Sr. Mary Bertrand ’65 was the oldest of three children raised in Redwood Falls, a small town in west-central Minnesota. Redwood Falls, known as “The Scenic City”, is surrounded by prairie land and nestled in the fertile Minnesota River Valley. As with most families during the 50s and 60s, the trials and tribulations of daily life were shared around the family table. And no doubt it was sitting with those gathered around the table where Mary first developed her love for people, compassion for those who needed a lift, the beauty of the earth, her faith in God and her ability to trust that God would always be with her. These values learned at the family kitchen table were deeply engrained in Mary and served her well as she journeyed into adult life.

Mary Bertrand took her first vows as a School Sister of Notre Dame in 1967, and set out to faithfully accept the challenge of her assigned ministries with confidence and grace. Her preparation for her diverse ministries was formed from the values she learned around the table in her younger years, the values fostered at Good Counsel Academy and the founding principles and values of the School Sisters of Notre Dame in You Are Sent (YAS).

Sr. Mary mentions three of the principles in YAS that she has found particularly helpful:

✦ We are called and sent to deepen communion with God and among people wherever we are - in every place, in every time, in every situation. Our striving for unity embraces all humanity and the whole of creation. #9 YAS

✦ We are educators in all that we are and do. We continually choose ways of living and serving that call to growth. Responding to varying needs, we engage in a diversity of ministries, specific services through which we work for the enablement of persons. #23 YAS

✦ Struggling for reconciliation and unity wherever we are, we return to the Eucharistic table with a keener awareness of our own sinfulness, of the brokenness of our world, and of the power of Christ’s saving love. #35 YAS

Sr. Mary says that the above quotes from You Are Sent provide the vision and inspiration for how she attempts to live out her participation in SSND mission in Nahualá, Sololá Guatemala, where she has been serving since 1979. During her 41 years there, the meaning of both community and ministry have morphed and evolved for her.

Sr. Mary reports that Nahualá, which is 100% Maya Quiche’, provides a setting which invites deep levels of inculturation in her dwelling, closeness to the earth and wholistic living. This comes with an ongoing invitation to be an educator, healer, organizer and community leader. Underlying these dimensions of mission is the challenge and enrichment of integrating Christian and Mayan spiritualities.

Sr. Mary has seen herself as a learner as much as a teacher and has worked consistently for human rights – even in the midst of Guatemala’s brutal 36-year civil war. In the midst of all this, Sr. Mary was certified as a massage therapist, allowing her to use her “healing touch” with tortured people who survived the civil war and with those most in need in a variety of settings. Her profound appreciation for the Mayan culture has enriched her approach to life and to the many aspects of ministry.

In describing her day-to-day living, we can tell that Sr. Mary’s life is filled with variety. She continues to direct a Wholistic Spiritually Center, which was originally designed to be a diocesan center for the formation of charismatic leaders. It now provides leadership training throughout northern and west-

Alumnae Award Recipient
Mary Bertrand, SSND ’65

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ern Guatemala. Being a certified body therapist enables her to integrate the healing practices of the Mayan culture along with the eastern understanding of a healthy spirit, mind and body. Sr. Mary says that her ministry is committed to providing education and training which will enable the people to become instruments of healing in their own lives, as well as in their families, communities, and in the country ravaged by the years of civil war, violence, social injustice and natural disasters. So daily, her ministry finds her involved in offering classes, body-work, prayer, counseling, radio programs, attempting to reach in a variety of ways the broadest spectrum of people that they possibly can.

In the past few years, Sr. Mary has become more involved in the radio station Nawal Estereo, which is a cultural educational radio station that transmits in indigenous languages to the western part of Guatemala and through live-streaming, is now available to the rest of the world. She serves on the board of directors as an internal consultant. In this capacity she promotes spiritual and human development among the staff and the members of the association. However, due to the present shortage of personnel, she has become more involved in the day to day working of the radio. This includes writing programs and researching content - focusing primarily on Mayan culture, empowerment of women, human rights, earth consciousness – to be translated and transmitted.

Sr. Mary has come to realize over the years that an “unofficial” part of her ministry comes in the form of presence and service to the Peace Corp workers and young Mormon missionaries assigned to her area of Guatemala from the United States and other parts of the world. Many of them come with great life experiences, education, skills, and a ton of good will. However, she finds that language, cooking, and other domestic chores, to say nothing of coming to know the people, and to be known by them, is another story. Almost without realizing it, her home - and specifically her table - have become a place of hospitality and solace for them. And Sr. Mary says she has been so enriched by their presence, youth and deep desire to serve. She says that, “In this much divided world, I hope together we are contributing to interculturality, and inter-faith dialogue on an international level.”

Sr. Mary leaves us with this thought: “An image which for me speaks of who I most desire to be and what I strive to be about is my large, worn, wooden kitchen table which is a gathering place for countless groups of women, men, young people, other faith traditions, bishops, volunteers, etc. It is for me, and I hope for them, an experience of Eucharist, where we break bread (or tortillas), engage in conversation and prayer, and where all know that they are welcome.”

Working in the highlands of Guatemala, Mary’s many ways of being of service to the people may go unnoticed. However, we are happy to celebrate these efforts and accomplishments by sharing her story and bestowing upon her the Good Counsel Alumnae Award.

Rose Marie Goerger Werner, ’58, was raised on a farm outside of Mantador, ND, a little railroad depot town of approximately 138 residents, in the southeastern corner of the Red River Valley. She and her eight siblings attended Belford #5 through eighth grade, which was a public school building owned by St. Peter & Paul’s Catholic Church. While the school’s legal name was Belford #5, the community called it St. Peter & Paul’s School. The SSNDs came to Mantador when she entered first grade. When Rose Marie was in second grade, North Dakota passed the Anti Garb Law that prohibited Catholic nuns from wearing their habits while teaching in public schools in an effort to force the nuns from public schools. From that point on, all Rose Marie’s teachers at Belford #5 wore secular clothing when teaching. This was very difficult for the Sisters because they were used to wearing a full habit but teaching their students was deemed more important than wearing their full religious garb.

Sister Beth Haltiner, ’41, was Rose Marie’s seven and eighth grade teacher. Rose Marie loved her. Sister Beth had the eighth grade class, which consisted of five girls, do a unit on vocations. The students wrote to different religious communities and collected information on their orders. Rose Marie said, “something appealed.” “Sister Beth talked about Good Counsel and asked if I had ever thought of going to high school at Good Counsel.” That fall, Rose Marie and two other girls from Mantador went to Good Counsel as aspirants.

While at Good Counsel, Sister Pierre Gruber had the most influence on her. Sister Pierre lived with the girls. She was the Directoress who supported them. “She was ‘Mom’ because we weren’t home.” Home was over 250 miles away, a drive made only at Christmas, Easter, and summer vacation.
Rose Marie and Sister Virginia Bieren had been friends for many years. When Sister Virginia became the first Development Director for the Mankato Province, she asked Rose Marie to be on the Development Advisory Board. The board’s primary role was fundraising. Sister asked Rose to chair a quilt auction. Proceeds from the auction would be used to fund programs to help the sisters working with transitional housing for women and children, homelessness, and education for refugees and immigrants in St. Paul, MN at three locations: The Theresa Living Center, The Listening House, and the Multicultural School for Empowerment (MORE). The first auction was held in 1997, and was appropriately named, “Women Hanging by a Thread.”

Rose Marie knew nothing about quilting, and the only quilter she knew was her neighbor, Cookie Williams. Cookie taught Rose how to quilt, and each of them made a quilt for the first auction. An auction takes two years to organize and to collect a sufficient number of quilts. Rose was on the Advisory Board for four years, but she and Cookie spent 16 years making quilts and working the auctions. The first eight auctions earned over $100,000. In the Winter 2014 SSND newsletter, Rose Marie was recognized for her generous contributions of time and talent dedicated to the auctions. Rose Marie said, “It feels good to know that some good can be done where it’s really needed.”

Quilting gave her an outlet for her latent artistic ability. Rose Marie became interested in the history of quilting and began doing research, narrowing her focus to 20th century quilting and the introduction of quilting kits. Over a period of 12 years she documented over 4,000 quilt designs. In 2009 she put the information on a website: www.quiltkitid.com. Appraisers, historians, museum curators, and collectors are especially interested in this information.

In 2013 Rose Marie self-published her first book, State Bird and State Flower Quilts: An Identification Guide. In her book she compiles 37 different sets of bird and flower blocks. This book also includes the history behind state birds and state flowers as well as information on the birds and flowers chosen by each state.

After 15 years of research, Rose Marie self-published her second book, Quilt Kits: 20th Century Short Cuts, in March 2019. The book describes a quilting shortcut that appeared near the beginning of the 20th century by quilt entrepreneurs, some of them women. Rose Marie details the stories of these entrepreneurs and the growth of the phenomenon of quilt kits. Both of her books can be found on her website.

Rose Marie has achieved a reputation as an expert in 20th century quilt kits. She has lectured to local quilt guilds as well as regional and national study groups such as the Quilters Hall of Fame in Indiana, the American Quilt Study Groups in Wisconsin, Connecticut, and California, and the Minnesota Quilters statewide quilt show in St. Cloud where she also displayed two exhibits from her collection.

Rose Marie gifted a quilt to the SSNDs (photo on page two). It is on display at Good Counsel, hanging in St. Joseph Hall. Chapel Tile, the quilt’s name, took four years to make. It was created using the design of the chapel floor. Rose Marie says giving the quilt to the SSNDs “has been a good thing” for her. “The sisters always tell me that each time they walk by the quilt they pray for me.” Rose Marie, we present you with this award to celebrate your accomplishments and to thank you for your service to others.
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Jubilarians

On May 3, 2020 many of our Alumnae will celebrate the Jubilee of the profession of their vows.

Celebrating 80 years from the class of 1937 is Sister Rene’ Lorentz

Celebrating 75 Years from the class of 1942 is Sister Miriam Saumweber

Celebrating 70 Years from the class of 1947 are

Sister Emma Buresh, Sister M. Lalande Hennen

Celebrating 60 Years from the class of 1958 are

Sister Janet Krautkremer, Sister Ivo Schoch,
Sister Susan Von Bank

Sister M. Francis Clare Schares would have been a member of the 75-year class.

Deceased Alumnae

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Wishing you the best on your special day!

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 died during the year are included in an SSND family Memorial Service in the Good Counsel Chapel?

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

Birthdates of Sisters age 90 - 100

26-Feb M. Dominic Klaseus
2-Mar Mary Arthur Kunz
13-Mar Rose Schwab
29-Mar Alice Zachmann
29-Mar Rochelle Trembley
6-May Emma Buresh
9-May Thelma Vetsch
6-Jun René Lorentz
7-Jun Mary Hecker
20-Jun Mary Alice Wald
21-Jun M. Luella Zollar
25-Jun M. Justin Wirth
21-Jul M. Magdala Winter
27-Jul M. Jacinta Simones
4-Aug Gladys Schmitz
10-Aug Marjorie Rosenau
13-Aug Vianney Saumweber
15-Aug M. Alene Kuhn
16-Aug M. Emmanuel Fallenstein
22-Aug Mary Eugene Braun
Good Counsel Alumnae

FINANCIAL REPORT

We continue to be grateful for the generous support the GCA Alumnae Association receives. Below you will see a brief summary of the activity during the first half of the current fiscal year.

Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020
(figures are through Dec 31, 2019)

Opening Balance ....................... $17,736.78
Total Receipts .......................... $2,735.00
Total Expenses ......................... $4,003.68
Ending Balance ....................... $16,468.10

As typical at this point in our fiscal year, we have spent more than we received. Historically, each year the majority of the money has been received in the second half of the fiscal year, when many of the alumnae are paying their dues as they register for homecoming.

The receipts so far reflect the following breakdown during the first six months of this current fiscal year:

41 Alumnae paid their dues - totaling $820.00.
9 Alumnae paid dues for another alum - totaling $180.00
9 Alumnae paid extra toward the Coordinator’s Fund - totaling $730.00.
23 Alumnae paid extra toward the Operating Fund – totaling $915.00.
2 Alumnae paid an amount for ‘other’ - totaling $90.

This Spring edition of ReEchoes includes information about Homecoming. Each of you are invited to come back to the Hill this April and reconnect with high school friends. Many alumnae include payment for their annual dues when they register for Homecoming and for that we are grateful. For those not able to attend Homecoming this year, we ask that you also consider paying your dues at this time by using the form enclosed with this issue. It also helps the Alumnae Association continue to function more efficiently when you include an additional donation – perhaps paying the dues for another alum who is not able to pay their own dues - if you are able to do so.

Thank you all for your attention to our financial situation and doing what you can to help us address areas where we can be more efficient. As always, we would also like your email address if we do not have it yet. ReEchoes continues to be a major, but necessary expense for the Alumnae Association. However, being able to email ReEchoes cuts down considerably on the printing cost and postage expense. In the Fall 2020 issue of ReEchoes you will receive a full financial report for the entire fiscal year ending June 30, 2020. Thank you for your continued support . . . and we hope to see many of you in April.

Homecoming April 26, 2020

You are a valued member of our alumnae . . . You are invited . . . Come as you are

Come to the Table
Two opportunities to relate to the
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Good Counsel Auxiliary

Mission: To serve and benefit the retired Sisters in Notre Dame Hall Health Care Center.

Description: There are two types of members – Active and Supportive.

Activities: Active Members meet five times a year, sponsor birthday parties for the Sisters, volunteer to make special treats and favors for the various holidays, and decorate Notre Dame Hall for Christmas. Supportive Members, who cannot actively participate because of distance, health or other commitments support Auxiliary projects with their prayers and financially.

Dues: Active Members pay membership dues of $5.00 annually. Supportive Members pay $10.00 annually.

Comment: Here is a message from one of the sisters in Notre Dame Hall:

“What a joy it is for us sisters in Notre Dame Hall to be invited to a weekly gathering on Fridays which the Good Counsel Auxiliary members have prepared. How creative they are, too, in seasonal decorations on first and second floors. We enjoy the snowmen that don’t melt, and the special treats for holidays. A special thank you to you, Good Counsel graduates who continue to support us sisters in health care. We are so grateful! Thank you one and all!” - Sister Magdala (Janice) Winter ’45

Contact Person: If you are interested in learning more about the GC Auxiliary program, feel free to contact:

Sister Marion Welter, SSND
170 Good Counsel Drive
Mankato MN 56001
Tel: (507) 389-4200

SSND Associates

Mission: To share in the spirituality and ministry charism of the School Sisters of Notre Dame.

Description: Members include women and men who have known the School Sisters as teachers, faculty members, neighbors, or just as acquaintances. There are 315 SSND Associates in the Central Pacific Province with nearly 50 of them in the Minnesota/North Dakota area.

Activities: Ordinarily, there are two large group meetings a year – a retreat in the Spring and in the Fall; often join the SSND’s in their mission endeavors and activities such as the Craft Fair, Pedal Past Poverty, etc. Some smaller groups meet monthly or semi-monthly...some even on the internet using a program called “Blue Jeans”.

Dues: no dues

Comment: I have been fortunate to be an SSND Associate for over 30 years. I first joined the Program at Good Counsel and my companion Sister was Sister Jane Thibault. I was active in the group, attending meetings when I was able. After our move to TX in 1995, I joined the SSND Associate Group with Srs. Pat Miller and Kay Kolb in Denton, TX. We usually met every two weeks at the home of the Sisters. There were times when we discussed a book that we were all reading or watched a video together, and other times we discussed events happening in the Church or world and how our faith life applied to the topic. We always spent time in prayer together. The Sisters always expressed their appreciation to be associated with our group. Now, as I get older, I am an Associate in prayer mode only and I lend my prayerful support to the SSND’s. Through all these 30 years, I have kept in contact with Sr. Jane Thibault and we still visit often by phone. I would encourage anyone who would like to get to know the Sisters better and draw closer to Christ to join the SSND Associates Program at Good Counsel.

Mary Ann Wussow Stenzel ’60 - Decatur, Texas

Contact Person: If you are interested in learning more about the Associates program, feel free to contact:

Sister Pat Frost, SSND, 170 Good Counsel Drive, Mankato, MN 56001. Tel: (507) 389-4290 or Marielellyn Kuske, (Associate) 5639 County Road 8 SW, Waverly, MN 55390-5551 Tel: (763) 658-4771.
Please join us for Homecoming 2020 - APRIL 26

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


Please contact the Good Counsel Alumnae Office at gcalumni@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 AM: Registration (Our Lady of Good Counsel Campus)
  11:00 AM: Mass (Our Lady of Good Counsel Chapel)
  11:55 AM: Presentation of 2020 Good Counsel Alumnae Awards (Our Lady of Good Counsel Chapel)
  12:15 PM: Luncheon
  1:30 PM: 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!

The theme of this year’s Homecoming is “Come to the Table”. The lyrics of the recently released song, ‘At This Table’ by Idina Menzel sum it up perfectly:

At this table, everyone is welcome
At this table, everyone is seen
At this table, everybody matters
No one falls between
At this table, everybody’s forgiven
There’s enough for everyone
So come as you are
Remember that the door is always open
The perfect gift that you can give is your heart
At this table there will be no judgement
At this table, mercy has a seat
There’s no place that I’d rather be
Remember the door is always open
Come as you are
At this table, everybody matters
At this table everybody cares
So come, pull up a chair

Won’t you join us?

Come to the Table.
Renew the Friendships.
Remember the good times.
Share the memories.

THE TABLE IS SET

I am sure I’m not alone when I say Homecoming on the Hill during a BIG anniversary- this year the Class of 1980 will celebrate its 40th is both a time of reflection on where I’ve been, how far I’ve come, and where I’m headed.

This year, I have the privilege of heading up my class’ pre-Hill festivities, joined by the lovely and talented Mary Hack Radnich and Mary Nix Dehn. Almost 44 years later, it’s ‘Hack, Nix, and Drummer’, ditching the ‘Mary’ and dissolving into laughter. Since graduation, I’ve encouraged people to call me ‘Drummer.’ Turns out, paging ‘Mary to the desk’ at a Catholic hospital can cause a stampede, not unlike yelling ‘Mom!’ at a grocery store. I’m guessing there was something similar at play at Good Counsel when someone yelled ‘Sister!’

I love connecting with my classmates. Oops! I almost said ‘old’! There is an ease and a comfort, the dialect of a language we built together decades ago that we still understand. It is remarkable how effortless it is to re-connect-like it was just yesterday when we passed each other in the hall on the way to class. As we grow more aware of the passage of time with the loss of parents, spouses and family, or the transition of children into college students or mates, I find myself clinging tighter to what will never leave me-the pure joy and contentment of our collective laughter, the ease of conversation, even if we haven’t seen each other in years...but mostly, the laughter.

As the Alumnae and our supporters gather again this April, in the spirit of inclusiveness, embracing life stories and change, we come to the table-tables that are set with the fine linens of our interwoven lives. It is a feast of love and friendship, gratitude and joy. In those moments, we bring the best of the past and our hopes for the future, while celebrating the ‘now’. Know that whether you are on the Hill or thousands of miles away-you are here.

Mary Drummer ’80
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## Homecoming 2019

### Intertwining Our Lives

We are planning a 1 PM luncheon on Saturday at Olives in downtown Mankato. We will order from the menu. Spouses are invited. **RSVP to Dolores Portz, 507-317-1781 by April 15.**

On Saturday, April 25th, an event is planned for the class of 1965 at the Hilton Garden Inn in downtown Mankato. There will be a gathering starting at 2:00 p.m. with a dinner about 6:00 p.m. Spouses or partners are welcome for the day or just the dinner.

Jeanne Osdoba Kelly is working on a plan for a Saturday evening get together. **More to come…**

Drummer says... **Plans to be Announced**

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**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 question, please contact the Alumnae Office at gcalumnae@ssndcp.org or 507-389-4279.
Group from Class of ’71

Intertwining Our Lives

On the Hill in 2019

Joan Dauffencach Nichols ’71, Theresa Weimert McLaughlin ’71, Mary Beth Nowacki Haack ’71

Margot Reed Spiess ’69, Najwa Chalboob Massad ’73
CLASS OF 1940 (80th Class Reunion)

Third Row-Kathryn Schuster Moser, Doris Gospeter Dian, Kathryn Hix Callahan, Helen Phillips, Sister Marguerite (Margaret) Thiry, Mary Magdalene Kapfer, Margaret Tholen Shields, Betty Jane Walczak Fahey, Sister Jean Marie (Laverna) Theis, Adeline Culhane Liedlich and Catherine Wimmer Bennett.


CLASS OF 1945 (75th Class Reunion)

Fourth Row-Sister Mary Magdala (Janice) Winter, Georgina Theis, Sister Vianney (Marilyn) Saumweber, Mary Ann Kaufman Heitner, Mary Ann Malinski Mayer, Mary Book Brown, Ann Kemp Ryan, Mabel Fjeld Krenik, Anne Planagan Hanson, Dorothy Morehouse LeDuc, Lorraine Kelly O’Dowd, Lavonne Lynch Campbell and Loretta Smith Tilstra.

Third Row-Monica Lipetsky Kujawa, Shirley Kelly Edwin, Sister Mary Emmanuel (Mary Elizabeth) Fallenstein, Evelyn Neary Sorensen, Marilyn Tenhoff McCarney, Vivian Zimmerman Pfaffinger, Sister Mary Lou Kreuser, Margaret Coughlan Robertson, Sister M. Justin (Rosemary) Wirth, Patricia Erickson Roske, Margaret Mary Knechtges Richey and Sister M. Michele (Anna Marie) Hentges.


First Row-Roma Trautman Miller, Rosemary Senesac Thomas, Grace Wilson, Elaine Fermenich Schmidt, Gloria Scheerz Aune, Joan Batroot Kelley, Corinne Spors Dahms, Felicia Reinhart Pott, Ramona Hinton Starnets and Dorothy Adelman.
Ninth Row—Mary Gen Bartscher, Jeanette McGran Steele, Eleanor Myhill Olinger, Marlene Schulte Kerdyk, Mary Ann Siebenand Kramer, Loretta Weingartz Sigafus, LaVonne Gitter Vermeersch, Lorraine Holcombe Keup, S. M. Paulanne (Barbara) Gruber, Joan Marschall Besser and Maxine Simonett Herzog.

Eighth Row—S. M. Agnes (Dolores) Herz, S. M Agnes Claire (Valery) Krogman, Bernadette Miller Reider, Maxine Klaseus, Patricia Kohls Muckerheide, Mary Ann Noy Tonn, Geraldine Reid Horvat, DeEtta Fallenstein Ryan, Carol McKenna McDonald and Peggy O'Leary.

Seventh Row—Peggy Mulcahey Miller-Lynch, Mary Fay Stoffel, Sylvia Brenner Berg, Dolores Fjeld Goettl, Donna Miller Applen, S. Marion Welser, Patricia Wesers, Dolores Hub Schmitz and Patricia Hyatt Jones.

Sixth Row—S. M. Agnes (Dolores) Herz, S. M Agnes Claire (Valery) Krogman, Bernadette Miller Reid, Maxine Klaseus, Patricia Kohls Muckerheide, Mary Ann Noy Tonn, Geraldine Reid Horvat, DeEtta Fallenstein Ryan, Carol McKenna McDonald and Peggy O'Leary.

Fifth Row—S. Irene Komor, Kathleen Dunlevy McCarthy, Clyde Hoerr Stillkey, Lois Husnik Buelow, Kathryn Meurer Foreman, Marion Kurkowski Springmen, Leonie Thomas, Kathleen Finkegan Miller and Marian Cogan Will.

Fourth Row—S. Catherine Holker, Nancy Wannar Kapusta, S. Mary Malherek, Leone McGoff Schnetz, Jane Higgins Lusk, Jacqueline Ulmen Zbaracki, S. LaDonna Hagen, Doris Baxter Krumm, Dorothy Keach Johnson, S. Catherine (Leora) Kallhoff and Annabelle Theis.

Third Row—Anne Connor Frederick, Janet Leduc Walker, Patricia Luces Kowal, Patricia Oberle Lyons, Shirley Tacheny Pitz, Mary Rita McLaughlin Diraideal, Margie Roiger Hacker, Anna Marie DeVos, Marcia Howard Walsh, Dolores Mullenbach Delaney and Mary Anderson Weckman.

Second Row—S. Evelyn (Ethel) Dangel, Rosemary Mahoney Meyers, Donna Thomas Peterson, Phyllis Weber Wilmes, Mary Ehr Vogel, Phyllis Lutter, S. Patricia Reed, S. M. Bernelle (Cecilia) Taube, Doris Bongard Ernst, Jean Baker Germscheid Turbes and Betty Borglum Volz.

First Row—Nadine Wagner Coleman, Mary Landsteiner Swanson, Catherine Keltgen Stemaier, Patricia Thomas, Audrey Hoehn Ulman, Donna Marschall Larsen, S. M. Yolanda (Irene) Latessa, S. Rita Marie (Mary Ann) Schneider, S. M. Petrann (Mary Ella) Sieben, Patricia Polzin Stoltzman, S. Mary Colleen (Joan) Hau, Shirley Newman Wirtz and Helen King Kuehlman.

CLASS OF 1955 (65th Class Reunion)

Fourth Row—Sister Mary Magdala (Janice) Winter, Georgia Theis, Sister Vianney (Marilyn) Saumweber, Mary Ann Kaufman Heitner, Mary Ann Malinski Mayer, Mary Book Brown, Ann Kemp Ryan, Mabel Fjeld Krenik, Anne Flanagan Hanson, Dorothy Morehouse LeDuc, Lorraine Kelly O'Dowd, Lavonne Lynch Campbell and Loretta Smith Tilstra.

Third Row—Monica Lipetsky Kujawa, Shirley Kelly Edwin, Sister Mary Emmanuel (Mary Elizabeth) Fallenstein, Evelyn Neary Sorensen, Marilyn Tenhoff McCarney, Vivian Zimmerman Pfaffinger, Sister Mary Lou Kreuser, Margaret Coughlan Robertson, Sister M. Justin (Rosemary) Wirth, Patricia Erickson Roske, Margaret Mary Kuehnke Richey and Sister M. Michele (Anna Marie) Hentges.


First Row—Roma Trautman Miller, Rosemary Senesac Thomas, Grace Wilson, Elaine Fermenich Schmidt, Gloria Scheerz Aune, Joan Batroot Kelley, Corinne Spors Dahms, Felicia Reinhart Potz, Ramona Hinton Starnets and Dorothy Adelman.
CLASS OF 1960 (60th Class Reunion)


Third Row—Kathleen Chatelein Sembaeur, Agatha Wagner Farguson, Carol Kremer Proulx, Yvonne Peltier Lehnen, Carol Fleming Boyd, Rita Osborne Thelemann, Diane Hoehn Hahn, Mary Beth Hirscher Robinson and Mary Schneider Schulte.


First Row—Patricia Brown, S. Kathleen Mary Kiemen, Bonita Tarpy Lundgren, Antoinette Jabara Zahl, Mary Anita Theis Wheatley, Rita Ross Oliver, Margaret Schlosser Komjack, Mary Jo Thissen Garrity, Susan Geraldine Degele, Dolores Wanzek Fortz, Mary McGuire Hiniker, Frances Marschall Rawlings, Teresa Hejlik Doran, Mary Lou Zimmer Anderson, Mary Patterson Welsh and Teresa George.

CLASS OF 1965 (55th Class Reunion)

Eighth Row—Mary Kaye Warner Adams, Bernice Tarpy Lundgren, Linda Olson, Betty Zachman Robideau, Kathleen Riley Fish, Sharon Vos Hartung, Barbara Malterer Lamm, Carole Stark McNulty, Geraldine Hansen Cobly, Judith Hagerty Berge, Susan Nowacki Woodward, Michaela Finnegan Bicek, Eileen Wirtz and Jane Powers Schuck.

Seventh Row—Patricia Hibb MacNamara, Catherin Ourada Hewitt, Margaret Klingel, Pamela Jordan Cedergren, Barbara McGraw Wahlrobes, Ann Hofmann Pierce, Mary Kay Gorman Spenzel, Marcia Halligan Schuster, Patricia Donovan Lounsbury, Judith O'Toole Fahl, Rachel Reinhart Garding, Helen Frederick Dale and Kathleen Benark.

Sixth Row—Michele Rivers Liepold, Rita Johnson Ramsey, Lynn Kirby, Nancy Smith, Marguerite Chirpich Elmer, Margaret Lamberty, Jane Sanger Kipischke, Judith Meulemans Vanderlind, Christine Blatti Hunsburger, Florence Eiden Deutsch, Linda Frederick Franke, Linda Frederick Frank, Lorraine Coller Boyle, Debbie DeHaven Vogel and Sean Maloney.

Fifth Row—Linda Patterson, Kathleen Cashman Lamberger, Mary Fischer Crain, Frances Hiniker Hanson, Jean Maertens, Mary Ellen Powers Landwehr, Mary McGlue, Theresa Braam Nowacki, Nancy Holmstrom Kluck, Rose Marie Dvorak, Mary Heintz, Margaret Brown Larson and Mary Pat Byrne.


Third Row—Donna Gacke Anderson, Mary Schnabel Scattarella, Diane Jacobs Vogel, Roseann Mulcahey Malefant, Joleen Schulte Larson, Susan Chapman Haugen, Patricia Gohila, Lucille Galles Thurston, Joan Terrell Silbaugh, Janet Mallak, Margaret Gardner Sare, Mary Schramski Brose and Ramona Fleming McGee.

Second Row—Margaret Hiniker Williams, Marcela Hottinger Dahl, Betty Veigel McShane, Joyce Menden Marzer, Beverly Brau Greenagel, Phyllis Schwartz Becktell, Sister Mary Bertrum, Janice McGuire Terrell, Mary Reynolds Johnson, Cynthia Roehrich Urman, Kathryn Hoehn Friedrichs and Carol Ricci Arndt.

First Row—Dianne Vosburg Lundgren, Rose Fasnacht Fritz, Sharon Cullinan Harper, Barbara Ankrum, Susan Adelman Reed, Nancy Foster, Carol LaPierre Thomas, Patricia Ziegler Smith, Mary Fasnacht Fritz, Dorothy Mikolai, Brigid O'Rourke, Lois Adrian Schwinghammer and Elizabeth Ruddy McGuirk.
CLASS OF 1970 (50th Class Reunion)

Sixth Row—Christine Miller Ellsworth, Scheryl Schmidt Brielmaier, Ann Pitten Williams, Mary Turek, Rosemary Curran, Cynthia Dalton Florine, Laura Hansen Burner, Mary Beth Charrey, Barbara Brown, Christine Jensen Bode, Susan Falter sack Orchard, Mary Jo Sims Landwehr, Joan Orchard Finnegam, Anne Wagner, Gabriella DeLanderio and Donna Dale Krohn.

Fifth Row—Geri Murphy Hennessy, Kathryn Hunziker Simonett, Julie Berg Abdo, Mary Hurrle Jonas, Gail Biedscheid Tsui, Teresa Devney Scheidel, Bonita Fossen Ashmore, Debra Dolen Dorn, Barbara Sweiger, Rebecca Sexton Campbell, Mary Jo Nuebert Jensen, Peggy Theilbar Dusbabek, Deborah Slama Schultz, Jeannie Vogel Steiner, Patricia O’Connell Danaher, Pamela Aruguete Kelley and Darlene Hutcherson Sier.

Fourth Row—Mary Weir Donohoe, Teresa Binczik Von der Holm, Mary Jane Larson Riley, Mary Frederick Westberg, Jeanne Marschall Hayme, Victoria Pieper, Mary Neige Hoffman, Martha Winter Wright, Kathleen Hager, Elaine Heinrich, Margaret Schorer, Kallie Carter, Mary Ann Vorisek Dilla, Carol Archley Mashuga and Kathleen Sonnek Nacey.

Third Row—Susan Thavis Roberts, Constance Miller Johnson, Judy Vollmer Hagen, Linda Schmidt Dubke, Joan Degrood Andersen, Melody Abdo Borth, Mary Claire Peterson Fralish, Susan Geurs, Pamela Thul Inmler, Katherine Nelson Phillips, Ann Bell Sheller, Judith Peterson Bulthuis, Judy Scheeler Thomas, Gloria Ourada Schultz, Margaret Rasmussen Carpenter and Mary Connor Kammerdiener.


CLASS OF 1975 (45th Class Reunion)


Best Memories are Made
Gathered Around the Table
Homecoming April 26, 2020
Our Lady of Good Counsel Campus
Mankato, MN
1946

Ann Jankowski Reiter – Olympia, WA
I reached 90 years old last February 23. My health is very good. I live on my own in my home independently and walk every day. My eyesight is failing. I had to give up car, but ride to Mass every Sunday. We were the 56 of 46; last time together was at our 50th. Sorry to learn of Connie Roy Eull’s passing. I am in touch with Bev Schmidt Hansen regularly.

Marie Hentges Spoener – Chaska, MN
Just finished reading every word of ReEchoes. I find it so interesting and informative. I just moved into an apartment in downtown Chaska. I’m really slowing down but can still manage independently.

1950

Madonna Marschall Larsen - Hastings MN
We are still on the farm, but slowing down some. Cliff had knee replacement surgery in May which takes a long time for full recovery. I’m still in good health – thanks be to God!

1952

Carrol Drenttel Parkos – Gardnerville, NV
I live in Nevada in a small town by Lake Tahoe. I have six children, ten grandchildren, six greats. They live in Michigan, California, Nevada, and Massachusetts. I am a widow who is a Benedictine Oblate whose motherhouse is in Arizona. We meet at my home once a year.

Diane Anderson Walth – Mesa, AZ
I’m living comfortably in my Leisure World condo in Mesa and I thank God everyday for His many blessings. My wonderful husband left this world in 2004 and our younger daughter preceded him in death. My dear family is now small – one daughter, two grandsons and one great-granddaughter. Life continues to be good.

1953

Nancy Roemer Crowell – Scottsdale, AZ
In my Scottsdale home for 58 years. I am glad as I am caring for my mentality challenged son who lives with me. I also am a caretaker for a 94 year old member of my church and neighbor. With this situation, I am a Eucharistic Minister for them and others. Thank God for this opportunity. Unable to return to GC, but keep all in my prayers.

1955

Carol Studer Elmore – Algona, IA
Greetings to the class of 1955. Sorry I can’t come this year. My granddaughter who lives in Florida will be getting married that weekend and I’m looking forward to a great weekend with my family.
1960

Terri (Theresa Hejlik) Doran – Prescott, AZ
I hope this finds my classmates well. I am doing fine here in beautiful Prescott, AZ. There are many retirees here and more coming, especially from California! We have four seasons so many days I am reminded of Iowa and Minnesota. Although we are minus the tornadoes, there is an occasional concern about forest fires (generally lightning related) in the area but the fires have been contained so as not to reach the major populated areas. Stay well. Blessings to all.

1963

Karen Hoehn Fischer – Waterville, MN
I have been married 53 years and have one daughter, one son, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. I am retired; I volunteer, travel, and winter in Florida.

1965

Phyllis Schartz Becktell – Paonia, CO
I am still living in the beautiful mountain town of Paonia, CO. Looking forward to homecoming in 2020.

Mary Fasnacht Fritz – Madison Lake, MN
Since our 50th class reunion in 2015, we have added three more grandchildren (total of 20 for us now); built a new home next door to our prior home (son, Tim, purchased the family building site); and are now dealing with Tom’s multiple myeloma cancer treatments. This cancer is not curable, but treatable, so he will continue with chemo oral drugs until he completes two years of them. We are both fully retired now and celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary last year. We do have so much to be thankful for and hope to see a lot of my classmates in April!

1969

Carol Michel Gerlach-Lucke – Maquoketa, IA
I retired from the Jackson County Treasurer’s office after 29 years as a Deputy. Both of us retired two years ago – my husband, Steve, as an Art Teacher of 43 years. We have been married 27 years and have five children and eight grandchildren. Life is good-enjoying retirement!
1970
Darlene Hutcherson Stier – Sun City, AZ
After 30 wonderful years in Anchorage, AK, I finally retired to Sun City, AZ in 2017. The summers are a little too warm, but the winters are wonderful. My husband passed away 16 years ago, and my daughter now lives in Montana. My grandson is on his eighth year in the Navy. Life is good.

1972
Denise Weimert Strus-Rice – Central Point, OR
I live in Oregon. I’ve been here since 1987. I’m a retired RN. I’m now a general contractor and I raise fruits and vegetables on the side. I have four children, two step children and eight grandchildren. My husband, John, is a plumber and has his own business. We love to ski. I still knit and sew and read. If anyone gets out this way, we would love to see you.

1978
Teresa Koester Kurtz – Clearwater, MN
I remarried on May 20, 2017 to Chad Kurtz at St. Henry’s Catholic Church in Monticello, MN. We met on April 6, 2015 after being introduced by my Mom. I gained two beautiful daughters, Allison Marie (22) and Chloe Mae (20). Chad and I became proud grandparents on July 8th as we welcomed Cora Mae (Allison & Pete’s first baby) into our family. I’ve been retired since 2010 from commercial real estate, and since Chad is 8 years younger, he is still working. He manages the body shop at Rihm Kenworth’s new facility in Coon Rapids, MN. We also have a small body shop on our 3.5 acre property. Blessings to all!
We would like to introduce **Elizabeth King ’69**, our newest member of the Good Counsel Alumnae Board. We are happy to have Elizabeth join us as Board Secretary.

Elizabeth, along with her thirteen siblings, grew up on a farm outside of New Trier, Minnesota. She obtained her bachelor’s degree from Mankato State University, stayed in the area and taught in the primary grades in North Mankato, while completing her Master’s Degree. Her career in education also included: teaching in Yokosuka Japan, education consultant for Holt, Rinehart & Winston and Scott Foresman, and Education Specialist at the Oregon State Department of Education.

Elizabeth, now retired, finished her career with twenty years in the corporate world as the Vice President of Organizational Effectiveness for a global manufacturing company, ESCO Corporation, with corporate headquarters in Portland, Oregon. This work included leadership development, succession planning and employee development. Over the years, Elizabeth has also shared her skills by taking on several board responsibilities. As if Elizabeth had not accomplished enough during her working years, we can add that she is also an excellent cook. Just for the fun of it, she went to cooking school after she retired!

We are now eager to have Elizabeth share her talents with our Good Counsel Alumnae Association.

**Thank you, Elizabeth**

**for accepting this board responsibility!**

**ALUMNAE BOARD**

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Nora Keenan ’62........................................Vice President
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We Want to Hear From You...
Register for Homecoming, Sunday April 26, 2020 Today!

First/Maiden/Last __________________________________________ Class __________
Address__________________________________________________ City/ST/Zip _____________________________

Please update your phone number and EMAIL
Preferred Phone________________________________________ EMAIL_____________________________

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

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

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Homecoming Reunion Memory
Please share a special Homecoming memory, regardless of when it happened.

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HOMECOMING REGISTRATION is due by Wednesday April 15, 2020.

Please make your checks payable to: GOOD COUNSEL ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

$15.00 Homecoming Registration - includes meal
$12.00 Homecoming Guest - includes meal
$25.00 Homecoming (late registration after April 15)
$25.00 Homecoming Guest (late - after April 15)

If bringing a guest to Homecoming, please provide name: _______________________________________________________

TOTAL amount enclosed. Thank you for your contribution!

As mentioned in the Fall 2018 issue of ReEchoes, some memorial money has been earmarked for Homecoming scholarship money. We suspect there may be some alumnae who would like to come to Homecoming but choose not to because the $35 cost for registration and annual alumnae dues is an added burden that does not fit into their tight budget. If any member of our alumnae association feels this describes her situation, we would like to help in a small way by using the memorial money to pay for these expenses.

If you would like to request funds from the Scholarship fund, please check here____ and leave the dues and Registration blank ($35).

Questions? If you have any questions regarding the ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION, please contact:
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Homecoming Memories -

1946 - Ann Jankowski Reiter – Olympia WA
We were the 56 of 46 at the last get together at our 50th.

1949 - LaVerne Dick Beaudry – St Michael, MN
Our 70th Anniversary Homecoming in 2019. I truly missed not being able to see my ’49 classmates. Sister Germaine Mulcahey was so kind to send a picture of all who attended. I was so happy to receive it.

1949 - Marjorie Hodapp Shaw – Columbus, GA
It was so wonderful to see so many classmates at our 70th homecoming. I hope I will be able to get to Mankato at least one more time. I am doing good and live alone yet. My son comes on Sunday and takes me to church and shopping.

1952 - Carrol Drenttel Parkos – Garnerville, NV
I’ve only been to one homecoming and that was the fifth. I’m still in touch with Diane Anderson Walth and Grace Juberian- Grace married my cousin, Roy Toegel. It was great seeing so many of my classmates.

1978 - Teresa Koester Kurtz – Clearwater, MN
In 1983, our 5th year class reunion, I remember visiting with my favorite German teacher, S. Susanna Kropf (aka ‘Schwester’) and German classmates Ann Besser, Margaret Nix, and Teresa Groh.