Coordinator’s Fund	+ \$1,415.00
(All Donations)	
Expenses	
ReEchoes, Fall 2020	\$2,584.60
(Printing and postage)	
Spring Postcard	\$623.61
(Printing and Mailing)	
Masses for Deceased Alumnae -	\$90.00
Salary for Coordinator -	\$3,166.11
Annual Donation to Auxiliary -	\$400.00
Misc. postage expense -	\$38.68
Ending Balance	\$18,254.90

As always, we are grateful to those who were able to pay their dues and make extra donations to help keep the association going. This allowed us to continue to provide the services enjoyed by the Alumnae Association, including our printed communications, Masses for the deceased alumnae, and our annual contribution to the SSND auxiliary.

Here is a breakdown of the donations:

- 192 alumnae paid their dues
- 35 alumnae paid dues for another alumna
- 39 alumnae contributed to the Coordinator’s Fund
- 94 alumnae donated extra money to the General Fund

As we look back over the past five years, you can see that this past year put us in a better position to meet the future.

Fiscal Year	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Starting Balance	\$22,710.55	\$17,615.90	\$18,819.37	\$17,736.78	\$15,847.90
Total Income	\$7,459.00	\$13,952.00	\$12,114.00	\$7,255.00	\$9,310.00
Total Expenses	\$12,553.65	\$12,748.53	\$13,196.59	\$9,143.88	\$6,903.00
Ending Balance	\$17,615.90	\$18,819.37	\$17,736.78	\$15,847.90	\$18,254.90
Net for Year	-\$5,094.65	+\$1,203.47	-\$1,082.59	-\$1,888.88	+\$2,407.00
	(Difference between income and expenses for each year)				

We are grateful for those who have given us their email address, as this helps us to cut expenses. With the email addresses, we are able to print fewer copies of ReEchoes and it also saves a lot in postage costs.

Last summer we reached out to those for whom we had an email address on file and asked them to tell us how their lives were impacted by the coronavirus. Their responses were printed in the Fall issue of ReEchoes.

This summer we again sent an email blast and asked for comments on what going to GCA meant to them, or what they missed most, or how being a student at GCA helped form who they became as an adult. You will enjoy reading those responses in this issue. Sending these emails is the quickest and cheapest way for us to contact you. So please forward your email address to us if you have not done so already. For those who do not have email, having a current mailing address on file allows us to avoid paying the post office a fee for each returned piece of mail. Please continue to 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. And it helps us all to stay connected – which is what the alumnae association is all about.

Deceased Alumnae since Aug 2020

1933	Frances Beckel Landwehr	5/21/21
1934	Dorothy Seifert Savchuck	6/20/05
1940	Catherine Wimmer Bennett	9/5/14
1941	Sister Beth Haltiner	4/17/21
1942	Sister Miriam Saumweber	9/13/20
1942	Ruth Schmitt Huss	1/16/21
1942	Charlotte Dauk Frederick	8/22/21
1943	Margaret Ann Yackel Fogelberg	11/7/20
1945	Sister Justin Wirth	2/4/21
1946	Edith Fasnacht Dauk	5/20/21
1946	Helen Burkel Neubert	9/11/21
1947	Mary Roiger Ziegler	8/17/20
1947	Sister Mary Arthur Kunze	9/18/20
1947	Sylvia Fasnacht Schneider	10/7/20
1948	Valerie Sandwick Vogel	1/29/21
1949	Marjorie Arnst O'Reilly	1/12/21
1949	Mary Ulmen Haley	4/12/21
1949	Mary Ann Fasnacht McMonigal	4/29/21
1950	Jean Baker Germscheid	8/30/20
1950	Sister Mary Catherine Holker	12/18/16
1951	Norma Rose Kollars	8/12/20
1951	Kathleen Mans Krause	9/21/20
1951	Mary Jean Bush Cole	6/25/21
1951	Deloris Kubishak Miller	8/11/21
1952	Dorothy Ulmen Cain	8/18/20
1952	Joanne Gilland Ficks	7/18/14
1953	Linnea Person Kneip	4/11/21
1954	Barbara Johnson	7/7/05
1954	Audrey Palmer Kieker	9/2/21
1954	Mary Trisler Christian	9/25/20
1954	Joan O'Hara Bates	4/20/20
1954	Sister Alice Druffel	4/2/21
1955	Dolores Tarpay Hoehn	11/28/20
1956	Phyllis Braun Kocher	8/6/20
1956	Geraldine Gorman Zietler	10/9/20
1956	Sister Marcene Schlosser	12/14/20
1956	Margaret Rein	3/6/20
1958	Joan Hesse Glisczinski	2/13/21
1959	Marilyn Back Galvin	9/26/20
1960	Jane Jirges Jahner	1/2/21
1961	Mary Ellen Goettl Probst	5/14/21
1962	Janet Austin Lazar	1/3/21
1962	Ann Durenberger Chantler	9/21/20
1966	Susan Lenz Anfinson	9/24/20
1966	Mary Huberty	6/1/21
1966	Margaret Morafka Krawczyk	unknown
1966	Patricia Fromelt Wheaton	9/1/21
1967	Maureen Vosburg Warmington	10/17/20
1967	Sharon Jordan Steinbach	7/10/21
1977	Lisa Johnson	6/2/21

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 who have passed away 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 Alumnae who passed away.

Birthdays of Sisters over 90

Oct - 3	Mary Tacheny
Oct - 8	Maris Stella Waselak
Oct - 13	M. Agnes Claire Krogman
Oct - 17	Cerella Baumgartner
Oct - 29	Mary Gen Olin
Nov - 3	Mary Myles Schwahn
Nov - 24	Mary Owen Stevermer
Dec - 8	Lalande Hennen
Dec - 10	Mary Lauren Spence
Dec - 24	M. Noel Ewald
Feb - 22	Monica Grathwohl
Feb - 26	Mary Dominic Klaseus
Mar - 6	Catherine Ann Kallhoff
Mar - 11	Germaine Mulcahey
Mar - 29	Alice Zachmann

2021 Jubilarians Celebrated July 25, 2021 on the Hill

75 Years

Mary Alene Kuhn '43

70 Years

Mary Louise McKenna '48

Mary Owen Stevermer '48

60 Years

Mary Ann Kuttner '58

Denay Ulrich '59

Bernadette Welter '59

Rose Ann Ficker '59

Classes of '80 and '81 Share Historic Reunion by Zoom

Last year, at the Class of 1980's 40th reunion, we decided as a group to a) meet up again via Zoom this year, and b) invite the 'Juniors' on what would have been THEIR 40th. The Classes of '80 and '81 were roughly the same size- just over 30- and little info was to be had in the Alumnae archives on their whereabouts. However, when serendipity called, the Juniors answered! They reached out to each other via email, Facebook, and two of them even saw each other's names on LinkedIn and connected mere days before the reunion! Most astonishing, they hadn't seen each other in 40 years. Like I said- serendipity.

Those of us who were there can still recall that tragic day in 1980; we gathered in assembly on bleachers in the gym, where our Principal, Sr. Mary Walter (now Sr. Kate Duval) announced the closing of the school. The Seniors knew we dodged the bullet, and simultaneously felt the heartbreak of the Juniors. Throughout the years, in their absence from reunions on the Hill and elsewhere, conversation always included a version of 'I hope they're ok.' I am happy to report: The Kids Are Alright!

Not only are they 'ok', they're thriving. That's not to say they didn't face challenges after the disruption and turmoil of the Academy closing- they did- but they managed to press onward and cultivate lives rich with successful careers, husbands, children, grandchildren, parents, and the community. Despite the hand they were dealt, the consensus was clear: they wouldn't have traded their experiences on the Hill for anything, and brought all of its unique benefits along with them as they moved forward to other schools and beyond.

Several in attendance were originally from Mankato; they re-assimilated with classmates whom they'd known at school prior to attending classes on the Hill. Others, who were from out of town, felt it more acutely; as one so aptly put it: "I don't know how my life would have been different had I graduated from Good Counsel; I just know that it would."

The class of 1980 had Ann Brockman Gergen from Minnesota, Mary Hack Radnich from New Mexico, Shawn Regan Parker from New York and Mary Drummer from California in attendance.

Spread across North America the class of '81, Elaine Delichte O'Keefe hailed from Winnipeg, Canada, Kathy Breiter Ramirez from Wisconsin, Nadine Bissonette Schuler from Washington, Marie Robberstad Cotta from Montana, Gloria Murilla Doescher from North Dakota, Julie Brandt, SSND from Missouri and Nadine Sehnert, holding down Minnesota. Sending their regards were Lisa Bruender Siebert and Jean Hoppa Fenderman from

Minnesota and Mary Sonnek Hayney, another Wisconsinite. Retired, directing in IT, NICU and travel nursing, photography, theater and women's rights, they have and are continuing to make contributions to their families, aging parents, and society. Special mention must be made to Julie Brandt, who recently completed her doctorate in Educational Leadership, and professed 34

years ago with the SSND! The jury is still out on the title of 'Dr.', 'Sister', or 'Dr. Sister', but we were happy to celebrate the accomplishment with her. (And no, she does not know all the plans for the Hill, so don't ask!)

Sadly, the Class of '81 has already suffered two losses of their own; Dee Lawrence, and Theresa Lethert.

For the other classes who were not able to congregate due to the pandemic, we highly encourage the use of programs such as Zoom or Microsoft Teams to stay connected. We certainly didn't imagine the wonders of technology being able to connect us 40 years ago, but everyone was grateful for the opportunity to connect with each other. Many of the Seniors have been meeting with some regularity since last year, and we're the better for it; in the days of masked faces and limited social gatherings, chatting with the people we've known for nearly all of our lives has been a welcome respite from the isolation most of us have felt for the last 17 months. We're all looking forward to maintaining the re-connections of friendship in the years to come!



Zoom screen shot submitted by Mary Hack Rodnich, '80

Mary Drummer, '80



Since our Spring correspondence was by post card, we were not able to print out Mail Bag entries that were sent in last fall. That is why some are 'old' news. But, here they are!

1949

Laverne Dick Beaudry – St Michael, MN

I have been at the Legacy of St. Michael for three years with my husband, Earl, who passed away very peacefully on April 6, 2020. I am trying hard to be a widow, but find it very lonely. I am under Assisted Living and all the help are very kind and good to me.

1950

Anne Connor Frederick – North Mankato, MN

Monarch Meadows has been in "lock-down" for several months now. I do a lot of reading and, of course, the TV is on!!

1951

Maxine Embacher Griffin – Mankato, MN

I hope to make it to Homecoming for our 70th Anniversary. I made the 40, 50, 60 - year anniversaries. Our ranks are thinning with age but, these events provide special experiences and wonderful memories to cherish.

1952

Alice Kramer Thull – Lucan, MN

Hi Classmates! Hope to see you Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at 11:30 luncheon at Emma Krubee's on Hwy 169. Open for all. No special invites or reservations needed. Just show up! Surprise us.

1954

Judith Schweiss Johannessen – Maplewood, MN

Although I attended GCA for only two years (1950-1952), it has always been a treasured part of my life. Thank you so very much for keeping in touch!

1955

Bernadine Bless Paul – Maquoketa, IA

I continue to quilt for my family and for a group from our parish called Sacred Heart Quilts for Charity. We donate to homes for unwed mothers – nursing homes - funeral homes and for the poor and homeless as well as for many fundraisers.

1959

Sandra Defries Oster – Edina, MN

Roger and I are 'snowbirds' and are in Arizona for the winter.

1964

Esther Wagner – St. Paul, MN

When I first read Mary Kay Dregler Reed's obituary I recalled our senior year on Echoes Staff when Mary Kay and I did some of the artwork. I enjoyed some good memories, and appreciated her talents.

Yesterday I had my first cataract surgery. Today my eye test was nearly 20/20!!!! Wow! After another COVID test and 6 days quarantine I'll have the left eye done as well. I'm grateful for the medical advances over the years!

In June I retired after my last teaching endeavor of 13 years as an ESL teacher of adult Immigrants in MPLS. It was a blessing to be touched by beautiful people from many countries who were daily grateful for education. I await September when I will FEEL retired and not preparing English classes when others are "back to school" in unique styles whether on sight or online!!!! What lies ahead for me has not been revealed.

Stay safe, all of you! We still have more to do to bring peace to all people on earth! It's great to touch base with you. Zoom could be a fun experience. Take care!

1965

Marilyn Curran – Eagan, MN

At age 70 I retired from Abbott Hospital working as a RN in Mental Health. At present I'm working as a Health Educator for Zinzino Company. I love teaching people how to get their body in balance and boost their immunity. This is a popular topic right now.

1967

Linda Margotto Kaiser – St. Cloud, MN

I retired as Director of Catholic Education Ministries for the Diocese of St. Cloud in January, 2020. I served in Catholic Education for over 48 years. My husband, John, and I have five children and are the proud grandparents of 14 grandchildren. Our oldest grandson was married this past summer. Where does time go??

1972

Linda Trappe Schreiber – St Cloud, MN

Retired February 2020 from the Society of Christian Ethics as executive Administrator. Had looked forward to travel in 2020, which is now on hold.



1941

1946

Evelyn Lattner Odegaard - Hutchinson, MN

I was really disappointed to receive your mail informing us of no spring meeting. I was in class with Sister Alice Zachman and was trying to get a carful. My two sisters and I, Sunny, were fortunate to come to Good Counsel the four years we lived in Mankato. I worked side by side with Sister Kathryn on the school paper and year books. I loved Good Counsel and all the beautiful ladies that taught us.

1951

Maxine Embacher Griffin - Mankato, MN

As Homecoming is cancelled this year and it would be my class of '51's 70th anniversary, I'd like to say hello to my classmates. I have many wonderful memories of school days and 40th, 50th, and 60th anniversaries which will sustain me through this unfortunate year. God Bless you all. Just laying low and hope to get vaccine soon.

Pat Breiter O'Neil - Palm Desert, CA

I was so looking forward to our 70th! Perhaps we can have a ZOOM gathering if someone knows how to set that up. I'm still playing golf 2-3 times weekly. My kids and eight grand kids keep me happy, both real and virtual!

1952

Mary Jirik Raney - Northfield, MN

Thinking of all friends and classmates at this Homecoming time. God Bless!

1959

Pat Citrowski Buysse - York Springs, PA

Hi Classmates and friends, Don and I came through COVID. I was not very sick, but still can't taste or smell much—but improving. Don was in the hospital for a week, but is fine and off oxygen now. We carry on by the grace of God, serving Christ in our church and trusting Him to see us through the future years. He is coming again! John 14:1-3. My book about my years at Good Counsel, "On Fridays We Dance", is selling well on Amazon. Check it out!

1962

Pauline Eischens, SSND - Mankato, MN

I feel I was blessed this past year. In lockdown, we Sisters had each other's loving support. Also, it was good to connect with many of you on Facebook.

1965

Marilyn Curran - St. Paul, MN

Since graduating I received my RN degree as an adult. I have three children and seven grandchildren. During the Pandemic I have really been grateful for my 12 Step Community. We meet weekly via Zoom and remind each other we are under

the care and protection of God. This community of like-minded women is so important to me. As a retired Nurse, I've started working in a business as a Health and Wellness Educator. We provide TEST BASED NUTRITION SUPPLEMENTS. I love doing Zoom meetings with my clients. I love helping people get their body in balance. I'd love to talk to you. 612-384-9500

Judy Meuleners Vanderlinde - Delano, MN

Life has been good. My husband, John, and I have been married 54 years. We have four children and ten grandchildren. I like to stay busy so am still working at our real estate office. We live on ten acres by Delano where I enjoy nature and my large gardens and then we winter in The Villages, Florida. I am so grateful for GCA and the SSND's. Wishing you all of God's blessings.

1966

Jacqueline Neubert Shay - Wauwatosa, WI

I finally retired in 2020 from my work as a physical therapist in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit in the Children's Hospital here in Milwaukee. I loved the work helping to care for the development of the precious neonates. I'm happy to have more time to be with my husband and children and their families all near me. We have been blessed not to get sick during this pandemic. We have spent more time reading, in Bible study, praying many rosaries and have discovered we love jigsaw puzzles! We're anxious to get back to mass and the sacraments after our vaccinations. Love to all of you and I pray you are well!

1967

Gigi Nelson Portner - New Ulm, MN

Since January 1, 2017, I have been devoting my mornings to reading poetry. It's a wonderful new world for me. It has given me strength, joy, and inspiration - a help during this time of COVID restrictions.

Beverly Sellner Sanders - Rochester, MN

I had cataract surgery on both eyes in January, 2020. What a thrill to see so clearly. Astigmatism does force me to wear glasses, though. I lost my only brother in January, 2020 to a sudden undiagnosed heart condition. Now my younger and only sister will be having surgery for a recurrence of breast cancer after being cancer free for eight years. She and I are trusting God once again.

1970

Martha Winter Wright - Loveland, CO

Hello to my friends of GCA Class of 1970. It's hard to believe it's been 51 years. I'm retired after teaching grades 1-3 and working retail. My

husband and I did the whole Cub/Boy Scout thing which was fun. We have two sons and five grandchildren that all live fairly close by. My hobbies are scrapbooking and hanging out with my elderly Yorkie.

I think of you often. My Facebook is Martha Winter Wright. Love to all.

1971

Joanie Dauffenbach Nichols – Otsego, MN

I live in Otsego, MN with my husband, Richard, and my puppy, Sky. During the pandemic I have enjoyed time outside mowing grass, pulling weeds, walking in the driveway for exercise, and playing with the dog. Inside the house I have experimented with new recipes, gave Richard a haircut, read, did puzzles, played board games, did a little decluttering, and played more with the dog. Life is good.

1977

Paula Ann Mulready Peck – Mamaroneck, NY

Thanks to all of you who keep this effort moving ahead. God bless our Hill! We're very interested in the care of elder sisters as well.

1978

Mary Jeanine Ward – Greer, SC

The majority of my career has been spent leading the Human Resources function in legal and corporate settings. After moving from Minnesota to Greer, South Carolina in 2014, I decided to take a step back. Currently I give advice and counsel on employment matters such as policies, performance, and compensation, to the management team and senior attorneys at a major international labor and employment firm. Yes, lawyers also sometimes need advice. There are many fond memories of our days at Good Counsel – pep fest, playing discs and cards over the lunch hour, jaunts to the A&W and the mall, and trying to (not) blow up S. Yvonne's chemistry lab! I hope to visit the Hill before the sale is finalized and the sisters move on, perhaps at homecoming if it is held next year. Much, no doubt, has changed there over the years and it's sad to know the SSND's will no longer inhabit that beautiful space.

The graduation photos of the anniversary classes of 1942, 1947, 1952, 1957, 1962, 1967, 1972, 1977, and 1982 will be included in the Spring ReEchoes.

CLASS Photos

80 Years ~ 1941



Row Four - Louise McGaughey, Bernice VonRueden Grinney, Marianne DeMarre Sosnowski, Jeanne Grohs Huber, Mary Ann Lipetzky, Katherine Wynne Vorisek, Marcella Dunham Hedberg, Geraldine Olson Peterson, Dolores Schmitz, Joan Kettler, Thelma Vetsch and Betty Ann Haltiner.
Row Three - Rose Ann White Hall, Ellen Wallace Melander, Rita Danish Naylon, Edna Mae Johnson Milnor, Patricia Raverty Lutz, Mary Ruth Oster Zephirin, Mary Goshey Barrett, Patricia Reichel, Rita Marie Lethert Sagarsky, Carol O'Connor, Mary Jan Lyons Wesson and Charlotte Thomas Moore.
Row Two - Bernadine Tillman Hiebl, Sylvia Pidde Bruender, Lorraine Weber Sorenson, Mary Ann Blunt, Cyrilla Zwaschka Beal, Lenore Moen Szczepanski, Monica Boeckman, Eloise Husnik Kaliher, Dorothy Soutar Struck, Betty Weyhe Lindeen, Virginia Flanders Finn and Margaret Ellen Traxler.
Row One - Eileen Feeney Bovee, Laura Reinhart, Mary Lou Brown Moore, Geraldine Bonesteel Lindeen, Adeline Hagen, Mary Ann Voss Chirpich, Agreda Kettler Monn, Dolores Waldoch, Irene Smith Johnson-Ament, Beverly Roux Culbert and Kathleen Daugherty Schulte.

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75 Years ~ 1946



Row Four - Jean Gruenzner Weber, Mary Ann Hiniker Kelly, Marjorie Lichteig Kenyon, Audrey Oberle Hilgert, Mary Teresa Bornong, Valeria Theis, Ruth Kohner Doherty, Gloria Longenecker Schwab, Jean Nuebel Posz, Mary Ann King Weigenant, Patricia Wiggin Hanson, Patricia Clemens Berendt, Margaret Hayes Pahl and Martha Smolka Anderson.
Row Three - Joan Lenertz Steinhauser, Mary McQuiggan Coutre, Charlotte Tacheny Jansen, Mary Kozitza Smith, Audrey Tschohl Kelly, Yvonne Carpentier Stenzel, Mary Ann Lorentz Goetl, Elizabeth Gorman Furlette, Patricia Gruber, Rosemary Anfang, Ann Jankowski Reiter, Jeannine Walsh, Rosemary Thielgen Schuster and Esther Theis Weinzierl.
Row Two - Helen Burkel Neubert, Rose Deinhart Stark, Magdalene Zweber Brown, Marcella Minea, Monica Leifeld, Evelyn Lattner Odegaard, Patricia Kiffe Borchert, Adele Brenner Hoerr, Clare Carlstrom Hollerich, Pearl Smith Supansick, Doris Hacker Rehder, Betty Mae Stokes Merritt, Jean Simonett Bauer and Mary Ahern Schomaker.
Row One - Jean Miller Honetschlager, Bettie Krantz Kleinschmidt, Donna Thomas Brooks, Edith Fasnacht Dauk, Lorraine Jolian Cazin, Carmella Richie Giersdorf, Phyllis Krier Hiniker, Joan Benson, Clarine Roy Eull, Beverly Schmitt Hansen, Patricia Sommer Lilley, Bernadette Thiry Anderson, Marie Hentges Spoerner and Donna Denboer.

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70 Years ~ 1951



Row Four - Eleanor Killion, Annabelle Becker, Mary Edwin (Dorena) Lanners, Kathryn Stokman Schnepp, Phyllis Bendel, Helen Paul McCormick, Mary Ann Kraus Neary, Mary Agnes Boyle Splittsoesser, Norma Rose Kollars, Marilyn Fallenstein, Ruth Altmann McNamara and Patricia Leuze Mandery.
Row Three - Gloria Zweber, Mary Jane Busch Cole, Anna Marie Bauer Hauch, Kathleen Mans Krause, Harriet Schmitt Griffin, Roseanne Weydert Barnard, Paul Therese (Phyllis) Saiko, Vincent Marie (Florence) Teuber, Doris Welter, Lavonne Bregel Cahill and Patricia Frost.
Row Two - Jane DeMuth Conlin, Charlotte Toohey Mullin, Diane Schmidt Peterson, Maxine Embacher Griffin, Patricia Ryan Hallagan, Helen Lee Murphy, Celine Roeck Templeton, Gloria Banks Huss, Corinne Swift Page, Beverly Kesler Freeman and Patricia Thier Herrington.
Row One - Catherine Bartscher, Jean Schneider, Kathleen Fitterer Hodapp, Patricia Breiter O'Neil, Joan Thyken, Dolores Kubishak Miller, Jean Stroebel Leonhardt, Mary Cunningham, Mary Kuehn Lorentz, Mary Lee Gaffey Schmitz and Marjorie Tacheny Buechner.

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65 Years ~ 1956



Row Five - Margaret Forster Edwards, Rosemary Schuneman, Mary Kay Dorn Pritchard, Kathleen Spencer, Ivona Fritz Wichmann, Jodell Cain Grams, Juliann Knapp Conley, Mary Ann Townsend, Barbara Koehler Cory, Virginia Boettcher Knesel, Patricia Muellerleile Lenertz, Margie Cornelius Van Berkom, Julia Ortiz Bryant and Jane Althoff Ward.
Row Four - Marilyn Wilmes Slama, Renee Lenertz Amundson, Margaret Loebner Olson, Patricia Tacheny Swearingen, Mary McGreevy, Patricia Zins Marcotte, Karen Haack, Catherine Fasnacht Walechka, Geraldine Norby, Deanna Steinberg Robinson, Phyllis Thomas Maiers, Judith Willette King and Donna Lenzmeier Encomienda.
Row Three - Patricia Willems Papenfuss, Margaret Rein, Judith Rothfork, Marlene Siegle Roufs, Marlene Steichen Herold, Katherine Moris Girtz, Dorothy Wagner, Barbara Binczick Cote, Suzanne Menshek, Claren Wermerskirchen Ries, Myrna Guillemette Maiorka, Suzanne Eichler and Marie Smith.
Row Two - Marcene Schlosser, Joyce Rother Cobian, Margaret Dahlheimer, Mary Alice Sonnek Detke, Kathleen Osborne Meyer, Judith Ascheman Pletz, Sharon Reasner Mullally, Carolyn Gerlach Bigelbach, Kathleen Fernholz, Gretchen Finney Becker, Janet Majerus, Angela Kuntz Fallor and Joanne Kozitza Theissen.
Row One - Mary Jean Anton Boeckmann, Donna Hogan Burke, Theresa Bach Bartholomew, Joan Sadler Youngblut, Ann Schoch, Geraldine Gorman Ziegler, Carol Hussong Leopold, Judith Miller Smith, Rosella Hejlik Tisl, Carole Plante, Constance Brakke Edwards, Phyllis Braun Kocher and Sandra Brown Clingman.

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60 Years ~ 1961



Row Five - Barbara Stoll Gillis, Diane Sterner, Helen Carlson Miller-O'Malley, Patricia Hilyer Jacobson, Constance Mau Fleming, Maryetta Reasner McCarty, Judith Murphy Coutts, Mary Jakobe Adams, Jane Murphy Gleason, Patricia Keenan Johnson, Jane Johnson Deeming, Rosemary Hodapp Dummer, Gay Wernecke Bowers, Mary Jenson Johnston, Mary Lou Gatzmeyer, Margaret Fitzke Ericksen, Mary Burkel James and Lucia Hoffman.
Row Four - Mary Coughlin Rose, Mary Hancuh Case, Marlys Koehler Widmark, Lynn Magnell, Judith Mulder Flanery, Janet Derner, Joan Engel Patterson, Margaret Magnell, Karen Eichten Timm, Mary Holtkamp, Lucy Forster Zemanek, Mary Jean Cirhan Griffin, Mary Lee Udelhofen Stern, Janice Frederick Heiser, Ann Groh Gardner, Jo Ann Johnson, and Gloria Potz.
Row Three - Phyllis Keltgen Rivard, Karen Reichel Melby, Katheen Ruddy Dorn, Anne McQuaid, Mary White Japel, Jackie Krueger McDonald, Joan Nikolai Lester, Noreen Hartwig Hiniker, Dorothy Barnett Renner, Sharon Rollings, Susan Bohrer Malmberg, Jeanne Cuddy Mueller, Mary Fisk Scobee, Mary Ellen Goettl Kamas, Suzanne Scharber Rinehart and Mary Carr Allenburg.
Row Two - Karen Fischer Goettlicher, Patricia Dumont Birch, Patricia Carlson Anthony, Marie Latessa Drackert, Mary Smith McLaughlin, Joyce Reinhart Nyers, Margaret Smith McLaughlin, Carol Wusow Fredrickson, Colleen Pearson Bianchi, Kathleen Bach Clinton, Mary Cay Burg Senger, Linda Votca Carole, Marie Kreidermacher Skidmore, Suzanne Krenik Pundt, Kay Postels Rensink and Veronica Schoch Weber.
Row One - Janet Willette Janicke, Virginia LaFrance, Mary Jewison, Sharon Zachman Monson, Mary Weisgram, Marilyn Lindblom, Mary Ann Hall Sandersfeld, Karen Baynes Johnson, Sharon Waldoch, Sharon Gilligan, Judith Krueger Siebenaler, Helen McCloskey Golay, Judith Fitzpatrick Kresge, Mary Jean Dale Kelly and Loriann (Madonna) Stanton.

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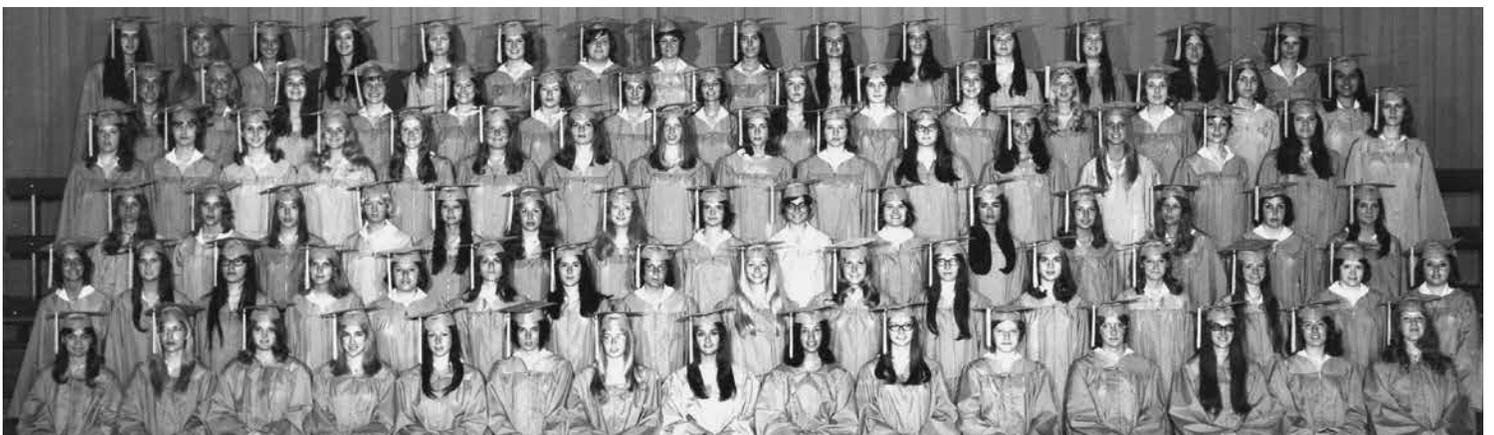
55 Years ~ 1966



Row Six - Colleen McQuaid Campbell, Susan Lenz Anfinson, Mary Hutcherson Chamberlain, Linda Wallin Ingli, Karen Buskey Myhill, Pamela Roozen Hartwell, Gloria Cyr Adrian, Sandra Miller Roberts, Kaylene Pieper Lemke, Linda Ulmen Schweiss, Colleen Quillin Weibel, Virginia Mariner Schroer, Gwen Biedscheid Plaster, Cynthia Hall, Mary Walser Tatarek, Jacqueline Schmitz Huerpe and Janet Kieber Murphy. **Row Five** - Marlene King Haack, Carol Jordan Vosburgh, Mary Riley Oney, Susanne DeVlaeminch Schaub, Mary Kenne Jones, Karen Hinkle Heaton, Carol Orchard Truax, Mary Gemlo, Barbara Broderick Weatherwax, Marajo Loeffler Fradenburgh, Judith Wagner, Jo Ankrum Gunderson, Patricia Fromelt Wheaton, Margaret Devney Bruks, Susan Maxfield Houtsma, Lona Laven Skaja and Sharon Fasnacht Gray. **Row Four** - Irene Bles Embacher, Mary Gitter Zehnder, Bernadette Moes Kieffer, Patricia Good Brand, Joanne Schons Baker, Mary Devney Holets, Dianne Davis Andros, Marcia Lievan Hunziker, Mary Berger Chaves, Mary Huberty, Mary Glodek Merkl, Patricia Storms Peitz, Susan Frederick Kegley, Karen Stuve Sargent, Mary Milbradt Harris, Gloria Kelly McCall and Judith Lang Reich. **Row Three** - Carole DeGonda McAfee, Susan Kurash Fausch, Julia Wollschlager Bakeberg, Carol Colby Maas, Lorrie Chapman Hansen, Donna Rauchman McGuff, Kathleen Cervantes, Patricia Neary Bieber, Sandra Haefner Deuser, Judith Weicherding Anderson, Mary Brown Beckman, Bonnie Schulte Stone, Julie Hoehn Kroubetz, Barbara Marsh Budde, Cynthia Hiniker Erickson, Cynthia Day and Karen Krautkremer Melchior. **Row Two** - Ruth Busta, Linda Walrath Kettner, Gloria Frederick, Susanne Liebl Lommen, Diane Kuhn Rose, Ida Sonnek Arnold, Sheila Murphy, Jean Landkamer Tagatz, Teresa Dickerman Roy, Marie Fernholz Giesen, Cecilia Marie Warner, Mary Willette, Jacqueline Neubert Shay, Judith Bach Etherington, Kathryn Fritz Hansen and Maray Koskovich Weller. **Row One** - Patricia Barry Pelton, Nancy Rauschendorfer Iserman, Cheryl Pieper Westerlund, Therese Umhoefer Saye, Catherine Pihale Fox, Kathleen Huettl Crawford, Kathleen Powers Howard, Virginia Hensel Lavoie, Constance Tuma Brandt, Geneva Willems Perrizo, Emilie Stahler, Susan Thissen Blankensop, Mary Gacke Holman, Catherine Annette Byrne, Sandra Beck Donnay and Sandra Connor Schaper. **Not pictured** - Stephany Gilbert Flakker and Bridget Hunziker Butzer

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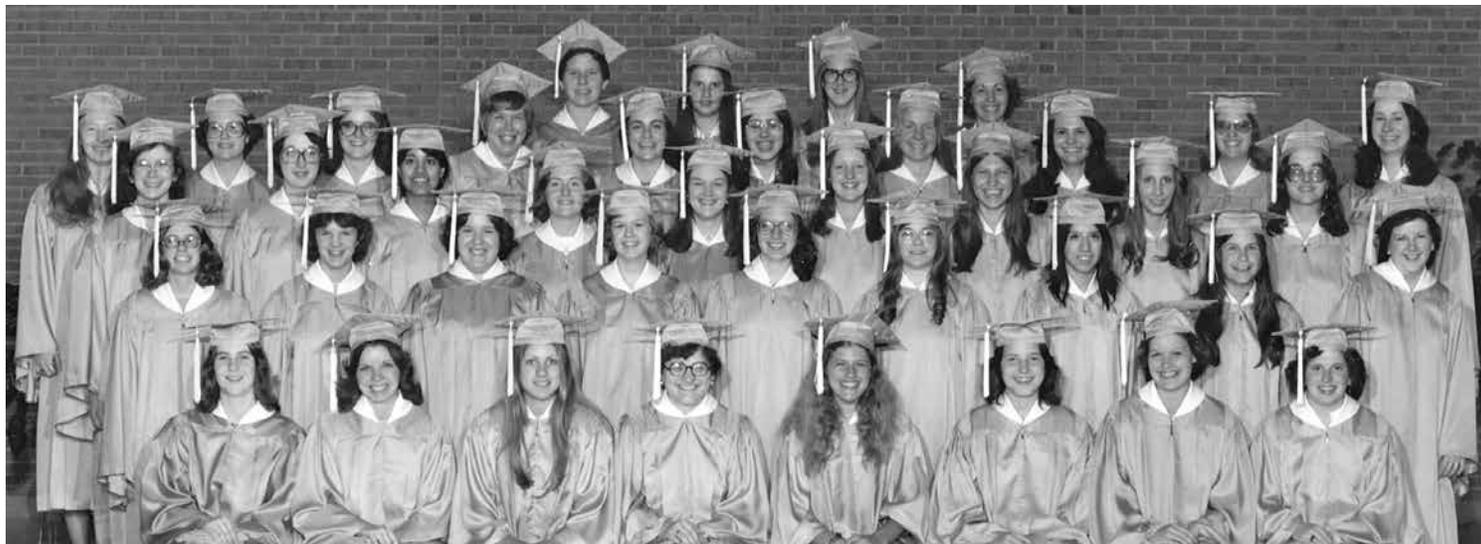
50 Years ~ 1971



Row Six - Maureen Traxler, Patricia Curran Martin, Belinda Butzer Wilson, Kathleen Kortz Ganapes, Joyce Pouliot, Dawn Dickmeyer Stone, Patricia Schramski, Jane Long Fossen, Joan Hunziker Dean, Janet Niichel, Marianne Ross Mullaly, Penny O'Sullivan Koerner, Catherine Bowser Guggenberger, Kathryn Alders Peckman and Catherine Jewett. **Row Five** - Patricia McFall, Holly Zimmerman LeVoir, Theresa Weimert McLaughlin, Nancy Haefner Simmonds, Marlene Bauer Houg, Sara Weisgram Keller, Donna Farm Stanke, Virginia Schwamberger Hoffman, Margaret Huettl, Joreen Pestka Eisel, Jane Reasner Hoffrogge, Mary Kehoe Joerg, Donna Frederick Tatge, Susan Davidson and Suwattana Yamskul. **Row Four** - Mary Geurs, Nora Marka Sandvig, Candice Hiniker Mathiason, Ann Kennedy Fossey, Janet Groh Ito, Ann Conley Juberian, Kathleen Wandersee Pikus, Susan Willaert Olson, Susan Guillemette Conde, Amelia Herzberg Herz, Monica Marzen Mauzey, Roxanne Jabbra Gunther, Peggy Thilgen Kinney, Carren Morrill Schultz, Mary Schaub Bolin and Margaret Gergen Swenson. **Row Three** - Cathleen Charrey, Karen Schuman Berkholz, Deborah Hughes Dallman, Kathy Odden Pepper, Deb Bennett Frederick, Barbara Teschner Nelson, Mary Beth Nowacki Haack, Nancy Umhoefer Meyers, Mary Warner, Cheryl Marie Wagner, Rosa Nava Stenner, Marie Macho, Christine Mitchell Balek, Virginia Dickerman Ives and Laney Buethe. **Row Two** - Patricia Sloan Mortensen, Mary Broderick Kluck, Kathleen Armendariz, Alane Reintjes Reichel, Ruth Guzman Jimenez, Colleen Allen Lynard, Eileen Allen Reichel, Rita Reichel Amundson, Janna Kocher Connolly, Gail Prokop Kerr, Julie Green, Joan Dauffenbach Nichols, Debra Johnson Prenzlou, Susan Fortier Miles, Sue Tiller, and Rosa Guzman. **Row One** - Jan Overson Rimmel, Linda Juberian Suter, Jane Graif Haefner, Gloria Leiferman Herzberg, Karen Miller Byers, Janet Blackman Torgerson, Kimberly Burgess Hoffrogge, Ivona Garza, Martha Bejar, Kathy Scheurer Kurth, Nancy Lueken Voght, Deborah DeVlaeminch McQueen, Mary Murphy, Harriet Winter Seaver and Sheila Tierney Jamieson.

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45 Years ~ 1976



Row Five - Roberta Schmitz, Donna Brockman Schumacher, Bernadette Steinbauer and Nancy Schmidt Hayes.

Row Four - Dustine Murray, Julie Busch Simons, Sharon Murphy Burns, Teresa Decker Vogel, Marcelle Montagne, Kris Rykhus, Karen Kelly Hemler, Deborah Iverson Fogal, Julie Wilmott Christensen and Theresa Barrett Pesch.

Row Three - Mary Breiter, Sheila Murphy Ferraro, Margaret Saba Smith, Kathy Petrie, Karen Davis Plummer, Dodie Klingel Adam, Carol Decker, Sue Natzke Raube and Julie Hirschboeck.

Row Two - Margaret Thul Noga, Jody Milbrett Ballantyne, Laurie McAndrew, Mary Stenger Romeo, Judy Willaert Stephens, Teresa Warner, Sharon Armendariz Bunde, Mary Mahoney Voight and Molly McGraw Kraft.

Row One - Tami Wampach Aker, Jackye Nish McAlister, Kathy Forsyth Brielmaier, Christine Phillips Black, Kari Knese Mills, Peggy Drummer Mason, Sheila Drummer Lindblom and Shirley Willaert.

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40 Years ~ 1981



Row Four - Jean Reha, Deb Amundson Sitzmann, Tessa Eagleton Cramer, Mary Hadd, Julie Brandt and Angie Miller.

Row Three - Lynne Schemmel, Mary McDermott, Vicki Eichten McMurlyn, Lisa Bruender Sieberg, Nadine Bissonette Schuler, Sherri Mohrland West and Jean Hoppa Sunderman.

Row Two - Dea Laurence Hutchinson, Denise Murilla Hoehn, Mary Sonnek Hayney, Kathy Breiter Ramirez, Christianne Unutzer, Mary Neppel, Peggy Wilmes Arce and Guadalupe Palau.

Row One - Elisa Robles, Karen Rostron, Peggy Murray, Pilar Iturriaga, Elaine Delighte O'Keefe, Kim Schmidt Drager and Gloria Murilla Doescher.

Homecoming Reunion Memories

1949

LaVerne Dick Beaudry – St Michael, MN

I received the magazine “Trust and Dare” from Africa and came to the article of Sister Maris Simon with whom I know. She was a classmate of mine for 49ers. I remember her smile and sweet personality.

1953

Rosemary Bach Valentas – Houston, TX

April 2018, after driving from Texas, I arrived in Mankato the day prior to Homecoming. I enjoyed the warm hospitality of my cousin, GCA alum Mary Therese Willette Studer '48 that afternoon and night in her cozy apartment.

Mary Therese now rests in the peace of her Heavenly Father, husband, Stan, and their daughter Susan.

Feeding my soul and still making me smile are fond memories of that treasured togetherness. We reminisced, shared meals and stories of days of yore, and caught up about each family.

My bonus was meeting her daughters, Joette, and Jennifer. Sunday, up on Good Counsel Hill, met at the door by classmates of my sister, Theresa Bach Bartholomew '56. They were very disappointed that Theresa's health prevented her from traveling. But it was good medicine for Theresa when I told her that her classmates missed her being with them. October 2, 2019, Theresa went to her homecoming in heaven. She rests in peace.

After tearing up singing “Our Lady of Good Counsel,” I enjoyed visiting with MY classmates.

1955

Bernadine Bleess Paul – Maquoketa, IA

My favorite homecoming was when we celebrated our 50th and so many of our classmates were in attendance. I don't drive distances any more so I don't have the opportunity to get there anymore.

A FUNDRAISER FOR THE GOOD COUNSEL LEARNING CENTER

The Learning Center, founded by the School Sisters of Notre Dame, has been operating on Good Counsel Hill since 1967. With the SSND looking at options for their property on The Hill, the future location of the Learning Center is uncertain. What is certain is that **The Learning Center will continue to operate in Mankato**. In 2018 The Learning Center was incorporated as an independent non-profit 501(c)(3) with the same mission to help students reach their full potential through individualized instruction. A new volunteer board of directors is committed to carrying forward the mission and vision first realized by the SSND. All involved realize the Learning Center is a vital link in supporting students who need individualized instruction, especially in post-Covid-19. Financial help is needed to provide scholarships, allow for the addition of tutors and help purchase learning materials and technology.

Because of the pandemic, our annual fundraiser, Shrimpin' on the Hill, had to be canceled in 2020 and 2021. As the financial need continued to grow, our fundraising plans also grew. Please mark your calendars for Friday, February 25, 2022 as we launch our big event at the Kato Ballroom!

SHRIMPIN' ~ MARDI GRAS STYLE!

Tentative plans include the following:

Early arrival: Traditional shrimp boil dinner with Cajun music and dancing to a live Cajun band - \$60.00 per person.

Late arrival: Cajun Music and Dancing only - \$25.00 per person

Hybrid Event: Viewing music and Dancing online - \$15.00

As plans are finalized, they will be posted on our website @gclearningcenter.org. There you will see an opportunity to donate and/or order tickets for Shrimpin' ~ Mardi Gras Style.

All proceeds for the Good Counsel Learning Center serve children and adults in reading, math, and citizenship through one-on-one tutoring.

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Please update your phone numbers

Preferred Phone _____ Is this phone # a  or a  ? (Please Circle)



MAILBAG - Please share news about your life. Information will be printed in ReEchoes. (Attach paper if needed.)

HOMECOMING MEMORY - Please share a special Homecoming memory - no matter which anniversary! Information will be printed in ReEchoes. (Attach paper if needed.)

We reserve the right to edit submitted material as necessary for space and clarity.

Please make your checks payable to: GOOD COUNSEL ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

_____ \$20.00 Membership/ReEchoes (July 1 - June 30)

_____ \$20.00 Donation for someone unable to pay their dues (tax deductible)

_____ Donation toward the Coordinator's Fund (tax deductible)

_____ Additional contribution to support the Good Counsel Alumnae Association (tax deductible)

_____ **Total Amount Enclosed. Thank you for your contribution!**

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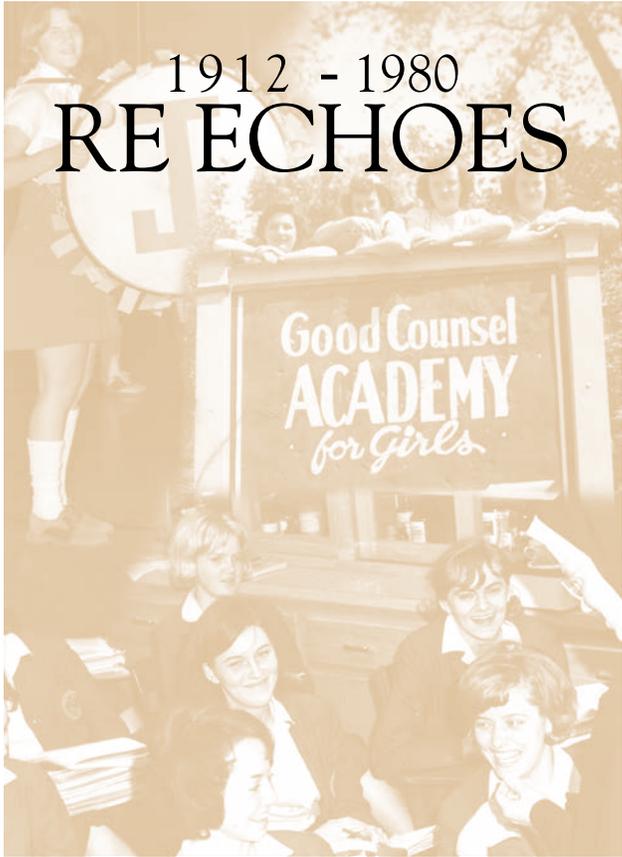
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1961



1951



1956



1966



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