

ALUMNI REUNIONS

CLASS OF 1959

TWENTIETH YEAR REUNION JOURNAL

Dear Fellow Alumnae:

Welcome back to Molloy!

When the invitations were sent we included a page for this journal. It asked the question, "What are you doing now." We have decided to print each one's response just as it was returned. The answers are very enjoyable and we felt we could not improve on the authors. We hope you enjoy them.

We also included a directory of the class and those faculty who have responded. While trying to contact people for the party we ran into problems of addresses and phone numbers.

Would you please remember to send any new personal data to the Alumni Office at the College? Remember, the 25th is just around the corner!

The Committee

Do you remember....

- 1-The Hudson Harlots
- 2-Cramming all those people into Nina's VW, and nobody thought to call Guinness.
- 3-Art classes on the lawn and those "slides"
- 4-Pushing "Sweetie" off Southern State Parkway
- 5-The ever-literary Marie with a poem for all occasions
- 6-The Christmas Apple-complete with elves.
- 7-The squirrel trapped in the walls of '915'
- 8-"Take out a half sheet of paper"
- 9-First Friday Mass in Academic Dress
- 10-Marching till dark in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in the snow
- 11-Our weekend retreat at the Third Order Villa in Garrison
- 12-Daily recitation of the rosary during May and October
- 13-The IBTC
- 14-"Don't step on the Mosaic"
- 15-Anne Crowley's version of "The Egg and I."
- 16-Dr. Frank Smith calling square dances at the Foreign Student supper.
- 17-Joseph, the skeleton
- 18-Would you believe "24 credit" semesters?

Geraldine Burchell Dwyer

When I try to answer that question I feel like a candidate for Miss America. I must say something meaningful. Well, the most meaningful thing I have done and am doing now, being a wife and mother, is my profession and I love it. Joe and I have been married for 22 years and have six children. Diane is 21, a senior at Molloy and plans to go to law school. Kathy is 19, a student at the Culinary Institute of America, engaged to a Chef, and plans a Dec. '80 wedding. Barbara 17, and Mary 15, are attending Oceanside High School. Jeanne is 7 and John is 5, both in elementary school. Joe is still with the Post Office and I am a part-time Medical Records Clerk at South Nassau Communities Hospital. My spare time over the years has been spent giving my time to Girl Scouts, CCD and playing Bridge. I am looking forward to full-time employment in the hospital field as soon as the two young children are less demanding of my time.

Mary Crotty Crowley

Married in 1962 to Bill Crowley, a trader on the New York Stock Exchange.

Mother of three children--Kathy 15 years old, Suzy 14 years old and Billy 12 years old.

Presently employed by Wilton Public Schools as a substitute teacher.

Past-President of P.T.A., active in local civic affairs.

Spare time spent car-pooling, gardening, drawing and reading.

Anne Crowley

Since Molloy, life has been full and interesting. Personally I hope I have continued to develop and/or change. Education has been my professional area since '59. First as a teacher, then as a chairman, a curriculum writer and now as a counselor kids have been my work and my pleasure. Perhaps I have been enjoying an extended adolescence. Another pleasure has been to travel extensively in Europe, the U.S., and the islands of the Caribbean. With friends I've sailed in the British and U.S. Virgin Islands, the Grenadines, and all along L.I. and the Northeast. Through all these years, the outdoors, sports and theater have remained constant pleasures. I wonder what the next 20 years will bring.

Susan Donohue Pfeffer

Am considering launching a campaign against magazine article writers who suggest that after 40 it's "downhill all the way". I refuse to accept the thought that the class of '59 is now made up of thirty-odd "Older Women!"

While working on that cause, I'll continue my parttime work as a home demonstrator for Coppercraft Guild products. This is a real fun job as I get to meet such a cross-section of people, set my own hours and get paid for enjoying myself. While there are times I tire of campaigning for a cause or demonstrating a product, I never tire of being with my husband, Harold. His kindness, tolerance, and most of all, wonderful sense of humor all contribute to making him "Husband Extraordinaire". Our life is love-filled and fun-filled.

Dolores Gohery Golder

My life since graduation has been rich and beyond anything I could have imagined in 1959. For years I was immersed in small people who made enormous demands but brought great joys. Now they are pretty well grown up so I have more time for David and for new interests. Now I am working as a medical assistant for a cardiologist while Dave is teaching and attending St. Johns Law School. Kathy, 18, is at Nassau Community College. Dan, 17, and Dave, 15, are in Baldwin High School. Laura, 13, and Joseph, 10, are in St. Christophers School.

Leone Helm Perez

As I give this question some thought, I realize I'm entering a new phase of life. My children are growing and although I like to think they will always need me, they are their own persons. I have one in College, one in High School and one in eighth grade. I don't refer to that horrible "empty nest" myth but, rather a second adolescence for me, where space and time are opening once again. Time to find the peace and joy in the here and now and..."some of the love in me and thee, which go to make up the kingdom of heaven and earth."

If you're reading this Miss Rief, or Father Benack or Mrs. Poland or Dr. Smith or any of the other people who affected my thinking at Molloy, "Thank You" for the gift of me, for the pride in being a Woman who will affect the Future.

Patricia Hewitt Harter

I'm alive and well and living in Ventura, California (70 miles northeast of Los Angeles). Come and see me sometime! I'm a graduate student at California State University, Northridge, majoring in Education and a substitute teacher in Ventura. Dick and I have 5 children ages 17, 15, 14, 12 and 8.

Loretta Karcher McGlone

Dear Fellow Fifty-niners:

From the land of Dixie I am proud to send Congratulatory Greetings to my classmates on the occasion of our 20th Reunion. The memories we all share are of yesterdays, not yesteryears, for time (as we surely have learned by now the essence of Father Benack's Time-or-abillia concept) is only a paused fixation.

It warms my heart thinking of you all together celebrating and sharing and feeling so good--and well you should. May this "Family Reunion" have special significance to us all, whether near or far.

Ever so thoughtfully yours

Loretta Karcher McGlone

P.S. In my 8th year teaching 6th grade in Huntsville, Ala., husband George with Nichols Research Corp.; combined interests: raising German Shepherd dogs and solar energy enterprises.

Anne Leibmann Bielaus

At the present time I'm at home being a housewife and a Mother. My husband John and I have four children ranging in age from four to eighteen years. Our youngest is now in Nursery School and our oldest is a freshman at Penn State (pre-law).

I'm an active member of the Board of the Makefield Area Branch of the American Association of University Women. I'm also an officer of our local chapter of Questers, a national group of women interested in Antiques and their preservation. In addition I'm a substitute in our local Nursery School in town.

Maura Madigan Kennedy

Married 21 years to Brian T. Kennedy who is an attorney and serving as New Jersey State Senator. Three sons attending college and daughter Marie is 10-5th grade.

I spend my extra time as a member of the Pastoral Team of the Light of Christ Charismatic Prayer Community in Asbury Park, New Jersey. The community serves 250 lay people, sisters and priests. I am also involved in the movement of the Holy Spirit towards Unity within the whole Christian Church, and I love it.

Angela Pizza Malyk

Ode to the Past 20

The world was my oyster in '59,
Brand new teacher was I and all was divine.
I married Dick the following year,
Shortly thereafter gave up my career.

Then one by one these little intruders came.
Before too long I was in a new game.
We called them Ricky, Kathy, Robby and Joe,
And petitioned the heavens to send no "moe".

The game I was now in showed no mercy to me,
The diapers, the dishes, the feedings at three.
The white picket fence surrounded by roses
Was knocked down by kids with cute running noses.

As they grew older the showed me the way
For I was the chauffeur 12 hours a day.
I belonged to 20,000 leagues above the sea
Jules Verne certainly has nothing on me.
From soccer to baseball and to end the great day,
Teach CCD while baking "what have you" for the old
P.T.A.

Just about now as I'm feeling quite numb
Come the encouraging words "the worst is yet to come".
Before wedded bliss much time is spent wishin'
Now it seems to be in scraping up tuition.

When I look back it's certainly not world-beating,
But how can you describe this kind of greeting,
"We love you Mom---you're sure a winner,
And by the way---what's for dinner."

Dick, over 30, is a Manufacturers' Representative. Rick, 18, is a freshman at Geneseo. Kathy, 15, is a sophomore at St. Joseph's. Robby is 13 and an 8th Grader. Joe is 12 and in the 7th Grade.

Barbara Rooney Stevens

1959-1964 Taught 4th Grade-Oceanside, NY
1964 Married Donald G. Stevens, Ph.D., now Chairman-
History Dept., King's College.
1965 Donald J.--born
1966 Kathleen--born
1973 Returned to teaching-Wyoming Valley West District
4th, 5th, 6th grades.
How's that for an exciting life!

Rosemarie Sileo Erskine

I have not been very idle these past 20 years. Aside from raising my three children, Marirose, John and Bonnie, I have been active in the Garden City Schools. Right now, I'm involved in our Music Guild and plan to volunteer some time to our C.C.D. program at St. Anne's. I have been active in Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts, and volunteered by time to the school reading program, library work, disability classes, and Nassau Hospital. I also returned to Molloy to complete some education courses and substituted in the Garden City and Mineola school districts. At the present moment I'm trying to decide whether to start working part time or wait until my youngest is in Jr. High. I would love to work as a teacher's aid in a disability class.

I play tennis once a week, swim whenever I get the chance and enjoy sailing on our 18 foot boat, which we just purchased last spring.

My husband still works in New Jersey for Singer & Co., and I have had the opportunity to travel to Europe and the West Coast with him.

Anna Selva Koppinger

In the last 12 years I have been associated with the Brigade of the American Revolution (an 18th century historical re-enactment company).

The members demonstrate 18th century cooking, embroidery, toleware, sewing and military life as it was in the 1700's. Geographically, my lectures with the Brigade have taken me from Fort Prescott, Canada down to Williamsburgh, Va. Privately, I've lectured at the Tackapausha Museum in Seaford for the Early Trades & Crafts Society and the New Windsor Cantonment in Newburgh, N.Y.

I've been accepted into the Company of Military Historians (an International Organization) because of the following works:

1. Lectures for the Brigade of the American Revolution.
2. A 1763 translation of a Latin Exorcism Rite of Military Cannons and Armaments. (P.S. Father Benack personally christened our cannon).
3. Editor of a Military Safety Manuel Booklet for the Brigade.
4. By-line writer for the Malverne Times on 18th Century History.

In the last two years I've been employed with a Food Broker's Company in Baldwin, being responsible for three of their departments.

That's it!

Judith Waring Elia

Back from Europe and recently relocated to Smithtown, L.I. where my youngest child (of 5) just entered Kindergarten. I plan a career in Civil Service in the near future, working with the elderly.

Rosemary Waring Kotula

I am a Market Support Representative for Compuscan, Inc. a manufacturer of optical character readers for the Word Processing Market. I travel a great deal on the East Coast doing training and customer liaison, and am based in New York City, commuting from Plainview.

Marjorie Burns King

Since leaving Molloy, I have been active in a number of careers including sales promotion and claims adjusting. I finally settled into the position of Employment Manager at Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center. Since March, 1968, I have been employed in the Personnel Department of this chronic disease hospital located in the East Flatbush section of Brooklyn. In addition to my regular interviewing duties, I am also involved in coordinating employee art shows (in which I am also represented) and in women's consciousness raising groups.

At home, I am active in my "vertical village", our cooperative apartment complex. Located in the Brooklyn Heights area, I have been involved in the sales promotion, interior design and administration of the association governing the complex since inception seven years ago. Also, I am actively involved in the plight of battered wives and their support organizations.

However, our most pressing news at present is that my husband, Frank, and I are expecting the birth of our first child near the end of the year. This child has been long awaited and we look forward to many years of continued productivity in this new facet of our lives.

Mary Ellen Risch

Am in my 21st year of teaching at Meadowbrook School, a wonderful place, with fabulous students, where I've spent very happy years. However, I don't know where the years have flown. Was just talking to my Father and Sister, last night, about the 20th Reunion. My Father said that it seems like just yesterday he was helping to plan the First Christmas Rose Cotillion. I also spend many happy times in sunny (sometimes liquid sunshine!) Florida, with my Father and Sister.

Margot Footer Lafferty

Presently I'm in my second year as president of the local woman's club, taking a seminar at B.C., learning to drive a standard shift, taking up bridge---looking for growth and confidence in preparation for future endeavors. In this period of change some things have remained--my enthusiasm for gardening (indoors and out), cooking, sewing, and attending school concerts. While some things have passed--cheering at soccer and little league games (long after my sons outgrew them--hubby didn't), not to mention patching uniforms and the myriad of things revolving around three growing boys. Like most of you, I've trespassed the hills and valleys of twenty years in sickness and health. It hasn't been all fun and games--but that's life--and to be perfectly honest I can't think of a better alternative--at least not till I'm around eighty!!!

Kathleen Sherry Kolensky

One husband, Bill; four kids, Kathryn, Claire, Richard and Paul; the usual assortment of stray beasts, worthy causes and familial responsibilities have consumed the twenty years since Molloy.

1974 featured the official end of my "extended maternity leave" when I joined the English Department at Massapequa High School. Weekend soccer, an occasional theatre trip, good books and camping are favored leisure activities.

The future holds tuition payments until 1992(barring graduate school) and travel dreams realized.

Margaret Vollkommer Leonard

Margie and Pete have 6 children: Lorraine, a Jr. at Regis College; Kathleen, a Freshman at Rosemont; Marilyn, a Sr. at Our Lady of Mercy; Peter, a Jr. at Canterbury School in Connecticut; Michael, an 8th Grader and Michele a 2nd Grader. Margie spends her spare time playing golf. Pete is V.P. of John J. Nuveen & Co., an investment banker.

Sister Mary Charles Mayer, O.P.

Just for the record--

The library of your day-September'55-amounted to a carton of books donated by Joseph Sterling of Bruce Publishers. The catalog for the first year consisted of one drawer in a thirty drawer file. At your graduation we had acquired some 10,000 volumes which looked lost in the present library.

Now, September 1979, the library has grown to much vaster proportions. The catalog now consists of 160 drawers, representing some 79,000 books. Periodicals are in excess of 800 titles with microfilm copies of various weekly journals. The N.Y. Times, L. I. Catholic, Brooklyn Tablet etc., are also kept on microfilm.

Come back sometime to see. It's an altogether different world. A media center was added about three years ago. The James Edward Tobin Library is alive and well.

Five full-time and one part-time professional librarians service our approximately 1500 students with hours from 8 AM to 9PM daily and Saturday from 10:30 to 2:30.

Dr. Rita B. O'Mara

Since your graduation in 1959, I've become grey, a little less active, plugging along, but basically I am still the same. French has had its ups and downs with the decreasing number of majors. I was Chairman from 1956 to 1976 at which time the Spanish and French Depts. combined to form the Modern Languages Dept.

I've watched many changes at Molloy from the dedication of Quealy Hall to the near completion of the Fine Arts Center. During my 24 years at Molloy I have known many students, served and still serve on numerous committees, tried to help the college expand.

In 1977 I was honored to receive the Presidents' Medal for Meritorious Service at Molloy's First Presidents' Convocation. This year I was selected to be included in the International Who's Who of Women Educators.

Rev. Robert Kennedy

As usual I try very hard to keep people from finding out what I am doing. I find it easier to use titles and let anyone guess for themselves. My basic position is Director of the Office of Social Action for Catholic Charities Diocese of Brooklyn. There I change job descriptions constantly so that I can be on the radical side of whatever "good issues" appear.

I am also one of the editorial writers for the Brooklyn Tablet. Here too I am able to cloak my presence as most of the material I write are in the form of unsigned editorials. I have also just started to teach a course in the Graduate School of Social Work at Fordham University, Lincoln Center. The course is entitled Comprehensive Planning and Social Policy. Once again, I am probably the only one that knows what I am doing in it.

I have also been spending a fair amount of time out of the country. Last Fall I took a tour of a large part of Latin America in preparation for the meeting of the Latin American Hierarchy. I then went to Puebla in Mexico in January and February to attend the meeting. This summer I was in Lueven in Belgium to study Theology at the Catholic University there.

In brief I am still having a lot of fun doing things that I like and the diocese has been most generous in letting me do them.

Dr. Frank E. Smith

I taught my last class at Molloy in May 1978. I had previously retired from Brooklyn College in 1973.

We live in Westtown, New York now and get to Wantagh about once a month.

Here in the country there is always plenty to do. Currently I'm postponing the final stages of the removal of a huge willow tree until I get the apples picked. Our dozen trees are loaded and ready for harvest.

This past summer was occupied by the forementioned willow which was doing our septic system no good. The exercise has put me back in good physical condition.

I have joined the SPEBSQSA: Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America. We practice weekly.

Sister Teresa Margaret Moesabacher, O.P.

I am now retired and living at the Motherhouse in Amityville, after fifty years of teaching, the last 21 of which I spent at Molloy, having been one of the pioneers.

Retirement at Amityville does not mean a life of inactivity. A carefully planned program provides for lectures, workshops, trips, arts and crafts for our Gift Shop, etc. We also have a library on the premises, which is my favorite haunt. Since my interest in history has never waned, I can now read historical literature at leisure and for enjoyment.

Last, but not least, retirement provides more time for prayer and meditation, a blessed opportunity to think of the eternal verities toward which, in the last analysis, all of life is directed.

Katherine E. Reif

I am enjoying a retirement which has given me more time to engage in parish and community than when I was teaching. I was on the Merrick and Bellmore-Merrick High School Boards of Education while I was working at Molloy College, and I continued to be on them many years after I retired. I was a member (and President) of Cure of Ars Parish Council plus being active in the Brotherhood Council, honorary chairman of the Merrick Bicentennial Committee and a member of the Merrick Historical Society. In 1976, Bishop McGann ordered a survey of all our parish schools and I was part of the committee to evaluate Cure of Ars school.

I had a few really "high spots" since I left Molloy. B'Nai Brith and the Merrick Chamber of Commerce chose me, at different times to be their "Woman of the Year". When my dear parish celebrated its 50th Anniversary, I was honored by being chosen as one of the lectors-the first woman in our parish to be so honored. In 1967, I had a splendid, long, slow visit to Ireland! And, I got to the Shrine of Knock. I wouldn't be a teacher (ex-teacher) if I did not have some advice for erstwhile (and much loved) girls at Molloy: prepare for retirement or your older years now! I assure you, you need never be bored or lonely or sorry for yourself if you get into parish and community affairs. I hope my "girls" have as many diverse (and pretty comical) memories of Molloy as I have.

Sister Mary Jareth (Justine Jones), O.P.

Since 1969, Sister Mary Jareth has changed to her baptismal name as Sister Justine Jones. So once this dilemma resolved as to what happened to the 'old' biology teacher and chairman--she is still head of the department which now has between 45 and 50 majors and still services two hundred or so nursing students in their A&P and Bacteriology courses.

My association with the Glee Club from 1957 to 1967 as moderator still causes me to follow their activities with a special interest. Maintaining contact with the Alumni Association and with the biology graduates in particular is another pursuit which brings me great joy and satisfaction. The new development in construction at Molloy gives me new opportunities to increase the courses we offer our students and faculty and ease the crowded biology wing--where we are now teaching the daughters of the class of '59!