

Jottings

The AIC / MHA Alumnae Newsletter
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One Never Knows...

Written by Mel (McMahon) Stone '00 & '01

Upon entering 97-year-old Laura I. Lewis' condo in a high-rise near downtown Indianapolis, it is hard not to notice the Tiffany-style lamps, the Asian inspired credenza and China cabinet, and the panoramic views of Indianapolis. Laura is a night owl, she enjoys ordering in, and she can tell stories from decades ago like they happened yesterday. She doesn't leave her home much these days, but she has already traveled the world. Now, she is trying to make the world a better place for others.

In 1916, Laura was born to a poor family in Boonville, a town in southern Indiana. At the start of the Great Depression, her father worked for a local millionaire. She did not have the chance to get to know her father very well. Her mother died when Laura was 10 years old, and her sister, Norma, died two years later. Laura had never even sat down with her family for a meal, and now she was trying to hold on to whatever semblance of a family she had left. She felt lost and displaced. "I even walked to my father's employer's house and begged him to help us," she recalled.

When her father became ill, Laura was removed from the last remaining family she knew. She was put into "the system" and bounced around from place to place until, in 1932, she was introduced to Monsignor Herbert Winterhalter — a man she will never forget. He was responsible for her dad being put under the care of the Little Sisters of the Poor in Evansville. He also

made it possible for her to move to Ferdinand, changing her life forever.

Laura, at the time known as Issie Williams, had never even seen a nun and knew nothing about Catholicism, but she was to be enrolled at Academy Immaculate Conception. If she wanted any chance at a life, she was going to have to make it work — going back to Boonville was not an option. When she arrived in Ferdinand, she was only 16, scared and lonely. "I cried my eyes out for two weeks straight, and then Mother Clarissa Riehl, Academy principal, asked me where else I would go."

For Laura, the Academy was more than a girl's boarding school — it was a safe environment, three meals a day, and shelter from the cold. She credits the Academy for saving her life. Mother Clarissa took Laura under her

wing, made her feel at home, and gave her hope. Laura had no idea who paid for her to be taken care of, and Mother Clarissa never shared who paid the \$365 annual tuition. Laura made life-long friends at the Academy, including her classmate, Sister Mary Charlotte Kavanaugh, who lives at the monastery in Ferdinand.

Two years after Laura's graduation in 1934, her father passed away, and she found herself on her own again. With a promise of employment, although career options were scarce, she moved to Indianapolis and



Monsignor Herbert Winterhalter and Laura at the Academy in 1933.



Laura receiving the "Others" award from The Salvation Army.

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worked as a housekeeper for room and board and \$3 a week. Later she worked at Woolworth's for \$7 a week. It was there where she met her future husband, Albert.

In 1943, while Albert was courting Laura, she was hard at work as a laborer in a plant for Eli Lilly and Company. Three years later, she became Mrs. Laura Lewis. In 1958, she moved into the personnel department at Lilly and became a "jack of all trades," eventually taking a job as a receptionist, until her retirement in 1970. Her husband Al also retired then after a long tenure with the United States Postal Service. They were both blessed with long careers, and they were blessed along the way as well.

In 1952, Eli Lilly and Company offered its first public shares of stock. "We were very blessed," Laura said. "I don't really know why, but when I learned we could buy stock, I had a hunch that it would be a good idea. I talked to Albert about our options and convinced him it would be a good idea. We didn't realize at the time how good of an idea it really was." Founded by Eli Lilly in 1876, Eli Lilly and Co. is now the 10th largest pharmaceutical company in the world. To say her hunch paid off is an understatement.

While enjoying trips to Europe, condos in Florida, and trekking across Canada, Laura and Albert lead a full life and were the true "rags to riches" success story. After Al died in 1996, Laura wanted to honor her husband, honor others, and honor God. "We didn't have any children, so I don't know how else we would have been remembered." Praying to God, she asked what she should do with all their money. "God told me to share it."

Laura feels better giving things away than receiving them. In 1997, after receiving a significant financial gift from Laura, The Salvation Army Fountain Square Corps and Community Center was dedicated as the Albert M. and Laura I. Lewis Community Center. Fountain Square is a neighborhood in Indianapolis surrounded by poverty. The Center has been serving that area for more than 40 years, but through Laura's generous gift, programs such as spiritual development, social service

assistance, youth summer camps, and older adult ministries are more sustainable. For her service and generous support, Laura received The Salvation Army's "Others" Award, an award honoring an individual or organization exemplifying an extraordinary spirit of service to "others," not only through support of The Salvation Army but the broader community as well.

Laura never stopped giving back. In 2006, she started working with The Salvation Army to purchase shoes for needy children. She was committed to this because of an experience in high school when she was not allowed to participate in gym class because she did not own a pair of sneakers — and she didn't ask anyone for a pair. For tennis tournaments, she wore her own shoes because they played outside. She did well in tennis, but because she was not enrolled in the actual class, she didn't receive acknowledgements of her accomplishments. "I was devastated and heartbroken. I'll never forget the feeling of being left out, and I don't want anyone else to feel that way."

Laura also recalls how she felt when she bought herself her first pair of new sneakers at age 19. "I will never forget that feeling." Remembering those experiences and knowing how having the right type of shoes can give one confidence and self-esteem, Laura was inspired to begin her "shoe project" with The Salvation Army. In the past eight years, she has given more than 2,000 adults and children a brand new pair of shoes.

Laura's giving doesn't end with The



Laura and a recipient of free shoes

Salvation Army. She has made significant gifts to the Little Sisters of the Poor in Evansville in gratitude for taking care of the father she barely knew. At Asbury University in Wilmore, Kentucky, she has set up the Albert M. and Laura I. Lewis Endowed Scholarship fund for students. And supporting the Sisters of St. Benedict in Ferdinand, she has joined the St. Hildegard Society and has included the sisters in her will as a "thank you" for giving her the chance to have a fulfilling life.

Laura is constantly looking to find ways to meet the needs of others and hopes others will follow in her footsteps if they have the capacity to give. "What you give out is what you will get back," she stated.

Ninety-seven-year-old Laura Isabel "Issie" (Williams) Lewis graduated from the Academy in 1934. She lives in Indianapolis. After receiving the fall issue of Jottings and reading the feature story by Mel (McMahon) Stone, Laura wondered how she could get her story published in the newsletter. Through coincidence and her association with The Salvation Army, she connected with Mel. Upon getting the go-ahead to feature Laura, Mel wrote this story, much of which was provided in pages of notes from Laura.

Academy Alumnae Reunion — June 28–29, 2014

Let's celebrate all weekend!

It's again time for our Academy "family" reunion, a weekend when we come together to strengthen our ties of friendship and celebrate our "sisterhood."

Get a jumpstart on the celebration. Stop by the MHA gym on Saturday afternoon and enjoy a relaxing and fun "gathering of the girls" — an afternoon open for whatever you choose, even shooting basketball.

Last summer, the first time for this Saturday event, alums in classes from the 50s through the 90s mingled with old and young, with friends and cohorts, sharing refreshments and memories.

The gym will be open on Saturday from 2 to 7 p.m. Eastern time. This will give you the evening time to go to dinner with classmates and friends.

Other Reunion Details

Classes that graduated in years ending in 4 or 9 will celebrate special anniversaries. The class of 1964 is the "golden anniversary class." We hope for record attendance by anniversary classes and the "in-between" classes.

Alumnae raffle — The Board will again have a raffle of special items they and other alums contribute. You can purchase tickets on any of the items for \$1 or 6 for \$5. Winning tickets will be drawn at the reunion dinner on Sunday.

Please register for Alumnae Day by June 11 so we can have places for you and enough meals ordered. Use the form on this page or register online at thedome.org/alumnae.

A \$25 fee for Alumnae Day covers the cost of the meal, setup, and continental breakfast, and helps pay for *Jottings*, the alumnae newsletter. Payment may be made when you register (by June 11) or when you sign in on Alumnae Day.

If you need accommodations for the weekend, check the hotel listing at right.

Weekend Schedule *(All times are Eastern Daylight)*

Saturday, June 28

- "Gathering of the girls" in MHA gym from 2 to 7 p.m. (Raffle items and tickets will be available.)

Sunday, June 29

- Registration — Sign in, and pay if you didn't pre-pay (Assembly hallway) — 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.
- Continental breakfast in the Assembly — 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.
- Mass in the monastery church — 10:30 a.m.
- Dinner in St. Gertrude Hall in the monastery — about noon
- Annual meeting following the dinner: recognition and photos of anniversary classes, announcements, winning tickets drawn for raffle, attendance prizes, etc.
- Visiting throughout the afternoon

Register by June 11 in order to be included in the meal count on Alumnae Day, Sunday, June 29. We hope to see you in June!

Alumnae Reunion — June 28–29, 2014 Registration Form

Return this form or complete the online form posted on the Academy web page by **June 11**. You may pay now or when you register at the reunion, but you **must preregister if you plan to attend the dinner**. Send to:

Alumnae Association
802 E. 10th Street • Ferdinand, IN 47532

Or, register online at thedome.org/alumnae.

Alumnae — \$25
Adult guest at dinner — \$12
Children under 12 at dinner — \$6

Name _____

Address _____

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Grad year _____ Phone _____

E-mail address _____

- I will attend the gathering on Saturday.
 I will be at the Sunday dinner.
 I will bring ____ guests for dinner.

Amount enclosed \$ _____

Need a place to stay during the reunion?

Check out these local accommodations:

Harvest Moon B & B, Ferdinand	812-367-1881
Comfort Inn, Ferdinand	800-424-6423
Baymont Inn, Dale	812-937-7000
Motel 6, Dale	812-937-2294
Sleep Inn, Jasper	800-424-6423
Days Inn, Jasper	800-742-7482
Hampton Inn, Jasper	800-426-7866
Ramada, Jasper	800-872-3176
Holiday Inn Express, Jasper	888-465-4329
Santa's Lodge, Santa Claus	812-937-1902
Quality Inn, Huntingburg	800-228-5151

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Patricia “Pat” Stickler Smith ’56 has 3 children, 10 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren, and 2 more on the way. Her husband, John, whom she married in 1957, passed away in 2010. “It has been very hard to go on without him after 53 years of marriage. Blessings to all of you who graduated at AIC. It was a great experience for me — spent all four years there. Sister Priscilla was the principal at that time.”



Class of 1957: Philly Jones Gogel, Marilyn Pohl Ankenbrand, Sandy Stiles Hammons, Jeanette Blume Becher, Shirley Ziliak Ankenbrand, Mary Charlotte Hayden Burch, Mary Celine Meyer Conroy, Mary Ann Hartlage Carter, Marilyn Weyer Gray (Rosalie Dethy Schenck had to leave before the photo was taken.)

Last October, 10 members of the **class of 1957**, plus five husbands and a couple of friends, gathered at the Overlook Restaurant in Leavenworth, Indiana. **Sandy Hammons** reported, “If I remember correctly, this is the third time we have met there. This is all of us except for classmates in Texas and Connecticut. It was a great day. We all agreed that everyone looked great and no one has changed...no kidding! We had a very good lunch, laughed and talked a lot about the ‘good old days,’ and reverted to being teenagers again. We plan to get together again this year.”

Norma (Knapp) Powell ’65

Last August, Norma retired after a distinguished career of 45 years as a nurse in Labor and Delivery at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis. In a farewell tribute, the hospital staff honored her with many accolades. Here are a few.

“It has been my extreme pleasure to work with Norma for 35 of her 45

years at St. Vincent. She has faithfully provided excellent care to her patients and families. This wasn’t just a job for Norma; it was her passion and dedication to her profession. Norma will leave a huge vacancy in our ‘family,’ but I am proud to have been able to work beside her, learn from her, and treasure the memories she leaves behind.” (Anita Roesener, clinical nurse specialist at St. Vincent

Women’s Hospital)

“On behalf of St. Vincent Women’s Hospital and the entire team, congratulations on 45 years of service. We are fortunate to have had you on our team.” (Anne Coleman, St. Vincent Women’s Hospital administrator)

“She was a joyous presence, and her dedication, positive attitude, and warm smile were the marks of her spirit of caring.” (St. Vincent Editorial Staff)

Congratulations, Norma, on your “distinguished” career at St. Vincent’s and the impact you had on colleagues, patients, and families during your years of service there.

Marianne Hart ’70 recently updated her contact information and commented: “The education I received was worth a million dollars. I learned to read and comprehend what I was reading for the first time in my life, which set the path for my future!”

Charlene Ayuso Cooper ’75 “I was a professional decorative artist for over 17 years with a company of my own, FAUXFinish Studio, Inc., The Center for the Healing Arts, during which time some of my works were published in ‘Sophisticated Surfaces.’ I also had a line of hand-painted glassware, CharleyWare Collection. I re-launched

the line last summer, mainly with large tabletop items. Along with being an artist, I am a Certified Advanced Reiki Practitioner and treat people and their animals. It’s been very rewarding. I have a small practice, and I’m the happiest I’ve ever been, especially when I hear people say ‘I feel great’ or ‘the pain is gone’ or ‘my dog is back to his normal self’. I hope to hear more from my classmates and hope more link in with our Facebook page. It’s always so great to see the pictures. I have many fond memories of MHA!” Originally from Panama, Charlene has lived in San Francisco for the last 20 years or more.

Judy (Payne) Funk ’79 – “We moved from Aurora, Illinois, to Franklin, Wisconsin, because my husband was transferred to Milwaukee. I am currently working in the lung cancer program at Froedtert Cancer Center. I see patients with lung cancer and teach them about their chemotherapy. I am still in close contact with **Alice (Hebert) Simonds ’79** and was able to visit **Liz Hagman ’79** in California a few months ago.”

Lisette Wright ’83, who was featured in the spring 2012 issue of *Jottings*, wrote an update about her project in Tanzania. “I put in another water well in the village of Kisangaji in September. \$7500 USD. I was there from ground-breaking to completion of clean, clear, drinkable water coming out. The 800 students at the primary school can now drink fresh water instead of river water. Yeah! I quit my consulting firm on the east coast and am flying solo. It’s going well, and I still get around the country consulting with mental health/substance abuse facilities, helping them understand the Health Care Reform initiatives and changes.”

Brooke Boyle Johnson ’86 – “I would like to reconnect with classmates to see if any are interested in meeting for our 30-year anniversary.” Brooke is looking ahead to 2016.

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Karrie Azure '92 – Karrie's young son, Gabe, was diagnosed with a serious lung disease and a rare blood disorder about a year ago. Recently (February 7) he underwent a bone-marrow transplant at Amplatz Children's Hospital in Minneapolis, in hopes of correcting the blood disorder. After that procedure is completed and he is healthy enough, he will then begin the process for further evaluation for a possible lung transplant. Karrie and family will be spending many months at the hospital. They left Belcourt, North Dakota, for Minneapolis in mid-January for weeks of testing and treatments prior to the transplant. The Turtle Mt. community and area has had many benefit events for Gabe and the family. Please pray for good health and healing for Gabe. To follow his progress in the coming weeks and months, see Karrie's postings at www.caringbridge.com

Jennifer Gazda DeHenes '93 posted on Facebook in November: "For those of you that I had the pleasure visiting with at the reunion, it was wonderful and spiritual as I knew it would be. I am so happy to report that my cancer is in remission, and I've spent the last couple of months healing. I am happy to return to work. Thank you for all the prayers and love. I am blessed to have all of you in my life. You are all wonderful and beautiful strong women. It is that strength that gets us through whatever life throws at us. God bless!"

Tammi (Rossi) Tiefel '93 "As my daughter approaches the end of 8th grade, I have mixed emotions about her going into high school. I am excited for her and know she will do great, but I am a little melancholy because she does not have the opportunity to attend a boarding school like Marian Heights. I feel that attending an all girls boarding school with strong Christian values helped guide me to become the independent, strong-willed, confident person I am today. The independence that I gained from MHA has served me well over

the years. I was confident enough to move to Europe for a couple of years in my twenties. And now as a wife of a naval officer, I have the independence and confidence to pack up my family and move every few years. This past summer, my children and I saw my husband off at the pier as he deployed on an aircraft carrier for several months. The next day I packed up our house in Virginia Beach and drove, with the kids and the dog, across the country to Colorado Springs. Several people thought I was crazy for going through that adventure on my own, but I knew I could do it, and it turned out just fine. We even stopped in Ferdinand along the way. I wanted to share with my children where I attended high school. My husband is off the carrier now and at a new command in Colorado. I love my husband very much, but I don't have to have him around to survive; life goes on when he is deployed. I believe I got the strength to succeed with this lifestyle through my experiences at Marian Heights. We are now settled in a beautiful home in Colorado Springs, and the kids are thriving with their sports and activities. I love my new job as a caseworker for a local non-profit that assists veterans in financial crisis. Life is good."

Goretti Kadende '96 – Originally from the African country of Burundi, Goretti and her family now live in Burlington, North Carolina. After the Academy, she attended Mississippi State University and graduated with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration. She married in 2001 and has two daughters, 10-year-old Kellsie and 7-year-old Kayden. After being a stay-at-home mother for several years (before that she was an office assistant for Easter Seals UCP), she decided to return to school and

is now in her last year of a Medical Assistant program.

Samara (Hussain) Morgan '97 lives in Lansing, Michigan. She was married in 2012 and had her first child, Jackson Nazir Morgan, in December 2013. She works in the healthcare industry as an associate manager at Michigan Education Special Services Association in East Lansing. She is also working on a master of science degree in Healthcare Administration and plans to complete the program next December. "Life has been a whirlwind for the past three years with my mom's city council campaign, planning our wedding, getting married, going back to school, starting a new job, and most recently having our first baby. I wouldn't have it any other way and look forward to 2014! I miss so many sisters and former schoolmates from my days on 'the hill,' but am happy I'm able to keep in touch with so many through Facebook. I wish everyone a joyous and prosperous new year!"



Helen Sheridan '99 (Joan's sister), and Bea Forlano '00, join Joan Sheridan '00 as she celebrates her graduation from law school in May.

Joan Sheridan '00 "I got my law degree last May from the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law and passed the Missouri Bar Exam in July 2013. I started working at a medium-sized law firm in Kansas City in August, and I really enjoy it. The firm does civil defense work, and it's pretty busy so I'm learning a lot. There

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are a lot of practical skills that law school doesn't really teach. My sister **Helen [Sheridan] '99** has a master's degree in social work and is living in Southeast Missouri near our parents. She likes the smaller towns. **Anna [Sheridan] '02** and her husband just moved back to Missouri after being in Arizona the last 3½ years. She has a 1-year-old son now."

Bea Forlano '00 is still in New Orleans, working for Enterprise. The company bought Alamo and National

Car Rental and made Bea district manager of all of their brands at the New Orleans Airport. "It's been a great learning experience, and every day I use much of what I learned about leadership at MHA with my employees. I bought a house in 2010 not far from Tulane University in Uptown New Orleans and am loving it! I am happy here, but I think that I will probably move at some point in the future for work. I surprised **Joan [Sheridan] '00** when I went to her graduation from law school this past spring."

Sueanna (Wilson) Smith '00 – "I'm currently finishing my PhD in English at the University of South Carolina. I bet nobody from MHA saw that one coming! I know I sure didn't! I've also been teaching at the college level for about five years now. My husband is still in the Army (only five more years to go) and our daughter is now 11 (going on 30). I often think back to my time at MHA, and I realize how fortunate I was to have such an amazing opportunity."

News from the hill

Sister alums to celebrate jubilees

Three Academy graduates of 1962 will celebrate the 50th anniversary of their monastic profession on August 23, 2014. Sisters Karlene (Caren) Sensmeier, Jeannine "Dottie" Kavanaugh, and Ida (Juanita) Otto entered the monastery in 1962 and made their monastic profession as Sisters of St. Benedict of Ferdinand in 1964.

Sister Karlene is currently in her 31st year as principal of St. Benedict School in Evansville. Sister Jeannine serves in the Housekeeping Department and supportive services at the monastery. Sister Ida teaches at St. Bernard School Child Care Center in Rockport, Indiana.

Sister Anita Louise Lowe, class of 1983, will celebrate the 25th anniversary of her monastic profession on June 21, 2014. Sister Anita entered the monastery in 1987 and made her monastic

profession as a Sister of St. Benedict of Ferdinand in 1989. She currently serves as liturgist and music minister at the monastery.

Sister makes her perpetual monastic profession

Sister Gail Hamilton made her perpetual monastic profession as a Sister of St. Benedict of Ferdinand on October 5, 2013, at the monastery. Prior to entering the monastery in 2006, Sister Gail, from Welland, Ontario, worked for the Canadian government at Passport Canada and in the customs agency, and in the Respite Companion Program for the Niagara Region. In the past few years she has obtained a professional dementia certification and activities director certification from the Indiana State Department of

Health. She was activities director at Heritage Health Center in Evansville and is currently activity coordinator in Caring Hands Senior Services at Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center in Jasper.

Photos evoke memories from alums

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"Seems like yesterday, but 40 years have passed since my parents gave me one of the most beautiful experiences of my life. I will always remember the sisters and friends from MHA."

—Lourdes Calva '75

"SHANGRI-LA. 1: a remote, beautiful, imaginary place where life approaches perfection. My Shangri-La was not imaginary." —Pamela Anderson Stamps '82

"Beautiful! Serene! Breathtaking! Love that place! I remember sledding down those hills many times and then going inside down to the rec. room for some hot chocolate!" —Kathleen Walter Koch '64

"What a beautiful picture of a beautiful building which contains memories that will last a lifetime." —Ruth Kueber-Ort '62

"Oh, but I would love to be there! One of my favorite spots ever." —Meg Fortney Cornelius '94

"My favorite place on campus!" —Lisa Russell Peretin '87



Sister Karlene



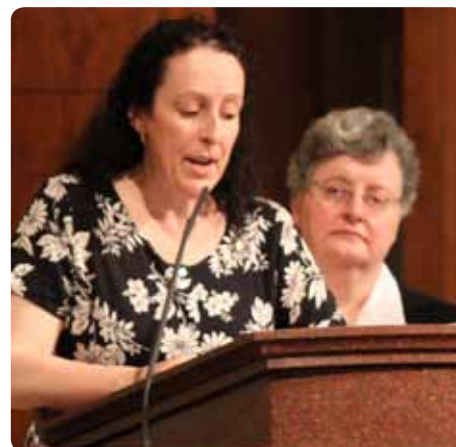
Sister Jeannine



Sister Ida



Sister Anita Louise



Sister Gail reads her monastic profession as Sister Barbara Lynn Schmitz looks on.

Let Us Hear From You!

Please take a few minutes to share some news about yourself — an update on what you're doing or something about your family — in the fall issue of *Jottings*. E-mail to pseng@thedome.org, or send via postal service (address on back cover of *Jottings*), or use the "news link" on the bottom of the alumnae web page (thedome.org/alumnae).

Deadline for your news/updates for the fall issue is August 20, 2014.

Interested in finding out what other alums are doing? Join the Official Alumni Group on Facebook!

Search for "Marian Heights Academy/Academy Immaculate Conception Official Alumni Group"

You can also visit the Sisters' Facebook page at [facebook.com/Ferdinand OSB](http://facebook.com/FerdinandOSB). You do not need a Facebook account to see the information posted on their page!

May they rest in peace

Alumnae: Bernice (Lamey) Belcher '32, Elaine Schenk '49, Therese (Schnur) Thomas '49, Darlene (Schepers) Brinkman '58, Darlene (Baumgart) Dawson '59, Evelyn (Cassidy) Lasley '64, Valerie Tubby '88

Husband of: Anna Mae (Verkamp) Pancake '49, Alba (Meneghel) Altman '50, Lucy (Howard) Still '56, Rita Rae (Elpers) Beckley '67

Mother of: Sister Dorothy Graf '61, Alice Graf '64, Brenda (Webber) Donofrio '66, Donna (Webber) Slather '67, Miriam (Arango) Jump '78, Marta (Arango) Nangle '83

Father of: Kathleen (O'Connell) Abernathy '66, Sandy (Steve) Richard '90, Patty Steve '91

Sister of: Marjorie (Schenk) Albrechta '51, Janet Schenk '53, Betty (Schenk) Lomont-Howard '56, Sister Mary Ann Schepers '56, Dorothy (Schepers) Lents '59, Roselyn (Schepers) Brinkman '62, Virlee (Schepers) Harris '73, Carol Ann (Halbig) Kenney '64

Brother of: Mary Ann (Flittner) Sampson '49

Our deepest thanks!

On behalf of the Sisters of St. Benedict of Ferdinand, I express our heartfelt gratitude to all the alumnae and former staff members who have so generously contributed to our community and our ministries in the past year.

Here is a summary of your financial support from January 1 through December 31, 2013.

In our Mission Advancement database, we have current addresses for 1665 Academy alumnae, including former staff members. Of that number, 321 (19%) made contributions to the Sisters of St. Benedict in 2013 for a total of \$108,924.98.

Classes with the highest percentage of members who made contributions:

1937	100% (one member)
1945	50%
1953	49%
1955	48%
1958	44%
1960 and 1963	40%

Top five classes for total amounts given:

1965	\$10,530.00
1953	\$ 8,036.40
1956	\$ 6,107.93
1971	\$ 5,496.00
1958	\$ 5,256.00

Alums are involved in various levels and ways of giving. Currently, 13 alums are members of the "Women of the Rule" philanthropy circle, 44 are "Partners of the Sisters," and 53 are members of the St. Hildegard Society, a planned giving group. Others give gifts in honor of or in memory of someone, gifts in answer to an appeal letter, etc.

If you would like to learn more about ways to financially support us in our monastic life and in our ministries, visit our website at www.thedome.org and click on "Make a Gift."

We thank you for your support, not only monetarily, but in so many other ways. We pray daily for you and ask that you do the same for us.

May God bless you.
Sister Barbara Lynn Schmitz
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2014 Alumnae Reunion Weekend

“Meet on the Hill” on June 28-29!

More details on page 3.

Our new “angel” cookies have recently been given the distinction of “Indiana Artisan.” Perfect for our Academy “angels” to eat and give as gifts.

All Simply Divine Bakery cookies are available at For Heaven’s Sake gift shop at the monastery or online at forheavensake.org. You can also stop by our booth at the Indiana Artisan Marketplace, March 29-30, at the Indiana State Fairgrounds in Indianapolis. (More info: indianaartisan.org)



A Day Apart: Rest and Reflection May 3

Treat yourself to some time away from your busy life. Return to “the hill” for relaxation and renewal. Stroll the monastery grounds, spend time on grotto hill and in the monastery church, and find peace. For more information about this day of reflection at Kordes Center or other programs offered through the sisters’ Spirituality Ministry, check thedome.org/programs, or call 812-367-1411, 2915.