

To: Members of the Class of 1960

From: The Pioneer Class of 1959 & The Pioneer Legacy Planning Committee—

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## Cameo Legacy Project

Re: The Pioneer Legacy Committee's Plan to Commemorate the Launch of Our College Years at MCCW ~~ Preserving the Essence of Our Classes ~ "915" ~ Tipping Point ~ Pioneer Legacy Planning Committee ~ Pioneer Steering Committee ~ Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> Pioneer Luncheon/Founders Forum ~ Webpage ~ Class List ~ Cameo Conversations ~ All In for Molloy Campaign!

This memo is the result of many Conference Calls in order to continually bring our classmates up to date as we proceed.

Thanks to Gerry & her committee of one, daughter Diane Dwyer ~ Class of '80, we had a major breakthrough in establishing the history of 915 North Village Avenue. That is her story to tell & will be forthcoming... It looks also like a model of the house is now a possibility.

Now we are at the 'Tipping Point', as we have garnered much enthusiasm for our Pioneer Project to establish our roots as linked with those for Molloy. With that in mind, we should be dissolving the 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion Committee of 2014 and developing a "Pioneer/Cameo/Legacy Committee" composed of those who wish to work on bringing this dream to fruition.

In the future this committee will be called THE CAMEO LEGACY COMMITTEE to simplify our mission. Those who have submitted Cameos & those who are considering it a 'Work In Progress' along with all those who just want to keep in touch through the 'web page' or by email are welcomed. Kindly contact me directly if you wish to be kept informed or to be an active participant. I welcome your input.

Presently, we are looking to develop a Pioneer Steering Committee of those living in the vicinity of the College to look through the pictures & memorabilia in order to label & classify the artifacts with the help of Larissa Woo, Archivist. If the Committee has an opportunity to review the Molloy Magazines, to cull pertinent information pertaining to our class, they will find things such as the Class Notes – Summer 2009-Vol.10-#1 & The 2004-5 Annual Report which has much, in the first dozen pages, centering on 1955-56. Kathy Gearin Razza will head up the committee to facilitate the process as she is our very own Alumni Representative on Molloy's Alumni Board. Kathy & I along with Mary Jane are working closely to coordinate these activities & hopefully generate some additional ideas.

It looks as if Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> is in place for our Second Annual Pioneer Planning Session & Luncheon which will be on campus for all classmates who are able to attend with or without spouses. Invited guests will include the children of our classmates who attended Molloy along with any siblings who also attended Molloy. There will be an opportunity to video tape your Cameo at that time, so come prepared to be a star.

As our mission has developed, it has been brought to our attention that there are siblings, children & other family members who have a direct link to preserving the essence or our classes & who will be able to carry on developing their own footprint linked to Molloy as this mission expands. Those known siblings & children thus far are...

## ~ Heritage ~

The 'web page' should be up & running by Homecoming, so all who have a Cameo handed in by then will have them retyped & placed on the web site, along with the Memos describing the development of this idea. This is the first step to going public with the Cameos as it will establish our footprint in the growth of MCCW. Cameos should be in as soon as possible to be included with the first round of published Cameos – remember to take pen & parchment in hand! You will have an opportunity to record your completed Cameo on video at our luncheon in

October or at just about any time convenient to visiting the college. All this was explained, to the Class of '59, in the packet sent out by Marion Flomenhaft before Christmas 2014. If misplaced it will all be available to review on the web site along with bi-monthly progress reports.

The Class of '60-Homecoming ~THE FOUNDERS FORUM following our Luncheon is being established to welcome members of the Class of '60 into the process and to give them a platform to express their ideas as they too are instrumental in developing this scenario. This year is their 55<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion & with us they made up the sum total of students on campus in our second year! Their reflections are so very important to Molloy's Legacy. If only the partitions in Quealy Hall could have talked before they were torn down, I'm sure we wouldn't need any of our remembrances but sadly enough that isn't the case!

Along with any of the Class of '60 we would like to include some members of the Alumni Board of which Kathy Gearin Razza is a trusted member. Interested religious & faculty who might enjoy some of the revelations of this slice of Molloy's history, would be welcomed guests, too. Reservations must be made with Mary Jane prior to Homecoming.

Our vision for this Founders Forum is for it to continue in subsequent years for the class of '61 & '62 in order for them to have input into being part of Molloy's foundation. After that it should be re-evaluated as to its mission. At that point, it is hoped that interested parties/classes will be able to plug into the process to develop their own recorded class histories. Presently our scope of reference is to affirm Bishop Molloy's vision in establishing a Catholic College on Long Island. Monsignor Quealy's responsibility for much of the funding and The Dominican's plan for this endeavor – a statement in Catholic education excellence!

This follow up, to our April Conference Call has been done with personal calls to Leone, who has been working on the structure of our plans. With Gerry, '915' has been of paramount importance & with absolutely amazing results. Angie, our historian, has spearheaded the 'CAMEO CONVERSATION'... Kathy with her position on the Alumni Board, has been a vital connection to expanding on all of the above due to her close ties with Molloy. She, along with the above mentioned names are definitely the go to people on our team, at this point. I've just been the facilitator of some great ideas that we are trying to coordinate. Your voice, as our classmate, is truly welcomed and you are encouraged to join us as well. We need every reflection we can obtain to present an interesting picture, only we can tell!

Now to introduce the Cameo Conversation...

What's a Cameo Conversation? Just contact a classmate by email to recall a happening – start a discussion about our college days & see what develops...

## Details...

In reviewing the attached Class List, kindly update us with any additional information you can provide. We have a half century of catching up to do...

We are also looking for siblings &/or children/grandchildren who have gone to Molloy so as to invite them to join us in continuing the conversation!

If you have any personal links with the family of any of our deceased class members and feel as though they would like to add a remembrance in honor of that person, do let us know about it. We would surely appreciate it.

Usually our next Conference Call is on a bi-monthly basis & on a Monday at 11 o'clock. Let us know if you wish to contribute to the conversation.

FYI-Check out the Book- "A Leaf from the Past" by R. Dietz-"915" (open in itunes)

I hope you had an opportunity to participate in the "All In for Molloy 04.16.15 Campaign in April. An interesting aside, that I'd like to share with you, is that we can earmark a contribution for our Cameo Project now underway & in the future when making a donation --- just say it's ... A Cameo Project... donation!

Definition of Terms – Random House, Unabridged 1967

<u>Legacy</u> – a gift – bequest, anything handed down from the past as from an ancestor.

<u>Founder</u> – (p.p. of find) one who founds or establishes on a firm basis or for enduring existence...to found a dynasty...& a story founded on fact.

<u>Pioneer</u> – one of those who first enter or settle in a region, thus opening it for occupation and development by others…one of those who are first or earliest in any field of inquiry, enterprise or progress…to lead the way for a group.

<u>Cameo</u> – a literary sketch, small dramatic scene, or the like, that effectively presents or depicts its subject.

A summary of the progress this committee has accomplished, in the past year, will be noted in the October Agenda presented at the Second Annual Planning Session during our Luncheon/Founders Forum honoring the Class of '60.

Welcome back sisters in the spirit of Molloy!